

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM



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Introduction



Streamlined Simplex Method



Excersises



Basic of the transportation method

- Original applications of the linear programming (LP) method
- Basic problem
 - a company manufactures products at m source location ($a_i, i = 1, \dots, m$)
 - demand for the product is distributed among n different absorption locations ($b_j, j = 1, \dots, n$)
- Objective: deliver products from source locations to absorption locations at minimum cost
 - c_{ij} : delivery cost of one unit from source location i to absorption location j
 - $c_{ij}x_{ij}$: delivery cost of x_{ij} units from source location i to absorption location j



Linear Programming Method

$$\min Z = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = a_i \quad \forall i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = b_j \quad \forall j$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \quad \text{and} \quad a_i \geq 0, b_j \geq 0$$

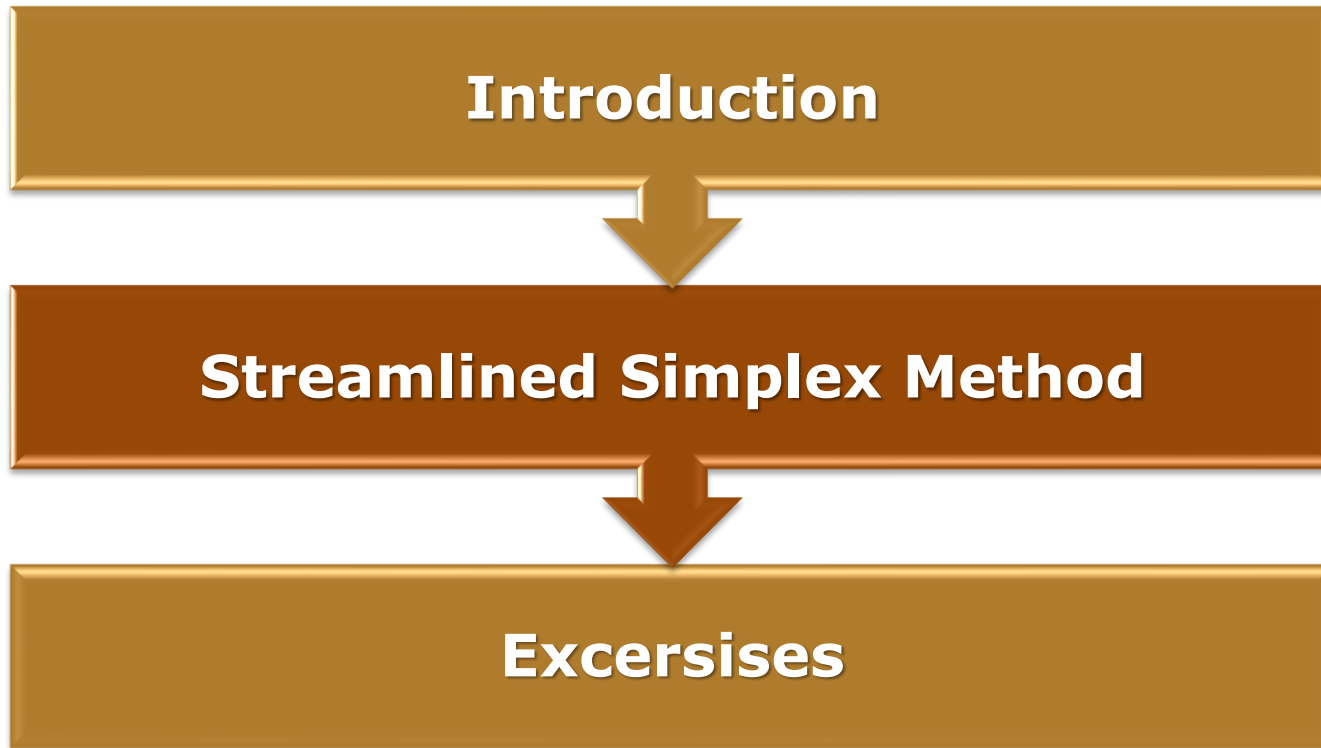


Integer Values

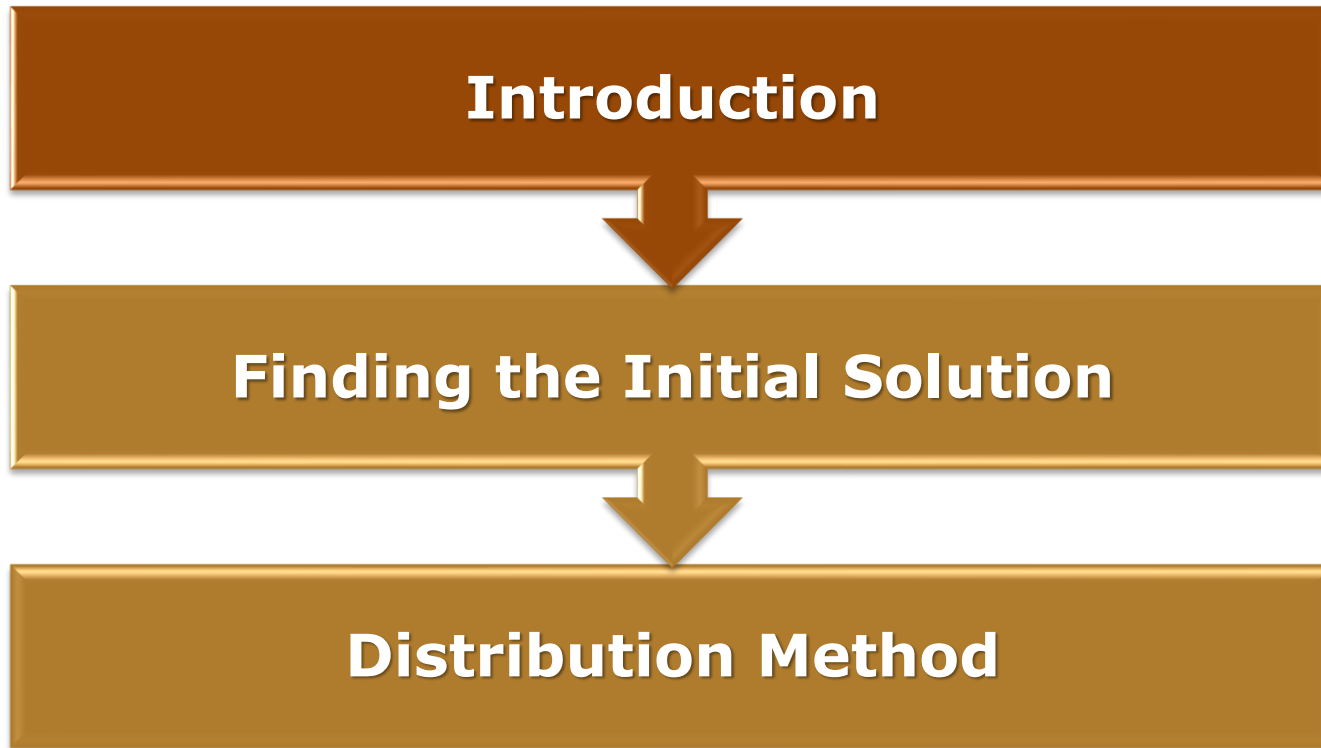
- The Linear Programming cannot guarantee integer results
- However there is a theorem about the integer results
- **Integer solutions property:** For transportation problems where every a_i and b_j have an integer value, all the basic variables (allocations) in *every* basic feasible (BF) solution (including an optimal one) also have *integer* values.



