

An aerial photograph of a dense forest with green and yellow foliage. A large, circular, red metal structure, possibly a bridge or a large wheel, is visible in the lower right quadrant. In the top left corner, there is a small inset image showing a parking lot with several cars and a building.

SPORTS-STUFF.COM

LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

A case study on SportsStuff from a supply chain perspective



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SOLUTION**



SPORT STUFF

STRATEGIC POSITIONING

COMPETITORS

SportStuff's competition includes other **online sports equipment retailers** like Amazon, eBay, etc.

UNIQUE SELLING POINT

SportStuff.com provides affordable sports equipment's to parents for their children by resale of discarded equipment.

CUSTOMER DEMOGRAPHICS

Mainly targeted at the **price-sensitive** customer segment which accounts to over 60% of the US sports market.

SPORT-STUFF'S JOURNEY TILL NOW

2004

FOUNDING YEAR

Achieved Sales of \$0.8 Million by the end of the year

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The company witnessed decent demand and growth in the initial few years and leased some space in a single warehouse in St. Louis

2006-7

The senior management noticed that the demand is growing but the costs are growing faster.

2008

If the supply chain model is not redesigned immediately the company would face a huge loss.

FEW KEY THINGS TO NOTICE

Investors were happy. But Why ?

Senior management knew what was coming

Unsustainable business which was bound to fail without proper redesigning of the Logistics Model shows the **importance of Logistics and Supply Chain Management as a subject**

SCM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SCM performance measures are important to judge the performance of the supply chain system.

There are two categories:

- Qualitative Measures: Customer Satisfaction and Product quality.
- Quantitative Measures: Order-to-delivery lead time, flexibility, resource utilization, delivery performance.

QUANTITATIVE MEASURES

Non-Financial Measures:

A. Cycle Time: The company must reduce the supply chain lead time and order-to-delivery lead time to be an effective supply chain.

B. Customer Service Level:

i) *Order Fill Rate:*

ii) *Stockout Rate*

iii) *Backorder Level*

iv) *Probability of one-time delivery.*

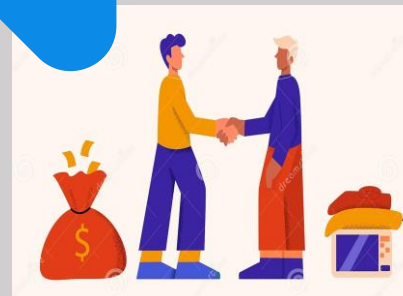
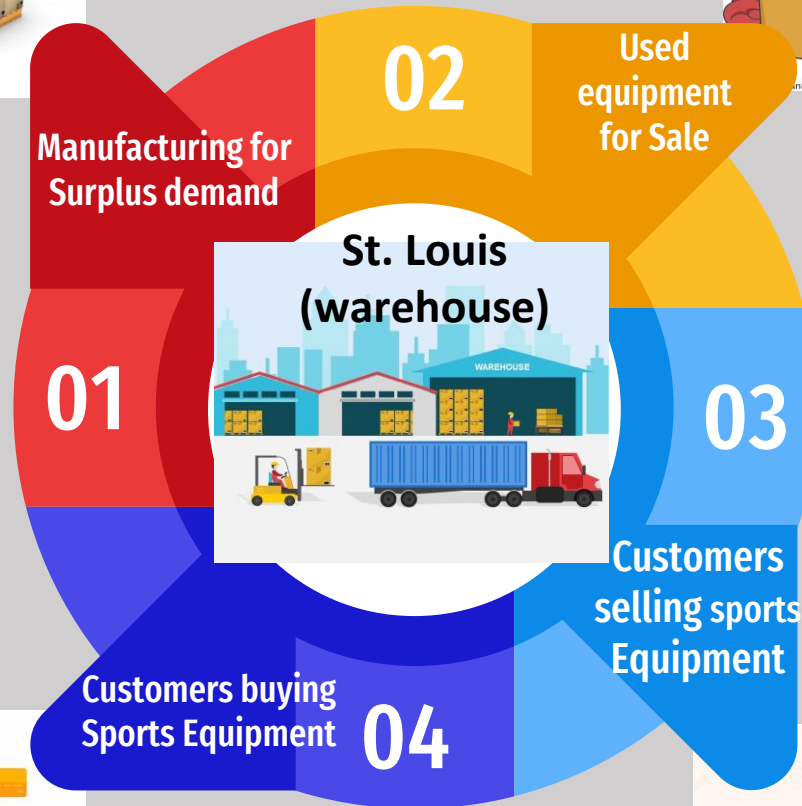
In order to maximize the customer service level, it is important to maximize order fill rate, minimize stockout rate, and minimize backorder levels.

Financial Performance:

The financial performance of a supply chain is assessed by considering the following items

1. Cost of raw materials.
2. Revenue from goods sold.
3. Inventory holding costs.
4. Transportation costs.

CURRENT LOGISTICS MODEL OF SPORTSTUFF.COM



CHANGE IN LOGISTICS MODEL

- During the initial year of sportstuff.com the **network distribution model** of the company follows the “**Distribution storage with carriage model**” with the only distribution warehouse in the outskirts of St. Louis.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS MODEL

- Initially the founder had plans to purchase used equipment and jackets from families and any surplus equipment from manufacturers and retailers and sell these over the Internet, which later on enhanced and led to the direct purchasing of the products from sellers and thus transformed the company into a **full fledged professional E-commerce** company.

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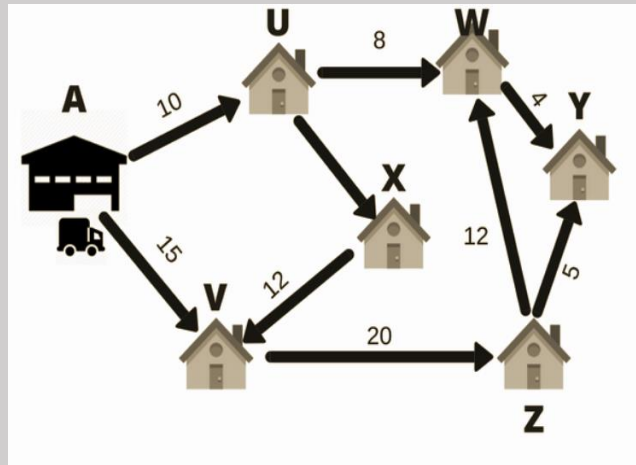
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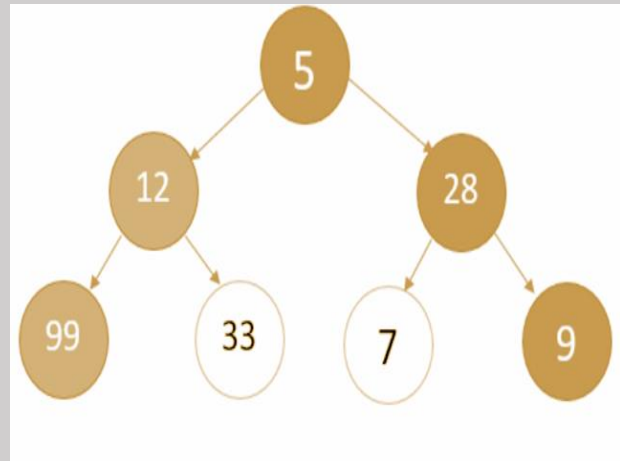
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OUR SOLUTION METHODOLOGY

