

Using Python and the Algebraic Modeling Language Pyomo to Specify, Solve, and Analyze Mathematical Programs

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0. Do You Have Pyomo Installed and Working?

- An interlude
 - But an important pre-requisite for what follows!
- If you don't:
 - Download & Install Python 2.7 (2.6 is also acceptable)
 - <http://python.org/>
 - If you are on Windows:
 - Use Python 2.7
 - Download & install Coopr
 - <http://software.sandia.gov/trac/coopr/downloader>
 - Linux / MacOS: coopr_install / coopr_votd
 - Windows: Coopr*_setup.exe
 - Download & install “a solver”:
 - glpk, cbc, ipopt are good starting points



1. Introduction to Pyomo

- Three really good questions:
 - *Why another Algebraic Modeling Language (AML)?*
 - *Why Python?*
 - *Why open-source?*
- Cooprr: Software library infrastructure
- Cooprr: Team overview and collaborators / users
- Where to find more information...



Why another AML: *Improve our productivity*

- Our initial objective was *not* to write another AML
 - However it ended up being a necessary prerequisite
- What we needed from a modeling environment:
 - Support rapid algorithm prototyping, development, and extension
 - Extensible to new modeling constructs (e.g., SP, GDP)
 - Facilitate hybrid approaches:
 - Hybrid models
 - Hybrid algorithms
 - Heuristic meta-algorithms
 - Transparent and accessible internal data structures
 - Interoperability (models, solvers, platforms, data sources)
 - Easily transferrable to non-expert user communities



Why Python: *it meets our needs*

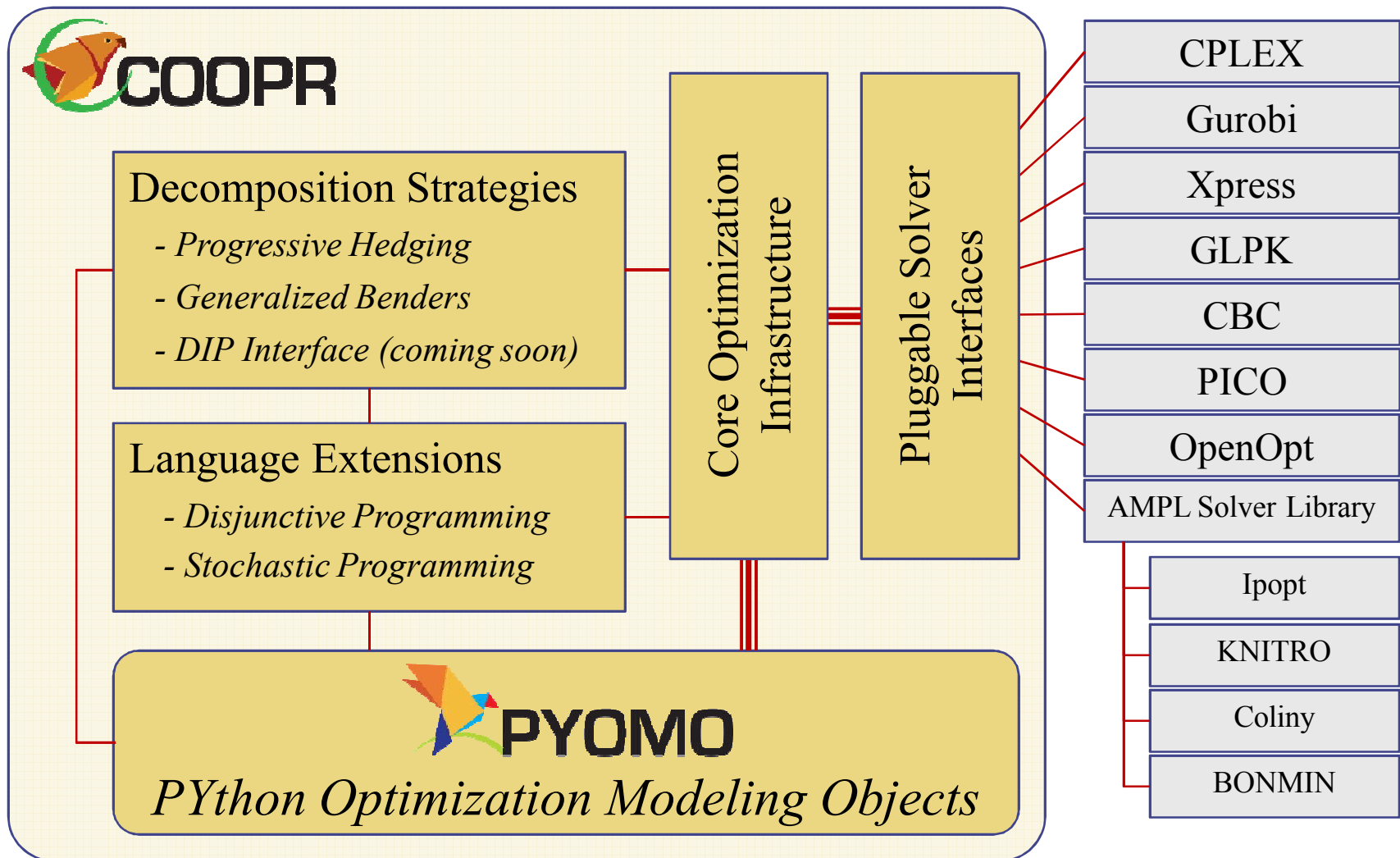
- Python provides a full-featured object-oriented environment
 - Classes, inheritance, namespaces, exceptions, ...
 - Interactive interpreter
- Python facilitates rapid prototyping and doesn't require a CS degree
 - Important for modelers and general productivity
- Python ships with a huge number of very useful libraries, including
 - Serialization, distributed computation, db/Excel interfaces, ...
 - SciPy and NumPy
- Python has excellent support for dynamic loading
 - Critical for integrating 3rd-party extensions, custom user code
- Python introspection facilitates the development of generic algorithms



