

Attempt All the Questions

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B	9,000
C	10,000
D	8,000

Warehouse	Mill			
	A	B	C	D
1	13	14	13	20
2	16	13	20	12
3	19	12	17	15

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*Hint: compute the step size in the search direction in the first iteration only and then use it for all the following iterations*

**Good luck**  
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# Operations Research Final Exam Solution

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1- Mathematical model formulation

#### The decision variables are

$X_1$  = number of units of product A

$X_2$  = number of units of product B

#### The problem constraints are

1- Market constraints

$$X_1 \geq 0.8(X_1 + X_2) \quad (1)$$

$$X_1 \leq 100 \quad (2)$$

2- Material constraint

$$2X_1 + 4X_2 \leq 240 \quad (3)$$

#### Objective function

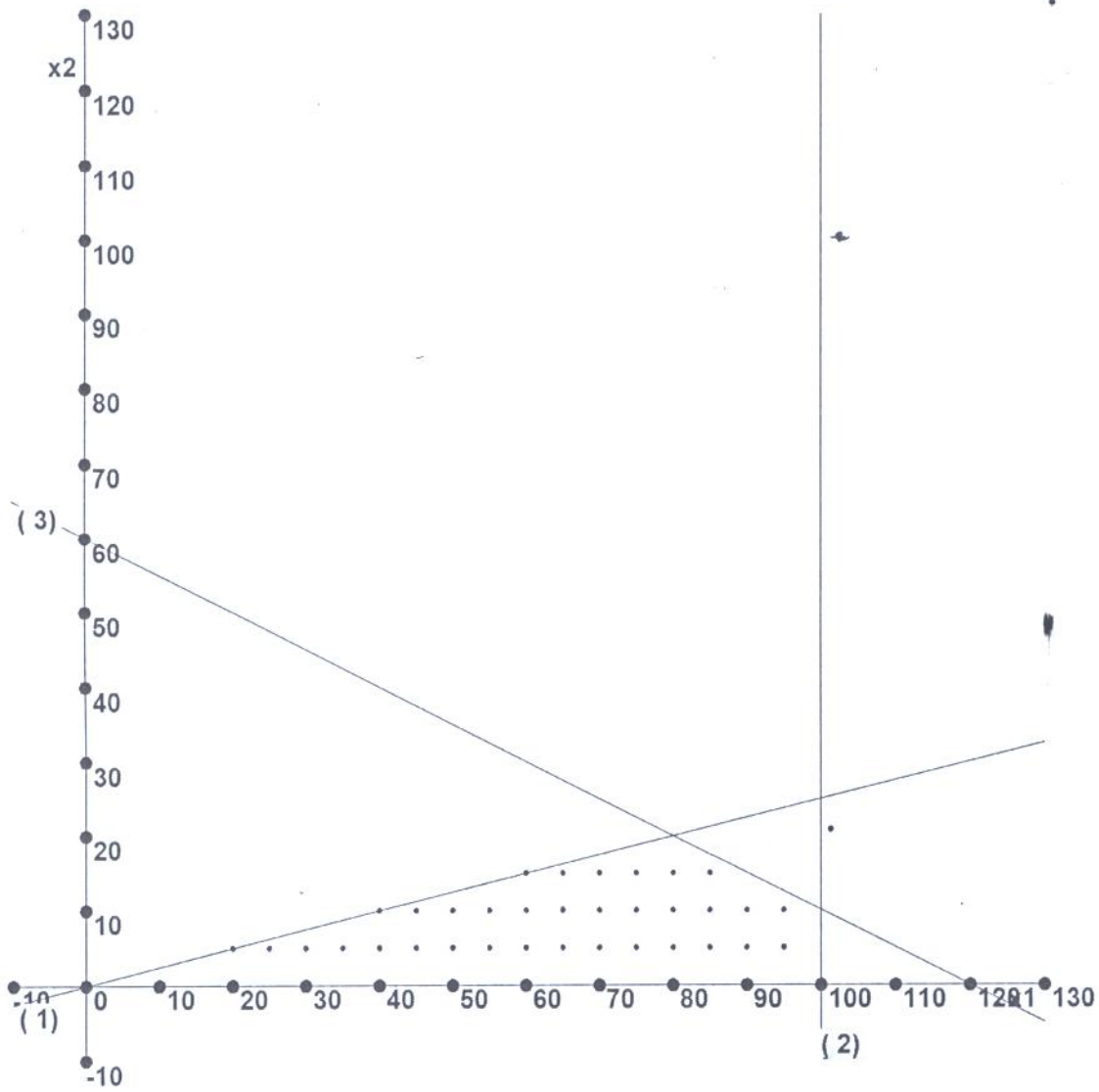
$$\text{Maximize Profit}(Z) = 20X_1 + 50X_2$$

