

## A NUMERICAL METHOD FOR SOLVING QUADRATIC INTEGER PROGRAMMING PROBLEM

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We propose a new numerical method for solving quadratic integer programming problem. The algorithm is based on a special representation of a minimizer of the corresponding objective functional. The problem can be reduced to a special box-constrained integer least squares problem. The advantage of the proposed algorithm is a good computational performance (approximately  $O(n \cdot \ln(n))$  operations) shown in numerical experiments, where the number of unknowns  $n$  can be up to  $10^8$ . The computational complexity of the algorithm is confirmed experimentally by a large number of numerical experiments. The algorithm consists of 3 steps. At the average, a solution is found at the second step in 83,6 % cases, while the third step gives solution in the remaining cases. The algorithm is realized with the use of the Python programming language. The results of numerical experiments can be found at the service GitHubGist. The elaborated software system was used to solve the problem on formation of the optimal order for education institutions in regions of the Russian Federation.

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### Introduction

Recently, nonlinear integer optimization is of particular interest due to its practical importance. Consider the model problem in the following form:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{P_i - X_i}{Z_i} \right)^2 \longrightarrow \min, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq \min(S, A), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where all parameters are integers. Problem (1) arises in the problem on formation of the optimal order for education institutions in a region (see [1]), which can be reduced to the simpler problem of the form

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{Z_i} \right)^2 \longrightarrow \min, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = E, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $E = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i - \min(S, A)$  and  $Z_i \geq 1$  are nonnegative integers,  $\lambda_i$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda_i \leq E$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), are unknown nonnegative integers.

The change of variables  $\lambda_n = - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \lambda_i$  reduces the problem to a very special case of the box-constrained integer least squares problem (see [2–4] and the problem on the closest point search in lattices (see the survey [5, 6]), as well as the closest vector problem). General problems of this type are NP-hard (see [7, 8]). However, at present, there exist rather effective methods for solving these problems (see [3, Ch. 8; 6, 9–11] and the bibliography

therein). The method proposed below is very simple and actually exact, and allows to involve a large number of the variables. Numerical experiments show an almost linear dependence of the computation time on the number of variables, from  $O(n)$  to  $O(n \cdot \ln(n))$ .

## 1. Main Results

First of all, we give some theoretical justification of the algorithm. Consider the minimizer of problem (2) in the form  $\lambda_i^* = [\beta_i \cdot 0,5 + 0,5]$ ,  $\beta_i = \left(\frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}}\right)^2$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), where the number  $Z_{n+1} \in (0, \infty)$  is to be determined.

**Lemma 1.** *If there exists  $Z_{n+1} \in (0, \infty)$  such that*

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n [\beta_i \cdot 0,5 + 0,5], \beta_i = \left(\frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}}\right)^2,$$

then the numbers

$$\lambda_i^* = [\beta_i \cdot 0,5 + 0,5], \beta_i = \left(\frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}}\right)^2, (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

give the minimum of functional (2).

*Proof.* Represent  $\lambda_i^*$  in the form

$$\lambda_i^* = \beta_i \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 - x_i, \beta_i = \left(\frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}}\right)^2, (i = 1, 2, \dots, n), \quad (3)$$

where  $x_i \in [0; 1)$ . Show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda_i^* + \mu_i}{Z_i}\right)^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda_i^*}{Z_i}\right)^2 \quad (4)$$

for all integers  $\mu_i$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i = 0$ .

Taking into account (3), present expression (4) as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2 \cdot \lambda_i^* \cdot \mu_i + \mu_i^2}{Z_i^2} &\geq 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\beta_i \cdot \mu_i + \mu_i - 2 \cdot x_i \cdot \mu_i + \mu_i^*}{Z_i^2} &\geq 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mu_i - 2 \cdot x_i \cdot \mu_i + \mu_i^2}{Z_i^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mu_i}{Z_{n+1}^2} &\geq 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mu_i - 2 \cdot x_i \cdot \mu_i + \mu_i^2}{Z_i^2} &\geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Since  $\mu_i^2 \geq \mu_i$  for all integers  $\mu_i$ , inequality (5) is valid for all  $x_i \in [0; 1)$ . Therefore, expression (4) is also valid. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Consider the function

$$F(Z_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left(\frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}}\right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right], \quad (6)$$