Why open source: *we want your involvement*

- Transparency and reliability
- Foster community involvement
 - Extend the modeling language
 - Develop new solvers / algorithms
 - Interface with additional external utilities
 - “Stone Soup” model
- Flexible licensing
 - Coopr/Pyomo released under 3-clause BSD license

Coopr: a COmmon Optimization Python Repository



Team, Collaborators, (Known) Users

- Sandia National Laboratories
 - Bill Hart
 - Jean-Paul Watson
 - John Sirola
 - David Hart
 - Tom Brounstein
- University of California, Davis
 - Prof. David L. Woodruff
 - Prof. Roger Wets
- Texas A&M University
 - Prof. Carl D. Laird
 - Daniel Word
 - James Young
 - Gabe Hackebell
- Carnegie Mellon University
 - Bethany Nicholson
- Texas Tech University
 - Zev Friedman
- Rose Hulman Institute
 - Tim Ekl
- William & Mary
 - Patrick Steele
- North Carolina State
 - Kevin Hunter

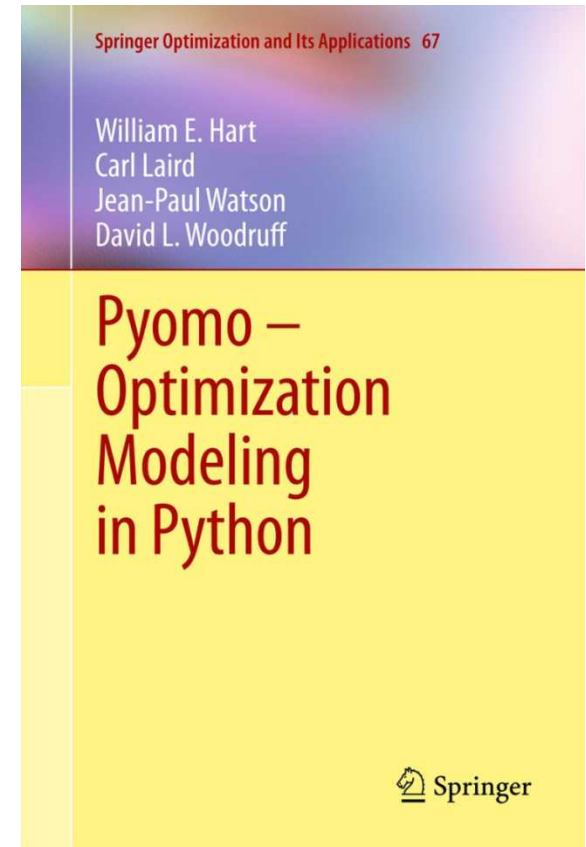
(Known) users:

- University of California, Davis
- Texas A&M University
- University of Texas
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- University of Southern California
- George Mason University
- Iowa State University
- N.C. State University
- University of Washington
- Naval Postgraduate School
- Universidad de Santiago de Chile
- University of Pisa
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab
- Los Alamos National Lab



For More Information...

- Project homepage
 - <http://software.sandia.gov/coopr>
- Mailing list
 - “coopr-forum” Google Group
 - “coopr-dev” Google Group
- “The Book”
- Mathematical Programming Computation papers
 - Pyomo: Modeling and Solving Mathematical Programs in Python (Vol. 3, No. 3, 2011)
 - PySP: Modeling and Solving Stochastic Programs in Python (To Appear)





2. An Introduction to Python

- Where credit is deserved...
 - Professor David Woodruff, University of California Davis
- Just enough Python to get you through the rest of the Pyomo tutorial
- For more information
 - www.python.org
 - Any of the great O'Reilly books (www.ora.com)
 - Any of a zillion on-line tutorials



Python is a Calculator

- Python is often executed in an interactive mode
- But we don't do this very often



Python is a Scripting Language

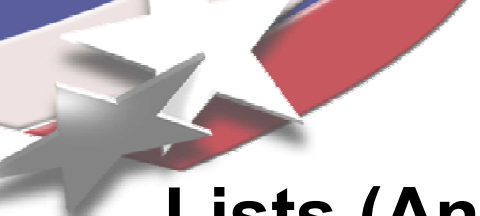
```
import sys
import os

for run in range(0, 3):
    print "Running forestfire.py in run
    number", run
    os.system("myopt -r="+str(run))
```



Python is a Programming Language

- Lists
- Dictionaries
- Sets and tuples, too
- First-class objects and functions
- (BTW: Python is an interpreted environment)



Lists (And Slicing)

```
>>> a = ['spam', 'eggs', 100, 1234]
```

```
>>> a
```

```
['spam', 'eggs', 100, 1234]
```

```
>>> a[0]
```

```
'spam'
```

```
>>> a[-2]
```

```
100
```

```
>>> a[1:-1]
```

```
['eggs', 100]
```

```
>>> a[:2] + ['bacon', 2*2]
```

```
['spam', 'eggs', 'bacon', 4]
```



Dictionaries

```
>>> tel = {'jack': 4098, 'sape': 4139}
>>> tel['guido'] = 4127
>>> tel
{'sape': 4139, 'guido': 4127, 'jack': 4098}
>>> tel['jack']
4098
>>> del tel['sape']
>>> tel['irv'] = 4127
>>> tel
{'guido': 4127, 'irv': 4127, 'jack': 4098}
>>> tel.keys()
['guido', 'irv', 'jack']
>>> 'guido' in tel
True
```



Functions

```
>>> def foo(x):  
...     for I in range(1,x+1):  
...         print i
```

```
>>> foo(2)
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
>>> def foo2(x):  
...     return x*x
```

```
>>> foo2(4)
```

```
16
```



Python Provides an Application Development Framework

- Module definitions
- Class constructs
- And lots, lots more...



