

Production and Capacity Planning

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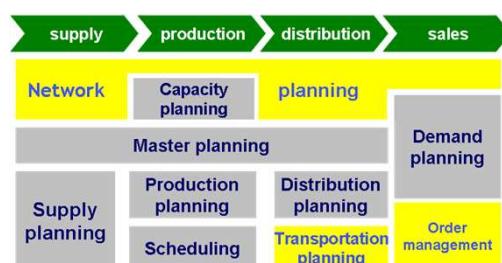


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Problem statement



- Matching demands and capacities
 - In the future
 - On a longer horizon, for each time period
- At several levels of aggregation
 - Problem size
 - Uncertainty
- Complexity
 - How much time do we need to get response?
- Material flow vs. capacities
 - Traditionally decomposed
- Result
 - Plan for the future
 - Production, supply, distribution, sales ...
 - Capacity plan
 - On the availability of machine and human resources



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Principles



- Planning capacities and load together
 - Limited time-variant capacities
 - No fixed lead time
- Aggregation
 - Due to complexity (and common sense)
 - Dimensions
 - Time
 - Product structure: no BOMs
 - Technology: no technological plans or routings
- Relaxation
 - Deliberately neglecting some constraints
- Optimisation
 - Looking for the best solution that satisfies constraints
 - Solution time vs. performance
- Decision support
 - Providing alternative solutions
 - "What-if" analysis



Method



- Basic model and its extensions
 - At relatively high aggregation level
 - Through, with less and less relaxations
 - Without decomposition
- Declarative modelling
 - Problem description - questioning - answer generation / separates /
 - Model + solution generation
- Suggested tool: Xpress-Mosel
 - FICO Xpress Optimization Suite Rel. 7.5 (MS Windows)
 - Program development environment
 - Modelling language
 - Solver
 - <http://www.fico.com/en/Products/DMTools/Pages/FICO-Xpress-Optimization-Suite.aspx>
 - Free student version
 - <https://community.fico.com/download.jspa>



Basic concepts



Production environment

- Resource capacities
 - Machines and workforce
- Products
 - Without structure (BOM)
 - Material demand
- Technology
 - Resource demand
- Inventory
- Business policies
 - All demand must be satisfied
 - Delay is possible/impossible
 - Capacity is fixed/extendible

External environment

- Market demand
 - Between minimal and maximal limits
- External resources
- Profit
 - Prices
 - Costs
 - Production, inventory, delay, backorder, overtime
 - ...



Aggregated production and capacity planning



• Basic problem: given are

- Maximal demand for each product
- Minimal delivery for each product
- Net profit per product (price minus production cost)
- Resource demand of each product
- Resource capacity limits, for each periods
- Unit cost of inventory, per product and period
- Initial inventory of each product

• Assumptions

- Unsatisfied demand will be lost
- Material availability is unlimited

• Question

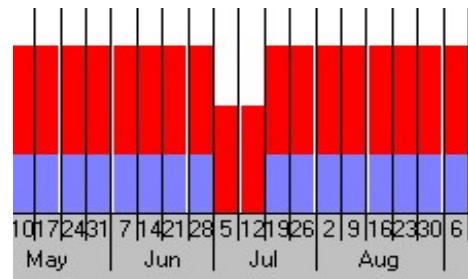
- How to maximize total profit by producing and selling products?
- Specifically: in each period and for each product
 - How much to produce?
 - How much to sell?
 - How much to stock?



Aggregated production and capacity planning (2)



- Modelling time
 - Discrete time periods (*time bucket*)
 - All important quantities will change in time
 - The length of time periods does not really matter, could be different
- Time-varying parameters
 - E.g., capacity limits
 - Internal
 - External
- Basic model
 - Later its extensions
- Formulation
 - Linear program (LP)
- Executable program
 - aggregate_planning



Aggregated production and capacity planning (3)



Basic model

Indices	
Product index	$i = 1, \dots, m$
Resource index	$j = 1, \dots, n$
Time periods' index (limited horizon)	$t = 1, \dots, T$

Parameters	
Maximal demand, for each product	\bar{d}_i
Minimal delivery, for each product	d_{it}
Resource demand	a_{ij}
Capacity limit	c_{jt}
Profit per product	p_i
Holding cost, per time period and product	h_i
Initial inventory, for each product	I_i^0



Aggregated production and capacity planning (4)



Basic model (ctd.)

