MVE165/MMG630, Applied Optimization Lecture 15 Multiobjective optimization and optimization under uncertainty

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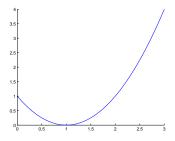
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Applied optimization

- Many practical optimization problems have several objectives
- Some goals cannot be reduced to a common scale of cost/profit ⇒ trade-offs must be addressed
- ► Examples: financial investments (risk/return), engine design (efficiency/NO_x/soot), investment cost vs. future emissions (Ass 3a), radio therapy (cure vs. undesired effects, Ass 3b)
- → Multiple objectives
 - Decisions may have to be made before information is known
 - ► Examples: investments (Ass 3a), hydro and wind power production, maintenance planning (Ass 2), energy systems (Ass 1), ...
 - Represent uncertain data by (discrete) probability distributions
 - Consider decisions to make after the information is revealed
- ⇒ Optimization under uncertainty (stochastic programming)

Optimization of multiple objectives

- Consider the minimization of $f(x) = (x 1)^2$ subject to 0 < x < 3
- ▶ Optimal solution: $x^* = 1$



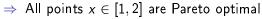
Optimization of multiple objectives

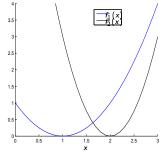
► Consider then two objectives: minimize $[f_1(x), f_2(x)]$ subject to $0 \le x \le 3$

$$f_1(x) = (x-1)^2$$

 $f_2(x) = 3(x-2)^2$

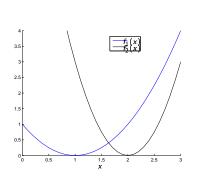
- How can we define an optimal solution?
- A solution is Pareto optimal if no other feasible solution has a better value in all objectives

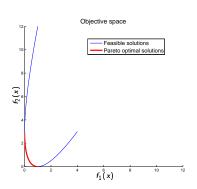




Pareto optimal solutions in the objective space

- ▶ minimize $[f_1(x), f_2(x)]$ subject to $0 \le x \le 3$ where $f_1(x) = (x-1)^2$ and $f_2(x) = 3(x-2)^2$
- ▶ A solution is Pareto optimal if no other feasible solution has a better value in all objectives





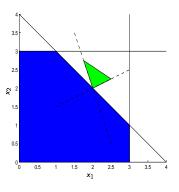
▶ Pareto optima ⇔ nondominated points ⇔ efficient frontier



Efficient points

Consider a bi-objective linear program:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & 3x_1+x_2 \\ \text{maximize} & -x_1+2x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1+x_2 \leq 4 \\ & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 3 \\ & 0 \leq x_2 \leq 3 \end{array}$$



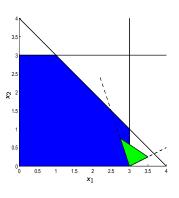
- ▶ The point x = (2,2) is an efficient solution
- ► The solutions in the green cone are better w.r.t. both objectives



Dominated points

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & 3x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{maximize} & -x_1 + 2x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + x_2 \leq 4 \\ & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 3 \\ & 0 \leq x_2 \leq 3 \end{array}$$

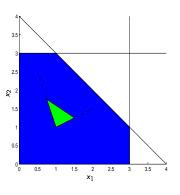


- ▶ The point x = (3,0) is dominated by the solutions in the green cone
- Feasible solutions exist that are better w.r.t. both objectives

Dominated points

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & 3x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{maximize} & -x_1 + 2x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + x_2 \leq 4 \\ & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 3 \\ & 0 \leq x_2 \leq 3 \end{array}$$

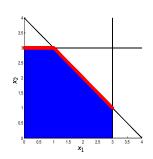


- ▶ The point x = (1, 1) is dominated by the solutions in the green cone
- ► Feasible solutions exist that are better w.r.t. both objectives

The efficient frontier—the set of Pareto optimal solutions

maximize
$$3x_1 + x_2$$

maximize $-x_1 + 2x_2$
subject to $x_1 + x_2 \le 4$
 $0 \le x_1 \le 3$
 $0 \le x_2 \le 3$



