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GAMSPy: Algebraic Modeling in Python

What is GAMS?...

- GAMS is a specialized, high performance, algebraic modeling language (AML)
- Active development since 1987
- Backward compatibility is foundational to our mission

What is GAMS?

```
transport.gms

1 Sets i, j;
2 Parameters a(i), b(j), c(i,j);
3 Positive Variable x(i,j);
4 Variable z;
5 Equation cost, supply(i), demand(j);
6
7 cost..      z =e= sum((i,j), c(i,j)*x(i,j));
8 supply(i).. sum(j, x(i,j)) =l= a(i);
9 demand(j).. sum(i, x(i,j)) =g= b(j);
10
11 Model transport / all /;
```

Build abstract models

- Declared/defined over sets
- Like “writing on paper”
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- Logically consistent
 - no domain violations
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11 Model transport / all /;
12 $gdxLoadAll "alldata.gdx" <--- NEW SYNTAX (GAMS 43)
13 solve transport using lp minimizing z;
```

Model Instance

- Add all the data... fast! 🔥 🚚
- Model instance generated at solve

GAMS Philosophy – tight syntax leads to better modeling

The GAMS System – *The Good*



Algebraic Modeling Language (AML)

Backward Compatibility – **stable!**

Active development since 1987 – **stable!**

Familiar syntax – **human readable!**

GAMS data structures – **fast! large models!**

The GAMS System – *The Could Be Better*



Not a general programming language

Lacks modern look/feel to syntax

Learning curve issues, users want familiar syntax/reuse knowledge

Not easily deployable (~2GB install)

Integration into pipelines could be smoother

Relational data based (not general like `list`, `dict`, etc.)



What is GAMS*Py*?...

- Python-based Algebraic Modeling Language (AML)
- Abstract/data-independent modeling
- Convenient handling of sparse data
- Streamlined optimization pipeline management
- Convenient and efficient data structures (Numpy, Pandas)
- Runs with a specialized engine (GAMS)

NumPy 

 pandas

What is GAMS*Py*?...

- More Python-ic dev cycle
 - FutureWarning, **release notes**, DeprecationWarning, **removal**
- Currently in beta - 1.0 released in the next 4 months
- Documentation: gamspy.readthedocs.io
- Model library (100+ models):
gamspy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/user/model_library.html

```
pip install gamspy
```



What is GAMS*Py*?

```
transport.py
1 m = Container()
2
3 i = Set(m, "i")
4 j = Set(m, "j")
5 a = Parameter(m, "a", i)
6 b = Parameter(m, "b", j)
7 c = Parameter(m, "c", [i, j])
8 x = Variable(m, "x", "positive", [i, j])
9 supply = Equation(m, "supply", domain=i)
10 demand = Equation(m, "demand", domain=j)
11
12 supply[i] = Sum(j, x[i, j]) <= a[i]
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What is *GAMSPy*?

```
transport.py
1 transport = Model(
2     m,
3     name="transport",
4     equations=m.getEquations(),
5     problem="LP",
6     sense=Sense.MIN,
7     objective=Sum((i, j), c[i, j] * x[i, j]),
8 )
```

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```
transport.py
1 ValidationaionError
2 Cell In[1], line 26
3     23 demand = Equation(m, "demand", domain=j)
4     24 supply[i] = Sum(j, x[i, j]) <= a[i]
5     25 demand[j] = Sum(i, x[j, j]) <= b[j]
6
7 ValidationaionError: 'Given set `Set `j` (0x11a6a1e80)>'
8     is not a valid domain for declared domain
9     `Set `i` (0x11a72b230)>'
```

Generates Early Warnings

- Domain violations
- Cannot create equation block
- Raises helpful error messages

GAMS Philosophy – tight syntax leads to better modeling

 Next... Getting Started! 

GAMSPy Design Philosophy

