

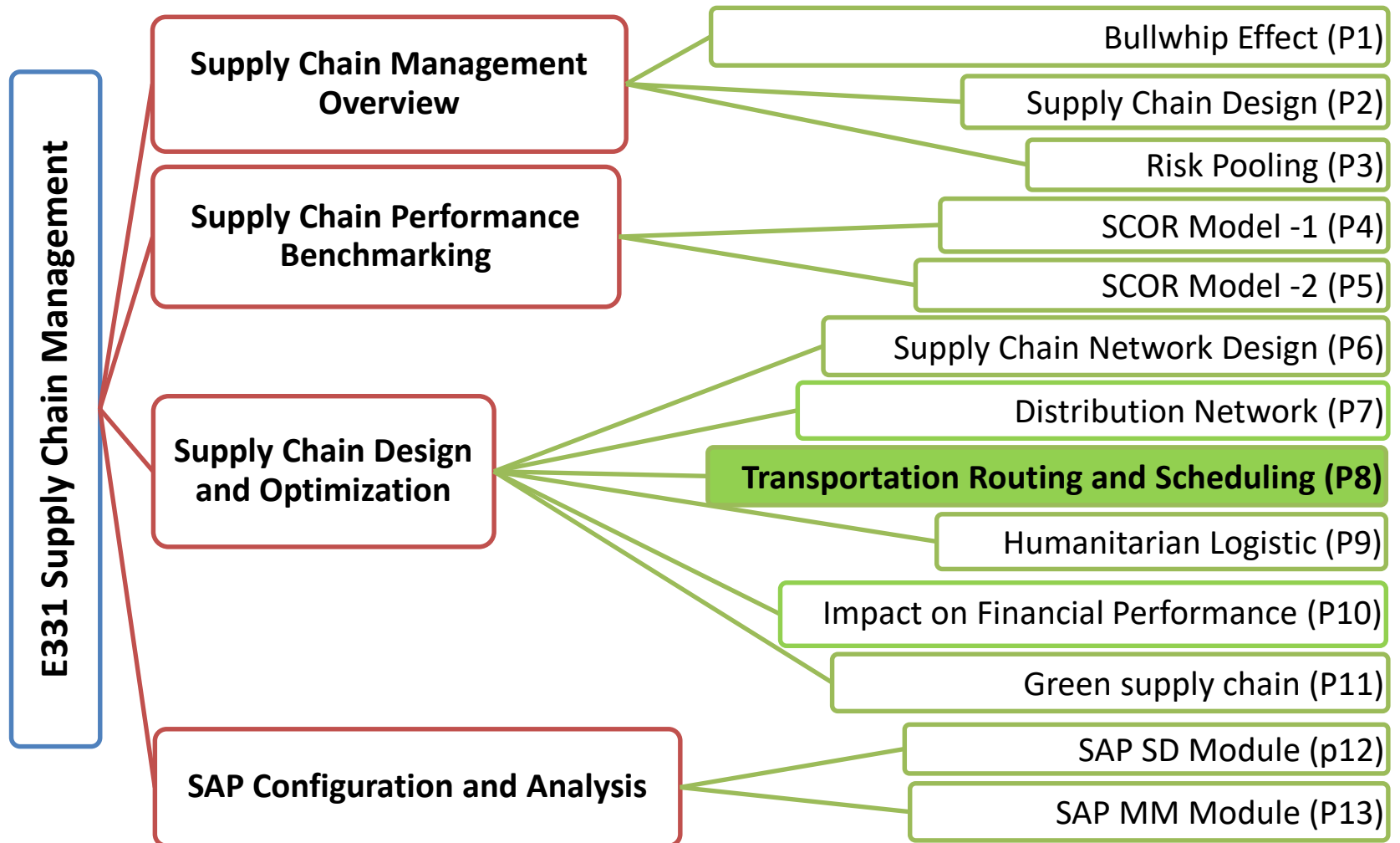
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E331 – Supply Chain Management