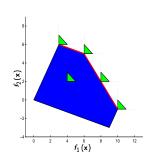
▶ The set of efficient solutions is given by

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \Re^2 \left| \mathbf{x} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + (1 - \alpha) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, 0 \le \alpha \le 1 \right\} \bigcup \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \Re^2 \left| \mathbf{x} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + (1 - \alpha) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, 0 \le \alpha \le 1 \right. \right\}$$

The set of Pareto optimal solutions in the objective space

maximize
$$3x_1 + x_2$$

maximize $-x_1 + 2x_2$
subject to $x_1 + x_2 \le 4$
 $0 \le x_1 \le 3$
 $0 \le x_2 \le 3$



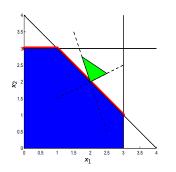
▶ The set of efficient (Pareto optimal) solutions is given by

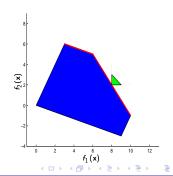
$$\left\{ (f_1, f_2) \in \Re^2 \left| \mathbf{f} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + (1 - \alpha) \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, 0 \le \alpha \le 1 \right\} \bigcup \left\{ (f_1, f_2) \in \Re^2 \left| \mathbf{f} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + (1 - \alpha) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, 0 \le \alpha \le 1 \right\} \right\}$$

Mapping from the decision space to the objective space

maximize
$$[3x_1 + x_2; -x_1 + 2x_2]$$

subject to $x_1 + x_2 \le 4$, $0 \le x_1 \le 3$, $0 \le x_2 \le 3$





Solutions methods for multiobjective optimization

► Construct the efficient frontier by treating one objective as a constraint and optimizing for the other:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & 3x_1+x_2\\ \text{subject to} & -x_1+2x_2 \geq \varepsilon\\ & x_1+x_2 \leq 4\\ & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 3\\ & 0 \leq x_2 \leq 3 \end{array}$$

- ▶ Here, let $\varepsilon \in [-1, 6]$. Why?
- ▶ What if the number of objectives is > 2?
- ▶ How many programs do we have to solve for seven objectives and ten values of ε_k for each objective f_k ?

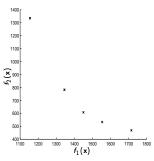


Solution methods: preemptive optimization

- Consider one objective at a time—the most important first
- Solve for the first objective
- Solve for the second objective over the solution set for the first
- Solve for the third objective over the solution set for the second
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- ► The solution is an efficient point
- Different orderings of the objective yields different solutions
- Exercise: solve the previous example using preemptive optimization on different orderings

Solution methods: weighted sums of objectives

- Give each maximization (minimization) objective a positive (negative) weight
- Solve a single objective optimization problem
- Yields an efficient solution
- ▶ Well spread weights do not necessarily produce solutions that are well spread on the efficient frontier (ex: $\{\frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2, 10\}$)
- ▶ If the objectives are not concave (maximization) or the feasible set is not convex, then not all points on the efficient frontier may be possible to detect using weighted sums of objectives



Solution methods: soft constraints

- ▶ Define a target value t_k and a deficiency variable d_k for each objective f_k
- ▶ Define a constraint for each objective:

maximize
$$f_k(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow f_k(\mathbf{x}) + d_k \geq t_k$$

▶ Minimize the sum of deficiencies:

minimize
$$\sum_{k \in K} d_k$$



Deterministic optimization models

- In a deterministic optimization model, uncertain parameters are represented by, e.g., empirical averages
- ► The weakness is that the *prediction is considered as a truth* aand desicions are made as if the future was completely known
- ▶ Optimization tends to augment errors in the data when uncertain data is replaced by predictions "Do something as good as possible"

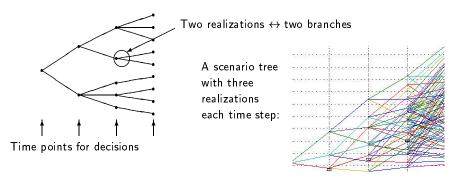
Scenario approach vs. optimization under uncertainty

