Competencies

**4165.1.1** : **Analyzes a Business Case**

The learner analyzes a business case to recommend a particular optimization approach.

Introduction

In this task, you will identify the need to solve an optimization problem indicated in one of the provided scenarios. You will describe what kind of optimization problem you identified in the scenario, as well as the components, constraints, and features that inform an optimization approach. Finally, you will recommend an optimization approach.

Scenario

Three scenarios are provided for your choice.

Requirements

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A.  Identify a business need in the given scenario that could benefit from an optimization approach.

1.  Explain why the business need you have identified can be addressed using an optimization approach.

2.  Identify the linearity of the optimization problem you have found.

3.  Identify the type of optimization problem you have found.

B.  Identify the optimization objective, decision variables, and **two** or more constraints that are components of your optimization approach.

1.  Explain any end point considerations in your optimization approach.

C.  Recommend an optimization method that is appropriate for the problem you identified.

D.  Acknowledge sources, using in-text citations and references, for content that is quoted, paraphrased, or summarized.

E.  Demonstrate professional communication in the content and presentation of your submission.

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