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OPTIMISATION AND DECISION MODELS

ASSIGNMENT 1

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INTRODUCTION

In this assignment solutions for homework 3 and 4 of “Optimisation and Decision Models MSc Business Analytics 2019/20” Exercises 1 are provided. The solutions include hand written calculations, as well as using Microsoft excel and AMPL program for solving linear problems.

QUESTION 1

(a)

The linear program is the following:

Decision Variables:

x_1 = number of units on special risk insurance

x_2 = number of units on mortgage

Objective Function:

maximise $5X_1 + 2X_2$

Constraints:

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 2,400$$

$$2x_1 \leq 1,200$$

$$x_2 \leq 800$$

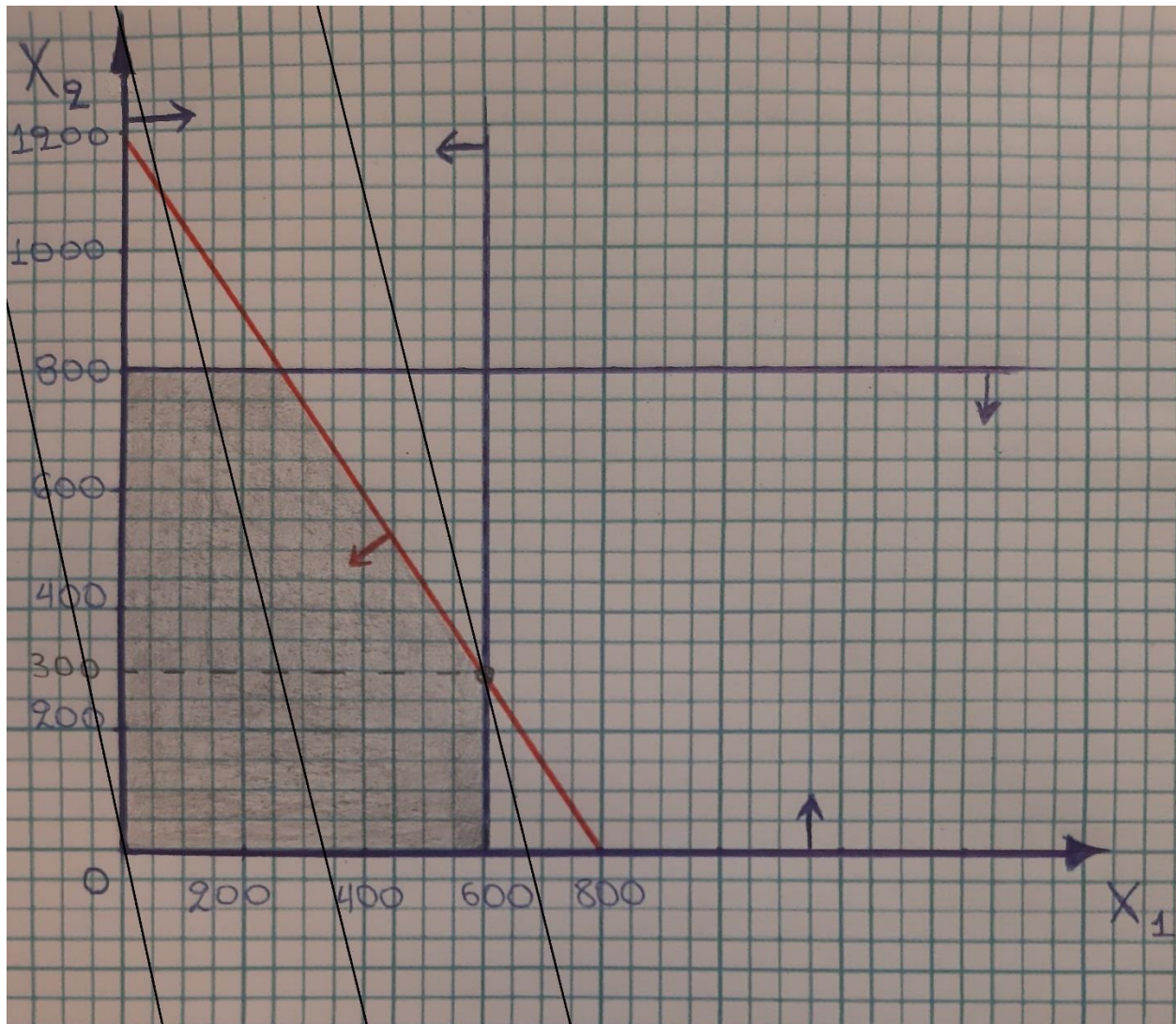
$$x_1 \geq 0$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

(b)

We first plot x_1 and x_2 in the x and y – axis respectively. In order to find the intersects of the objective function equation line with those axes, we set $x_1 = 0$ and $x_2 = 0$ in the equation $3x_1 + 2x_2 = 2,400$, so we have that $x_2 = 1200$ and $x_1 = 800$, respectively. We then apply the two constraint equation lines for $x_1 \leq 600$ and $x_2 \leq 800$ and choose the positive region due to $x_1 \geq 0$ and $x_2 \geq 0$ and plot the graph.

