

The finished cars are transported in a specially arranged lorry accommodating 200 cars. Using following 15 random numbers:
82, 89, 78, 24, 53, 61, 18, 45, 04, 23, 50, 77, 27, 54, 10

Simulate the process to find out:

- (a) What will be the average number of cars waiting in the factory?
- (b) What will be the average number of empty spaces on the lorry?

Q.6 i. What do you mean by Replacement models. Classify the different type of replacement models. also explain the term money value. **4**

ii. The data collected in running a machine, the cost of which is Rs 7,000 are given below: **6**

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maintenance Cost (Rs.)	900	1200	1600	2100	2800	3700	4700	5900
Resale value (Rs.)	4000	2000	1200	600	500	400	400	400

Determine the optimum period for replacement of the machine.

OR iii. The management of a hotel having 500 rooms each having 6 bulbs, replace the bulb as they fail cost Rs. 3 each. The cost reduces by Rs. 2 per bulb by adopting periodic replacement policy. It is proposed to replace all bulbs at fixed intervals, whether or not they have fail or not, and to continue replacing individual bulb as they fail. On the basis of given information **6**

Month of use	1	2	3	4	5
Percent of bulbs failing by that month	10	25	50	80	100

What replacement policy from group and individual shall be followed?

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Note: (a) All questions are compulsory. Internal choices, if any, are indicated. Answers of Q.1 (MCQs) should be written in full instead of only a, b, c or d.
(b) Use of non-programmable calculator is allowed.

- Q.1 i. The innovative science of Operations Research was discovered during _____. **1**
 (a) World War I (b) World War II
 (c) Civil War (d) Industrial Revolution
- ii. In maximization problem, optimal solution occurring at corner point yields the **1**
 (a) Mean value of z (b) Highest value of z
 (c) Modal value of z (d) None of these
- iii. In an assignment problem number of tasks are m and number of machines **1** are n, then which condition should be satisfied
 (a) $m < n$ (b) $m = n$ (c) $m > n$ (d) None of these
- iv. When total supply is equal to total demand in a transportation problem, the **1** problem is said to be
 (a) Unbalanced (b) Non-degenerate
 (c) Balanced (d) None of these
- v. In a Transition probability matrix of Markov process, the element a_{ij} Where $i = j$ is a **1**
 (a) Gain (b) Loss (c) Retention (d) None of these
- vi. Which of following characteristics are used to apply on a queuing system? **1**
 (a) Arrival process (b) Service mechanism
 (c) Both (a) and (b) (d) None of these
- vii. What happens when maximin and minimax values of the game are same? **1**
 (a) No solution exists (b) Solution is mixed
 (c) Saddle point exist (d) None of these
- viii. Pseudo random numbers are, the numbers that are **1**
 (a) Calculator generated (b) Computer generated
 (c) Both (a) and (b) (d) None of these
- ix. The problem of replacement is felt when job performing units fail **1**
 (a) Suddenly (b) Gradually (c) Both (a) and (b) (d) (a) but not (b)

[2]

- x. If r is the rate of interest, then the discount factor is given by
 (a) $(1+r)^{-1}$ (b) $(1+r)^2$ (c) $(1-r)^3$ (d) $(1-r)$
- Q.2 i. A diet for a sick person must contains at least 4000 units of vitamins, 50 units of minerals and 1400 units of calories. Two foods A and B are available at a cost of Rs. 4 and Rs. 3 per unit respectively. If one unit of A contains 200 units of vitamins, 1 unit of mineral and 40 units of calories and one unit of B food contains 100 units of vitamins, 2 units of minerals and 40 units of calories, formulate it as a linear programming problem to minimize cost and solve it graphically.
- ii. Explain any three characteristics and three application of Operations Research.
- OR iii. Use Simplex method to solve the Linear Programming Problem

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 4x_1 + 10x_2$$

$$\text{Subject to } 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 50$$

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 100$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 90 \quad x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

- Q.3 i. Write Hungarian Algorithm to solve an assignment problem?
- ii. An organization wants to decide the optimal shipments of a product to four retailers from its three warehouses. The cost of shipment per unit from each warehouse to each retailer and the requirements and availability of the product are given below in the table.

