

An Engineering Problem: Case Study at Supply Chain Sector

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- All of the points are located in Turkey with corresponding coordinates

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S_5	Erzurum	Erzurum	39.9000	41.2700
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S_7	Manisa	Manisa	38.6100	27.4200
S_8	Gemlik	Bursa	40.4300	29.1500
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Table 3: Cost table including *each* cost component (relocation + fixed + transportation).

Table 4: Cost Components for Candidate Facilities (TL)

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S_1 (Şekerpınar)	60,000	5,500,000	7.5	100,760,000
S_2 (Afyon)	145,000	2,100,000	6	84,695,000
S_3 (Balıkesir)	180,000	2,400,000	6	81,480,000
S_4 (Konya)	320,000	1,900,000	6	90,340,000
S_5 (Erzurum)	750,000	1,500,000	6	136,850,000
S_6 (Tekirdağ)	95,000	3,200,000	6	94,645,000
S_7 (Manisa)	210,000	2,600,000	6	76,910,000
S_8 (Gemlik)	115,000	3,800,000	6	90,355,000
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- Have 10 candidate supply points
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4.4 Euclidean Distance Formula

$$d_{ij} = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2} \quad (1)$$

Where:

- d_{ij} is the geometric distance between facility i and demand point j .
- (x_i, y_i) represents the coordinates of the candidate supply facility.
- (x_j, y_j) represents the coordinates of the restaurant or demand location.

Table 7: Calculated Distances (km) between Demand (D_i) and Supply (S_j) Points

Demand Pt.	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5	S_6	S_7	S_8	S_9	S_{10}
D_1 (Etiler)	38.5	289.2	187.7	463.8	1042.2	128.4	307.3	73.0	677.7	311.7
D_2 (Nişantaşı)	39.7	288.1	183.0	463.8	1045.7	124.5	302.8	70.5	678.3	313.2
D_3 (Bebek)	37.7	288.6	188.0	463.0	1041.2	129.4	307.6	72.7	676.9	310.8
D_4 (Galataport)	38.5	285.8	180.6	461.9	1045.8	124.1	300.3	67.9	676.7	312.1
D_5 (Çankaya)	312.8	237.0	426.5	226.8	717.1	468.1	489.8	320.7	376.6	71.1
D_6 (Kavaklıdere)	312.1	237.1	426.2	227.6	717.5	467.4	489.6	320.1	377.6	71.2
D_7 (Alsancak)	331.1	297.5	148.2	472.6	1227.6	283.4	31.0	280.9	683.8	450.3
D_8 (Alaçatı)	386.3	366.5	199.8	538.3	1296.9	314.6	98.5	338.0	746.1	519.5
D_9 (Yalıkavak)	455.7	339.0	287.1	467.7	1254.3	430.7	168.3	403.8	652.8	504.8
D_{10} (Marmaris)	456.3	290.5	312.1	390.9	1181.6	462.8	209.5	405.3	566.0	454.3
D_{11} (Lara)	461.2	212.1	398.8	192.4	977.0	537.0	352.2	421.6	345.3	326.9
D_{12} (Belek)	467.5	214.9	414.9	171.1	952.1	550.0	373.8	429.9	318.6	317.1
D_{13} (Nilüfer)	81.2	212.1	111.1	401.3	1048.3	148.1	221.2	29.8	622.0	281.0
D_{14} (Seyhan)	669.4	462.9	712.5	267.9	610.7	806.7	716.8	657.7	64.5	399.9
D_{15} (Şehitkamil)	809.4	628.7	876.2	440.2	462.9	956.4	891.0	805.7	246.0	536.0
D_{16} (Tepebaşı)	152.7	114.6	224.6	273.2	919.1	285.7	295.6	135.7	488.7	142.1
D_{17} (Ortahisar)	867.6	821.9	1014.3	710.1	179.3	1024.1	1082.8	892.6	640.9	661.8
D_{18} (Atakum)	578.0	564.5	732.6	500.0	451.3	733.4	810.9	605.8	520.8	398.6
D_{19} (Yenişehir)	638.2	417.5	666.3	221.1	675.8	768.7	662.7	622.0	2.9	376.5
D_{20} (Kayapınar)	979.7	842.7	1079.5	671.0	239.5	1135.5	1113.0	987.3	503.4	718.1
D_{21} (Kuşadası)	381.9	304.0	206.4	460.8	1233.5	347.6	85.8	330.4	662.5	465.7
D_{22} (Pamukkale)	343.5	167.0	231.5	300.6	1080.8	379.5	171.9	294.7	502.6	332.6
D_{23} (Melikgazi)	572.1	428.4	662.8	276.3	515.0	724.6	699.7	574.7	225.1	303.4
D_{24} (Selçuklu)	425.6	195.5	444.7	2.1	793.2	548.5	449.4	404.3	223.6	192.4
D_{25} (İzmit)	46.9	229.5	214.1	389.1	965.3	204.8	321.4	75.4	598.9	229.1
D_{26} (Serdivan)	82.5	224.0	244.7	369.4	929.1	240.8	347.0	108.6	574.2	200.2
D_{27} (Edirne)	253.7	469.2	252.1	660.1	1253.3	111.7	348.2	257.9	880.4	525.8
D_{28} (Çanakkale)	264.7	388.0	138.4	584.2	1265.0	130.8	192.4	235.3	806.5	493.9
D_{29} (Antakya)	784.1	571.1	820.4	374.7	607.6	919.4	816.8	771.1	152.6	515.3
D_{30} (Fethiye)	472.1	268.2	352.6	331.1	1121.5	503.2	266.7	423.7	492.4	422.6

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S_3 (Balıkesir)	800	2,400,000	6
S_4 (Konya)	300	1,900,000	6
S_5 (Erzurum)	1250	1,500,000	6
S_6 (Tekirdağ)	1650	3,200,000	6
S_7 (Manisa)	700	2,600,000	6
S_8 (Gemlik)	900	3,800,000	6
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