#### Solution obtained by the graphical solution method(see figure 1)

$$X_1 = 80.0 \text{ units}$$

$$X_2 = 20.0 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Profit}(Z) = 2600 \$$$



Figure(1)The problem feasible region

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**Solution:**

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2	16	13	20	12	12,000
3	19	12	17	15	15,000
Demand	8,000	9,000	10,000	8,000	

$\Sigma$  supply = 37,000       $\Sigma$  demand=35,000       $\Sigma$  supply  $\neq$   $\Sigma$  demand

To balance the problem a dummy demand column must be added to the above transportation table

Required amount = 37,000-35,000=2,000

The balanced transportation table is as following

	Mill					Dummy	supply / 1000
	A	B	C	D			
Warehouse 1	13	14	13	20	0	10	
Warehouse 2	16	13	20	12	0	12	
Warehouse 3	19	12	17	15	0	15	
Demand/1000	8	9	10	8	2	37	

Vogel's Approximation Method

	A	B	C	D	Dummy	supply / 1000	Penalties	
Warehouse 1	13	14	8 13	20	2 0	10	1	2
Warehouse 2	8 16	13	2 20	2 12	0	12	13	1
Warehouse 3	19	9 12	17	6 15	0	15	12	3 3
Demand/1000	8	9	10	8	2	37		

1	8	9	2	8	0
2	8	0	2	2	0
3	0	0	0	0	0
1	3	1	4	3	0
2	3	1	3	3	-

Total transportation cost = 494,000

Final Transportation table

	A	B	C	D
Warehouse 1	13	14	8 13	20
Warehouse 2	8 16	13	2 20	2 12
Warehouse 3	19	9 12	17	6 15

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1- Solve the problem by using simplex method

Q1)

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Standard Form

O.F

$Z - 5x_1 - 2x_2 = 0$

S.T.

$6x_1 + x_2 - s_1 + r_1 = 6$

$4x_1 + 3x_2 - s_2 + r_2 = 12$

$x_1 + 2x_2 - s_3 + r_3 = 4$

min New O.F

$r_0 = r_1 + r_2 + r_3$

$r_0 - r_1 - r_2 - r_3 = 0$

Initial Phase

BV	r0	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
r0(min)	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	
r1	0	6	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	6	
r2	0	4	3	0	-1	0	0	1	0	12	
r2	0	1	2	0	0	-1	0	0	1	4	

1<sup>st</sup> iter

BV	r0	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
r0(min)	1	11	6	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	22	
r1	0	6	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	6	1
r2	0	4	3	0	-1	0	0	1	0	12	3
r2	0	1	2	0	0	-1	0	0	1	4	4

2<sup>nd</sup> iter

BV	r0	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
r0(min)	1	0	4 1/6	5/6	-1	-1	-1 5/6	0	0	11	
x1	0	1	1/6	-1/6	0	0	1/6	0	0	1	6
r2	0	0	2 1/3	2/3	-1	0	-2/3	1	0	8	3 3/7
r2	0	0	1 5/6	1/6	0	-1	-1/6	0	1	3	1 2/3