which does not increase in the variable  $Z_{n+1}$  and takes nonnegative integer values. Obviously, if  $Z_i = Z_j$  ( $i, j = 1 \dots n$ ), then the function  $F(Z_{n+1})$  has the jump equal to  $n$  at the discontinuity point. Therefore, the function  $F(Z_{n+1})$  does not take all integer values. Consequently, depending on the variable  $Z_i$ , the range of the function  $F(Z_{n+1})$  cannot coincide with the set of natural numbers. At the discontinuity point, we have

$$F(Z_{n+1} \pm 0) = c \mp d,$$

where  $c, d$  are nonnegative integers and  $d > 1$ . Since the functions

$$\left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \tag{7}$$

are continuous, then the function

$$\left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right] \tag{8}$$

is a nonincreasing piecewise constant function taking all natural values when the independent variable run over the nonnegative semi-axis. The sum of these functions is also a nonincreasing piecewise constant function, and takes all nonnegative integers whenever all discontinuity points of these functions are different. Otherwise, this statement is not true. If two discontinuity points coincide, then the module of the jump is not less than 2 at each of these discontinuity points. Let us consider quantity (7) to be equal to a nonnegative integer  $k$ . We find that the discontinuity points of functions (8) have the form

$$Z_{n+1} = Z_i / (2k - 1)^{1/2}, \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, \infty).$$

Two discontinuity points coincide whenever there exist nonnegative integers  $k$  and  $m$  (for  $i \neq j$ ) that not exceed  $n$  and

$$Z_i / (2k - 1)^{1/2} = Z_j / (2m - 1)^{1/2}, \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, \infty, m = 1, 2, \dots, \infty). \tag{9}$$

These equalities hold for different pairs of numbers  $Z_i$  and  $Z_j$ . Consider the segment  $[a, b]$  such that  $F(a) > E$  and  $F(b) < E$ . Function (6) is piecewise constant, and the segment  $[a, b]$  has  $q$  discontinuity points. Denote these discontinuity points by  $Z_{n+1}^l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots, q$ , and enumerate in increasing order with respect to the number  $l$ . Consider the following two possible cases.

1. There exists the number  $l$  such that  $F(Z_{n+1}) = E$  for all  $Z_{n+1}$  in  $(Z_{n+1}^{l-1}, Z_{n+1}^l)$ . By Lemma 1, the numbers  $\lambda_i^* = \left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right]$  give a solution to problem (2) for these numbers  $Z_{n+1}$ .
2. There exists the number  $l$  such that  $F(Z_{n+1}^l - 0) > E$  and  $F(Z_{n+1}^l + 0) = F(Z_{n+1}^{l+1} - 0) < E$ . This situation takes place under condition (9). For convenience, assume that the functions defining the function  $F$  are continuous from the left. Consider Case 2 and denote

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i^1 &= \left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}^l} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ \lambda_i^2 &= \left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}^{l+1}} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

In this case,  $E + a = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^1$  and  $E - b = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are nonnegative integers. Note that for  $m = a + b$  there exists the jump of the function  $F$  at  $Z_{n+1}^l$  ( $m = F(Z_{n+1}^l - 0) - F(Z_{n+1}^l + 0)$ ), and, hence,  $a, b < m$ . Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda_i^1 - y_i}{Z_i}\right)^2 \rightarrow \min, \\ a = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i, \end{cases}$$

where the numbers  $y_i$  are nonnegative integers. Consider numbers (10) such that the corresponding functions  $\lambda_i^1(Z_{n+1})$  has the discontinuity point at  $Z_{n+1}^l$ . Assume that these numbers are  $\lambda_1^1, \lambda_2^1, \dots, \lambda_m^1$ , else renumber these numbers. The remaining functions  $\lambda_t^1(Z_{n+1})$  are continuous at this point for  $t \geq m + 1$ .

**Lemma 2.** *In Case 2, the solution to problem (2) can be represented as  $\lambda_i = \lambda_i^1 - y_i$ , if  $y_i = 0$  for  $i = m + 1, \dots, n$  and  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $a = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$ .*

Therefore, problem (2) is reduced to the following problem having the less dimension:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{\lambda_i^1 - y_i}{Z_i}\right)^2 \rightarrow \min, \\ a = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i, \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where the minimum is taken over the numbers  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ .

*Proof.* Let us show that there exist numbers  $y_j \in \{0, 1\}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) such that

$$\sum_{t=m+1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda_t^1}{Z_t}\right)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{\lambda_j^1 - y_j}{Z_j}\right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda_i^1 + c_i}{Z_i}\right)^2 \quad (12)$$

for all integers  $c_i$ , if  $-a = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i$ . Transform (12) as follows:

$$\sum_{t=m+1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda_t^1}{Z_t}\right)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{\lambda_j^1}{Z_j}\right)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(y_j)^2}{(Z_j)^2} - \frac{2y_j \lambda_j^1}{(Z_j)^2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda_i^1}{Z_i}\right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(c_i)^2}{(Z_i)^2} + \frac{2c_i \lambda_i^1}{(Z_i)^2}. \quad (13)$$

By construction,

$$\begin{aligned} 2\lambda_j^1 &= \left(\frac{Z_j}{Z_{n+1}^l}\right)^2 + 1, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ 2\lambda_i^1 &= \left(\frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}^l}\right)^2 + 1 - 2\alpha_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\alpha_i$  is the fractional part of the quantity  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \left(\frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}^l}\right)^2 + 1 \right)$ . Taking into account (14), rewrite (13) in the form

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(y_j)^2}{(Z_j)^2} - \frac{y_j \left( \left(\frac{Z_j}{Z_{n+1}^l}\right)^2 + 1 \right)}{(Z_j)^2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(c_i)^2}{(Z_i)^2} + \frac{c_i \left( \left(\frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}^l}\right)^2 + 1 - 2\alpha_i \right)}{(Z_i)^2},$$

which can be transformed as follows:

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(y_j)^2 - y_j}{(Z_j)^2} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m y_j}{(Z_{n+1}^l)^2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(c_i)^2 + c_i(1 - 2\alpha_i)}{(Z_i)^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i}{(Z_{n+1}^l)^2}.$$

Substitute  $\sum_{j=1}^m y_j = a$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i = -a$  in (32):

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(y_j)^2 - y_j}{(Z_j)^2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(c_i)^2 + c_i(1 - 2\alpha_i)}{(Z_i)^2}. \tag{15}$$

The function  $\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(y_j)^2 - y_j}{(Z_j)^2}$  has a zero global minimum, which is achieved for  $y_j \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $a = \sum_{j=1}^m y_j$ . These numbers  $y_j$  exist, since  $a < m$ . Therefore, the left-hand side of (15) is removed, while the right-hand side is always nonnegative for all admissible numbers  $c_i$ . □

**Lemma 3.** *The minimum of functional (11) is equal to*

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{\lambda_i^1}{Z_i} \right)^2 - \frac{a}{(Z_{n+1}^l)^2},$$

and is achieved for every set of the numbers  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $a = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$ .

*Proof.* For example, consider the following set of numbers:  $y_j = 1$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, a$  and  $y_j = 0$  for  $j = a + 1, \dots, m$ . Consider the objective functional (see (11))

$$\sum_{j=1}^a \left( \left( \frac{\lambda_j^1}{Z_j} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{\lambda_j^1 \cdot y_j}{Z_j^2} \right) + \left( \frac{y_j}{Z_j} \right)^2 \right) + \sum_{t=j+1}^m \left( \frac{\lambda_t^1}{Z_t} \right)^2.$$

Transform the expression above and arrive at the quantity

$$\sum_{j=1}^a \left( -2 \left( \frac{\lambda_j^1 \cdot y_j}{Z_j^2} \right) + \left( \frac{y_j}{Z_j} \right)^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{\lambda_i^1}{Z_i} \right)^2. \tag{16}$$

Substitute (10) in (16) and obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^a \left( -2 \left( \frac{\left( \left( \frac{Z_j}{Z_{n+1}^l} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right) \cdot y_j}{Z_j^2} \right) + \left( \frac{y_j}{Z_j} \right)^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{\lambda_i^1}{Z_i} \right)^2. \tag{17}$$

Transform (17) and obtain the expression

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{\lambda_i^1}{Z_i} \right)^2 - \frac{a}{(Z_{n+1}^l)^2}.$$

Obviously, this expression is independent of the numbers  $y_j$ , and, therefore, is the minimum of functional (11). □

The main result is as follows.

