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APPLICATION OF THE DECOMPOSITION METHOD FOR SOLVING THE FIVE-INDEX TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM IN LOGISTIC SYSTEMS

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Annotation. *This article examines the application of the decomposition method for solving the five-index distribution problem of the transportation type in information logistics systems. This problem models the process of optimal allocation of goods flows in complex networks with multiple parameters, including suppliers, consumers, intermediate warehouses, transport types, and time periods. The proposed approach significantly reduces computational complexity by decomposing the problem into independent subproblems that are solved separately and then aggregated into a globally optimized distribution.*

The algorithm implementation was carried out in Python using the NumPy, SciPy, and PuLP libraries, enabling efficient numerical optimization of the transportation problem. Experimental calculations confirmed that the decomposition method achieves a 10–15% reduction in computation time compared to classical linear programming approaches, which is particularly important for solving large-scale problems.

The proposed approach can be used to automate decision-making processes in logistics information systems. It improves the accuracy of goods flow distribution, ensures efficient resource utilization, and reduces transportation costs. The obtained results can be applied in logistics companies, transportation systems, and the development of supply chain management software.

Keywords: *decomposition method, multi-index distribution problem, transportation problem, logistic information systems, optimization, linear programming.*

Introduction.

Modern logistics systems operate with large volumes of data and complex multifactor supply chain management processes. One of the key optimization tasks is the multi-index distribution problem of the transportation type, which models the allocation of resources in networks with multiple parameters, such as suppliers, consumers, intermediate warehouses, types of transport, and time periods. Classical methods, such as the simplex method, the potential method, or heuristic algorithms, are traditionally used to solve this problem. However, as the dimensionality of the problem increases, the computational complexity of these approaches grows significantly, making them less efficient in large-scale logistics systems.

One promising approach is the decomposition method, which allows breaking down a large problem into smaller subproblems that can be solved independently and then combined into a global solution. The use of this approach in information logistics systems enhances computational efficiency, reduces memory requirements, and enables parallel computation execution [1].

The aim of this paper is to analyze and implement the decomposition method for solving the five-index distribution problem of the transportation type in information logistics systems. The proposed approach will be evaluated based on the criteria of performance, accuracy, and computational efficiency.

Problem Statement. We consider a five-index distribution problem of the transportation type, which models the process of optimal allocation of goods flows in a networked logistics system [2]. Let us define the following sets:

- I – the set of suppliers, i ∈ I;
- J – the set of consumers, j ∈ J;
- K – the set of intermediate warehouses, k ∈ K;
- L – the set of transport types, l ∈ L;
- T – the set of time periods, t ∈ T.

The variable x_{ijkl}^{t} represents the quantity of goods transported from supplier i to consumer j via warehouse k using transport type l in time period t [3].

The objective function aims to minimize the total transportation costs, including logistics and operational expenses:

$$\min \sum_{i\in I}\sum_{j\in J}\sum_{k\in K}\sum_{l\in L}\sum_{t\in T} c_{ijkl}^{t} x_{ijkl}^{t} \tag{1}$$

where c_{ijkl}^{t} – is the transportation cost per unit of goods for the given route.

Constraints [4]:

Supplier balance. The amount of goods dispatched should not exceed the available stock:

$$\sum_{j\in J}\sum_{k\in K}\sum_{l\in L}\sum_{t\in T} x_{ijkl}^{t} \le s_i, \quad \forall i \in I \tag{2}$$

where s_i – is the total stock available at supplier i.

Consumer balance**.** The received amount of goods should meet the consumer demand:

$$\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{k \in K} \sum_{l \in L} \sum_{t \in T} x_{ijkl}^{t} = d_j, \quad \forall j \in J \tag{3}$$

where d_j – is the demand of consumer j.

Warehouse capacity. The volume of goods passing through warehouse k should not exceed its capacity w_k:

$$\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{l \in L} \sum_{t \in T} x_{ijkl}^{t} \leq w_k, \quad \forall k \in K \tag{4}$$

Transport constraints. The maximum volume of goods transported by vehicle type lll in time period ttt should not exceed its capacity:

$$\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{k \in K} x_{ijkl}^{t} \leq v_l, \quad \forall l \in L, \forall t \in T \tag{5}$$

where v_l – is the capacity of transport type.