Python is Pretty Cool (Probably Cooler Than Ruby)

Many in the audience can probably say much more,
but here are some items of note:

- List comprehensions
- Magic methods (lambda functions)
- Very extensive libraries (caveat: not everything is bullet proof; it is a wild world)
 - Exemplars: numpy, scipy, matplotlib
- Pickling (take the state of things and encode it as an ASCII string; almost (but still, it is pretty cool))
- Introspection
 - getattr and setattr



List Comprehensions

```
>>> vec = [2, 4, 6]
```

```
>>> [3*i for i in vec]  
[6, 12, 18]
```

```
>>> [3*i for i in vec if i > 3]  
[12, 18]
```



Things You Might Find Odd and/or Useful

- Indentation is important
- Shallow vs. deep copy
- Variables are passed “by reference”
- (so) There are often many function return values
- First class functions (and objects)
- Mutable vs. immutable; defaults:
 - Strings: immutable
 - Integers: immutable
 - Objects: mutable



Two Things You Might Find Very Odd

- Python is (very) weakly typed
- People get extremely excited about it

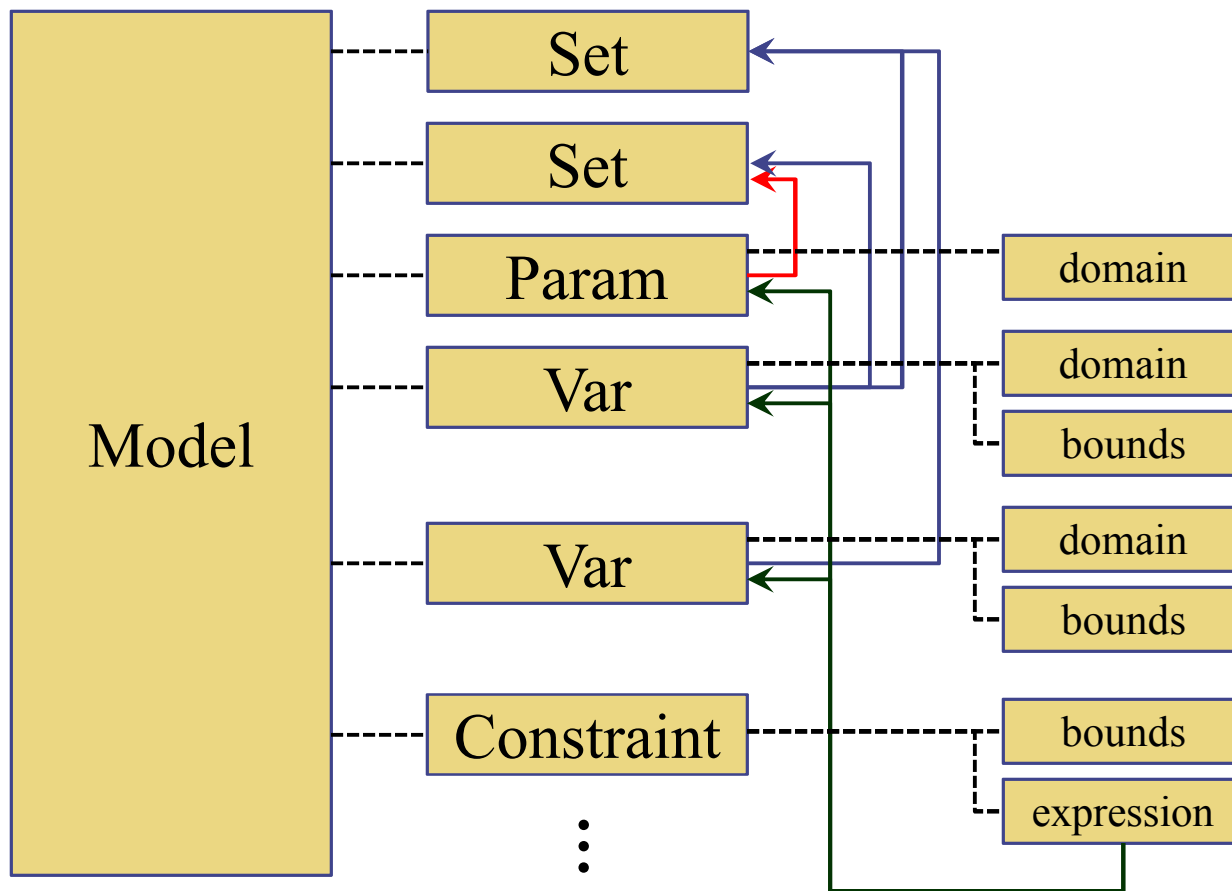


We Believe the Turing-Church Conjecture!!!!

- Everything algorithmically computable is also computable by a Turing machine
 - You probably don't want to program a Turing machine
- But we really value our time
 - Hence, our primary interest in Python
- Questions?

3. Fundamental Pyomo Components

- Pyomo is an *object model* for describing optimization problems





Getting Started: the *Model*

```
from coopr.pyomo import *
```

← Every Pyomo model starts with this; it tells Python to load the Pyomo Modeling environment

```
model = ConcreteModel()
```

↑ Create an instance of a *Concrete* model

- Concrete models are immediately constructed
- Data must be present *at the time* components are defined

↑ Local variable to hold the model we are about to construct

- While not required, by convention we use “**model**”
- If you choose to name your model something else, you will need to tell the Pyomo script the object name through the command line

Populating the Model: *Variables*

- Scalar variables

```
model.a_variable = Var(within = NonNegativeReals)
```

↑
The name you assign the object to becomes the object's name, and must be unique in any given model.