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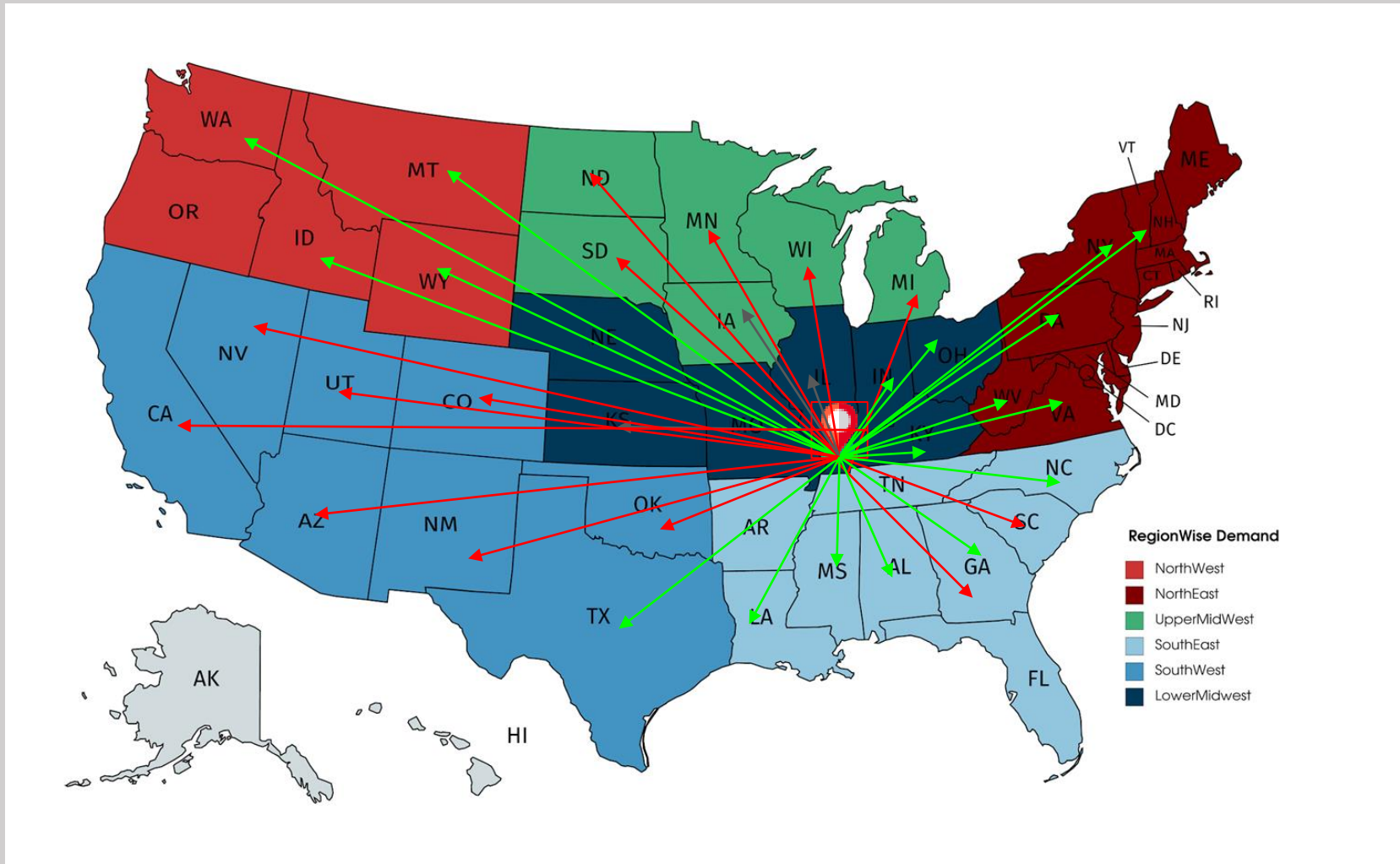


GREEDY
ALGORITHM

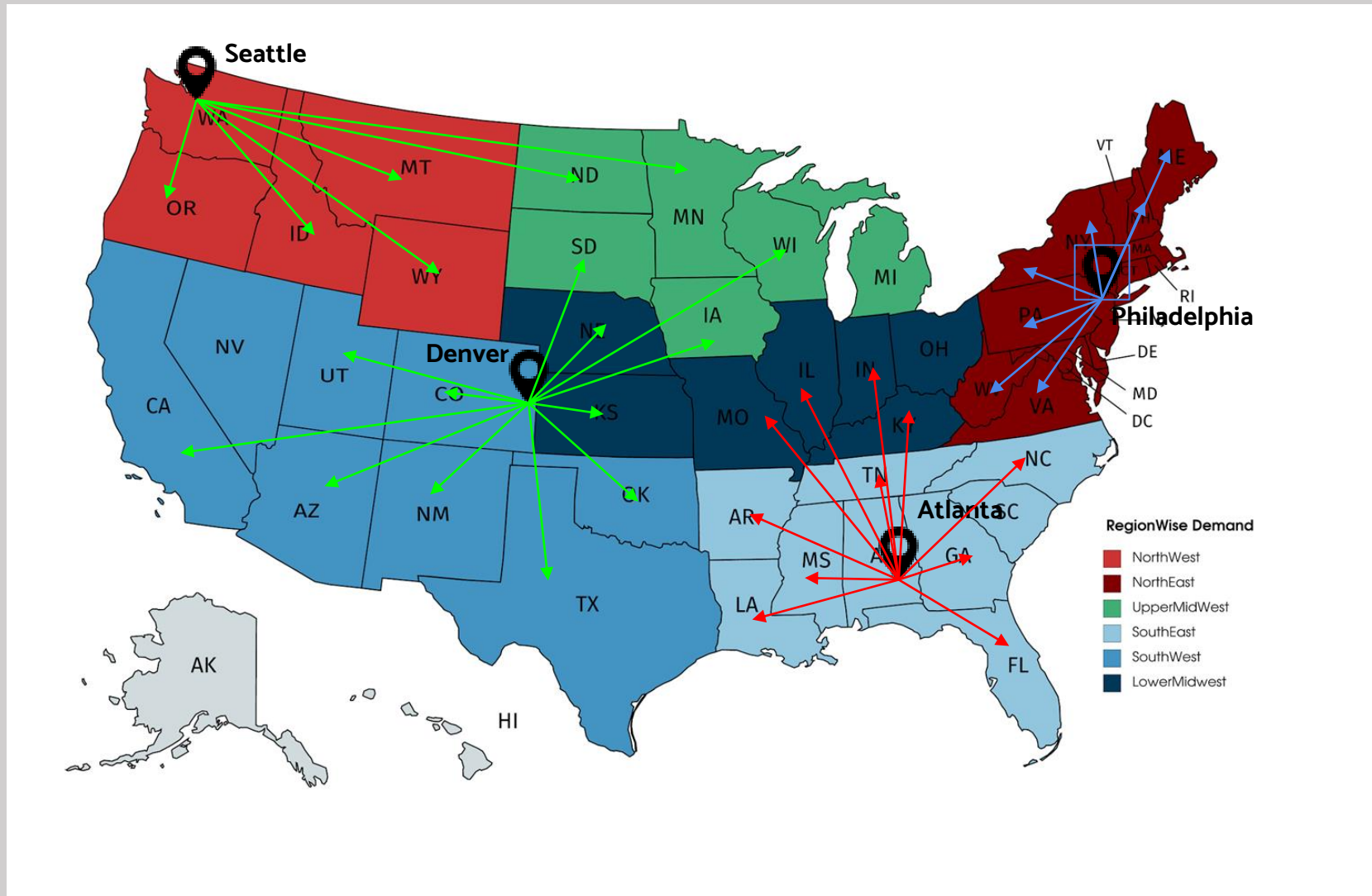


We provide two unique approaches to solve this case, the first is a typical linear programming formulation that we have solved in excel and the other is an approach using Greedy Algorithm based formulation which we found to be fascinating.

Redesigning the Supply Chain



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Total Costs Calculation



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Shipment Charges = Demand*(Shipping Cost/4)

| | A | B | C | D | E |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Zone | Demand in 2007 | Shipping cost | Shipping cost from St. L | Shipment charges |
| 2 | Northwest | 320,000 | 240,000 | 3.5 | 280,000 |
| 3 | Southwest | 200,000 | 150,000 | 3.5 | 175,000 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 160,000 | 120,000 | 2.5 | 100,000 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 220,000 | 165,000 | 2.5 | 137,500 |
| 6 | Northeast | 350,000 | 262,500 | 3.0 | 262,500 |
| 7 | Southeast | 175,000 | 131,250 | 3.5 | 153,125 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 1,425,000 | 1,068,750 | | 1,108,125 |

Calculating the total cost by summing up all the costs as shown below:

Lease Cost = Fixed Cost + (Variable Cost x Total Demand)
= 220,000 + (1,425,000 x 0.20)
= \$505,000

Shipping cost = 1425000*3/4

Shipping Charges = \$1,108,125

Total Costs Calculation



Shipping Cost = (Demand/4)*(\$3)

Shipment Charges = Demand*(Shipping Cost/4)

Total Cost = Lease Cost + Inventory Holding Cost - Shipping Cost + Shipping Charges
= \$505000 + \$710125 - \$1068750 + \$1108125
= \$1254500

Therefore, the company will incur the cost of \$1,254,500 if all warehouses leased are in location St. Louis in 2007.



