

Business Case
2 Stage Stochastic Programming Approach for R&D
Project Selection

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Hypothetical Business Problem in a Pharmaceutical Company

- ❖ 5 Drug Development Projects set to begin Phase III trials in 2005
 - Can be possibly delayed by a year
 - Assume they have no scientific uncertainty

- ❖ 2 Licensing Candidates-“now or never” opportunities
 - Both will complete Phase II trials at the end of 2005 and possibly enter Phase III trials
 - All uncertainty resides in their Phase II trials only

Potential optimization problem

Project	Phase	Phase POS	PTRS	2005 OOP (\$MM)	2006 OOP (\$MM)	NPV (\$MM)	ENPV (\$MM)
A	III	100%	100%	\$50	\$45	\$400	\$400
B	III	100%	100%	\$60	\$45	\$400	\$400
C	III	100%	100%	\$85	\$65	\$900	\$900
D	III	100%	100%	\$45	\$35	\$550	\$550
E	III	100%	100%	\$60	\$60	\$300	\$300
Licensing Candidate #1	II	50%	50%	\$150	\$150	\$1000	\$425
Licensing Candidate #2	II	70%	70%	\$150	\$250	\$1000	\$625

Potential optimization problem

Delayed scenario valuations for the 5 Phase III Projects

Project	2005 OOP (\$MM)	2006 OOP (\$MM)	NPV (\$MM)	ENPV (\$MM)
A (Delayed)	-	\$50	\$200	\$200
B (Delayed)	-	\$60	\$300	\$300
C (Delayed)	-	\$85	\$850	\$850
D (Delayed)	-	\$45	\$450	\$450
E (Delayed)	-	\$60	\$150	\$150

2005-2006 R&D Budget

- ❖ Budget for 2005 - \$350 MM
- ❖ Budget for 2006 - \$450MM
- ❖ For the rest of the discussion, let us assume that these are hard constraints that cannot be violated under any circumstances

Project Selection Problem

- ❖ Objective: Maximize Portfolio's Expected Net Present Value
- ❖ Problem: Which of the “on the table” projects should be funded/delayed in 2005?
- ❖ Which of the 2 Licensing candidates should be selected in 2005?

Solution within Deterministic Framework

- ❖ The problem has 2 classes of stochastic parameters
 - 2006 costs for the 2 licensing candidates
 - NPV for the 2 licensing candidates

- ❖ Replace stochastic elements by their *expected* values
- ❖ Solve as a Binary Integer Problem

Solution within the Deterministic Framework

Decisions in 2005

Project	Decision
A	Fund in 2005
B	Delay in 2005
C	Fund in 2005
D	Delay in 2005
E	Fund in 2005
LC #1	Drop
LC #2	Fund in 2005

Decisions in 2006

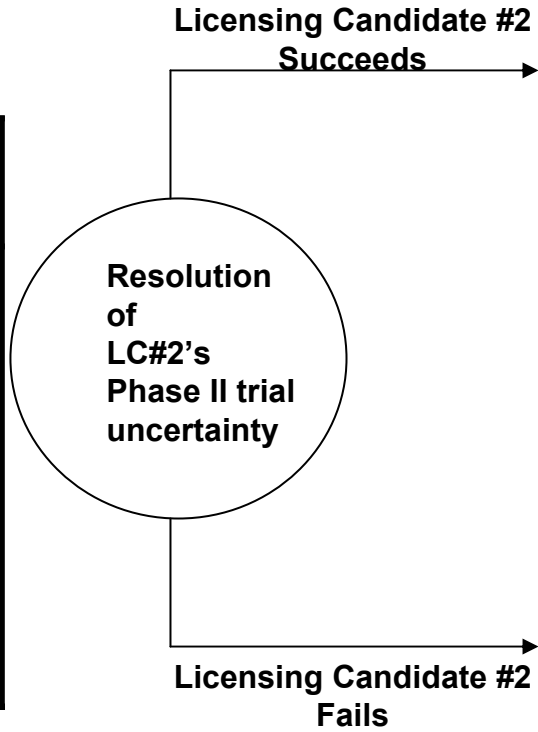
Project	Decision
B (Delayed)	Fund
D (Delayed)	Fund

