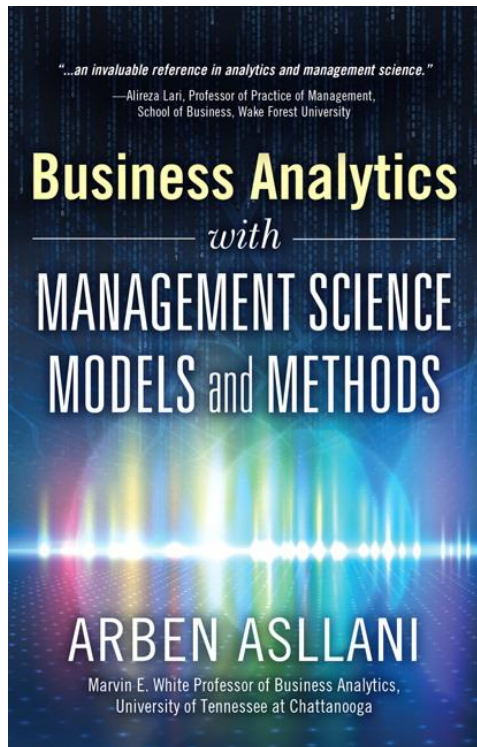


Business Analytics Prescriptive Models



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CHAPTER 7

Business Analytics with Shipment Models

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Chapter Objectives

- ◆ Explain shipment models and their structure as special cases of mathematical programming
- ◆ Demonstrate the use of network diagrams for the transportation and transshipment problems
- ◆ Learn how to expand transshipment models by adding layers of warehouses or distribution centers
- ◆ Learn how to check for the feasibility of the transportation models before even attempting to formulate and solve the model
- ◆ Use Excel templates to set up and formulate transportation or transshipment models as linear programming models

Chapter Objectives

- ◆ Demonstrate the Solver solutions for the transportation and transshipment problems
- ◆ Discuss the benefits of using a network diagram to represent a transportation or transshipment model
- ◆ Perform sensitivity analysis and explain the meaning of the shadow price and reduced cost in the solution of transportation models
- ◆ Discuss practical recommendation when exploring big data with transportation and transshipment models

Prescriptive Analytics in Action



- ◆ Danaos Corporation is a leading international owner of containerships
 - Owns over 59 containerships
 - 345,000 20-foot standard containers
 - Global operations: chartering, crewing, and vessel management
- ◆ ORISMA (Operations Research in Ship Management)
 - Combines internal and external sources and information such as financial data, hydrodynamic models and weather forecasting
 - Led to optimum solutions at the operational, tactical and strategic level
 - Average net profit increase of 8%
 - Approximately \$1 million per vessel per year
 - The anticipated cost savings for the year 2012 for all ORISMA clients was estimated at \$500 million

Introduction

- ◆ Optimization of shipment
 - Shipment of goods from plants to warehouses, to distribution centers, or other destinations
 - Include organizational, intra-organizational, and inter-organizational shipments
 - Count for a significant part of costs
- ◆ Two types of shipment problems (both are LP models)
 - Transportation model (two layers of shipment: sources-destinations)
 - Transshipment model (more than two layers of shipment)
- ◆ Shipment models can be represented with network diagrams
 - Nodes (represent locations: cities, warehouses, machines)
 - Arcs (represent transfer: of goods, materials, people, funds)

General Formulation of the Transportation Model

$$\text{Minimize } Z = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} \geq D_j \text{ for all } j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \leq S_i \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0$$

x_{ij} = amount of units to transports from source i to destination j (decision variables)