Total Demand Calculation(2008)



| | A | B | C | D |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Zone | Demand in 2007 | Increased Demand | New Demand |
| 2 | Northwest | 320,000 | 256,000 | 576,000 |
| 3 | Southwest | 200,000 | 160,000 | 360,000 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 160,000 | 128,000 | 288,000 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 220,000 | 176,000 | 396,000 |
| 6 | Northeast | 350,000 | 280,000 | 630,000 |
| 7 | Southeast | 175,000 | 140,000 | 315,000 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 1,425,000 | | 2,565,000 |

We consider a large Warehouse in St.Louis Considering a Demand of 2565000 unit

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lease Cost} &= \text{Fixed Cost} + (\text{Variable Cost} \times \text{Total Demand}) \\ &= 375,000 + (2,565,000 \times 0.2) \\ &= \$888,000\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Holding Cost} &= \$475,000 Y + 0.165F \\ &= \$898,225\end{aligned}$$



Total Costs Calculation (2008)



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| 1 | Zone | Demand in 2007 | Increased Demand | New Demand | Shipping cost | Shipping cost from St. L | Shipment charges |
| 2 | Northwest | 320,000 | 256,000 | 576,000 | 432,000 | 3.5 | 504,000 |
| 3 | Southwest | 200,000 | 160,000 | 360,000 | 270,000 | 3.5 | 315,000 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 160,000 | 128,000 | 288,000 | 216,000 | 2.5 | 180,000 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 220,000 | 176,000 | 396,000 | 297,000 | 2.5 | 247,500 |
| 6 | Northeast | 350,000 | 280,000 | 630,000 | 472,500 | 3.0 | 472,500 |
| 7 | Southeast | 175,000 | 140,000 | 315,000 | 236,250 | 3.5 | 275,625 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 1,425,000 | | 2,565,000 | 1,923,750 | | 1,994,625 |

Total Cost = Lease Cost + Inventory Holding Cost - Shipping Cost + Shipping Charges

$$\begin{aligned} &= 888,000 + 898,225 - 1923750 + 1994625 \\ &= \$1,857,100 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,
Optimal Solution = \$ 1,857,100



Q1 Total Demand Calculation (2009)



Calculating Total Cost for year 2009 by estimating an increase of 80% in the demand as shown below:

| | A | B | C | D |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Zone | Demand in 2008 | Increased Demand | New Demand |
| 2 | Northwest | 576,000 | 460,800 | 1,036,800 |
| 3 | Southwest | 360,000 | 288,000 | 648,000 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 288,000 | 230,400 | 518,400 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 396,000 | 316,800 | 712,800 |
| 6 | Northeast | 630,000 | 504,000 | 1,134,000 |
| 7 | Southeast | 315,000 | 252,000 | 567,000 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 1,425,000 | | 4,617,000 |

We consider a large and small Warehouse in St.Louis Considering a Demand of 4,617,000

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lease Cost} &= \text{Fixed Cost} + (\text{Variable Cost} \times \text{Total Demand}) \\ &= \$1,5118,400\end{aligned}$$



Total Costs Calculation (2009)



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|---|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Zone | Demand in 2008 | Increased Demand | New Demand | Shipping cost | Shipping cost from St. L | Shipment charges |
| 2 | Northwest | 576,000 | 460,800 | 1,036,800 | 777,600 | 3.5 | 907,200 |
| 3 | Southwest | 360,000 | 288,000 | 648,000 | 486,000 | 3.5 | 567,000 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 288,000 | 230,400 | 518,400 | 388,800 | 2.5 | 324,000 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 396,000 | 316,800 | 712,800 | 534,600 | 2.5 | 445,500 |
| 6 | Northeast | 630,000 | 504,000 | 1,134,000 | 850,500 | 3.0 | 850,500 |
| 7 | Southeast | 315,000 | 252,000 | 567,000 | 425,250 | 3.5 | 496,125 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 1,425,000 | | 4,617,000 | 3,462,750 | | 3,590,325 |

Calculating the holding cost for single linear inventory shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Holding Cost} &= (\$475,000Y + 0.165F) \times 2 \\ &= \$2,473,610\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total Cost} &= \text{Lease Cost} + \text{Inventory Holding Cost} - \text{Shipping Cost} + \text{Shipping Cost} \\ &= \$4,119,585\end{aligned}$$

Total Demand Calculation (2010)



| | A | B | C | D |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Zone | Demand in 2009 | Increased Demand | New Demand |
| 2 | Northwest | 1,036,800 | 829,440 | 1,866,240 |
| 3 | Southwest | 648,000 | 518,400 | 1,166,400 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 518,400 | 414,720 | 933,120 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 712,800 | 570,240 | 1,283,040 |
| 6 | Northeast | 1,134,000 | 907,200 | 2,041,200 |
| 7 | Southeast | 567,000 | 453,600 | 1,020,600 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 4,617,000 | | 8,310,600 |

We consider a 2 large and small Warehouse in St.Louis Considering a Demand of 8,310,600

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lease Cost} &= \text{Fixed Cost} + (\text{Variable Cost} \times \text{Total Demand}) \\ &= 2 \times 375,000 + 220,000 + (8,310,600 \times 0.2) \\ &= \$2,632,120\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Holding Cost} = \$ 5,538,747$$

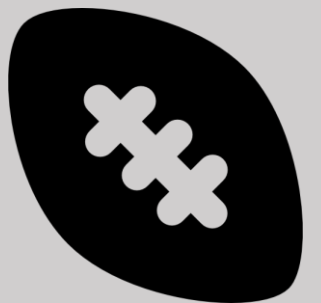


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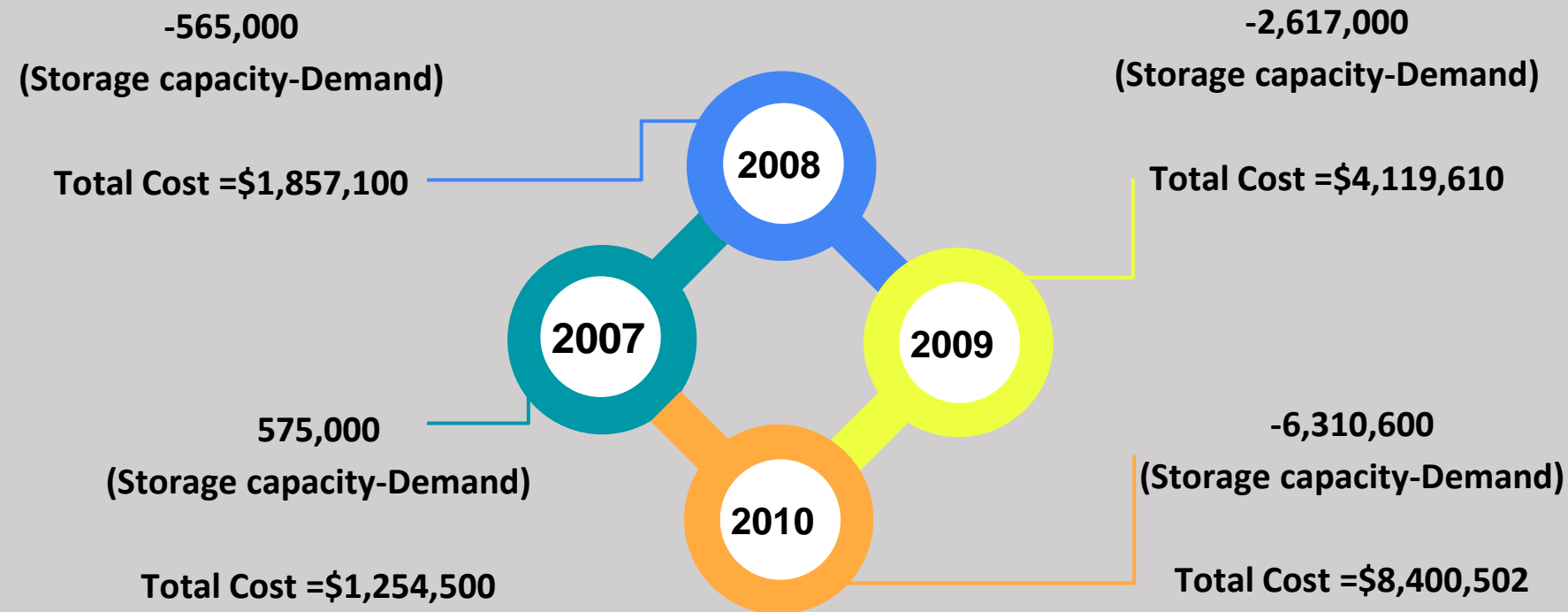
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| 4 | Upper Midwest | 518,400 | 414,720 | 933,120 | 699,840 | 2.5 | 583,200 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 712,800 | 570,240 | 1,283,040 | 962,280 | 2.5 | 801,900 |
| 6 | Northeast | 1,134,000 | 907,200 | 2,041,200 | 1,530,900 | 3.0 | 1,530,900 |
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$$\text{Total Cost} = \text{Lease Cost} + \text{Inventory Holding Cost} - \text{Shipping Cost} + \text{Shipping Charges} \\ = \$ 8,400,502$$