- ► Common approach: Handle deficiency of deterministic optimization models by identifying scenarios representing the uncertainty—solve one deterministic model for each scenario
- ⇒ May yield some information about the variations of the solution,
 - But each decision proposal presumes perfect information about the future
 - Optimization under uncertainty (stochastic programming)
 - Uncertain parameters represented by stochastic variables
 - Empirical probability functions from observations
 - ▶ Discretization necessary also for the solvability of the models
 - ⇒ discrete probability distributions



A decision must be made prior all data being known

Several time stages ⇒ a scenario tree



- ▶ Stochastic variables are realized *between* decision time points.
- ► Goal: optimize the *expected value over the scenario tree* of, e.g., the revenue

Deterministic optimization vs. optimization under uncertainty

Deterministic optimization

- ► All paramaters and conditions are assumed known for sure **Optimization under uncertainty**
- Decisions are based on observations (previous outcomes) and under uncertainty of future outcomes
- ▶ A decision may not depend on outcomes not yet revealed
- ► A node in the tree ← a vector of decision variables
- ▶ In a specific node, the remaining future uncertainty is represented by the sub-tree that is rooted in that node
- ➤ Typically, only the decision associated to the root node is implemented—next time stage a new model is solved—a so called *rolling horizon*
- ► The magnitude of an optimization problem *increases* when uncertainties are modeled explicitly

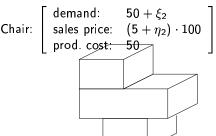
The LEGO furniture factory revisited

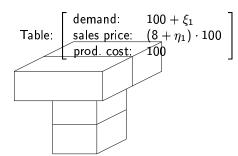
Small block, purchase price: 100



Large block, purchase price: 200



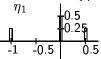


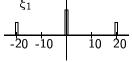


The stochastic parameters η_1 , η_2 , ξ_1 , and ξ_2 are assumed to have discrete probability functions

Discrete probability functions

▶ The values $\eta_1 \in \{-1,0,0.5\}$, $\eta_2 \in \{-0.5,0.5,1\}$, $\xi_1 \in \{-20,0,20\}$, $\xi_2 \in \{-10,0,5\}$ are achieved with probabilities $\{\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{4}\}$









- ► **Assumption here:** Low/medium/high demand levels correspond to low/medium/high price levels
- ⇒ The four stochastic parameters are dependent
- ⇒ Totally three scenarios



Definition of variables

- ► The demand and the selling price are *not known* when the blocks are purchased
- ▶ The purchase budget is 80000
- Variables:

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x_1 = \# of large blocks purchased
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 $x_2 = \#$ of small blocks purchased

 $y_1 = \#$ tables produced

 $y_2 = \#$ chairs produced

 $v_1 = \# \text{ tables sold}$

 $v_2 = \# \text{ chairs sold}$

- ► The values of the purchase variables x₁ and x₂ must be decided before the demand and selling prices are known
- ▶ Production $(y_1 \text{ and } y_2)$ and sales $(v_1 \text{ and } v_2)$ are decided on later



Mathematical model

Minimize purchase cost plus production cost minus sales revenue

minimize
$$_{x,y,v}$$
 $z:=100 \cdot \left[2x_1+x_2+y_1-(8+\eta_1)v_1+0.5y_2-(5+\eta_2)v_2\right]$ subject to $2x_1+x_2$ ≤ 800 (budget) x_1 $-2y_1$ $-y_2 \geq 0$ (large blocks used \leq purchased) x_2 $-2y_1$ $-2y_2 \geq 0$ (small blocks used \leq purchased) y_1-v_1 ≥ 0 (tables sold \leq produced) $y_2-v_2 \geq 0$ (chairs sold \leq produced) v_1 $\leq 100+\xi_1$ (tables sold \leq demand) $v_2 \leq 50+\xi_2$ (chairs sold \leq demand) x_1, x_2, y_1, v_1 $y_2, v_2 \geq 0$ (integer)

Deterministic (expected value) solution

► Assume that the stochastic parameters attain their respective expected values:

$$E(\eta_1) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot (-1) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 0.5 = -0.125$$

$$E(\eta_2) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot (-0.5) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.5 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 1 = 0.375$$

$$E(\xi_1) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot (-20) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 20 = 0$$

$$E(\xi_2) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot (-10) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 5 = -1.25$$

▶ Replace the stochastic parameters in the mathematical model by their expeced values.