m = number of sources

n = number of destinations

c_{ij} = transportation cost per unit from source i to destination j

D_j = amount of units demanded by destination j

S_i = amount of units available at source i

Network Diagram of Transportation Models

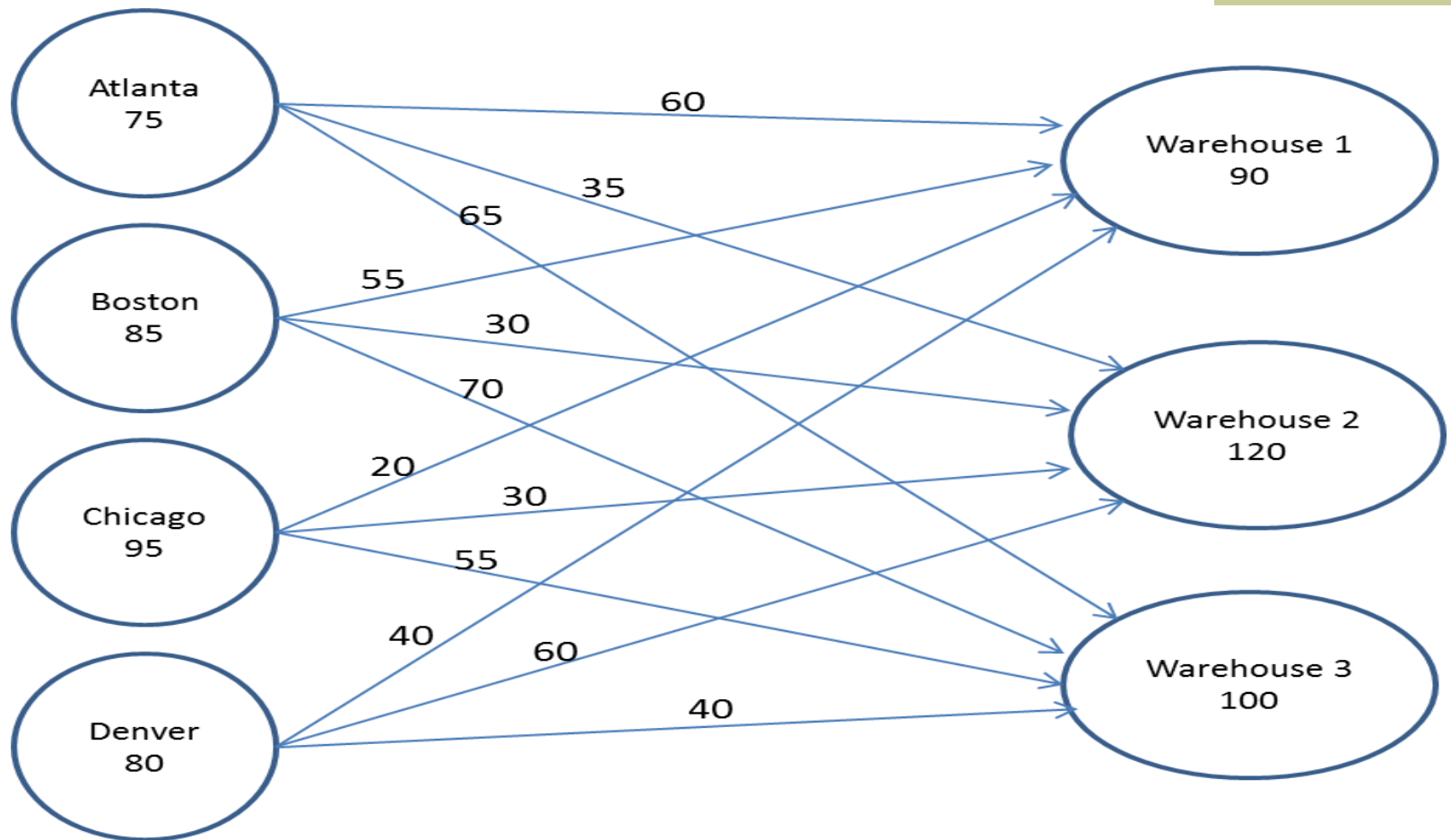
- NXT is planning the next month shipments from its four production plants to its three warehouses
- Goal: To minimize the total shipping cost

Operational Data for the NXT Transportation Model

Plants	Warehouse 1	Warehouse 2	Warehouse 3	Monthly Production Capacity
Atlanta	\$60	\$35	\$65	75
Boston	\$55	\$30	\$70	85
Chicago	\$20	\$30	\$55	95
Denver	\$40	\$60	\$40	80
Monthly Demand	90	120	100	