Therefore ,
the optimal solution for 2010 calls for one small and two large warehouse will incur the cost of \$ 8,400,502



PROBLEMS WITH CURRENT SUPPLY CHAIN MODEL



- The costs of the company would grow faster than the revenues if the demand continue to grow and the supply chain network is not redesigned.
- The company needs more warehouse space in order to cope with the anticipated demand growth.
- We proposed the solution of decentralisation of warehouse network of the company as this would help to lower the transportation cost to great extent.



Recommended Plan of Action:

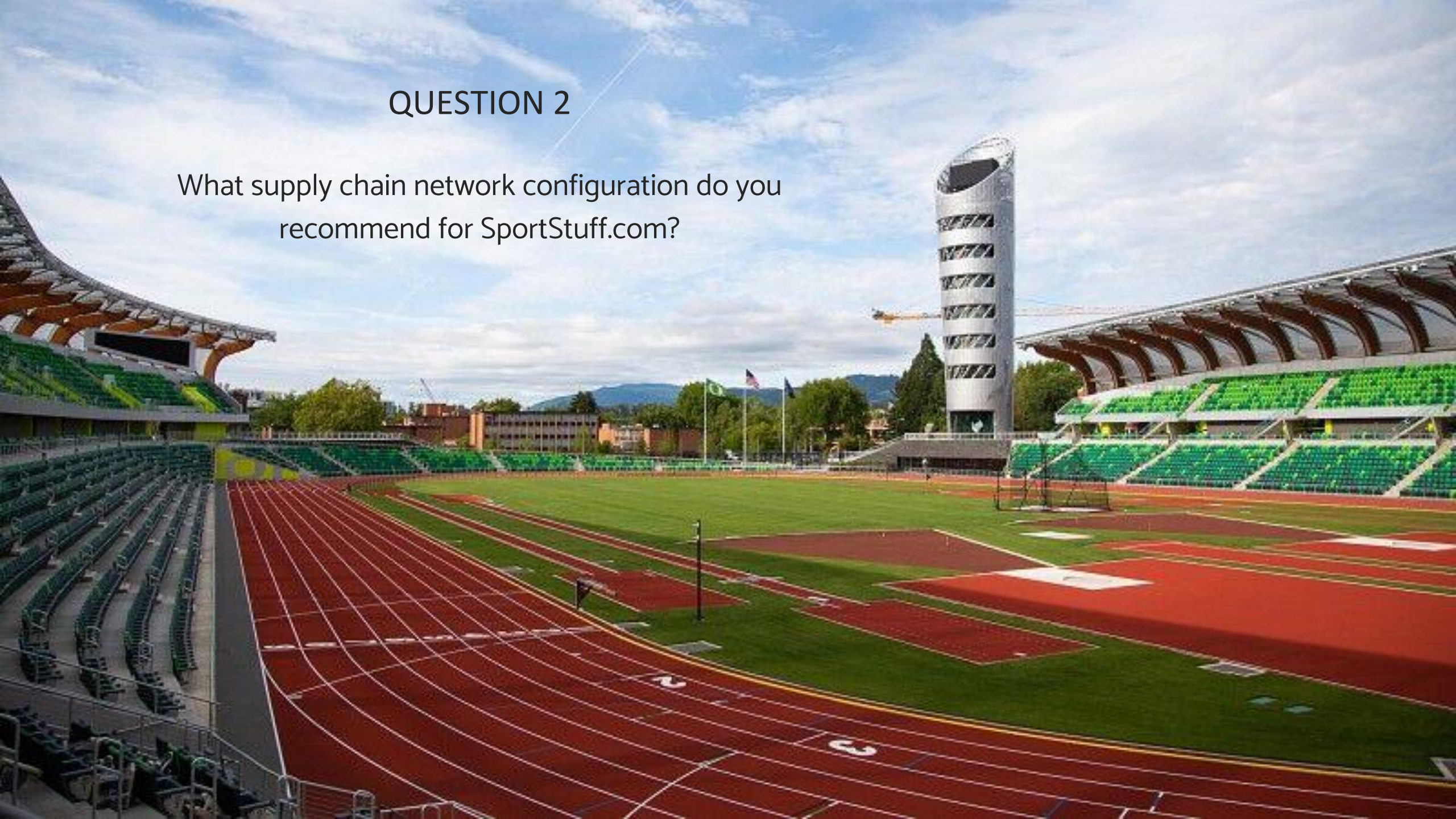
The above analysis explains the ideal condition for each year. Our recommended plan for Sanjay is to use the small warehouse in St. Louise in 2007 (instead of a large warehouse)as a large warehouse is required to meet the 2008 demand.

Therefore:

- 2007 - Use the existing warehouse in St. Louis.
- 2008 - Close the St. Louis warehouse and open a large warehouse.
- 2009 - Open the small warehouse again and use the existing large warehouse.
- 2010 - Open another large warehouse, hence we operate 3 warehouses for 2010.

QUESTION 2

What supply chain network configuration do you recommend for SportStuff.com?



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If you can handle only a single linear inventory cost, you should use $\$475,000Y + 0.165F$. For each facility, $Y=1$ if the facility is used, 0 otherwise.

LINEAR PROGRAMMING MODEL

DECISION VARIABLES:

X_{ij} : Demand Satisfied by warehouse i to customer zone j

Y_{ij} : $i \rightarrow \text{Warehouse}, j = \{0 \text{ if small warehouse}, 1 \text{ if large warehouse}\}$

OTHER VARIABLES:

F_{ij} : Fixed Cost of Warehouse $i \rightarrow \text{Warehouse}, j = \{0 \text{ if small warehouse}, 1 \text{ if large warehouse}\}$

C_{ij} : Cost of UPS charge to shift 1 unit from warehouse i to customer zone j .

D_{ij} : Demand of each customer zone.

L_{ij} : Capacity of i warehouse, $j = \{0 \text{ if small warehouse}, 1 \text{ if large warehouse}\}$

MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION

MINIMIZING:

$$\sum C_{ij} X_{ij} + (475000 \sum Y_{ij} + 0.165 \sum D_j) + (\sum F_{ij} Y_{ij} + 0.2 \sum D_j) - \frac{3}{4} \sum D_j$$

CONSTRAINTS:

$X_{ij} \geq 0 \text{ \& } X_{ij} \in I$ (Demand fulfilled by each warehouse should be greater than or equal to zero)

$Y_{ij} \geq 0 \text{ \& } Y_{ij} \in I$ (Number of small or large warehouse should be greater than or equal to zero)

$\sum_i Y_{ij} L_{ij} - \sum_i X_{ij} \geq 0$ (Total left-over space in warehouses should be greater than or equal to zero)

$\sum_j X_{ij} - D_j = 0$ (Total Demand fulfilled to a zone by all warehouses should be equal to its demand)

SOLVING THE MODEL USING EXCEL SOLVER

[illegible]

| Demand Constraint | | | | | | | =C11-SUM(C22:C26) |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| | Northwest | Southwes | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

| OBJECTIVE FUNCTION | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---|--|
| Shipping cost | 1994625 | =SUMPRODUCT(C22:H26,C14:H18) | |
| Inventory Holding | 898225 | =475000*SUM(K22:K26)+0.165*SUM(C11:H11) | |
| Ware House | 888000 | =SUMPRODUCT(I22:I26,I14:I18)+SUMPRODUCT(J22:J26,K14:K18)+SUM(C11:H11)*0.2 | |
| Shipping Charges | 1923750 | =(SUM(C11:H11)/4)*3 | |
| Total Cost(\$) | 1857100 | =SUM(C41:C43)-C44 | |

Solver Parameters



Set Objective:

\$C\$45



To:

☐ Max

☒ Min

☐ Value Of:

0

By Changing Variable Cells:

\$C\$22:\$J\$26



Subject to the Constraints:

\$C\$22:\$H\$26 = integer
 \$C\$22:\$H\$26 >= 0
 \$C\$30:\$C\$34 >= 0
 \$C\$38:\$H\$38 = 0
 \$I\$22:\$J\$26 = binary
 \$K\$22:\$K\$26 <= 1



Add

Change

Delete

Reset All

Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

Simplex LP



Options

Solving Method

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.

