

**EM 605**

# **Elements of Operations Research**

## **Multi-criteria Decision Making**

# Topics

- Goal Programming
- Graphical Interpretation of Goal Programming
- Computer Solution of Goal Programming Problems with QM for Windows and Excel
- The Analytical Hierarchy Process
- Scoring Models

- Study of problems with several criteria, ***multiple criteria***, instead of a single objective when making a decision
- Three techniques discussed:
  - ***goal programming***
  - ***analytical hierarchy process***
  - ***scoring models***
- Goal programming is a variation of linear programming considering more than one objective (goals) in the objective function
- The analytical hierarchy process develops a score for each decision alternative based on comparisons of each under different criteria reflecting the decision makers preferences
- Scoring models are based on a weighted scoring technique

# Goal Programming Example

## Problem Data - Original Constraints

### Beaver Creek Pottery Company Example:

$x_1$  = number of bowls produced

$x_2$  = number of mugs produced

Maximize  $Z = \$40x_1 + 50x_2$

subject to:

$1x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 40$  hours of labor

$4x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 120$  pounds of clay

$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

We were maximizing profit with a couple of constraints on our resources – labor and available clay

# Goal Programming Example

## New (Additional) Goals

- Adding objectives (goals) *in order of importance*, the company:
  1. doesn't want to use fewer than 40 hours of labor per day
  2. would like to achieve a profit level of \$1,600 per day
  3. doesn't want to keep more than 120 # of clay on hand each day
  4. would like to minimize the amount of overtime

# Goal Programming

## Goal Constraint Requirements

- All ***goal constraints are equalities*** that include deviational variables  $d^-$  and  $d^+$
- A ***positive deviational variable ( $d^+$ )*** is the amount by which a goal level is ***exceeded***
- A ***negative deviation variable ( $d^-$ )*** is the amount by which a goal level is ***underachieved***
- ***At least one*** or both deviational variables in a goal constraint must ***equal zero***
- We have a new form of the objective function: now the ***objective function seeks to minimize the deviation*** from the respective goals in the order of the goal priorities

# Goal Programming Model Formulation

## The Labor Goal Constraint

Let's look at the first goal constraint

Labor goal: don't want to use less than 40 hrs of labor/day

$1x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 40$  hours of labor (original constraint)

becomes  $1x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$  (hours/day)

$d_1^-$  }  
 $d_1^+$  } These are called deviational variables

$d_1^-$  can be thought of as labor underutilization, or what we fail to use

$d_1^+$  can be thought of as overtime, or overutilization

# Goal Programming Model Formulation

## Let's look at the Labor Goal Constraint

Labor goal: doesn't want to use less than 40 hrs of labor/day

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40 \text{ (hours/day)} \quad \text{**NEW constraint**}$$

What happens if  $x_1 = 5$  mugs, and  $x_2 = 10$  bowls?

For this equation:

$$1(5) + 2(10) + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40 \text{ (hours/day)}$$

$$25 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40 \text{ (hours/day)} \Rightarrow d_1^- = 15$$

Because only 25 hours were used in production, there were 15 UNDERUTILIZED hours, and of course, no overtime.

So,  $d_1^- = 15$ , and  $d_1^+ = 0$

Notice that you can't have both underutilization AND overtime at the same time, so *one* or *both* of the dev. variables **must be 0**



# Goal Programming Model Formulation

## The Labor Goal Constraint

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40 \text{ (hours/day)}$$

What happens if  $x_1 = 10$  mugs, and  $x_2 = 20$  bowls?

For this equation:

$$10 + 2(20) + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40 \text{ (hours/day)}$$

$$50 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40 \text{ (hours/day)} \Rightarrow d_1^+ = 10 \text{ hrs overtime}$$

50 hours were required for production, meaning 10

ADDITIONAL hours (overtime) were needed, and of course, no underutilization of labor.

So,  $d_1^- = 0$  and  $d_1^+ = 10$

Notice that you can't have both underutilization AND overtime at the same time, so one or both of the dev. variables must be 0.

# Goal Programming Model Formulation

## Newly Modified Goal Constraints

Labor goal: don't want to use less than 40 hrs of labor/day

$$1x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 40 \text{ hours of labor (original constraint)}$$

$$\text{becomes } 1x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40 \text{ (hours/day)}$$

Profit goal: would like to achieve a profit level of \$1,600/day

But wait, we didn't have a profit constraint, did we?

No, but we had an objective function, right?

$$\text{The new constraint is } 40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600 \text{ (\$/day)}$$

What are  $d_2^+$  and  $d_2^-$ ?

$d_2^-$  amount we miss the profit level by

$d_2^+$  amount we exceed the profit level by

Material goal: don't want to keep more than 120 # of clay on

hand each day:  $4x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 120$  (lbs of clay/day)

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120 \text{ (lbs of clay/day)}$$

# Goal Programming Model

## Objective Function Has New Form

### 1. Labor goals constraint

(priority 1 – don't use less than 40 hours labor – don't *underutilize* labor):

$$\text{Minimize } P_1 d_1^-$$

Notice there are TWO goals dealing with labor

(priority 4 - minimize overtime, or reduce *over-utilization* of labor):

$$\text{Minimize } P_1 d_1^-, P_4 d_1^+$$

### 2. Add profit goal constraint

(priority 2 - achieve profit of \$1,600):

$$\text{Minimize } P_1 d_1^-, P_2 d_2^-, P_4 d_1^+$$

### 3. Add material goal constraint

(priority 3 - avoid keeping more than 120 pounds of clay on hand):

$$\text{Minimize } P_1 d_1^-, P_2 d_2^-, P_3 d_3^+, P_4 d_1^+$$

# Goal Programming Model Formulation

## Complete Model

### Complete Goal Programming Model:

Minimize  $P_1 d_1^-, P_2 d_2^-, P_3 d_3^+, P_4 d_1^+$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40 \quad (\text{labor})$$

$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600 \quad (\text{profit})$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120 \quad (\text{clay})$$

$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+ \geq 0$$

Why don't we simply sum these deviational variable values, as we used to, in our original objective function?

Because the deviational variables may all have different units of measure!

Remember your dimensions ALWAYS!!!

**What we seek to do in a multi-criteria problem, is to minimize the deviations from the stated goals, in order of the goal priority.**

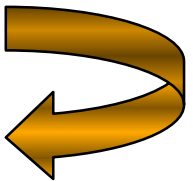
# Goal Programming

## Alternative Forms of Goal Constraints

- **Let's change the fourth-priority goal** to “limit overtime to 10 hours” instead of “minimizing overtime” <pause for a volunteer ☺>
  - $d_1^+ + d_4^- - d_4^+ = 10$  (all deviational variables in this constraint)
  - minimize  $P_1d_1^-$ ,  $P_2d_2^-$ ,  $P_3d_3^+$ ,  $P_4d_4^+$
- **Now, let's add a fifth-priority goal** – limited warehouse space means that we can't make more than 30 bowls and 20 mugs. Since the profit for mugs is higher, we'd like to meet the construction goal for mugs, rather than for bowls, but how can we do that?
  - $x_1 + d_5^- = 30$  bowls
  - $x_2 + d_6^- = 20$  mugs
  - minimize  $P_1d_1^-$ ,  $P_2d_2^-$ ,  $P_3d_3^+$ ,  $P_4d_4^+$ ,  $4P_5d_5^- + 5P_5d_6^-$
  - Notice that there are no  $d_5^+$  or  $d_6^+$  because overproduction isn't possible, given the warehouse space available

*The “4” and “5” in the objective function relate to the degree of importance between mugs and bowls – they're related to the proportion of the amount of profit each contributes.*

*We can sum because they are at the same priority level, too*



# Goal Programming

## Alternative Forms of Goal Constraints

### Complete Model with Added New Goals:

Minimize  $P_1d_1^-, P_2d_2^-, P_3d_3^+, P_4d_4^+, 4P_5d_5^- + 5P_5d_6^-$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

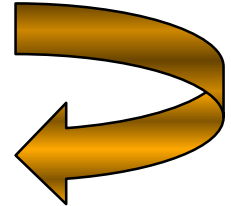
$$d_1^+ + d_4^- - d_4^+ = 10$$

$$x_1 + d_5^- = 30$$

$$x_2 + d_6^- = 20$$

$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+, d_4^-, d_4^+, d_5^-, d_6^- \geq 0$$