The expected value solution

minimize_{x,y,z}
$$z := 100 \cdot [2x_1 + x_2 + y_1 - 7.875v_1 + 0.5y_2 - 5.375v_2]$$
 subject to $2x_1 + x_2 \le 800$

$$x_1 - 2y_1 - y_2 \ge 0$$

$$x_2 - 2y_1 - 2y_2 \ge 0$$

$$y_1 - v_1 \ge 0$$

$$y_2 - v_2 \ge 0$$

$$v_1 \le 100$$

$$v_2 \le 48.75$$

$$x_1, x_2, y_1, v_1, y_2, v_2 \ge 0 \text{ (integer)}$$

- Solution: $x_1 = 248.75$, $x_2 = 297.5$, $y_1 = v_1 = 100$, $y_2 = v_2 = 48.75$, z := -13016 (minus the profit)
- Deterministic solution:
 - ▶ Purchase \approx 249 large and \approx 298 small blocks
 - ▶ Produce and sell \approx 100 tables and \approx 49 chairs
 - ▶ Profit: 13016

OBS: Infeasible at the lowest demand (80 tables and 40 chairs)!



A hedging deterministic optimization model

► Choose
$$\eta_1 = -1$$
, $\eta_2 = -0.5$, $\xi_1 = -20$, and $\xi_2 = -10$

minimize_{x,y,z} $z := 100 \cdot [2x_1 + x_2 + y_1 - 7v_1 + 0.5y_2 - 4.5v_2]$

subject to $2x_1 + x_2 \leq 800$
 $x_1 - 2y_1 - y_2 \geq 0$
 $x_2 - 2y_1 - 2y_2 \geq 0$
 $y_1 - v_1 \geq 0$
 $y_2 - v_2 \geq 0$
 $v_1 \leq 80$
 $v_2 \leq 40$
 $x_1, x_2, y_1, v_1, y_2, v_2 \geq 0$ (integer)

- Solution: $x_1 = 152.1$, $x_2 = 181.8$, $y_1 = v_1 = 61.22$, $y_2 = v_2 = 29.67$, z = 0
- Deterministic solution:
 - ▶ Purchase \approx 152 large and \approx 182 small blocks
 - ▶ Produce and sell \approx 61 tables and \approx 30 chairs
 - ▶ Profit: 0



A stochastic optimization model

- Stage 1: The purchase decision takes the possible outcomes of demand and selling prices into consideration, with their respective probabilities, and the corresponding decisions on production/sales to make later on
 - ▶ Three different *scenarios*: low/medium/high level of prices and demand: $\eta^1 = [-1, -0.5]$, $\xi^1 = [-20, -10]$, $\eta^2 = [0, 0.5]$, $\xi^2 = [0, 0]$, $\eta^3 = [0.5, 1]$, $\xi^3 = [20, 5]$
- Stage 2: When the decisions on production/sales are to be made, the levels of prices and demand will be revealed
 - Also the decided purchase of raw material is known
 - ⇒ Optimize withe respect to the outcome of the stochastic parameters and the decisions from stage 1 (recourse)



The first stage decision

- Minimize the purchase cost minus the expected future profit
- Decide on how many blocks to purchase (x)
- Consider the possible future outcomes of the demand (ξ) and price (η) levels and the decisions on the production $(y(x,\xi,\eta))$ and sales $(v(x,\xi,\eta))$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathsf{minimize}_x & z := 100 \cdot [2x_1 + x_2 & -E_{\xi,\eta}Q(x,\xi,\eta)] & \mathsf{(convex in } x) \\ \mathsf{subject to} & 2x_1 + x_2 & \leq 800 & \mathsf{(purchase} \leq \mathsf{budget)} \\ & x_1,x_2 & \geq 0 & \mathsf{(integer)} \end{array}$$

▶ $E_{\xi,\eta}Q(x,\xi,\eta)$ denotes the expected value of the future profit, which is computed in stage 2



The second stage decisions

- Maximize future profit (sales revenues minus production costs)
- Decide on production and sales for each outcome of the price