The graphical solution looks as follows:



The optimal solution seems to be something like $x_2 \approx 300$ and $x_1 \approx 600$ with an objective value of approximately $5 * 600 + 2 * 300 = 3,600$. In order to find it we move the multiple parallel random isoquants in the direction of improving objective values until they just touch the feasible region starting from point O (0,0) and finally find the point of the line that crosses the objective value line. That line, as well as the constraint for x_1 and the objective function equation line are binding at the optimal solution.

(c)

We know that for the optimal solution we have $x_1 = 600$, as a result we need to solve the two equations

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 = 2,400$$

$$x_1 = 600$$

in the unknown x_2 . Using standard linear algebra, we see that the solution is $x_1 = 600$ $x_2 = 300$ with an objective value of $5*600 + 2*300 = 3,600$.

(d)

A screenshot of the solution via Excel is the following:

	A	B	C	D
1		X1	X2	
2	Price (£/unit)	5	2	
3	Underwriting	3	2	
4	Administration	0	1	
5	Claims	2	0	
6				
7	Limits			
8	Underwriting	2,400		
9	Administration	800		
10	Claims	1,200		
11				
12		Decision Variables		
13		X1	X2	
14	Purchase Amount	600	300	
15				
16	Objective Function Value			
17	Overall profit	3,600		
18				
19		Constraints		
20		Actual Value	Limit	
21	Underwriting	2400	2,400	
22	Administration	300	800	
23	Claims	1200	1,200	
24	Nonnegativity X1	600	0	
25	Nonnegativity X2	300	0	
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Please find attached the solution in the Excel Spreadsheet
 (“Konstantinos_Paganopoulos_Assingment_1.xlsx”) for more details.

QUESTION 2

(a)

The linear program is the following:

Decision Variables:

PW_1	=	number of wrenches to produce in quarter 1	
PW_2	=	number of wrenches to produce in quarter 2	
PW_3	=	number of wrenches to produce in quarter 3	
PW_4	=	number of wrenches to produce in quarter 4	
PP_1	=	number of pliers to produce in quarter 1	
PP_2	=	number of pliers to produce in quarter 2	
PP_3	=	number of pliers to produce in quarter 3	
PP_4	=	number of pliers to produce in quarter 4	
IW_1	=	number of wrenches on inventory at the beginning of quarter 1	= 0
IW_2	=	number of wrenches on inventory at the beginning of quarter 2	
IW_3	=	number of wrenches on inventory at the beginning of quarter 3	
IW_4	=	number of wrenches on inventory at the beginning of quarter 4	
IW_5	=	number of wrenches on inventory at the beginning of quarter 5	
IP_1	=	number of pliers on inventory at the beginning of quarter 1	= 0
IP_2	=	number of pliers on inventory at the beginning of quarter 2	
IP_3	=	number of pliers on inventory at the beginning of quarter 3	
IP_4	=	number of pliers on inventory at the beginning of quarter 4	
IP_5	=	number of pliers on inventory at the beginning of quarter 5	
SW_1	=	number of wrenches to sell in quarter 1	= $PW_1 - IW_2$
SW_2	=	number of wrenches to sell in quarter 2	= $PW_2 + IW_2 - IW_3$
SW_3	=	number of wrenches to sell in quarter 3	= $PW_3 + IW_3 - IW_4$
SW_4	=	number of wrenches to sell in quarter 4	= $PW_4 + IW_4 - IW_5$
SP_1	=	number of pliers to sell in quarter 1	= $PP_1 - IP_2$
SP_2	=	number of pliers to sell in quarter 2	= $PP_2 + IP_2 - IP_3$
SP_3	=	number of pliers to sell in quarter 3	= $PP_3 + IP_3 - IP_4$
SP_4	=	number of pliers to sell in quarter 4	= $PP_4 + IP_4 - IP_5$

Objective Function:

$$\text{maximise } 0.13 (SW_1 + SW_2 + SW_3 + SW_4) + 0.10 (SP_1 + SP_2 + SP_3 + SP_4)$$

Constraints:

$$1.5PW_1 + PP_1 \leq 27,000$$

$$1.5PW_2 + PP_2 \leq 27,000$$

$$1.5PW_3 + PP_3 \leq 27,000$$

$$1.5PW_4 + PP_4 \leq 27,000$$

$$PW_1 + PP_1 \leq 21,000$$

$$PW_2 + PP_2 \leq 21,000$$

$$PW_3 + PP_3 \leq 21,000$$

$$PW_4 + PP_4 \leq 21,000$$

$$0.3PW_1 + 0.5PP_1 \leq 9,000$$

$$0.3PW_2 + 0.5PP_2 \leq 9,000$$

$$0.3PW_3 + 0.5PP_3 \leq 9,000$$

$$0.3PW_4 + 0.5PP_4 \leq 9,000$$

$$SW_1 \leq 6,000$$

$$SW_2 \leq 10,000$$

$$SW_3 \leq 12,000$$

$$SW_4 \leq 15,000$$

$$SP_1 \leq 5,000$$

$$SP_2 \leq 8,000$$

$$SP_3 \leq 10,000$$

$$SP_4 \leq 16,000$$

$$PW_1, PW_2, PW_3, PW_4, PP_1, PP_2, PP_3, PP_4 \geq 0$$

$$IW_1, IW_2, IW_3, IW_4, IW_5, IP_1, IP_2, IP_3, IP_4, IP_5 \geq 0$$

(b)