Results in Portfolio ENPV = \$3.005 B

Consequence of Implementing Solution

Decisions in 2005

Project	Decision
A	Fund in 2005
B	Delay in 2005
C	Fund in 2005
D	Delay in 2005
E	Fund in 2005
LC #1	Drop
LC #2	Fund in 2005



**Scenario 1:
Decisions in 2006**

Project	Decision
B (Delayed)	Drop
D (Delayed)	Drop

**Scenario 2:
Decisions in 2006**

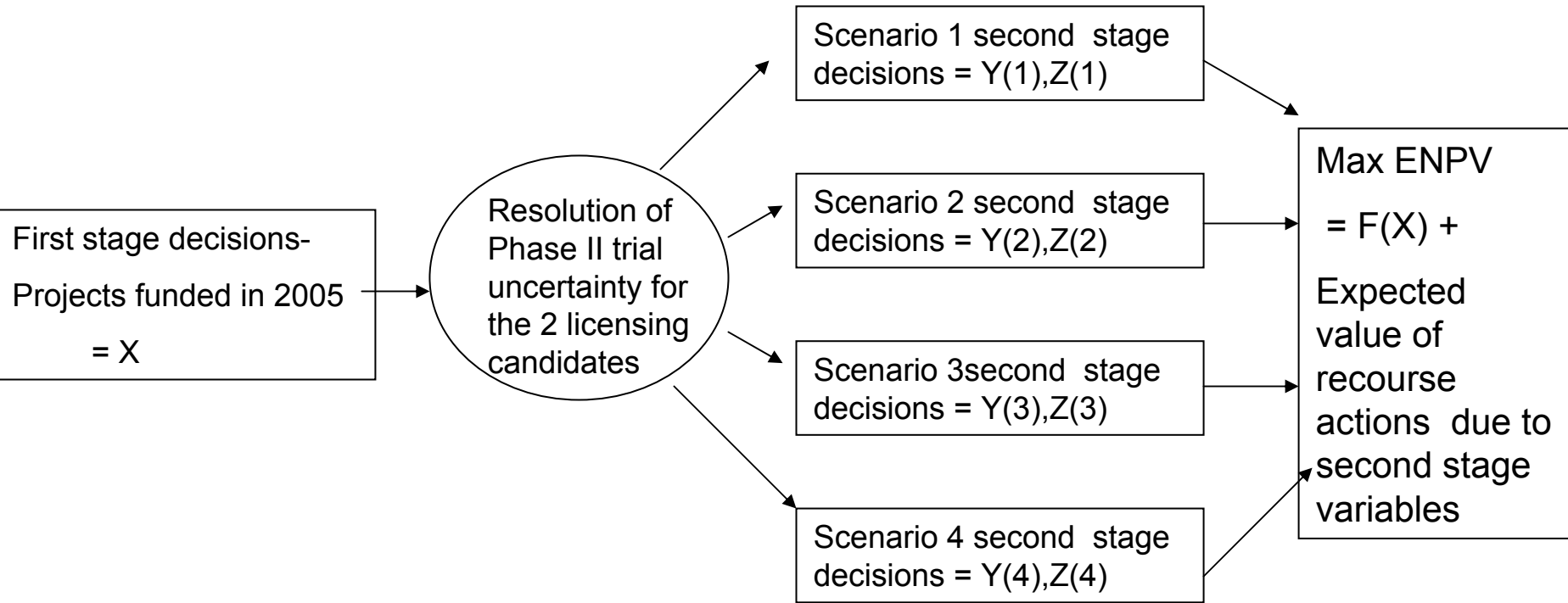
Project	Decision
B (Delayed)	Fund
D (Delayed)	Fund

