Competencies

**4165.1.2** : **Identifies the Objective Function and Constraints**

 The learner identifies the objective function and constraints for an optimization problem.

Introduction

In this task, you will consider the optimization problems identified in the provided scenario and compare approaches to the problem. You will describe how a selected approach is applied to the problem, including tools, methods, and algorithms. Finally, you will assess the risks and limitations involved in your suggested optimization approach.

Scenario

Use “Amazon Air Optimization Solution” and “Amazon Distribution” in the Supporting Documents section to complete the task.

Requirements

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A.  Identify the optimization problem in the given scenario.

B.  Create mathematical representations of the components of the optimization problem you identified.

1.  Write an expression that represents the objective function.

2.  Write expressions that represent the constraints of the optimization problem.

3.  Identify the decision variables of the optimization problem.

C.  Describe the approach you will use to solve the optimization.

1.  Identify the optimization method or algorithm you will use to solve the problem.

2.  Describe the tools and technologies you will use to solve the problem.

D.  Assess the risks and limitations involved in your recommended optimization approach.

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

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