	Retail Outlet					
		R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Availabilities
Warehouses	W ₁	21	16	25	13	11
	W ₂	17	18	14	23	13
	W ₃	32	27	18	41	19
Requirements	6	10	12	15		

Find initial basic feasible solution using VAM and then get optimal solution.

- OR iii. A company four territories open and four salesmen are available for the assignment. maximize the total profit if profit matrix is given as

		Sales in thousand rupees				
		1	2	3	4	
		A	42	35	28	21
		B	30	25	20	15
		C	30	25	20	15
		D	24	20	16	12

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- Q.4 i. Define Markov process, Transition probability matrix of Markov process, disciplines of a queuing system, queue length.

- ii. Recently, a market research team has conducted a survey of consumer buying habits with respect to three brands of talcum powder in an area. It estimates that at present 20% of customer buy brand A, 50% of customer buy brand B and 30% of the customer buy brand C. In addition, the firm has analysed its survey data and has determined the following brand switching matrix.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Brand next bought} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} & A & B & C \\ \text{Brand just bought} & \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0.6 & 0.3 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 & 0.7 \end{matrix} \end{array} \end{array}$$

What will be the expected distribution of customers two time periods late?

- OR iii. A branch of Punjab national Bank has only one typist. Since the typing work varies in length, the typing rate is randomly distributed approximating a poission distribution with mean service rate of 8 letters per hour. The letters arrive at a rate of 5 per hour during the entire 8 hours work day. If the typewriter is valued at rupees 150 per hour. Determine
- (a) Equipment utilization and the percent time that an arriving letter has to wait.
- (b) Average system time.
- (c) Average cost due to waiting on the part of the typewriter i.e. it is remaining idle.

- Q.5 i. Write all the steps of Monte Carlo technique for simulation.
- ii. Solve the following 2 x 4 game by graphical method

		Player B				
		B ₁	B ₂	B ₃	B ₄	
Player		A ₁	3	3	4	0
		A ₂	5	4	3	7

- OR iii. The automobile company manufactures around 200 cars. The daily production varies from 196 to 204 depending upon the availability of raw materials and other working conditions:

Production 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204
 (per day)

Probability 0.05 0.09 0.12 0.14 0.20 0.15 0.11 0.08 0.06

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MCQ. (Solution)

Q1.

(i) (b) World war II

(ii) (b) Highest value of Z .

(iii) (b) $m=n$

(iv) (c) balanced

(v) (c) retention

(vi) (c) both a and b

(vii) (c) Saddle point exist

(viii) (b) Computer generated

(ix) (c) both a and b.

(x) (a) $(1+x)^{-1}$

Q2 (i) The data can be summarised as.

Food	Contents		Calories	Cost per unit
	Vitamin	mineral		
A	900	1	40	4
B	100	2	40	3
Minimum requirement	4000	50	1400	

Let x_1 denote no of units of A

x_2 " " " " of B

LP Model of given problem is

$$\text{Min } Z = 4x_1 + 3x_2$$

$$\text{s.t. } 900x_1 + 100x_2 \geq 4000 \quad (\text{Vitamin})$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 50 \quad (\text{mineral})$$