Diploma in Supply Chain Management

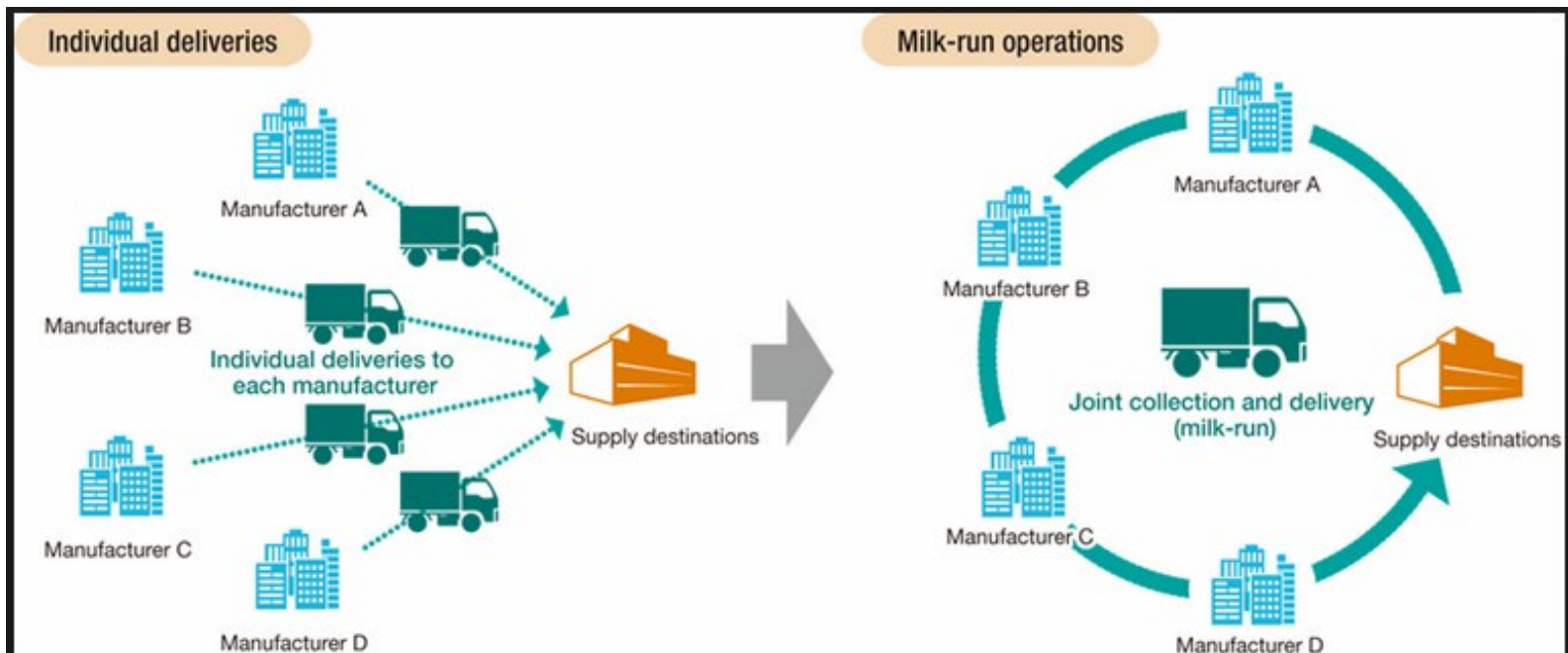
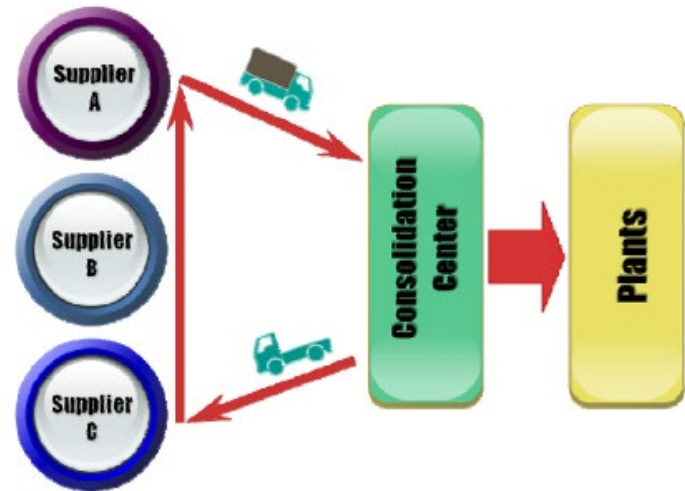
E331 Module Overview