```
example.py
1 import gamspy as gp
2
3 # symbols live in a Container object
4 m = gp.Container()
5 i = gp.Set(m, "i")
6 a = gp.Parameter(m, "a", [i])
7
8 # models draw data from a Container, but are separate
9 b1 = Model(m, name="example", ...)
10
11 b1.solve()
```

... add symbols to a Container

... symbols get linked together
(holding references)

... Models are separate objects and
do not live in a Container

... Models are solved, not
Containers

GAMSPy Design Philosophy

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2
3 # symbols live in a Container object
4 m = gp.Container()
5 i = gp.Set(m, "i")
6 a = gp.Parameter(m, "a", [i])
7
8 i.setRecords(["chicago", "wash-dc"])
9 a.setRecords([("chicago", 10.3), ("wash-dc", 32.1)])
```

... symbols hold records (as pandas DataFrames)

... symbol records are added with setRecords method

... many data types are accepted!

... setRecords will standardize the data

... can also pass data at symbol construction

GAMSPy Design Philosophy

```
example.py
1 In [1]: print(i.records)
2         uni element_text
3 0  chicago
4 1  wash-dc
5
6 In [2]: print(a.records)
7         i  value
8 0  chicago  10.3
9 1  wash-dc  32.1
```

... symbols hold `records` (as pandas DataFrames)

... symbol records are added with `setRecords` method

... many data types are accepted!

... `setRecords` will standardize the data

... can also pass data at symbol construction

GAMSPy Design Philosophy

```
example.py
1 import gamspy as gp
2 ...
3 c = gp.Parameter(m, "c", [i, j], description="k$/mile")
4 c[i, j] = 90 * d[i, j] / 1000
5
6 print(c.records)
7 Out[1]:
8           i           j  value
9  0  seattle  new-york  0.225
10 1  seattle  chicago   0.153
11 2  seattle  topeka    0.162
12 3  san-diego new-york  0.225
13 4  san-diego chicago   0.162
14 5  san-diego topeka    0.126
```

... algebra is added with familiar syntax (operator overloading)

... algebra is passed to GAMS subsystem and executed immediately

... results are available in Python

First Example – Prepare Data

... native python data types are OK

```
example.py
1  distances = [
2      ["seattle", "new-york", 2.5],
3      ["seattle", "chicago", 1.7],
4      ["seattle", "topeka", 1.8],
5      ["san-diego", "new-york", 2.5],
6      ["san-diego", "chicago", 1.8],
7      ["san-diego", "topeka", 1.4],
8  ]
9
10 capacities = [{"seattle", 350}, {"san-diego", 600}]
11
12 demands = [{"new-york", 325},
13             ["chicago", 300],
14             ["topeka", 275]]
```

First Example – Fill the Container

```
example.py
1 # fill Container
2 m = gp.Container()
3 i = gp.Set(m, "i", records=["seattle", "san-diego"])
4 j = gp.Set(m, "j",
5     records=["new-york", "chicago", "topeka"],
6 )
7 a = gp.Parameter(m, "a", i)
8 a.setRecords(capacities)
9 b = gp.Parameter(m, "b", j, records=demands)
10 d = gp.Parameter(m, "d", [i, j], records=distances)
11 c = gp.Parameter(m, "c", [i, j])
12 x = gp.Variable(m, "x", "positive", domain=[i, j])
13 supply = gp.Equation(m, "supply", domain=i)
14 demand = gp.Equation(m, "demand", domain=j)
```

... can use a mix of programming styles to set records (constructor, setRecords)

... validate (and debug) data with `<symbol>.isValid()` or `<container>.isValid()`

... `verbose=True` will output helpful error messages

First Example – Define Algebra

... remember GAMS^{Py} checks for logical inconsistencies in algebra (domain violations, uncontrolled sets)

```
example.py
1 print(m.isValid())
2 True
3
4 # algebra
5 c[i, j] = 90 * d[i, j] / 1000
6 supply[i] = gp.Sum(j, x[i, j]) <= a[i]
7 demand[j] = gp.Sum(i, x[i, j]) >= b[j]
```