Decision variables	
Production quantities, for each product and period	X_{it}
Sales quantities, for each product and period	S_{it}
Inventory levels, for each product and period	I_{it}

Optimization criterion (objective)

- Profit maximisation
 - Profit for sold quantities minus cost of inventory holding
 - No setup costs → no need to plan lots

$$\max \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^m p_i S_{it} - h_i I_{it}$$



Aggregated production and capacity planning (5)



• Constraints

- Amount to sell between maximal and minimal quantities

$$\underline{d}_{it} \leq S_{it} \leq \bar{d}_{it} \quad \forall i, t$$

- Resource capacity limits

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} X_{it} \leq c_{jt} \quad \forall j, t$$

- Initial inventories

$$I_{i0} = I_i^0 \quad \forall i$$

- Balance equation (inventory holding – production – sales)
 - Connection between two subsequent time-periods

$$I_{it} = I_{it-1} + X_{it} - S_{it} \quad \forall i, t$$

- Integrity constraints

$$X_{it}, S_{it}, I_{it} \geq 0$$



Formulation: Linear program (LP)



- Problem class
 - Real-valued variables, linear objective function, linear constraints

- Generic problem formulation
 - Decision variables
 - Constraints
 - Objective (goal function)

$$\min cx, \quad Ax \geq b, \quad \forall i \ x_i \text{ constrained}$$

- Solution
 - Admissible solutions: polyhedron bounded by hyperplanes (in n dimensions)
 - Optimal solution: one vertex

- Methods
 - Simplex (Dantzig, 1940-50)
 - Internal point (Karmarkar, 1984)
 - Applicable even in very large scales ($n \approx 10^5$)
 - Successful applications



Linear program: simple example



- Problem statement: Simplified version of the previous one

- How much to produce from given products, if we know
 - Maximal demand per products,
 - Profit per products,
 - Resource requirements of products
 - Capacity limits of resources

- No time dimension

- One-period model

- Data

Product	i	1	2
Profit	p_i	45	60
Maximal demand	d_i	100	50
Res. reg. of machine A	a_{iA}	15	10
Res. reg. of machine B	a_{iB}	15	35
Res. reg. of machine C	a_{iC}	15	5
Res. reg. of machine D	a_{iD}	25	14



Linear program: simple example (2)



Data (ctd.)

- Resources (machines)

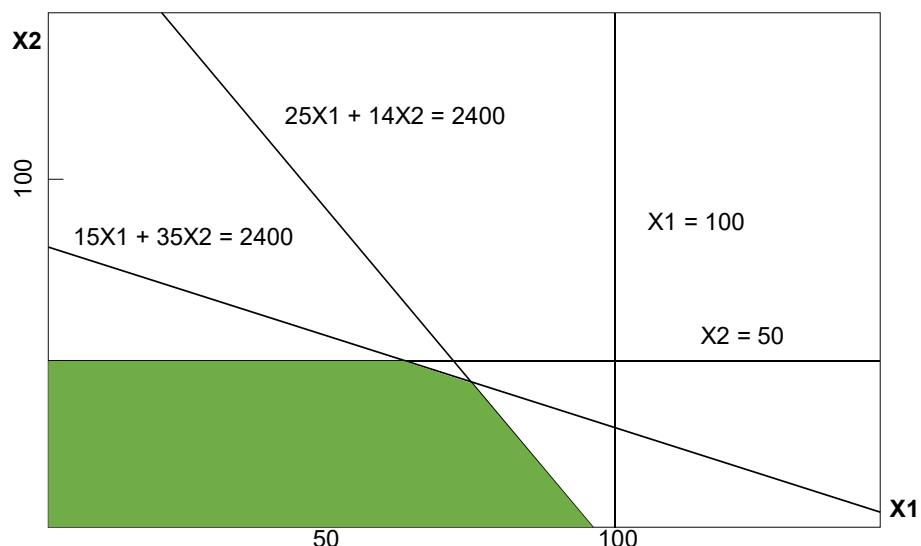
Machine	j	A	B	C	D
Capacity	c_j	2400	2400	2400	2400