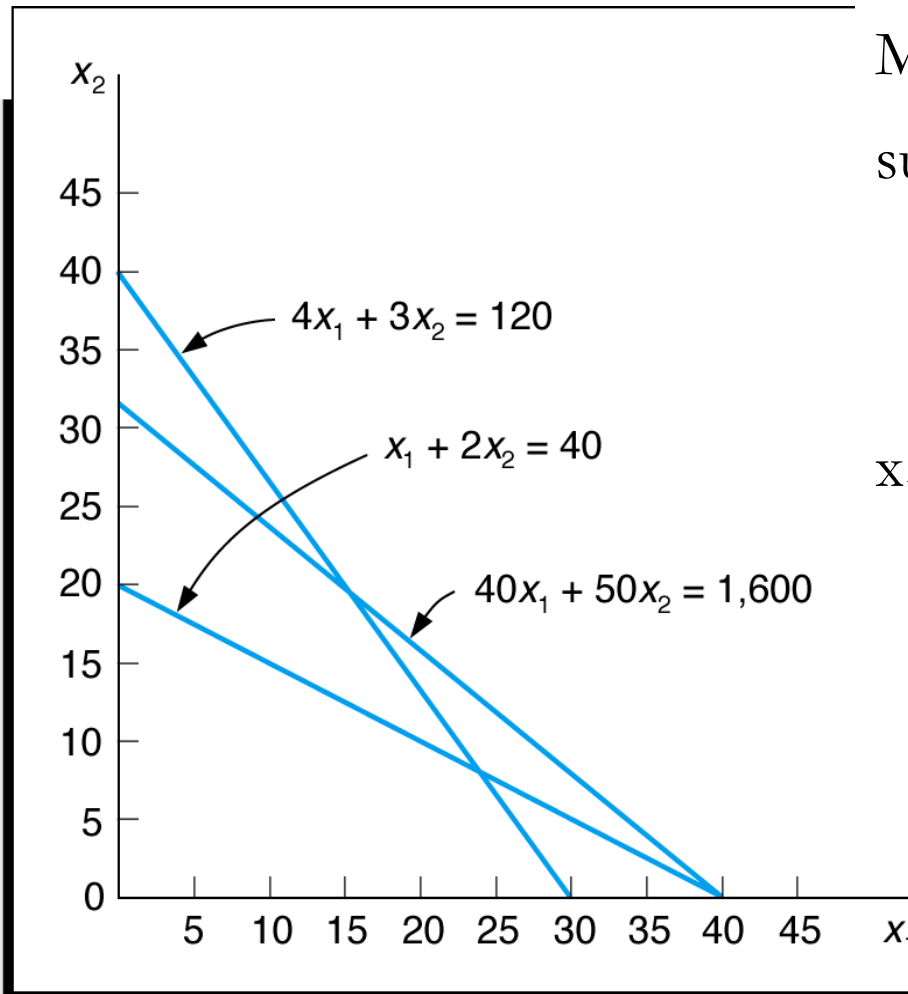
These are our  
NEW GOALS



new constraints

*The “4” and “5” in the objective function relate to the degree of importance between mugs and bowls – they’re related to the proportion of the amount of profit each contributes*

# Goal Programming Graphical Interpretation



Minimize  $P_1d_1^-, P_2d_2^-, P_3d_3^+, P_4d_1^+$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+ \geq 0$$

Notice that we don't have a feasible space shown here – all three goal constraints are equations and the solutions are on the constraint lines.

Attempt to achieve the goals in the objective function in order of their priorities.

Another important point is that a higher-ranked goal that has been achieved is **NEVER GIVEN UP** in order to achieve a lower-ranked goal.

# Goal Programming

## First Priority Goal - Minimize $d_1^-$

Minimize  $P_1 d_1^-$ ,  $P_2 d_2^-$ ,  $P_3 d_3^+$ ,  $P_4 d_1^+$

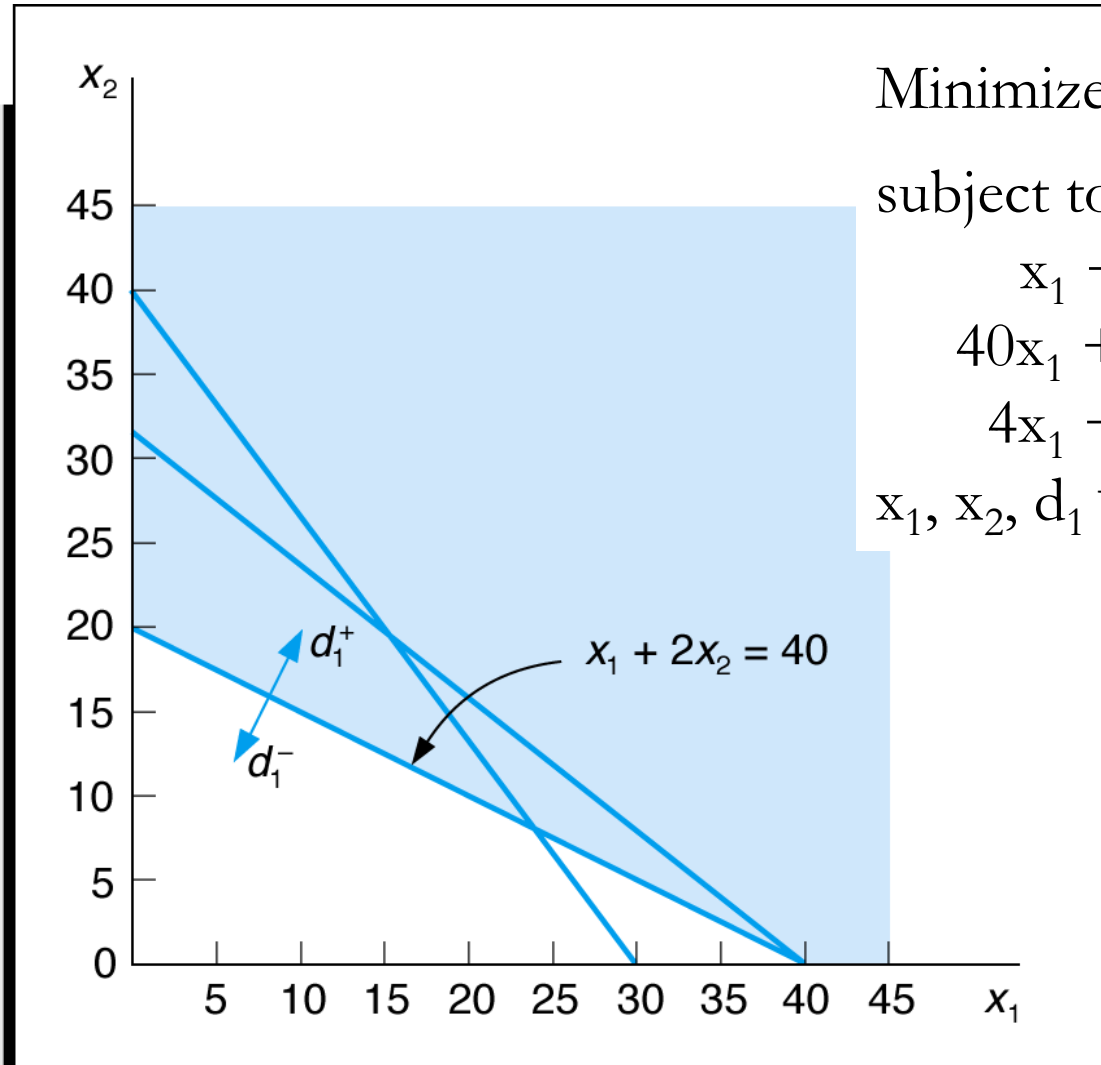
subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

