

**Problem One: Shortest Path using Linear Programming**

Programming Software/Language Used: **Lindo**

The distance between a given node and a direct parent are as follows (ordered from da to dg):

$dg = 0$	$dc - db \leq 4$	$de - dd \leq 25$
$da - df \leq 5$	$dc - df \leq 3$	$de - df \leq 2$
$da - dh \leq 4$	$dd - dc \leq 3$	$df - da \leq 10$
$db - dh \leq 9$	$dd - de \leq 9$	$df - dd \leq 18$
$db - da \leq 8$	$dd - dg \leq 2$	$dh - dg \leq 3$
$db - df \leq 7$	$de - db \leq 10$	$dg - de \leq 7$

**Solution and Code for Part A:** The most optimal path to C starting from source G is **16 units**.

The path is ***G => H => B => C***.

***Input:***

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max dc
ST
    dg = 0
    dc - db <= 4
    de - dd <= 25
    da - df <= 5
    dc - df <= 3
    de - df <= 2
    da - dh <= 4
    dd - dc <= 3
    df - da <= 10
    db - dh <= 9
    dd - de <= 9
    df - dd <= 18
    db - da <= 8
    dd - dg <= 2
    dh - dg <= 3
    db - df <= 7
    de - db <= 10
    dg - de <= 7
END
```

***Output***

```
LP OPTIMUM FOUND AT STEP      1
      OBJECTIVE FUNCTION VALUE
    1)      16.00000
```

VARIABLE	VALUE	REDUCED COST
DC	16.000000	0.000000
DG	0.000000	0.000000
DB	12.000000	0.000000
DE	0.000000	0.000000
DD	0.000000	0.000000
DA	4.000000	0.000000
DF	13.000000	0.000000
DH	3.000000	0.000000

ROW	SLACK OR SURPLUS	DUAL PRICES
2)	0.000000	1.000000
3)	0.000000	1.000000
4)	25.000000	0.000000
5)	14.000000	0.000000
6)	0.000000	0.000000
7)	15.000000	0.000000
8)	3.000000	0.000000
9)	19.000000	0.000000
10)	1.000000	0.000000
11)	0.000000	1.000000
12)	9.000000	0.000000
13)	5.000000	0.000000
14)	0.000000	0.000000
15)	2.000000	0.000000
16)	0.000000	1.000000
17)	8.000000	0.000000
18)	22.000000	0.000000
19)	7.000000	0.000000

NO. ITERATIONS= 1

**Solution and Code for Part B:** The following table outlines the shortest path from the source G to a given node in the directed graph:

Node	Path	Distance
G	Source	0
A	G => H => A	7
B	G => H => B	12
C	G => H => B => C	16
D	G => D	2
E	G => H => A => F => E	19
F	G => H => A => F	17

H	G => H	3
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### **Input:**

max dc + dg + da + db + de + df + dh

ST

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dg = 0
dc - db <= 4
de - dd <= 25
da - df <= 5
dc - df <= 3
de - df <= 2
da - dh <= 4
dd - dc <= 3
df - da <= 10
db - dh <= 9
dd - de <= 9
df - dd <= 18
db - da <= 8
dd - dg <= 2
dh - dg <= 3
db - df <= 7
de - db <= 10
dg - de <= 7

```

END

### **Output:**

LP OPTIMUM FOUND AT STEP 4

OBJECTIVE FUNCTION VALUE

1) 74.00000

VARIABLE	VALUE	REDUCED COST
DC	16.000000	0.000000
DG	0.000000	0.000000
DA	7.000000	0.000000
DB	12.000000	0.000000
DE	19.000000	0.000000
DF	17.000000	0.000000
DH	3.000000	0.000000
DD	2.000000	0.000000

ROW	SLACK OR SURPLUS	DUAL PRICES
2)	0.000000	7.000000
3)	0.000000	1.000000
4)	8.000000	0.000000
5)	15.000000	0.000000
6)	4.000000	0.000000
7)	0.000000	1.000000
8)	0.000000	3.000000
9)	17.000000	0.000000