First Example – Define Model and Solve

```
example.py
1 # model
2 transport = gp.Model(
3     m,
4     name="transport",
5     equations=m.getEquations(),
6     problem="LP",
7     sense=gp.Sense.MIN,
8     objective=gp.Sum((i, j), c[i, j] * x[i, j]),
9 )
10 transport.solve()
```

... objective function algebra can be passed in `Model` constructor (same with `Equations`)

... `<model>.solve()` returns a `DataFrame` with results/status

... `Model` object holds a lot of metainformation about the model!

Next Level Syntax -- .where

```
example.py
1 # numeric expression
2 u[i].where[2*s[i]-6] = 7
3
4 # numeric relation
5 u[i].where[s[i] >= 5] = u[i] + 10
6
7 # bitwise
8 u[i].where[s[i] & u[i] & t[i]] = s[i]
9
10 # set membership
11 t[i].where[j[i]] = s[i] + 3
12
13 # nested statements
14 u[i].where[j[i].where[k[i]]] = v[i]
```

- GAMS syntax relies on conditional statements for assignment (Sets, Parameters, Equations)
- GAMS**Py** supports
 - Numerical expressions
 - Numerical relations
 - Bitwise operations
 - Set membership
 - Mixed statements
 - Nested conditions
- [Works on LHS or RHS](#)

Other Advanced Syntax

```
example.py
1 import gamspy as gp
2 m = gp.Container()
3 i = gp.Set(
4     m,
5     name="i",
6     records=[f"x{x+1}" for x in range(10)],
7 )
8 j = gp.Alias(m, name="j", alias_with=i)
9 a = gp.Parameter(m, "a", [i, j]
10 )
11 a[i, j].where[gp.Ord(i) < gp.Ord(j)] = (
12     gp.Ord(i) + gp.Ord(j)
13 )
```

- [Ord and Card](#)
 - Useful with set to get positional/size information
- [Lag and Lead](#)
 - Relates set members (next or previous)
 - Linear or circular types

Other Advanced Syntax

```
example.py
1 print(a.records)
2 Out[1]:
3      i    j  value
4  0  x1  x2   3.0
5  1  x1  x3   4.0
6  2  x1  x4   5.0
7  3  x1  x5   6.0
8  4  x1  x6   7.0
9  5  x1  x7   8.0
10 6  x1  x8   9.0
11 7  x1  x9  10.0
12 8  x1 x10  11.0
13 9  x2  x3   5.0
14 ...
```

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Other Advanced Syntax

```
example.py
1 import gamspy as gp
2
3 m = gp.Container()
4 t = gp.Set(
5     m,
6     name="t",
7     records=[f"y-{x}" for x in range(1987, 1992)],
8 )
9 a = gp.Parameter(m, name="a", domain=[t])
10 b = gp.Parameter(m, name="b", domain=[t])
11
12 a[t] = 1986 + gp.Ord(t)
13 b[t] = -1
14 b[t] = a[t.lag(1, "linear")]
```

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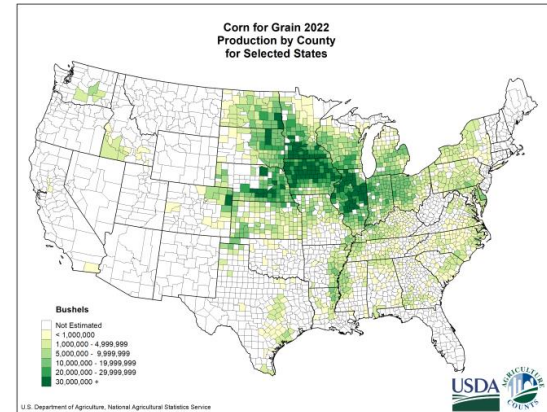
Other Advanced Syntax

```
example.py
1 print(a.records)
2     t    value
3 0 y-1987 1987.0
4 1 y-1988 1988.0
5 2 y-1989 1989.0
6 3 y-1990 1990.0
7 4 y-1991 1991.0
8
9 print(b.records)
10    t    value
11 0 y-1988 1987.0
12 1 y-1989 1988.0
13 2 y-1990 1989.0
14 3 y-1991 1990.0
```