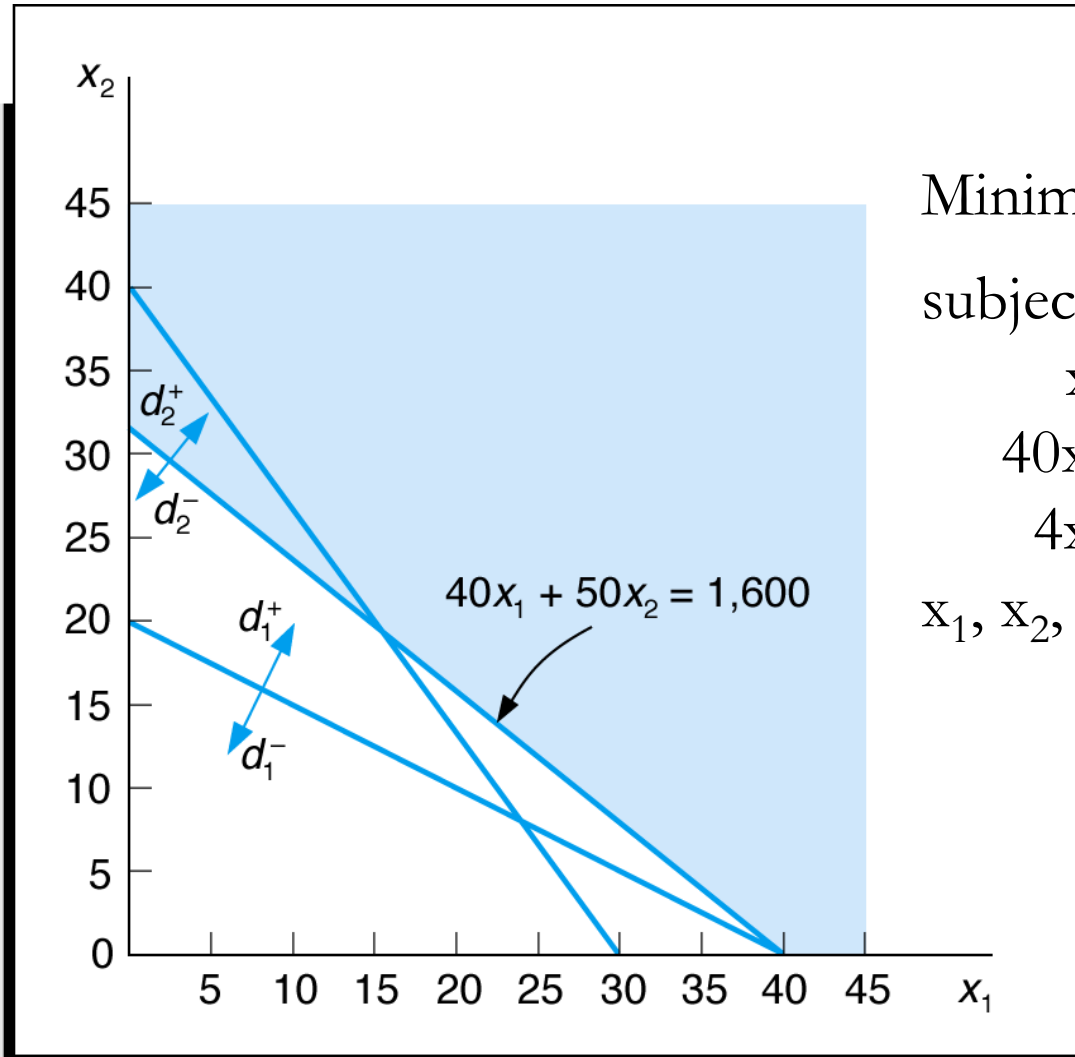
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# Goal Programming

## Second Priority Goal - Minimize $d_2^-$



Minimize  $P_1 d_1^-$ ,  $P_2 d_2^-$ ,  $P_3 d_3^+$ ,  $P_4 d_1^+$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

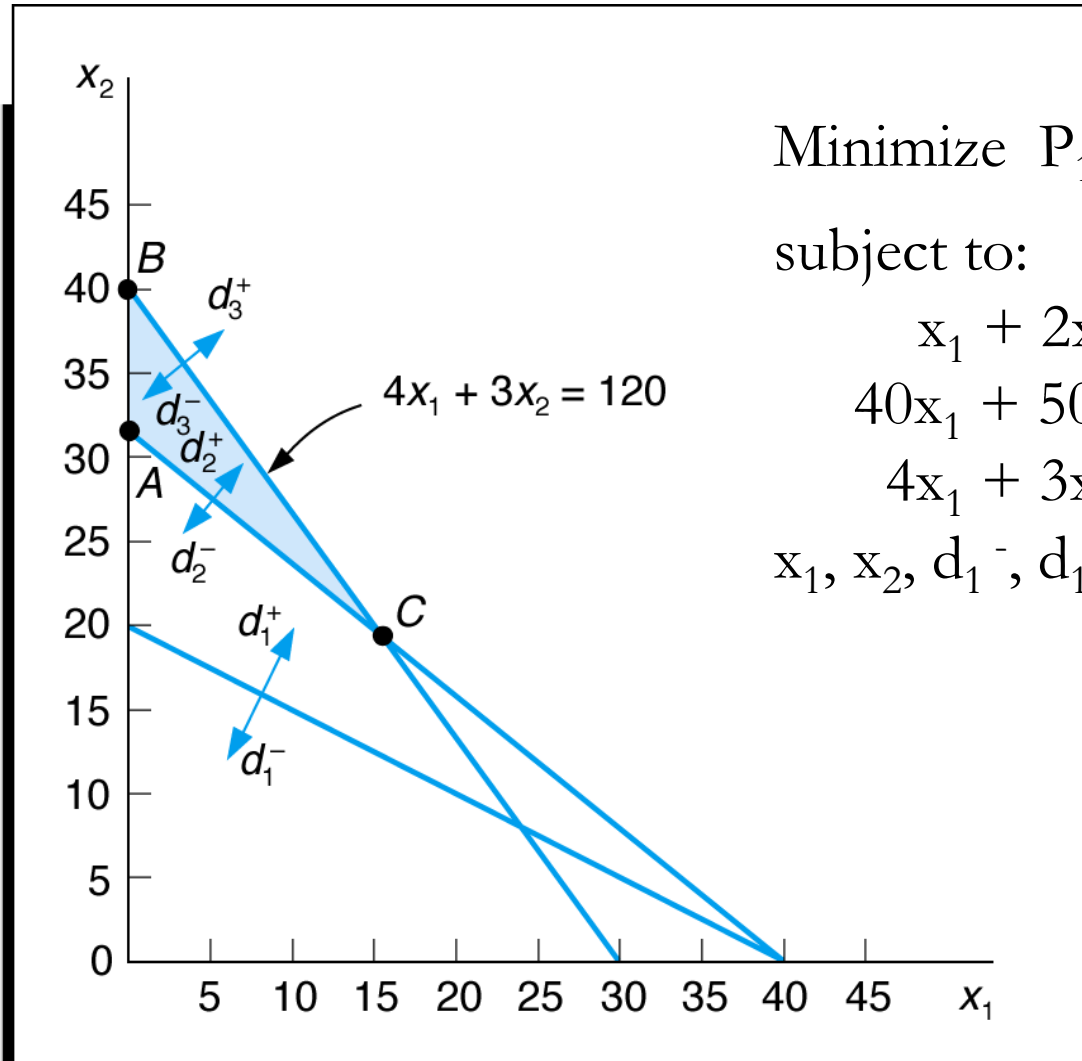
$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+ \geq 0$$

# Goal Programming

## Third Priority Goal - - Minimize $d_3^+$



Minimize  $P_1 d_1^-$ ,  $P_2 d_2^-$ ,  $P_3 d_3^+$ ,  $P_4 d_1^+$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