3<sup>rd</sup> iter

BV	r0	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
r0(min)	1	0	0	4/9	-1	1 2/7	-1 1/2	0	-2 2/7	4 1/6	
x1	0	1	0	-1/5	0	0	1/5	0	-0	5/7	8
r2	0	0	0	4/9	-1	1 2/7	-4/9	1	-1 2/7	4 1/6	3 2/7
x2	0	0	1	0	0	-5/9	-0	0	5/9	1 2/3	-3

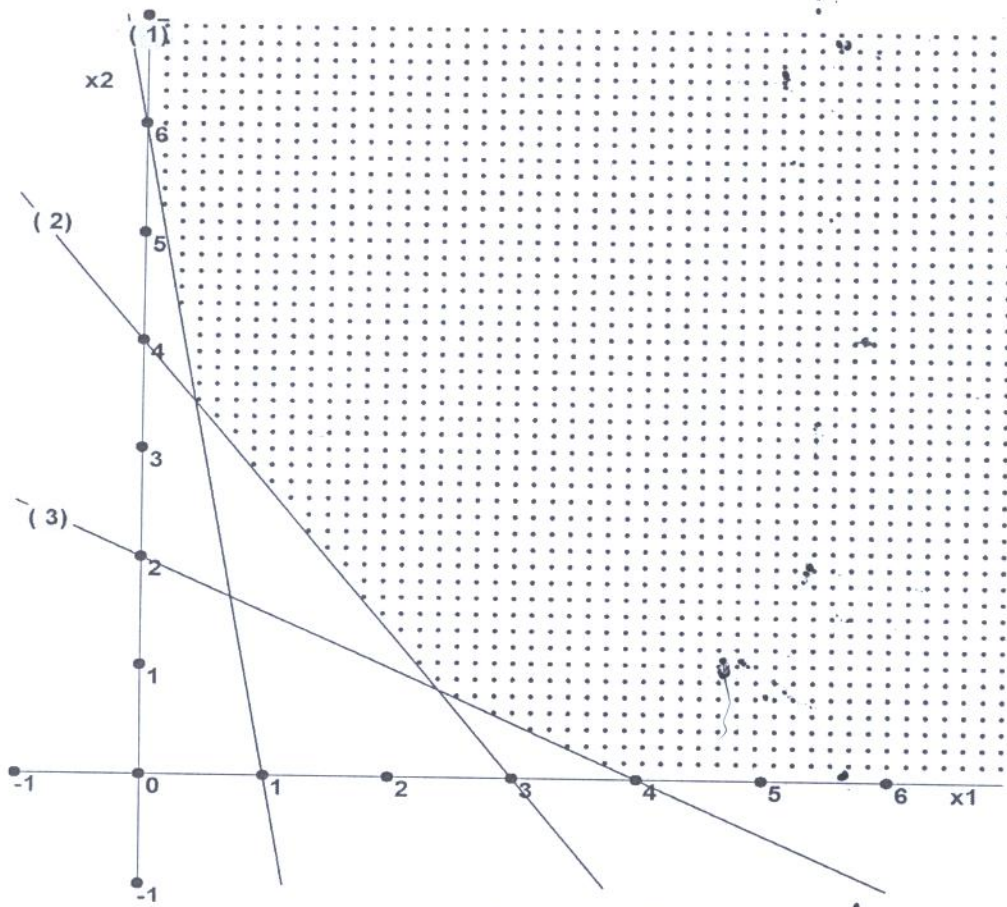
4<sup>th</sup> iter

BV	r0	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
r0(min)	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	
x1	0	1	0	-1/5	0	0	1/5	-0	0	3/7	
s3	0	0	0	1/3	-7/9	1	-1/3	7/9	-1	3 2/7	
x2	0	0	1	2/7	-3/7	0	-2/7	3/7	0	3 3/7	

