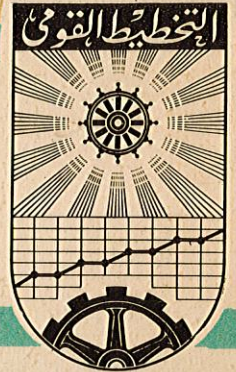


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One Year Planning

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## Introduction

The following problem had been raised to us:

For a given year, find the optimum allocation of given foreign resources (imports), among the different sectors of the economy, provided the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The productions of the different sectors are allowed only to change between given lower & upper bounds.
2. For the sector of agriculture and ginning their productions are given constants.
3. There is no competitive imports in the sector of ginning.
4. There are given upper & lower bounds on the consumptions both private & government, the investment's sinking, exports from different sectors & on total labour.
5. The total value added arising from productions of the services sectors does not exceed given ratio of the total value added due to the production of all the sectors of the economy.
6. The optimum allocation of foreign resources is defined as the one which gives maximum labour plus national income, weighted differently

The problem so defined above, can be solved easily using the well known interflow analysis & the technique of linear programming. In the following section the outline of the solution is given.



The mathematical formulation:

- Let  $n$  : Number of sectors of our economy
- $X_i$  : the production of sector  $i$ . ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ )
- $X_{kh}$  : the technical input output coefficient  
 $k$  the delivering sector, takes the values  $1 - n$   
 $h$  the receiving sector, takes the values  $1 - n$
- $C_k, G_k$  : the private & government consumption from sector  $k$
- $S_k$  : the investment sinking in sector  $k$
- $A_k^+$  : the exports from sector  $k$
- $A_k^-$  : the competitive imports from sector  $k$
- $B_h$  : the noncompetitive import coefficient of sector  $h$
- $B_c, B_g$  &  $B_s$  : the noncompetitive imports for private consumption, government consumption & investment sinking
- $V_h$  : the value added coefficient of sector  $h$
- $L_h$  : the labour coefficient of sector  $h$

From the equilibrium relation of the interflow table we have

$$\sum_{h=1}^n X'_{kh} X_h + C_k + G_k + S_k + A_k^+ - A_k^- = X_k \quad k=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

The above equation takes the following form

$$A_k^- = - \sum_{h=1}^n (\delta_{kh} - X'_{kh}) X_h + C_k + G_k + S_k + A_k^+ \quad k=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (2)$$

where  $\delta_{kh} = 1$  for  $k = h$  &  $0$  for  $k \neq h$



Let  $I$  defines the total imports or, foreign resource required. The expression for  $I$  is given by the following equation

$$I = \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^- + \sum_{h=1}^n B_h' X_h + B_c + B_G + B_S \quad (3)$$

Let  $C$ ,  $G$ ,  $S$  &  $L$  define the total private consumption, total government consumption, total sinking, total labour, then by definition we have the following equations.

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \sum_{k=1}^n C_k + B_c \\ G &= \sum_{k=1}^n G_k + B_G \quad \dots \quad (4) \\ S &= \sum_{k=1}^n S_k + B_S \\ L &= \sum_{h=1}^n L_h' X_h \end{aligned}$$

Economically, there is relation between the following quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total exports} & \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^+ , \\ \text{Total imports} & I , \\ \text{Gross borrowing} & R \text{ and} \\ \text{Repayments} & P \end{aligned}$$



That economic relation states the following

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Imports} + \text{Gross borrowing} \\ &= \text{Exports} + \text{repayment.} \end{aligned}$$

Which symbolically is written in the following form

$$\begin{aligned} I + R &= \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^+ + P \\ \text{i.e.} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^+ - I &= R - P = Z \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The quantity  $Z = R - P$  is assumed given in our problem.

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \dots, \delta$  denote the services sectors. Then, as mentioned in the introduction (paragraph labelled 5) we have

$$\frac{\sum_{h=\alpha, \beta, \dots, \delta} V_h^+ X_h}{\sum_{h=1}^n V_h^+ X_h} \leq r$$

which can be written in the following form :

$$\sum_{h=1, 2, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \delta(\dots n)}^n r V_h^+ X_h - \sum_{h=\alpha, \beta, \dots, \delta} (1-r) V_h^+ X_h \geq 0 \quad (6)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \dots, \delta$  (means excluding the subscripts  $\alpha, \beta, \dots, \delta$ )  
A variable with a lower dash means the lower bound of that variable & a variable with upper dash means the upper bound of that variable, for example  $\bar{X}_h$  denotes the upper bound on  $X_h$  &  $\underline{C}_k$  denote the lower bound on  $C_k$  & so on. With that definition



of lower & upper bound we have the following inequalities to be satisfied by all the variables of our problem:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \underline{X}_k & \leq & X_k \leq \bar{X}_k \\
 \underline{C}_k & \leq & C_k \leq \bar{C}_k \\
 \underline{G}_k & \leq & G_k \leq \bar{G}_k \\
 \underline{S}_k & \leq & S_k \leq \bar{S}_k \\
 \underline{A}_k^+ & \leq & A_k^+ \leq \bar{A}_k^+ \\
 \underline{B}_C & \leq & B_C \leq \bar{B}_C \\
 \underline{B}_G & \leq & B_G \leq \bar{B}_G \\
 \underline{B}_S & \leq & B_S \leq \bar{B}_S \\
 0 & \leq & A_k^- \\
 \underline{L} & \leq & L \leq \bar{L}
 \end{array} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

where  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Equations (2), (3), (4), (5) & inequalities (6) & (7) define for us the relations & constraints imposed on our problem.