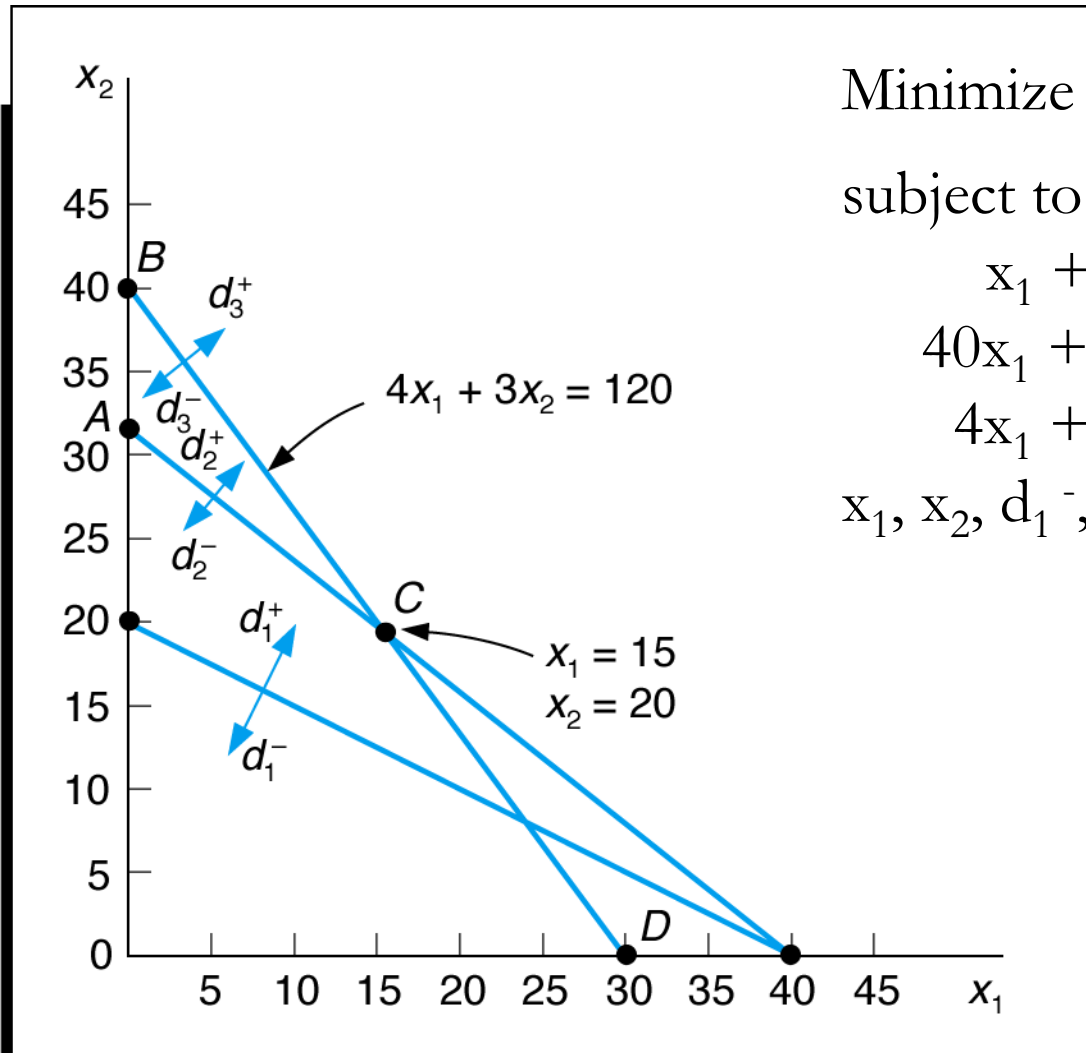
$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+ \geq 0$$

# Goal Programming

## Fourth Priority Goal - Minimize $d_1^+$



Minimize  $P_1 d_1^-, P_2 d_2^-, P_3 d_3^+, P_4 d_1^+$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+ \geq 0$$

# Goal Programming

## Graphical Interpretation

*Goal programming solutions* do not always achieve all goals and *they are not “optimal”*, they achieve the best or most satisfactory solution possible.

Minimize  $P_1d_1^-, P_2d_2^-, P_3d_3^+, P_4d_1^+$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+ \geq 0$$

Solution:  $x_1 = 15$  bowls  
 $x_2 = 20$  mugs  
 $d_1^+ = 15$  hours

So, even though we wanted to minimize overtime ( $P_4d_1^+$ ), we incurred some, in order to meet the first 3 goals.

# Goal Programming Computer Solution Using QM for Windows

Minimize  $P_1d_1^-, P_2d_2^-, P_3d_3^+, P_4d_1^+$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

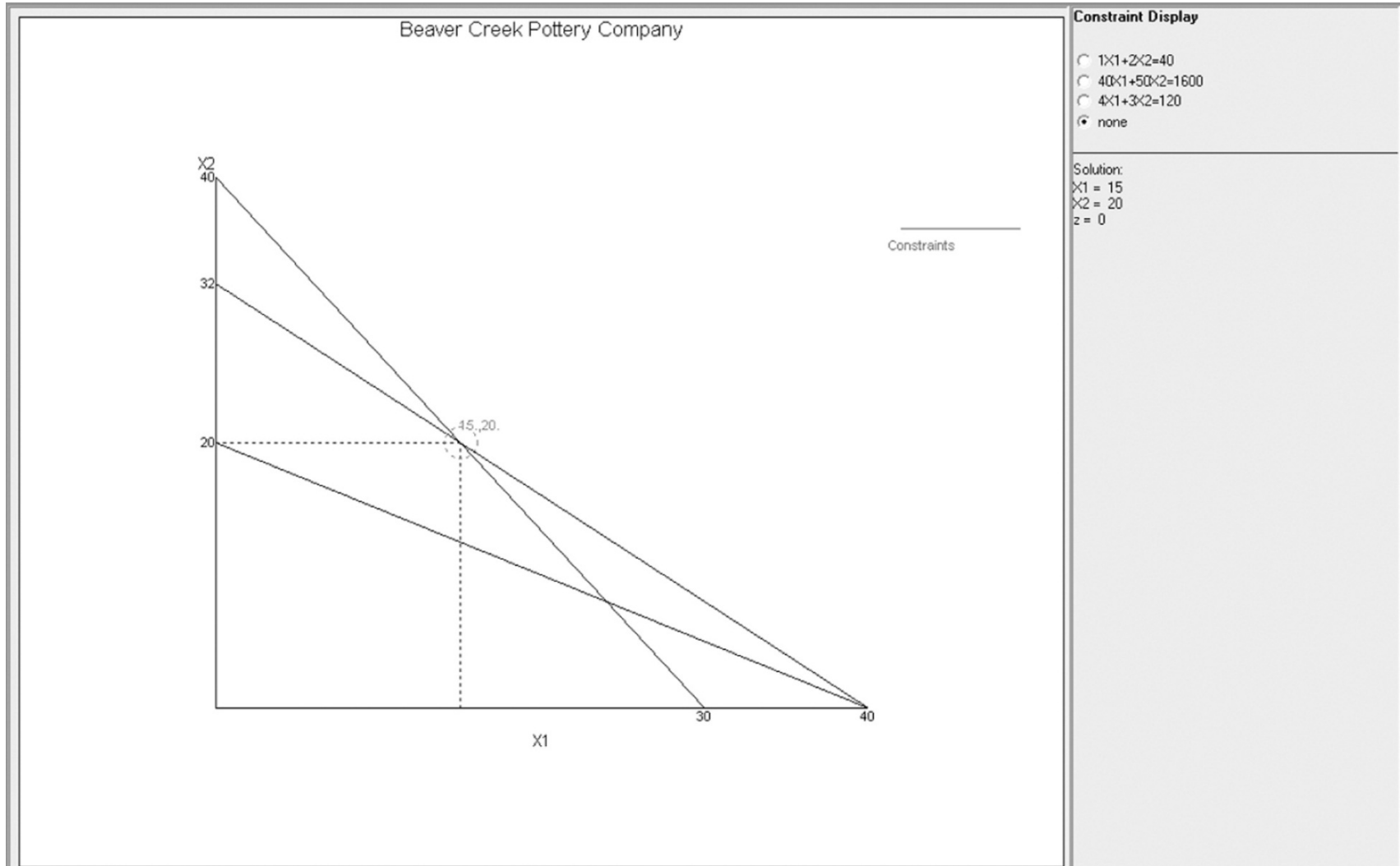
$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+ \geq 0$$

Beaver Creek Pottery Company								
	Wt(d+)	Prt(d+)	Wt(d-)	Prt(d-)	X1	X2		RHS
Labor (hr)	1	4	1	1	1	2	=	40
Profit (\$)	0	0	1	2	40	50	=	1,600
Material (lb)	1	3	0	0	4	3	=	120

# Goal Programming Computer Solution Using QM for Windows

Summary				
Beaver Creek Pottery Company Solution				
Item				
Decision variable analysis	Value			
X1	15			
X2	20			
Priority analysis	Nonachievement			
Priority 1	0			
Priority 2	0			
Priority 3	0			
Priority 4	15			
Constraint Analysis	RHS	d+ (row i)	d- (row i)	
Labor (hr)	40	15	0	
Profit (\$)	1,600	0	0	
Material (lb)	120	0	0	

