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ABSTRACT

The problem of allocating munitions from M weapons systems to N target complexes is studied and a review of pertinent literature is presented. An algorithm for the solution of the problem in the special case of two weapons systems against N targets is developed and programmed for computerized solution. The results of an example problem are shown and tested. Discussion of the algorithm's extension to more than two weapons systems is included as are alternative solution techniques.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Defense planners are vitally concerned with the problem of assigning weapons systems to strategic targets. Information from intelligence sources is obtained, from which decisions are made regarding the military value of such targets. Judgements as to the effectiveness of weapons systems when used against target types can be made on the basis of test data gathered during Manufacturers' or Armed Services' observed evaluation firings. Constraints on the numbers of units of particular systems are dictated by Defense Department budget or resource availability considerations.

All of the above factors are known to be subject to change and can only be estimated to a varying degree of accuracy at any given time. Because of the uncertain nature of these factors, an optimum targeting policy often calls for a mixture of weapons to be assigned to any single target complex. Problems of this nature may be formulated as nonlinear-programming problems.

The problem of optimal allocation of units of two weapons systems against N targets or a complex of N targets is the subject of this thesis. An algorithm for solution of this problem is presented and a program is given for rapid solution by computer.

II. STUDY OF PERTINENT LITERATURE

The problem considered by this paper is concerned with the allocation of X and Y munitions of two particular weapons systems among N target complexes. Koopman [1] pointed out that the problem of optimum distribution of search effort and the allocation of munitions projected against area targets are analogous. Charnes and Cooper [4] provided a link between search theory and linear programming. F. A. Miercort and R. M. Soland [11] show an integer nonlinear programming formulation of the problem of allocation from a single weapons system against area and point defense. They develop a branch and bound algorithm for its solution.

John Danskin formulated a nonlinear model of M weapons systems' munitions assignment to N targets which he labelled a "simple maximum" problem. The iterative method of solution which he developed is the basis for the algorithm presented in this paper [2].

Lemus and David [8] use an analytic technique similiar to Danskin's to solve the problem and suggest that this should be considered a general solution in the case where the attacker has more than one type of weapon available for assignment to an undefended or virtually undefended target complex. They point out that whenever the number of weapons is large compared with the number of targets that analytic solution methods offer a great savings in computer time for little loss of accuracy. Earlier writings dealing with solutions to problems

of this type, such as those by Manne [6] and by DenBroeder, Ellison and Emerling [7], reformulate the allocation problem as a linear program. The resulting linear program will ordinarily provide a close enough approximation to the original problem to achieve satisfactory results.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOLUTION ALGORITHM

A. CHARACTERIZATION OF THE OPTIMAL ALLOCATION

The allocation of rounds of two distinct weapons systems among N targets is a nonlinear programming problem, stated mathematically as

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Maximize} & \sum_{i=1}^{N} V_i \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(-\left[\varkappa_i \times_i + \varkappa_i y_i\right]\right) \right\} \\ \text{Subject to:} & \sum_{\substack{i=1\\N \\ i=1}}^{N} x_i \leq X \\ & \sum_{\substack{i=1\\i=1}}^{N} y_i \leq Y \\ & x_i, y_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } i \end{array}, \end{array}$$

where V_i represents the military worth of target i, μ_i is the effectiveness of system X against target i and v_i is the effectiveness of system Y against target i. The linear constraints imply that the well-known Kuhn-Tucker constraint qualification holds at all points belonging to the constraint region. Since the objective function is concave as well, our problem becomes one of concave programming and the denoted Kuhn-Tucker conditions are necessary and sufficient for an optimal allocation. Let us denote the optimal allocation as

$$X^{*} = (X_{i}^{*}, X_{2}^{*}, \cdots, X_{N}^{*}) , \qquad y^{*} = (y_{i}^{*}, y_{2}^{*}, \cdots, y_{N}^{*})$$

The Lagrangian function is given by $L(X_{i}, y_{i}, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \bigvee_{i} \left\{ 1 - \exp(-[x_{i}x_{i} + \tau_{i}y_{i}]) \right\} + \lambda_{i} \left(X - \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} \right) + \lambda_{2} \left(Y - \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_{i} \right),$

