



Prototype 1 – Problem of P&T Co. (HL¹, §8.1, page. 305)

One of the main products of the P&T company is canned peas. The peas are prepared in three canneries (near: Bellingham, Washington, **C1**; Eugene, Oregon, **C2**; Albert Lea, Minnesota, **C3**), and then shipped by truck to four distributing warehouses in the western United States (Sacramento, California, **W1**; Salt Lake City, Utah, **W2**; Rapid City, South Dakota, **W3**; Albuquerque, New Mexico, **W4**). Because the transportation costs are a major expense, management is initiating a study to reduce them as much as possible. For the upcoming season, an estimate as been made of the output from each cannery, and each warehouse has been allocated a certain amount from total supply of peas. This information (in units of truckloads), along with the shipping cost per truckload is given in the table below. Thus, there are a total of 300 truckloads to be shipped. The problem now is to determine which plan for assigning these shipments to the various cannery-warehouse combinations would minimize the total shipping cost.

		Shipping cost (<i>m.u.</i>) per truck load				Output
		W1	W2	W3	W4	
Canneries	Warehouses					
	C1	464	513	654	867	75
	C2	352	416	690	791	125
	C3	995	682	388	685	100
Allocation		80	65	70	85	

Prototype 2 – Problem of JOB SHOP COMPANY (HL¹, §8.3, page 334)

The JOB SHOP company has purchased three new machines of different types. There are four available locations in the shop where a machine could be installed. Some of these locations are more desirable than others for particular machines because of their proximity to work centers that will have a heavy work flow to and from these machines. (There will be no work flow between the new machines.) Therefore, the objective is to assign the new machines to the available locations to minimize the total cost of materials handling. The estimated cost in dollars per hour of materials handling involving each of the machines is given in the table below for the respective locations. Location 2 is not considered suitable for machine 2, so no cost is given for this case.

Location machine		Cost (\$) of materials handling			
		L1	L2	L3	L4
M1		13	16	12	11
M2		15	–	13	20
M3		5	7	10	6



Exercises of Transportation and Assignment

25. Solve problems 8.1-2. and 8.1-7. from HL¹ (pages. 348-349).
26. Three refineries (**R1**, **R2** and **R3**) with a daily production capacity of 25'000, 15'000 and 5'000 *ton.* of gas, respectively, to supply three large distribution centers (**D1**, **D2** and **D3**) which needs are respectively 15'000, 10'000 e 20'000 *ton.*. The supply is done throughout a pipeline network in a price of 200 *m.u.* per *ton.*, per *km.*, are given in the table below:

	D1	D2	D3
R1	5	70	320
R2	75	15	220
R3	300	200	2

- Formulate the problem as a linear programming problem.
 - Find the optimal solution.
 - Solve the problem assuming that refinery **R2** stopped the production of gas.
 - Solve the problem considering that needs in distribution center **D3** are now 10'000 *ton.*.
 - Solve the problem considering that the production in refinery **R1** is equal to 20'000 *ton.*.
27. A factory has four machines and four tasks that could be performed by any of the machines. Each machine should perform a task from the beginning until the end. The time required by each machine (in hours) to complete each one of the tasks is given in the following table.

tasks \ machines	T1	T2	T3	T4
M1	14	5	8	7
M2	2	12	6	5
M3	7	8	3	9
M4	2	4	6	10

Determine the solution that minimizes the time needed to perform the four tasks, assigning a task to each of the machines.

28. Formulate problem 1.3) (sheet 1) as a transportation problem and solve it.



29. A department has opened three vacancies for translators:

Vacancy 1: Portuguese/French;

Vacancy 2: Portuguese/German;

Vacancy 3: Portuguese/Greek.

Four candidates applied and in the selection tests they achieved the following grades (in scale from a minimum of zero to a maximum of ten):

	Vacancy 1	Vacancy 2	Vacancy 3
Candidate 1	7	6	2
Candidate 2	8	8	4
Candidate 3	8	5	4
Candidate 4	9	7	6

Determine como deve ser feita a contratação de forma a ser obtida a melhor qualidade global nos serviços de tradução do referido departamento.

30. A company produces a product in two factories (**F1** and **F2**) and has three selling points (**S1**, **S2** and **S3**). The maximum production for next period is 400 *ton.* and 800 *ton.* in factories **F1** and **F2**, respectively. The potential sales in the three selling points are 400 *ton.*, 500 *ton.* and 500 *ton.*, respectively. The transportation cost, in *hundreds of m.u.* per ton transported, between each factory and each selling point are in the following table:

	S1	S2	S3
F1	10	20	25
F2	25	15	20

The product is sold by 15, 18 and 20 *thousands of m.u. per ton* in selling points **S1**, **S2** e **S3** respectively and the management of the company wants to maximize the total profit (revenue - cost). Determine the optimal solution.