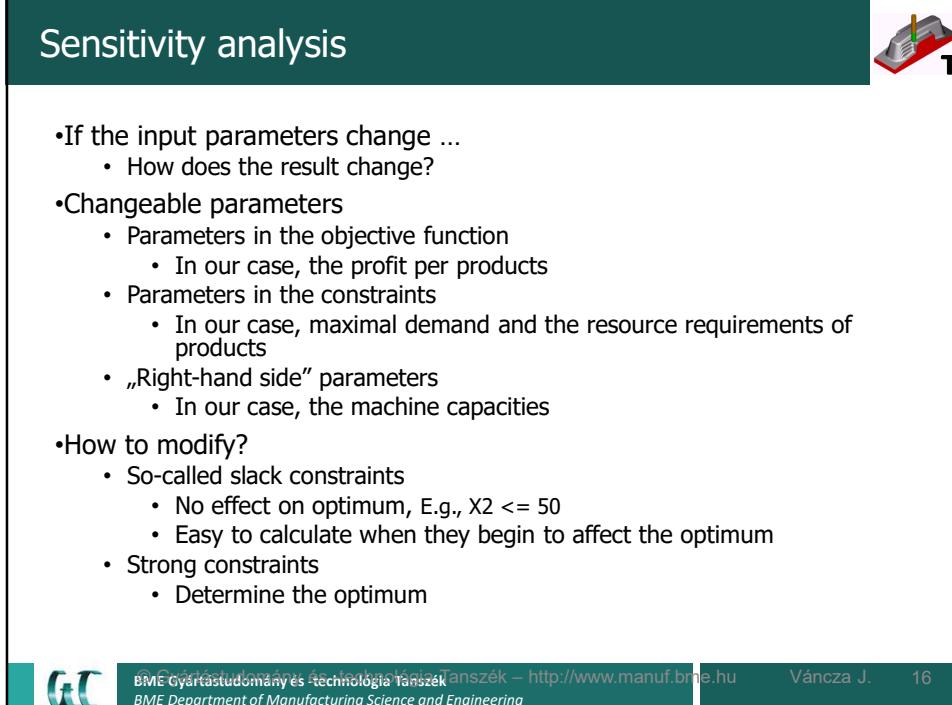
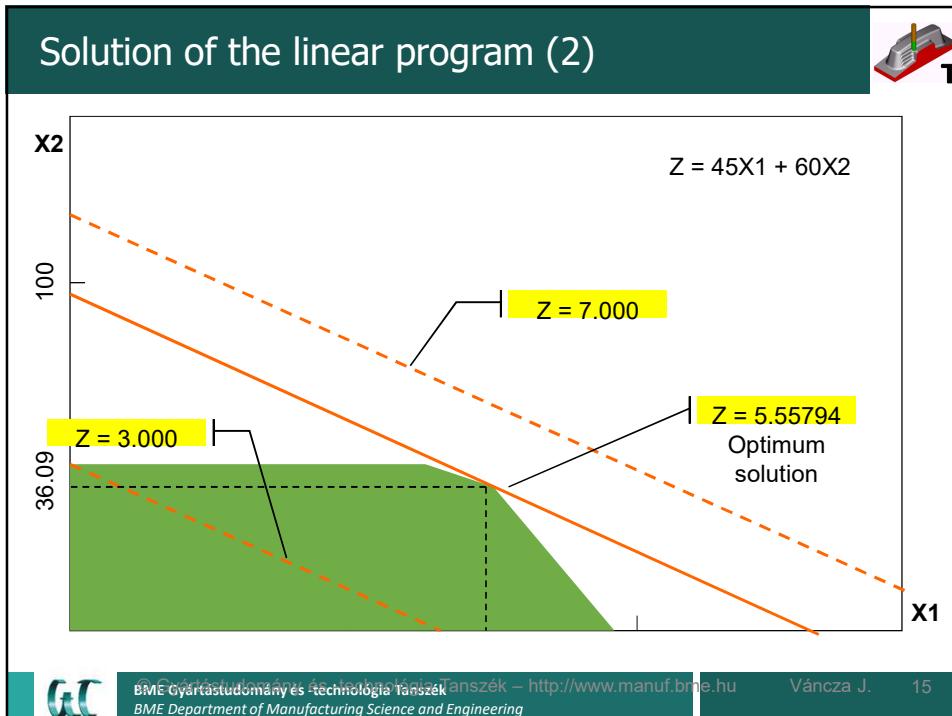
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