Help

Solve

Close

REPORT FOR YEAR 2008

| Decision Variables | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---|----------------|-------|
| | Northwest | Southwes | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | SmallWarehouse | LargeWarehouse | Total |
| Seattle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| St.Louis | 576000 | 360000 | 288000 | 396000 | 630000 | 315000 | 0 | | 1 |
| Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |

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|-----------------------|----------------|--|
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| Inventory Holding | 898225 | |
| Ware House | 888000 | |
| Shipping Charges | 1923750 | |
| Total Cost(\$) | 1857100 | |

- So, we see that the total cost has reduced to \$1,857,100.
- So, for year 2008, we lease a large warehouse in St. Louis.

REPORT FOR 2009

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|
| DEMAND(2009) | 1036800 | 648000 | 518400 | 712800 | 1134000 | 567000 | 4617000 | | | | |
| UPS Charges Per Unit(In dollars) | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | | |
| | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | Small Warehouse | Capacity(small) | LargeWarehouse | Capacity(large) | |
| Seattle | 0.5 | 0.625 | 0.875 | 1 | 1.25 | 1.375 | 300,000 | 2000000 | 500000 | 4000000 | |
| Denver | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.75 | 1 | 1.125 | 250,000 | 2000000 | 420000 | 4000000 | |
| St.Louis | 0.875 | 0.875 | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.75 | 0.875 | 220000 | 2000000 | 375000 | 4000000 | |
| Atlanta | 1 | 1 | 0.75 | 0.625 | 0.75 | 0.625 | 220000 | 2000000 | 375000 | 4000000 | |
| Philadelphia | 1.125 | 1.25 | 0.75 | 0.875 | 0.625 | 1 | 240000 | 2000000 | 400000 | 4000000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Decision Variables | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | | |
| | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | SmallWarehouse | LargeWarehouse | Total | | |
| Seattle | 1036800 | 648000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | |
| Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| St.Louis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 518400 | 712800 | 1134000 | 567000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

OBJECTIVE FUNCTION

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| Shipping cost | 2962575 | |
| Inventory Holding | 1711805 | |
| Ware House | 1598400 | |
| Shipping cost | 3462750 | |
| Total Cost(\$) | 2810030 | |

So, in year 2009, we are getting better total cost as \$2,810,030.
 So, we choose to have 1 small warehouse is Seattle and 1 large warehouse in Atlanta.

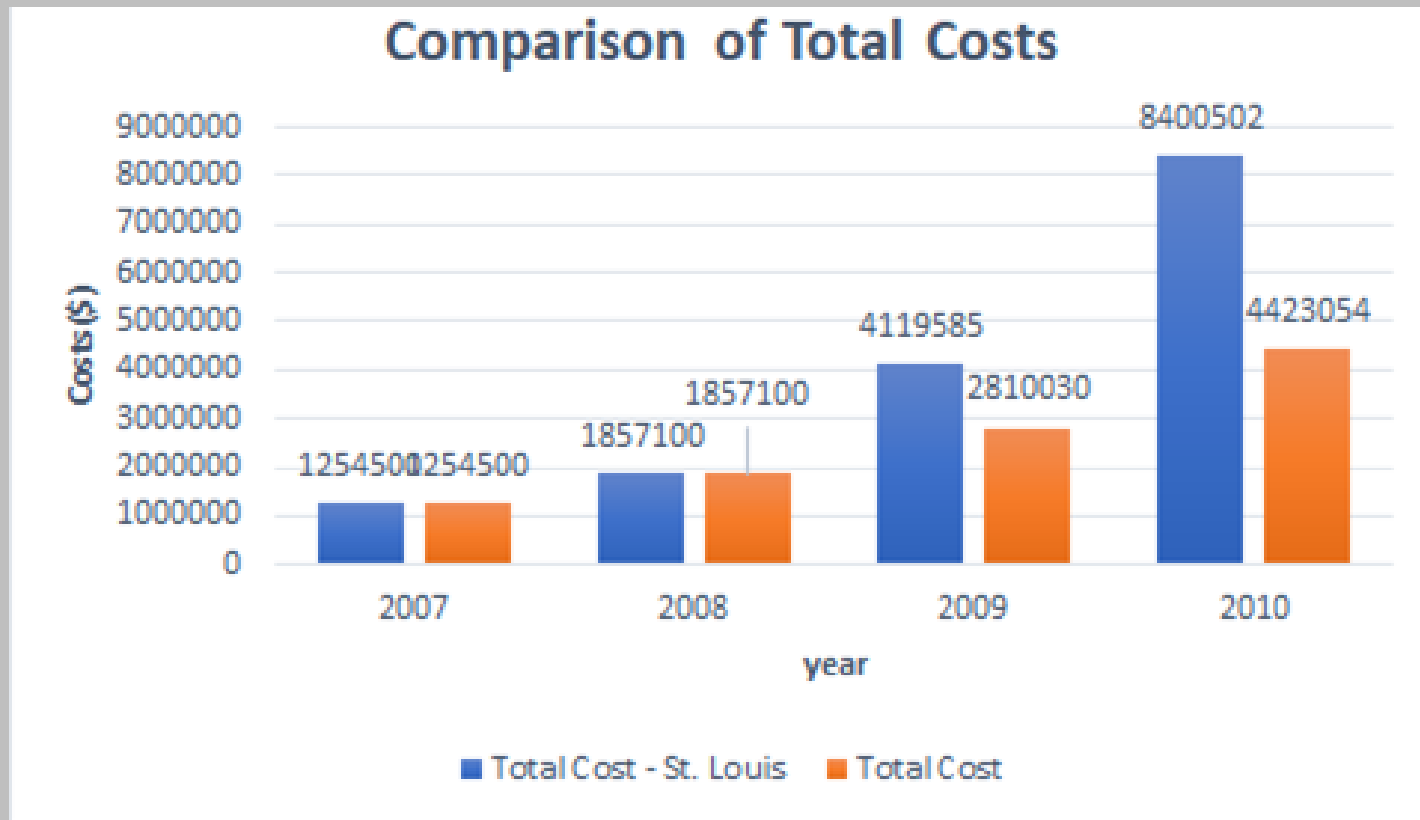
REPORT FOR YEAR 2010

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| DEMAND(2010) | 1866240 | 1166400 | 933120 | 1283040 | 2041200 | 1020600 | | | | | | |
| UPS Charges Per Unit(In dollars) | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | | | |
| | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | Small Warehouse | Capacity(sma | LargeWarehouse | Capacity(large) | | |
| Seattle | 0.5 | 0.625 | 0.875 | 1 | 1.25 | 1.375 | 300,000 | 2000000 | 500000 | 4000000 | | |
| Denver | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.75 | 1 | 1.125 | 250,000 | 2000000 | 420000 | 4000000 | | |
| St.Louis | 0.875 | 0.875 | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.75 | 0.875 | 220000 | 2000000 | 375000 | 4000000 | | |
| Atlanta | 1 | 1 | 0.75 | 0.625 | 0.75 | 0.625 | 220000 | 2000000 | 375000 | 4000000 | | |
| Philadelphia | 1.125 | 1.25 | 0.75 | 0.875 | 0.625 | 1 | 240000 | 2000000 | 400000 | 4000000 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Decision Variables | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | | | |
| | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | SmallWarehouse | LargeWareho Total | | | | |
| Seattle | 1866240 | 1166400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| St.Louis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 933120 | 1283040 | 41200 | 1020600 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2000000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OBJECTIVE FUNCTION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shipping cost | 5082635 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inventory Holding | 2796249 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ware House | 2777120 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shipping Charges | 6232950 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Cost(\$) | 4423054 | | | | | | | | | | | |

So, in year 2010, we are getting total costs as \$4,423,054.