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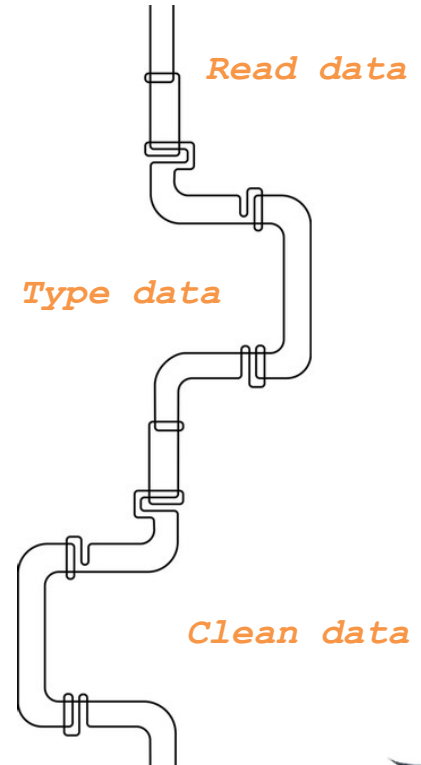
A Real Example...

- Uncertain data of corn production (county/state level)
- Confident of national level data
- Need balanced data
 - $\sum \text{counties} = \text{states}$
 - $\sum \text{states} = \text{nation}$
- Minimize weighted square error



Single Environment Pipelines

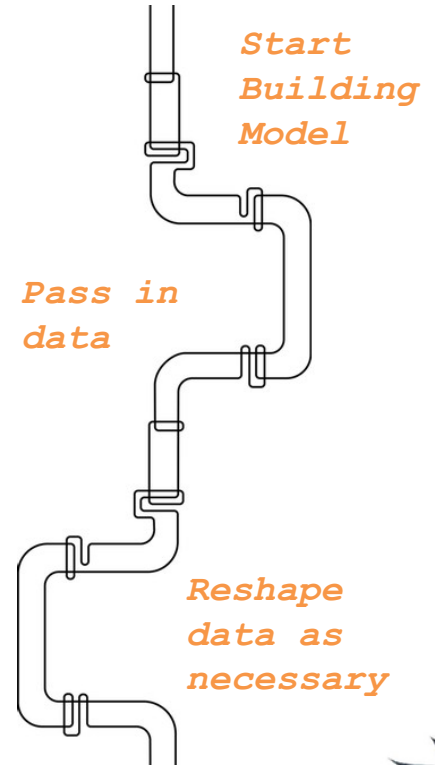
```
example.py
1 import pandas as pd
2 import gamspy as gp
3 import numpy as np
4 import sys
5
6
7 # read in raw data
8 df = pd.read_csv("corn.csv")
9
10 # subset
11 df = df[["Geo Level", "State", "County", "Value"]]
12
13 # clean
14 df["Value"] = pd.to_numeric(df["Value"].str.split(",").str.join(""), errors="coerce")
15 df["Value"] = df["Value"].fillna(0)
16 df["County"] = df["County"].fillna("")
17 df.drop(df[df["Value"] == 0].index, inplace=True)
18 df.drop(df[df["Geo Level"] == "NATIONAL"].index, inplace=True)
19 df["County Names"] = df["County"] + "_" + df["State"]
20 df.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
```