$$40x_1 + 40x_2 \geq 1400 \quad (\text{calories})$$

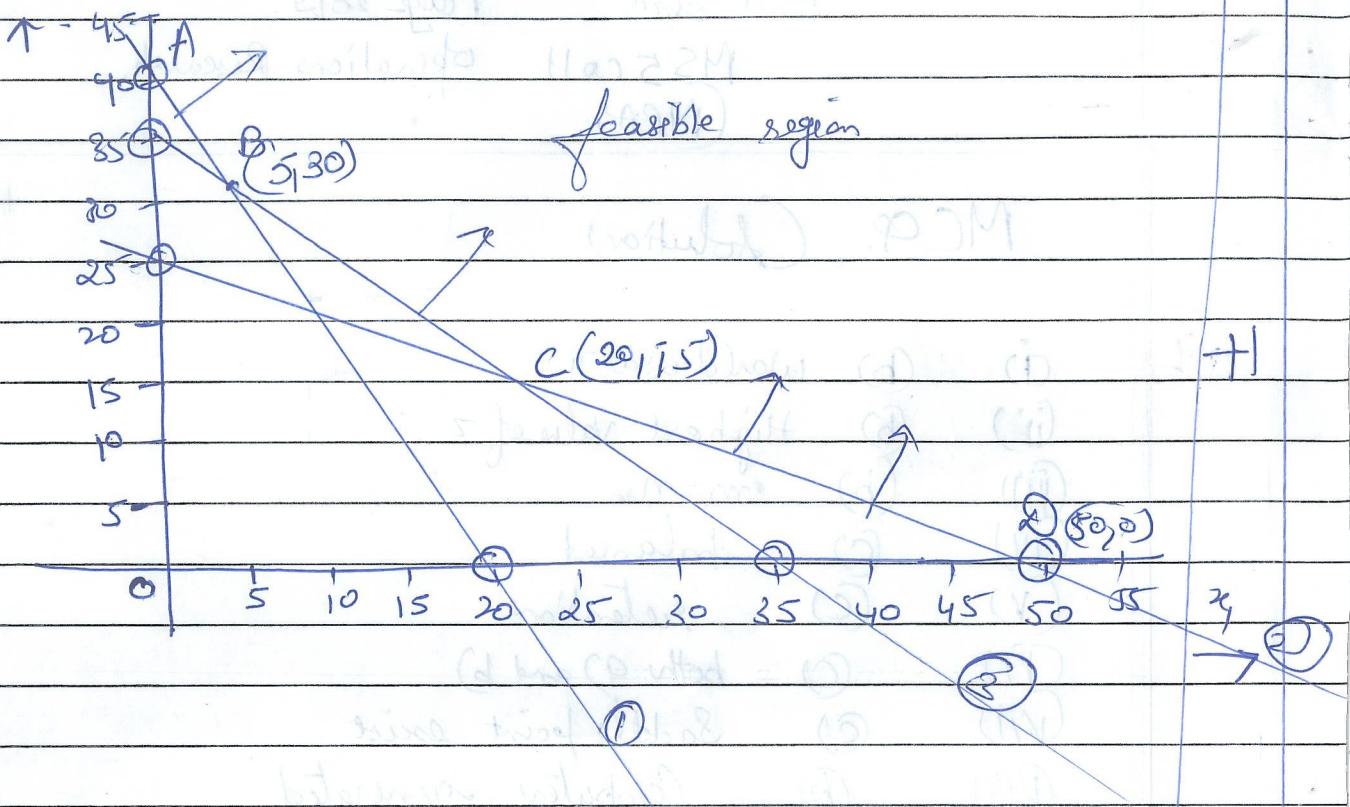
$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

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point on ① (0, 40) (20, 0)

② (0, 25) (50, 0)

③ (0, 15) (35, 0)

 x_2 

Extreme points of feasible region are

A B C D.

Now value of objective function at each extreme point is

points	$Z = 4x_1 + 3x_2$
A (0, 40)	$Z = 4 \times 0 + 3 \times 40 = 120$
B (5, 30)	$Z = 5 \times 0 + 3 \times 30 = 110$
C (20, 15)	$Z = 20 \times 4 + 3 \times 15 = 125$
D (50, 0)	$Z = 50 \times 4 + 0 \times 3 = 200$

$$\therefore x_1 = 5 \quad x_2 = 30$$

$$\text{Min } Z = 110 \text{ units (Rupees)}$$

Q(ii) characteristics for [Any three]

- (1) inter-disciplinary team approach
- (2) System oriented
- (3) Scientific approach.
- (4) Improvements in solutions.
- (5) optimization of total output

Applications:

- (1) In personnel management
- (2) In finance and accounting
- (3) In purchasing
- (4) In Research and development
- (5) In Production management
- (6) In marketing

Max Z = 2x₁ + 10x₂ + 0s₁ + 0s₂ + 0s₃

$$S_1: 2x_1 + 2x_2 + s_1 + 0s_2 + 0s_3 = 50$$

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 + 0s_1 + s_2 + 0s_3 = 100$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 0s_1 + 0s_2 + s_3 = 90$$

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Basic variable

Table I

	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	$i = 1, 2$	$j = 1, 2, 3$	x_{ij}
C.B	x_B	x_0	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	x_{0j}
0	x_1 s_1	50	2	1	1	0	0	50
0	x_2 s_2	100	2	5	0	1	0	20 \Rightarrow
0	x_3 s_3	90	2	3	0	0	1	30
			4	10	0	0	0	

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depart $\Rightarrow s_2$
enter $\Rightarrow x_2$

Key (5)

Table 2.

