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Mathematics-Optional

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Linear Programming 2013 - 2021

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UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2013 Questions

1. Maximize $z = 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3$

Subject to $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 7$

and $2x_1 - 5x_2 + x_3 \ge 10$, $x_i \ge 0$.

2. Solve the minimum time assignment problem:

Machines

	M_1	M_2	M_3	M_3	M_4
Jobs	J_1	3	12	5	14
	J_2	7	9	8	12
	J_3	5	11	10	12
	I4	6	14	4	11

3. Minimize
$$z = 5x_1 - 4x_2 + 6x_3 - 8x_4$$

subject to the constraints

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 + 4x_4 \le 40$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 \le 8$$

$$4x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 \le 10$$

 $x_i \ge 0$

[20M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2014 Questions

1. Solve graphically:

Maximize $Z = 6x_1 + 5x_2$

Subject to $2x_1 + x_2 \le 16$

$$x_1 + x_2 \le 11$$
$$x_1 + 2x_2 \ge 6$$
$$5x_1 + 6x_2 \le 90$$
$$x_1, x_2 \ge 0$$

[10M]

[15M]

2. Find the initial basic feasible solution to the following transportation problem by Vogel's approximation method. Also, find its optimal solution and the minimum transportation cost:

[20M]

			Destinations			
		D_1	<i>D</i> ₂	D_3	D_4	Supply
Origins	01	6	4	1	5	14
	02	8	9	2	7	16
	03	4	3	6	2	5
	Demand	6	10	15	4	

3. Find all optimal solutions of the following linear programming problem by the simplex method:

Maximize $Z = 30x_1 + 24x_2$

subject to $5x_1 + 4x_2 \le 200$

 $x_1 \le 32$ $x_2 \le 40$

 $x_1, x_2 \ge 0$

[20M]

[10M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2015 Questions

1. Solve the following assignment problem to maximize the sales:

			Territories		·	
		Ι	II	III	IV	V
	Α	3	4	5	6	7
Salesmen	В	4	15	13	7	6
	С	6	13	12	5	11
	D	7	12	15	8	5
	E	8	13	10	6	9

2. Consider the following linear programming problem:

Maximize $Z = x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + 4x_4$

Subject to $x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = 12$

$$x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 8$$

$$x_{1,} x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4} \ge 0$$

- (i) Using the definition, find its all basic solutions. Which of these are degenerate basic feasible solutions and which are non-degenerate basic feasible solution?
- (ii) Without solving the problem, show that it has an optimal solution. Which of the basic feasible solution(s) is /are optimal? [20M]
- **3.** Solve the following linear programming problem by the simplex method. Write its dual. Also, write the optimal solution of the dual from the optimal table of the given problem:

Maximize $Z = 2x_1 - 4x_2 + 5x_3$

Subject to $x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 \le 2$

 $-x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 \le 1$

 $x_{1,} x_{2}, x_{3} \ge 0$

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2016 Questions

1. Find the maximum value of 5x + 2y with constraints

$$x + 2y \ge 1$$
, $2x + y \le 1$, $x \ge 0$ and $y \ge 0$ by graphical method. [10M]

2. Maximize $z = 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 6x_3$

Subject to

$$2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \le 5$$
$$3x_2 + 2x_3 \le 6$$
$$x_1 \ge 0, x_2 \ge 0, x_3 \ge 0.$$

Is the optimal solution unique? Justify your answer.

[20M]

[20M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2017 Questions

1. Using graphical method, find the maximum value of 2x + y

Subject to
$$4x + 3y \le 12$$

 $4x + y \le 8$
 $4x - y \le 8$
 $x, y \ge 0.$ [20M]

2. Solve the following linear programming problem by simplex method:

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Maximize z = 3x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3

Subject to 2x_1 + 3x_2 \le 8

2x_2 + 5x_3 \le 10

3x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 \le 15

x_1 x_2, x_3 \ge 0.
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 Find the initial basic feasible solution of the following transportation problem using Vogel's approximation method and find the cost. [15M]

[20M]

			Destinations					
		D_1	D_2	D_3	D_4	D_5		
	01	4	7	0	3	6	14	
Origins	02	1	2	-3	3	8	9	Supply
	03	3	-1	4	0	5	17	
		8	3	8	13	8		
			Demand					

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2018 Questions

- An agricultural firm has 180 tons of nitrogen fertilizer, 250 tons of phosphate and 220 tons of potash. It will be able to sell a mixture of these substances in their respectively ration 3 : 3 : 4 at a profit of Rs. 1500 per ton and a mixture in the ratio 2 : 4 : 2 at a profit of Rs. 1200 per ton. Pose a linear programming problem to show how many tons of these two mixtures should be prepared to obtain the maximum profit. [10M]
- **2.** Solve the following linear programming problem by Big M-method and show that the problem has finite optimal solutions. Also find the value of the objective function:

Maximize
$$z = 3x_1 + 5x_2$$

Subject to $x_1 + 2x_2 \ge 8$
 $3x_1 + 2x_2 \ge 12$
 $5x_1 + 6x_2 \le 60$,
 $x_1, x_2 \ge 0$. [20M]

3. How many basic solutions are there in the following linearly independent set of equations? Find all of them.

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 = 6$$

$$4x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = 10.$$
 [15M]

4.