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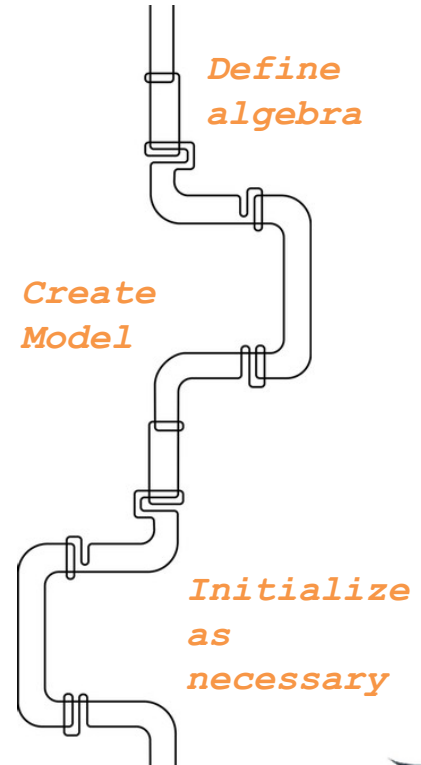
```
example.py

1 m = gp.Container()
2 r = gp.Set(
3     m,
4     "r",
5     records=df[df["Geo Level"] == "STATE"]["State"].unique().tolist()
6     + df[df["Geo Level"] == "COUNTY"]["County Names"].unique().tolist(),
7     description="all regions",
8 )
9
10 county = df[df["Geo Level"] == "COUNTY"]
11 state = df[df["Geo Level"] == "STATE"]
12
13 s = gp.Set(m, "s", r, records=county["State"].unique(), description="states")
14 c = gp.Set(m, "c", r, records=county["County Names"].unique(), description="counties")
15
16 sc = gp.Set(
17     m,
18     "sc",
19     [r, r],
20     records=list(zip(county["State"], county["County Names"])),
21 )
```



Single Environment Pipelines

```
example.py
1 a = gp.Variable(m, "a", "positive", r, description="adjusted corn production")
2 sum_c = gp.Equation(m, "sum_c", domain=r, description="counties sum to states")
3 sum_s = gp.Equation(m, "sum_s", description="counties sum to states")
4
5 # define algebra
6 sum_c[s] = a[s] == gp.Sum(sc[s, c], a[c])
7 sum_s[...] = gp.Sum(s, a[s]) == us_total
8
9 model = gp.Model(
10     m,
11     name="clean",
12     equations=[sum_c, sum_s],
13     problem="NLP",
14     sense="min",
15     objective=gp.Sum(r, wr[r] * gp.math.sqrt(a[r] - a0[r])),
16 )
17
18 # initialize variables
19 a.l[c] = a0[c]
20
21
```



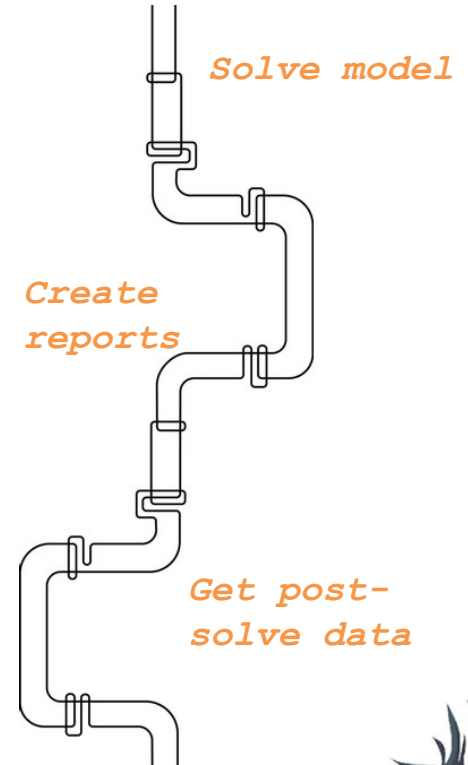
Single Environment Pipelines

```
example.py
1 model.solve(output=sys.stdout)
2
3 # check solution
4 chk = gp.Parameter(m, "chk", ["*"], description="summation check")
5
6 chk["total_states"] = gp.Sum(s, a.l[s])
7 chk["total_counties"] = gp.Sum(c, a.l[c])
8 chk["total_total"] = us_total
9
10
11 # retrieve reports in Pandas DataFrames
12 In [1]: chk.records
13 Out[1]:
14          uni      value
15 0  total_states  1.372244e+10
16 1  total_counties  1.372244e+10
17 2    total_total  1.372244e+10
18
```

