

## Case 3 Solver Analysis

Task 1: Remembering how to use Solver. Solve the LP on the right using Excel Solver. Solve the LP

Max 
$$z = 4x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4$$
  
 $_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \le 21$   
 $2x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 \le 18$   
 $x_1 - 4x_2 + 2x_4 \le 15$   
 $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \ge 0$ 

Task 2. Dual Price and Sensitivity Analysis. To aid in the analysis of the problem click the sensitivity and limits option on the right hand side of the solver option. These reports will be shown on a different sheet in Excel.

conditions are satisfied.	Re <u>p</u> orts
<ul> <li></li></ul>	Answer Sensitivity Limits
Return to Solver Parameters Dialog	Outline Reports
<u>O</u> K <u>C</u> ancel	Save Scenario
Solver found a solution. All Constraints and op atisfied.	timality conditions are
When the GRG engine is used, Solver has foun solution. When Simplex LP is used, this means optimal solution.	

Fill in the table below

$\mathbf{x}_1$	$\mathbf{x}_2$	<b>x</b> <sub>3</sub>	$\mathbf{x}_4$

<b>y</b> 1	<b>Y</b> 2	<b>У</b> 3

Constraint	Allowable	Allowable
	Decrease	Increase
1		
2		
3		

Variable	Reduced Cost	Objective Function Coefficient	Allowable Decrease	Allowable Increase
$\mathbf{x}_1$				
$\mathbf{x}_2$				
<b>x</b> <sub>3</sub>				
<b>X</b> <sub>4</sub>				



## Task 3: Independent Analysis

Given this problem, answer the following questions without changing the initial LP, unless otherwise stated. Show all your solutions

(Edited Taha, 8th Edition) Top Toys is planning a new radio and TV advertising campaign. A radio commercial costs \$300 and a TV ad costs \$2000. A total budget of \$20,000 is allocated to the campaign. Each medium must have at least five commercials each, and the company must have at least 35 commercials in total. By Law they only have a total of 30 minutes airtime. Each radio commercial is 30 seconds long and each TV ad is 45 seconds long. It is estimated that the first radio commercial will reach 5000 people, with each additional commercial reaching only 2000 new ones. For TV, the first ad will reach 45000 people and each additional ad an additional 3000. How should the budget amount be allocated between radio and TV?

- 1. If the budget is increased to \$25,000, what will be the new maximum audience reach of the commercials?
- 2. Will the number of produced commercials change when there is only 20 minutes allowed air time?
- 3. What will be the new optimal values after the change in Question 2? You may use Excel Solver
- 4. If the number of audience reached for a new TV commercial is increased to 5000, what will be the new optimal solution? You may use Excel Solver

## Task 4: Individual Solving

Given below is a problem from laboratory 1. In class you were taught a more efficient way to solve this problem. Using Excel Solver give the optimal solution.

Mode of	Mo Capacity	<b>Production Cost</b>
Production	(in cases)	per Case (\$)
Regular	5,000	10
Overtime	500	16
Subcontracting	n/a	20
Holding Cost Per Month		\$1

Nowjuice, Inc. produces bottled juice. A planner has developed an aggregate forecast for demand (in cases) for the next six months. Develop a least-cost aggregate plan using the following information. Assume zero (0) beginning inventory.

Month	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
Forecast	4,000	4,800	5,600	7,200	6,400	5,000

What is the Optimal Production Plan?