Shipping cost per container, monthly demand and production

Diagram for the NXT Transportation Model

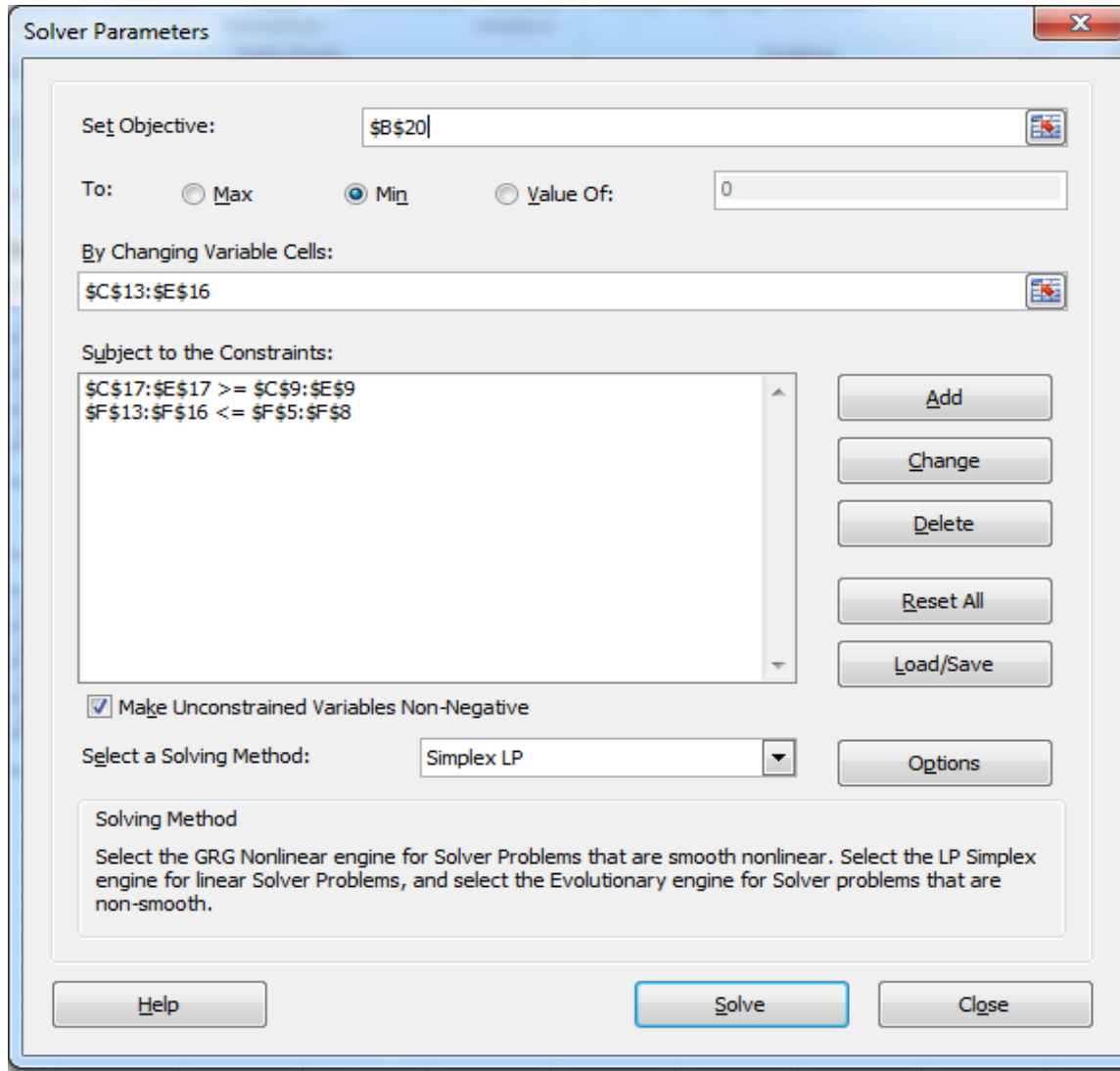


Solving Transportation Model with Solver (ch7_transportation_transshipment.xlsx)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	NXC Transportation Model							
2								
3	Parameters							
4		<i>From/To</i>	<i>Warehouse 1</i>	<i>Warehouse 2</i>	<i>Warehouse 3</i>	<i>Monthly Production Capacity</i>		
5		Atlanta	60	35	65	75		
6		Boston	55	30	70	85		
7		Chicago	20	30	55	95		
8		Denver	40	60	40	80		
9		Monthly Demand	90	120	100			
10								
11	Decisions							
12		<i>From/To</i>	<i>Warehouse 1</i>	<i>Warehouse 2</i>	<i>Warehouse 3</i>	<i>Delivered</i>		
13		Atlanta	0	0	0	0	=SUM(C13:E13)	
14		Boston	0	0	0	0	=SUM(C14:E14)	
15		Chicago	0	0	0	0	=SUM(C15:E15)	
16		Denver	0	0	0	0	=SUM(C16:E16)	
17		Received	0	0	0			
18			=SUM(C13:C16)	=SUM(D13:D16)	=SUM(E13:E16)			
19	Objective function							
20			0 =SUMPRODUCT(C5:E8, C13:E16)					

Excel Template and Initial Calculations for the Transportation Mode

Solver Parameters for NXT Models



The screenshot shows the "Solver Parameters" dialog box in Microsoft Excel. The "Set Objective:" field contains "\$B\$20". The "To:" section has three radio buttons: "Max", "Min", and "Value Of:", with "Min" selected. The "Value Of:" field contains "0". The "By Changing Variable Cells:" field contains "\$C\$13:\$E\$16". The "Subject to the Constraints:" list contains two constraints: "\$C\$17:\$E\$17 >= \$C\$9:\$E\$9" and "\$F\$13:\$F\$16 <= \$F\$5:\$F\$8". To the right of the list are buttons for "Add", "Change", "Delete", "Reset All", and "Load/Save". Below the list is a checked checkbox labeled "Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative". The "Select a Solving Method:" dropdown is set to "Simplex LP", with an "Options" button to its right. A text box at the bottom explains the solving methods: "Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth." At the bottom of the dialog are "Help", "Solve", and "Close" buttons.

Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

Solving Method

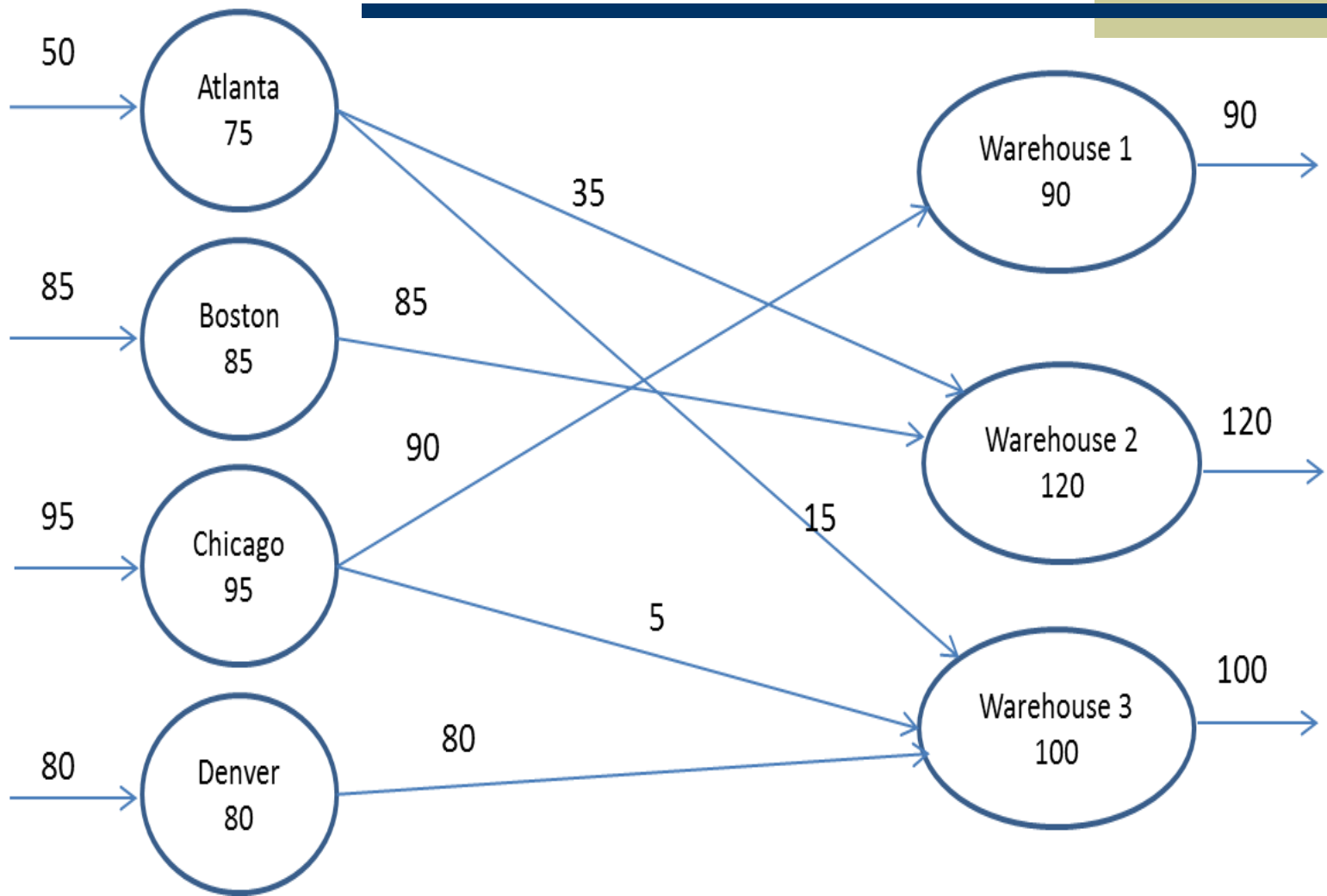
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Buttons: Add, Change, Delete, Reset All, Load/Save, Options, Help, Solve, Close

Final Solution for the NXT Transportation Model

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	NXC Transportation Model					
2						
3	Parameters					
4		<i>From/To</i>	<i>Warehouse 1</i>	<i>Warehouse 2</i>	<i>Warehouse 3</i>	<i>Monthly Production Capacity</i>
5		Atlanta	60	35	65	75
6		Boston	55	30	70	85
7		Chicago	20	30	55	95
8		Denver	40	60	40	80
9		Monthly Demand	90	120	100	
10						
11	Decisions					
12		<i>From/To</i>	<i>Warehouse 1</i>	<i>Warehouse 2</i>	<i>Warehouse 3</i>	<i>Delivered</i>
13		Atlanta	0	35	15	50
14		Boston	0	85	0	85
15		Chicago	90	0	5	95
16		Denver	0	0	80	80
17		Received	90	120	100	
18						
19	Objective function					
20		10025				