Today's Problem



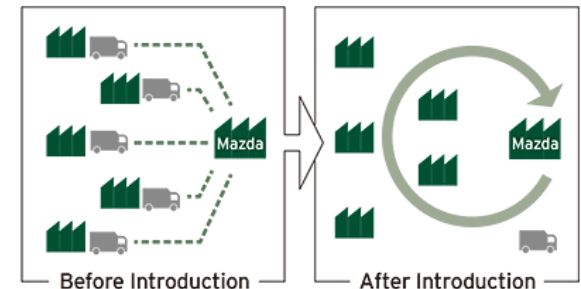
- Multiple trucks
- Capacity Constraints
- Many route possibilities
- Even more complicated if suppliers are considered at the same time (supply chain)



Milk Run in Transportation



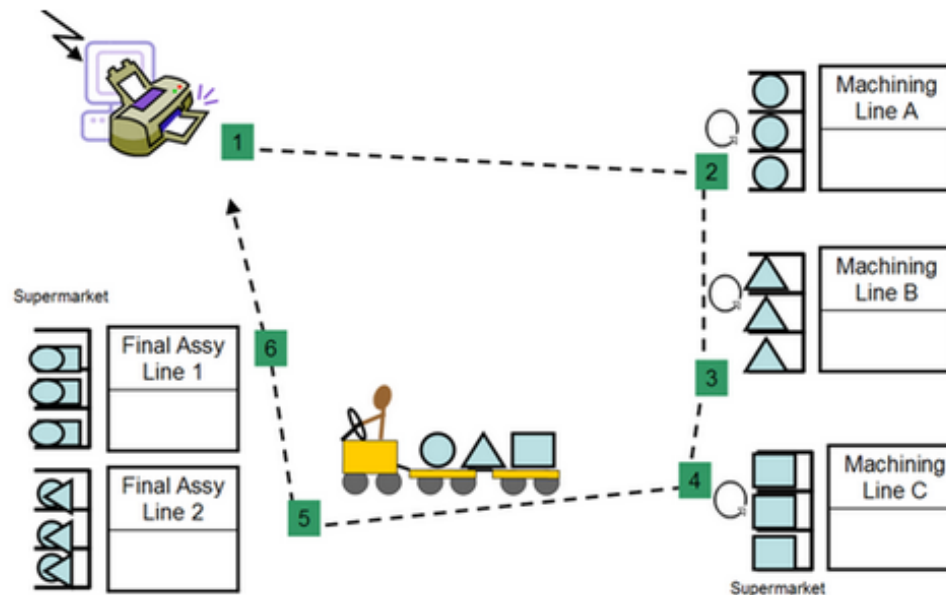
- A milk run is a route in which a transport vehicle either delivers product from a single pickup point to multiple delivery points or from multiple pickup points to a single delivery point.
- A milk run combines multiple pickups or deliveries into one multi-stop shipment. It can be a very effective way to increase return on your supply chain investment
- Benefits include:
 - ❖ To save trucking costs
 - ❖ To save the travelling distance or time
 - ❖ To reduce the number of trucks being used
 - ❖ To ensure FTL and avoid LTL (Less Truck Load)
 - ❖ To reduce the fuel consumption
 - ❖ To eliminate environmental impacts by reducing carbon emission



Milk Run in Production



- A milk run is a classic example for a Kanban system, which is used in industrial manufacturing as a signal to act.
- A milk run can contain multiple stations where product is needed for point of storage use. In case the on-hand inventory is insufficient until the next run, that inventory can be increased by special orders.
- Increasing the frequency of the runs would reduce the inventory on hand and the replenishing inventory. In a perfect environment, a milk run can provide just enough inventory until the next milk run, with no or very little buffer at each station.