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Streamlined Simplex Method

- Set up of the tabular form
- Real life examples

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j$$
 - not always fulfilled
 - dummy supply or destination has needed to introduce
- There are two steps
 - Finding the initial solution
 - Distribution method

j i \	1	2	...	j	...	n	
1	c_{11}	c_{12}	...	c_{1j}	...	c_{1n}	a_1
2	c_{21}	c_{22}	...	c_{2j}	...	c_{2n}	a_2
...
i	c_{i1}	c_{i2}	...	c_{ij}	...	c_{in}	a_i
...
m	c_{m1}	c_{m2}	...	c_{mj}	...	c_{mn}	a_m
	b_1	b_2	...	b_j	...	b_n	

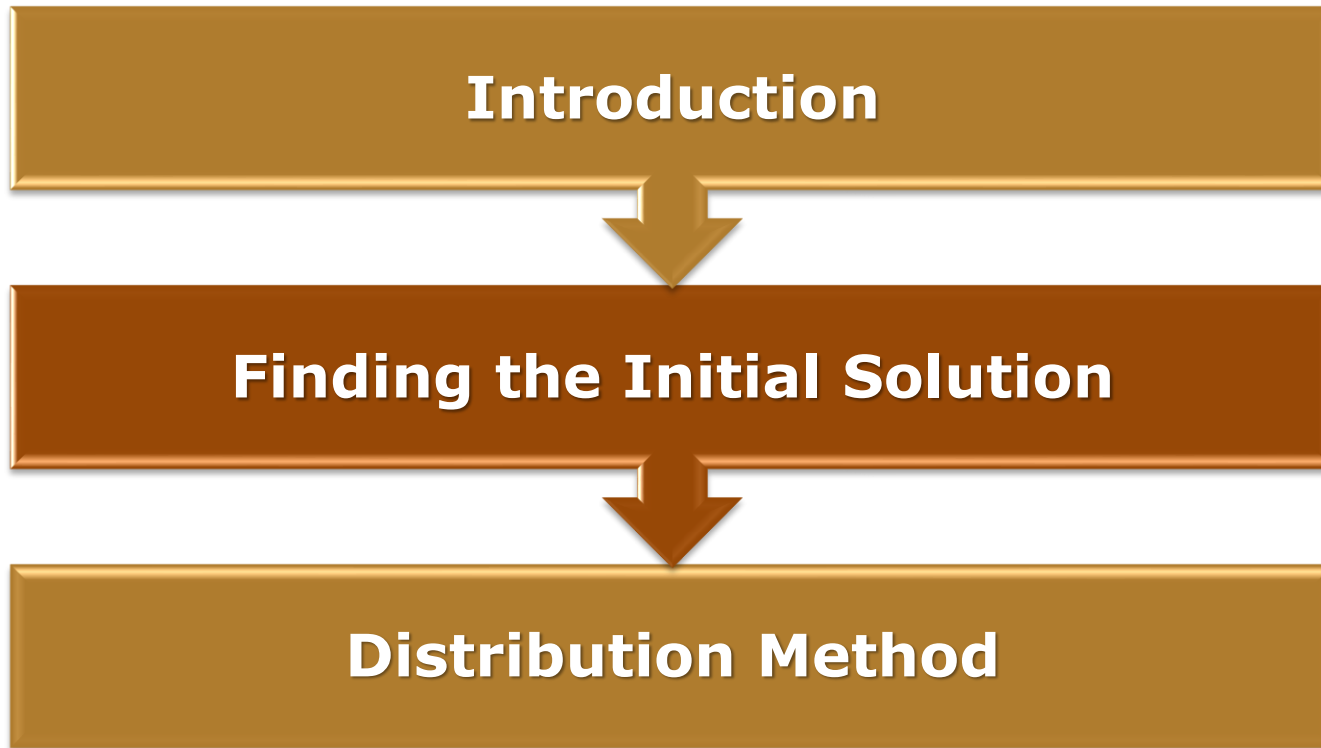


Example problem

c_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	6	3	5	2	7	200
2	3	7	4	4	1	80
3	5	2	3	1	6	130
4	3	5	2	3	2	90
	30	210	60	80	120	



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Finding the initial solution

- The goal is not to calculate the best solution, but to calculate an initial solution
- Methods
 - Northwest corner route
 - Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)
 - Vogel Initial Programming Method (The Biggest Difference Method)



Northwest Corner Method

- The maximum possible flow is needed to be programmed on the top left corner (cell 11)
 - If $b_1 > a_1$ cell 21 is need to be chosen
 - If $b_1 < a_1$ cell 12 is need to be chosen