**Simulated Portfolio ENPV will be $.7 \cdot 2600 + .3 \cdot 2200 = \2.480 B
Not $\$3.005 \text{ B}$**

Solving as a 2 Stage Stochastic Integer Problem

- ❖ Based on projects succeeding or failing, second stage decisions taken in 2006
- ❖ Second stage decisions constrained by values of first stage decisions
- ❖ Make first stage decisions non anticipatively such that *expected* value of all possible second stage decisions is also maximized

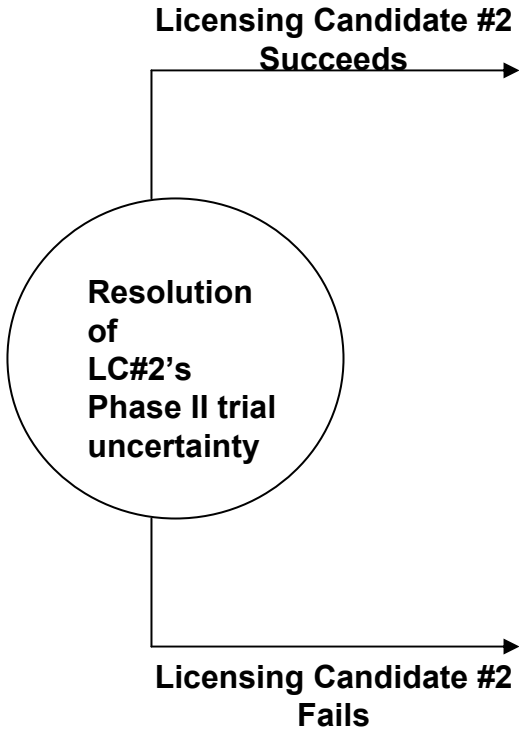
Solving as a 2 Stage Stochastic Integer Program



Solution from the 2 Stage Approach

Decisions in 2005

Project	Decision
A	Fund in 2005
B	Fund in 2005
C	Fund in 2005
D	Delay in 2005
E	Delay in 2005
LC #1	Drop
LC #2	Fund in 2005



**Scenario 1:
Decisions in 2006**

Project	Decision
D (Delayed)	Fund
E (Delayed)	Drop

**Scenario 2:
Decisions in 2006**

Project	Decision
D (Delayed)	Fund
E (Delayed)	Fund

Simulated Portfolio ENPV will be = \$2.850 B

Concluding Remarks

- ❖ Implementation of this solution results in a portfolio ENPV = \$2.850 B vs. \$2.480 B using Deterministic approach
- ❖ We get a better ENPV because we have incorporated the expected consequences of all possible corrective actions in 2006 into the objective function
- ❖ The 2 stage or multi-stage formulation can be used for trade-off analysis within small portfolios (not more than 10 projects)

Appendix I

Deterministic Problem

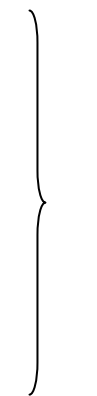
Optimization problem – delayed scenarios

Project	Decision variables
A	X1
B	X2
C	X3
D	X4
E	X5
Licensing candidate #1	X6
Licensing candidate #2	X7

A (delayed)	Y1
B (delayed)	Y2
C (delayed)	Y3
D (delayed)	Y4
E (delayed)	Y5



$X(i) = 1$ implies that a project is funded in 2004



$Y_i = 1$ implies that a project is delayed and funded in 2005 instead

Formulating the problem as a deterministic optimization problem

Maximize the portfolio ENPV =

$$\begin{aligned} & X1*400 + X2*400 + X3*900 + X4*550 + X5*300 \\ & \quad + \\ & X6*(1000*.5 - 150*.5) + X7*(1000*.7 - 150*.3) \\ & \quad + \\ & Y1*200 + Y2*300 + Y3*850 + Y4*450 + Y5*150 \end{aligned}$$