Network Diagram for the Final Solution



Sensitivity Analysis: Changes in the Right-hand Side Values

- ◆ Transportation model has two types of constraints:
 1. Demand Constraints
 2. Supply Constraints

22	Constraints						
23			Final	Shadow	Constraint	Allowable	Allowable
24	Cell	Name	Value	Price	R.H. Side	Increase	Decrease
25	\$C\$17	Received Warehouse 1	90	30	90	5	15
26	\$D\$17	Received Warehouse 2	120	35	120	25	35
27	\$E\$17	Received Warehouse 3	100	65	100	25	15
28	\$F\$13	Atlanta Delivered	50	0	75	1E+30	25
29	\$F\$14	Boston Delivered	85	-5	85	35	25
30	\$F\$15	Chicago Delivered	95	-10	95	15	5
31	\$F\$16	Denver Delivered	80	-25	80	15	25

Sensitivity Analysis: Changes in the Decision Variables

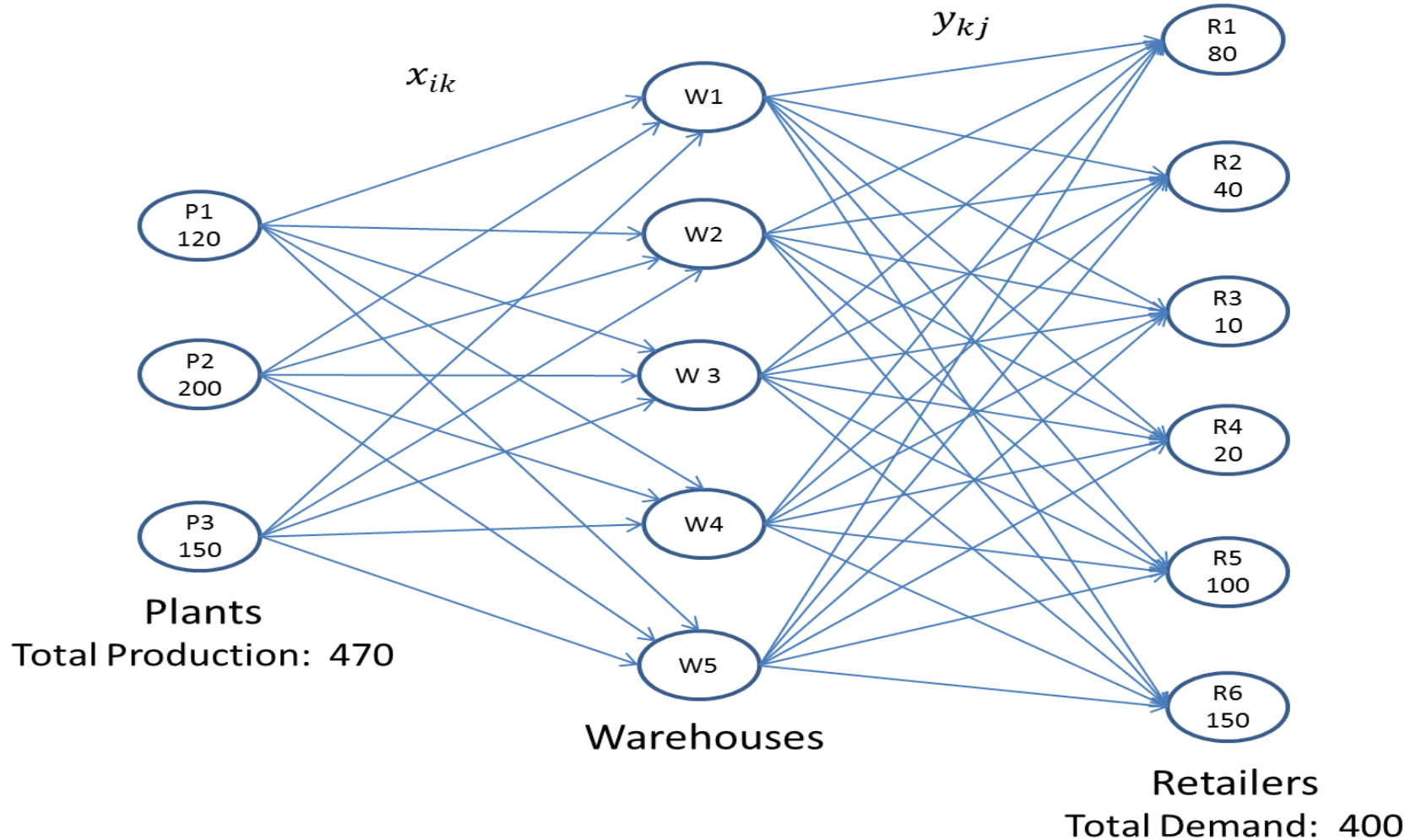
Variable Cells

		Final	Reduced	Objective	Allowable	Allowable
		Value	Cost	Coefficient	Increase	Decrease
Cell	Name					
\$C\$13	Atlanta Warehouse 1	0	30	60	1E+30	30
\$D\$13	Atlanta Warehouse 2	35	0	35	5	5
\$E\$13	Atlanta Warehouse 3	15	0	65	10	5
\$C\$14	Boston Warehouse 1	0	30	55	1E+30	30
\$D\$14	Boston Warehouse 2	85	0	30	5	1E+30
\$E\$14	Boston Warehouse 3	0	10	70	1E+30	10
\$C\$15	Chicago Warehouse 1	90	0	20	30	30
\$D\$15	Chicago Warehouse 2	0	5	30	1E+30	5
\$E\$15	Chicago Warehouse 3	5	0	55	5	30
\$C\$16	Denver Warehouse 1	0	35	40	1E+30	35
\$D\$16	Denver Warehouse 2	0	50	60	1E+30	50
\$E\$16	Denver Warehouse 3	80	0	40	25	1E+30

The Transshipment Method

- ◆ Company ships products from its three plants to its six retail stores
