

(New Jersey) You are moving from New Jersey to Indiana and have rented a truck that can haul up to 1100 cubic feet of furniture. The volume and value of each item you are considering moving on the truck are given in the file P06_41.xlsx. Which items should you bring to Indiana?

| | Bedroom set | Dining set | Stereo | Sofa | TV |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|--------|------|------|
| Value | \$60 | \$48 | \$14 | \$31 | \$10 |
| Volume (cubic feet) | 800 | 600 | 300 | 400 | 200 |



Discussion: -

Our objective is to decide which items should be carried in truck which gives you more benefit. So, our decision variable will be binary (1 means we are moving the item, 0 means we are carrying the item). When we decide whether we are carrying the item or not we can calculate the total value of the items you are considering moving on the truck. Here, our objective is to maximize the value and make sure you the volume of the items which you are carrying fits in the truck.

Mathematical Model: -

Parameters (Inputs):

$i \in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ (i : Index for items)
 C_i : Value of item i { C_1 : \$60, C_2 : \$48, ... C_5 : \$10 }
 V_i : Volume of item i { V_1 : 800, V_2 : 600, ... V_5 : 200 }
 V : Max Volume that a truck can carry; $V = 1100$

Decision Variables:

x_i : Decision on whether carrying item i or not

Objective:

$$\text{Maximize total profit} = \sum_{i=1}^5 (x_i * C_i)$$

Constraints:

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 (x_i * V_i) \leq V ; \quad (1) \text{ Max volume that a truck can carry}$$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad (2) \text{ Binary Constraint}$$

Excel Implementation: Please find the attached spreadsheet for solution.