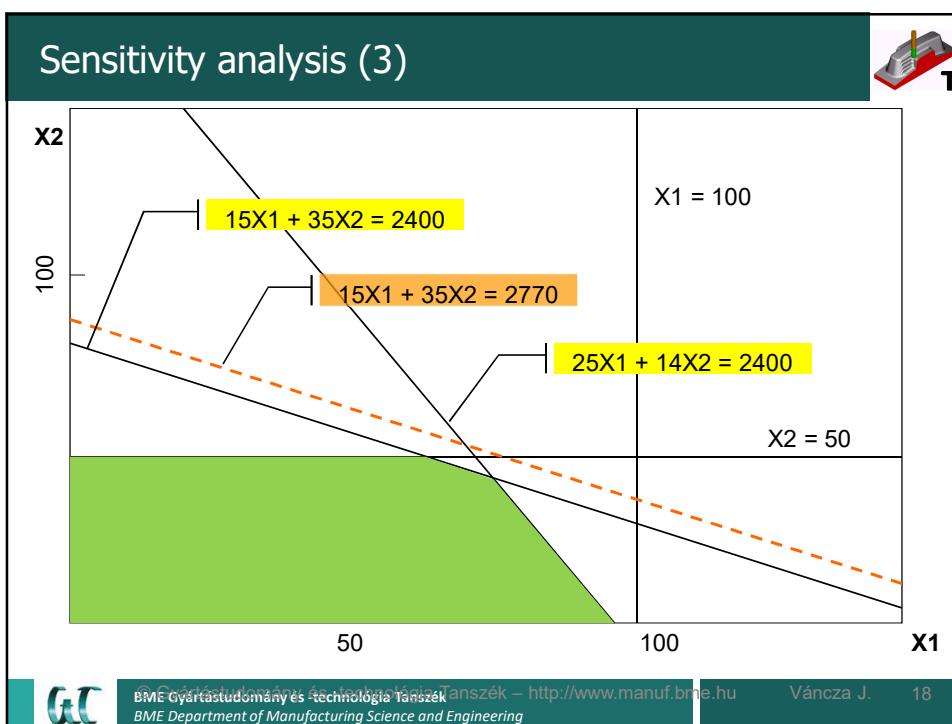
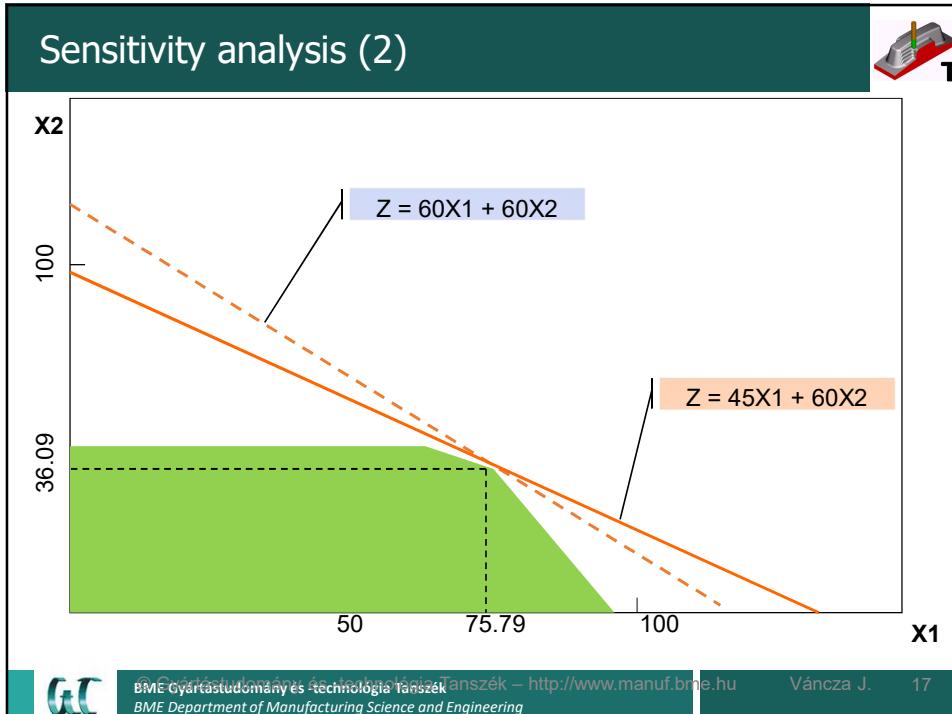
- [aggregate_planning_simple](#)