So, we choose 1 large warehouse in Seattle, 1 large warehouse in Atlanta and 1 small warehouse in Philadelphia.

CostChart



| Year | Total Cost - St. Louis | Total Cost |
|------|------------------------|------------|
| 2007 | 1254500 | 1254500 |
| 2008 | 1857100 | 1857100 |
| 2009 | 4119585 | 2810030 |
| 2010 | 8400502 | 4423054 |

Summary



Single large warehouse in Atlanta

2008



Small warehouses in seattle , St.Louis
and Atlanta

2009

Small warehouses in Seattle and Atlanta
and large warehouses in Denver and
Philadelphia

2008



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How would your recommendation change if transportation costs were twice those shown in Table 5-17?

Total Cost Calculation For Year 2008

- Below table shows the resulting UPS charges and the formulation

| | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---|---------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 12 | UPS Charges Per Unit(In dollars) | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | |
| 13 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | Small Warehouse Capacity(small) | Large Warehouse Capacity(large) | | |
| 14 | Seattle | 1 | 1.25 | 1.75 | 2 | 2.5 | 2.75 | 300,000 | 2000000 | 500000 | 4000000 |
| 15 | Denver | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.25 | 250,000 | 2000000 | 420000 | 4000000 |
| 16 | St.Louis | 1.75 | 1.75 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.5 | 1.75 | 220000 | 2000000 | 375000 | 4000000 |
| 17 | Atlanta | 2 | 2 | 1.5 | 1.25 | 1.5 | 1.25 | 220000 | 2000000 | 375000 | 4000000 |
| 18 | Philadelphia | 2.25 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 1.75 | 1.25 | 2 | 240000 | 2000000 | 400000 | 4000000 |

OBJECTIVE FUNCTION

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Shipping cost | =SUMPRODUCT(C22:H26,C14:H18) |
| Inventory Holding | =475000*SUM(K22:K26)+0.165*SUM(C11:H11) |
| Ware House | =SUMPRODUCT(I22:I26,I14:I18)+SUMPRODUCT(J22:J26,K14:K18)+SUM(C11:H11)*0.2 |
| Shipping cost | =(SUM(C11:H11)/4)*3 |
| Total Cost(\$) | =SUM(C41:C43)-C44 |

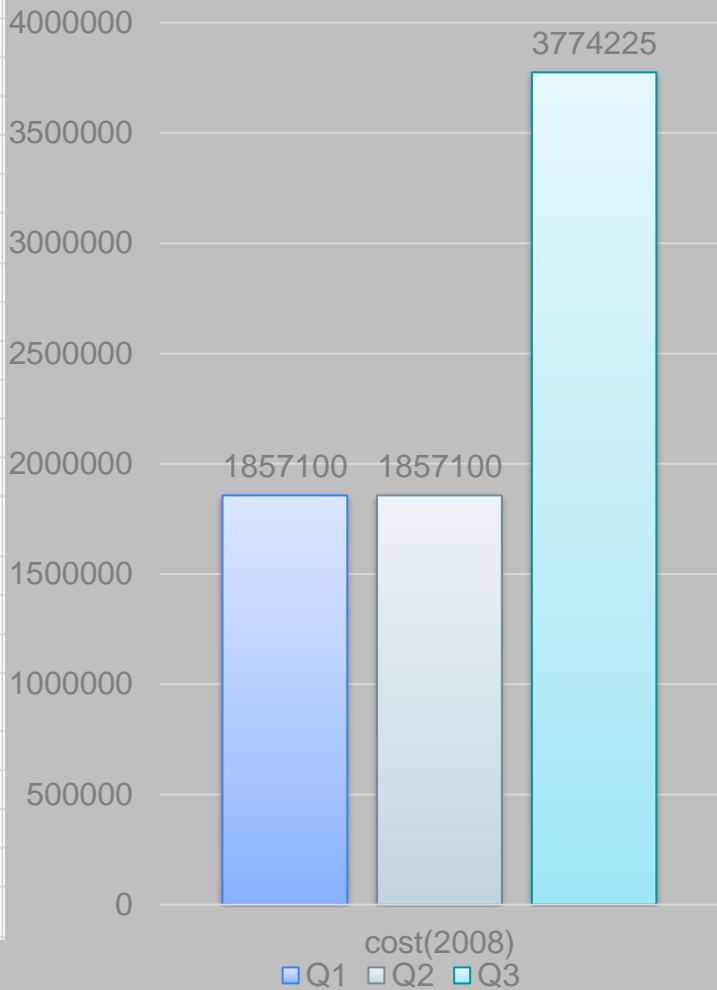


SPORT STUFF

Total cost calculation 2008

| | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L |
|----|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------------|-------|---|
| 20 | Decision Variables | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | |
| 21 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | Small Warehouse | Large Warehouse | Total | |
| 22 | Seattle | 576000 | 360000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| 23 | Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 24 | St.Louis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 25 | Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 288000 | 396000 | 630000 | 315000 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| 26 | Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 27 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Capacity | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Seattle | 1064000 | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Denver | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | St.Louis | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | Atlanta | 371000 | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Philadelphia | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | Demand Constraint | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | | | | |
| 38 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 39 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | OBJECTIVE FUNCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | Shipping cost | 3291750 | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Inventory Holding | 1373225 | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | Ware House | 1033000 | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Shipping charge | 1923750 | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | Total Cost(\$) | 3774225 | | | | | | | | | |

Cost Chart(2008)



- Total cost incurred in 2008 after doubling transportation costs is \$3774225

Total Cost Calculation For Year 2009

- Below excel sheet is the formulation for the Total cost calculation in 2009

| | B | C | D | E |
|----|--------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| 17 | Atlanta | =C8/4 | =D8/4 | =E8/4 |
| 18 | Philadelphia | =C9/4 | =D9/4 | =E9/4 |
| 19 | | | | |
| 20 | Decision Variables | | | |
| 21 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest |
| 22 | Seattle | 1036800 | 648000 | 0 |
| 23 | Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | St.Louis | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 518400 |
| 26 | Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | | | | |
| 28 | | | | |
| 29 | Capacity | | | |
| 30 | Seattle | =(I22*J14)+(J22*L14)-SUM(C22:H22) | | |
| 31 | Denver | =(I23*J15)+(J23*L15)-SUM(C23:H23) | | |
| 32 | St.Louis | =(I24*J16)+(J24*L16)-SUM(C24:H24) | | |
| 33 | Atlanta | =(I25*J17)+(J25*L17)-SUM(C25:H25) | | |
| 34 | Philadelphia | =(I26*J18)+(J26*L18)-SUM(C26:H26) | | |
| 35 | | | | |
| 36 | Demand Constraint | | | |
| 37 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest |
| 38 | | =C11-SUM(C22:C26) | =D11-SUM(D22:D26) | =E11-SUM(E22:E26) |
| 39 | | | | |
| 40 | OBJECTIVE FUNCTION | | | |
| 41 | Shipping cost | =SUMPRODUCT(C22:H26,C14:H18) | | |
| 42 | Inventory Holding | =475000*SUM(K22:K26)+0.165*SUM(C11:H11) | | |
| 43 | Ware House | =SUMPRODUCT(I22:I26,I14:I18)+SUMPRODUCT(J22:J26,K14:K18)+ | | |
| 44 | Shipping Charge | =(SUM(C11:H11)/4)*3 | | |
| 45 | Total Cost(\$) | =SUM(C41:C43)-C44 | | |
| 46 | | | | |
| 47 | | | | |
| 48 | | | | |
| 49 | | | | |

Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

\$C\$22:\$H\$26 = integer

\$C\$22:\$H\$26 >= 0

\$C\$30:\$C\$34 >= 0

\$C\$38:\$H\$38 = 0

\$I\$22:\$J\$26 = binary

\$K\$22:\$K\$26 <= 1

Add
Change
Delete
Reset All
Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:
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Solving Method