10)	0.000000	2.000000
11)	0.000000	2.000000
12)	26.000000	0.000000
13)	3.000000	0.000000
14)	3.000000	0.000000
15)	0.000000	0.000000
16)	0.000000	6.000000
17)	12.000000	0.000000
18)	3.000000	0.000000
19)	26.000000	0.000000

NO. ITERATIONS= 4

## **Problem Two: Product Mix**

Programming Software/Language Used: **Excel w/ Excel Solver Plug-in**

Excel File: **Problem2-ProductMix.xlsx**

The **objective function** below is what I used within Excel. A3, B3, C3 and D3 values correspond to a cell which holds the calculated value for the number of ties for each type. A3 = Silk, B3 = Polyester, C3 = Blend1, and D3 = Blend2.

### **Objective Function =**

$$(6.7 * A3) + (3.55 * B3) + (4.31 * C3) + (4.81 * D3) - (0.75 * (A3 + B3 + C3 + D3)) - (0.125 * 20 * A3 + 0.08 * 6 * B3 + (0.05 * 6 + 0.05 * 9) * C3 + (0.03 * 6 + 0.07 * 9) * D3)$$

### **Excel Set-up:**

*Note - Ignore the decision variable results (7,000, ... , 8500). They default to 0 before solving the problem using solver.*

Decision Variable			
S	P	B1	B2
7000	13625	13100	8500
Constraints - From Sale Constraints			
=A3	>=	6000	
=A3	<=	7000	
=B3	>=	10000	
=B3	<=	14000	
=C3	>=	13000	
=C3	<=	16000	
=D3	>=	6000	
=D3	<=	8500	
Yards of Material Available			
=0.125*A3	<=	1000	
=0.08*B3+0.05*C3+0.03*D3	<=	2000	
=0.05*C3+0.07*D3	<=	1250	

### Objective Function Set-up:

F	G
Objective	$=(6.7 * A3) + (3.55 * B3) + (4.31 * C3) + (4.81 * D3) - (0.75 * (A3 + B3 + C3 + D3)) - (0.125 * 20 * A3 + 0.08 * 6 * B3 + (0.05 * 6 + 0.05 * 9) * C3 + (0.03 * 6 + 0.07 * 9) * D3)$

### Solver Window Set-up:

*Note - There is no difference between using the GRG Nonlinear Engine or the Simplex LP engine. Both produce the same results.*

Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

SG\$1

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To:

☒ Max ☐ Min ☐ Value Of:

0

By Changing Variable Cells:

SAS3:SD\$3

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Subject to the Constraints:

SAS10 >= SC\$10  
SAS11 <= SC\$11  
SAS12 >= SC\$12  
SAS13 <= SC\$13  
SAS16:SAS18 <= SC\$16:SC\$18  
SAS3:SD\$3 = integer  
SAS6 >= SC\$6  
SAS7 <= SC\$7  
SAS8 >= SC\$8  
SAS9 <= SC\$9

Add

Change

Delete

Reset All

Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

GRG Nonlinear

Options

Solving Method

Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Help

Solve

Close

## Final Answer:

The company would need to produce each tie in quantities provided below:

Silk	Polyester	Blend1	Blend2
7,000	13,625	13,100	8,500

for a total maximized profit of **\$120,196**

## Problem Three: Transshipment Model

Programming Software/Language Used: **Excel /w Excel Solver Plug-in**

Excel File: **Problem3-TransshipmentModel.xlsx**

### --- PART A ---

*Note - Refer to the tab "Transshipment Model - Part A" in the excel file for Part A's solution.*