2004 Budgetary constraints:

$$X1*50 + X2*60 + X3*85 + X4*45 + X5*60 + X6*150 + X7*150 \leq 350$$

2005 Budgetary constraint

$$\begin{aligned} & X1*45 + X2*45 + X3*65 + X4*35 + X5*60 \\ & \quad + X6*(150*.5) + X7*(250*.7) + \\ & Y1*50 + Y2*60 + Y3*85 + Y4*45 + Y5*60 \leq 450 \end{aligned}$$

Formulating the problem as a deterministic optimization problem

❖ “Mutual exclusivity” constraints:

$$X_i + Y_i \leq 1 \text{ for all } i$$

❖ Binary Constraints:

$$X_i, Y_i \in [0,1] \text{ for all } i$$

Solution within the deterministic framework

Project	Decision variables	Values
A	X1	1
B	X2	0
C	X3	1
D	X4	0
E	X5	1
LC #1	X6	0
LC #2	X7	1
A delayed	Y1	0
B delayed	Y2	1
C delayed	Y3	0
D delayed	Y4	1
E delayed	Y5	0
Objective value= \$3005		

- The solution:
 - Forego Licensing candidate # 1
 - Delay B,D and fund them in 2005 instead

- However, such a solution cannot always be implemented in totality
 - Specifically, in 2005, both B and D cannot be funded if Licensing candidate #2's Phase II trials succeed

- Consequently, implementing this solution will result in a Portfolio ENPV that is different from \$3005 MM

Appendix II

Stochastic Problem

2 stage stochastic integer problem- continued

❖ First stage decision variables

Project	Decision variable
A	X1
B	X2
C	X3
D	X4
E	X5
LC #1	X6
LC #2	X7

2 stage stochastic integer problem- continued

Second stage decision variables for 4 mutually exclusive scenarios

Description	Scenario 1 LC# 1, LC#2 fail	Scenario 2 LC#1, LC#2 succeed	Scenario 3 LC#1 succeeds, LC #2 fails	Scenario 4 LC#1 fails, LC#2 succeeds
A (delayed)	Y1(1)	Y1(2)	Y1(3)	Y1(4)
B (delayed)	Y2(1)	Y2(2)	Y2(3)	Y2(4)
C (delayed)	Y3(1)	Y3(2)	Y3(3)	Y3(4)
D (delayed)	Y4(1)	Y4(2)	Y4(3)	Y4(4)
E (delayed)	Y5(1)	Y5(2)	Y5(3)	Y5(4)
Corrective action I	Z6(1)	Z6(2)	Z6(3)	Z6(4)
Corrective action II	Z7(1)	Z7(2)	Z7(3)	Z7(4)

Continued

❖ Main problem

Max $X_1 \cdot 400 + X_2 \cdot 400 + X_3 \cdot 900 + X_4 \cdot 550 + X_5 \cdot 300 + X_6 \cdot 1000 + X_7 \cdot 1000 +$ Expected value of the “recourse” actions

such that

$$X_1 \cdot 50 + X_2 \cdot 60 + X_3 \cdot 85 + X_4 \cdot 45 + X_5 \cdot 60 + X_6 \cdot 150 + X_7 \cdot 150 \leq 350$$

(2004 budgetary constraint)

2 stage stochastic integer problem- continued

Scenario 1 – Both licensing projects fail (occurs with a 15% probability)

❖ Sub-problem: **Max** $Y1(1)*200 + Y2(1)*300 + Y3(1)*850 + Y4(1)*450 +$
 $Y5(1)*150 - Z6(1)*(1000+150) - Z7(1)*(1000+150)$

Corrective action to the portfolio's NPV

❖ 2005 budgetary constraint:

$$X1*45 + X2*45 + X3*65 + X4*35 + X5*60 + X6*(0) + X7*(0) \\ + Y1(1)*50 + Y2(1)*60 + Y3(1)*85 + Y4(1)*45 + Y5(1)*60 \leq 450$$