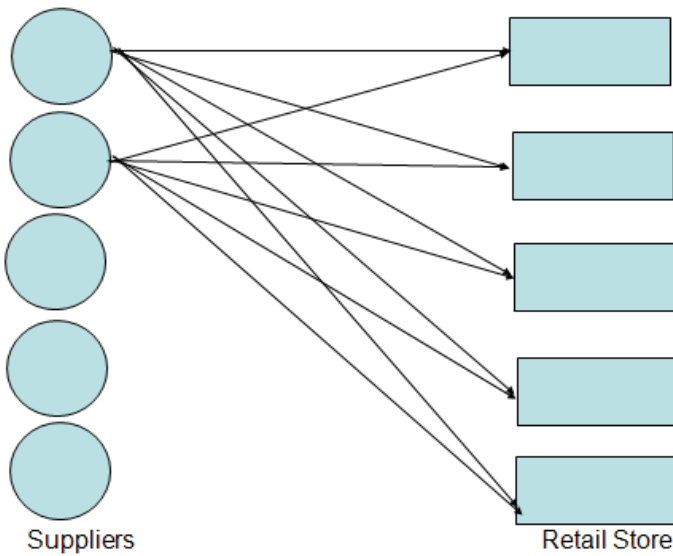


Direct Shipment Network

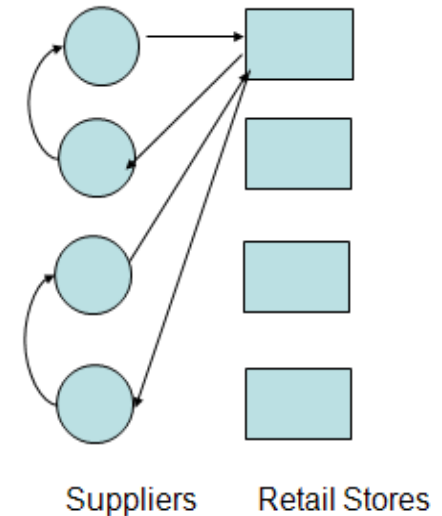
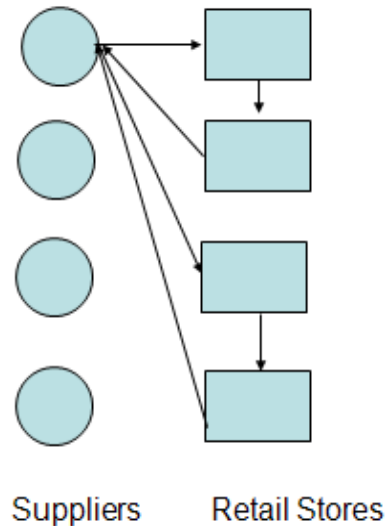


- We can consider the Direct Shipment Network in 2 ways:
 - without milk runs
 - with milk runs

