

## Module - 4

### Transportation and Assignment Problems

#### 1) The transportation problem:

The transportation problem is to transport various amounts of a single homogeneous commodity, that are initially stored at various origins, to different destinations in such a way that the total transportation cost is minimum.

#### Methods to find initial feasible solution :

1. Northwest corner method (NWC)
2. Matrix Minima method
3. Vogel's Approximation method. (VAM)

#### North West Corner Method (NWC)

Step 1: Identify the northwest corner of the table

Allocate  $x_{11} = \min(a_1, b_1)$

case 1: If  $a_1 < b_1$ , then first row gets completed.

case 2: If  $b_1 < a_1$ , then first column gets completed

case 3: If  $a_1 = b_1$ , then there is a tie and allocation can be made arbitrarily.

Step 2: Start from the northwest corner and repeat step 1 until all the requirements are satisfied.

Q1: Find the initial feasible solution for the following transportation problem by using north west corner method.

	C1	C2	C3	Supply
B1	3	2	1	20
B2	2	4	1	50
B3	3	5	2	30
B4	4	6	7	25
Demand	40	30	55	

Step 1: Supply =  $20 + 50 + 30 + 25 = 125$

Demand =  $40 + 30 + 55 = 125$

Supply = demand. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

	C1	C2	C3	
B1	20			
B2	20	30		
B3	—	—	30	
B4	—	—	25	
	40	30	55	
	20	0	0	
	0	0	25	

Step 2: The NWC is (1,1),  $x_{11} = \min(20, 40) = 20$

20 is allocated to  $x_{11}(1,1)$  B1 completes

Step 3: The NWC = (2, 1)  $x_{21} = \min(20, 50) = 20$   
 20 is allocated to (2, 1), C1 completes.

Step 4: The NWC is (2, 2)  $x_{22} = \min(30, 30) = 30$   
 30 is allocated to (2, 2) C2 and B2  
 are complete.

Step 5: The NWC is (3, 3)  $x_{33} = \min(30, 55) = 30$   
 30 is allocated to (3, 3) B3 is complete.

Step 6: The NWC is (4, 3)  $x_{43} = \min(25, 25) = 25$   
 25 is allocated to (4, 3) C3 and B4 are  
 complete.

$\therefore$  The total cost

$$TC = (20 \times 3) + (20 \times 2) + (30 \times 4) + (30 \times 2) + (25 \times 7)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{455}}$$

Q2: Find initial feasible solution by applying  
 northwest corner method.

	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	Supply
O <sub>1</sub>	5	7	8	70
O <sub>2</sub>	4	4	6	30
O <sub>3</sub>	6	7	7	50
Demand	65	42	43	

$$\text{Step 1: Supply} = 70 + 30 + 50 = 150$$

$$\text{Demand} = 65 + 42 + 43 = 150$$

Supply = Demand, hence given transportation problem is balanced.

	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	Supply
$O_1$	65	5	7	70 80
$O_2$	4	30	4	30
$O_3$	6	7	43	50 430
Demand	65 0	42 37	43 70	

Step 2: The NWC is  $(1, 1)$ ,  $x_{11} = \min(70, 65) = 65$

65 is allocated to  $(1, 1)$ ,  $D_1$  is complete

Step 3: The NWC is  $(1, 2)$ ,  $x_{12} = \min(5, 42) = 5$

5 is allocated to  $(1, 2)$ ,  $O_1$  is complete

Step 4: The NWC is  $(2, 2)$ ,  $x_{22} = \min(30, 37) = 30$

30 is allocated to  $(2, 2)$ ,  $O_2$  is complete

Step 5: The NWC is  $(3, 2)$ ,  $x_{32} = \min(50, 7) = 7$

7 is allocated to  $(3, 2)$ ,  $D_2$  is complete

Step 6: The NWC is  $(3, 3)$ ,  $x_{33} = \min(43, 43) = 43$

43 is allocated to  $(3, 3)$ ,  $O_3$  and  $D_3$  are complete

The total cost is

$$TC = (6 \times 5) + (5 \times 7) + (30 \times 4) + (7 \times 7) + (43 \times 7)$$
$$= 830$$

Q3). Find the feasible solution by applying northwest corner method.

