

## Nonlinear models in MPL

Go to Options -> MPL Language. Under "Default Model Type" check linear models, quadratic models, or nonlinear models, depending on the type of problem you are working on. If it is a nonlinear problem with logs and exponents, you should check the box labeled "extended nonlinear models" as well. Whenever solving nonlinear problems, do not use CPLEX. Instead use Conopt by going to Run -> Solve -> Solve Conopt. At the beginning of the file for a nonlinear problem type "options ModelType = Nonlinear;" or, for quadratic problems, type "options ModelType = Quadratic;". Here is an example of a nonlinear problem for which Conopt can find a locally optimal solution, which is perhaps globally optimal as well.

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options
  ModelType = Nonlinear;
model
  max Z = log(x1+1)+x2-x2^2;
subject to
  x1-x2^2 <= 5;
end
```

The solution is  
MAX Z = 2.090066

Variable Name	Activity
x1	5.352148
x2	0.593420

Note: It is not essential to write "options ModelType = Nonlinear;" at the beginning of the file if you have already checked "nonlinear models" under Options -> MPL Language -> Default Model. Just be sure to do one or the other.