↑
“within” is optional and sets the variable domain (“domain” is an alias for “within”)

↑
Several pre-defined domains, e.g., “Binary”

```
model.a_variable = Var(bounds = (0, None))
```

↑
Same as above: “domain” is assumed to be Reals if missing

- Indexed variables

```
model.a_vector = Var(IDX)
```

```
model.a_matrix = Var(IDX_A, IDX_B)
```

↓
The indexes are any iterable object, e.g., list or Set



Generating and Managing Indices: Sets

- Any iterable object can be an index, e.g., lists:
 - `IDX_a = [1,2,5]`
 - `DATA = {1: 10, 2: 21, 5:42};`
`IDX_b = DATA.keys()`
- Sets: objects for managing multidimensional indices
 - `model.IDX = Set(initialize = [1,2,5])`

Like, indices, Sets can be initialized from any iterable

– `model.IDX = Set([1,2,5])`

Note: This doesn't do what you want.
This creates a 3-member *indexed set*, where each set is *empty*.



Multidimensional Sets

- Sets support efficient higher-dimensional indices

```
model.IDX = Set(initialize=[1,2,5])  
model.IDX2 = model.IDX * model.IDX
```

↑
This creates a *virtual* 2-D matrix index

- Creating sparse sets

```
model.IDX = Set(initialize=[1,2,5])  
def lower_tri_filter(model, i, j):  
    return j <= i  
model.IDX2 = Set( initialize = model.IDX * model.IDX,  
                  filter = lower_tri_filter )
```

↑
The filter returns *True* if the element is in the set; *False* otherwise.



Defining the Problem: *Constraints*

```
model.IDX = Set(initialize=range(100))
model.a = Var()
model.b = Var(IDX)
model.c1 = Constraint(
    expr = sum(model.b[i] for i in model.IDX) <= model.a )
```

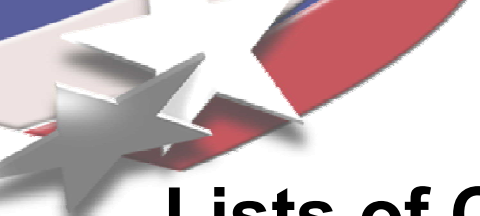
“**expr**” can be an expression,
or any function-like object that
returns an expression

Python *list comprehensions* are
very common for working
over indexed variables

```
model.c2 = Constraint(expr = (None, model.a + model.b, 1))
```

“**expr**” can also be a tuple:

- 3-tuple specifies (LB, expr, UB)
- 2-tuple specifies an equality constraint.



Lists of Constraints

```
model.IDX = Set( initialize=range(10) )  
model.b = Var(model.IDX)  
model.c3 = ConstraintList()  
for i in model.IDX:  
    model.c3.add( (model.b[i] - i) ** 2 <= 1 )
```

↑
“add” adds a single new constraint to the list.
The constraints need not be related



Indexed Constraints and *rules*

```
model.IDX = Set(initialize=range(5))
model.a = Var(model.IDX)
model.b = Var()
def c4_rule(model, i):
    return model.a[i] + model.b <= 1
model.c4 = Constraint(model.IDX, rule = c4_rule)
```

For indexed constraints, you provide a “rule” (function) that returns an expression (or tuple) for each index.

NB: if you omit the “rule”, Pyomo automatically looks for a function “<constraint name>_rule”

```
model.IDX2 = model.IDX * model.IDX
def c5_rule(model, i, j, k):
    return model.a[i] + model.a[j] + model.a[k] <= 1
model.c5 = Constraint(model.IDX2, model.IDX, rule=c5_rule)
```

Each dimension of each index is a separate argument to the rule



Defining the *Objective*

- Objectives are a special case of Constraint

```
model.IDX = Set(initialize=range(100))
model.b = Var(IDX)
model.obj = Objective(
    expr = sum(model.b[i] for i in model.IDX)
    sense = minimize )
```

↑
If “sense” is omitted, Pyomo
assumes minimization

↑
Note that the Objective expression
is not a *relational expression*



4. Putting It All Together: *Concrete p-Median*

$$\min \sum_{n \in N, m \in M} d_{n,m} x_{n,m}$$

$$s.t. \quad \sum_{n \in N} x_{n,m} = 1 \quad \forall m \in M$$

$$x_{n,m} \leq y_n \quad \forall n \in N, m \in M$$

$$\sum_{n \in N} y_n = P$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad y \in \{0,1\}$$



Concrete p-Median (1)

```
from coopr.pyomo import *
import random
random.seed(1000)

N = 5
M = 6
P = 3

d = { (n,m): random.uniform(1.0,2.0)
      for n in range(N) for m in range(M) }

model = ConcreteModel()
model.Locations = RangeSet(1,N)
model.Customers = RangeSet(1,M)

model.x = Var( model.Locations, model.Customers,
               bounds=(0.0,1.0))

model.y = Var(model.Locations, within=Binary)
```



Concrete p-Median (2)

```
model.obj = Objective( expr = sum( d[n,m]*model.x[n,m]
    for n in model.Locations for m in model.Customers ) )

model.num_facilities = Constraint(
    expr=sum( model.y[n] for n in model.Locations) == P )

model.single_x = ConstraintList()
for m in model.Customers:
    model.single_x.add(
        sum( model.x[n,m] for n in model.Locations) == 1.0 )

model.bound_y = ConstraintList()
for n in model.Locations:
    for m in model.Customers:
        model.bound_y.add( model.x[n,m] <= model.y[n] )
```