	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	Supply
O <sub>1</sub>	6	4	1	5	14
O <sub>2</sub>	8	9	2	7	6
O <sub>3</sub>	4	3	6	2	3
Demand	6	10	15	4	

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$$\text{Step 1: Supply} = 14 + 6 + 3 = 23$$

$$\text{Demand} = 6 + 10 + 15 + 4 = 35$$

Supply  $\neq$  demand. The problem is unbalanced.

Add a dummy row O<sub>4</sub> with cost 1 &  $14 + 6 + 3 - 35 = 23$  to balance supply and demand.

	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	
O <sub>1</sub>	6	8			14 80
O <sub>2</sub>	6	4	1	5	
O <sub>3</sub>	8	2	4	7	6 40
O <sub>4</sub>			3		80
			8	4	12 40

60 10 20 18 14 40

Step 2: The NWC is  $(1,1)$ ,  $x_{11} = \min(14, 6) = 6$

6 is allocated to  $(1,1)$ ,  $D_1$  is complete

Step 3: The NWC is  $(1,2)$   $x_{12} = \min(8, 10) = 8$

8 is allocated to  $(1,2)$   $O_1$  is complete

Step 4: The NWC is  $(2,2)$   $x_{22} = \min(2, 6) = 2$

2 is allocated to  $(2,2)$   $D_2$  is complete

Step 5: The NWC is  $(2,3)$   $x_{23} = \min(15, 4) = 4$

4 is allocated to  $(2,3)$   $O_2$  is complete

Step 6: The NWC is  $(3,3)$   $x_{33} = \min(3, 11) = 3$

3 is allocated to  $(3,3)$   $O_3$  is complete

Step 7: The NWC is  $(4,3)$   $x_{43} = \min(8, 12) = 8$

8 is allocated to  $(4,3)$   $D_3$  is complete

Step 8: The NWC is  $(4,4)$   $x_{44} = \min(4, 4) = 4$

4 is allocated to  $(4,4)$  \*  $O_4$  and  $D_4$  are complete.

∴ The total cost is

$$TC = (6 \times 6) + (8 \times 4) + (2 \times 9) + (4 \times 2) + (6 \times 3) \\ + (8 \times 0) + (4 \times 0)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{112}}$$

## Least cost method (Matrix Minima Method)

Step 1: Determine the smallest cost in the transportation table, let it be  $c_{ij}$ . Allocate  $\min(a_i, b_j)$

Step 2: i) If  $x_{ij} = a_i$ , then cross out  $i$ th row. Go to Step 3.

ii) If  $x_{ij} = b_j$ , then cross out  $j$ th column.

Go to step 3.

iii) If  $x_{ij} = a_i = b_j$ , then cross out  $i$ th row or  $j$ th column, but not both.

Step 3: Repeat steps 1 and 2 for resulting transportation table until all requirements are satisfied.

Step 4: Whenever minimum cost is not unique, make an arbitrary choice among the minima.

Q1>

	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	Supply
S <sub>1</sub>	3	2	1	20
S <sub>2</sub>	2	4	1	50
S <sub>3</sub>	3	5	2	30
S <sub>4</sub>	4	6	7	25
Demand	40	30	55	

Step 1: Supply,  $20 + 50 + 30 + 25 = 125$

Demand =  $40 + 30 + 55 = 125$

Demand = Supply. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	Supply
$S_1$	3	15	5	20 180
$S_2$	4	4	50	80 0
$S_3$	30	3	5	300
$S_4$	10	15	6	25 180

Demand  $40 \quad 30 \quad 55 \quad 80$

Step 2: The least cost is 1, there is a tie between (1, 3) and (2, 3). Find out the cell to which maximum cost can be allocated i.e.  $(2, 3) = 50$ ,  $S_2$  is completed.

Step 3: The least cost is 1. Allocate / min  
 $\min_{1,3} = (5, 20) = 5$  Allocate 5 to (1, 3)  
 $D_3$  is completed.