Solution of the linear program







Original planning problem: example



Products

- Maximal and minimal demand, profit, holding cost
- Initial inventory

period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
product	max demand							
P1	20	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
P2	30	30	40	20	30	40	40	40
min sales								
P1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P2	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0
profit			holding cost			init hold		
P1	1500			20		0		
P2	1000			10		0		



Original planning problem: example (2)

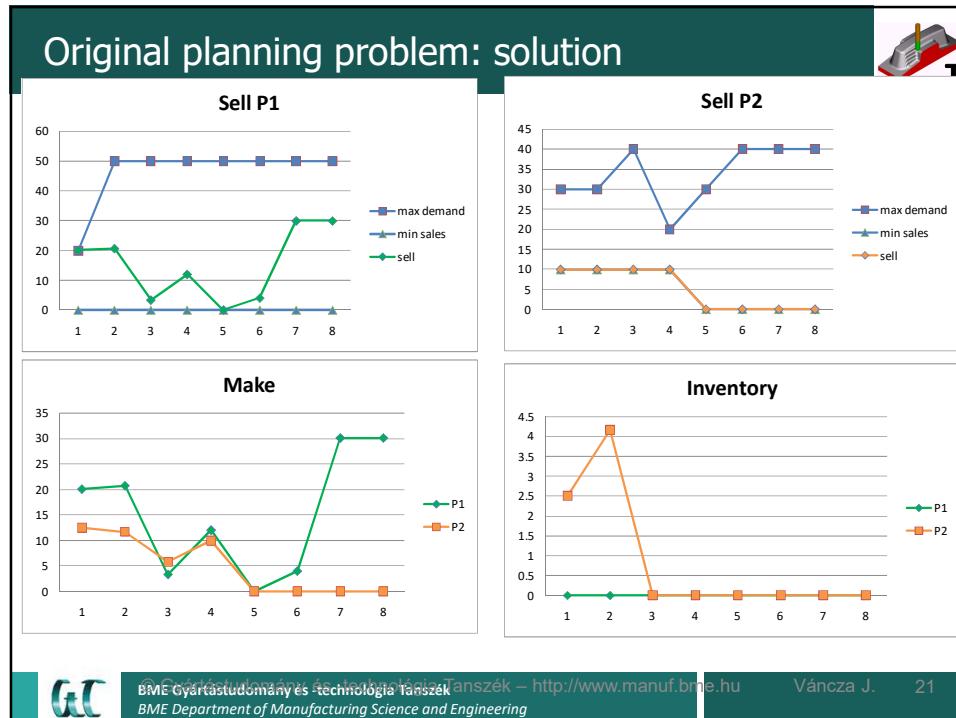


Resources

- capacities, resource requirements

period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
resource	capacity							
WS_A	250	250	60	100	0	20	200	240
WS_B	150	220	60	100	0	120	200	240
WS_C	150	150	40	100	0	60	150	150
WS_D	140	150	30	200	0	100	100	100
consumption								
	P1 P2							
WS_A	5	4						
WS_B	5	4						
WS_C	5	4						
WS_D	2	4						