Without Milk Runs



With Milk Runs

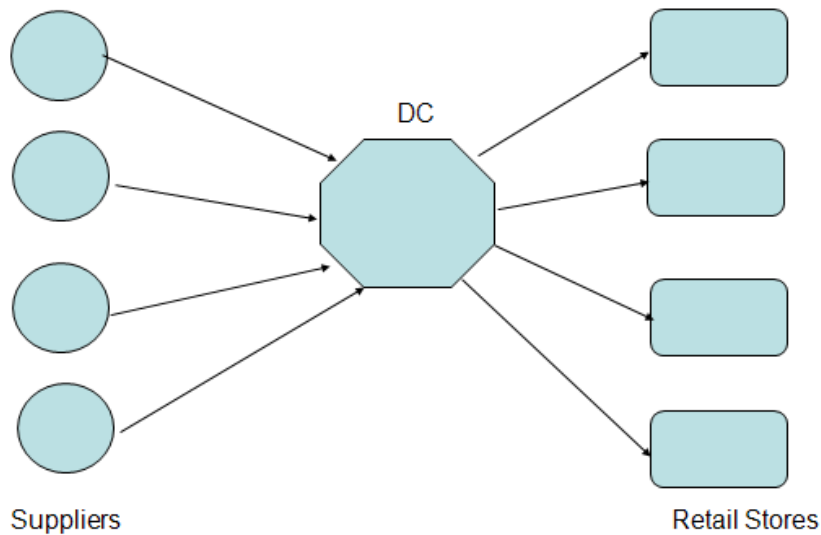


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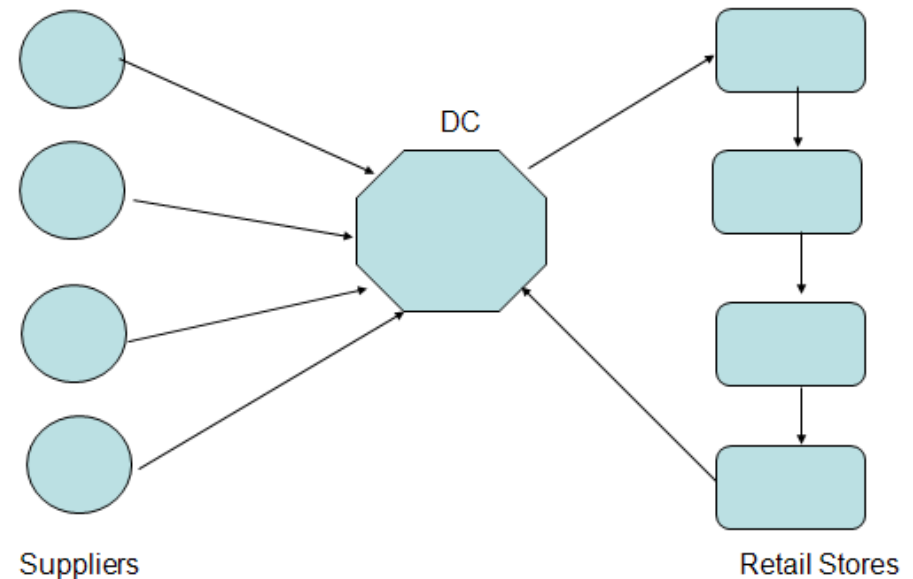


- We can consider this method in 2 ways:
 - without milk runs
 - with milk runs

Without Milk Runs



With Milk Runs



Routing and Scheduling Decisions



- The most important operational decision about transportation in a supply chain is the **routing of deliveries**.
- Typical objectives when routing and scheduling transport vehicles are a combination of minimizing costs by:
 - ❖ *decreasing the number of vehicles needed*
 - ❖ *decreasing the total distance travelled by vehicles*
 - ❖ *decreasing the total travel time of the vehicles*
 - ❖ *eliminating service failures such as a delay in shipments*
- Jordan has to consider that the goal is to route and schedule vehicles such that the costs incurred to meet the delivery promises are kept as low as possible.
- Jordan must decide *which truck to deliver to which customers* and the *route that each truck will take when making the deliveries*.
- Jordan must also ensure that *no truck is overloaded*.

The Savings Matrix Method



- This method is simple to implement and can be used to assign customers to vehicles even when the delivery time windows or other constraints exist.
- The major steps involve:
 - Step 1: Identify the distance matrix (given today)*
 - Step 2: Identify the distance savings matrix*
 - Step 3: Assign customers to vehicles or routes*
 - Step 4: Sequence customers within routes*
- Step 1-3 are used to assign customers to vehicles
- Step 4 is used to route each vehicle to further minimize the total distance travelled



Step 1: Identify the Distance Matrix

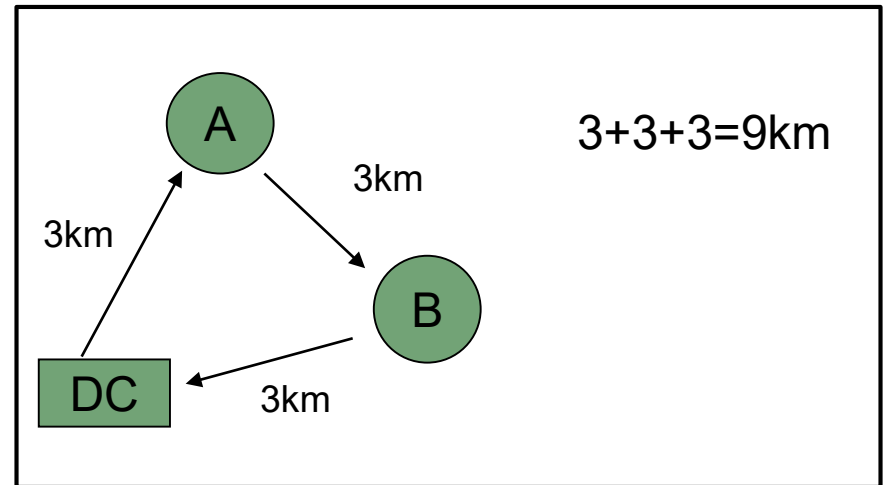
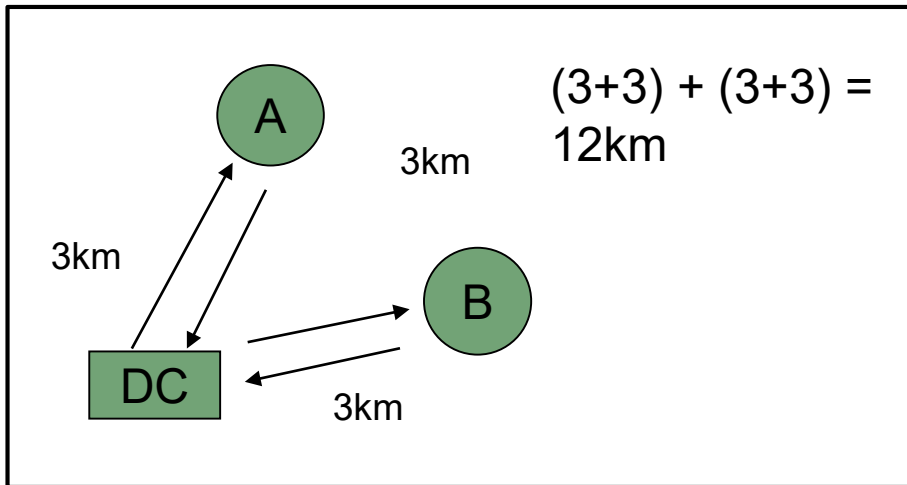