 - Products are first distributed from three plants to the company's five warehouses
 - At warehouses products are stored according to potential retail destinations
 - Upon demand products are shipped to each of the six retail stores
 - Company produces 470 units per month (120 at plant 1, 200 at plant 2, 150 at plant 3)
 - Monthly demand from the retail stores is 400 units (respectively 80, 40, 10, 20, 100, and 150)
- ◆ Minimize the shipment cost

Network Diagram for the Transshipment Problem



Shipment Costs Per Unite

From Plants to Warehouses

<i>From/To</i>	<i>Warehouse 1</i>	<i>Warehouse 2</i>	<i>Warehouse 3</i>	<i>Warehouse 4</i>	<i>Warehouse 5</i>	<i>Monthly Production</i>
<i>Plant 1</i>	60	35	65	40	40	120
<i>Plant 2</i>	55	30	70	120	50	200
<i>Plant 3</i>	20	30	55	60	20	150
Total						470

From Warehouses to Retail Stores

<i>To/From</i>	<i>Warehouse 1</i>	<i>Warehouse 2</i>	<i>Warehouse 3</i>	<i>Warehouse 4</i>	<i>Warehouse 5</i>	<i>Monthly Demand</i>
<i>Retail store 1</i>	30	70	70	10	10	80
<i>Retail store 2</i>	20	80	10	60	30	40
<i>Retail store 3</i>	80	40	30	100	30	10
<i>Retail store 4</i>	90	30	20	20	90	20
<i>Retail store 5</i>	10	40	70	60	50	100
<i>Retail store 6</i>	100	20	90	30	60	150
Total						400

General Formulation of the Transshipment Model

$$\text{Minimize } Z = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^l c_{ik} x_{ik} + \sum_{k=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^n c_{kj} y_{kj}$$

Subject to:

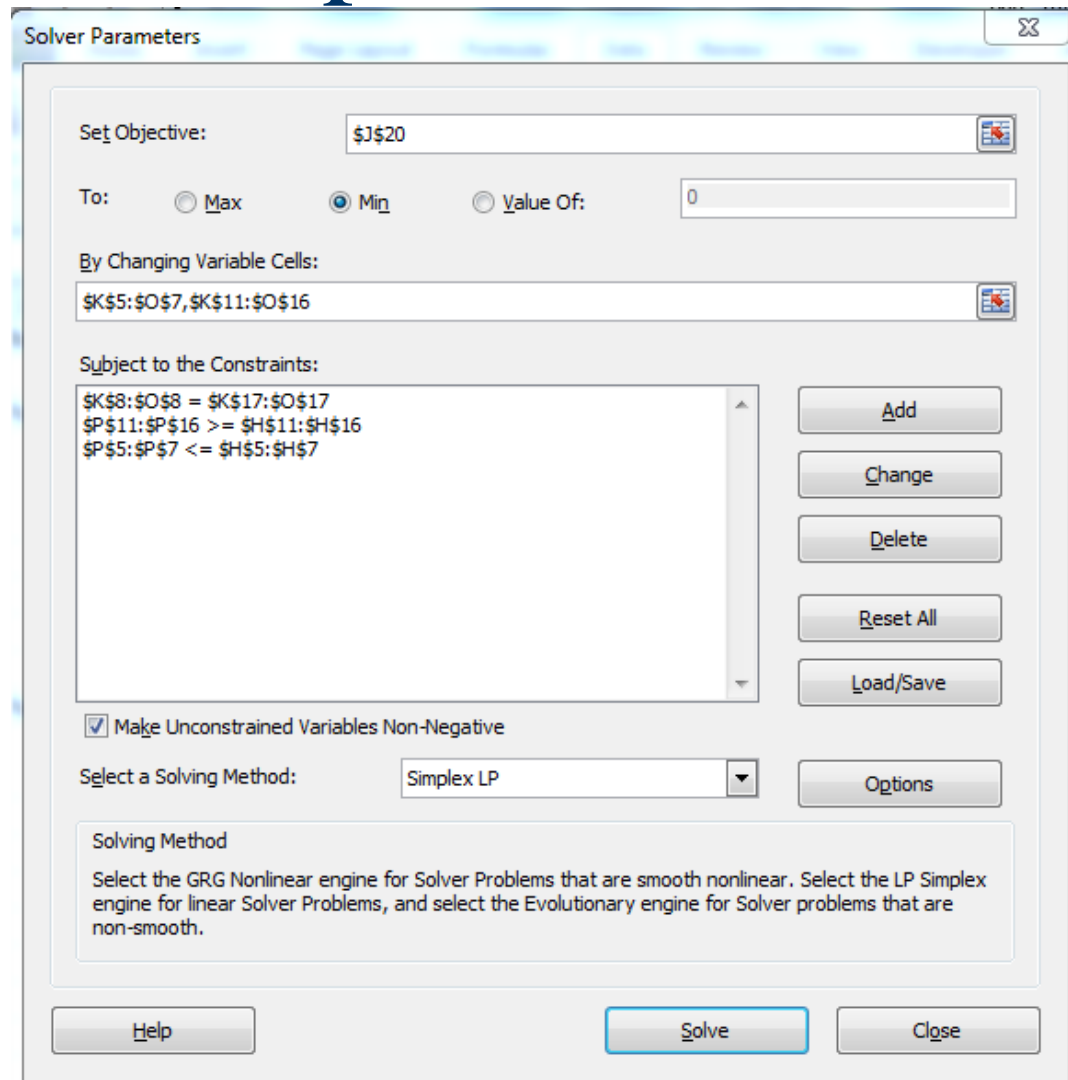
- $\sum_{k=1}^l y_{kj} \geq D_j$ for all $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$
- $\sum_{k=1}^l x_{ik} \leq S_i$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$
- $\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^l x_{ik} - \sum_{k=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^n y_{kj} = 0$
- $x_{ik} \geq 0$ and $y_{kj} \geq 0$

Solving Transportation Model with Solver_(ch7_transportation_transshipment.xlsx)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q		
3	Parameters: from Plants to Warehouses									Decision variables:		Xik							
4																			
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9	Parameters: from Warehouses to Retail Stores									Decision Variables:		Ykj							
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19										Objective function									
20										17800 =SUMPRODUCT(C5:G7, K5:O7)+SUMPRODUCT(C11:G16, K11:O16)									

Excel Template and Initial Solution for the Transshipment Model

Solver Parameters for the Transshipment Model



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Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

Add
Change
Delete
Reset All
Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method: Options