	G	4	10	0	0	0	0	Method
C_B	x_B	x_0	x_4	x_{10}	S_1	S_2	S_3	x_0
0	S_1	30	8/5	8	1	-1/5	0	(1)
10	x_4	20	2/5	1	0	4/5	0	(2)
0	S_3	30	4/5	0	0	-3/5	1	(3)
	$G - Z$	0	0	0	-2			

all $g - z \leq 0$

$$x_4 = 0 \quad x_2 = 100 \quad \text{Max } Z = 200$$

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Q3 (i) Hungarian Algo.

I If the no of rows are not equal to no of column and vice versa, then a dummy row or column must be added with zero cost elements.

II Find the smallest cost in each row of the cost matrix. subtract this smallest cost element from each element in that row. Therefore, there will be at least one zero in each row of this new matrix, which is called the first reduced cost matrix.

III In the reduced cost matrix, find the smallest element in each column. Subtract the smallest cost element from each element in that column. As a result there would be at least one zeros in each row and column of the second reduced cost matrix.

IV Determine the optimum assignment by Encircling zeros in each row. Then column assignment.

IV. An optimal assignment is found if the number of assigned cells equals the number of rows.

V. Draw the min no of st lines covering all zeros by inspection.

If the minimum no of lines passing through all zeros is equal to the number of rows or columns, the optimum solution is attained by another way & got optimal.

If not Then revise the cost matrix.

- Select min of all uncovered elem.
- Subtract it from all uncovered elem.
- Add it intersection of two lines
- again repeat step. II.

Q(II)

Unbalanced \Rightarrow $43 \neq 43$

using VAM.

Supply

	O_1	O_2	O_3	O_4	O_5	Σ
S_1	81	16	28	13	11	
S_2	⑥ 17	③ 18	14	⑨ 23	13	+3
S_3	32	⑦ 27	18	41	19	
Demand Q_R	6	10	12	18	43	

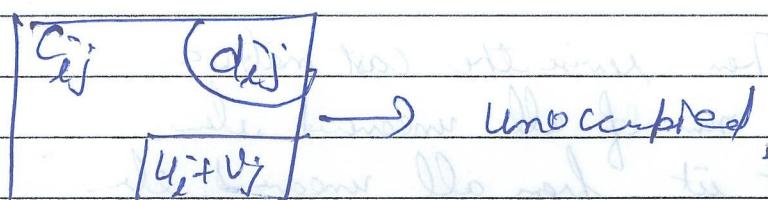
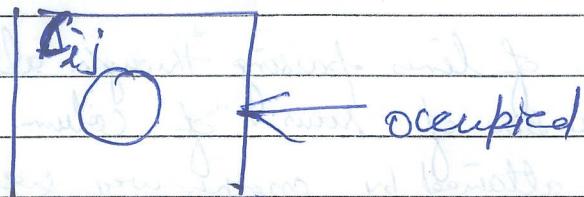
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Modi Method.

$$3+4-1=6 \quad \text{non-degenerate}$$

$$C_{ij} = U_i + V_j \quad (\text{occupied})$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = C_{ij} - (U_i + V_j)$$



far. min occupied cell.

-	-	-	13	(11)	$U_4 = -10$
17	18	3	-	23	$U_2 = 0$
(6)	(3)			(4)	
-	24	18	(12)	-	$U_3 = 9$
11	21	28	18	2	

$$V_1 = 17, V_2 = 18, V_3 = 9, V_4 = 23$$

$$\text{Now } \Delta_{ij} = C_{ij} - (U_i + V_j)$$

21	(4)	16	24	25	0	$U_1 = -10$
7	8	1	-10			
0	0	14		0		$U_2 = 0$
32	6	0	0	41	19	$U_3 = 9$
26	0		2	132		

$$V_1 = 17, V_2 = 18, V_3 = 9, V_4 = 23$$

current sol is optimal so $\Delta_{ij} > 0$

$$z = 796$$

OR (ii) Given profit matrix and balanced
convert into cost matrix

Highest element - each element of Matrix (Profit) + 1

∴ Cost matrix is

	I	II	III	IV
A	0	7	14	21
B	12	17	22	27
C	12	17	22	27
D	18	22	26	30

Row reduction.