We notice we have so far  $n+6$  equations &  $6n+5$  inequalities.

The variables of our problem are  $X_k, C_k, G_k, S_k, A_k^+, A_k^-, B_C, B_G, B_S, C, G, S, L, I$ , i.e.  $6n+8$

Our problem is to find the optimum allocation of our variables including the imports  $A_k^-, B_k^h, X_h, B_C, B_G, B_S$  which will maximize for us our preference function.



The preference function which will be optimized will be labour plus sum of value added, weighted differently.

Let  $\alpha_1$  = Weight given to labour  
 $\alpha_2$  = Weight given to Total value added

Then the preference function will be

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \alpha_1 \sum_{k=1}^n L_k^v X_k + \alpha_2 \sum_{k=1}^n V_k^v X_k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n (\alpha_1 L_k^v + \alpha_2 V_k^v) X_k \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The weights  $\alpha_1$  &  $\alpha_2$  can be given different values, corresponding to different alternatives.

The problem so formulated can be solved with classical methods of linear programming using the electronic computer's facilities. Before proceeding in outlining the steps towards its solution we shall introduce further assumptions towards more simplification of the problem.



Further assumptions: It will reduce the variables of our problem quite a bit if we assume certain patterns in consumption(private & government) and certain patterns in investment sinking.

Let these patterns be given respectively by  $C_k^i$ ,  $G_k^i$ ,  $S_k^i$  (for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and  $B_c^i$ ,  $B_g^i$ ,  $B_s^i$  defined as following:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_k^i &= \frac{C_k}{C} \\ G_k^i &= \frac{G_k}{G} \\ S_k^i &= \frac{S_k}{S} \\ B_c^i &= \frac{B_c}{C} \\ B_g^i &= \frac{B_g}{G} \\ B_s^i &= \frac{B_s}{S} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

From the above definitions we have the following relations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n C_k^i + B_c^i &= 1 \\ \sum_{k=1}^n G_k^i + B_g^i &= 1 \\ \sum_{k=1}^n S_k^i + B_s^i &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10)$$



The pattern assumption reduces our  $3n+3$  variables  $C_k$ ,  $G_k$ ,  $S_k$ ,  $B_c$ ,  $B_g$ ,  $B_s$  to only 3 variables  $C$ ,  $G$  &  $S$  and reduces the corresponding  $3n+3$  inequalities to only the following 3 inequalities.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \underline{C} \leq C \leq \bar{C} \\ \underline{G} \leq G \leq \bar{G} \\ \underline{S} \leq S \leq \bar{S} \end{array} \right\} \quad (11)$$

where  $\underline{C}$ ,  $\bar{C}$ ,  $\underline{G}$ ,  $\bar{G}$ ,  $\underline{S}$  &  $\bar{S}$  are assumed given.

With these pattern assumptions, equations (2) & (3) take the following form:

$$A_k^- = - \sum_{h=1}^n (\delta_{kh} - X_{kh}^i) X_h + C_k^i \cdot C + G_k^i \cdot G + S_k^i \cdot S + A_k^+ \quad (12)$$

$k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$I = \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^- + \sum_{h=1}^n B_h^i X_h + B_C^i \cdot C + B_G^i \cdot G + B_S^i \cdot S \quad (13)$$

Eliminating  $I$  from equation (13) & (5) we have

$$- \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^- = - \sum_{k=1}^n A_k^+ + \sum_{h=1}^n B_h^i X_h + B_C^i \cdot C + B_G^i \cdot G + B_S^i \cdot S + Z \quad (14)$$

Substituting for  $A_k^-$  from (12) in (14) we have :

$$C = \sum_{h=1}^n V_h^i X_h - G - S - Z \quad (15)$$



Eliminating C between the set of equation (12) & equation (15) we have the following sets of equations:

$$A_k^- = -C_k^i Z - \sum_{h=1}^n (\delta_{kh} - X_{kh}^i - C_k^i V_h^i) X_h + (G_k^i - C_k^i)G + (S_k^i - C_k^i)S + A_k^+ \quad (16)$$

$k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Our independent variables now, reduce to  $X_h$  ( $h=1, \dots, n$ ),  $G$ ,  $S$ , &  $A_k^+$  ( $k=1, \dots, n$ ) while the dependent variables are  $A_k^-$  ( $k=1, \dots, n$ ),  $C$  &  $L$

