

Module - 4

Transportation and Assignment Problems.

Q.1)

The transportation problem:

The transportation problem is to transport various amounts of a single homogeneous commodity, that are initially stored at various origins, to different destinations in such a way that the total transportation cost is minimum.

Methods to find initial feasible solution:

1. Northwest corner method (NWC)
2. Matrix Minima method
3. Vogel's Approximation method. (VAM)

North West Corner Method (NWC)

Step 1: Identify the northwest corner of the table

allocate $x_{11} = \min(a_1, b_1)$

case 1: If $a_1 < b_1$, then first row gets completed.

case 2: If $b_1 < a_1$, then first column gets completed.

case 3: If $a_1 = b_1$, then there is a tie and allocation can be made arbitrarily.

Step 2: Start from the northwest corner and repeat step 1 until all the requirements are satisfied.

Q 1: Find the initial feasible solution for the following transportation problem by using north west corner method.

	C1	C2	C3	Supply
B1	3	2	1	20
B2	2	4	1	50
B3	3	5	2	30
B4	4	6	7	25
Demand	40	30	55	

Step 1: Supply = $20 + 50 + 30 + 25 = 125$
 Demand = $40 + 30 + 55 = 125$

Supply = Demand, Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

	C1	C2	C3	
B1	<u>20</u>			20 0
B2	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>		50 30 0
B3			<u>30</u>	30 0
B4			<u>25</u>	25 0
	40	30	55	
	20	0	25	0

Step 2: The NWC is (1,1), $x_{11} = \min(20, 40) = 20$

20 is allocated to x_{11} (1,1) B1 complete

step 3: The NWC = (2, 1) $x_{21} = \min(20, 50) = 20$

20 is allocated to (2, 1), C1 complete.

step 4: The NWC is (2, 2) $x_{22} = \min(30, 30) = 30$

30 is allocated to (2, 2) C2 and B2 are complete.

step 5: The NWC is (3, 3) $x_{33} = \min(30, 55) = 30$

30 is allocated to (3, 3) B3 is complete.

step 6: The NWC is (4, 3) $x_{43} = \min(25, 25) = 25$

25 is allocated to (4, 3) C3 and B4 are complete.

∴ The total cost

$$TC = (20 \times 3) + (20 \times 2) + (30 \times 4) + (30 \times 2) + (25 \times 7) \\ = \underline{\underline{455}}$$

Q2: Find initial feasible solution by applying northwest corner method.

	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	Supply
O ₁	5	7	8	70
O ₂	4	4	6	30
O ₃	6	7	7	50
Demand	65	42	43	

Step 1: Supply = $70 + 30 + 50 = 150$

Demand = $65 + 42 + 43 = 150$

Supply = Demand, Hence given transportation problem is balanced.

	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	Supply
O ₁	65 5	5 7		70 80
O ₂	4	30 4	6	300
O ₃	6	7	43 7	50 430
Demand	65 0	42 37 70	43 0	

Step 2: The NWC is (1, 1), $x_{11} = \min(70, 65) = 65$

65 is allocated to (1, 1), D₁ is complete

Step 3: The NWC is (1, 2), $x_{12} = \min(5, 42) = 5$

5 is allocated to (1, 2), D₁ is complete

Step 4: The NWC is (2, 2), $x_{22} = \min(30, 37) = 30$

30 is allocated to (2, 2), O₂ is complete

Step 5: The NWC is (3, 2), $x_{32} = \min(50, 7) = 7$

7 is allocated to (3, 2), D₂ is complete

Step 6: The NWC is (3, 3), $x_{33} = \min(43, 43) = 43$

43 is allocated to (3, 3), O₃ and D₃ are complete

The total cost is

$$TC = (65 \times 5) + (5 \times 7) + (30 \times 4) + (7 \times 7) + (43 \times 7)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{830}}$$

Q3). Find the feasible solution by applying northwest corner method.

	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	D ₄	Supply
O ₁	6	4	1	5	14
O ₂	8	9	2	7	6
O ₃	4	3	6	2	3
Demand	6	10	15	4	

Step 1: Supply = 14 + 6 + 3 = 23

Demand = 6 + 10 + 15 + 4 = 35

Supply \neq Demand. The problem is unbalanced.

Add a dummy row O₄ with cost 12 to (35-23) to balance supply and demand.