In Class Exercise: Concrete Knapsack

$$\begin{array}{ll}\max & \sum_{i=1}^N v_i x_i \\ s.t. & \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i \leq W_{\max} \\ & x_i \in \{0,1\}\end{array}$$

Item	Weight	Value
hammer	5	8
wrench	7	3
screwdriver	4	6
towel	3	11

Syntax reminders:

```
ConcreteModel()
```

```
var( [index, ...], [within=domain], [bounds=(lower,upper)] )
```

```
Constraint( [index, ...], [expr=expression/rule=function] )
```

```
ConstraintList();    c.add( expression )
```

```
Objective( sense={maximize/minimize},  
           expr=expression/rule=function )
```



Concrete Knapsack: *Solution*

```
from coopr.pyomo import *
```

```
v = {'hammer':8, 'wrench':3, 'screwdriver':6, 'towel':11}
```

```
w = {'hammer':5, 'wrench':7, 'screwdriver':4, 'towel':3}
```

```
w_max = 14
```

```
model = ConcreteModel()
```

```
model.ITEMS = Set( initialize=v.keys() )
```

```
model.x = Var( model.ITEMS, within=Binary )
```

```
model.value = Objective(
```

```
    expr = sum( v[i]*model.x[i] for i in model.ITEMS ),
```

```
    sense = maximize )
```

```
model.weight = Constraint(
```

```
    expr = sum( w[i]*model.x[i] for i in model.ITEMS ) <= w_max )
```



5: Abstract Modeling



Importing Data: *Parameters*

- Scalar numeric values

```
model.a_parameter = Param(initialize = 42)
```



Provide an (initial) value of 42 for the parameter

- Indexed numeric values

```
model.a_param_vec = Param(IDX,  
                           initialize = data)
```



“**data**” *must* be a dictionary(*) of index keys to values because all sets are assumed to be *unordered*

(*) – *actually, it must define `__getitem__()`, but that only really matters to Python geeks*



Data Sources

- Data is imported from “.dat” file
 - Format similar to AMPL style
 - Explicit data from “param” declarations
 - External data through “import” declarations:
 - Excel
e.g., import ABCD.xls range=ABCD : Z=[A, B, C] Y=D ;
 - Databases
e.g., import “DBQ=diet.mdb” using=pyodbc query=“SELECT FOOD, cost, f_min, f_max from Food” : [FOOD] cost f_min f_max ;



Abstract p-Median (1)

```
from coopr.pyomo import *  
import random
```

```
random.seed(1000)
```

```
model = AbstractModel()
```

```
model.N = Param(within=PositiveIntegers)
```

```
model.Locations = RangeSet(1,model.N)
```

```
model.P = Param(within=RangeSet(1,model.N))
```

```
model.M = Param(within=PositiveIntegers)
```

```
model.Customers = RangeSet(1,model.M)
```

```
model.d = Param(model.Locations, model.Customers, rule=lambda  
n, m, model : random.uniform(1.0,2.0), within=Reals)
```



Abstract p-Median (2)

```
model.x = Var(model.Locations, model.Customers, bounds=(0.0,1.0))
model.y = Var(model.Locations, within=Binary)

def rule(model):
    return sum( (model.d[n,m]*model.x[n,m]
                for n in model.Locations for m in model.Customers) )
model.obj = Objective(rule=rule)

def rule(model, m):
    return (sum( (model.x[n,m] for n in model.Locations)), 1.0)
model.single_x = Constraint(model.Customers, rule=rule)

def rule(model, n,m):
    return (None, model.x[n,m] - model.y[n], 0.0)
model.bound_y = Constraint(model.Locations, model.Customers, rule=rule)

def rule(model):
    return (sum( (model.y[n] for n in model.Locations) ) - model.P, 0.0)
model.num_facilities = Constraint(rule=rule)
```



Abstract p-Median (3)

param N := 10;

param M := 6;

param P := 3;



In Class Exercise: Abstract Knapsack

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```

```
Constraint( [index, ...], [expr=expression/rule=function] )
```

```
ConstraintList();    c.add( expression )
```

```
Objective( sense={maximize/minimize},  
           expr=expression/rule=function )
```



Abstract Knapsack: *Solution*

```
from coopr.pyomo import *

model = AbstractModel()
model.ITEMS = Set()
model.v = Param( model.ITEMS, within=PositiveReals )
model.w = Param( model.ITEMS, within=PositiveReals )
model.W_max = Param( within=PositiveReals )
model.x = Var( model.ITEMS, within=Binary )

def value_rule(model):
    return sum( model.v[i]*model.x[i] for i in model.ITEMS )
model.value = Objective( rule=value_rule, sense=maximize )

def weight_rule(model):
    return sum( model.w[i]*model.x[i] for i in model.ITEMS ) \
        <= model.W_max
model.weight = Constraint( rule=weight_rule )
```



Abstract Knapsack: *Solution Data*

```
set ITEMS := hammer wrench screwdriver towel ;
```

```
param:  v w :=
```

```
    hammer      8 5
```

```
    wrench      3 7
```

```
    screwdriver 6 4
```

```
    towel      11 3;
```

```
param W_max := 14;
```



6: Pyomo and Python Efficiency

- Being embedded in a high-level (and interpreted) programming language can present challenges
 - Inability to constrain syntax => users have many guns
- Some of the blame can be placed on Python
 - But a lot can be blamed on Pyomo



What are *reasonable* performance expectations?

