

(Cook County) Cook County needs to build two hospitals. There are nine cities where the hospitals can be built. The number of hospital visits made annually by the inhabitants of each city and the x and y coordinates of each city are listed in the file P08_24.xlsx. To minimize the total distance that patients must travel to hospitals, where should the hospitals be located? Solve the problem when people can travel in straight lines (“as the crow flies”) between cities. Then solve it when people must travel along a horizontal/vertical grid of roads. (*Hint*: Use lookup functions to generate the distances between each pair of cities.)

City	x	y	Visits
1	0	0	3000
2	10	3	4000
3	12	15	5000
4	14	13	6000
5	16	9	4000
6	18	6	3000
7	8	12	2000
8	6	10	4000
9	4	8	1200



P08_24.xlsx

Discussion: -

Our problem is to identify two cities to build hospitals with minimum total distance that patients must travel to hospitals. So, our decision variable should be whether to build hospital in city or not. To calculate the total distance, we must assign each city to the hospital. We have multiple methods (Euclidean distance) to calculate the distance between two cities. We must create a calculated variable and create Distance matrix D_{ij} .

Distance between Cities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	0.00	10.44	19.21	19.10	18.36	18.97	14.42	11.66	8.94
2	10.44	0.00	12.17	10.77	8.49	8.54	9.22	8.06	7.81
3	19.21	12.17	0.00	2.83	7.21	10.82	5.00	7.81	10.63
4	19.10	10.77	2.83	0.00	4.47	8.06	6.08	8.54	11.18
5	18.36	8.49	7.21	4.47	0.00	3.61	8.54	10.05	12.04
6	18.97	8.54	10.82	8.06	3.61	0.00	11.66	12.65	14.14
7	14.42	9.22	5.00	6.08	8.54	11.66	0.00	2.83	5.66
8	11.66	8.06	7.81	8.54	10.05	12.65	2.83	0.00	2.83
9	8.94	7.81	10.63	11.18	12.04	14.14	5.66	2.83	0.00

Mathematical Model: -

Parameters (Inputs):

$i, j \in 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ (i : Index for cities)

V_i : Number of visits from city i
 $\{x_i, y_i\}$: Coordinates of city i

Decision Variables:

z_j : Decision to pick city i to build hospital
 e_{ij} : Whether city ' i ' is assigned to hospital ' j '

Calculated Variables:

D_{ij} : Distance from city i to j

Objective:

$$\text{Minimize total distance} = \sum_{j=1}^9 \sum_{i=1}^9 (V_i * e_{ij} * D_{ij})$$

Constraints:

$$z_j, e_{ij} \in \{0,1\} \quad (1) \text{ Binary constraint}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^9 z_j \leq 2 ; \quad (2) \text{ Number of hospitals constraint}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^9 e_{ij} \geq 1 ; \quad \text{for } i \in \{1,2,3,.n\} \quad (3) \text{ Atleast one Hospital is assigned to each city constraint}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^9 e_{ij} \leq n * z_j ; \quad \text{for } j \in \{1,2,3,.n\} \quad (4) \text{ Assigning constraint for Hospital}$$

Constraint 2 will make sure that our optimal solution will consider only two cities for building hospital. Constraint 3 will make sure that at least one hospital is assigned to each city. Constraint 4 will bound the number of cities assigned to each hospital.

Excel Implementation: Please find the attached spreadsheet for solution.



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Cook County Hospitals														Inputs	
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