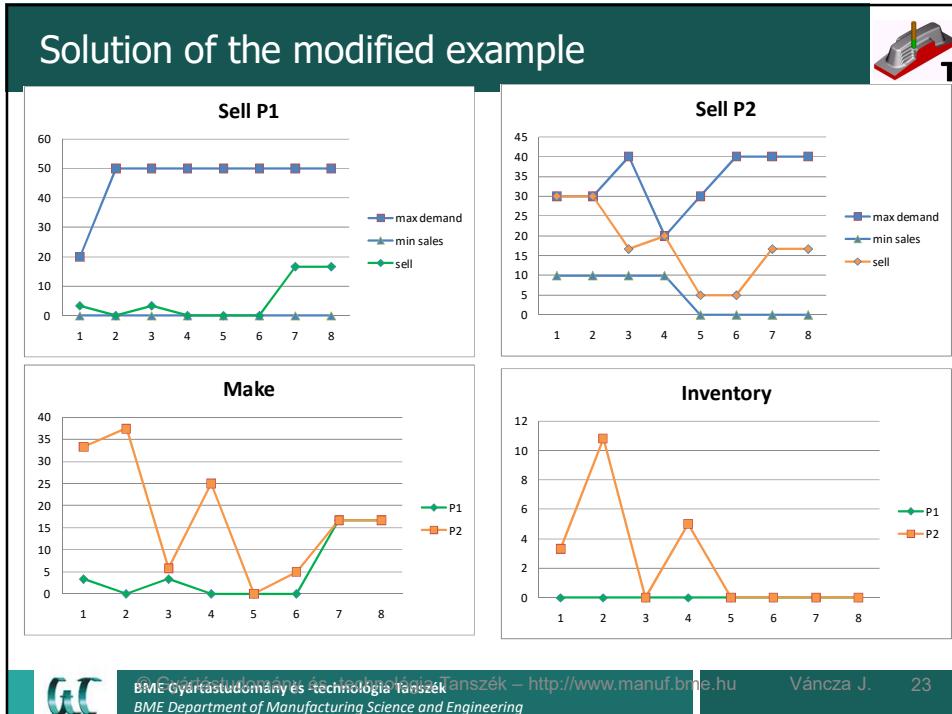
Original planning problem: modified example

Products

- P2: higher profit, lower holding cost

period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
product	max demand							
P1	20	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
P2	30	30	40	20	30	40	40	40
min sales								
P1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P2	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0
profit								
P1	1500				20	0		
P2	2000				5	0		
holding cost								
P1								
P2								
init hold								
P1								
P2								

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Aggregated planning: material demand (2)



- New elements in the model

Index	
Materials	$k = 1, \dots, K$
Parameters	
Material need, per each product	b_{ik}
Available material quantities	B_k

- New constraints

- Total material usage is limited on the whole horizon

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^m b_{ik} X_{it} \leq B_k \quad \forall k$$

- No new optimization criterion



Aggregated planning: backorder



- Problem statement

- Similar to the original one, with additional constraints
- Non-satisfied demand will not be lost
 - There is the opportunity of backorder
- With extra cost

- Question

- How to maximize total profit by producing and selling of products?
- Specifically: in each period and for each product
 - How much to produce?
 - How much to sell?
 - How much to stock?
 - How much to backorder?

- Program

- Inventory position: Inventory minus backorder
 - May be negative
- `aggregate_planning_backorder`



Aggregated planning: backorder (2)



- New elements in the model

Parameters	
Backorder cost for each product, per time period	r_i
Decision variables	
Inventory position, in each period	I_{it}
Actual inventory, in each period	I_{it}^+
Backorder, in each period	I_{it}^-

- New optimization criterion

- New profit maximum: also backorder decreases the profit

$$\max \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^m p_i S_{it} - h_i I_{it}^+ - r_i I_{it}^-$$

Aggregated planning: backorder (3)



- New constraints

- Inventory position

$$I_{it} = I_{it}^+ - I_{it}^- \quad \forall i, t$$

- Integrity constraints

- Only the inventory position may be negative ...

$$I_{it}^+, I_{it}^- \geq 0$$

- The balance equation remains the same

$$I_{it} = I_{it-1} + X_{it} - S_{it} \quad \forall i, t$$

Aggregated planning: backorder and overtime



• Problem statement

- Similar to the original one, with additional constraints
- Overtime is possible
 - Different resource by resource
- Overtime takes extra cost
- Depending on the various cost factors, compromise between backorder and overtime have to be found

• Question

- How to maximize total profit by producing and selling products?
- Specifically: in each period and for each product
 - How much to produce?
 - How much to sell?
 - How much to stock?
 - How much to backorder?
 - How much overtime is needed?