Equation (6) implies another independent variables and another inequality defined as following

$$\xi = \sum_{h=1, 2, \dots, n} \alpha V_h^i X_h - \sum_{h=\alpha, \beta, \dots, \gamma} (1-\alpha) V_h^i X_h \quad (17)$$

$h=1, 2, \dots, n, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \gamma (\dots n)$

So far, we had not put the assumptions mentioned in paragraphs (2) & (3), in the introduction

Let, without losing any generality, the sector of agriculture and ginning be denoted by the subscripts,  $n-1, n$ . Constant production for these sectors & zero competitive imports for ginning imply the following

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n-1} &= X_{n-1}^o = \text{const.} \\ X_n &= X_n^o = \text{const.} \\ \& \quad A_n^- &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} X_{n-1} &= X_{n-1}^o = \text{const.} \\ X_n &= X_n^o = \text{const.} \\ A_n^- &= 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} \quad (18)$$



Substituting with equations (18) into equations (16) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_k^- = & - C_k' Z - \sum_{h=n-1}^n (\delta_{kh} - X_{kh}' - C_k' V_h') X_h \\
 & - \sum_{h=1}^{n-2} (\delta_{kh} - X_{kh}' - C_k' V_h') X_h \\
 & + (G_k' - C_k') G + (S_k' - C_k') S + A_k^+
 \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$k=1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_n^+ = & - C_n' Z - \sum_{h=n-1}^n (\delta_{nh} - X_{nh}' - C_n' V_h') X_h \\
 & - \sum_{h=1}^{n-2} (\delta_{nh} - X_{nh}' - C_n' V_h') X_h \\
 & + (G_n' - C_n') G + (S_n' - C_n') S
 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

define the following constants

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_{ok} = & - C_k' Z - \sum_{h=n-1}^n (\delta_{kh} - X_{kh}' - C_k' V_h') X_h \\
 \beta_{lk} = & (\delta_{kh} - X_{kh}' - C_k' V_h') \\
 \beta_{Gk} = & G_k' - C_k' \\
 \beta_{Sk} = & S_k' - C_k'
 \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$



Substituting the above definitions in equations 19 & 20 we have

$$A_k^- = \beta_{ok} + \sum_{h=1}^{n-2} \beta_{hk} X_h + \beta_{Gh} \cdot G + \beta_{Sk} \cdot S \quad (22)$$

$+ A_k^+ \quad k=1,2,\dots,n-1$

$$\& + A_n^+ = -\beta_{on} - \sum_{h=1}^{n-2} \beta_{hn} X_h - \beta_{Gn} \cdot G - \beta_{Sn} \cdot S \quad (23)$$

Again substituting the assumption of constant  $X_{n-1}$ ,  $X_n$  in the equations (17), (15), 4 & 8 defining  $\xi$ , C, L & f we have

$$\xi = \sum_{h=n-1}^n r V_h^+ X_h - \sum_{h=1,2,\dots,n-2} V_h^+ X_h - \sum_{h=\alpha, \beta, \dots, \gamma} (1-r) V_h^+ X_h \quad (24)$$

$$C = \sum_{h=n-1}^n V_h^+ X_h - Z + \sum_{h=1}^{n-2} V_h^+ X_h - G - S \quad (25)$$

$$L = \sum_{h=n-1}^n L_h^+ X_h + \sum_{h=1}^{n-2} L_h^+ X_h \quad (26)$$

$$f = \sum_{h=1}^{n-2} (\alpha_1 L_h^+ + \alpha_2 V_h^+) X_h \quad (27)$$



The constraints to our variables, dependent and independent are written in the following form

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \underline{x}_h & \leq & x_h \leq \bar{x}_h \\
 \underline{c} & \leq & c \leq \bar{c} \\
 \underline{g} & \leq & g \leq \bar{g} \\
 \underline{s} & \leq & s \leq \bar{s} \\
 \underline{L} & \leq & L \leq \bar{L}
 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \\ h=1, 2, \dots, n-2 \\ k=1, 2, \dots, n-1 \end{array} \quad (28)$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 0 & \leq & A_h^- \\
 \underline{A}_i^+ & \leq & A_i^+ \leq \bar{A}_i^+ \\
 0 & \leq & \xi
 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \\ i=1, 2, \dots, n \end{array}$$

Equations (22) → (26) & inequalities (28) & the preference function (27) define for us the mathematical formulation of our problem which will be solved by linear programming & electronic computer facilities.

The programming equation: The numerical preparation of the above problem is simple & straightforward. It can systematically be prepared using a desk calculator or more generally using a computer. In this section we shall outline the scheme for desk calculator's computation. The computer program right with the numerical result will be given in a further memo by Dr. Roshdi Amer who is in direct charge with that phase of the problem.