- Python is a *byte-compiled scripting language*
 - and Pyomo is pure Python
 - ...so expectations were not high
 - *...and raw speed has never been a goal!*
- Early experiences bore this out... in November, 2010:
 - p -median facility location
 - AMPL model construction time: ~4 seconds
 - Pyomo model construction time: >2000 seconds
 - Logistics disruption modeling
 - GAMS solution time: ~20 seconds
 - Pyomo solution time: >200 seconds
- ...but the gap is closing... in Coopr 3.2:
 - p -median facility location: ~36 seconds
 - Logistics disruption modeling: ~25 seconds



Managing performance (how not to shoot yourself)

- Expression generation; consider:

$$\min \sum_n \sum_m d_{n,m} x_{n.m}, \quad n \in \text{Locations}, m \in \text{Customers}$$



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```
def rule1(model):  
    ans = 0  
    for n in model.Locations:  
        for m in model.Customers:  
            ans = ans + model.d[n,m]*model.x[n,m]  
    return ans
```

```
model.obj = Objective( rule=_ruleN )
```



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- Expression generation; consider:

$$\min \sum_n \sum_m d_{n,m} x_{n,m}, \quad n \in \text{Locations}, m \in \text{Customers}$$

```
def rule2(model):  
    ans = 0  
    for n in model.Locations:  
        for m in model.Customers:  
            ans += model.d[n,m]*model.x[n,m]  
    return ans
```

```
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$$\min \sum_n \sum_m d_{n,m} x_{n,m}, \quad n \in \text{Locations}, m \in \text{Customers}$$

```
def rule3(model):  
    return sum( [ model.d[n,m]*model.x[n,m]  
                for n in model.Locations for m in model.Customers ] )
```

```
model.obj = Objective( rule=_ruleN )
```



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- Expression generation; consider:

$$\min \sum_n \sum_m d_{n,m} x_{n,m}, \quad n \in \text{Locations}, m \in \text{Customers}$$

```
def rule4(model):  
    return sum( model.d[n,m]*model.x[n,m]  
               for n in model.Locations for m in model.Customers )
```

```
model.obj = Objective( rule=_ruleN )
```

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```

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```

```
def rule4(model):  
    return sum( model.d[n,m]*model.x[n,m]  
                for n in model.Locations for m in model.Customers )
```

```
model.obj = Objective( rule=_ruleN )
```

[n = m = 1..640]

rule1: >>10000 sec

rule2: 9.0 sec

rule3: 14.6 sec

rule4: 8.9 sec



Managing performance (how not to shoot yourself)

- Sparse data; consider:

$$\sum_{m \in M} a_{n,m} x_m \leq b_n \quad \forall n \in N$$

```
model.a = Param( model.N, model.M, default=0 )
```

```
def rule1(model,n):  
    return sum( model.a[n,m] * model.x[m] for m in model.M) <= model.b[n] )
```

For $n = 1..10$, $m = 1..1e5$, 4% nonzero,
25.5 seconds to generate the constraint
1e5 terms in the constraint (dense!!)

```
model.C = Constraint( model.N, rule=_ruleN )
```



Managing performance (how not to shoot yourself)

- Sparse data; consider:

$$\sum_{m \in M} a_{n,m} x_m \leq b_n \quad \forall n \in N$$

```
model.a = Param( model.N, model.M, default=0 )
```

```
def rule2(model,n):  
    return sum( model.a[n,m] * model.x[m] for m in model.M) <= model.b[n]  
               if model.a[n,m] != 0 )
```

For $n = 1..10$, $m = 1..1e5$, 4% nonzero,
5 seconds *slower*, and still dense!

```
model.C = Constraint( model.N, rule=_ruleN )
```



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```
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```

```
def rule3(model,n):  
    return sum( model.a[n,m] * model.x[m] for m in model.M) <= model.b[n]  
        if value(model.a[n,m]) != 0 )
```

```
def rule4(model,n):  
    return sum( model.a[n,m] * model.x[m] for m in model.M) <= model.b[n]  
        if model.a[n,m].value != 0 )
```

```
model.C = Constraint( model.N, rule=_ruleN )
```



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```
model.a = Param( model.N, model.M, default=0 )
```

```
def rule1(model,n):  
    return sum( model.a[n,m] * model.x[m] for m in model.M )
```

```
def rule2(model,n):  
    return sum( model.a[n,m] * model.x[m] for m in model.M ) <= model.b[n]  
    if model.a[n,m] != 0 )
```

```
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```

```
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```

[n = 1..10, m = 1..1e5,
4% fill]

rule1: 25.5 sec

rule2: 30.5 sec

rule3: 7.6 sec

rule4: 5.7 sec



Managing performance (how not to shoot yourself)

- Sparse constraints; consider:

$$storage_{t,p,d} = storage_{t-1,p,d} + production_{t,p,d}$$

$$\forall t \in [dStart_d, dEnd_d], p \in Products, d \in Disruptions$$



Managing performance (how not to shoot yourself)

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$$storage_{t,p,d} = storage_{t-1,p,d} + production_{t,p,d}$$

$$\forall t \in [dStart_d, dEnd_d], p \in Products, d \in Disruptions$$

```
def rule1(model,t,d,p):  
    if t < model.dStart[d] or t > model.dEnd[d]:  
        return Constraint.Skip  
    return model.storage[t,p,d] == model.storage[t-1,p,d] + model.production[t,p,d]  
model.C1 = Constraint( model.TIME, model.DISRUPTIONS, model.PRODUCTS, rule=rule1 )
```



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$$storage_{t,p,d} = storage_{t-1,p,d} + production_{t,p,d}$$

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```
def rule2(model,t,d,p):  
    return model.storage[t,p,d] == model.storage[t-1,p,d] + model.production[t,p,d]  
  
def _filter2(model,t,d,p):  
    return t >= model.dStart[d] and t <= model.dEnd[d]  
  
model.ACTIVE_DISRUPTIONS = Set( model.TIME * model.DISRUPTIONS * model.PRODUCTS,  
                                filter=_filter2 )  
  
model.C2 = Constraint( model.ACTIVE_DISRUPTIONS, rule=rule2 )
```