31. Formulate the following examples adapted from HL¹:

- a) A *METRO WATER DISTRICT* (HL¹, page 316) is an agency that administers water distribution in a large geographic region, the main customers are four cities (Berdoos: **C1**; Los Devils: **C2**; Sam Go: **C3** and Hollyglass: **C4**) and the water supply is from three rivers (Colombo: **R1**; Sacron: **R2** and Calorie: **R3**).

It is possible to supply any of the cities with water from the any of the rivers, except **C4**, that cannot be supplied by **R3**.

The costs (in *m.u.*) of sending one million *Kl* of water from river **R_i** to city **C_j**, are in the table bellow, as well as the availabilities and needs.

river \ city	C1	C2	C3	C4	availabilities (millions of Kl)
R1	16	13	22	17	50
R2	14	13	19	15	60
R3	19	20	23	—	50
Minimum needed (millions of Kl)	30	70	0	10	
Requested (millions of Kl)	50	70	30	∞	

Management wishes to allocate all available water from the three rivers to the four cities in such a way as to at least meet the essential needs, while minimizing the total cost.



- b) The company *BETTER PRODUCTS* (HL¹, pág. 339) has decided to initiate the production of four new products (**P1**, **P2**, **P3** e **P4**), using three plants (**F1**, **F2** e **F3**) that currently have excess production capacity. The products require a comparable production effort per unit, so available production capacity of plants is measured by the number of units of any product that can be produced per day, as given in the table below. The bottom row gives the required production rate per day to meet projected sales. Each plant can produce any of these products, except that plant **F2** cannot produce product **P3**. However, the variable costs per unit of each product differ from plant to plant, as shown in the main body of the table:

		custo unitário por produto (<i>u.m.</i>)				Daily capacity available (<i>units</i>)
		P1	P2	P3	P4	
Plant (Factory)	Product					
	F1		41	27	28	24
F2		40	20	–	23	75
F3		37	30	27	21	45
Daily sells (<i>units</i>)		20	50	30	50	

Management now needs to make a decision on how to split up the production of the products among plants. Two kinds of options are available.

- i) Permit production splitting, where the same product is produced in more than one plant;
 - ii) Prohibit product splitting.
32. A couple wants share some tasks in order that the total time spent is minimized, but both should do the same number of tasks. The average weekly time (in *minutes*) needed, for each one to do the tasks is the following:

	Shopping	Coocking	Dish wahsing	Laundry	House cleaning	Make bed
João	60	400	150	210	65	70
Ana	90	300	100	180	90	40

- a) Determine the tasks that should be assigned to each one.
 - b) How long, per week, will be spend by each one in the tasks assigned?
33. A company has four vacancies: **V1**, **V2**, **V3** and **V4**. According to the psychologist, that vacancies should not be given to individuals with an I.Q. (intelligence quotient), lower than, 150, 100, 80 e 75, respectively.

Five candidates arose: **C1**, **C2**, **C3**, **C4** e **C5** (to any of the four vacancies) and the IQ tests performed assign Q.I. scores of 190, 160, 145, 100 and 85, respectively.

The monthly wage asked by the candidates was 150, 80, 100, 100 and 70 *u.m.*.

Display the optimal assignment and cost, assuming that no more candidates arose and the first was immediately engaged.



34. A company decided to produce three new products, **P1**, **P2** and **P3**. Currently, the company has five factories with capacity excess. The unit production cost (in *m.u.*) of the first product is 12, 10, 13, 11 and 12 in factories **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, **F4** e **F5**, respectively. For the second product these costs (in *m.u.*) are, 5, 4, 6, 3 e 4, respectively. The unit cost (in *m.u.*) of the third product are 9, 7 and 9 in factories **F1**, **F2** and **F3**, factories **F4** e **F5** cannot produce it. The sales forecasts are 3000, 3000 and 2000 *units* of products **P1**, **P2** and **P3**. The factories **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, **F4** and **F5** have a capacity to produce 2500, 3000, 2000, 4000 and 5000 *units* of that products, respectively, não sendo relevante qual o produto ou combinação de produtos. Consider the following *output* from the *Solver*, in solving the problem:

Target Cell (Min)