**Objective Function:** SUMPRODUCT(B2:D5, P3:R6)+SUMPRODUCT(B8:H10, P11:V13)

### Excel Set-up:

*Note - Increase view size to 200% or more to see the details better.*

	A				B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	
1	cost	W1	W2	W3		Cost of Shipping from Plant -> Warehouse										Decision Variable													
2	P1	10	15	100000														Supply to Warehouse	W1	W2	W3	Supply Constraints							
3	P2	11	8	100000														P1	150	0	0	150	=	150					
4	P3	13	8	9														P2	200	250	0	450	=	450					
5	P4	100000	14	8														P3	0	150	100	250	=	250					
6																		P4	0	0	150	150	=	150					
7																			350	400	250								
8	cost	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7		Cost of shipping from Warehouse -> Retailer										Decision Variables									
9	W1	5	6	7	10	100000	100000	100000										Supply From Warehouse	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7				
10	W2	100000	100000	12	8	10	14	100000										W1	100	150	100	0	0	0	0	350	=	350	
11	W3	100000	100000	100000	14	12	12	6										W2	0	0	0	200	200	0	0	400	=	400	
12																		W3	0	0	0	0	0	150	100	250	=	250	
13																			100	150	100	200	200	150	100	=			
14	Supply	150	450	250	150																								
15																													
16		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7		Demand Per Retailer																			
17	Demand	100	150	100	200	200	150	100												100	150	100	200	200	150	100			
18																													
19																		Total Cost	17100										
20																		Minimize	Objective Function										

### Solver Window Set-up & Constraints:

Solver Parameters

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Set Objective:

\$O\$19

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To:
☐ Max
☒ Min
☐ Value Of:

0

By Changing Variable Cells:

\$P\$3:\$R\$6,\$P\$11:\$V\$13

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Subject to the Constraints:

\$P\$11:\$V\$13 = integer  
\$P\$14:\$V\$14 = \$P\$16:\$V\$16  
\$P\$3:\$R\$6 = integer  
\$S\$3:\$S\$6 = \$U\$3:\$U\$6  
\$W\$11:\$W\$13 = \$Y\$11:\$Y\$13

Add  
Change  
Delete  
Reset All  
Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

GRG Nonlinear

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Options

Solving Method

Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Help

Solve

Close

## Final Answer for Part A:

Optimal shipping routes for Plants-to-Warehouses:

Supply to Warehouse	W1	W2	W3	Supply Constraints		
P1	150	0	0	150	=	150
P2	200	250	0	450	=	450
P3	0	150	100	250	=	250
P4	0	0	150	150	=	150
	350	400	250			

Optimal shipping routes for Warehouse-to-retailers:

Supply From Warehouse	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7			
W1	100	150	100	0	0	0	0	350	=	350
W2	0	0	0	200	200	0	0	400	=	400
W3	0	0	0	0	0	150	100	250	=	250
	100	150	100	200	200	150	100			
	=	=	=	=	=	=	=			
	100	150	100	200	200	150	100			

The optimal minimal cost will be **\$17,100**.

## -- PART B --

Note - Refer to the tab "Transshipment Model - Part B" in the excel file for Part B's solution.

**Objective Function** = SUMPRODUCT(B2:C5, P3:Q6)+SUMPRODUCT(B8:H9, P11:V12)

First, there *technically* is an optimal solution where you minimize your shipping costs. However, you have to alter your constraints in order to allow for warehouses to have leftover surplus that doesn't get distributed (or it is distributed to a retailer that doesn't need it which is bad because it increases shipping costs).

To explain further, the problem with removing warehouse 2 is that you produce a surplus in Warehouse 1. As it goes along each of the retailer's it can provide to (R1...R4), it distributes as much as it can to meet the retailer's demand. However, the moment it hits R4 we hit a situation where it can meet the retailer's demand but it has leftover surplus.

Essentially, the inclusion of Warehouse 2 eliminated the possibility of having over-surplus.

You can see this situation in the provided excel solution here:

Decision Variable	W1	W3								
Supply to Warehouse	W1	W3		Supply Constraints						
P1	150	0		150	=	150				
P2	450	0		450	=	450				
P3	0	250		250	=	250				
P4	0	150		150	=	150				
	600	400								
Decision Variables										
Supply From Warehouse	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7			
W1	100	150	100	200	0	0	0	550	=	600
W3	0	0	0	0	150	150	100	400	=	400
	100	150	100	200	150	150	100			
	=	=	=	=	=	=	=			
+	100	150	100	200	200	150	100			