	I	II	III	IV
A	0	7	14	21
B	0	5	10	15
C	0	5	10	15
D	0	4	8	12

Column reduction.

	I	II	III	IV
A	10	3	6	9
B	0	1	2	3
C	0	1	2	3
D	0	0	0	0

not optimised

draw line (straight)

Cancelling all zeros.

using hungarian method.

	I	II	III	IV
A	0	2	5	8
B	0	0	1	2
C	0	0	1	2
D	-1	0	0	0

Two optimal set

	I	II	III	IV
A	0	2	4	7
B	0	0	0	1
C	0	0	0	1
D	2	1	0	0

	I	II	III	IV
A	0	2	4	7
B	0	0	0	1
C	0	0	0	1
D	2	1	0	0

$$A - I \quad 42$$

$$B - III \quad 20$$

$$C - IV \quad 25$$

$$D - IV \quad \cancel{12}$$

$$\cancel{99}$$

$$A - I \quad 42$$

$$B - II \quad 25$$

$$C - III \quad 20$$

$$D - IV \quad \cancel{12}$$

$$\cancel{99}$$

Q4 (i)

Markov Process: It is a method used to forecast the value of a variable whose future value is influenced only by its current position or state.

In a Markov process various states are defined. If the probability depends upon only on the present state referred as one stage dependence

(TDM) s_j (next state) $n=1$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 s_i \\
 n=0 \\
 \text{current state}
 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{cccc}
 p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & \cdots & p_{1m} \\
 p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & \cdots & p_{2m} \\
 p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & \cdots & p_{3m} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
 p_{m1} & p_{m2} & p_{m3} & \cdots & p_{mm}
 \end{array} \right.$$

with two imp properties

$$(i) \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij} = 1 \quad (\text{sum of element of each row is } 1)$$

$$(ii) p_{ij}; \quad 0 \leq p_{ij} \leq 1.$$

queue discipline : FCFS, LCFS, SIRO, Priority Based.

queue length : It represent the number of customers waiting to be served. It does not include the customer being served.

(ii) we are given initial probability vector

$$R_0 = [0.2 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.3]$$

$$TPM = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.3 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

After one period

$$R_1 = R_0 \times P = [0.2 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.3] \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.3 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} = [0.38 \quad 0.34 \quad 0.28]$$

$$\text{Two-period later } R_2 = R_1 \times P = R_0 P^2$$

$$= [0.38 \quad 0.34 \quad 0.28] \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.3 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [0.42 \quad 0.312 \quad 0.268]$$

here $\lambda = 5$ per hour

4 Q.R.

$\mu = 8$ per hour

(iii) (a) Equipment utilization.

$$P = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} = \frac{5}{8} = 0.625$$

% time an arriving letter has to (i.e. busy)
wait = $5 \times 100 = 62.5\%$

$$(b) W_s = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ hr} = 20 \text{ min}$$

(c) average cost due to waiting on the
part of the typewriter per day

$$= P_0 \times 8 \times 1.50 \\ = \left(1 - \frac{5}{8}\right) \times 8 \times 1.50 = 4.50 \text{ Rs/day}$$

Q5 (1) Steps of Monte Carlo Simulation.

- ① Study the problem & formulate
- ② Construct the model and develop a probability distribution for those variables which we are considering in the model
- ③ Determine the cumulative probability distribution of each random variable
- ④ Select random number generator and create the random numbers for simulation model
- ⑤ Determine the values of random number in the large and examine the result is appropriate table
- ⑥ Evaluate the result of simulation and select best course of action.