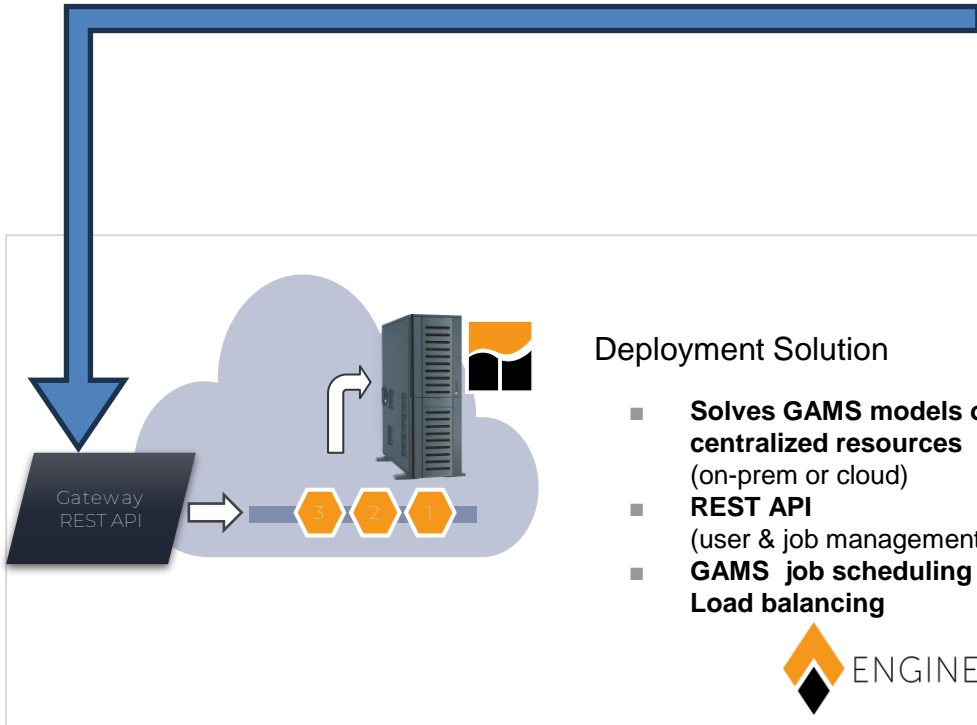
Create reports
w/GAMSPy syntax



Report exists as
DataFrame!



GAMSPy on cloud with GAMS Engine



Deployment Solution

- **Solves GAMS models on centralized resources** (on-prem or cloud)
- **REST API** (user & job management)
- **GAMS job scheduling & Load balancing**



```
example.py
1  ...
2
3  client = EngineClient(
4      host=os.environ["ENGINE_URL"],
5      username=os.environ["ENGINE_USER"],
6      password=os.environ["ENGINE_PASSWORD"],
7      namespace=os.environ["ENGINE_NAMESPACE"],
8  )
9  model.solve(
10     solver="CONOPT",
11     backend="engine",
12     client=client
13 )
```



Summary

- Generates mathematical models (not instances) – pure representation of mathematical symbols, devoid of specific data
- GAMSPy leverages a GAMS backend to execute assignment operations, generate and solve models
- Access a broad set of state-of-the-art optimization solvers
- Unique and streamlined way to completely tasks like pre/post-processing and visualization – all in a single environment
- GAMSPy works seamlessly with [GAMS MIRO](#), [GAMS Engine](#), and [NEOS](#) (local machines vs. cloud/AWS machines)
- GAMSPy is fully installable with one line – [pip install gamspy](#)



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