

**Due via Blackboard 9/7 at 2200.**

*In what follows, replace YOURLASTNAME with your last name. For example, the first file MIDN Smith would save would be:*

Smith\_guinness\_mcf.mod

**To be completed for class on Thursday 8/31/17. DO NOT SUBMIT VIA BLACKBOARD. Wait until the due date for the overall assignment, and submit all files at that time.**

1. Obtain the data Guinness.xlsx from Blackboard. For the given data, use GUSEK to formulate and solve the minimum cost flow problem, i.e., **do not model the fixed costs for opening warehouses**. Solve the problem to optimality and save the file as YOURLASTNAME\_guinness\_mcf.mod.

**Submit your THREE model files and your text-based answer to number 3 below via Blackboard by the due date.**

1. Save your previous model file as YOURLASTNAME\_guinness\_fl\_weak.mod. Add in the fixed charge constraints and objective sum to the model. Be sure to define your warehouse  $OPEN_j$  variables as binary. You will also need to define a new set  $W$  for warehouses, and a new parameter  $capacity_j$ , which specifies the maximum capacity of warehouse  $j$ . Also, when adding in the fixed charge constraints, use the formulation:

$$\sum_{\{i|(i,j) \in A\}} X_{ij} \leq capacity_j OPEN_j, \text{ for all } j \in W.$$

Solve the model.

2. Save your previous worksheet as YOURLASTNAME\_guinness\_fl\_strong.mod. Remove the weak version of the fixed charge constraints you added in Step 1 above. Be sure to define a new set  $\mathcal{B}$  for breweries. Add a strong version of the fixed charge constraints as follows

$$X_{ij} \leq capacity_j OPEN_j, \text{ for all } i \in \mathcal{B} \text{ and } j \in W.$$

Solve the model.

3. Compare the solution times for the two models, and describe in complete sentences why you think one model is faster than the other.