Step 4: The least cost is 2.  $x_{1,2} = \min(30, 15) = 15$   
Allocate 15 to (1, 2)

$S_1$  is completed.

Step 5: The least cost is 3.  $x_{3,1} = \min(30, 40) = 30$   
Allocate 30 to (3, 1),  $S_3$  is completed

Step 6: The least cost is 4  $x_{41} = \min(10, 25) = 10$   
Allocate 10 to (4, 1)  $D_1$  is complete.

Step 7: The least cost is 6  $x_{42} = \min(15, 15) = 15$   
Allocate 15 to (4, 2)  $D_2$  is complete.

∴ Total cost

$$\begin{aligned} TC &= (15 \times 2) + (5 \times 1) + (50 \times 1) + (30 \times 3) + (10 \times 4) \\ &\quad + (15 \times 6) \\ &= \underline{\underline{305}} \end{aligned}$$

Q2)

	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	Supply
O1	5	7	8	70
O2	4	4	6	30
O3	6	7	7	50
Demand	65	42	43	

Step 1: Supply =  $70 + 30 + 50 = 150$

Demand =  $65 + 42 + 43 = 150$

Demand = Supply. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	Supply
$O_1$	35	35	8	70 35 0
$O_2$	30	4	4	300
$O_3$	6	7	43	56 X 0
Demand	65	42	45	250 70

Step 2: The least cost is 4. maximum cost can be allocated to  $(2,1)$   $x_{21} = \min(30, 65) = 30$  30 is allocated to  $(2,1)$   $O_2$  is completed.

Step 3: The least cost is 5.  $x_{11} = \min(70, 35) = 35$  35 is allocated to  $(1,1)$   $D_1$  is completed.

Step 4: The least cost is 7, maximum cost can be allocated to  $(3,3)$   $x_{33} = \min(50, 43) = 43$  43 is allocated to  $(3,3)$   $D_3$  is completed.

Step 5: The least cost is 7. maximum cost can be allocated to  $(1,2)$   $x_{12} = \min(35, 42) = 35$   $O_1$  is completed.

Step 6: The least cost is 7  $x_{32} = \min(7, 7) = 7$  7 is allocated to  $(3,2)$   $D_1$  and  $O_3$  are completed.

The total cost is:

$$\begin{aligned}TC &= (35 \times 5) + (35 \times 7) + (30 \times 4) + (7 \times 7) + \\&\quad (43 \times 7) \\&= 890\end{aligned}$$

### Vogel's Approximation Method (VAM)

1. Find initial feasible solution by applying VAM method.

	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	Supply
B <sub>1</sub>	3	2	1	20
B <sub>2</sub>	2	4	1	50
B <sub>3</sub>	3	5	2	30
B <sub>4</sub>	4	6	7	25
Demand	40	30	55	

$$\Rightarrow \text{Supply} = 20 + 50 + 30 + 25 = 125$$

$$\text{Demand} = 40 + 30 + 55 = 125$$

Supply = Demand. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

Step 2: Add a penalty column. Find & least cell in the row and find the difference. The result is added to the penalty column.

	C1	C2	C3	Supply	Penalty
B1	3	20	0	600	1
B2	2	4	50	560	1 1 1
B3	15	10	5	30 20 80	1 1 1 1
B4	25	4	6	250	2 2

Demand      40    180    30    100    58    80

Penalty      1    2    0

Step 2

1	1	1
1	1	1
3	5	2

Step 3: Find the maximum penalty  $\alpha$  in both row and column. Here the maximum penalty is  $\alpha$  for both B4 and C2. Find the least cell in B4 and C2 and assign the cost.

Here 20 is assigned to  $(1, 2)$ , B1 is completed.

Step 4. Calculate new penalty for the remaining rows and column. Repeat step 2 to

Repeat steps 2 to 4 until all the rows and column are completed.