Cell	Name	Original Value	Final Value
\$G\$19	Total cost	0	56000

Adjustable Cells

Cell	Name	Original Value	Final Value
\$C\$14	F1 - P1	0	0
\$D\$14	F1 - P2	0	0
\$E\$14	F1 - P3	0	0
\$C\$15	F2 - P1	0	1000
\$D\$15	F2 - P2	0	0
\$E\$15	F2 - P3	0	2000
\$C\$16	F3 - P1	0	0
\$D\$16	F3 - P2	0	0
\$E\$16	F3 - P3	0	0
\$C\$17	F4 - P1	0	2000
\$D\$17	F4 - P2	0	2000
\$E\$17	F4 - P3	0	0
\$C\$18	F5 - P1	0	0
\$D\$18	F5 - P2	0	1000
\$E\$18	F5 - P3	0	0

- a) Write the optimal solution and explain it in economic terms.
 b) By technical and logistic reasons, the management decided that each factory either will not produce any product or will produce only one, and that each product can only produced by one factory. Which should be the new production plan?
35. A company that sells cars is going to open two new shops (**NA**, **NB**) with space for 30 cars each one. For the moment, no cars are available at the factory, it was decided that the cars should be shipped from the four closest shops (**V1**, **V2**, **V3** e **V4**). Each one of the shops offered no more than 20 vehicles to be transferred. There are rebuilds in the connection **V1-NA**, so that it is impossible to use this link.

Knowing that the new shops should receive the maximum number of cars and that the unit transferring costs (in *m.u.*) are in the table below,

	NA	NB
V1	-	170
V2	230	140
V3	170	130
V4	200	150

fill the sheet attached (appendix **B**) in order that the problem could be solved by *Solver/Excel* (write exactly what would be written in case you a computer available).

36. Consider the problem referring to the transportation of an item from three warehouses to the three shops. The unit costs, supplies, demands and *Solver output* are:

	Shop 1	Shop 2	Shop 3	Supply
Warehouse 1	4	6	8	40
Warehouse 2	2	4	2	20
Warehouse 3	6	-	4	30
Demand	20	50	40	

Target Cell (Min)

Cell	Name	Original Value	Final Value
\$G\$16	Total cost	0	380

Adjustable Cells

Cell	Name	Original Value	Final Value
\$C\$13	Warehouse 1 - Shop 1	0	10
\$D\$13	Warehouse 1 - Shop 2	0	30
\$E\$13	Warehouse 1 - Shop 3	0	0
\$C\$14	Warehouse 2 - Shop 1	0	10
\$D\$14	Warehouse 2 - Shop 2	0	0
\$E\$14	Warehouse 2 - Shop 3	0	10
\$C\$15	Warehouse 3 - Shop 1	0	0
\$D\$15	Warehouse 3 - Shop 2	0	0
\$E\$15	Warehouse 3 - Shop 3	0	30

Constraints

Cell	Name	Cell Value	Formula	Status	Slack
\$F\$13	Warehouse 1	40	\$F\$13=\$H\$13	Not Binding	0
\$F\$14	Warehouse 2	20	\$F\$14=\$H\$14	Binding	0
\$F\$15	Warehouse 3	30	\$F\$15=\$H\$15	Binding	0
\$C\$16	Shop 1	20	\$C\$16<=\$C\$18	Binding	0
\$D\$16	Shop 2	30	\$D\$16<=\$D\$18	Not Binding	20
\$E\$16	Shop 3	40	\$E\$16<=\$E\$18	Binding	0
\$D\$15	Warehouse 3 - Shop 2	0	\$D\$15=0	Not Binding	0

- a) Explain how the transportation should be done.
- b) What changes should be introduced in the model defined in *Excel* and in the specifications file of *Solver* to ensure that **Shop 2** receives the quantity demanded and that **Warehouse 2** send, exactly 10 units to that shop.
37. In the following table is displayed the data of a problem that arose in a company that produces a product in four factories, **F1**, **F2**, **F3** and **F4**, to be sold in four markets, **M1**, **M2**, **M3** and **M4**. Row **D** represents the demand to meet in each market (in *ton.*) and column **S** the maximum capacities of the factories (in *ton.*). The remaining values are the production and transportation costs of each ton of product (in *m.u.*).

	M1	M2	M3	M4	S
F1	5	8	4	7	23
F2	2	6	6	6	32



F3	3	7	5	7	38
F4	2	5	4	3	38
D	21	16	30	35	

The conclusions of a study dictated that each market should be supplied by only one factory, provided it has enough capacity. On the other hand, it was decided that no factory could be stopped. Formulate the problem defining variables constraints and the objective function to optimize.

¹ Hillier, Lieberman, "Introduction to Operations Research", 9ª edição, McGraw-Hill, 2010.