### Solver Window Set-up & Constraints:

Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

- \$P\$11:\$V\$12 = integer
- \$P\$12:\$R\$12 = 0
- \$P\$14:\$V\$14 <= \$P\$16:\$V\$16
- \$P\$3:\$Q\$6 = integer
- \$S\$3:\$S\$6 = \$U\$3:\$U\$6
- \$T\$11:\$V\$11 = 0
- \$W\$11:\$W\$12 <= \$Y\$11:\$Y\$12

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

Solving Method

Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Buttons: Add, Change, Delete, Reset All, Load/Save, Options, Help, Solve, Close

### Final Answer for Part B:

If and only if you allow for surplus in warehouses, your optimal shipping cost will sit at around **\$18,200**. Your retailers will still meet their demanded numbers. However, if you require absolute efficiency in the supply line (i.e. no surplus or shortages) you will not be able to achieve it without Warehouse 2.

Please refer to *"Transshipment Model - Part B"* for the full details and code.

## -- PART C --

Note - Refer to the tab "Transshipment Model - Part C" in the excel file for Part C's solution.

**Objective Function:** SUMPRODUCT(B2:D5, P3:R6)+SUMPRODUCT(B8:H10, P11:V13)

The excel set-up for part C is identical to part A. The only difference is that Warehouse 2's total stock must be equal to 100.

### Solver Window Set-up and Constraints:

Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

- \$P\$11:\$V\$13 = integer
- \$P\$12:\$Q\$12 = 0
- \$P\$13:\$R\$13 = 0
- \$P\$14:\$V\$14 = \$P\$16:\$V\$16
- \$P\$3:\$R\$6 = integer
- \$P\$6 = 0
- \$Q\$7 = 100
- \$R\$3 = 0
- \$R\$4 = 0
- \$S\$3:\$S\$6 = \$U\$3:\$U\$6
- \$T\$11:\$V\$11 = 0
- \$V\$12 = 0
- \$W\$11:\$W\$13 = \$Y\$11:\$Y\$13

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

Solving Method

Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Buttons: Add, Change, Delete, Reset All, Load/Save, Help, Solve, Close

The constraints from Part A were also tightened up to prevent values from being inserted in routes that aren't viable between nodes.

### Final Solution for Part C:

The final answer for part C is that there is indeed an optimal minimum cost when limiting warehouse 2 to 100 units. The optimal, minimal cost for shipping across all routes is **\$18,300**.

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### Problem Four: Making Change

Programming Software/Language Used: **Excel /w Excel Solver Plug-in**

Excel File: **Problem4-MakingChange.xlsx**

**Objective Function:**  $\text{MIN}(\text{SUM}(V_1 + V_2 + \dots + V_N))$

*Note - the objective function above is generalized to encapsulate any number of integers given in a list. In the case of Part A: our objective function would be  $\text{=SUM}(B4:E4)$  and for Part B it would be  $\text{=SUM}(B4:F4)$ . These 2 values are then used in Excel's Solver to find the **minimum** number of coins.*

#### -- Part A --

*Note - Refer to tab Part A of the relevant spreadsheet for details.*

**Answer: 10 coins**

Coin	1	5	10	25
Quantity	2	0	0	8

#### Excel Setup Window:

G7		=SUM(B4:E4)					
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Part A					
2		1	5	10	25		Change
3							202
4		2	0	0	8		Desired
5							202
6							Total Coins
7							10

## Solver Setup Window & Constraints:

Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

\$B\$4:\$E\$4 = integer

\$B\$4:\$E\$4 >= 0

\$G\$3 = \$G\$5

Add

Change

Delete

Reset All

Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:  Options

Solving Method

Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Help Solve Close



## Solver Setup Window & Constraint

Solver Parameters

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Set Objective:

\$H\$7

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To:

☐ Max

☒ Min

☐ Value Of:

0

By Changing Variable Cells:

SB\$4:\$F\$4

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Subject to the Constraints:

SB\$4:\$F\$4 = integer  
SB\$4:\$F\$4 >= 0  
\$H\$3 = \$H\$5

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Add

Change

Delete

Reset All

Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

Simplex LP

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Options

Solving Method

Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Help

Solve

Close