

Lecture 5 & 6 Review Question (Solution):

Question 10

Consider the following distribution problem for Ace Widgets:

Depot	Shipping Costs to Warehouses				Capacity
	W1	W2	W3	W4	
P1	2	6	4	12	100
P2	7	3	10	11	250
P3	5	8	9	13	300
Demand	50	150	200	250	

- a) Apply the North-west corner method to determine a starting solution. Compute the total cost.

		K1=		K2=		K3=		K4=		K5=			
Source		Destination										SUPPLY	
		W1		W2		W3		W4					
R1=	P1	2		6		4		12				100	50
		50		50									
R2=	P2	7		3		10		11				250	150
				100		150							
R3=	P3	5		8		9		13				300	
						50		250					
R4=													
	DEMAND	50		150	100	200	50	250					

$$\text{Total cost} = 2 \times 50 + 6 \times 50 + 3 \times 100 + 10 \times 150 + 9 \times 50 + 13 \times 250 = \$5,900$$

- b) Using the solution obtained in part (a), determine the new shipping schedule according to the closed-loop path (MODI method). Compute the total cost.

MODI: 1st Iteration

		K1= 2		K2= 6		K3= 13		K4= 17		K5=	
		Destination									
Source		W1		W2		W3		W4		SUPPLY	
R1=	P1	2		6	-	4	+	12			100
0		50				50	-9		-5		
R2=	P2	7		3	+	10	-	11			250
-3			8	150		100			-3		
R3=	P3	5		8		9		13			300
-4			7		6	50		250			
R4=											
DEMAND		50		150		200		250			

MODI: 2nd Iteration

		K1= 2		K2= -3		K3= 4		K4= 8		K5=		
		Destination										
Source		W1		W2		W3		W4		D5		SUPPLY
R1=	P1	2		6		4		12				100
0		50				50			4			
R2=	P2	7		3		10	-	11	+			250
6			-1	150				100	-3			
R3=	P3	5		8		9	+	13	-			300
5			-2		6	150		150				
R4=												
DEMAND		50		150		200		250				

MODI: 3rd Iteration

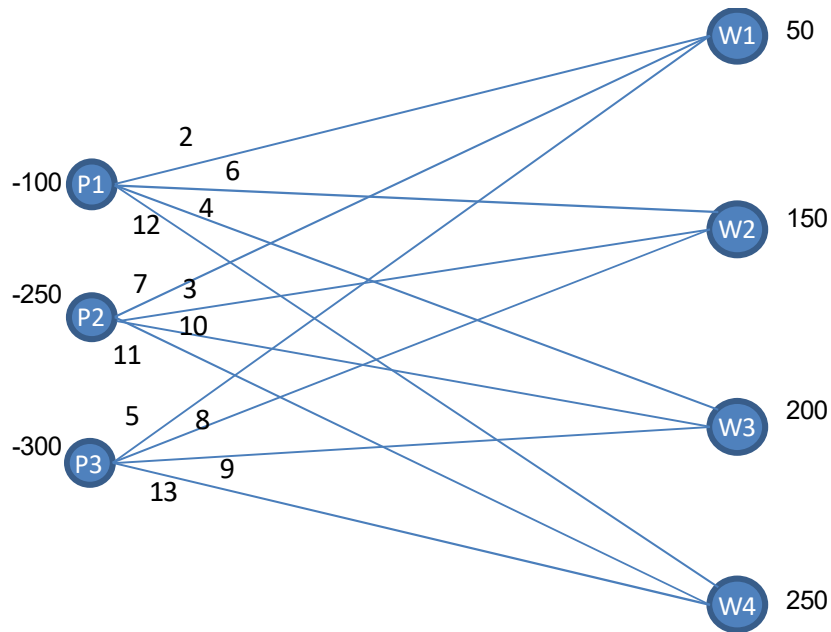
		K1= 2		K2= 0		K3= 4		K4= 8		K5=		
	Source	Destination										
		W1		W2		W3		W4				SUPPLY
R1=	P1	2	-	6		4	+	12				100
0		50			6	50 +50			4			
R2=	P2	7		3		10		11				250
3			2	150			3	100				
R3=	P3	5	+	8		9	-	13				300
5		+50	-2		3	150	100	150				
R4=												
	DEMAND	50		150		200		250				

MODI: Final

		K1= 0		K2= 0		K3= 4		K4= 8		K5=		
	Source	Destination										
		W1		W2		W3		W4				SUPPLY
R1= 0	P1	2		6		4		12				100
			2		6	100			4			
R2= 3	P2	7		3		10		11				250
			4	150			3	100				
R3= 5	P3	5		8		9		13				300
		50			3	100		150				
R4=												
	DEMAND	50		150		200		250				

Total cost = $4 \times 100 + 3 \times 150 + 11 \times 100 + 5 \times 50 + 9 \times 100 + 13 \times 150 = \$5,050$

c) Draw a network model to depict this problem.



d) Formulate an LP formulation for Ace Widgets.