	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	D ₄	Supply
O ₁	6	4	1	5	14 80
O ₂	8	2	4	7	6 40
O ₃	4	3	3	2	30
O ₄	0	0	8	4	12 40
Demand	6	10	15	4	0

Step 2: The NWC is (1, 1), $x_{11} = \min(14, 6) = 6$

6 is allocated to (1, 1), D_1 is complete

Step 3: The NWC is (1, 2), $x_{12} = \min(8, 10) = 8$

8 is allocated to (1, 2), O_1 is complete

Step 4: The NWC is (2, 2), $x_{22} = \min(2, 6) = 2$

2 is allocated to (2, 2), D_2 is complete

Step 5: The NWC is (2, 3), $x_{23} = \min(15, 4) = 4$

4 is allocated to (2, 3), O_2 is complete

Step 6: The NWC is (3, 3), $x_{33} = \min(3, 11) = 3$

3 is allocated to (3, 3), O_3 is complete

Step 7: The NWC is (4, 3), $x_{43} = \min(8, 12) = 8$

8 is allocated to (4, 3), D_3 is complete

Step 8: The NWC is (4, 4), $x_{44} = \min(4, 4) = 4$

4 is allocated to (4, 4), O_4 and D_4 are complete.

∴ The total cost is

$$TC = (6 \times 6) + (8 \times 4) + (2 \times 9) + (4 \times 2) + (6 \times 3) \\ + (8 \times 0) + (4 \times 0)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{112}}$$

Least cost method (Matrix Minima Method)

Step 1: Determine the smallest cost in the transportation table. Let it be c_{ij} . Allocate $= \min(a_i, b_j)$

Step 2: i) If $x_{ij} = a_i$, then cross out i th row. Goto step 3.

ii) If $x_{ij} = b_j$, then cross out j th column. Goto step 3.

iii) If $x_{ij} = a_i = b_j$, then cross out i th row or j th column, but not both.

Step 3: Repeat steps 1 and 2 for resulting transportation table until all requirements are satisfied.

Step 4: Whenever minimum cost is not unique, make an arbitrary choice among the minima.

Q1)

	D_1	D_2	D_3	Supply
S_1	3	2	1	20
S_2	2	4	1	50
S_3	3	5	2	30
S_4	4	6	7	25
Demand	40	30	55	

Step 1: Supply = $20 + 50 + 30 + 25 = 125$

Demand = $40 + 30 + 55 = 125$

Demand = Supply. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

	D_1	D_2	D_3	Supply
S_1	3	2	1	20 150
S_2	2	4	1	500
S_3	3	5	2	300
S_4	4	6	7	25 150
Demand	40 100	30 150	55 80	

Step 2: The least cost is 1, there is a tie between $(1, 3)$ and $(2, 3)$. Find out the cell to which maximum cost can be allocated i.e. $(2, 3) = 50$, S_2 is completed.

Step 3: The least cost is 1. Allocate / min $\min_{1,3} = (5, 20) = 5$ Allocate 5 to $(1, 3)$
 D_3 is completed.

Step 4: The least cost is 2. $x_{12} x_{12} = \min(30, 15) = 15$
Allocate 15 to $(1, 2)$
 S_1 is completed.

Step 5: The least cost is 3. $x_{31} = \min(30, 40) = 30$
Allocate 30 to $(3, 1)$, S_3 is complete

Step 6: The least cost is 4 $x_{41} = \min(10, 25) = 10$
allocate 10 to $(4, 1)$ D_1 is complete.

Step 7: The least cost is 6 $x_{42} = \min(15, 15) = 15$
allocate 15 to $(4, 2)$ D_2 is complete.

\therefore Total cost

$$\begin{aligned} TC &= (15 \times 2) + (5 \times 1) + (50 \times 1) + (30 \times 3) + (10 \times 4) \\ &\quad + (15 \times 6) \\ &= \underline{\underline{305}} \end{aligned}$$

Q2)

	D_1	D_2	D_3	Supply
O_1	5	7	8	70
O_2	4	4	6	30
O_3	6	7	7	50
Demand	65	42	43	

Step 1: Supply = $70 + 30 + 50 = 150$

Demand = $65 + 42 + 43 = 150$

Demand = Supply. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

	D_1	D_2	D_3	Supply
O_1	<u>35</u> 5	<u>35</u> 7	8	70 35 0
O_2	<u>30</u> 4	4	6	30 0
O_3	6	<u>7</u> 7	<u>43</u> 7	50 70 0
Demand	65 35	42 7	43 0	

Step 2: The least cost is 4. maximum cost can be allocated to $(2,1)$ $x_{21} = \min(30, 65) = 30$
30 is allocated to $(2,1)$ O_2 is completed.

Step 3: The least cost is 5. $x_{11} = \min(70, 35) = 35$
35 is allocated to $(1,1)$ D_1 is completed.

