

# Where Data Meets Decisions 2:

More New Python Notebook Examples that Combine Data Science and Mathematical Optimization

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## Agenda

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**WELCOME**

### **GUROBI'S EXAMPLE LIBRARY**

More about our educational python notebooks

### **ABOUT OPTIMIZATION**

Why do data scientists care about optimization and how can they combine predictive and prescriptive analytics?

### **THE NEW NOTEBOOKS**

1. Planning for Airline Disruption
2. Text Similarity
3. Avocado Price Optimization – Part 2
  - (Now using Gurobi Machine Learning & Gurobi Pandas)

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# Where Data Meets Decisions - Part 2:

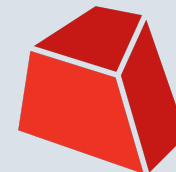
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OPTIMIZATION

# Gurobi's Example Notebook Library



Introductory to advanced examples



Key features of Gurobi and the Python API



Covers numerous industries



Experiment and learn with mathematical optimization



Find inspiration for your projects

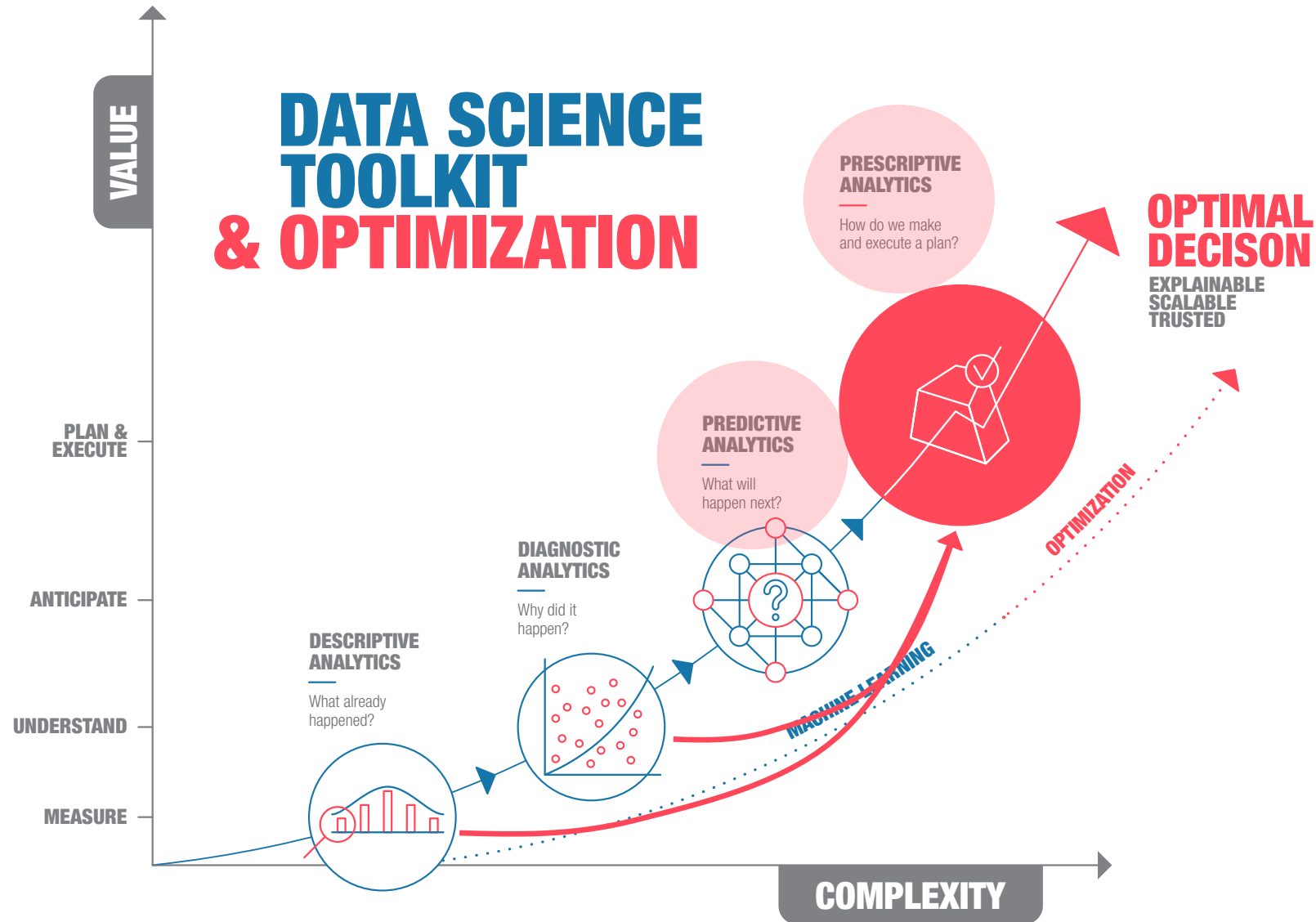
## NEW: DS EXAMPLE LIBRARY

- Fantasy Basketball
- Price Optimization
- Music Recommendations
- Renewable Scheduling
- Airline Disruption
- Text Similarity

## FULL EXAMPLE LIBRARY

- Telecommunications
- Logistics
- Financial Services
- Energy and Utilities
- Healthcare
- Food and Agriculture
- Research, Analytics, and Optimization
- Manufacturing
- Metals and Mining
- Oil and Gas
- Transportation
- Services
- Government
- Professional Services
- Airlines

# Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics



# When is Math Optimization the Right Tool?

## What is mathematical optimization?

An approach to solving complex decision problems where you want to...

1. Find the best course of action
2. Among *many* possibilities
3. That the **decision** maker can set
4. Given **specified limitations**
5. With some **particular objective(s)** in mind
6. Guarantee the solution is **feasible** and **optimal!**

### Quantities

- Continuous (Ex: setting the price of produce)
- Integer (Ex: manufacturing cars)

### Alternatives

- Binary (Ex: yes/no decision to use and aircraft for a given flight)

## Decision problems to optimization models

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Max } c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 \\
 & \text{Subject to:} \\
 & a_{1,1}x_1 + a_{1,2}x_2 \leq b_1 \\
 & a_{2,1}x_1 + a_{2,2}x_2 = b_2 \\
 & l_1 \leq x_1 \leq u_1 \\
 & l_2 \leq x_2 \leq u_2
 \end{aligned}$$

objective function (points to Max line)  
 decision variables (points to  $x_1, x_2$ )  
 constraints (points to the inequalities and equalities)

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Your favorite programming language

