

DDL: 14:00 Thursday of the fourteenth academic week (May 22th).

The homework contains 4 questions and the score is 100 in total.

1. (30 marks) A rancher has determined that the minimum weekly nutritional requirements for an average-sized horse include 40 lb of protein, 20 lb of carbohydrates, and 45 lb of roughage. These are obtained from the following sources in varying amounts at the prices indicated:

	Protein (lb)	Carbohydrates (lb)	Roughage (lb)	Cost
Hay (per bale)	0.5	2.0	5.0	\$1.80
$ \text{Oats} \\ (\text{per sack}) $	1.0	4.0	2.0	3.50
Feeding blocks (per block)	2.0	0.5	1.0	0.40
High-protein concentrate	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.00
(per sack) Requirements per horse (per week)	40.0	20.0	45.0	

Formulate a mathematical model to determine how to meet the minimum nutritional requirements at minimum cost.

2. (30 marks) A candy store sells three different assortments of mixed nuts, each assortment containing varying amounts of almonds, pecans, cashews, and walnuts. To preserve the store's reputation for quality, certain maximum and minimum percentages of the various nuts are required for each type of assortment, as shown in the following table:

Nut assortment	Requirements	Selling price per pound	
Regular	Not more than 20% cashews	\$0.89	
	Not less than 40% walnuts		
	Not more than 25% pecans		
	No restriction on almonds		
Deluxe	Not more than 35% cashews	1.10	
	Not less than 25% almonds		
	No restriction on walnuts		
	and pecans		
Blue Ribbon	Between 30% and 50% cashews	1.80	
	Not less than 30% almonds		
	No restriction on walnuts		
	and pecans		

The following table gives the cost per pound and the maximum quantity of each type of nut available from the store's supplier each week.

Nut type	Cost	Maximum quantity	
	per pound	available per week (lb)	
Almonds	\$0.45	2000	
Pecans	0.55	4000	
Cashews	0.70	5000	
Walnuts	0.50	3000	

The store would like to determine the exact amounts of almonds, pecans, cashews, and walnuts that should go into each weekly assortment to maximize its weekly profit. Formulate a mathematical model that will assist the store management in solving the mixing problem.

Hint: How many decisions need to be made? For example, do you need to distinguish between the cashews in the regular mix and the cashews in the deluxe mix?

3. (20 marks) Solve problems using algebraic analysis.

(a) Maximize
$$10x + 35y$$
 subject to
$$8x + 6y \le 48 \quad \text{(board-feet of lumber)}$$

$$4x + y \le 20 \quad \text{(hours of carpentry)}$$

$$y \ge 5 \quad \text{(demand)}$$

$$x, y \ge 0 \quad \text{(nonnegativity)}$$
(b) Minimize $5x + 7y$ subject to
$$2x + 3y \ge 6$$

$$3x - y \le 15$$

$$-x + y \le 4$$

$$2x + 5y \le 27$$

$$x \ge 0$$

$$y \ge 0$$

4. (20 marks) Use the algebraic method to solve Question 3 (a) and (b) again.

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