**Theorem 1.** *There exists the number  $l$  such that either  $F(Z_{n+1}) = E$  for all  $Z_{n+1}$  in  $(Z_{n+1}^{l-1}, Z_{n+1}^l)$ , or  $F(Z_{n+1}^l - 0) > E$  and  $F(Z_{n+1}^l + 0) = F(Z_{n+1}^{l+1} - 0) < E$ . In the first case, the numbers  $\lambda_i^1 = \left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right]$  give a solution to problem (2) for the numbers  $Z_{n+1}$  in  $(Z_{n+1}^{l-1}, Z_{n+1}^l)$ . In the second case, suppose that  $m$  is the jump of  $F$  at  $Z_{n+1}^l$  and  $\lambda_i^1, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , are the functions having a discontinuity point at  $Z_{n+1}^l$  (otherwise, we can renumber). Let  $a = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^1 - E$ . Then the minimum of functional (2) is achieved at the numbers  $\lambda_i = \lambda_i^1 - y_i$ , if  $y_i = 0$  for  $i = m + 1, \dots, n$ ,  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , and  $a = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$ .*

## 2. Description of Algorithm

First of all, we find the segment containing the necessary discontinuity point  $Z_{n+1}^l$ .

**Lemma 4.** *Suppose that  $F(Z_{n+1}^l - 0) \geq E$  and  $F(Z_{n+1}^l + 0) \leq E$ , then*

$$Z_{n+1}^{below} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2}{2E + n}} \leq Z_{n+1}^l \leq Z_{n+1}^{above} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2}{2E - n}}.$$

*Proof.*  $F(Z_{n+1}^l - \varepsilon) \geq E$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We have that

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n [\beta_i \cdot 0,5 + 0,5] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_i \cdot 0,5 + 0,5) \beta_i = \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}^l - \varepsilon} \right)^2.$$

Hence, we obtain that

$$Z_{n+1}^l - \varepsilon \leq Z_{n+1}^{above} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2}{2E - n}}.$$

On the other hand,

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n [\beta_i \cdot 0,5 + 0,5] \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \cdot 0,5 + 0,5, \beta_i = \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}^l + \varepsilon} \right)^2,$$

and, therefore,

$$Z_{n+1}^{below} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2}{2E + n}} \leq Z_{n+1}^l + \varepsilon.$$

The number  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary. This completes the proof. □

Describe main steps of the algorithm.

1. Determine the quantities

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2}{2E - n}}, b = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2}{2E + n}}.$$

If  $F(a) = E$  or  $F(b) = E$ , then, for the known (by Lemma 1) solution, we have that  $\lambda_i^* = \left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{a} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right]$  or  $\lambda_i^* = \left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{b} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right]$ . Otherwise, go to Step 2.

2. Use the algorithm of the dichotomy method [12]. There are two possible situations. First, we find  $Z_{n+1}$  such that  $F(Z_{n+1}) = E$ . Then  $\lambda_i^* = \left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right]$  is a solution to problem (2). Second, we find an interval  $(a, b)$  containing only such discontinuity points of  $F$  that  $F(a+0) = E + \alpha$  or  $F(b-0) = E - \beta$ , where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  are integers. Then go to Step 3.

3. Find the discontinuity point  $Z_{n+1}^l$  of function (6) on the new interval  $(a, b)$ . We have that  $F(Z_{n+1}^l) > E$ . Calculate  $\lambda_i^1 = \left[ \left( \frac{Z_i}{Z_{n+1}^l} \right)^2 \cdot 0,5 + 0,5 \right]$  and look for a solution to problem (2) in the form  $\lambda_i^* = [\lambda_1^1 - 1, \dots, \lambda_\alpha^1 - 1, \lambda_{\alpha+1}^1, \dots, \lambda_m^1, \dots, \lambda_n^1]$ , where the functions  $\lambda_j^1(Z_{n+1}^l)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$  have a discontinuity point at  $Z_{n+1}^l$ , while the remaining functions  $\lambda_t^1(Z_{n+1}^l)$ ,  $t \geq m + 1$ , are continuous at this point.

### 3. Realization of Algorithm

In order to realize the proposed algorithm, we use the language “Python” and the service GitHubGist. The service is an open remote control system to verify software and numerical experiments. The algorithm was applied to different sets of data (see Table 1).