Solving Method

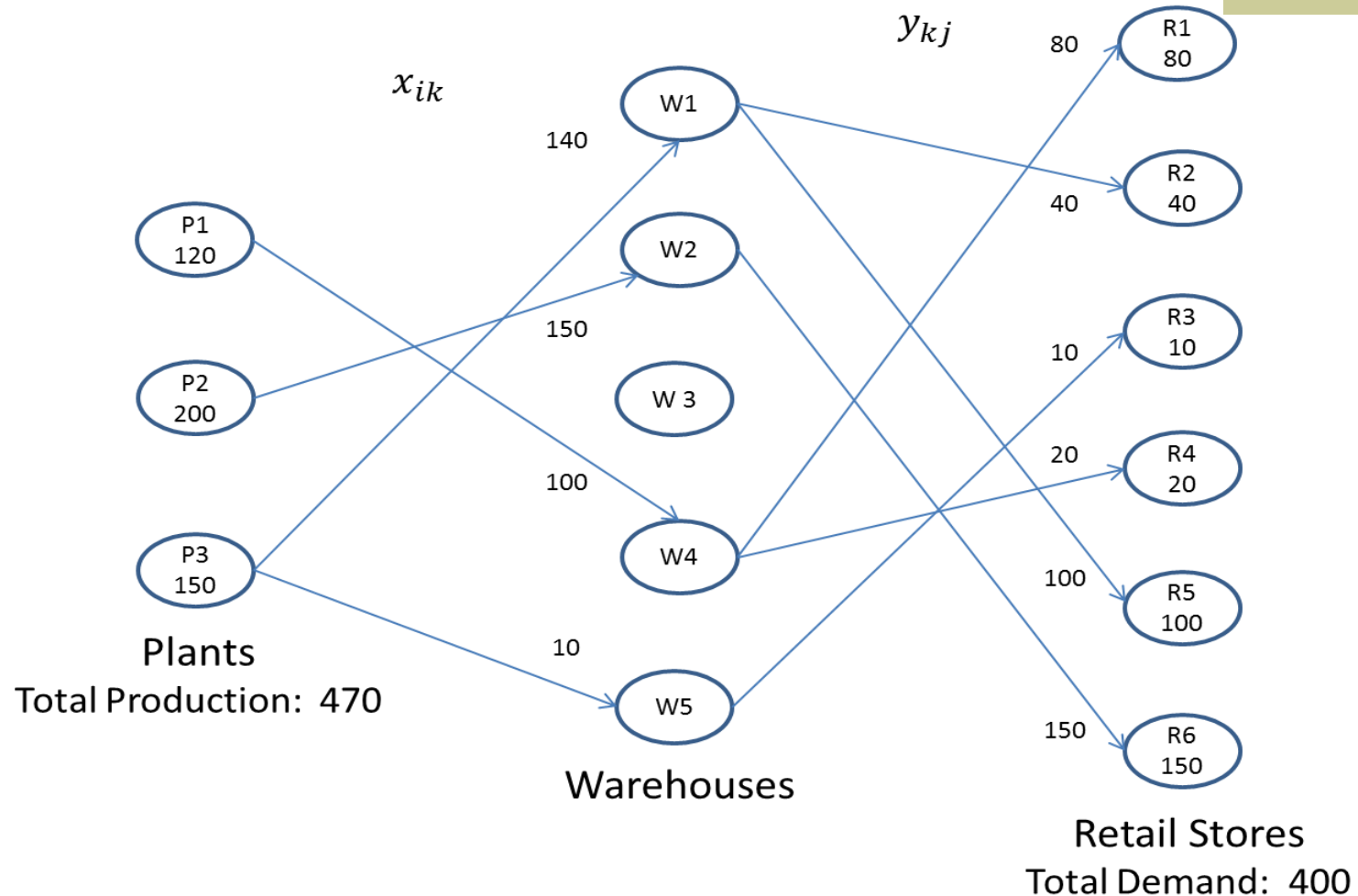
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Help Solve Close

Final Solution for the NXC Transshipment Model

Decision variables:		X_{ik}					
From/To	Warehouse 1	Warehouse 2	Warehouse 3	Warehouse 4	Warehouse 5	Monthly Production	
Plant 1	0	0	0	100	0	100	
Plant 2	0	150	0	0	0	150	
Plant 3	140	0	0	0	10	150	
Total	140	150	0	100	10		
Decision Variables:		Y_{kj}					
To/From	Warehouse 1	Warehouse 2	Warehouse 3	Warehouse 4	Warehouse 5	Monthly Demand	
Retail store 1	0	0	0	80	0	80	
Retail store 2	40	0	0	0	0	40	
Retail store 3	0	0	0	0	10	10	
Retail store 4	0	0	0	20	0	20	
Retail store 5	100	0	0	0	0	100	
Retail store 6	0	150	0	0	0	150	
Total	140	150	0	100	10		
Objective function							
17800		=SUMPRODUCT(C5:G7, K5:O7)+SUMPRODUCT(C11:G16, K11:O16)					

Network Diagram for the Final Solution of the Transshipment Model



Exploring Big Data with Shipment Models

- ◆ The availability of big data in the transportation industry
- ◆ Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology gives decision makers instant access to
 - Delivery times
 - Resource utilizations
 - Geographical coverages
 - Delivery statuses
- ◆ The implementation of advanced technologies in transportation and transshipment models allows decision makers to retrieve massive real-time information.

Wrap Up

- ◆ Two types of shipment problems:
 - Transportation
 - Transshipment
- ◆ Can be represented with network diagrams
- ◆ Can be formulated as a special case of LP models
- ◆ Requirement:
 - the amount of goods available generated by sources be greater than or equal to the demand for these goods
 - (specific situation) the amount of goods available generated by sources is exactly the same as the demand for these goods
 - then the logistics must assign shipments utilizing all products available and not exceeding market demand

Wrap Up

- ◆ In Transshipment Model:
 - Two sets of decision variables:
 - Number of units to be shipped from each source to each intermediary destination (warehouse, distribution center)
 - Number of units to be shipped from each intermediary destination to the final destination.
 - An equality constraint: balances the number of units entering an intermediary destination with the number of units leaving the same location
 - Value of the objective function: the sum of two or more scalar products of the costs of shipment with their respective decision variables.
- ◆ The solver methodology and sensitivity analysis are similar to the ones used in LP models.



End of The Lecture



Thank You