Step 5: Calculate the total cost for all the allocated steps

Total cost:

$$TC = (20 \times 2) + (50 \times 1) + (15 \times 3) + (10 \times 5) + (5 \times 2) \\ + (25 \times 4) \\ = \underline{\underline{295}}$$

Q2)

	C1	C2	C3	Supply
B1	5	7	8	70
B2	4	4	6	30
B3	6	7	7	50

Demand      65      42      43

$$\Rightarrow \text{Step 1: } \text{Supply} = 70 + 30 + 50 = 150$$

$$\text{Demand} = 65 + 42 + 43 = 150$$

Supply = Demand. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

Step 2: Add a penalty column. Find at least all in the row and find the difference. The result is added to the penalty column.

	C1	C2	C3	Supply	Penalty
B1	3	20	2	100	1
B2	0	4	50	80	1 1 1
B3	15	10	5	20	1 1 1
B4	25	4	6	7	250 2 2
Demand	40	30	100	58	80
Penalty	1	2	0		
Step 2	1	1	1		
	1	1	1		
	3	5	2		

Step 3: Find the maximum penalty & in both row and column. Here the maximum penalty is 2 for both B4 and C2. Find the least cell in B4 and C2 and assign the cost.

Here 20 is assigned to (1,2), B1 is completed.

Step 4: Calculate new penalty for the remaining rows and column. Repeat step 2 to

Repeat steps 2 to 4 until all the rows and column are completed.

## Modified Distribution Method.

1) Solve the following transportation problem by applying Vogus method and also check optimality

first

	S1	S2	S3	S4	Supply
O1	6	1	9	3	70
O2	11	5	2	8	55
O3	10	12	4	7	90
Demand	85	35	50	45	

Step 1:- Apply Vogus approximation method and find the total cost.

$$\text{Supply} = 70 + 55 + 90 = 215$$

$$\text{Demand} = 85 + 35 + 50 + 45 = 215$$

Supply = Demand. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

	S1	S2	S3	S4	Supply	Penalty
O1	6	35	9	35	70	2
O2	51	11	50	2	55	6
O3	80	10	12	4	90	3
Demand	85	35	50	45		3
Penalty	4	4	2	4		
	4		2	4		
	4			4		
	1			1		

The total cost is

$$TC = 35 + (35 \times 3) + (5 \times 11) + (50 \times 2) + (10 \times 8) + (10 \times 7)$$
$$= 1165$$

Phase-II : MODI/UV, LOOP METHOD

Check if the total number of allocations is equal to  $m+n-1$        $m$  - no of rows ,  $n$  - no of column

$m+n-1$  = total no of allocation

$$3+4-1 = 6$$

$$7-1 = 6$$

$$6 = 6$$

Consider the occupied cell

	$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	$s_4$	$U_i$
$O_1$		1		3	0
$O_2$	11		2		5
$O_3$	10			7	4
$V_j$	6	1	-3	3	

Calculate the values of  $U_i$  and  $V_j$  such that  $U_i + V_j = C_{ij}$ . Start by initializing any one of the row or column value as 0

Consider the unoccupied cells

					$U_i$
	6	-3	9		0
	6	5	8	8	5
	5	12	1	4	4
$V_j$	6	1	-3	3	

Calculate  $Z_j$  for each unoccupied cell such that  $Z_j = V_j + U_i$

Calculate  $(C_{ij} - Z_j)$  for each cell and check if the condition  $C_{ij} - Z_j \geq 0$ . If the condition is not satisfied then  $T_C = 1165$  is not optimum solution.

0		12	
	-1		0
	7	3	

Here the cell  $(2,2)$  has a negative value. Hence the condition  $C_{ij} - Z_j \geq 0$  is not satisfied.

Now consider the cell with the negative value i.e  $(2,2)$  and form a closed loop to the occupied cells and assign  $+1 - 0$  to the alternate cells.

	<u>35</u> -0		<u>35</u> +0	
6		9		3
5	-0	+0	50	
	11	5	2	8

  

	<u>80</u> +0		<u>10</u> -0	
10		12	4	7
	80		10	
	10	12	4	7

To calculate the value of  $\theta$ . Consider the cell with negative theta values and find the minimum among them.

$$\theta = \min(35-0, 5-0, 10-0) = 0$$

$$5-0 = 0$$

$$\theta = 5$$

Substitute the theta values to the corresponding cells occupied cells and calculate the total cost.