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such that

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_i} = A_i V_i \quad \exp\left(-\left[A_i x_i + \gamma_i y_i\right]\right) - \lambda_i$$

and

$$\frac{dI}{dy_i} = \gamma_i V_i \exp\left(-\left[\alpha_i x_i + \gamma_i y_i\right]\right) - \lambda_2$$

For the above problem, the necessary and sufficient Kuhn-Tucker conditions are;

1)
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{i}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{i}} \leq 0$$

2)
$$x_{i}^{*} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{i}} = 0, y_{i}^{*} \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{i}} = 0$$

3)
$$x_{i}^{*}, y_{i}^{*} \geq 0$$

4)
$$\lambda_{i}^{*}, \lambda_{2}^{*} \geq 0$$

5)
$$\lambda_{i}^{*} (X - \sum_{i=i}^{N} x_{i}^{*}) = 0, \lambda_{2}^{*} (Y - \sum_{i=i}^{N} y_{i}^{*}) = 0$$

6)
$$X - \sum_{i=i}^{N} x_{i}^{*} \leq 0, Y - \sum_{i=i}^{N} y_{i}^{*} \leq 0$$

Consideration of $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{i}} \leq 0$ implies

$$-x_{i} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{i}} = 0$$
 implies;

$$x_{i}^{*} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{i}} = 0$$
 implies;

$$x_{i}^{*} = 0$$
 if and only if $-x_{i} v_{i} exp(-Lv_{i} v_{i}^{*}] \leq \lambda_{i}^{*}$

$$x_{i}^{*} > 0 \text{ whenever } u_{i} V_{i} \exp \left(-\left[u_{i} x_{i}^{*} + v_{i} y_{i}^{*}\right]\right) = \lambda_{i}^{*}$$

It is easily shown that $\lambda_i^* > 0$. For example, consider λ_i^* , which we know by 4) satisfied $\lambda_i^* \ge 0$,

if $\lambda_1^* = 0$, then $\alpha_i V_i > 0 = \lambda_1^*$ for all i.

Hence

$$X_{i}^{*} = \lim_{\lambda_{i} \to 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha_{i}} \ln \left[\frac{\alpha_{i} \chi_{i}^{*} + \nu_{i}^{*} \gamma_{i}^{*}}{\lambda_{i}^{*}} \right] \right\} = +\infty$$

and the constraint is violated.

In like manner,
$$y_i^* = 0$$
 if and only if
 $v_i v_i \exp(-[u_i x_i^*]) \leq \lambda_2^*$,
 $y_i^* > 0$ whenever $v_i v_i \exp(-[u_i x_i^* + v_i y_i^*]) = \lambda_2^*$

and $\lambda_2^* > 0$.

The above considerations yield that there are four possibilities for optimal allocation against a target;

1) $X_i^* = 0$, $y_i^* = 0$ then $\mu_i V_i \leq \lambda_i^*$, $\nu_i V_i \leq \lambda_2^*$ 2) $X_i^* > 0$, $y_i^* = 0$ then $\mu_i V_i \exp(-\mu_i X_i^*) = \lambda_i^*$,

and
$$X_i^* = \frac{1}{M_i} \ln \left(\frac{M_i V_i}{\lambda_i^*} \right)$$

then, similarly,
$$y_i^* = \frac{1}{v_i} \ln \left(\frac{v_i V_i}{\lambda_2^*} \right)$$

4) The case of a shared target, X_i^* , $y_i^* > 0$.

then $\mathcal{M}_i \, \forall_i \, \exp\left(-\left[\mathcal{M}_i \, x_i^* + v_i^* \, y_i^*\right]\right) = \lambda_i^*$,

$$v_i V_i \exp\left(-\left[u_i x_i^* + v_i y_i^*\right]\right) = \lambda_2^*$$

and $\frac{\mathcal{A}_{i}}{\mathcal{V}_{i}} = \frac{\lambda_{i}^{*}}{\lambda_{2}^{*}}$ so that; $x_{i}^{*} = l_{\Lambda} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathcal{A}_{i} \cdot V_{i}}{\lambda_{i}^{*}} \right) - \mathcal{V}_{i} \cdot y_{i}^{*}$

$$y_i^* = \ln\left(\frac{v_i v_i}{\lambda_2^*}\right) - u_i x_i^*$$

This paper assumes that for all i and j

and thus there can exist at most one shared target. Two cases are then possible for analysis, that of one shared target and that of no shared targets.