Decide on production and sales for each outcome of the price
$$(\eta)$$
 and demand (ξ) and for each purchase decision (x)
$$Q(x,\xi,\eta) = \begin{pmatrix} \max \lim_{y,v} & -y_1 + (8+\eta_1)v_1 - 0.5y_2 + (5+\eta_2)v_2 \\ \sup \lim_{y_1,v_1} & y_2 \leq x_1 \\ 2y_1 & +2y_2 \leq x_2 \\ v_1 & \leq y_1 \\ v_2 & \leq y_2 \\ v_1 & \leq 100 + \xi_1 \\ v_2 & \leq 50 + \xi_2 \\ y_1,v_1 & y_2,v_2 \geq 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (integer)

Expected future profits—the second stage decisions

$$E_{\xi,\eta} Q(x,\xi,\eta) = \frac{1}{4} Q(x,\xi^1,\eta^1) + \frac{1}{2} Q(x,\xi^2,\eta^2) + \frac{1}{4} Q(x,\xi^3,\eta^3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \max -y_1^1 + 7v_1^1 - 0.5y_2^1 + 4.5v_2^1 \\ \text{subject to} & 2y_1^1 + y_2^1 \le x_1 \\ 2y_1^1 + 2y_2^1 \le x_2 \\ v_1^1 \le \min\{y_1^1,80\} \\ v_2^1 \le \min\{y_2^1,40\} \\ v_1^1, v_2^1, y_1^1, y_2^1 \ge 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \max -y_1^2 + 8v_1^2 - 0.5y_2^2 + 5.5v_2^2 \\ \text{subject to} & 2y_1^2 + y_2^2 \le x_1 \\ 2y_1^2 + 2y_2^2 \le x_2 \\ v_1^2 \le \min\{y_1^2,100\} \\ v_2^2 \le \min\{y_1^2,100\} \\ v_1^2, v_2^2, y_1^2, y_2^2 \ge 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \max -y_1^3 + 8.5v_1^3 - 0.5y_2^3 + 6v_2^3 \\ \text{subject to} & 2y_1^3 + y_2^3 \le x_1 \\ 2y_1^3 + 2y_2^3 \le x_2 \\ v_1^3 \le \min\{y_1^3,120\} \\ v_2^3 \le \min\{y_2^3,55\} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $v_1^3, v_2^3, v_1^3, v_2^3 > 0$

A deterministic equivalent model

minimize
$$z:=2x_1+x_2+\frac{1}{4}\left(y_1^1-7v_1^1+0.5y_2^1-4.5v_2^1\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(y_1^2-8v_1^2+0.5y_2^2-5.5v_2^2\right) + \frac{1}{4}\left(y_1^3-8.5v_1^3+0.5y_2^3-6v_2^3\right)$$
 subject to $2x_1+x_2$ ≤ 800 $-x_1+2y_1^1+2y_2^1 \leq 0$ $-x_2+2y_1^1+2y_2^1 \leq 0$ $\leq \min\{y_1^1,80\}$ $-x_1$ $+2y_1^2+2y_2^2 \leq 0$ $-x_2+2y_1^2+2y_2^2 \leq 0$ $-x_2+2y_1^2+2y_2^2 \leq 0$ $-x_2+2y_1^2+2y_2^2 \leq 0$ $-x_2+2y_1^2+2y_2^2 \leq 0$ $-x_1$ $-x_2+2y_1^2+2y_2^2 \leq 0$ $-x_1$ $-x_2+2y_1^3+2y_2^3 \leq 0$ $-x_1$ $-x_2+2y_1^3+2y_2^3 \leq 0$ $-x_1$ $-x_2+2y_1^3+2y_2^3 \leq 0$ $-x_1$ $-x_2+2y_1^3+2y_2^3 \leq 0$ $-x_1$ $-x_2$ $-x$

The magnitude increases considerably with # scenarios!