B

 $B_1 \ B_2 \ B_3 \ B_4$

$$\begin{array}{c} A \ A_1 \\ A_2 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

The game has no saddle point / Two ways
using dominance rule $B_2 \ B_3 \ B_4$ to solve.

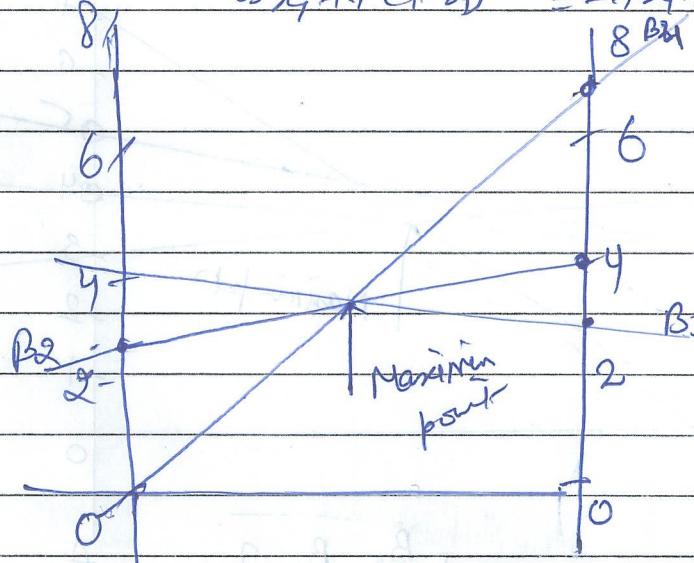
$$\begin{array}{c} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

B_1 's pure strat. A's expected payoff

$$B_2 \quad 3x_1 + 4(1-x_1) = -x_1 + 4$$

$$B_3 \quad 4x_1 + 3(1-x_1) = x_1 + 3$$

$$B_4 \quad 0x_1 + 7(1-x_1) = -7x_1 + 7$$



$$\begin{array}{c} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} B_2 & B_3 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_2 \end{array}$$