• Program

- [aggregate_planning_backorder_overtime](#)



Aggregated planning: backorder and overtime (2)



New elements in the model

Parameters

Overtime cost per time period, for each resource	q_j
Overtime limit, for each resource	L_j

Decision variable

Overtime amount, for each machine and each period	O_{jt}
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New optimization criterion

- Profit maximisation
 - But backorder and overtime decreases the profit

$$\max \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\sum_{i=1}^m p_i S_{it} - h_i I_{it}^+ - r_i I_{it}^- - \sum_{j=1}^n q_j O_{jt} \right)$$



Aggregated planning: backorder and overtime (3)



New constraints

- Resource capacities extended with overtime

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} X_{it} \leq c_{jt} + O_{jt} \quad \forall j, t$$

- Overtime limits $O_{jt} \leq L_j \quad \forall j, t$

- Integrity constraints $O_{jt} \geq 0$

Example: original problem



- Same demand and costs

- But: very expensive backorder and overtime

period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
product	max demand							
P1	20	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
P2	30	30	40	20	30	40	40	40
min sales								
P1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P2	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0
cost								
P1	1500	20	3000		0	0		
P2	1000	10	2000		0	0		
profit								
P1	1500	20	3000		0	0		
P2	1000	10	2000		0	0		
period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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WS_D	140	150	30	200	0	100	100	100
consumption								
	P1	P2						
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WS_B	5	4						
WS_C	5	4						
WS_D	2	4						
overtime limit								
overtime cost								

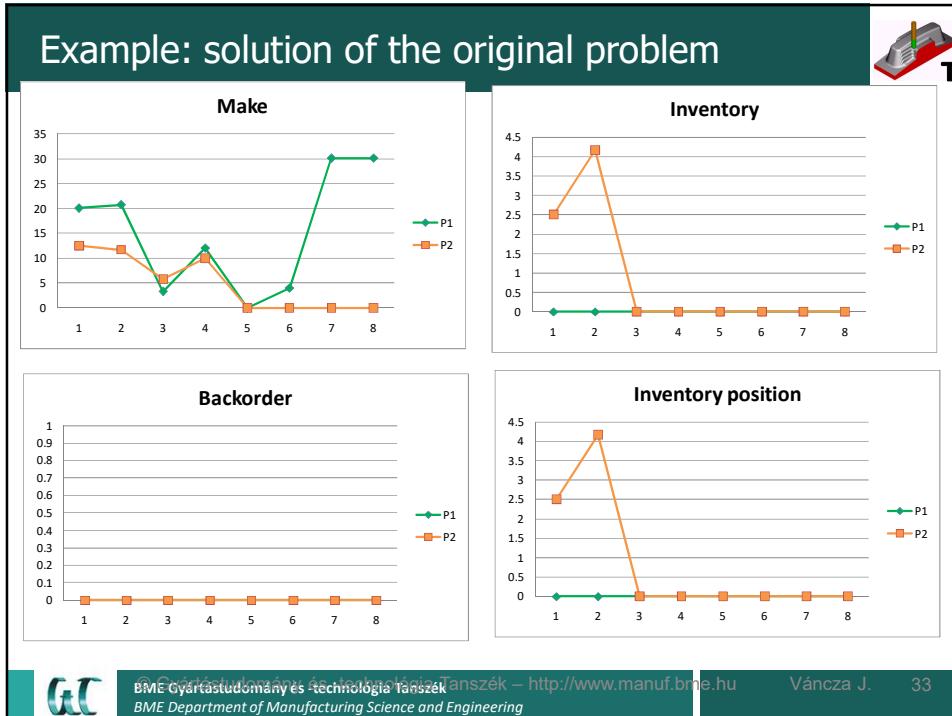
- Same solution

- No backorder

$$I_{it} = I_{it}^+ \quad \forall i, t$$

- No overtime

Table showing the original problem setup with demand, cost, profit, resource capacity, consumption, overtime limit, and overtime cost.