Solution to the optimization model that takes the uncertainty into consideration

- First stage solution: x = (200, 250)
- \Rightarrow Objective value (minus expected profit): z = -10687
 - Second stage solution: $y^1 = v^1 = (80, 40),$ $y^2 = v^2 = y^3 = v^3 = (75, 50)$
 - ▶ If scenario 1 occurs (low) the profit becomes: $-100 \cdot (2 \cdot 200 + 250 + 80 7 \cdot 80 + 0.5 \cdot 40 4.5 \cdot 40) = -1000$
 - ▶ If scenario 2 occurs (medium) the profit becomes: $-100 \cdot (2 \cdot 200 + 250 + 75 8 \cdot 75 + 0.5 \cdot 50 5.5 \cdot 50) = 12500$
 - ▶ If scenario 3 occurs (high) the profit becomes: $-100 \cdot (2 \cdot 200 + 250 + 75 - 8.5 \cdot 75 + 0.5 \cdot 50 - 6 \cdot 50) = 18750$
 - ► Expected profit: $\frac{-1000}{4} + \frac{12500}{2} + \frac{18750}{4} = 10687$



What if we would solve the deterministic model (expected value solution) for the first stage decision (x) and adjust the second stage solution ((y, v)) to the actual scenario observed in the second stage?

- 1. Solve the deterministic model $\Rightarrow \overline{x}_1 = 248.75$, $\overline{x}_2 = 297.5$
- 2. Compute the future profit $Q(\overline{x}, \xi, \eta)$ for each scenario
- 3. The expected value of the expected value (deterministic) solution is: $z=100\cdot[2\overline{x}_1+\overline{x}_2-E_{\xi,\eta}Q(\overline{x},\xi,\eta)]$ (next page)
- 4. Second stage solutions (three different scenarios): $y^1 = v^1 = (80, 40) \ y^2 = v^2 = y^3 = v^3 = (100, 48.75)$ \Rightarrow The expected profit of the expected value solution: 9140
- 5. The value of the stochastic solution: 10687 9140 = 1547 > 0

The expected profit increases when taking the uncertainties under consideration already in the formulation of the model



Expected future profit for $\overline{x} = (248.75, 297.5)$

$$E_{\xi,\eta}Q(\overline{x},\xi,\eta) = \frac{1}{4}Q(\overline{x},\xi^{1},\eta^{1}) + \frac{1}{2}Q(\overline{x},\xi^{2},\eta^{2}) + \frac{1}{4}Q(\overline{x},\xi^{3},\eta^{3})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}\begin{pmatrix} \max - y_{1}^{1} + 7v_{1}^{1} - 0.5y_{2}^{1} + 4.5v_{2}^{1} \\ \text{subject to} & 2y_{1}^{1} + y_{2}^{1} \leq 248.75 \\ 2y_{1}^{1} + 2y_{2}^{1} \leq 297.5 \\ v_{1}^{1} \leq \min\{y_{1}^{1},80\} \\ v_{2}^{1} \leq \min\{y_{2}^{1},40\} \\ v_{1}^{1},v_{2}^{1},y_{1}^{1},y_{2}^{1} \geq 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix} \max - y_{1}^{2} + 8v_{1}^{2} - 0.5y_{2}^{2} + 5.5v_{2}^{2} \\ \text{subject to} & 2y_{1}^{2} + y_{2}^{2} \leq 248.75 \\ 2y_{1}^{2} + 2y_{2}^{2} \leq 297.5 \\ v_{1}^{2} \leq \min\{y_{1}^{2},100\} \\ v_{2}^{2} \leq \min\{y_{2}^{2},50\} \\ v_{1}^{2},v_{2}^{2},y_{1}^{2},y_{2}^{2} \geq 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$/\max - y_{1}^{3} + 8.5v_{1}^{3} - 0.5y_{2}^{3} + 6v_{2}^{3}$$

$$+\frac{1}{4}\begin{pmatrix} \max -y_1^3 + 8.5v_1^3 - 0.5y_2^3 + 6v_2^3 \\ \text{subject to} & 2y_1^3 + y_2^3 \le 248.75 \\ & 2y_1^3 + 2y_2^3 \le 297.5 \\ & v_1^3 \le \min\{y_1^3, 120\} \\ & v_2^3 \le \min\{y_2^3, 55\} \\ & v_1^3, v_2^3, y_1^3, y_2^3 \ge 0 \end{pmatrix}$$