

# Portfolio decision analysis (PDA) with M-MACBETH

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#### **PDA case-study selection**

Real-world applications of a multicriteria socio-technical approach for PDA using the M-MACBETH DSS in decision conferences



Prioritizing Health Care Interventions: A Multicriteria Resource Allocation Model to Inform the Choice of *Community Care Programmes* 

#### Several benefit (and risk) criteria:

Quality of care and users satisfaction + Effective health gains - Equity Productivity, economic and financial targets + Achievement of GHC goals + Aggreement with the portfolio of services and with the community

#### 'Cost' constraint: Limited number of nursing hours

# 12 Programmes

P1 - Social integration income P2 - Domiciliary visits: healthy lives P3 - Physical exercise for the elderly P4 - Prevention of domestic accidents for the elderly P5 - Reproductive health and family planning P6 - Group support for teenagers P7 - Support to the child and youth vulnerable groups P8 - Preparation for maternity/paternity P9 - Preparation for post-delivery P10 - Integrated long-term care P11 - Health at home P12 - Promoting family parenting for vulnerable families

# Overall benefit

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Which PDA approach?

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nursing hours

Resource allocation managers' common critical mistake in prioritizing projects:

Projects prioritized by decreasing benefit, until the budget is exhausted



how do they do it in practice? Many different methods seem to be employed, but most are some variant of the following five steps: (1) List the projects (investments); (2) Determine the benefit that each project is expected to create; (3) Order the projects from most to least benefit; (4) Associate a forward cost for each project; (5) Go down the list, choosing projects until the budget is exceeded. In short, projects are prioritised on the basis of benefits only.

Under some conditions a simple alternative prioritization approach applies:

Projects prioritized by decreasing benefit/cost ratio, until the budget is exhausted

Programmes	Overall Benefit	Nursing hours required	Benefit/ Cost ratio	Cum. Overall Benefit	Cum. Overall Cost
P1 - Social integration income	51.7	1	51.7	51.7	1
P2 - Domiciliary visits: healthy lives	53.3	5.5	9.69	105	6.5
P3 - Physical exercise for the elderly	19.0	4	4.76	124	10.5
P4 - Prevention of domestic accidents for the elderly	44.4	64	0.69	168.4	74.5
<u>P5</u> - Reproductive health and family planning	51.6	96	0.54	220	170.5
P6 - Group support for teenagers	45.2	182	0.25	265.2	352.5
P7 - Support to the child and youth vulnerable groups	68.6	1002	0.068	333.8	1354.5
P8 - Preparation for maternity/paternity	23.7	464	0.051	357.5	1818.5
P9 - Preparation for post-delivery	23.1	464	0.050	380.6	2282.5
P10 - Integrated long-term care	143.7	2940	0.049	524.3	5222.5
P11 - Health at home	4.9	204	0.024	529.2	5426.5
P12 - Promoting family parenting for vulnerable families	53.3	4164	0.013	582.5	9590.5
TOTAL	582.5	9589.5	-	-	-





(The Health Foundation 2012)



Alternatively, the portfolio selected by the optimization approach is the optimal solution of the following binary integer programming problem (known as the "0–1 knapsack problem" [47]):

maximize 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} v_j x_j,$$
  
subject to : 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} c_j x_j \le B,$$
  
$$x_j \in \{0, 1\}, j = 1, ..., m,$$
(8)

#### PDA: Ratio prioritization or knapsack optimization...? M-MACETH answer: Both!



Justification for new software: Existing commercial DSS for multicriteria resource allocation do not combine interactively benefit /cost prioritization and optimization and, therefore, do not allow an on-the-spot discussion of the advantages of both approaches

#### Additional features: Adding other constraints



#### Additional features: Addressing the baseline problem



baseline problem...

Lourenço, J.C., Bana e Costa, C.A., Soares, J.O. (2010), "Portfolio decision analysis with PROBE: Addressing costs of not financing projects", in L. Rogozea (ed.), *Advances in Mathematical and Computational Methods - 12th WSEAS International Conference on Mathematical and Computational Methods in Science and Engineering (MACMESE '10)*, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal, November 3-5, 2010, WSEAS Press, pp. 340-344 (ISBN 978-960-474-243-1).

#### Addressing the baseline problem...

R. T. Clemen and J. E. Smith, On the choice of baselines in multiattribute portfolio analysis: A cautionary note, *Decision Analysis*, Vol. 6, No.4, 2009, pp. 256–262.



Mathematically, it is easy to reformulate the optimization problem (1) to allow nonzero values for not doing a project. If we let  $v_i^{\circ}$  represent the value of not doing project *i*, the optimization problem can be rewritten as

$$\max_{x_i \in \{0, 1\}} \sum_i x_i v_i + (1 - x_i) v_i^{\circ}$$
  
subject to  $\sum_i x_i d_i \le 2,500.$ 

#### Addressing the baseline problem...



Liesiö J, Punkka A. Baseline value specification and sensitivity analysis in multiattribute project portfolio selection. European Journal of Operational Research. 2014; 237(3): 946-56.