# Two New Notebooks

1

**Flight Planning After Disruption**



2

**Text Similarity**



# I. Flight Planning After Disruption



More than 1,700 flights canceled as winter storm hits US

**WEATHER**

**Dozens of flights delayed at San Diego airport amid storm**

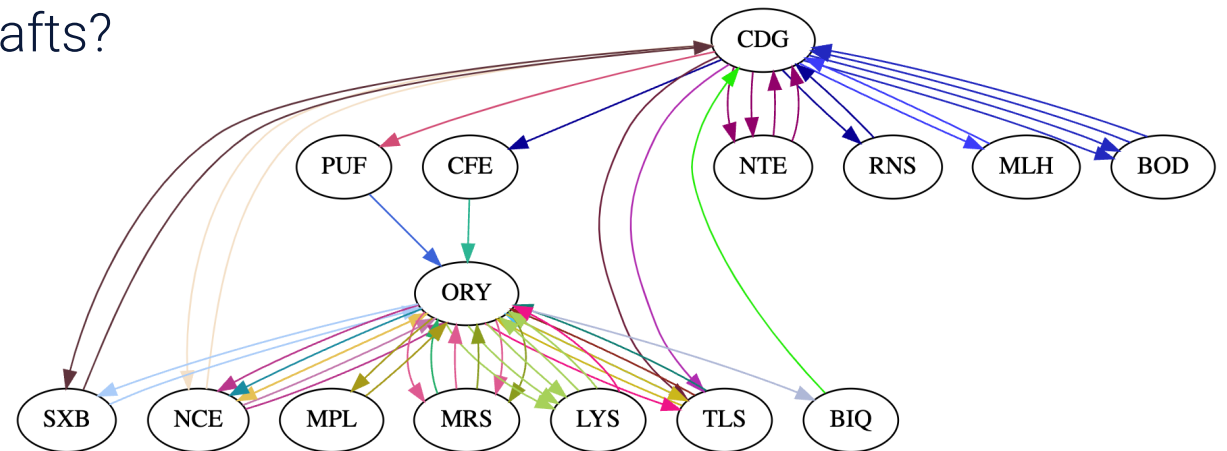
**EUROPE**

**German airport strikes force hundreds of flight cancellations**

**2022 was a bad year for flight cancellations and delays. Here's why**

# I. Flight Planning After Disruption

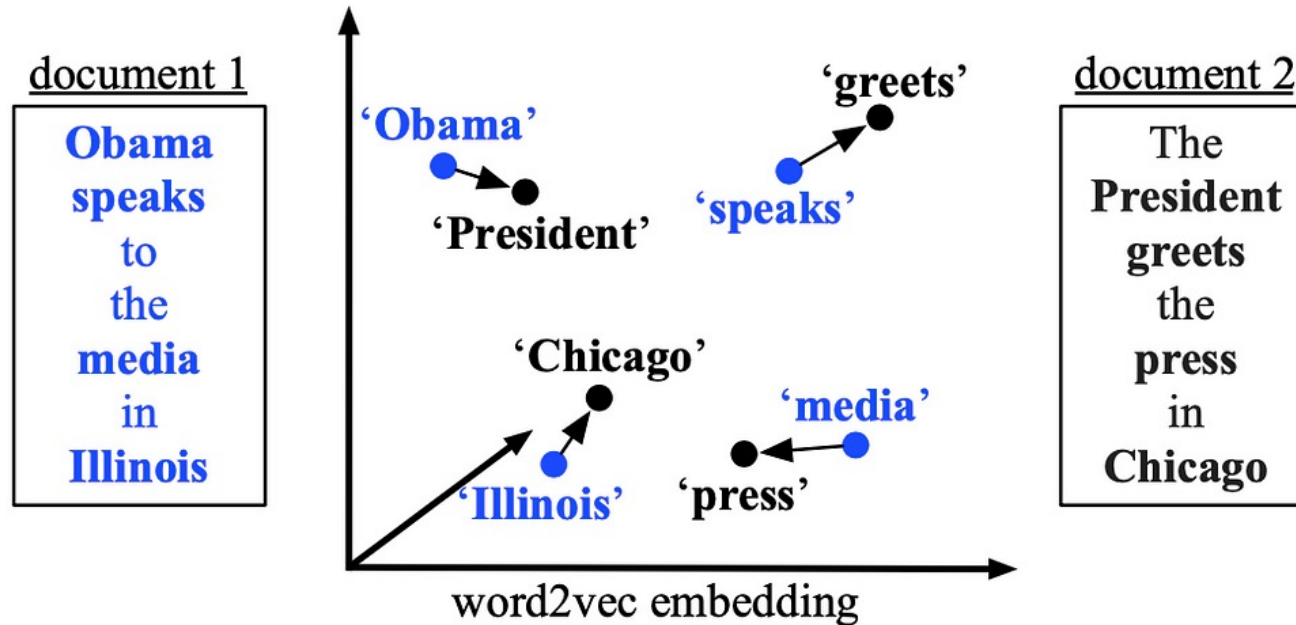
- During a weather event, airport **capacities** are diminished
- Let's say you are running airline operations (how fun!)
- You have made **flight plans** for all your aircrafts for 24 hours
- Goals: **Re-optimize** the flight plan during the disruption day
  - Which flights to **cancel**?
  - What are the **new routes** for the aircrafts?
- Real data from AMADEUS (France)





# II. Text Dissimilarity with Linear Programming

Word Mover's Distance



- What is the smallest semantic distance between two documents? Transportation problem!
- **Goals:**
  1. Find **text similarity** between two passages
  2. Given a (plagiarized) passage, find the semantically closest passage from a book



# III. Integrating ML into an MIP model

## Part 1: Price Optimization with Avocado Sales

### REVIEW OF THE ORIGINAL EXAMPLE

- You supply avocados to the US and need to:
  - Decide avocado price
  - Amount to supply to each region
  - Maximize profit
- Use data available from Hass Avocado Board
  - Ordinary Least Squares model (OLS) to predict demand
- Formulate optimization model to find the best price and allocation for each region



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# III. Integrating ML into an MIP model

## Part 2: Price Optimization with Avocado Sales

### WHAT'S NEW IN PART 2

- Two open-source, experimental packages from Gurobi:
  1. **Gurobi Machine Learning**
    - Replaces the OLS model with a trained Scikit Learn object directly as a constraint
    - `add_predictor_constr`
  2. **Gurobipy Pandas**
    - Easily create decision variables using a pandas data frame and corresponding constraints
    - `add_vars`, `add_constrs`
    - Offers a small glimpse of functionality
- Links to documentation for each will be provided



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**Thank You**

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