# Assignment Instructions: Final Exam

### **Purpose**

The objective of this assignment is to define, formulate, and solve a mathematical optimization model. In addition, this will help you master the following module outcome:

• Integrate your learning on mathematical modeling.

#### **Directions**

You have been tasked with the objective of forming groups. Assume that your class consists of 12 students, and you would like to form 4 groups of 3 students each. Your primary objective is to ensure that you maximize the chance that each group will do well on a class project. Here are the requirements to form groups:

- 1. Each group should have exactly 3 students
- 2. The objective is to maximize the chance of success for each group on a class project

Before you can solve this problem, there are several issues that must be addressed. Some of these being:

- What factors affect the success of groups? Define three factors, e.g., GPA, gender, etc., that you feel affect the contributions that students make towards project success.
- How do the above factors combine to define success? For example, is a person with high GPA the same as one with a more relevant background? Decide on how each of the factors contribute toward your definition of success.
- How will you collect data for these factors? For this assignment, randomly generate sensible data for each of the above three defined factors.
- What are your decision variables?
- What is your objective function?
- What are your constraints?

Formulate and solve the problem. Provide the corresponding R markdown file, and a narrative recorded presentation justifying your approach to the choice of factors, data collection, and formulation.

## Requirements

All due dates are included in the Assignment Schedule.

#### **General Submission Instructions**

All work must be your own. Copying other people's work or from the Internet is a form of plagiarism and will be prosecuted as such.

Upload an R markdown file, along with any required .lp files to your git repository. Also upload a narrative presentation justifying your model. Name your file Username\_F.ext, where Username is your Kent State User ID (the part before @).

Provide the link to your git repository in Blackboard Learn for the assignment.