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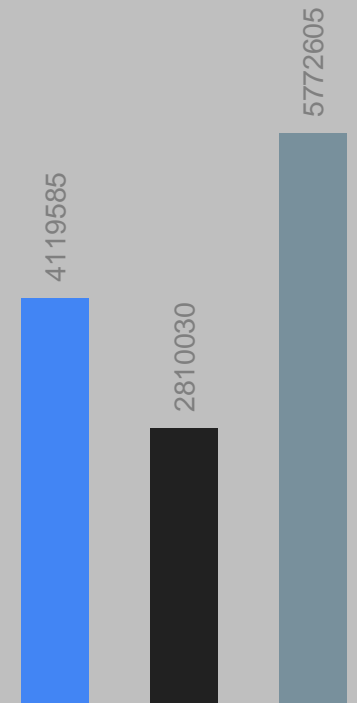
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Total cost calculation For 2009

| | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L |
|----|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---|-------------|-------|---|
| 20 | Decision Variables | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | |
| 21 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | SmallWarehouse | LargeWareho | Total | |
| 22 | Seattle | 1036800 | 648000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| 23 | Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 24 | St.Louis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 25 | Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 518400 | 712800 | 1134000 | 567000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 26 | Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 27 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Capacity | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Seattle | 315200 | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Denver | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | St.Louis | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | Atlanta | 1067800 | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Philadelphia | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | Demand Constraint | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | | | | |
| 38 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 39 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | OBJECTIVE FUNCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | Shipping cost | 5925150 | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Inventory Holding | 1711805 | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | Ware House | 1598400 | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Shipping Charge | 3462750 | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | Total Cost(\$) | 5772605 | | | | | | | | | |

COST CHART

■ Q1 ■ Q2 ■ Q3



COST (2009)\$

- Total cost incurred in 2009 after doubling transportation costs is \$5772605

Total Cost Calculation For Year 2010

- Below excel sheet is the formulation for the Total cost calculation in 2010

| | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K |
|----|--------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Decision Variables | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Po | | |
| 21 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | Small Warehouse | Large Warehouse | Total |
| 22 | Seattle | 1866240 | 1166400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | =I22+J22 |
| 23 | Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | =I23+J23 |
| 24 | St.Louis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | =I24+J24 |
| 25 | Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 933120 | 1283040 | 41200 | 1020600 | 0 | 1 | =I25+J25 |
| 26 | Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2000000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | =I26+J26 |
| 27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Capacity | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Seattle | =(I22*J14)+(J22*L14)-SUM(C22:H22) | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Denver | =(I23*J15)+(J23*L15)-SUM(C23:H23) | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | St.Louis | =(I24*J16)+(J24*L16)-SUM(C24:H24) | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | Atlanta | =(I25*J17)+(J25*L17)-SUM(C25:H25) | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Philadelphia | =(I26*J18)+(J26*L18)-SUM(C26:H26) | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | Demand Constraint | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | | | |
| 38 | | =C11-SUM(C22:C26) | =D11-SUM(D22:D26) | =E11-SUM(E22:E26) | =F11-SUM(F22:F26) | =G11-SUM(G22:G26) | =H11-SUM(H22:H26) | | | |
| 39 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | OBJECTIVE FUNCTION | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | Shipping cost | =SUMPRODUCT(C22:H26,C14:H18) | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Inventory Holding | =475000*SUM(K22:K26)+0.165*SUM(I22:I26) | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | Ware House | =SUMPRODUCT(I22:I26,J14:J18)+SUM(I22:I26) | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Shipping cost | =(SUM(C11:H11)/4)*3 | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | Total Cost(\$) | =SUM(C41:C43)-C44 | | | | | | | | |
| 46 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 47 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 48 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 52 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 53 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | | | | | | | | | | |

Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

\$C\$45

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

0

By Changing Variable Cells:

\$C\$22:\$J\$26

Subject to the Constraints:

\$C\$22:\$H\$26 = integer
 \$C\$22:\$H\$26 >= 0
 \$C\$30:\$C\$34 >= 0
 \$C\$38:\$H\$38 = 0
 \$I\$22:\$J\$26 = binary
 \$K\$22:\$K\$26 <= 1

Add

Change

Delete

Reset All

Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving

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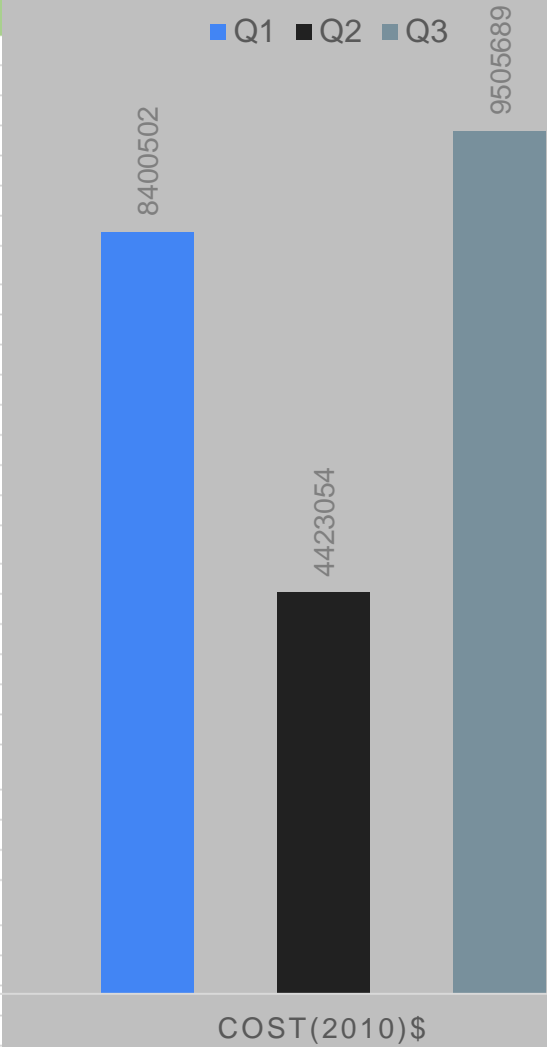
Options

Total cost calculation For 2010

| | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 10 | DEMAND(2007) | 320000 | 200000 | 160000 | 220000 | 350000 | 175000 | | | | |
| 11 | DEMAND(2010) | 1866240 | 1166400 | 933120 | 1283040 | 2041200 | 1020600 | | | | |
| 12 | UPS Charges Per Unit(In dollars) | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | |
| 13 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | Small Warehouse | Capacity(sma | LargeWarehouse | Capacity(large) |
| 14 | Seattle | 1 | 1.25 | 1.75 | 2 | 2.5 | 2.75 | 300,000 | 2000000 | 500000 | 4000000 |
| 15 | Denver | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.25 | 250,000 | 2000000 | 420000 | 4000000 |
| 16 | St.Louis | 1.75 | 1.75 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.5 | 1.75 | 220000 | 2000000 | 375000 | 4000000 |
| 17 | Atlanta | 2 | 2 | 1.5 | 1.25 | 1.5 | 1.25 | 220000 | 2000000 | 375000 | 4000000 |
| 18 | Philadelphia | 2.25 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 1.75 | 1.25 | 2 | 240000 | 2000000 | 400000 | 4000000 |
| 19 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Decision Variables | | | | | | | Fixed and Variable Costs of Potential Warehouse | | | |
| 21 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | SmallWarehouse | LargeWarehc | Total | |
| 22 | Seattle | 1866240 | 1166400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 23 | Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 24 | St.Louis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 25 | Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 933120 | 1283040 | 41200 | 1020600 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 26 | Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2000000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| 27 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Capacity | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Seattle | 967360 | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Denver | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | St.Louis | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | Atlanta | 722040 | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Philadelphia | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | Demand Constraint | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | | Northwest | Southwest | Upper Midwest | Lower midwest | Northeast | Southeast | | | | |
| 38 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 39 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | OBJECTIVE FUNCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | Shipping cost | 10165270 | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Inventory Holding | 2796249 | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | Ware House | 2777120 | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Shipping Charges | 6232950 | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | Total Cost(\$) | 9505689 | | | | | | | | | |

COST CHART

■ Q1 ■ Q2 ■ Q3



- Total cost incurred in 2009 after doubling transportation costs is \$9505689

Greedy Algorithm Based Solution Approach

- The Linear Programming solution mentioned above is not feasible in a constantly changing market in real life.
- That is to say, when solving each subproblems of the original problem, we always make a local optimal solution, until the end of the final problem. Because greedy algorithm does not consider a problem as a whole, the final solution often tends to be a local optimal solution to some extent.