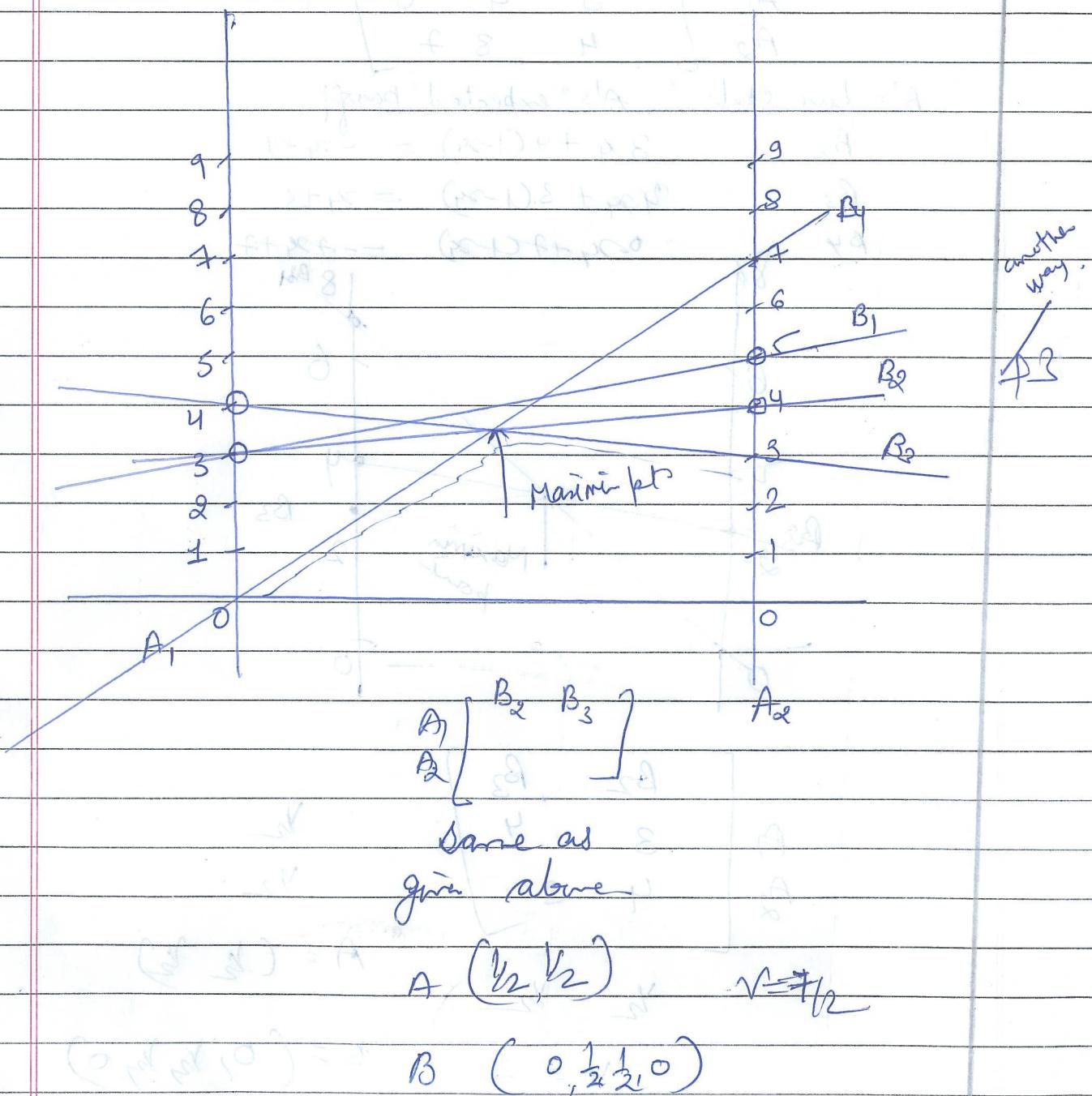
$$A = (y_1 \ y_2)$$

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$$V = \frac{7}{2} \quad B = (0, y_3, y_4, 0)$$

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 Another graph pattern is also carried
 which will give same result as
 shown before.

if we plot directly the given data
 without using dominance rule



Q⁵ OR

Q(iii) II Table to create random number interval

Production per day	probability	Cumulative probability	Random number interval.
196	.05	.05	00-04
197	.09	0.14	05-13
198	0.12	0.26	14-25
199	0.14	0.40	26-39
200	0.20	0.60	40-59
201	0.15	0.75	60-74
202	0.11	0.86	75-85
203	0.08	0.94	86-93
204	0.06	1.00	94-99

Table 2

Simulation table [Can be done in two ways]

Day	Random No.	Product-prob.	Avg. unit waiting (200 space)	Empty space in box.
1	82	202	2	-
2	89	203	5	-
3	78	202	7	-
4	24	198	5	-
5	53	200	5	-
6	61	201	8	-
7	18	198	6	-
8	45	198	4	-
9	04	200	4	-
10	23	202-198	-	-
11	50	199 200	-	2
12	77	200-202	-	-
13	27	199	2	-
14	54	200	1	-
15	10	197	1 (42)	2 (4)

Assumption we made for this table is that no of cars waiting in factory is treated as opening stock of next day.

$$\text{Avg no of cars waiting in factory} = 42/15 = 2.8 \text{ / day}$$

$$\text{Avg no of empty space in factory} = 4/15 = 0.27 \text{ / days}$$

If we want to simulate the production per day for just to get excess production or short production. Then closing stock of a day need not be taken as opening stock of next day.

Day	Random number	production per day	unit No of unit transported	empty space
1	82	202	2	-
2	89	203	3	-
3	78	202	2	-
4	24	198	-	2
5	53	200	-	-
6	61	201	1	-
7	18	198	-	2
8	45	200	0	-
9	04	196	-	4
10	28	198	-	2
11	50	200	-	-
12	77	202	2	-
13	27	199	-	1
14	54	200	-	-
15	10	197	-	3
			10	14

$$\text{Avg unit waiting in factory} = 10/15 = 0.67 \text{ / day}$$

$$\text{Avg Empty Space} = 14/15 = 0.93 \text{ / day}$$

Q6 (i) Replacement problem is concerned with the problem of replacement of certain items due to their deteriorating efficiency, failure or breakdown.