# Goal Programming Computer Solution Using QM for Windows



# Goal Programming Computer Solution Using Excel

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G5 = (C5\*B10+D5\*B11)+E5-F5

**Goal Programming Example: The Beaver Creek Pottery Company**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	<b>Goal Programming Example: The Beaver Creek Pottery Company</b>							
2								
3	Products:		Bowl	Mug			Constraint	
4	Goal constraints:				d-	d+	Total	Constraint
5	labor (hr/unit)		1	2	0	0	0	= 40
6	profit (\$/unit)		40	50	0	0	0	= 1600
7	material (lbs/unit)		4	3	0	0	0	= 120
8								
9	Production:							
10	Bowls =							
11	Mugs =							
12								

**Goal constraint for cell G5**

**Decision variables—B10:B11**

**Deviational variables—E5:F7**



# Goal Programming Computer Solution Using Excel

The image shows the 'Solver Parameters' dialog box in Microsoft Excel. The 'Set Target Cell' is '\$E\$5'. The 'Equal To' section has three radio buttons: 'Max', 'Min' (which is selected), and 'Value of:'. The 'Value of' field contains the number '0'. The 'By Changing Cells' field contains '\$B\$10:\$B\$11,\$E\$5:\$F\$7'. The 'Subject to the Constraints' field contains '\$G\$5:\$G\$7 = \$I\$5:\$I\$7'. There are buttons for 'Solve', 'Close', 'Options', 'Guess', 'Add', 'Change', 'Delete', 'Reset All', and 'Help'. Annotations in blue callouts point to specific parts of the dialog: one points to '\$E\$5' with the text 'Minimize deviational variable for first-priority goal in E5.', another points to the 'By Changing Cells' field with the text 'Decision and deviational variables', and a third points to the 'Subject to the Constraints' field with the text 'Goal constraints'.

**Solver Parameters**

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By Changing Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

Buttons: Solve, Close, Options, Guess, Add, Change, Delete, Reset All, Help

Minimize deviational variable  
for first-priority goal in E5.

Decision and  
deviational variables

Goal constraints

# Goal Programming

## Computer Solution Using Excel

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# Goal Programming

## Altered Problem Using Excel

Minimize  $P_1d_1^-, P_2d_2^-, P_3d_3^+, P_4d_4^+, 4P_5d_5^- + 5P_5d_6^-$

subject to:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 40$$

$$40x_1 + 50x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = 1,600$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 120$$

$$d_1^+ + d_4^- - d_4^+ = 10$$

$$x_1 + d_5^- = 30$$

$$x_2 + d_6^- = 20$$

$$x_1, x_2, d_1^-, d_1^+, d_2^-, d_2^+, d_3^-, d_3^+, d_4^-, d_4^+, d_5^-, d_6^- \geq 0$$

# Goal Programming Altered Problem Solution Using Excel – Step 1

Goal constraint for labor

Microsoft Excel - Exhibit9.7.xls

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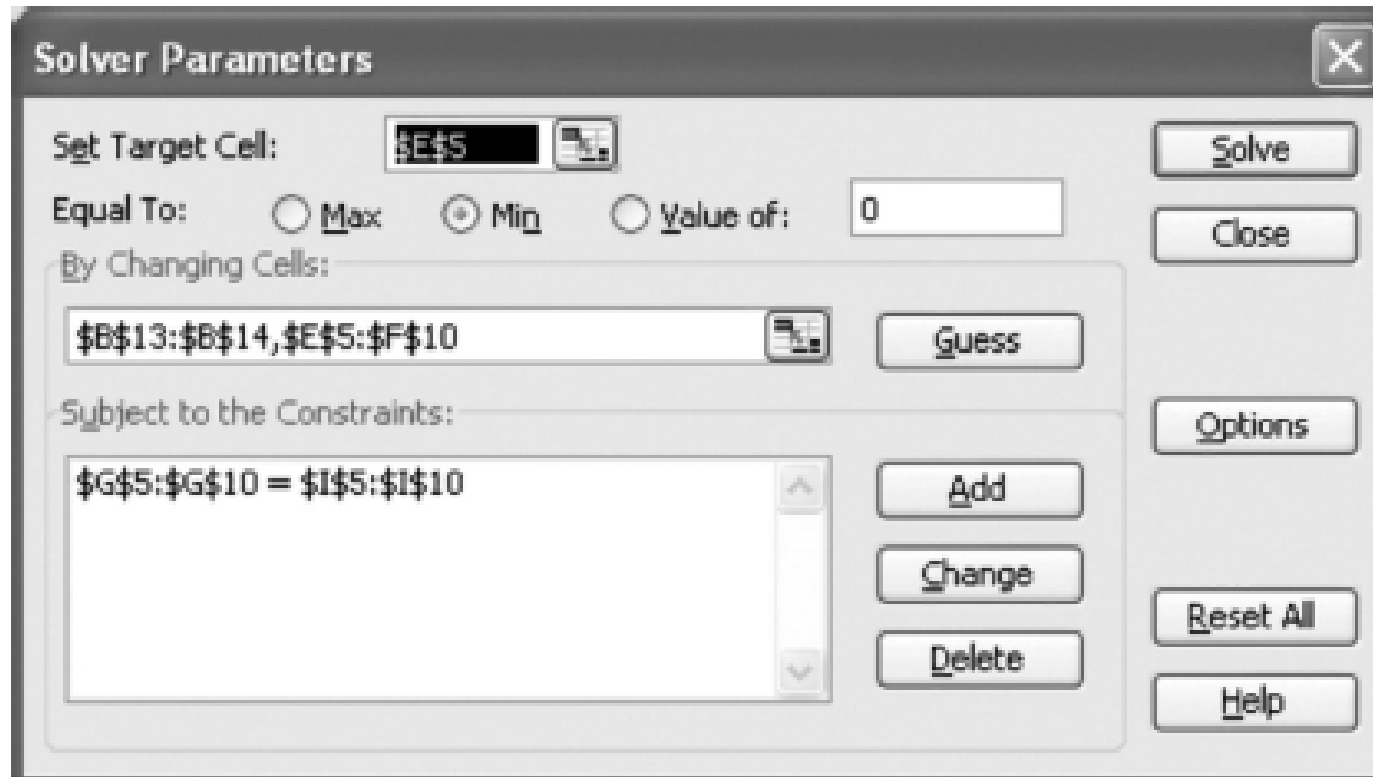
G5  $= (C5*B13+D5*B14)+E5-F5$

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	<b>Goal Programming Example: The Beaver Creek Pottery Company</b>										
2											
3	<i>Products:</i>		Bowl	Mug			<i>Constraint</i>				
4	<i>Goal constraints:</i>				<i>d-</i>	<i>d+</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Constraint</i>	<i>Goal</i>		
5	labor (hr/unit)		1	2	0	0	0	=	40		
6	profit (\$/unit)		40	50	0	0	0	=	1600		
7	material (lbs/unit)		4	3	0	0	0	=	120		
8	overtime (hr)				0	0	0	=	10		
9	bowl (unit)		1	0	0	0	0	=	30		
10	mug (unit)		0	1	0	0	0	=	20		
11											
12	<i>Production:</i>										
13	Bowls =										
14	Mugs =										
15											

Goal constraint  
for overtime;  
 $= F5 + E8 - F8$

$= C9 * B13 + E9$

# Goal Programming Altered Problem Solution Using Excel – Step 2



The image shows the 'Solver Parameters' dialog box in Microsoft Excel. The 'Set Target Cell' is '\$E\$5'. The 'Equal To' section has three radio buttons: 'Max' (unselected), 'Min' (selected), and 'Value of:' (unselected). The 'Value of' field contains '0'. The 'By Changing Cells' field contains '\$B\$13:\$B\$14,\$E\$5:\$F\$10'. The 'Subject to the Constraints' field contains '\$G\$5:\$G\$10 = \$I\$5:\$I\$10'. On the right side, there are buttons for 'Solve', 'Close', 'Options', 'Reset All', and 'Help'. Below the 'By Changing Cells' field is a 'Guess' button. Below the 'Subject to the Constraints' field are 'Add', 'Change', and 'Delete' buttons.

