

# FIT3158 Note - W1 Linear programming

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## 5 steps of In Formulating LP Models

1. Understand the problem.

Blue Ridge Hot Tubs produces two types of hot tubs: Aqua-Spas & Hydro-Luxes.

	Aqua-Spa	Hydro-Lux
Pumps	1	1
Labor	9 hours	6 hours
Tubing	12 feet	16 feet
Unit Profit	\$350	\$300

There are 200 pumps, 1566 hours of labor, and 2880 feet of tubing available.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MAX : } & 350X_1 + 300X_2 \\
 \text{S.T. : } & 1X_1 + 1X_2 \leq 200 \\
 & 9X_1 + 6X_2 \leq 1566 \\
 & 12X_1 + 16X_2 \leq 2880 \\
 & X_1 \geq 0 \\
 & X_2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Identify the **decision variables**.

$X_1 =$   
*# of Aqua Spas to produce*  
 $X_2 =$   
*# of Hydro Luxes to produce*

3. State the **objective function** as a linear combination of the decision variables.

$$\text{MAX : } 350X_1 + 300X_2$$

4. State the **constraints** as linear combinations of the decision variables.

$$\begin{aligned}
 1X_1 + 1X_2 &\leq 200 \implies \\
 &\text{pumps} \\
 9X_1 + 6X_2 &\leq 1566 \implies \\
 &\text{labor} \\
 12X_1 + 16X_2 &\leq 2880 \implies \\
 &\text{tubing}
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Identify any **upper or lower bounds** on the decision variables.

$$X_1 \geq 0; X_2 \geq 0$$