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# OPTIMIZATION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS FOR THREE NIGERIAN TRANSPORTING COMPANIES

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### 0.4 Abstract

Operation Research, also shorten as OR, is a field that deals with the development and application of analytical methods to improve decision making.

It is used to solve complex problems ranging from business to art through mathematical analysis. Its technique can be applied in various fields of agriculture, transportation and business management.

Operation reaserch's method to optimize conditions can affect humans decision and make them make life-saving decisions.

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

Bjarke Bundgaard Ingels, a Danish architect, founder and creative partner of Bjarke Ingels Group said "In Copenhagen, there's a long-term commitment to creating a well-functioning pedestrian city where all forms of movement - pedestrian, bicycles, cars, public transportation - are accommodated with equal priority". As at 2022, Elon Musk, the richest man on earth said "If we drive down the cost of transportation in space, we can do great things". This two great quotes from experienced people in different fields shows the importance of transportation in our daily lives and businesses.

During the administration of President Olusegun Obasanjo in Nigeria, the National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) program was created in 2001 by the Nigerian government aiming to reduce poverty and provide economic empowerment to the people of the country. This prompted the high use of the popular tricyle known as Keke Maruwa and it was soon popularly known as Keke Napep across the nation. This notion was popular and can be attributed to the widespread National Poverty Eradication Programme NAPEP, which was inaugurated under the current government.

Without any doubt, this short story clearly shows that transportation is one of most important functions in any country, developing or developed countries. It is one of the core activity necessary for the advancement of human life and the growth in industrial sector.

In Nigeria, the length of distance travelled is over two hundred thousand kilometres in road, rail, water ways, commercial harbours and airports sector.

### 1.1 Statement of Problem

With the high kilometres travelled in Nigeria, this brings risks and cost problems for industries sending goods from one place in and out of the country.

As good and important the transport system of a state can be, it's disadvantages poses a high cost. Millions can be lost in a day and in most bad cases, human lives can be lost.

Poor transport system, design and decisions increases the damages in movement of materials from one place to another to conduct business activities.

According to Logistics Update Africa, Nigeria's Federal Road Safety Corps disclosed that Nigeria lost N39 billion to trailer and tanker crashes in 2018, involving about 650 vehicles.

### 1.2 Scope of Study

This project will highlight the transportation problem in the sector. It will use an operation research called transportation problem to analyse a transport system and enumerates ways that cost of bad transportation problems can be reduced, thus increasing income.

Linear programming will be used in this project, the type of the programming used is called transportation problem. It is a type of linear programming where the objective helps to minimize transportation cost of goods from a place to different locations.

Three (3) pure water factories in Nigeria will be used as examples, the transportation details will be stated and the transportation optimisation system will be used to reduce cost of transportation to get the maximum profits.

### 1.3 Objectives of Study

The objectives of this project is stated below:

- 1. Enumerate the importance of optimized transport system
- 2. Review the Transportation Problem of Linear Programming
- 3. Use the application of Linear Programming to optimize the transportation problem for three(3) pure water factories in Nigeria from different states.

### 1.4 Significance of the Project

The significance of this project is to use the methods of transportation problem in mathematical operation research to know the best ways to transport goods and also record the lowest cases of loss.

Companies have to decide on when and how they will transport their goods and the outcome of their choices can result in transportation accidents or loss of money.

If companies are aware of the best possible ways to transport goods to places, they will be able to record the lowest number of accidents when travelling and also make the highest amount of profit.

# 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 Literature Review

# 3 METHODOLOGY

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# 4 TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

## 5 SUMMARY

- 5.1 Summary
- 5.2 Conclusion

# 6 REFERENCE