- If the transportation costs/ travelling time between a pair of locations are known, then we can use the transportation costs / time directly in place of the distances.

	SF	Store 1	Store 2	Store 3	Store 4	Store 5	Store 6	Store 7	Store 8	Store 9	Store 10	Store 11	Store 12	Store 13
SF	0													
Store 1	5.6	0												
Store 2	6.8	3.2	0											
Store 3	5.6	4.4	2.0	0										
Store 4	10.5	8.1	5.6	4.4	0									
Store 5	11.7	10.5	8.1	6.8	3.2	0								
Store 6	15.3	15.3	12.9	11.7	6.8	4.4	0							
Store 7	17.7	16.5	14.1	12.9	8.1	5.6	2.2	0						
Store 8	21.4	22.6	20.2	18.9	11.7	10.5	6.8	4.4	0					
Store 9	28.6	28.6	26.2	25.0	17.7	16.5	11.7	10.5	4.4	0				
Store 10	26.2	25.0	22.6	21.4	16.5	15.3	10.5	6.8	3.2	3.2	0			
Store 11	23.8	20.2	17.7	16.5	12.9	12.9	10.5	6.8	6.8	8.1	5.3	0		
Store 12	15.3	15.3	12.9	11.7	10.5	11.7	11.7	9.3	10.5	11.7	9.3	4.4	0	
Store 13	18.9	14.1	11.7	10.5	14.1	14.1	15.3	11.7	11.7	14.1	12.9	8.1	3.2	0
Store 14	17.7	16.5	14.1	12.9	14.1	15.3	16.5	12.9	14.1	15.3	15.3	10.5	3.2	3.1

Step 2: Identify the Distance Savings Matrix

- How do we calculate the distance savings?
- Let's consider a simple example:



- Generally,
$$S(A,B) = \text{Dist}(\text{DC}, A) + \text{Dist}(\text{DC}, B) - \text{Dist}(A,B)$$
- For this example, distance savings = $12 - 9 = 3\text{km}$

Step 2: Identify the Distance Savings Matrix

	Store 1	Store 2	Store 3	Store 4	Store 5	Store 6	Store 7	Store 8	Store 9	Store 10	Store 11	Store 12	Store 13	Store 14
Store 1	0													
Store 2	9.2	0												
Store 3	6.8	10.4	0											
Store 4	8.0	11.7	11.7	0										
Store 5	6.8	10.4	10.5	19.0	0									
Store 6	5.6	9.2	9.2	19.0	22.6	0								
Store 7	6.8	10.4	10.4	20.1	23.8	30.8	0							
Store 8	4.4	8.0	8.1	20.2	22.6	29.9	34.7	0						
Store 9	5.6	9.2	9.2	21.4	23.8	32.2	35.8	45.6	0					
Store 10	6.8	10.4	10.4	20.2	22.6	31.0	37.1	44.4	51.6	0				
Store 11	9.2	12.9	12.9	21.4	22.6	28.6	34.7	38.4	44.3	44.7	0			
Store 12	5.6	9.2	9.2	15.3	15.3	18.9	23.7	26.2	32.2	32.2	34.7	0		
Store 13	10.4	14.0	14.0	15.3	16.5	18.9	24.9	28.6	33.4	32.2	34.6	31.0	0	
Store 14	6.8	10.4	10.4	14.1	14.1	16.5	22.5	25.0	31.0	28.6	31.0	29.8	33.5	0