**Table 1**

Numerical experiment scenarios

№	Number of variables, $n$	Number of experiments
1	10	500
2	100	500
3	1000	500
4	10000	500
5	100000	500
6	1000000	500
7	10000000	500
8	100000000	500

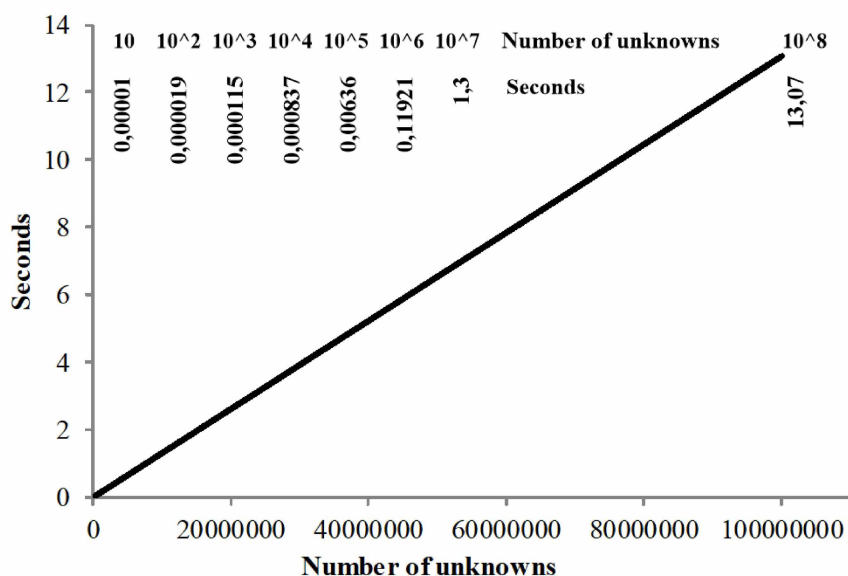
Analyzing the algorithm, we can note that a solution can be found at every step of the algorithm. Hence, we pay attention to the following two problems.

First, obtain the dependence of the computation time on the number of variables (see Figure). Second, obtain the probability to find a solution at every step of the algorithm (see Table 2).

The results of the numerical experiments and their realizations can be found at <https://gist.github.com/pyro-bot/20fd75fb283d1241be372df1b3869539>.

### Conclusion

According to Figure, the dependence of the computation time on the number of variables is almost linear and is at most  $O(n \cdot \ln(n))$ . Also, note that a solution is determined at Step 2 in 83 % cases, while Step 3 gives a solution in the remaining 17 % cases.



Computational complexity of the algorithm

**Table 2**

Probability to find a solution at every step of the algorithm

Number of unknowns	Number of solutions determined at Step 2	Number of solutions determined at Step 3
10 <sup>1</sup>	3288	712
10 <sup>2</sup>	2861	639
10 <sup>3</sup>	2479	521
10 <sup>4</sup>	2076	424
10 <sup>5</sup>	1670	330
10 <sup>6</sup>	1247	253
10 <sup>7</sup>	846	154
10 <sup>8</sup>	440	60
Average probability	0,836	0,164

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Предлагается новый численный метод решения задачи целочисленного программирования квадратичного вида. Алгоритм основан на специальном представлении минимизатора соответствующего целевого функционала. Проблема может быть сведена к специальной задаче с наименьшими квадратами с ограничениями. Для разработанного метода был предложен алгоритм решения задачи целочисленного программирования квадратичного вида. Преимущество представленного алгоритма заключается в невысокой вычислительной сложности, в среднем, которая оценивается в  $O(\ln(n))$ . Данная вычислительная сложность подтверждена экспериментально. Эксперимент заключался в решении задачи при количестве неизвестных  $10, 10^2, \dots, 10^8$ . Каждое вычисление производилось 500 раз. Разработанный алгоритм состоит из 3 шагов. В среднем, в 83,6 % случаях, решение находилось на 2 шаге, оставшиеся решения – на 3 шаге.

Численный эксперимент реализован на языке «Python» и размещен на сервисе GitHubGist. Прикладное значение разработанного алгоритма заключается в его использовании для решения задачи «Формирование оптимального регионального заказа на подготовку профессиональных кадров по учреждениям высшего и среднего образования в Российской Федерации».

*Ключевые слова:* нелинейное программирование; целочисленное программирование; численный метод; оптимизация.

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