Greedy algorithm for most problems can be summarized as the following main steps:

- Express the original problem in the form of mathematical models, and make its goal and initial state clear.
- Starting from the initial state, look for the the local optimal solution in this state.
- Repeat until the end of the algorithm, finally get the solution.



Greedy Algorithm



Insights and Approximations



To make the greedy algorithm continue to work, the concentration is focused on how to convert the fixed costs to transport costs in a reasonable way. Suppose each warehouse holds average storage inventory (generally half of the maximum inventory), we can calculate the average fixed cost which per unit of inventory holds, then add it to the the original transport costs, thus forming a new transportation cost table.

The fixed cost is evened out throughout the expected demand from the warehouse for the particular year i.e. converting the fixed cost to variable cost and updating the transportation table



First of all, we will share the fixed costs equally into the transportation costs

| | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | Small Warehouse Capacity | 2000000 | Large Warehouse Capacity | 4000000 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | Small Warehouse | | Large Warehouse | |
| | | Fixed Cost | Average Fixed Cost | Fixed Cost | Average Fixed Cost |
| | Seattle | 300000 | 1.2 | 500000 | 1 |
| | Denver | 250000 | 0.5 | 420000 | 0.84 |
| | St. Louis | 220000 | 0.88 | 375000 | 0.75 |
| | Atlanta | 220000 | 0.88 | 375000 | 0.75 |
| | Philadelphia | 240000 | 0.96 | 400000 | 0.8 |
| | Average | 246000 | | 2070000 | |
| | | | | | |

The Average fixed cost is calculated by the formula,

$$\text{Avg FC} = \text{Fixed Cost} * \text{Price per unit Shipment} / \text{Capacity}$$

- By comparing the costs, we can presuppose the kind of warehouse we will rent or build, and according to the final usage we can change big warehouse to small warehouse

| Seattle | Denver | St. Louis | Atlanta | Philadelphia |
|---------|--------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| LARGE | SMALL | LARGE | LARGE | LARGE |

- Add the average fixed costs to transportation costs, we can get the new transportation cost table.

| NEW TRANSPORTATION COST TABLE | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| | NorthWest | SouthWest | Upper MidWest | Lower MidWest | NorthEast | SouthEast |
| Seattle | 3 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 5 | 6 | 6.5 |
| Denver | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 5 |
| St. Louis | 4.2 | 4.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.75 | 4.25 |
| Atlanta | 4.75 | 4.75 | 3.75 | 3.25 | 3.75 | 3.25 |
| Philadelphia | 5.3 | 5.8 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 4.8 |
| MINIMUM | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3.25 | 3.3 | 3.25 |

Now, Using Greedy algorithm to find out the solutions in the next 3 years.
from [2008 - 2010]

- **Year 2008**

*The solution is to rent **small** warehouse in
Denver, Atlanta and Philadelphia*

Total cost = \$2528535

| 1 | Zone | New Demand |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| 2 | Northwest | 576,000 |
| 3 | Southwest | 360,000 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 288,000 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 396,000 |
| 6 | Northeast | 630,000 |
| 7 | Southeast | 315,000 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 2,565,000 |

| | NorthWest | SouthWest | Upper MidWest | Lower MidWest | NorthEast | SouthEast |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Seattle | | | | | | |
| Denver | 576000 | 360000 | 288000 | 396000 | | |
| St. Louis | | | | | | |
| Atlanta | | | | | | 315000 |
| Philadelphia | | | | | 630000 | |

- Year 2009

The solution is to rent **small** warehouse in **Denver, St.Louis, Atlanta and Philadelphia**

Total cost = **\$3967984**

| | A | B | C | D |
|---|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Zone | Demand in 2008 | Increased Demand | New Demand |
| 2 | Northwest | 576,000 | 460,800 | 1,036,800 |
| 3 | Southwest | 360,000 | 288,000 | 648,000 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 288,000 | 230,400 | 518,400 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 396,000 | 316,800 | 712,800 |
| 6 | Northeast | 630,000 | 504,000 | 1,134,000 |
| 7 | Southeast | 315,000 | 252,000 | 567,000 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 1,425,000 | | 4,617,000 |

| | NorthWest | SouthWest | Upper MidWest | Lower MidWest | NorthEast | SouthEast |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Seattle | | | | | | |
| Denver | 1036800 | 648000 | 315200 | | | |
| St. Louis | | | 203200 | 712800 | | |
| Atlanta | | | | | | 567000 |
| Philadelphia | | | | | 1134000 | |

- Year 2010

Solution -

- rent **small** warehouse in Seattle, Denver, St.Louis,
- rent **large** warehouse in Atlanta

Total cost = **\$5360012**

| | A | B | C | D |
|---|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Zone | Demand in 2009 | Increased Demand | New Demand |
| 2 | Northwest | 1,036,800 | 829,440 | 1,866,240 |
| 3 | Southwest | 648,000 | 518,400 | 1,166,400 |
| 4 | Upper Midwest | 518,400 | 414,720 | 933,120 |
| 5 | Lower Midwest | 712,800 | 570,240 | 1,283,040 |
| 6 | Northeast | 1,134,000 | 907,200 | 2,041,200 |
| 7 | Southeast | 567,000 | 453,600 | 1,020,600 |
| 8 | Total Demand | 4,617,000 | | 8,310,600 |

| | NorthWest | SouthWest | Upper MidWest | Lower MidWest | NorthEast | SouthEast |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Seattle | | 1032760 | | | | |
| Denver | 1866240 | 133760 | | | | |
| St. Louis | | | 933120 | | 344840 | |
| Atlanta | | | | 1283040 | 1696360 | 1020600 |
| Philadelphia | | | | | | |

Conclusion



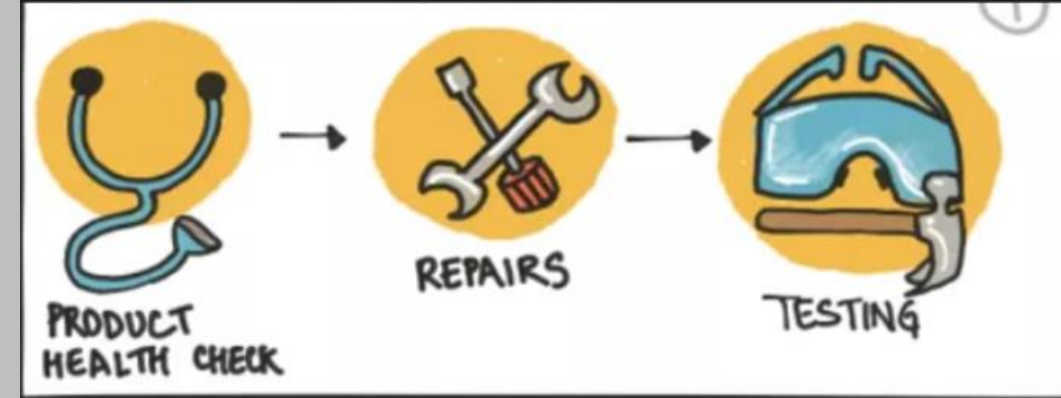
Firstly, this is because greedy algorithm usually chooses the local optimal choice, instead considering it as a whole.

Secondly, in the operation process of the greedy algorithm, due to the limitation of algorithm itself and ignorance of holding costs and variable costs, it will have some impact on the results to some extent.

But, it does not mean that those algorithms which didn't give out a fine solution is useless, after some adjustments and improvements, they could also be efficient and effective.



CONCLUSIONS



Sportstuff.com one advantage was it has divided the customer demands from different cities into customer zones (or clustering) which has saved the time and information for calculating the best network for the supply chain.

The specified both algorithms (linear programming and greedy algorithm) do not guarantee the optimal solution but these give us the nearest optimal solution.

Further, more algorithms can be developed considering heuristics, when the demands and number of warehouse locations become huge in number.



THANK YOU

It was a great learning experience