6	<u>30</u>	1	9	<u>40</u>	3
0	5	50	2		8
11	5		2		8
85		10	4	5	7

$$\begin{aligned}
 TC &= (30 \times 1) + (40 \times 3) + (0 \times 11) + (5 \times 5) + (50 \times 2) \\
 &\quad + (85 \times 10) + (5 \times 7) \\
 &= 1160
 \end{aligned}$$

Apply MODI/UV or LOOP method again to check if the solution is optimum or not.

$m+n-1$  = total no of allocations

$$3+4-1 = 6$$

$$6 = 6$$

Consider the occupied cells.

Calculate the values of  $U_i$  and  $V_j$  such that

$U_i + V_j = C_{ij}$ . Start by initializing any one of the row or column value as 0

				$U_i$
	1	3		-4
	5	2		0
	10			0
$V_j$	10	5	2	7

Consider the unoccupied cells.

Calculate  $Z_{ij}$  for each unoccupied cells such that

$Z_{ij} = V_j + U_i$  and calculate  $(C_{ij} - Z_{ij})$  for each cell

$Z_{ij} = V_j + U_i$  and calculate  $(C_{ij} - Z_{ij}) \geq 0$  is satisfied.

6		-2	9	$U_i$
6				-4
10				0
11				0
	5	2	4	7
$V_j$	10	5	2	7

0		11	
1			1
	7	2	

The condition is satisfied  $(C_{ij} - Z_{ij} \geq 0)$

Hence  $T_C = 1160$  is the optimum solution.

2)

	D1	D2	D3	D4	Supply
S1	21	16	25	13	11
S2	17	18	14	23	13
S3	32	17	18	41	19

Demand      6      10      12      15

⇒ Apply Vogus Approximation method and find the total cost

$$\text{Supply} = 11 + 13 + 19 = 43$$

$$\text{Demand} = 6 + 10 + 12 + 15 = 43$$

Supply = Demand. Hence the given problem is balanced.

	Supply				Penalty			
	21	16	25	13	40	3	1	1
	6	17	18	14	4	23	3	3
	32	10	9	18	41	19	1	1
Demand	<u>60</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>10</u>			
Penalty	4	1	4	10				
	15	1	4	18				
	15	1	4					
		1	4					
		17	18					

$$TC = (11 \times 13) + (6 \times 17) + (3 \times 14) + (4 \times 23) + (10 \times 17) \\ + (9 \times 18)$$

$$\Rightarrow 711$$

Phase II : MODI UV, LOOP Method.

Check if the total number of allocations is equal to  $m+n-1$   $m = \text{no of rows}$ ,  $n = \text{no of columns}$

$m+n-1 = \text{total no of allocations}$

$$3+4-1 = 6$$

$$6 = 6$$

Consider the occupied cells

				13	0
17			14	23	10
	17		18		14

$v_j$       7      3      4      13

$u_i$

Calculate the values of  $u_i$  and  $v_j$  such that  $u_i + v_j = c_{ij}$ . Start by initializing any one of the row or column value by 0

Consider the unoccupied cells

7	21	3	16	4	25	0
	10					10
21			18		23	14

$v_j$       7      3      4      13

$u_i$

Calculate  $z_j$  for each unoccupied cell such that

$$z_j = v_j + u_i$$

Calculate  $(c_{ij} - z_j)$  for each cell and check if the condition  $c_{ij} - z_j \geq 0$ . Here the condition is satisfied and hence  $T_C = 711$  is the optimal solution.

14	13	21	
	5		
11			14

$$C_{ij} - 2j \geq 0$$

Hence  $T C = 711$  is the optimal solution.

### Assignment Problems:

1)

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
A	10	3	3	2	8
B	9	7	8	2	7
C	7	5	6	2	4
D	3	5	2	2	4
E	9	10	9	6	10

⇒ Step 1:

Row operation: Find the minimum element in each row and subtract it with other element

of the row.