Case 1): No shared targets;

If no shared targets exists, either X_i^* or $y_i^*=0$, such that $X_i^* \pm 0$ whenever $y_i^* > 0$ and $y_i^*=0$ whenever $x_i^* > 0$.

Letting $X_i^* > 0$,

then
$$\chi_i^* = \frac{1}{\varkappa_i} \ln \left(\frac{\varkappa_i V_i}{\lambda_i^*} \right)$$

and
$$\sum x_i^* = \chi \Rightarrow \sum x_i^* = \sum \frac{1}{2} \ln (\lambda_i^*)$$

 $\forall x_i^* > 0 \qquad \forall x_i^* > 0 \qquad \forall x_i^* > 0$

or,
$$\lambda_{*}^{*} = \exp \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\nabla_{*}^{*}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(\omega; V_{i})} \\ \frac{\nabla_{*}^{*}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(\omega; V_{i})} \end{array} \right\}$$

and likewise,

$$\lambda_{2}^{*} = \exp\left\{\begin{array}{c} \frac{\left[\sum_{\forall y_{i}^{*} > 0} \ln\left(\nu; V_{i}\right)\right] - \gamma}{\sum_{\forall y_{i}^{*} > 0}}\right\}$$

Case 2): One shared target;

If target j is shared, then

$$\frac{\mu_j}{\nu_j} = \frac{\lambda_i^*}{\lambda_2^*} \Rightarrow \lambda_2^* = \frac{\lambda_i^* \cdot \nu_j}{\mu_j} \quad (a)$$

It is known that,

$$\sum_{\substack{\forall x_i^* > 0 \\ i \neq j}} \frac{1}{\ln \left(\frac{u_i V_i}{\lambda_i^*}\right) + x_j^*} = \chi$$

and therefore,

$$x_{j}^{*} = \chi - \sum_{\substack{\forall x_{i}^{*} > 0 \\ i \neq j}} \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{m_{i} V_{i}}{\lambda_{i}^{*}}\right) \cdot (b)$$

Likewise,

$$y_{j}^{*} = \gamma - \sum_{\substack{\forall y_{i}^{*} > o \\ i \neq j}} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{\nu_{i} \cdot V_{i}}{\lambda_{2}^{*}}\right)$$

Substituting from (a) then,

$$Y_{j}^{*} = Y - \sum_{\forall y_{j} \neq y_{j}} \frac{1}{1} \left(\frac{v_{i} V_{i} u_{j}}{\lambda_{i}^{*} v_{j}} \right). \quad (c)$$

From allocation rule 4), the shared target case;

$$\mathcal{M}_{j} \times_{j}^{*} + \mathcal{V}_{j} \times_{j}^{*} = \ln \left(\frac{\mathcal{M}_{j} V_{j}}{\lambda_{i}^{*}} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{\mathcal{V}_{j} V_{j}}{\lambda_{2}^{*}} \right). \quad (d)$$

Substituting (b) and (c) in (d) leads to the result:

$$Z = \lambda_{i}^{*} = \exp \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \left[\sum_{\forall x_{i} \neq 0}^{\mathcal{M}_{j}} \ln\left(\mathcal{M}_{i}, \forall i\right) + \sum_{\forall y_{i} \neq 0}^{\mathcal{T}_{j}} \ln\left(\frac{\mathcal{M}_{j} \vee_{i}}{\nabla_{j}}\right) - \mathcal{M}_{j} - \mathcal{T}_{j} \right] \\ \frac{1 \neq j}{\left[1 + \sum_{\forall x_{i} \neq 0}^{\mathcal{M}_{j}} \frac{1 \neq j}{\nabla_{j} / \mathcal{L}_{i}} + \sum_{\forall y_{i} \neq 0}^{\mathcal{T}_{j}} \frac{\mathcal{T}_{j}}{\nabla_{j}} \right] \\ i \neq j \\ i \neq j \\ i \neq j \\ i \neq j \end{array} \right\}$$

and from

$$\lambda_{2}^{*} = \lambda_{i}^{*} \left(\frac{\gamma_{j}}{\mu_{j}} \right),$$

then

$$\lambda_2^* = Z\left(\frac{\nu_j}{\mu_j}\right) .$$

B. AN ALGORITHM FOR COMPUTER SOLUTION

The non-linear program solved in part A. is identical to the "simple maximum" problem studied by John Danskin [2]. Danskin developed an iterative procedure for solution of this problem. the ideas of this algorithm were employed to outline a step by step solution suitable for computerization. Programming and testing this procedure forms the basis of this report. The program, as is the case in Danskin's original algorithm, yields allocations of rounds of weapons systems one and two for each target. Figure (1) presents a graphical flow-chart of this algorithm.

C. COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR SOLUTION:

Computer Program A solves the Weapons Systems Allocation problem for two systems against N targets. The problem is written in FORTRAN for solution on an IBM system 360 computer. Computer Program A shows the data required to solve the example problem of Section IV in the initialization statements. Data required to solve any problem are as follows:

- N = number of targets
- X = rounds available from system 1

y = rounds available from system 2

Box MU (I) = effectiveness of system 1 versus target I
Box ETA (I) = effectiveness of system 2 versus target I
BOX VEE (I) = military value of target I
Box K (I) = target number of target I





IV. AN EXAMPLE PROBLEM

An example is presented here to show the use of the solution algorithm and computer program. It represents a sample of the data required for a problem involving two weapons systems against a complex of five targets and gives the results as computed by Computer Program A.

A. PROBLEM DATA

Target	<u>v</u>		
1	1000.0	0.03	0.005
2	100.0	0.20	0.20
3	500.0	0.02	0.06
4	25.0	0.20	2.00
5	10.0	0.20	0.20
Units of	Weapons System	l availab	le: 80

Units of Weapons System 2 available: 50.0

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B. PROBLEM

Compute the optimum allocation of rounds of systems 1 and 2 against targets 1 through 5.

C. RESULTS

The solution obtained from Computer Program A is as shown below.



C COMPUTER OUTPUT

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These results were satisfactorily checked against allocation rules 1-4 as outlined in Section III. The algorithm was also hand computed for this problem and results were compatible. The problem of integer solution was not addressed, and so results must be rounded off to the nearest whole integer for satisfactory use. Program running time for this example problem was 8.38 seconds.

V. EXTENSION OF DANSKIN'S ALGORITHM TO M WEAPONS SYSTEMS

The characterization and existence of a solution to the non-linear programming problem representing allocation of munitions from two weapons systems among N targets were shown in Section III. In Danskin's work he proved that if a solution existed for the M-1 weapons systems case, then one iteration of his algorithm from the M-1 base case would result in the proper allocation in the M systems case [2]. It is possible, though tedious, to extend the computerized solution algorithm one step at a time from the two weapons systems case to the M weapons systems case.

VI. OTHER SOLUTION APPROACHES

Lemus and David [10] state that, in the case where the number of weapons is comparable with the number of targets, the allocation problem may be reduced to a formulation of the transportation problem and solved by linear programming. This method has the advantage of integer-valued solution but is disadvantageous since the optimal allocation is characterized by (except for alternate optima) all fire being concentrated on as many targets as there are constraints.

In his paper, R. H. Day [9] shows a method of solution which decomposes the general allocation problem into a set of targeting problems in the small and a targeting problem in the large. He solves the former problems using a Sequential Optimization Method and employs the results to obtain a solution to the targeting problem in the large by nonlinear programming. Mylander [12] discusses how the problem can be solved using the Sequential Unconstrained Minimization Technique, (SUMT).

Ury Passy [10] showed that the general assignment problem could be formulated as a geometric program and could be solved through its dual. He developed an algorithm for solution of weapons-assignment problems such as the one addressed in this thesis.

VII. CONCLUSIONS

The computerized solution of the weapons systems allocation problem in the special case of two weapons systems against N targets is shown. Extension of the solution procedure to the case of M systems is discussed but not attempted. Based on a survey of the literature, there appear to be several alternate means of solution which could possibly be profitably investigated.

The techniques studied should be useful in solving problems other than those of weapons allocation. Such problems as allocation of Research and Development funds and allocation of search effort are examples [15].

Computer Program A

This program determines the allocation of X munitions from system and Y munitions from system 2 among N targets.

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