Step 4: The least cost is 7, maximum cost can be allocated to $(3,3)$ $x_{31} = \min(50, 43) = 43$
43 is allocated to $(3,3)$ D_3 is completed.

Step 5: The least cost is 7. maximum cost can be allocated to $(1,2)$ $x_{12} = \min(35, 42) = 35$
 O_1 is completed.

Step 6: The least cost is 7 $x_{32} = \min(7, 7) = 7$
 $x_{32} = \min(7, 7) = 7$ 7 is allocated to $(3,2)$
 D_2 and O_3 are completed.

The total cost is :

$$TC = (35 \times 5) + (35 \times 7) + (30 \times 4) + (7 \times 7) + (43 \times 7) \\ = \underline{\underline{890}}$$

Vogel's Approximation Method (VAM)

1. Find initial feasible solution by applying VAM method.

	C_1	C_2	C_3	Supply
B_1	3	2	1	20
B_2	2	4	1	50
B_3	3	5	2	30
B_4	4	6	7	25
Demand	40	30	55	

$$\Rightarrow \text{Supply} = 20 + 50 + 30 + 25 = 125$$

$$\text{Demand} = 40 + 30 + 55 = 125$$

Supply = Demand. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

Step 2: Add a penalty column. Find a least cell in the row and find the difference. The result is added to the penalty column.

	C1	C2	C3	Supply	Penalty
B1	3	20	2	200	1
B2	2	4	50	500	1
B3	15	10	5	30	1
B4	25			250	2
Demand	40	30	55	180	100
Penalty	1	2	0		

Step 2

Step 3: Find the maximum penalty α in both row and column. Here the maximum penalty is 2 for both B4 and C2. Find the least cell in B4 and C2 and assign the cost. Here 20 is assigned to (1, 2), B1 is completed.

Step 4: Calculate new penalty for the remaining rows and column. Repeat step 2 to

Repeat steps 2 to 4 until all the rows and column are completed.

Step 5: Calculate the total cost for all the allocated steps

Total cost:

$$\begin{aligned} TC &= (20 \times 2) + (50 \times 1) + (15 \times 3) + (10 \times 5) + (5 \times 2) \\ &\quad + (25 \times 4) \\ &= \underline{\underline{295}} \end{aligned}$$

Q 2)

	C1	C2	C3	Supply
B1	5	7	8	70
B2	4	4	6	30
B3	6	7	7	50

Demand 65 42 43

$$\Rightarrow \text{Step 1: Supply} = 70 + 30 + 50 = 150$$

$$\text{Demand} = 65 + 42 + 43 = 150$$

Supply = Demand. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

Step 2: Add a penalty column. Find a least cell in the row and find the difference. The result is added to the penalty column.

	C1	C2	C3	Supply	Penalty
B1	3	20	2	200	1
B2	2	4	50	500	1
B3	15	10	5	30	1
B4	25			200	2
Demand	40	30	55	80	
Penalty	1	2	0		

Step 2

Step 3: Find the maximum penalty ∞ in both row and column. Here the maximum penalty is ∞ for both B4 and C2. Find the least cell in B4 and C2 and assign the cost. Here 20 is assigned to (1, 2), B1 is completed.

Step 4: Calculate new penalty for the remaining rows and column. Repeat step 2 to

Repeat steps 2 to 4 until all the rows and column are completed.

Modified Distribution Method.

1) Solve the following transportation problem by applying Vogel's method and also check optimality test

	S1	S2	S3	S4	Supply
O1	6	1	9	3	70
O2	11	5	2	8	55
O3	10	12	4	7	90
Demand	85	35	50	45	

Step 1: Apply Vogel's approximation method and find the total cost.

$$\text{Supply} = 70 + 55 + 90 = 215$$

$$\text{Demand} = 85 + 35 + 50 + 45 = 215$$

Supply = Demand. Hence the given transportation problem is balanced.

	S1	S2	S3	S4	Supply	Penalty
O1	6	<u>35</u>	9	<u>35</u>	70 35	2 3 3
O2	<u>5</u>	5	<u>50</u>	8	55 5	3 6 3 3
O3	<u>80</u>	12	4	7 <u>10</u>	90 80	3 3 3 3
Demand	85	35	50	45		
Penalty	4	4	2	4		
	4		2	4		
	4			4		
	1			1		

The total cost is

$$TC = 35 + (35 \times 3) + (5 \times 11) + (50 \times 2) + (10 \times 8) + (10 \times 7) \\ = \underline{\underline{1165}}$$

