

# Qmm\_Assignment\_1

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The Weigelt Corporation has three branch plants with excess production capacity. Fortunately, the corporation has a new product ready to begin production, and all three plants have this capability, so some of the excess capacity can be used in this way. This product can be made in three sizes—large, medium, and small—that yield a net unit profit of \$420, \$360, and \$300, respectively. Plants 1, 2, and 3 have the excess capacity to produce 750, 900, and 450 units per day of this product, respectively, regardless of the size or combination of sizes involved.

The amount of available in-process storage space also imposes a limitation on the production rates of the new product. Plants 1, 2, and 3 have 13,000, 12,000, and 5,000 square feet, respectively, of in-process storage space available for a day's production of this product. Each unit of the large, medium, and small sizes produced per day requires 20, 15, and 12 square feet, respectively. Sales forecasts indicate that if available, 900, 1,200, and 750 units of the large, medium, and small sizes, respectively, would be sold per day.

At each plant, some employees will need to be laid off unless most of the plant's excess production capacity can be used to produce the new product. To avoid layoffs if possible, management has decided that the plants should use the same percentage of their excess capacity to produce the new product. Management wishes to know how much of each of the sizes should be produced by each of the plants to maximize profit.

a. Define the decision variables

The decision variables are the number of units of the new product, regardless its size, that should be produced on each plant to maximize the company's profit.

Note:

$X_i$  = means the number of units produced on each plant, where  $i = 1$  (Plant 1), 2 (Plant 2), and 3 (Plant 3)

L, M, and S = means the product's size, where L = large, M = medium, and S = small.

The decision variables are:

$X_iL$  = number of large items produced on plant  $i$ , where  $i = 1$  (Plant 1), 2 (Plant 2), and 3 (Plant 3).

$X_iM$  = number of medium items produced on plant  $i$ , where  $i = 1$  (Plant 1), 2 (Plant 2), and 3 (Plant 3).

$X_iS$  = number of small items produced on plant  $i$ , where  $i = 1$  (Plant 1), 2 (Plant 2), and 3 (Plant 3).

b. Formulate a linear programming model for this problem.

Let

$X_iL$  = number of large items produced on plant  $i$ , where  $i = 1$  (Plant 1), 2 (Plant 2), and 3 (Plant 3).

$X_iM$  = number of medium items produced on plant  $i$ , where  $i = 1$  (Plant 1), 2 (Plant 2), and 3 (Plant 3).

$X_iS$  = number of small items produced on on plant  $i$ , where  $i = 1$  (Plant 1), 2 (Plant 2), and 3 (Plant 3).

Maximize profit

$Z = 420 (X_1L + X_2L + X_3L) + 360 (X_1M + X_2M + X_3M) + 300 (X_1S + X_2S + X_3S)$  #Constraints:  
 #Total number of size's units produced regardless the plant:  
 $L = X_1L + X_2L + X_3L$   
 $M = X_1M + X_2M + X_3M$   
 $S = X_1S + X_2S + X_3S$  #Production capacity per unit by plant each day:  
 #Plant 1 =  $X_1L + X_1M + X_1S$  750  
 #Plant 2 =  $X_2L + X_2M + X_2S$  900  
 #Plant 3 =  $X_3L + X_3M + X_3S$  450 #Storage capacity per unit by plant each day: #Plant 1 =  $20X_1L + 15X_1M + 12X_1S$  13000  
 #Plant 2 =  $20X_2L + 15X_2M + 12X_2S$  12000  
 #Plant 3 =  $20X_3L + 15X_3M + 12X_3S$  5000  
 #Sales forecast per day:  
 $L = X_1L + X_2L + X_3L$  900  
 $M = X_1M + X_2M + X_3M$  1200  
 $S = X_1S + X_2S + X_3S$  750 #The plants should use the same percentage of their excess capacity to produce the new product.  

$$\# \frac{X_1L + X_1M + X_1S}{750} = \frac{X_2L + X_2M + X_2S}{900} = \frac{X_3L + X_3M + X_3S}{450}$$
 #It can be simplified as: #a)  $900(X_1L + X_1M + X_1S) - 750(X_2L + X_2M + X_2S) = 0$   
 #b)  $450(X_2L + X_2M + X_2S) - 900(X_3L + X_3M + X_3S) = 0$   
 #c)  $450(X_1L + X_1M + X_1S) - 750(X_3L + X_3M + X_3S) = 0$   
 #All values must be greater or equal to zero  
 $L, M, \text{ and } S \geq 0$   
 $X_iL, X_iM, \text{ and } X_iS \geq 0$   
 #—————SOLUTION USING R—————

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# Import the lpSolve package.
library(lpSolve)

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## Warning: package 'lpSolve' was built under R version 4.1.3
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# Setting coefficients of the objective function assignment_objfunc
assignment_objfunc <- c(420, 420, 420,
                        360, 360, 360,
                        300, 300, 300)

# Setting the left hand side of the problem's constraints as assignment_leftconst
assignment_leftconst <- matrix(c(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
                                0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0,
                                0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1,
                                20, 15, 12, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
                                0, 0, 0, 20, 15, 12, 0, 0, 0,
                                0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 20, 15, 12,
                                1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0,

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0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0,
0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1,
900, 900, 900, -750, -750, -750, 0, 0, 0,
0, 0, 0, 450, 450, 450, -900, -900, -900,
450, 450, 450, 0, 0, 0, -750, -750, -750), nrow = 12, byrow = TRUE)
# Setting the right hand side of the problem's constraints as assignment_rightconst
assignment_rightconst <- c(750,
900,
450,
13000,
12000,
5000,
900,
1200,
750,
0,
0,
0)

# Setting the inequality signs as assignment_uneqsigns
assignment_uneqsigns <- c("<=",
"<=",
"<=",
"<=",
"<=",
"<=",
"<=",
"<=",
"<=",
"=",
"=",
"=")

# Set up the final lp problem
lp("max", assignment_objfunc, assignment_leftconst, assignment_uneqsigns, assignment_rightconst)

## Success: the objective function is 716666.7

# To get the solution of the lp problem
lp("max", assignment_objfunc, assignment_leftconst, assignment_uneqsigns, assignment_rightconst)$solution

## [1] 0.0000 694.4444 0.0000 0.0000 500.0000 333.3333 0.0000 0.0000
## [9] 416.6667

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