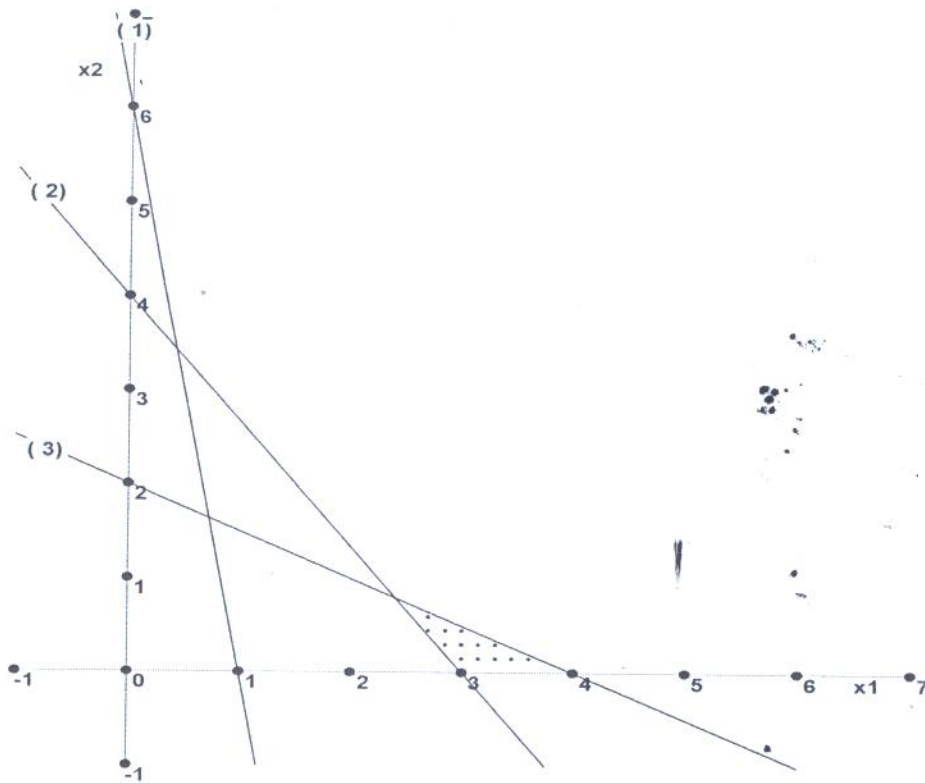
r0=0 this mean that the problem has an optimal solution

second phase

BV	Z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
Z(max)	1	-5	-2	0	0	0				0	
x1	0	1	0	-1/5	0	0				3/7	
s3	0	0	0	1/3	-7/9	1				3 2/7	
x2	0	0	1	2/7	-3/7	0				3 3/7	



Before modification



After modification



1<sup>st</sup> iter

BV	Z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
Z(max)	1	0	0	-1/2	-1/2	0				9	
x1	0	1	0	-1/5	0	0				3/7	-2
s3	0	0	0	1/3	-7/9	1				3 2/7	9 1/5
x2	0	0	1	2/7	-3/7	0				3 3/7	12

2<sup>nd</sup> iter

BV	Z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
Z(max)	1	0	0	0	-1 3/5	1 2/5				13 3/5	
x1	0	1	0	0	-2/5	3/5				2 2/5	-6
s1	0	0	0	1	-2 1/5	2 4/5				9 1/5	-4 1/6
x2	0	0	1	0	1/5	-4/5				4/5	4

3<sup>rd</sup> iter

BV	Z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	r1	r2	r3	R.H.S	Ratio
Z(max)	1	0	8	0	0	-5				20	
x1	0	1	2	0	0	-1				4	-4
s1	0	0	11	1	0	-6				18	-3
s2	0	0	5	0	1	-4				4	-1

**Solution Results interpretation**

All the ratios are negative in S3 Column, this mean that the solution region is un bounded

**2- Problem modification**

The problem has no feasible region because the constraints does not make a closed bounded area, so if we changed the constraints signs to make the constraints intersects and form a close area, a clear solution can be obtained.

The new modified problem is

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- Solution by graphical method

See the bounded region after modifying the problem by changing the third constraint greater than or equal (>=) to smaller than or equal (<=).

