

Step-1

Let three states T, C and A produces a million barrels of oil. In a state CH 8,000,000 barrels are needed from three producers at a distance of 1,000 miles, 2,000 and 3,000 miles respectively. In another state NE 2,200,000 barrels are needed from those three producers only at a distance of 1,500 miles, 3,000 miles and 3,700 miles. If shipments cost one unit for each barrel mile, to find what linear program will minimize the shipping cost.

Step-2

Consider the following notations:

For state CH following notations are considered:

$$x = 1,000 \text{ miles}$$

$$y = 2,000 \text{ miles}$$

$$z = 3,000 \text{ miles}$$

For state NE following notations are considered:

$$u = 1,500 \text{ miles}$$

$$v = 3,000 \text{ miles}$$

$$w = 3,700 \text{ miles}$$

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Shipment cost is given as one unit for each barrel. So, total cost for state CH and NE will be as follows:

$$1,000x + 2,000y + 3,000z + 1,500u + 3,000v + 3,700w$$

As per the condition state CH needs 8,000,000 barrels from three producers at a distance of 1,000 miles, 2,000 and 3,000 miles respectively. So, the constraint will be:

$$x + y + z = 8,000,000$$

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Another condition state NE needs 2,200,000 barrels from all the three producers at a distance of 1,500 miles, 3,000 miles and 3,700 miles respectively. So, the constraint will be:

$$u + v + w = 2,200,000$$

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Total barrels of oil required by both the states are:

$$2,200,000 + 800,000 = 3,000,000$$

Now each state can produce total of one million barrel. So following can be said:

$$x + u = 1,000,000$$

$$y + v = 1,000,000$$

$$z + w = 1,000,000$$

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Therefore, linear program can be stated as follows:

Minimize cost: $1,000x + 2,000y + 3,000z + 1,500u + 3,000v + 3,700w$

Subject to:

$$x + y + z = 8,000,000$$

$$u + v + w = 2,200,000$$

$$x + u = 1,000,000$$

$$y + v = 1,000,000$$

$$z + w = 1,000,000$$

$x, y, z, u, v, w \geq 0$