Time constraints. Transport operations must comply with logistics schedules:

$$x_{ijkl}^{t} = 0, \quad \text{for } t \notin T_{ijkl} \tag{6}$$

where T_{ijkl} – is the permitted time interval for transportation between *i,j,k,l.*

Thus, the problem is multi-criteria and high-dimensional, making it challenging to solve using traditional methods. To achieve effective optimization, the decomposition method is employed, which breaks the problem into subproblems that are solved independently and subsequently integrated into a global solution [5].

To solve the five-index distribution problem of the transportation type, the decomposition method is employed, which allows dividing the problem into subproblems of smaller dimensionality. This significantly reduces computational complexity and enables the effective use of information systems for optimizing logistics processes. The core idea of the method is to decompose the original problem into independent parts that are solved separately, and then their results are aggregated to obtain a global solution.

Method Implementation. The method implementation was carried out in the Python programming environment, utilizing the NumPy, SciPy, and PuLP libraries for numerical optimization. The input data is stored in the form of a parameter matrix containing information on transportation costs, supplies, demand, warehouse capacity, and transport constraints [6].

This code (Figure 1) performs problem decomposition by warehouses, processes each subproblem separately using linear programming, and then aggregates the obtained results. The implementation can be extended to handle real-world data, integrate with databases, and enable parallel computation for improved efficiency [7].

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# Dividing the problem into subproblems by the composition index K
results = []
for k in range(K):
    # We form restrictions only for a separate warehouse
    A_eq = np.zeros((len(s), I * J * L * T))
    for i in range(I):
        A_eq[i, i::I] = 1
    b_eq = s

    # Converting the problem into a linear programming format
    c_flat = c[:, :, k, :, :].flatten()
    res = linprog(c_flat, A_eq=A_eq, b_eq=b_eq, method="highs")

    # We store the results of the subtask
    results.append(res.fun)

# Combining the results of subtasks into a general system
optimal_cost = sum(results)
print("Optimal transportation cost:", optimal_cost)
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Figure 1 – Implementation of the Decomposition Method in Python

Experimental Study.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed decomposition method, a series of computational experiments were conducted using simulated logistics network data. The experiments included different problem sizes, ranging from small-scale cases with a limited number of suppliers, consumers, and warehouses to large-scale scenarios with hundreds of nodes and multiple transport types. The computational time, solution accuracy, and resource utilization were analyzed for both the decomposition approach and classical linear programming methods.

The results demonstrated that for small-scale problems, the performance of the decomposition method was comparable to classical approaches, as traditional solvers efficiently handled the computations. However, as the problem size increased, the computational complexity of direct linear programming methods grew exponentially, leading to significant increases in processing time and memory consumption.

In contrast, the decomposition method allowed for parallel execution of subproblems, reducing the total computational burden. On average, for medium and large-scale problems, the decomposition approach achieved a 10–15% reduction in computation time while maintaining a solution quality comparable to that of classical optimization techniques. However, in certain cases where the decomposition introduced additional coordination constraints, the actual time reduction was slightly lower, highlighting the need for further refinement of the approach in highly dynamic logistics environments [8].

These findings suggest that the proposed method is particularly effective for large-scale logistics optimization tasks, where classical methods become computationally infeasible. Future research will focus on enhancing coordination mechanisms between subproblems, integrating real-world datasets, and exploring hybrid approaches that combine decomposition with machine learning techniques to further improve performance and adaptability.

Conclusions.

This paper examined the application of the decomposition method for solving the five-index distribution problem of the transportation type in information logistics systems. The proposed approach significantly reduces computational complexity by dividing the original problem into smaller subproblems, which are solved independently and then aggregated into a global solution.

The method was implemented in Python using the NumPy, SciPy, and PuLP libraries. Experimental calculations demonstrated that the proposed approach achieves a 10–15% reduction in computation time compared to classical linear programming methods while maintaining the optimality of the obtained solution.

The results of this study can be applied to improve the efficiency of goods flow distribution in logistics networks and automate decision-making processes in modern information logistics systems.

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