- **51.6** is the saving in travelling distance if store 9 and 10 are grouped in a single milk run

Step 3: Assign Stores to Vehicles/Routes



Highest saving: 51.6 (Route 9-10) (start the 1st route)

Vehicle load: $35 + 61 = 96 < 200$, OK

Next highest saving: 45.6 (Route 8-9)

Vehicle load: $96 + 30 = 126 < 200$, OK (first route: 8-9-10)

Next highest saving: 44.7 (Route 10-11)

Vehicle load: $126 + 50 = 176 < 200$, OK (first route: 8-9-10-11)

Cancel store 8,9,10 and 11 as no order size is $< 200 - 176 = 24$
and no other stores can be added into the current route

	Store 1	Store 2	Store 3	Store 4	Store 5	Store 6	Store 7	Store 8	Store 9	Store 10	Store 11	Store 12	Store 13	Store 14
Store 1	0													
Store 2	9.2	0												
Store 3	6.8	10.4	0											
Store 4	8.0	11.7	11.7	0										
Store 5	6.8	10.4	10.5	19.0	0									
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Store 7	6.8	10.4	10.4	20.1	23.8	30.8	0							
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Store 9	5.6	9.2	9.2	21.4	23.8	32.2	35.8	45.6	0					
Store 10	6.8	10.4	10.4	20.2	22.6	31.0	37.1	41.4	51.6	0				
Store 11	9.2	12.0	12.0	21.4	22.6	28.6	34.7	38.1	41.3	44.7	0			
Store 12	5.6	9.2	9.2	15.3	15.3	18.9	23.7	26.2	32.2	32.2	34.7	0		
Store 13	10.4	14.0	14.0	15.3	16.5	18.9	24.9	28.6	33.4	32.2	34.6	31.0	0	
Store 14	6.8	10.4	10.4	14.1	14.1	16.5	22.5	25.0	31.0	28.6	31.0	29.8	33.5	0

Step 3: Assign Stores to Vehicles/Routes



- Next highest saving: 33.5 (Route 13-14) (**start the 2nd route**)
 - Truck load = $48 + 61 = 109$ < 200, OK
- Next highest saving: 31 (Route 12-13) (**12-13-14 tentatively**)
 - Truck load = $109 + 57 = 166$ < 200, OK
- Next highest saving: 30.8 (Route 6-7)
 - Truck load = $166 + 80 + 36 = 282$ > 200, not OK
- Cancel store 12,13 and 14 as no order size is $< 200 - 166 = 34$ and no other stores can be added into the current route

Step 3: Assign Stores to Vehicles/Routes



Next highest saving: 30.8 (Route 6-7) (start the 3rd route)

Truck load = $80 + 36 = 116 < 200$, OK

Next highest saving: 23.8 (Route 5-7)

Truck load = $116 + 40 = 156 < 200$, OK (3rd route : 5-6-7)

Leftover capacity = $200 - 156 = 44$, only store 2 can be tagged along to deliver.

The 3rd route will include 2, 5, 6 and 7, then cancel the stores

	Store 1	Store 2	Store 3	Store 4	Store 5	Store 6	Store 7	Store 8	Store 9	Store 10	Store 11	Store 12	Store 13	Store 14
Store 1	0													
Store 2	9.2	0												
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Store 13	10.4	14.0	14.0	15.3	16.5	18.9	24.9	26.6	35.4	32.2	34.6	31.0	0	
Store 14	6.8	10.4	10.4	14.1	14.1	16.5	22.5	25.0	31.0	28.6	31.0	29.8	33.5	0

