

Use of excel solver for linear programming

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In conclusion, Excel Solver provides a simple, yet effective, medium for allowing users to explore linear programs. It can be used for large problems containing hundreds of variables and constraints, and does these relatively quickly, but as a teaching tool using small illustrative problems it is very potent, particularly as the student must appreciate the structure of a LP when entering it into the spreadsheet.

Overall, using Excel, which is familiar to a large number of students, provides a rich environment for teaching linear programming and it allows students to explore their models in a structured, yet flexible, way.