The solution is

$Z = 20.0$

$X_1 = 4.0$

$X_2 = 0.0$

**Solution**

$$l = \left(\frac{2}{5} \cdot 60\right) = 24 \text{ cars / hour}$$

$$m = \left(\frac{60}{1.5}\right) = 40 \text{ customer / hour}$$

**(e) The probability that the facility is idle. (5 pts.)**

$$r = \frac{l}{m}$$

$$r = \frac{24}{40} = 60\%$$

**The probability that the facility is idle = 100 - 60 = 40%**

**(f) The expected number of customers waiting to be served ( $L_q$ )**

$$L_q = \frac{r^2}{1-r}$$

$$L_q = 0.9 \text{ car}$$

Nearly one car is expected to wait in the waiting line for the service

**(g) The expected waiting time until a customer reaches the window to place an order. (5 pts.)**

$$\text{Average waiting time}(W_q) = \frac{l}{m(m-l)}$$

$$W_q = 0.0375 \text{ hr or } W_q = 2.25 \text{ min}$$

**(h) The probability that the waiting line will exceed the to-space capacity. (5 pts.)**

$$P_n = (1-r)r^n$$

The waiting line will exceed the space capacity when there are six cars in the system one in the server and the other five cars waiting outside in the space

$$P_6 = (1-0.6)0.6^6$$

**The probability that the waiting line will exceed the to-space capacity = 0.0186624**

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min  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2$

XL=0

$X1 = XL + (XR - XL) / 2 - (\text{delta} / 2)$

XR=10

$X2 = XL + (XR - XL) / 2 + (\text{delta} / 2)$

delta= 0.05

iter #	XL	XR	X1	X2	F(X1)	F(X2)	Diff
1	0	10	4.975	5.025	26.131859	27.881891	
2	0	5.025	2.4875	2.5375	-7.358830	-7.416900	5.025
3	2.4875	5.025	3.73125	3.78125	-1.741598	-1.127655	2.5375
4	2.4875	3.78125	3.109375	3.159375	-6.610752	-6.390825	1.29375
5	2.4875	3.159375	2.798438	2.848438	-7.409739	-7.343313	0.671875
6	2.4875	2.848438	2.642969	2.692969	-7.479248	-7.478696	0.360938
7	2.4875	2.692969	2.565234	2.615234	-7.441371	-7.471036	0.205469
8	2.565234	2.692969	2.604102	2.654102	-7.466069	-7.480852	0.127734

X= 2.629102

X= 2.629102 Optimum value

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b)

$$F = (x1-3)^2 + 9*(x2-5)^2$$

$$F_{x1} = 2*x1 - 6$$

$$F_{x2} = 18*x2 - 90$$

$$\text{gradient} = [2*x1 - 6; 18*x2 - 90]$$

target gradient = [0;0]

$$X_0 = (1,1)$$

$$X(k+1) = X(k) - r * \text{gradient}(X(k))$$

$$x1 = 1$$

$$x2 = 1$$

$$F_{x1} = -4$$

$$F_{x2} = -72$$



$$X(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1+4*r \\ 1+72*r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x1 = 1+4*r$$

$$x2 = 1+72*r$$

$$h(r) = (-2+4*r)^2 + 9*(-4+72*r)^2$$

$$hr = -5200+93344*r$$

$$r = 325/5834$$

$$F = (x1-3)^2 + 9*(x2-5)^2$$

$$r = 0.0557$$

iter #1	X(k)		X(k+1)		FUN Value	Gradient Value	
	x1	x2	x1	x2			
1	1	1	1.2228	5.0104	3.15941	-3.55	0.2
2	1.2228	5.0104	1.42078	4.999973	2.49394	-3.16	-0
3	1.42078	4.999973	1.596705	5	1.96924	-2.81	0
4	1.596705	5	1.753032	5	1.55493	-2.49	-0
5	1.753032	5	1.891944	5	1.22779	-2.22	0
6	1.891944	5	2.015382	5	0.96947	-1.97	0

$$x1 = 2.0154$$

$$x2 = 5.0$$