Managing performance (how not to shoot yourself)

- Sparse constraints; consider:

$$storage_{t,p,d} = storage_{t-1,p,d} + production_{t,p,d}$$

$$\forall t \in [dStart_d, dEnd_d], p \in Products, d \in Disruptions$$

```
def rule2(model,t,d,p):  
    return model.storage[t,p,d] == model.storage[t-1,p,d] + model.production[t,p,d]
```

```
def _filter3(model,t,d):  
    return t >= model.dStart[d] and t <= model.dEnd[d]  
model.ACTIVE_DISRUPTIONS = Set( model.TIME * model.DISRUPTIONS, filter=_filter3 )  
model.C3 = Constraint( model.ACTIVE_DISRUPTIONS, model.PRODUCTS, rule=rule2 )
```

Managing performance (how not to shoot yourself)

- Sparse constraints; consider:

$$storage_{t,p,d} = storage_{t-1,p,d} + production_{t,p,d}$$

$$\forall t \in [dStart_d, dEnd_d], p \in Products$$

```
def rule1(model,t,d,p):
    if t < model.dstart[d] or t > model.dEnd[d]:
        return Constraint.Skip
    return model.storage[t,p,d] == model.storage[t-1,p,d]
model.C1 = Constraint( model.TIME, model.DISRUPTIONS, rule1 )

def rule2(model,t,d,p):
    return model.storage[t,p,d] == model.storage[t-1,p,d] + model.production[t,p,d]

def _filter2(model,t,d,p):
    return t >= model.dstart[d] and t <= model.dEnd[d]
model.ACTIVE_DISRUPTIONS = Set( model.TIME * model.DISRUPTIONS * model.PRODUCTS,
                                filter=_filter2 )
model.C2 = Constraint( model.ACTIVE_DISRUPTIONS, rule=rule2 )

def _filter3(model,t,d):
    return t >= model.dstart[d] and t <= model.dEnd[d]
model.ACTIVE_DISRUPTIONS = Set( model.TIME * model.DISRUPTIONS, filter=_filter3 )
model.C3 = Constraint( model.ACTIVE_DISRUPTIONS, model.PRODUCTS, rule=rule2 )
```

[t = d = 1..250,
p = 1..10,
t*d = 2% fill]

C1: 19.8 sec

C2: 25.5 sec

C3: 3.2 sec



The Performance “Elephant”: Memory

- Known issue ...
 - Python uses a fairly heavy-weight object model
 - “Significant” recent improvements in low-level core components
 - >50% over a year ago
 - But...
 - 640 x 640 *p*-median problem still consumes ~1.5 GB.
- Focus of current efforts, with several more enhancements on the horizon.



7. PySP: Stochastic Programming in Python

- Constructing the deterministic scenario model
- Specifying the scenario tree
- Specifying scenario instance data
- Creating and solving the extensive form

Constructing and Solving Block-Diagonal Models

- PySP: Stochastic Programming in Python
 - Begin with a deterministic (Pyomo) system model
 - Annotate model with data that defines the scenario(*) tree
 - Leverage automatic transformation, model decomposition
- Automated solution strategies
 - Solve the Extensive Form
 - Replicate deterministic model
 - Form nonanticipativity constraints
 - Send to solver
 - Decompose (Progressive Hedging)
 - Replicate deterministic model
 - Duplicate complicating variables
 - Solve scenarios independently
 - Blend complicating variables
 - Weight scenarios to encourage convergence
 - Iterate



PySP: Formulating the System Model (1)

```
from coopr.pyomo import *
model = AbstractModel()

# Parameters
model.CROPS = Set()
model.TOTAL_ACREAGE = Param( within=PositiveReals )
model.PriceQuota = Param( model.CROPS, within=PositiveReals )
model.SubQuotaSellingPrice = Param( model.CROPS, within=PositiveReals )
model.SuperQuotaSellingPrice = Param( model.CROPS )
model.CattleFeedRequirement = Param( model.CROPS, within=NonNegativeReals )
model.PurchasePrice = Param( model.CROPS, within=PositiveReals )
model.PlantingCostPerAcre = Param( model.CROPS, within=PositiveReals )
model.Yield = Param( model.CROPS, within=NonNegativeReals )

# Variables
model.DevotedAcreage = Var( model.CROPS, bounds=(0.0, model.TOTAL_ACREAGE) )
model.QuantitySubQuotaSold = Var( model.CROPS, bounds=(0.0, None) )
model.QuantitySuperQuotaSold = Var( model.CROPS, bounds=(0.0, None) )
model.QuantityPurchased = Var( model.CROPS, bounds=(0.0, None) )
model.FirstStageCost = Var()
model.SecondStageCost = Var()
```



PySP: Formulating the System Model (2)

Constraints

```
def ConstrainTotalAcreage_rule(model):
```

```
    return summation(model.DevotedAcreage) <= model.TOTAL_ACREAGE
```

```
model.ConstrainTotalAcreage = Constraint()
```

```
def EnforceCattleFeedRequirement_rule(model, i):
```

```
    return model.CattleFeedRequirement[i] <= ( model.Yield[i] \
        * model.DevotedAcreage[i] ) + model.QuantityPurchased[i] \
        - model.QuantitySubQuotaSold[i] - model.QuantitySuperQuotaSold[i]
```

```
model.EnforceCattleFeedRequirement = Constraint( model.CROPS )
```

```
def LimitAmountSold_rule(model, i):
```

```
    return model.QuantitySubQuotaSold[i] + model.QuantitySuperQuotaSold[i] \
        - (model.Yield[i] * model.DevotedAcreage[i]) <= 0.0
```

```
model.LimitAmountSold = Constraint( model.CROPS )
```

```
def EnforceQuotas_rule(model, i):
```

```
    return(0.0, model.QuantitySubQuotaSold[i], model.PriceQuota[i])
```

```
model.EnforceQuotas = Constraint( model.CROPS )
```