**Solver Parameters**

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By Changing Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

# Goal Programming Altered Problem Solution Using Excel – Step 3

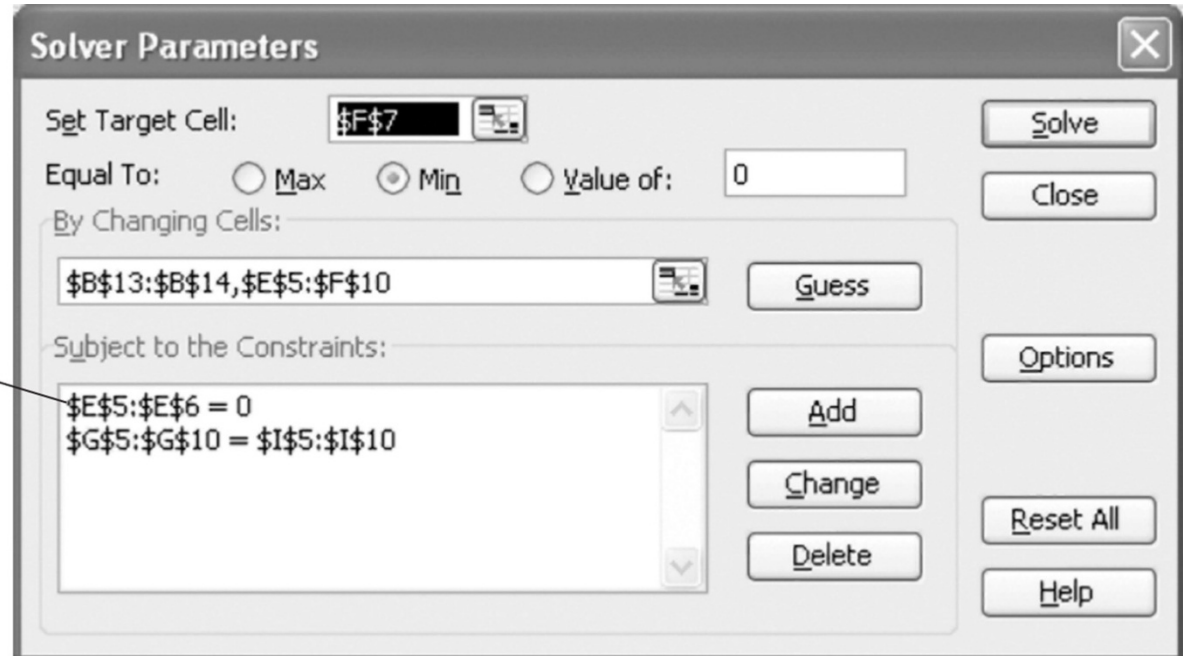
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2											
3	Products:		Bowl	Mug			Constraint				
4	Goal constraints:				d-	d+	Total	Constraint	Goal		
5	labor (hr/unit)		1	2	0	6	40	=	40		
6	profit (\$/unit)		40	50	0	0	1600	=	1600		
7	material (lbs/unit)		4	3	0	24	120	=	120		
8	overtime (hr)				10	0	10	=	10		
9	bowl (unit)		1	0	0	0	30	=	30		
10	mug (unit)		0	1	12	0	20	=	20		
11											
12	Production:										
13	Bowls =	30									
14	Mugs =	8									
15											

First two priority goals, minimizing  $d_1^-$  and  $d_2^-$ , achieved

Third-priority goal to minimize  $d_3^+$  not achieved

# Goal Programming Altered Problem Solution Using Excel – Step 4



The image shows the 'Solver Parameters' dialog box in Microsoft Excel. The 'Set Target Cell:' field is set to '\$F\$7'. The 'Equal To:' section has three radio buttons: 'Max', 'Min', and 'Value of:'. The 'Min' radio button is selected, and the 'Value of:' field is set to '0'. The 'By Changing Cells:' field is set to '\$B\$13:\$B\$14,\$E\$5:\$F\$10'. The 'Subject to the Constraints:' section contains two constraints: '\$E\$5:\$E\$6 = 0' and '\$G\$5:\$G\$10 = \$I\$5:\$I\$10'. The 'Guess' button is next to the 'By Changing Cells:' field. The 'Add', 'Change', and 'Delete' buttons are next to the 'Subject to the Constraints:' list. The 'Solve', 'Close', 'Options', 'Reset All', and 'Help' buttons are on the right side of the dialog box.

Solver Parameters

Set Target Cell:

Equal To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value of:

By Changing Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

- 
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Buttons: Solve, Close, Options, Reset All, Help, Guess, Add, Change, Delete

First- and second-priority goals achieved; add  $E5=0$  and  $E6=0$



# Goal Programming Altered Problem Solution Using Excel – Step 5

Exhibit9.11.xls [Compatibility Mode] - Microsoft Excel

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2														
3	Products:		Bowl	Mug				Constraint						
4	Goal constraints:				d-	d+	Goal	Total						
5	labor (hr/unit)		1	2	0	15	40	40						
6	profit (\$/unit)		40	50	0	0	1600	1600						
7	material (lbs/unit)		4	3	0	0	120	120						
8	overtime (hr)				10	0	10	10						
9	bowl (unit)		1	0	15	0	30	30						
10	mug (unit)		0	1	0	0	20	20						
11														
12	Production:													
13	Bowls =	15												
14	Mugs =	20												
15														

Fourth-priority goal to minimize overtime,  $d_1^+$ , not achieved



# Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP)

## Overview

- Method for *ranking several decision alternatives* and selecting the best one when the decision maker has *multiple objectives*, or criteria, on which to base the decision.
- The decision maker makes a *decision based on how the alternatives compare* according to several criteria.
- The decision maker will select the alternative that best meets the decision criteria.
- A *process for developing a numerical score* to rank each decision alternative based on how well the alternative meets the decision maker's criteria.

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Example Problem Statement

Northcorp Development Company shopping mall site selection.

- Three potential sites (alternatives):
  - Albany
  - Boston
  - Camden
- Criteria for site comparisons:
  - Customer market base
  - Income level
  - Transportation
  - Infrastructure

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Hierarchy Structure

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- Top of the hierarchy: the objective (select the best site)
- Second level: how the four criteria contribute to the objective
- Third level: how each of the three alternatives contributes to each of the four criteria

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## General Mathematical Process

- Mathematically determine *preferences for sites* with respect to each criterion
- Mathematically determine *preferences for criteria* (rank order of importance)
- *Combine these two sets* of preferences to mathematically derive a composite score for each site
- Select the site with the *highest score*

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Pairwise Comparisons

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- In a pairwise comparison, two alternatives are compared according to a criterion and one is preferred
- A preference scale assigns numerical values to different levels of performance

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Pairwise Comparisons

Preference Level	Numerical Value
Equally preferred	1
Equally to moderately preferred	2
Moderately preferred	3
Moderately to strongly preferred	4
Strongly preferred	5
Strongly to very strongly preferred	6
Very strongly preferred	7
Very strongly to extremely preferred	8
Extremely preferred	9

Preference Scale for Pairwise Comparisons

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Pairwise Comparison Matrix

A pairwise comparison matrix summarizes the pairwise comparisons for a criteria

Here, the Albany site is moderately preferred to the Boston site (3)

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The Albany site is equally to moderately preferred to the Camden site (2)

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The Camden site is strongly preferred to the Boston site (5)

Site	Customer Market Base		
	A	B	C
A	1	3	2
B	1/3	1	1/5
C	1/2	5	1

	Income Level	Infrastructure	Transportation
A	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/3 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$
B	$\begin{bmatrix} 1/6 & 1 & 1/9 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
C	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1/4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Develop Preferences Within Criteria

In synthesization, decision alternatives are prioritized within each criterion

Site	Customer Market Base		
	A	B	C
A	1	3	2
B	1/3	1	1/5
C	1/2	5/9	1/16
	11/6	9	16/5

Next we normalize the matrix, in order to compare “apples to apples”

Site	Customer Market Base		
	A	B	C
A	6/11	3/9	5/8
B	2/11	1/9	1/16
C	3/11	5/9	5/16

$1/(11/6)$   
 $(1/3)/(11/6)$   
 $(1/2)/(11/6)$



# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Develop Preferences Within Criteria

The row average values represent the preference vector

Customer Market				Row Average
Site	A	B	C	
A	0.5455	0.3333	0.6250	0.5012
B	0.1818	0.1111	0.0625	0.1185
C	0.2727	0.5556	0.3125	<u>0.3803</u>
				1.0000

