Competencies

**4165.1.3** : **Solves an Optimization Problem**

The learner solves an optimization problem programmatically.

Introduction

In this task, you will provide a solution for the problem defined in Task 2 implemented in either Python or R. Your solution will invoke an optimization solver in your code, and you will describe how the code functions. You will analyze the output of your model. Finally, you will reflect on what you expected against the outcome of your approach.

Requirements

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*You must use the rubric to direct the creation of your submission because it provides detailed criteria that will be used to evaluate your work. Each requirement below may be evaluated by more than one rubric aspect. The rubric aspect titles may contain hyperlinks to relevant portions of the course.*

A.  Using the mathematical representations that you developed in Task 2, write a program in either Python or R to solve the optimization problem computationally.

1.  Demonstrate that the solver provided a solution to the optimization problem.

*Note: You will submit your code through a cloud repository platform. This will need to include the repository itself along with its history of changes.*

B.  Analyze the output of your model to demonstrate that the solution satisfies the requirements of the problem.

1.  Demonstrate that the constraints of the optimization problem are satisfied.

2.  Demonstrate that the solution includes decision variables, constraints, and the objective function.

3.  Explain why the solution that your code outputs matches your expected output.

C.  Provide a reflection on how the development of your approach matched your expectations of the process.

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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