Step 3: Assign Customers to Vehicles/Routes



- The last route will be 1, 3 and 4
 - Check capacity, $51+61+72 = 184 < 200$, OK (4th route : 1-3-4)

	Store 1	Store 2	Store 3	Store 4	Store 5	Store 6	Store 7	Store 8	Store 9	Store 10	Store 11	Store 12	Store 13	Store 14
Store 1	0													
Store 2	9.2	0												
Store 3	6.8	10.4	0											
Store 4	8.0	11.7	11.7	0										
Store 5	6.8	10.4	10.5	19.0	0									
Store 6	5.6	9.2	9.2	10.0	22.6	0								
Store 7	6.8	10.4	10.4	20.1	23.3	30.8	0							
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Store 12	5.6	9.2	9.2	15.3	15.3	18.9	23.7	20.2	32.2	32.2	34.7	0		
Store 13	10.4	14.0	14.0	15.3	16.5	18.9	24.9	26.6	33.4	32.2	34.6	31.0	0	
Store 14	6.8	10.4	10.4	14.1	14.1	16.5	22.5	25.0	31.0	28.6	31.0	29.8	33.5	0

- We get the 4 route-truck assignments as:
 - Truck 1 is assigned to stores (8-9-10-11)
 - Truck 2 is assigned to stores (12-13-14)
 - Truck 3 is assigned to stores (5-6-7-2)
 - Truck 4 is assigned to store (1-3-4)



Step 4: Sequence Customers Within Routes



- The 14 stores are now grouped into 4 groups, with each group being assigned to a specific vehicle.
- The next step is to identify the sequence in which each vehicle will visit the companies.
- There are many types of route sequencing techniques available.

Nearest Neighbor:

- Starting from the farm, this procedure adds the closest store to extend the trip.
- At each step, the trip is built by adding the store closest to the point last visited by the vehicle until all the stores have been visited

Nearest Neighbor	Resulting Trip	Trip Length
(8-10-9-11)	SF→8→10→9→11→SF	59.7
(12-13-14)	SF→12→13→14→SF	39.3
(2-5-6-7)	SF→2→5→6→7→SF	39.2
(1-3-4)	SF→1→3→4→SF	24.9

Traveling Time or Distance?



- Traveling time maybe a better measurement especially when there is an agreed timeframe with customers. In this case, the distance matrix will be replaced by a time matrix, before applying step 2 to 4.
- So how do we get the traveling time within Singapore?

Get Directions [My Maps](#)

Start: **lands Avenue 9th, 738984 (Republic Polytechnic)**
Destination: **Orchard Rd, Singapore**
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Driving directions to Orchard Rd

Suggested routes

Route	Time	Distance
Seletar Expy and Central Expy	21 mins	24.5 km
Bukit Timah Expy	24 mins	22.3 km

This route has tolls.

Republic Polytechnic
9 Woodlands Avenue 9th
738984

- Head **northeast** on **Woodlands Ave 9** toward **Woodlands Drive 91** 280 m
- Make a **U-turn** at **Woodlands Street 91** 450 m
- Slight **left** at **Woodlands Ave 2** 1.8 km
- Merge onto **Seletar Expy/SLE** via the ramp to **CTE/TPE** 9.2 km
- Continue onto **Central Expy/CTE** (signs for **City**) **Partial toll road** 11.7 km
- Exit onto **Cairnhill Circle** 600 m
- Continue straight onto **Cairnhill Rd** **Partial toll road** 500 m
- Turn **left** at **Orchard Rd** 81 m

Orchard Rd

from 738964 to sentosa

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BY DRIVING

☐ Minimize ERP ☐ Avoid Expressways

	TOTAL TIME	TOTAL DIST.	VIA
	42 min	31.0 km	Bukit Timah Expressway
✓	44 min	36.4 km	Central Expressway
	48 min	40.5 km	East Coast Parkway

Learning Outcome



- Describe the concept of milk run and its benefits
- Describe the factors considered when deciding the appropriate routing and scheduling for a given transportation network
- Apply the Savings Matrix Method for a given scenario:
 - Step 1: Identify the Distance Matrix
 - Step 2: Identify the Distance Savings matrix
 - Step 3: Assign customers to vehicles or routes
 - Step 4: Sequence customers within routes
- Apply the Route Sequencing Procedures on a route:
 - Nearest Neighbour