The Normalized Matrix with Row Averages

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Develop Preferences Within Criteria

Preference vectors for other criteria are computed similarly, resulting in the preference matrix

Criteria				
Site	MARKET	INCOME LEVEL	INFRASTRUCTURE	TRANSPORTATION
A	0.5012	0.2819	0.1790	0.1561
B	0.1185	0.0598	0.6850	0.6196
C	0.3803	0.6583	0.1360	0.2243

**Criteria Preference Matrix**

(The row average vectors from the normalized criteria matrices)

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Pairwise Compar. NOW for CRITERIA

Preference Level	Numerical Value
Equally preferred	1
Equally to moderately preferred	2
Moderately preferred	3
Moderately to strongly preferred	4
Strongly preferred	5
Strongly to very strongly preferred	6
Very strongly preferred	7
Very strongly to extremely preferred	8
Extremely preferred	9

Preference Scale for Pairwise Comparisons

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Ranking the Criteria

### Pairwise Comparison Matrix of Criteria:

Criteria	Market	Income	Infrastructure	Transportation
Market	1	1/5	3	4
Income	5	1	9	7
Infrastructure	1/3	1/9	1	2
Transportation	1/4	1/7	1/2	1

Criteria	Market	Income	Infrastructure	Transportation	Row Averages
Market	0.1519	0.1375	0.2222	0.2857	0.1993
Income	0.7595	0.6878	0.6667	0.5000	0.6535
Infrastructure	0.0506	0.0764	0.0741	0.1429	0.0860
Transportation	0.0380	0.0983	0.0370	0.0714	0.0612
					<u>1.0000</u>

**Normalized Matrix for Criteria with Row Averages**

called the  
“preference vector”

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Ranking the Criteria

### Preference Vector for Criteria:

Market	0.1993
Income	0.6535
Infrastructure	0.0860
Transportation	0.0612

Simply the row averages of the normalized matrix for criteria

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Ranking the Criteria

	Criteria			
Site	MARKET	INCOME LEVEL	INFRASTRUCTURE	TRANSPORTATION
A	0.5012	0.2819	0.1790	0.1561
B	0.1185	0.0598	0.6850	0.6196
C	0.3803	0.6583	0.1360	0.2243

Now, we'll multiply each criteria vector (by site) by the preference vector for the criteria

**The first site we'll look at is A:**

### Preference Vector for Criteria:

Market	0.1993
Income	0.6535
Infrastructure	0.0860
Transportation	0.0612

Multiply  
[0.5012 0.2819 0.1790 0.1561]  
by the preference vector for  
criteria

0.1993
0.6535
0.0860
0.0612

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Developing an Overall Ranking

Multiplying all the vectors, we find the overall score:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Site A score} &= .1993(.5012) + .6535(.2819) + .0860(.1790) + .0612(.1561) \\ &= .3091\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Site B score} &= .1993(.1185) + .6535(.0598) + .0860(.6850) + .0612(.6196) \\ &= .1595\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Site C score} &= .1993(.3803) + .6535(.6583) + .0860(.1360) + .0612(.2243) \\ &= .5314\end{aligned}$$

Overall Ranking:

Site	Score
Camden	0.5314
Albany	0.3091
Boston	<u>0.1595</u>
	1.0000

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Summary of Mathematical Steps

1. Develop a pairwise comparison matrix for each decision alternative for each criteria
2. Synthesization
  - a. Sum each column value of the pairwise comparison matrices
  - b. Divide each value in each column by its column sum
  - c. Average the values in each row of the normalized matrices
  - d. Combine the vectors of preferences for each criterion
3. Develop a pairwise comparison matrix for the criteria
4. Compute the normalized matrix
5. Develop the preference vector
6. Compute an overall score for each decision alternative
7. Rank the decision alternatives



# Analytical Hierarchy Process: Consistency

Consistency Index (CI): Consistency and validity of multiple pairwise comparisons

Southcorp's consistency in the pairwise comparisons of the 4 site selection criteria

	Market	Income	Infrastruct.	Transport'n		Criteria
Market	1	1/5	3	4	x	0.1993
Income	5	1	9	7		0.6535
Infrastruct.	1/3	1/9	1	2		0.0860
Transport'n	1/4	1/7	1/2	1		0.0612

$$(1)(0.1993) + (1/5)(0.6535) + (3)(0.0860) + (4)(0.0612) = 0.8328$$

$$(5)(0.1993) + (1)(0.6535) + (9)(0.0860) + (7)(0.0612) = 2.8524$$

$$(1/3)(0.1993) + (1/9)(0.6535) + (1)(0.0860) + (2)(0.0612) = 0.3474$$

$$(1/4)(0.1993) + (1/7)(0.6535) + (1/2)(0.0860) + (1)(0.0612) = 0.2473$$

# Analytical Hierarchy Process: Consistency

Step 2: Divide each value by the corresponding weight from the preference vector and compute the average

$$0.8328/0.1993 = 4.1786$$

$$2.8524/0.6535 = 4.3648$$

$$0.3474/0.0860 = 4.0401$$

$$0.2473/0.0612 = \underline{4.0422}$$

$$\underline{16.257}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average} &= 16.257/4 \\ &= 4.1564\end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Calculate the Consistency Index (CI)

$CI = (\text{Average} - n)/(n-1)$ , where  $n$  is no. of items compared

$$CI = (4.1564-4)/(4-1) = 0.0521$$

where a  $CI = 0$  indicates perfect consistency

# Analytical Hierarchy Process: Consistency

Step 4: Compute the Ratio CI/RI

where RI is a random index value obtained from Table 9.5

<b>n</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>RI</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>1.51</b>

Random Index Values for Comparison of “n” Items

$$CI/RI = 0.0521/0.90 = 0.0580$$

Note: Degree of consistency is satisfactory if  $CI/RI < 0.10$

If  $CI/RI > 0.10$ , then serious inconsistencies are present, and the results of the AHP may not be useable

# Analytical Hierarchy Process Excel Spreadsheets

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F14  $=SUM(B14:D14)/3$

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	AHP for the Southcorp Development Site Selection Example						
2							
3		Customer Market Criterion					
4	Site	A	B	C			
5	A	1	3	2			
6	B	1/3	1	1/5			
7	C	1/2	5	1			
8	Column sum	1 5/6	9	3 1/5			
9							
10	Normalized Matrix:						
11							
12		Customer Market					
13	Site	A	B	C		Row Averages	
14	A	0.5455	0.3333	0.6250		0.5013	
15	B	0.1818	0.1111	0.0625		0.1185	
16	C	0.2727	0.5556	0.3125		0.3803	
17						1.0000	
18							

Click on "Format," then "Cells Format," then "Fraction" to enter fractions.

Row average formula for F14

$=SUM(B5:B7)$

$=B5/B8$

# Analytical Hierarchy Process Excel Spreadsheets

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	<b>AHP for the Southcorp Development Site Selection Example</b>												
2													
3													
4	Criteria	Market	Income	Infrastructure	Transportation								
5	Market	1	1/5	3	4								
6	Income	5	1	9	7								
7	Infrastructure	1/3	1/9	1	2								
8	Transportation	1/4	1/7	1/2	1								
9	Column sum:	6 7/12	1 5/11	13 1/2	14								
10													
11	Normalized Matrix:												
12													
13	Criteria	Market	Income	Infrastructure	Transportation								
14	Market	0.1519	0.1376	0.2222	0.2857								
15	Income	0.7595	0.6878	0.6667	0.5000								
16	Infrastructure	0.0506	0.0764	0.0741	0.1429								
17	Transportation	0.0380	0.0983	0.0370	0.0714								
18													
19													

Row Averages

0.1993
0.6535
0.0860
0.0612
1.0000

=SUM(B5:B8)

=B5/B9

=SUM(B14:E14)/4

# Analytical Hierarchy Process Excel Spreadsheets

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C12 =H4\*B5+H5\*C5+H6\*D5+H7\*E5

**AHP for the Southcorp Development Site Selection Example**

Site	Market	Income	Infrastructure	Transportation
A	0.5013	0.2819	0.1790	0.1561
B	0.1185	0.0598	0.6850	0.6196
C	0.3803	0.6583	0.1360	0.2243

