

The Diet Problem

Read “The Diet Problem” by George B. Dantzig.¹

Respond to the following questions.

1. Discuss the significance of Jack Laderman’s (and the team’s) ability to “solve” the diet problem in 1947.
2. Discuss why Dantzig’s diet problem of the early 1950’s continually failed to produce a viable diet.

Type your answers and email them to me (tasaki@wsu.edu) as a pdf document.

¹Interfaces, Vol. 20, No. 4, The Practice of Mathematical Programming (Jul. - Aug., 1990), pp. 43-47.