Broadly two types.

a) when the item deteriorates with time and value of money

I does not change with time

II changes with time

(b) when the item fail completely all of a sudden.

(Individual + group replacement)

Money value. - The quantity $(1+r)^{-n}$ is called the present or worth of one rupee spent n years from now.

If interest rate is r , then present value of a rupee paid at the end of one year would be $(1+r)^{-1}$.

year (n)	Run Cost (\$)	$\Sigma S(n)$	7000		Result Value (\$)	G-S	\bar{TC} $\frac{\bar{G-S} + \bar{S}(P)}{(n)}$	ATC \bar{TC}
			C	S				
1	900	900	4000	3000	3000	3900	3900	
2	1200	2100	2000	5000	5000	7100	6050	
3	1600	3700	1200	5800	5800	9500	3166.66	
4	2100	5800	600	6400	6400	12200	3050	474
5	2800	8600	500	6500	6500	15100	3020	
6	3700	12300	400	6600	6600	18900	3150	
7	4700	17000	400	6600	6600	23600	3371	
8	5900	22900	400	6600	6600	29500	3687	

at the end of 5th year. machine should be replaced

OR

Q(6) (iii) I Individual replacement

Let P_i be the probability of failure of bulb in i^{th} month ($i=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$) then we get following probability distribution.

$$P_1 = 10\% = \frac{10}{100} = 0.1$$

$$P_2 = \frac{25-10}{100} = 0.15$$

$$P_3 = \frac{50-25}{100} = 0.25$$

$$\therefore P_4 = 0.30 \quad P_5 = 0.20$$

I Expected no. of failure per month.

here $N = 500 \times 6 = 3000$ bulbs = No.

Month. Expected number of failure (N_i)

$$1 \quad N_1 = N_0 P_1 = 3000 \times 0.10 = 300$$

$$2 \quad N_2 = N_0 P_1 + N_1 P_2 = 3000 \times 0.15 + 300 \times 0.10 = 480$$

$$3 \quad N_3 = N_0 P_2 + N_1 P_3 + N_2 P_4 = 843$$

$$4 \quad N_4 = N_0 P_3 + N_1 P_4 + N_2 P_5 + N_3 P_1 = 1131.3$$

$$5 \quad N_5 = N_0 P_4 + N_1 P_5 + N_2 P_1 + N_3 P_2 + N_4 P_3 = 1049.50$$

II Average life of bulb. Expected Life of

Life (i^{th}) month.

P_i

Bulb $i \times P_i$

$$1 \quad 0.1 \quad = 1 \times 0.1 = 0.10$$

$$2 \quad 0.15 \quad = 2 \times 0.15 = 0.30$$

$$3 \quad 0.25 \quad = 0.75$$

$$4 \quad 0.30 \quad = 1.20$$

$$5 \quad 0.20 \quad = 1.00$$

$$\text{average life of bulb.} = 3.35 \text{ month}$$

$$\text{IV} \quad \text{average no of failure} = \frac{N}{\text{Rate}} = \frac{3000}{3.35} = 895.5 \approx 896$$

I. Cost of Individual bulb replacement

Cost of individual replacement

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{average number of failure} \times \text{Cost per bulb individually} \\ &= 896 \times 3 = 2686 \text{ rupees.} \end{aligned}$$

' Group Replacement (Along with individual replacement)

Cost of individual bulb = rupees 3

Cost of group replacement - per bulb = rupees 1

Total number of bulbs ; $N = 3000$ bulbs.

Determination of Average cost.

upto month (n)	Individual replacement	Cost of replacement (I)	Cost of replacement (G)	$I + G = TC$	Average Cost of group (TC)/n
1	$\frac{N}{3000} \times 3 = 300$	900	3000	3900	3900
2	480	1440	5340	5340	2670
3	843	2529	5340	7869	2623
4	1131.3	3393.3	7869	11262.9	2815.7
5	1049.5	3148.5	11262.9	14410.8	2882.2

Replacement Policy :- The minimum average cost is rupees 2623 for 3rd month. So bulbs should have a group replacement after every 3rd month.

We should prefer group replacement policy because average cost of gp replacement (2623) is less than average cost of individual (2686) replacement.

(Complete.)