❖ $Z6(1) = X6$; $Z7(1) = X7$

Ensures that a particular corrective action to the portfolio NPV will be made only if the licensing candidates were chosen in the first stage to begin with

2 stage stochastic integer problem- continued

❖ Scenario 2– Both licensing projects succeed (occurs with a 35% probability)

❖ Sub-problem: **Max** $Y1(2)*200 + Y2(2)*300 + Y3(2)*850 + Y4(2)*450 +$

$Y5(2)*150 - Z6(2)*(0) - Z7(2)*(0)$

Corrective action to the portfolio's NPV

❖ 2005 budgetary constraint:

$$X1*45 + X2*45 + X3*65 + X4*35 + X5*60 + X6*(150) + X7*(250) \\ + Y1(2)*50 + Y2(2)*60 + Y3(2)*85 + Y4(2)*45 + Y5(2)*60 \leq 450$$

❖ $Z6(2) = X6; Z7(2) = X7$

Ensures that a particular corrective action to the portfolio NPV will be made only if the licensing candidates were chosen in the first stage to begin with

❖ “Mutual exclusivity” and binary constraints

2 stage stochastic integer problem- continued

Scenario 3 – LC #1 succeeds, LC #2 fails (occurs with a 15% probability)

❖ Sub-problem: **Max** $Y1(3)*200 + Y2(3)*300 + Y3(3)*850 + Y4(3)*450 +$
 $Y5(3)*150 - Z6(3)*(0) - Z7(3)*(1000+150)$

Corrective action to the portfolio's NPV

❖ 2005 budgetary constraint:

$$X1*45 + X2*45 + X3*65 + X4*35 + X5*60 + X6*(150) + X7*(0) \\ + Y1(3)*50 + Y2(3)*60 + Y3(3)*85 + Y4(3)*45 + Y5(3)*60 \leq 450$$

❖ $Z6(3) = X6; Z7(3) = X7$

❖ Mutual Exclusivity and binary constraints

2 stage stochastic integer problem- continued

Scenario 4 – LC #1 fails, LC #2 succeeds (occurs with a 35% probability)

❖ Sub-problem: **Max** $Y1(4)*200 + Y2(4)*300 + Y3(4)*850 + Y4(4)*450 +$
 $Y5(4)*150 - Z6(4)*(1000+150) - Z7(4)*(0)$

Corrective action to the portfolio's NPV

❖ 2005 budgetary constraint:

$$X1*45 + X2*45 + X3*65 + X4*35 + X5*60 + X6*(0) + X7*(250) + Y1(4)*50 + Y2(4)*60 + Y3(4)*85 + Y4(4)*45 + Y5(4)*60 \leq 450$$

❖ $Z6(4) = X6$; $Z7(4) = X7$

❖ Mutual Exclusivity and binary constraints

Complete formulation reduces to a large linear integer program

Max

$$X1*400 + X2*400 + X3*900 + X4*550 + X5*300 + X6*1000 + X7*1000$$

+

$$Y1(1)*200 + Y2(1)*300 + Y3(1)*850 + Y4(1)*450 + Y5(1)*150 - Z6(1)*(1000+150) - Z7(1)*(1000+150) \quad *.15$$

+

$$Y1(2)*200 + Y2(2)*300 + Y3(2)*850 + Y4(2)*450 + Y5(2)*150 - Z6(2)*(0) - Z7(2)*(0) \quad *.35$$

+

$$Y1(3)*200 + Y2(3)*300 + Y3(3)*850 + Y4(3)*450 + Y5(3)*150 - Z6(3)*(0) - Z7(3)*(1000+150) \quad *.15$$

+

$$Y1(4)*200 + Y2(4)*300 + Y3(4)*850 + Y4(4)*450 + Y5(4)*150 - Z6(4)*(1000+150) - Z7(4)*(0) \quad *.15$$

Constraints

$$X1*50 + X2*60 + X3*85 + X4*45 + X5*60 + X6*150 + X7*150 \leq 350$$

(2004 budgetary constraint)

All the sub problem constraints