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# Christmas model in Picat

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## OVERVIEW

The DMCommunity Challenge Jan-2023

(<https://dmcommunity.org/challenge-jan-2023/>) is a modeling challenge to optimize Christmas Gifts to some people with a limited budget. Here is the data:

PEOPLE: "Alice", "Bob", "Carol", "Dave", "Eve"

GIFTS: "Book", "Toy", "Chocolate", "Wine", "Flowers"

GIFT COSTS: 10, 20, 5, 15, 7

HAPPINESS:

"Book": [3, 2, 5, 1, 4]

"Toy": [5, 2, 4, 3, 1]

"Chocolate": [1, 3, 4, 5, 2]

"Wine": [2, 5, 3, 4, 1]

"Flowers": [4, 3, 1, 2, 5]

BUDGET: 50

## Picat model

I modeled this problem in Picat (<http://picat-lang.org/>). Picat is a logic-based multi-paradigm programming language with a CP solver, SAT solver as well as support for SMT solvers (z3 and cvc4) and MIP (z3 and GLPK). Here we use the CP solver.

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The model is a little more elaborate than necessary since I wanted to check for all optimal solutions, and it also tests different budgets (which shows more than one optimal solution). The Picat model is also available at [http://hakank.org/picat/christmas\\_model.pi](http://hakank.org/picat/christmas_model.pi).

It is run as

```
$ picat christmas_model.pi
```

The original problem (budget 50) has the following unique solution:

```
total_happiness = 24
total_cost = 44
Alice will get Flowers with happiness 4
Bob will get Wine with happiness 5
Carol will get Book with happiness 5
Dave will get Chocolate with happiness 5
Eve will get Flowers with happiness 5
```

With a little larger budget (52) there are 2 optimal solutions (with different total costs: 52 and 44). The second solution is the same as for budget 50 above.

```
total_happiness = 24
total_cost = 52
Alice will get Toy with happiness 5
Bob will get Wine with happiness 5
Carol will get Chocolate with happiness 4
Dave will get Chocolate with happiness 5
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Eve will get Flowers with happiness 5

total\_happiness = 24

total\_cost = 44

Alice will get Flowers with happiness 4

Bob will get Wine with happiness 5

Carol will get Book with happiness 5

Dave will get Chocolate with happiness 5

Eve will get Flowers with happiness 5

The model also tests a budget of 27 which have 2 optimal solutions with happiness 18 (total cost are both 27).

Here is the Picat model.

```
import cp.

main => go.

go ?=>

    people(People),

    gifts(Gifts, Costs),

    happiness(Happiness),

    budget(Budget),

    println(budget=Budget),

    christmas(People, Gifts, Costs, Happiness, Budget, _X, _TotalCost, TotalHappiness),

    printf("All optimal solutions with total happiness %d:\n", TotalHappiness),

    % Get all optimal solutions

    christmas(People, Gifts, Costs, Happiness, Budget, X, TotalCost, TotalHappiness),

    println_gifts(People, Gifts, Costs, Happiness, Budget, X, TotalCost, TotalHappiness),
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nl,

fail,

ml.

% Print the solution

println_gifts(People, Gifts, Costs, Happiness, Budget, X, TotalCost, TotalHappiness) =>

    println(total_happiness=TotalHappiness),

    println(total_cost=TotalCost),

    foreach(I in 1..People.len)

        printf("%w will get %w with happiness %d\n", People[I], Gifts[X[I]], Happiness[X[I],I]
    )

end,

nl.

% Solve the Christmas gift problem

christmas(People, Gifts, Costs, Happiness, Budget, X, TotalCost, TotalHappiness) =>

    NumPeople = People.len,

    NumGifts = Gifts.len,

    % What gift should Person X[I] get?

    X = new_list(NumPeople),

    X :: 1..NumGifts,

    TotalCost #= sum([C : I in 1..NumPeople, element(X[I], Costs, C)]),

    TotalCost #<= Budget,

    % Note: Happiness is Gift (rows) / People (columns)

    TotalHappiness #= sum([H : P in 1..NumPeople, matrix_element(Happiness, X[P], P, H)]),

    Vars = X ++ [TotalCost],

    if var(TotalHappiness) then

        % Find maximum total happiness

        solve($[max(TotalHappiness)], Vars)

    else

        % Show solution with the given TotalHappiness

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        solve($[],Vars)

end.

%

% Data

%

people(["Alice", "Bob", "Carol", "Dave", "Eve"]).

gifts(["Book", "Toy", "Chocolate", "Wine", "Flowers"],
      [10,    20,    5,          15,    7]).

%

% Happiness for Gift (rows) / People (columns)

%           A  B  C  D  E
happiness([[3, 2, 5, 1, 4], % Book
          [5, 2, 4, 3, 1], % Toy
          [1, 3, 4, 5, 2], % Chocolate
          [2, 5, 3, 4, 1], % Wine
          [4, 3, 1, 2, 5]  % Flowers
          ]).

budget(50).

% Some other budgets to test

budget(52). % 2 optimal solutions with total happiness 24

budget(27). % 2 optimal solutions with total happiness 18

```