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
A	8	1	1	0	6
B	7	5	6	0	5
C	5	3	4	0	2
D	1	3	6	0	2
E	3	4	3	0	4

Step 2:

7	0	0	0	4
6	4	5	0	3
4	2	3	0	0
0	2	5	0	0
2	3	2	0	2

Column operation: find min in each column & subtract it with other element of the row.

<sup>Step 3:</sup>  
Draw minimum horizontal and vertical lines such that it should cover all the zero's.

7	0	0	0	4
6	4	5	0	3
4	2	3	0	0
0	2	5	0	0
2	3	2	0	2

Check if no of lines = cost matrix. If equal jump to step 5. If not equal jump to step 4

No of lines ≠ cost matrix

$$4 \neq 5$$

Step 4: Consider unallocated elements and find the smallest cost. Subtract remaining elements with the cost and add the cost to intersection points

7	0	0	2	4
4	2	3	0	
4	2	3	2	0
0	2	5	2	0
0	1	0	0	0

Repeat step 3

If no of lines = cost matrix

$$S = S$$

Max Rj

Step 5:

7	0	⊗	2	4
4	2	3	0	1
4	2	3	2	0
0	2	5	2	⊗
⊗	1	0	⊗	⊗

Consider the row or column with 1 zero and strike out the other zeros of that the

allocated row or column.

Job	M <sub>lc</sub>
A → S2	= 3 + 1
B → S4	= 2
C → S5	= + 4
D → S1	= + 3
E → S3	= + 9
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### Maximization in assignment problem:

The objective is to maximize the profit to solve this we first convert the given profit matrix into the loss matrix by subtracting all the elements from the highest element.

For this converted loss matrix we apply the steps in hungarian method to get optimum assignment.

Q:- A marketing manager has 5 salesman and there are 5 districts considering the capability of salesman and nature of districts. The estimates made by the marketing managers for the sales per month for each salesman in each district

could be as follows find the assignment of salesman to the districts that will result in the maximum sales

32	38	40	28	40
40	24	28	21	36
41	27	33	30	37
22	38	41	36	36
29	33	40	35	39.

Step 1: Find the maximum element. Subtract all the elements of the matrix with the maximum.

$$\text{max} = 40$$

9	3	1	13	1
1	17	13	20	5
0	14	8	11	4
19	3	6	5	5
12	8	1	6	2

Step 2: Row operation : find the minimum element in each row and subtract it with other element of the row

matrix 1

8	2	0	12	0
0	16	12	19	4
0	14	8	11	4
19	3	0	5	5
11	7	0	5	1

Step 3: Column operation : find the minimum element in each column and subtract it with other element of the column.

8	0	0	7	0
0	14	12	14	4
0	12	8	6	4
19	1	0	0	5
11	5	0	0	1

Step 3: Draw minimum horizontal and vertical lines such that it should cover all the zeros.

8	0	0	7	0
0	14	12	14	4
0	12	8	6	4
19	1	0	0	5
11	5	0	0	1

Check if no of lines = cost matrix. If equal jump to step 5. If not equal repeat step 4

Step 4: Consider un allocated elements and find the smallest cost. Subtract minimum element with the cost and add the cost to intersection point

9	0	1	8	0
0	13	12	14	3
0	11	8	6	3
19	0	0	0	4
11	4	0	0	0

no of lines ≠ cost matrix  
4 ≠ 5

Repeat step 4

12	0	1	8	0
0	10	9	11	0
0	8	5	3	0
14	0	0	0	9
14	4	0	0	0

no of lines ≠ 0  
no of lines = cost matrix  
5 = 5

Step 5: Consider row or column with one zero and strike out the other zeros of the allocated row or column.

12	10	1	8	⊗
0	10	9	11	⊗
⊗	8	5	3	0
3	⊗	0	⊗	4
14	4	⊗	0	⊗

$$TC \rightarrow 38 + 40 + 37 + 41 + 35 = \underline{\underline{191}}$$