Example: modified problem

Less additional costs

product	Backorder overtime							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
max demand	20	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
P1	30	30	40	20	30	40	40	40
P2	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0
min sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P1	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0
P2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cost	1500	20	500	init	hold	backorder		
P1	1000	10	300		0	0		
P2	0	0	0		0	0		

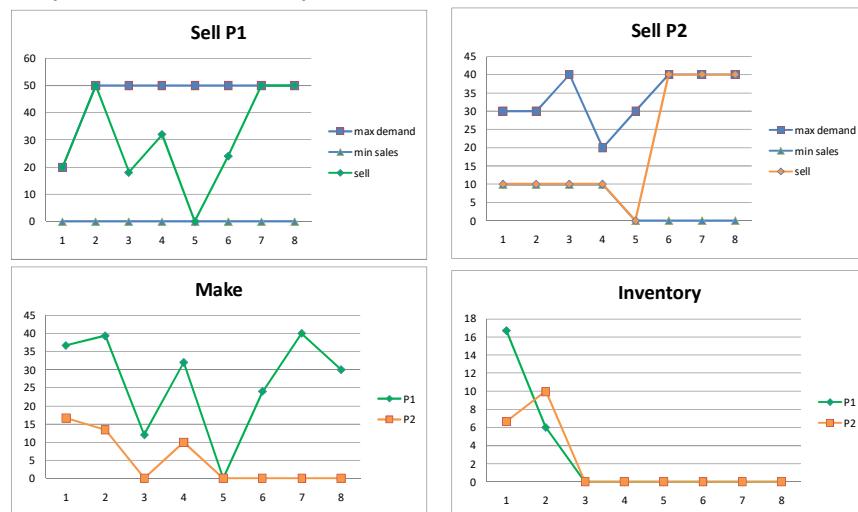
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WS_A	150	220	60	100	0	120	200	240
WS_B	150	150	40	100	0	60	150	150
WS_C	140	150	30	200	0	100	100	100
WS_D								
consumption	P1	P2						
WS_A	5	4						
WS_B	5	4						
WS_C	5	4						
WS_D	2	4						
overtime limit			100					
overtime cost				100				
WS_A					100			
WS_B					100			
WS_C					100			
WS_D					100			

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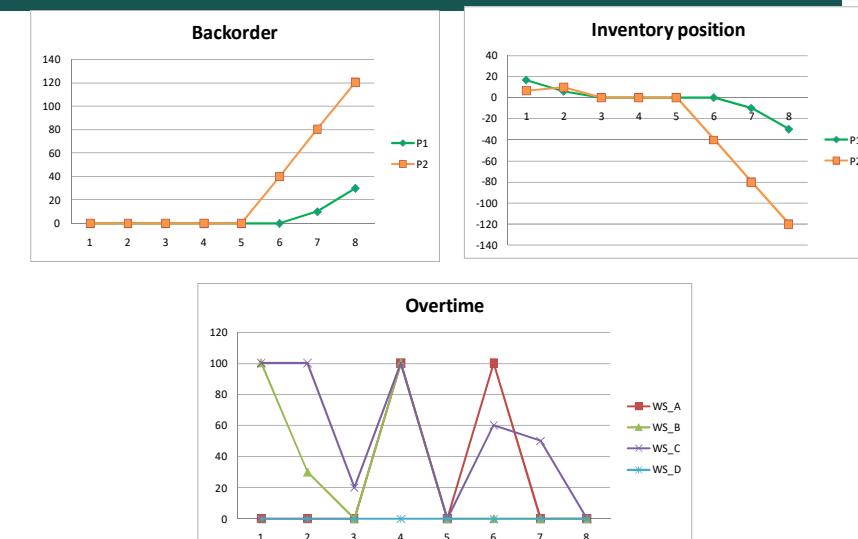
Example: solution of the modified problem



More production and sale quantities



Example: solution of the original problem (2)



Aggregated planning: summary



- Dynamic models
- Linear programs
 - Available powerful solvers
- Incremental model extensions
 - With various kinds of constraints
 - Typical engineer's approach
- Efficient solution
 - What-if analysis
 - Sensitivity analysis

- But: not all problem types can be captured as an LP
 - E.g., deciding about the acquisition of a resource
 - Yes/No type decision (0/1 valued variable)
 - Search of the best solution
 - Much harder to find optima

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