Phase-II : MODI / UV, LOOP METHOD

Check if the total numbers of allocations is equal to $m+n-1$ m = no of rows, n = no of columns

$m+n-1$ = total no of allocation

$$3+4-1 = 6$$

$$7-1 = 6$$

$$6 = 6$$

Consider the occupied cell

	S1	S2	S3	S4	U _i
O1		1		3	0
O2	11		2		5
O3	10			7	4
V _j	6	1	-3	3	

Calculate the values of U_i and V_j such that $U_i + V_j = C_{ij}$. Start by initializing any one of the row or column value as 0

Consider the unoccupied cells

				U_i
	6		-3	9
		6		8
		5		8
		5	1	4
		12	4	
V_j	6	1	-3	3

Calculate Z_j for each unoccupied cell such that $Z_j = V_j + U_i$

Calculate $(C_{ij} - Z_j)$ for each cell and check if the condition $C_{ij} - Z_j \geq 0$. If the condition is not satisfied then $TC = 1165$ is not optimum solution.

0		12	
	-1		0
	7	3	

Here the cell $(2,2)$ has a negative value. Hence the condition $C_{ij} - Z_j \geq 0$ is not satisfied.

Now consider the cell with the negative value i.e. $(2,2)$ and form a closed loop to the occupied cells and assign $+1-0$ to the alternate cells.

	6	$35 - \theta$	1	9	$35 + \theta$	3
	5	$-\theta$	5	50	2	8
	80 + \theta	10	12	4	10 - \theta	7

To calculate the value of θ . Consider the cell with negative theta values and find the minimum among them.

$$\theta = \min(35 - \theta, 5 - \theta, 10 - \theta) = 0$$

$$5 - \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 5$$

Substitute the theta values to the corresponding cells occupied cells and calculate the total cost.

	6	30	1	9	40	3
	0	5	5	50	2	8
	85	10	12	4	5	7

$$\begin{aligned} TC &= (30 \times 1) + (40 \times 3) + (0 \times 11) + (5 \times 5) + (50 \times 2) \\ &+ (85 \times 10) + (5 \times 7) \\ &= 1160 \end{aligned}$$

Apply MODI/UV or LOOP method again to check if the solution is optimum or not.

$m+n-1 = \text{total no of allocations}$

$3+4-1 = 6$

$6 = 6$

Consider the occupied cells

Calculate the values of U_i and V_j such that $U_i + V_j = C_{ij}$. Start by initializing any one of the row or column value as 0

		1		3	U_i
		5	2		-4
	10			7	0
V_j	10	5	2	7	0

Consider the unoccupied cells.

Calculate Z_{ij} for each unoccupied cells such that $Z_{ij} = V_j + U_i$ and calculate $(C_{ij} - Z_{ij})$ for each cell and check if the condition $(C_{ij} - Z_{ij}) \geq 0$ is satisfied.

	6		-2	9	U_i
	6				-4
	10			7	0
	11				0
		5	2	4	0
V_j	10	5	2	7	

0		11	
1			1
	7	2	

The condition is satisfied $(C_{ij} - Z_{ij} \geq 0)$
 Hence TC = 1160 is the optimum solution.

2)

	D1	D2	D3	D4	Supply
S1	21	16	25	13	11
S2	17	18	14	23	13
S3	32	17	18	41	19
Demand	6	10	12	15	

⇒ Apply Vogus Approximation method and find the total cost

$$\text{Supply} = 11 + 13 + 19 = 43$$

$$\text{Demand} = 6 + 10 + 12 + 15 = 43$$

Supply = Demand. Hence the given problem is balanced.

	D1	D2	D3	D4	Supply	Penalty			
	21	16	25	13	11	3			
	6	17	3	4	13	3	3	3	4
	32	10	9	41	19	1	1	1	1
Demand	6	10	12	15	40	10			
Penalty	4	1	4	10					
	15	1	4	18					
	15	1	4						
		1	4						
		17	18						

$$TC = (11 \times 13) + (6 \times 17) + (3 \times 14) + (4 \times 23) + (10 \times 17) + (9 \times 18)$$

$$= 711$$

Phase II : MODFLOW, LOOP Method.

Check if the total number of allocations is equal to $m+n-1$ m = no of rows, n = no of columns

$$m+n-1 = \text{total no of allocations}$$

$$3+4-1 = 6$$

$$6 = 6$$

Consider the occupied cells

			13	u_i
				0
17		14	23	10
	17	18		14

v_j 7 3 4 13

Calculate the values of u_i and v_j such that $u_i + v_j = c_{ij}$. Start by initializing any one of the row or column value by 0

Consider the unoccupied cells

7	3	4		u_i
21	16	25		0
	10			10
	18			
21			27	14
	32		41	
v_j	7	3	4	13

Calculate z_j for each unoccupied cell such that

$$z_j = v_j + u_i$$

Calculate $(c_{ij} - z_j)$ for each cell and check if the condition $c_{ij} - z_j \geq 0$. Here the condition is satisfied and hence $T(=711)$ is the optimal solution.

