

1. Back Savers is a company that produces backpacks primarily for students. They are considering offering some combination of two different models—the Collegiate and the Mini. Both are made out of the same rip-resistant nylon fabric. Back Savers has a long-term contract with a supplier of the nylon and receives a 5000 square-foot shipment of the material each week. Each Collegiate requires 3 square feet while each Mini requires 2 square feet. The sales forecasts indicate that at most 1000 Collegiates and 1200 Minis can be sold per week. Each Collegiate requires 45 minutes of labor to produce and generates a unit profit of \$32. Each Mini requires 40 minutes of labor and generates a unit profit of \$24. Back Savers has 35 laborers that each provides 40 hours of labor per week. Management wishes to know what quantity of each type of backpack to produce per week.
  - a. Clearly define the decision variables
  - b. What is the objective function?
  - c. What are the constraints?
  - d. Write down the full mathematical formulation for this LP problem.

**A. Define the decision variable**

Let  $x$  be no. of collegiates

Let  $y$  be no of Minis

**B. Objective function**

To Maximize total no. Of Collegiates and Minis

Profit per collegiate is \$32

Profit per Minis is \$ 24

$$Z = 32x + 24y$$

**C. Constraints**

**Nylon** : 5000 sq ft per week

Collegiates = 3sq ft

Minis = 2sq ft

$$\Rightarrow \text{Nylon} : 3x + 2y \leq 5000$$

**Time**

Collegiates require 45 min.

Minis require 40 min

Each labour works for 40 hr/week = 2400min

We have 35 labour so total min =  $2400 \times 35 = 84000$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Time} : 45x + 40y \leq 84000$$

**Sales Forecast**

Collegiates forecast indicates 1000

Minis forecast 1200

$$\Rightarrow x \leq 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq 1200$$

### Mathematical formulation

$$Z = 32x + 24y$$

$$\text{Nylon : } 3x + 2y \leq 5000$$

$$\text{Time : } 45x + 40y \leq 84000$$

$$\text{➤ } x \leq 1000$$

$$\text{➤ } y \leq 1200$$

$$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$