Criteria	Score
Market	0.1993
Income	0.6535
Infrastructure	0.0860
Transportation	0.0612

Site	Score
Atlanta	0.3091
Birmingham	0.1595
Charlotte	0.5314
	1.0000

Atlanta score in cell C12

Cells F14:F16 from Exhibit 9.12

Cells G14:G17 from Exhibit 9.13

# Analytical Hierarchy Process Excel Spreadsheets

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fx =B5\*G5+C5\*G6+D5\*G7+E5\*G8

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	AHP for the Southcorp Development Site Selection Example												
2													
3	(1) Pairwise comparison matrix for the criteria:					(2) Preference vector:			(3) Product				
4		1	1/5	3	4		0.1993		0.8328				
5		5	1	9	7	X	0.6535	=	2.8524				
6		1/3	1/9	1	2		0.0860		0.3474				
7		1/4	1/7	1/2	1		0.0612		0.2474				
8													
9													
10		(3)/(2)											
11		4.1786											
12		4.3648											
13		4.0401											
14		4.0422											
15		16.6257	divided by 4 = 4.1564										
16													

CI = 0.0521

CI/RI = 0.058

=SUM(B11:B14)

=I5/G5

=(4.1564 - 4)/3

=G12/0.90



# Scoring Model Overview

Each decision alternative graded in terms of how well it satisfies the criterion according to following formula:

$$S_i = \sum g_{ij}w_j$$

where:

$w_j$  = a weight between 0 and 1.00 assigned to criterion  $j$ ;

1.00 important, 0 unimportant;

sum of total weights equals one.

$g_{ij}$  = a grade between 0 and 100 indicating how well alternative  $i$  satisfies criteria  $j$ ;

100 indicates high satisfaction, 0 low satisfaction.



# Scoring Model

## Example Problem

Mall selection with four alternatives and five criteria:

Decision Criteria	Weight (0 to 1.00)	Grades for Alternative (0 to 100)			
		Mall 1	Mall 2	Mall 3	Mall 4
School proximity	0.30	40	60	90	60
Median income	0.25	75	80	65	90
Vehicular traffic	0.25	60	90	79	85
Mall quality, size	0.10	90	100	80	90
Other shopping	0.10	80	30	50	70

$$S_1 = (.30)(40) + (.25)(75) + (.25)(60) + (.10)(90) + (.10)(80) = 62.75$$

$$S_2 = (.30)(60) + (.25)(80) + (.25)(90) + (.10)(100) + (.10)(30) = 73.50$$

$$S_3 = (.30)(90) + (.25)(65) + (.25)(79) + (.10)(80) + (.10)(50) = 76.00$$

$$S_4 = (.30)(60) + (.25)(90) + (.25)(85) + (.10)(90) + (.10)(70) = \underline{77.75}$$

Mall 4 preferred because of highest score, followed by malls 3, 2, 1.

# Scoring Model Solution Using Excel

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# Goal Programming

## Example Problem Statement

Public relations firm survey interviewer staffing requirements determination.

- One person can conduct 80 telephone interviews or 40 personal interviews per day.
- \$50/ day for telephone interviewer; \$70 for personal interviewer.
- Goals (in priority order):
  1. At least 3,000 total interviews.
  2. Interviewer conducts only one type of interview each day; maintain daily budget of \$2,500.
  3. At least 1,000 interviews should be by telephone.

Formulate and solve a goal programming model to determine number of interviewers to hire in order to satisfy the goals

# Goal Programming

## Example Problem Solution

### Step 1: Model Formulation:

Decision Variables:

$x_1$  = number of telephone interviews

$x_2$  = number of personal interviews

Minimize  $P_1d_1^-, P_2d_2^+, P_3d_3^-$

subject to:

$$80x_1 + 40x_2 + d_1^- - d_1^+ = 3,000 \text{ interviews}$$

$$50x_1 + 70x_2 + d_2^- - d_2^+ = \$2,500 \text{ budget}$$

$$80x_1 + d_3^- - d_3^+ = 1,000 \text{ telephone interviews}$$

# Goal Programming

## Example Problem Solution

### Step 2: QM for Windows Solution:

Instruction								
Enter the value for telephone interviews for rhs. Any real value is permissible.								
Rucklehouse Public Relations								
	Wt(d+)	Prt(d+)	Wt(d-)	Prt(d-)	X1	X2		RHS
Interviews	0	0	1	1	80	40	=	3,000
Budget (\$)	1	2	0	0	50	70	=	2,500
Telephone interviews	0	0	1	3	80	0	=	1,000

Instruction			
There are more results available in additional windows. These may be opened by using the WINDOW option in the Main Menu.			
Rucklehouse Public Relations Solution			
Item			
Decision variable analysis	Value		
X1	30.5556		
X2	13.8889		
Priority analysis	Nonachievement		
Priority 1	0.		
Priority 2	0.		
Priority 3	0.		
Constraint Analysis	RHS	d+ (row i)	d- (row i)
Interviews	3,000.	0.	0.0002
Budget (\$)	2,500.	0.	0.
Telephone interviews	1,000.	1,444.444	0.

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

## Example Problem Statement

Purchasing decision, three model alternatives, three decision criteria.

Pairwise comparison matrices:

Bike	Price		
	X	Y	Z
X	1	3	6
Y	1/3	1	2
Z	1/6	1/2	1

Bike	Gear Action		
	X	Y	Z
X	1	1/3	1/7
Y	3	1	1/4
Z	7	4	1

Bike	Weight/Durability		
	X	Y	Z
X	1	3	1
Y	1/3	1	1/2
Z	1	2	1

Prioritized decision criteria:

Criteria	Price	Gears	Weight
Price	1	3	5
Gears	1/3	1	2
Weight	1/5	1/2	1

# Analytical Hierarchy Process Problem

## Solution - Step 1

Step 1: Develop normalized matrices and preference vectors for all the pairwise comparison matrices for criteria.

Bike	Price			Row Averages
	X	Y	Z	
X	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667
Y	0.2222	0.2222	0.2222	0.2222
Z	0.1111	0.1111	0.1111	<u>0.1111</u>
				1.0000

Bike	Gear Action			Row Averages
	X	Y	Z	
X	0.0909	0.0625	0.1026	0.0853
Y	0.2727	0.1875	0.1795	0.2132
Z	0.6364	0.7500	0.7179	<u>0.7014</u>
				1.0000

# Analytical Hierarchy Process Problem

## Solution - Step 1 continued

Step 1: Develop normalized matrices and preference vectors for all the pairwise comparison matrices for criteria.

Bike	Weight/Durability			Row Averages
	X	Y	Z	
X	0.4286	0.5000	0.4000	0.4429
Y	0.1429	0.1667	0.2000	0.1698
Z	0.4286	0.3333	0.4000	<u>0.3873</u>
				1.0000

Bike	Criteria		
	Price	Gears	Weight
X	0.6667	0.0853	0.4429
Y	0.2222	0.2132	0.1698
Z	0.1111	0.7014	0.3873



# Analytical Hierarchy Process Problem Solution – Step 2

Step 2: Rank the criteria.

Criteria	Price	Gears	Weight	Row Averages
Price	0.6522	0.6667	0.6250	0.6479
Gears	0.2174	0.2222	0.2500	0.2299
Weight	0.1304	0.1111	0.1250	<u>0.1222</u>
				1.0000

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Price} \\ \text{Gears} \\ \text{Weight} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.6479 \\ 0.2299 \\ 0.1222 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Analytical Hierarchy Process Problem Solution – Step 3

Step 3: Develop an overall ranking.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Bike X} \\
 \text{Bike Y} \\
 \text{Bike Z}
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0.6667 & 0.0853 & 0.4429 \\
 0.2222 & 0.2132 & 0.1698 \\
 0.1111 & 0.7014 & 0.3837
 \end{bmatrix}
 \bullet
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0.6479 \\
 0.2299 \\
 0.1222
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Bike X score} = .6667(.6479) + .0853(.2299) + .4429(.1222) = .5057$$

$$\text{Bike Y score} = .2222(.6479) + .2132(.2299) + .1698(.1222) = .2138$$

$$\text{Bike Z score} = .1111(.6479) + .7014(.2299) + .3873(.1222) = \underline{.2806}$$

1.0000

Overall ranking of bikes: X first followed by Z and Y

(Note that the sum of scores equal 1.0000)