The AMPL model could look like this:

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# define the variables
var PW1 >= 0;
var PW2 >= 0;
var PW3 >= 0;
var PW4 >= 0;

var PP1 >= 0;
var PP2 >= 0;
var PP3 >= 0;
var PP4 >= 0;

param IW1 = 0;
var IW2 >= 0;
var IW3 >= 0;
var IW4 >= 0;
var IW5 >= 0;

param IP1 = 0;
var IP2 >= 0;
var IP3 >= 0;
var IP4 >= 0;
var IP5 >= 0;

var SW1 = PW1 - IW2;
var SW2 = PW2 + IW2 - IW3;
var SW3 = PW3 + IW3 - IW4;
var SW4 = PW4 + IW4 - IW5;

var SP1 = PP1 - IP2;
var SP2 = PP2 + IP2 - IP3;
var SP3 = PP3 + IP3 - IP4;
var SP4 = PP4 + IP4 - IP5;

# define the objective function
maximize earnings: 0.13 * (SW1 + SW2 + SW3 + SW4) + 0.10 * (SP1 + SP2 + SP3 + SP4);

# define the constraints
subject to steel1: 1.5 * PW1 + 1.0 * PP1 <= 27000;
subject to steel2: 1.5 * PW2 + 1.0 * PP2 <= 27000;
subject to steel3: 1.5 * PW3 + 1.0 * PP3 <= 27000;
subject to steel4: 1.5 * PW4 + 1.0 * PP4 <= 27000;

subject to molding1: 1.0 * PW1 + 1.0 * PP1 <= 21000;
subject to molding2: 1.0 * PW2 + 1.0 * PP2 <= 21000;
subject to molding3: 1.0 * PW3 + 1.0 * PP3 <= 21000;
subject to molding4: 1.0 * PW4 + 1.0 * PP4 <= 21000;

subject to assembly1: 0.3 * PW1 + 0.5 * PP1 <= 9000;
subject to assembly2: 0.3 * PW2 + 0.5 * PP2 <= 9000;
subject to assembly3: 0.3 * PW3 + 0.5 * PP3 <= 9000;
subject to assembly4: 0.3 * PW4 + 0.5 * PP4 <= 9000;

subject to demandW1: SW1 <= 6000;
subject to demandW2: SW2 <= 10000;
subject to demandW3: SW3 <= 12000;
subject to demandW4: SW4 <= 15000;

subject to demandP1: SP1 <= 5000;
subject to demandP2: SP2 <= 8000;
subject to demandP3: SP3 <= 10000;
subject to demandP4: SP4 <= 16000;

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Please find attached the solution in the AMPL file (“Konstantinos_Paganopoulos_Assignment_1.mod”) for more details.

The optimal solution is to: 1) produce 7,500 of wrenches, 13,500 of pliers, sell 6,000 of wrenches and 5,000 of pliers (with a zero inventory of wrenches and pliers) in the 1st quarter, 2) produce 8,500 of wrenches and 12,500 of pliers, sell 10,000 of wrenches and 8,000 of pliers (with a 1,500 inventory of wrenches and 8,500 of pliers) in the 2nd quarter, 3) produce 16,000 of wrenches, 3,000 of pliers, sell 12,000 of wrenches and 10,000 of pliers (with a zero inventory of wrenches and 13,000 of pliers) in the 3rd quarter, 4) produce 11,000 of wrenches, 10,000 of pliers, sell 15,000 of wrenches and 16,000 of pliers (with a 4,000 inventory of wrenches and 6,000 of pliers) in the 4th quarter, resulting in having no excess production (zero inventory) of wrenches and pliers at the end of this quarter.

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ampl: model assignment1.mod;
ampl: solve;
MINOS 5.51: optimal solution found.
16 iterations, objective 9490
ampl: display PW1,PW2,PW3,PW4,PP1,PP2,PP3,PP4;
PW1 = 7500
PW2 = 8500
PW3 = 16000
PW4 = 11000
PP1 = 13500
PP2 = 12500
PP3 = 3000
PP4 = 10000

ampl: display IW1,IW2,IW3,IW4,IW5,IP1,IP2,IP3,IP4,IP5;
IW1 = 0
IW2 = 1500
IW3 = 0
IW4 = 4000
IW5 = 0
IP1 = 0
IP2 = 8500
IP3 = 13000
IP4 = 6000
IP5 = 0

ampl: display SW1,SW2,SW3,SW4,SP1,SP2,SP3,SP4;
SW1 = 6000
SW2 = 10000
SW3 = 12000
SW4 = 15000
SP1 = 5000
SP2 = 8000
SP3 = 10000
SP4 = 16000
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CONCLUSION

In the provided coursework assignment, solutions to 2 linear problems through various ways are provided. The Microsoft Excel and AMPL files are attached separately.