			Machine			
		M_1	M_2	M_3	M_4	M_5
	O_1	24	29	18	32	19
Operator	O_2	17	26	34	22	21
	O_3	27	16	28	17	25
	O_4	22	18	28	30	24
	O_5	28	16	31	24	27
Operator	$ \begin{array}{c} 0_1 \\ 0_2 \\ 0_3 \\ 0_4 \\ 0_5 \end{array} $	24 17 27 22 28	29 26 16 18 16	18 34 28 28 31	32 22 17 30 24	19 21 25 24 27

In a factory there are five operators O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4, O_5 and five machines M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, M_5 . The operating costs are given when the O_i operator operates the M_j machine (i, j = 1, 2, ..., 5). But there is a restriction that O_3 cannot be allowed to operate the third machine M_3 and O_2 cannot be allowed to operate the fifth machine M_5 . The cost matrix is given above. Find the optimal assignment and the optimal assignment cost also. [15M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2019 Questions

1. Use graphical method to solve the linear programming problem.

Maximize $Z = 3x_1 + 2x_2$

Subject to

$$x_1 - x_2 \ge 1,$$

 $-x_3 \ge 3$

and $x_1, x_2, x_3 \ge 0$

2. Solve the linear programming problem using Simplex method.

Minimize
$$Z = x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 - 2x_4$$

Subject to

and

 $x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + x_4 = 4$ $x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 4$ $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \ge 0$

[15M]

[**10M**]

3. Consider the following LPP,

Maximize $Z = 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 - 3x_4$

Subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$$
$$x_1 + 4x_2 + x_4 = 8$$

and $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \ge 0$

Use the dual problem to verify that the basic solution (x_1, x_2) is not optimal.

[10M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2020 Questions

1. UPSC maintenance section has purchased sufficient number of curtain cloth pieces to meet the curtain requirement of tis building. The length of each piece is 17 feet. The requirement according to curtain length is as follows:

Curtain length (in feet)	N	umber required
5		700
9		400
7		300

- The width of all curtains is same as that of available pieces. Form a linear programming problem in standard form that decides the number of pieces cut in different ways so that the total trim loss is minimum. Also give a basic feasible solution to it. [10M]
- 2. Solve the linear programming problem using simplex method:

Minimize $z = -6x - 2x_2 - 5x_3$ Subject to $2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 \le 14$ $-4x_1 + 4x_2 + 10x_3 \le 46$ $2x_1 + 2x_2 - 4x_3 \le 37$

 $x_1 \ge 2, \ x_2 \ge 1, \ x_3 \ge 3$

[15M]

3.

	D_1	D_2	D_3	D_4	
<i>S</i> ₁	10	0	20	11	15
<i>S</i> ₂	12	8	9	20	25
S_3	0	14	16	18	10
	5	20	15	10	

Find the initial basic feasible solution of the following transportation problem by Vogel's approximation method and use it to find the optimal solution and the transportation cost of the problem. [20M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2021 Questions

1. A department of a company has five employees with five jobs to be performed. The time (in hours) that each man takes to perform each job is given in the effectiveness matrix. Assign all the jobs to these five employees to minimize the total processing time: [10M]

			Employees	5				
		Ι	II	III	IV	V		
	Α	10	5	13	15	16		
	В	3	9	18	13	6		
Jobs	С	10	7	2	2	2		
-	D	7	11	9	7	12		
	E	7	9	10	4	12		
Convert the following LPP into dual LPP: Minimize $Z = x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3$ Subject to $3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \le 7$								
$2x_1 - 4x_2 \ge 12$								

Minimize
$$Z = x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3$$

$$3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \le 7$$
$$2x_1 - 4x_2 \ge 12$$
$$-4x_1 + 3x_2 + 8x_3 = 1$$

Where $x_1, x_2 \ge 0$ and x_3 is unrestricted in sign.

[15M]

3. Solve the following linear programming problem using Big M method:

Maximize
$$Z = 4x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3$$

Subject to
 $5x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \ge 10$
 $x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \le 12$
 $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 6$
 $x_1, x_2, x_3 \ge 0$ [15M]

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