14	13	21	
	5		
11			14

$$C_{ij} - z_j \geq 0$$

Hence TC = 711 is the optimal solution.

Assignment Problems:

d)

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
A	10	3	3	2	8
B	9	7	8	2	7
C	7	5	6	2	4
D	3	5	2	2	4
E	9	10	9	6	10

⇒ Step 1:

Row operation: Find the minimum element in each row and subtract it with other element of the row.

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
A	8	1	1	0	6
B	7	5	6	0	5
C	5	3	4	0	2
D	1	3	6	0	2
E	3	4	3	0	4

Step 2:

Column operation: find min in each column & subtract it with other element of the row.

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
A	7	0	0	0	4
B	6	4	5	0	3
C	4	2	3	0	0
D	0	2	5	0	0
E	2	3	2	0	2

Step 3: Draw minimum horizontal and vertical lines such that it should cover all the zero's.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 6 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

check if no of lines = cost matrix. If equal jump to step 5. If not equal jump to step 4

no of lines \neq cost matrix
 $4 \neq 5$

step 4: Consider unallocated elements and find the smallest cost. Subtract remaining elements with the cost and add the cost to intersection points

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Repeat step 3

\therefore no of lines = cost matrix

$$5 = 5$$

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Step 5:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & \boxed{0} & \otimes & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & \boxed{0} & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 2 & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & 2 & 5 & 2 & \otimes \\ \otimes & 1 & \boxed{0} & \otimes & \otimes \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider the row or column with 1 zero and strike out the other zero's of that the

allocated row or column.

Job	M/c
A	→ 82 = 3
B	→ 84 = 2
C	→ 85 = 4
D	→ 81 = 3
E	→ 83 = 9
	<u>21</u>

Maximization in assignment problem:

The objective is to maximize the profit to solve this we first convert the given profit matrix into the loss matrix by subtracting all the elements from the highest element. For this converted loss matrix we apply the steps in Hungarian method to get optimum assignment.

Q: A marketing manager has 5 salesman and there are 5 districts considering the capability of salesman and nature of districts. The estimates made by the marketing managers for the sales per month for each salesman in each district

could be as follows find the assignment of salesman to the districts that will result in the maximum sales

$$\begin{bmatrix} 32 & 38 & 40 & 28 & 40 \\ 40 & 24 & 28 & 21 & 36 \\ 41 & 27 & 33 & 30 & 37 \\ 22 & 38 & 41 & 36 & 36 \\ 29 & 33 & 40 & 35 & 39 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1: Find the maximum element. Subtract all the elements of the matrix with the maximum.

$$\text{max} = 40$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 1 & 13 & 1 \\ 1 & 17 & 13 & 20 & 5 \\ 0 & 14 & 8 & 11 & 4 \\ 19 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 12 & 8 & 1 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Row operation: Find the minimum element in each row and subtract it with other element of the row

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 12 & 19 & 4 \\ 0 & 14 & 8 & 11 & 4 \\ 19 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 11 & 7 & 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Column operation: Find the minimum element in each column and subtract it with other element of the column.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 14 & 12 & 14 & 4 \\ 0 & 12 & 8 & 6 & 4 \\ 19 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 11 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Draw minimum horizontal and vertical lines such that it should cover all the zero's

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 14 & 12 & 14 & 4 \\ 0 & 12 & 8 & 6 & 4 \\ 19 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 11 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check if no of lines = cost matrix. If equal jump to step 5. If not equal repeat step 4

Step 4: Consider unallocated elements and find the smallest cost. Subtract minimum element with the cost and add the cost to intersection point

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 1 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 13 & 12 & 14 & 3 \\ 0 & 11 & 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 19 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 11 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

no of lines \neq cost matrix
 $4 \neq 5$
 Repeat step 4

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 & 1 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 9 & 11 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 14 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

no of lines $\neq 0$
 no of lines = cost matrix
 $5 = 5$

Step 5: Consider row or column with one zero and strike out the other zeros of the allocated row or column.

12	0	1	8	3
0	10	9	11	5
7	8	5	3	0
3	6	0	2	4
14	4	1	0	4

$$TC = 38 + 40 + 37 + 41 + 35 = 191$$