ANSWER:

Let X_{ij} be the trip from Depot (i) to Warehouse (j); where $i = P1, P2, P3$ and $j = W1, W2, W3, W4$

C_{ij} be the cost from Depot (i) to Warehouse (j)

MIN: $\sum C_{ij}X_{ij}$

ST: $X_{11} + X_{12} + X_{13} + X_{14} = 100$ (or you can write $\sum X_{1j} = 100$)

$$\sum X_{2j} = 250$$

$$\sum X_{3j} = 300$$

$$\sum X_{i1} = 50$$

$$\sum X_{i2} = 150$$

$$\sum X_{i3} = 200$$

$$\sum X_{i4} = 250$$

Question 11:

The following is a distribution schedule for Ace Widgets warehouses and customers in the Western region:

Warehouse	Shipping Costs to Customers			Capacity
	C1	C2	C3	
W1	7	2	8	30
W2	5	3	1	50
W3	4	6	7	50
Demand	60	40	20	

- a) Using the Vogel's Approximation Method (VAM) determine a starting solution for this problem. Compute the total cost.

Note: As Capacity (Supply) > Demand, you need to add a dummy column (for demand)

		K1=	K2=	K3=	K4=	K5=		
Source	Destination						SUPPLY	O/L
		C1	C2	C3	Dummy			
R1=	W1	7	2	8			30	7-2 = 5
			30					
R2=	W2	5	3	1			50	3-1 = 2
		10	10	20	10			5-3 = 2
R3=	W3	4	6	7			50	6-4 = 2
		50						
R4=								
	DEMAND	60	40	20	10		130	130
O/L		5-4 = 1	3-2 = 1	7-1 = 6				
			6-3 = 3					

Total cost = $2 \times 30 + 5 \times 10 + 3 \times 10 + 1 \times 20 + 4 \times 50 = \360

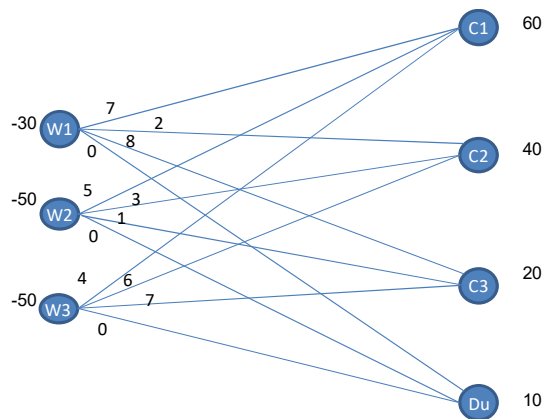
- b) Using the solution obtained in part (a), determine the new shipping schedule according to the closed-loop path (MODI method). Compute the total cost.

MODI: 1st Iteration

		K1=	K2=	K3=	K4=	K5=		
Source	Destination						SUPPLY	
		C1	C2	C3	Dummy			
R1=	W1	7	2	8	0		30	
0			3	8	1			
R2=	W2	5	3	1	0		50	
1		10	10	20	10			
R3=	W3	4	6	7	0		50	
0		50		4	7	1		
R4=								
	DEMAND	60	40	20	10			

As there are no negative $C_{ij} - (R_i + K_j)$ values, the solution is already optimal. So, it is the same as the VAM technique: Total cost = $2 \times 30 + 5 \times 10 + 3 \times 10 + 1 \times 20 + 4 \times 50 = \360

c) Draw a network diagram to depict Ace Widgets Distribution in the Western region.



d) Formulate an LP for this problem.

ANSWER:

Let X_{ij} be the trip from Warehouse (i) to Customers (j); where $i = W1, W2, W3$ and $j = C1, C2, C3, C4$

C_{ij} be the cost from Warehouse (i) to Customers (j)

MIN: $\sum C_{ij} X_{ij}$

ST: $X_{11} + X_{12} + X_{13} + X_{14} = 30$ (or you can write $\sum X_{1j} = 30$)

$$\sum X_{2j} = 50$$

$$\sum X_{3j} = 50$$

$$\sum X_{i1} = 60$$

$$\sum X_{i2} = 40$$

$$\sum X_{i3} = 20$$

$$\sum X_{i4} = 10 \text{ (this is dummy demand)}$$