PySP: Formulating the System Model (3)

```
# Stage-specific cost computations
```

```
def ComputeFirstStageCost_rule(model):  
    return 0.0 == model.FirstStageCost \  
        - summation( model.PlantingCostPerAcre, model.DevotedAcreage )
```

```
model.ComputeFirstStageCost = Constraint()
```

```
def ComputeSecondStageCost_rule(model):  
    expr = summation( model.PurchasePrice, model.QuantityPurchased )  
    expr -= summation( model.SubQuotaSellingPrice, model.QuantitySubQuotaSold )  
    expr -= summation( model.SuperQuotaSellingPrice, model.QuantitySuperQuotaSold )  
    return(model.SecondStageCost - expr) == 0.0
```

```
model.ComputeSecondStageCost = Constraint()
```

```
# Objective
```

```
def Total_Cost_Objective_rule(model):  
    return model.FirstStageCost + model.SecondStageCost
```

```
model.Total_Cost_Objective = Objective( sense=minimize )
```



PySP: Specifying the Scenario Tree

```
set Stages := FirstStage SecondStage ;

set Nodes := RootNode
             BelowAverageNode
             AverageNode
             AboveAverageNode ;

param NodeStage := RootNode      FirstStage
                   BelowAverageNode SecondStage
                   AverageNode    SecondStage
                   AboveAverageNode SecondStage ;

set Children[RootNode] := BelowAverageNode
                          AverageNode
                          AboveAverageNode ;

param ConditionalProbability := RootNode      1.0
                               BelowAverageNode 0.33333333
                               AverageNode      0.33333334
                               AboveAverageNode 0.33333333 ;

set Scenarios := BelowAverageScenario
                 AverageScenario
                 AboveAverageScenario ;

param ScenarioLeafNode :=
    BelowAverageScenario BelowAverageNode
    AverageScenario      AverageNode
    AboveAverageScenario AboveAverageNode ;

set stageVariables[FirstStage] := DevotedAcreage[*] ;
set stageVariables[SecondStage] := QuantitySubQuotaSold[*]
                                   QuantitySuperQuotaSold[*]
                                   QuantityPurchased[*] ;

param StageCostVariable := FirstStage FirstStageCost
                           SecondStage SecondStageCost ;
```



PySP: Specifying the Scenario Instance Data

- Two methods are available to specify scenario data
 - Scenario-based
 - Node-based
- In the scenario-based approach, a single and complete .dat file is specified for each individual scenario
 - Redundant, but straightforward if computer-generated
- In the node-based approach, a single .dat file is specified for each node in the scenario tree
 - Maximally compact, but requires some book-keeping



Writing and Solving the Extensive Form (1)

- Now that you have a stochastic programming model in PySP...
- Step #1: Write the extensive form and hope that your favorite solver can actually solve it
 - Fantastic if it works
 - But often it doesn't
- In PySP, the ***runef*** script is provided to both write and solve the extensive form of a stochastic programming model
- The basic command-line:

```
runef --model-directory=models \  
      --instance-directory=scenariodata \  
      --solve
```



Writing and Solving the Extensive Form (2)

- After solution, you get:

Tree Nodes:

```
Name=AboveAverageNode
Stage=SecondStage
Parent=RootNode
Variables:
    QuantitySubQuotaSold[CORN]=48.0
    QuantitySubQuotaSold[SUGAR_BEETS]=6000.0
    QuantitySubQuotaSold[WHEAT]=310.0

Name=AverageNode
Stage=SecondStage
Parent=RootNode
Variables:
    QuantitySubQuotaSold[SUGAR_BEETS]=5000.0
    QuantitySubQuotaSold[WHEAT]=225.0

Name=BelowAverageNode
Stage=SecondStage
Parent=RootNode
Variables:
    QuantitySubQuotaSold[SUGAR_BEETS]=4000.0
    QuantitySubQuotaSold[WHEAT]=140.0
    QuantityPurchased[CORN]=48.0

Name=RootNode
Stage=FirstStage
Parent=None
Variables:
    DevotedAcreage[CORN]=80.0
    DevotedAcreage[SUGAR_BEETS]=250.0
    DevotedAcreage[WHEAT]=170.0
```



In-Class Exercise: Stochastic Knapsack

- Extend the (abstract) deterministic knapsack models to create and solve a stochastic knapsack problem
- Scenarios
 - Random values/profits – fixed weights!
 - 3 scenarios is sufficient for the exercise
- Scenario Tree
- Solve with **runef** script
 - `runef -m your-dir -i your-dir --solve -solver=glpk`



8. Advanced Topics

- Lots of things that we would like to talk about
 - But we assume we're already out of time
- Examples of advanced topics
 - Generalized Disjunctive Programming
 - Blocks and connectors
 - External data sources
 - Parallelization with Pyro
 - Non-linear programming and the AMPL solver library interface
 - Scripting for complex workflows
 - ...



Thanks! Please Contribute!

- Now that you actually know something about Pyomo
- Please go off and do great things
- We welcome contributions
 - Bug reports
 - Extensions
 - Links to your projects that use Coopr/Pyomo
 - Source code
 - Documentation
 - ...