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	30	170	0	0	0	200
2	0	40	40	0	0	80
3	0	0	20	80	30	130
4	0	0	0	0	90	90
	30	210	60	80	120	

$$30 * 6 + 170 * 3 + 40 * 7 + 40 * 4 + 20 * 3 + 80 * 1 + 30 * 6 + 90 * 2 = 1630$$



Northwest Corner Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0	0	0	0	0	200
2	0	0	0	0	0	80
3	0	0	0	0	0	130
4	0	0	0	0	0	90
	30	210	60	80	120	



Northwest Corner Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	30	0	0	0	0	170
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4	0	0	0	0	0	90
	0	210	60	80	120	



Northwest Corner Method

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Northwest Corner Method

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3	0	0	0	0	0	130
4	0	0	0	0	0	90
	0	0	60	80	120	



Northwest Corner Method

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2	0	40	40	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	130
4	0	0	0	0	0	90
	0	0	20	80	120	



Northwest Corner Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	30	170	0	0	0	0
2	0	40	40	0	0	0
3	0	0	20	0	0	110
4	0	0	0	0	0	90
	0	0	0	80	120	



Northwest Corner Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	30	170	0	0	0	0
2	0	40	40	0	0	0
3	0	0	20	80	0	30
4	0	0	0	0	0	90
	0	0	0	0	120	



Northwest Corner Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	30	170	0	0	0	0
2	0	40	40	0	0	0
3	0	0	20	80	30	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	90
	0	0	0	0	90	



Northwest Corner Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	30	170	0	0	0	0
2	0	40	40	0	0	0
3	0	0	20	80	30	0
4	0	0	0	0	90	0
	0	0	0	0	0	



Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)

- Task: program the maximum possible flows on source-absorption location relations, where costs are minimal
- The order:
 - Red
 - Orange
 - Green
 - Purple

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	30	160	0	0	10	40 0
2	0	0	0	0	80	0
3	0	50	0	80	0	50 0
4	0	0	60	0	30	0
	0	160 0	0	0	40 10	

$$30 * 6 + 160 * 3 + 10 * 7 + 80 * 1 + 50 * 2 + 80 * 1 + 60 * 2 + 30 * 2 = 1170$$



Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0^6	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	200
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	0^1	80
3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^1	0^6	130
4	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^2	90
	30	210	60	80	120	



Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0^6	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	200
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	0
3	0^5	0^2	0^3	80^1	0^6	50
4	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^2	90
	30	210	60	0	40	



Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0^6	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	200
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	0
3	0^5	50^2	0^3	80^1	0^6	0
4	0^3	0^5	60^2	0^3	30^2	0
	30	160	0	0	10	



Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0^6	160^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	40
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	0
3	0^5	50^2	0^3	80^1	0^6	0
4	0^3	0^5	60^2	0^3	30^2	0
	30	0	0	0	10	



Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0^6	160^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	40
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	0
3	0^5	50^2	0^3	80^1	0^6	0
4	0^3	0^5	60^2	0^3	30^2	0
	30	0	0	0	10	



Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0^6	160^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	40
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	0
3	0^5	50^2	0^3	80^1	0^6	0
4	0^3	0^5	60^2	0^3	30^2	0
	30	0	0	0	10	



Minimum Costs Method (Dantzig Method)

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	
1	30^6	160^3	0^5	0^2	10^7	0
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	0
3	0^5	50^2	0^3	80^1	0^6	0
4	0^3	0^5	60^2	0^3	30^2	0
	0	0	0	0	0	



Vogel Initial Programming Method

- Difference parameter: difference between costs (c_{ij}) of components having the smallest and the second-smallest unit cost remained in that row or column
- Define the row or column which can be characterized by the highest difference parameter and then from the selected row/column choose the elements, which have the smallest unit costs

$$200 * 3 + 80 * 1 + 10 * 2 + 40 * 3 + 80 * 1 + 30 * 3 + 20 * 2 + 40 * 2 = 1110$$



Vogel Initial Programming Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	a_i	
1	0^6	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	200	1
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	0^1	80	2
3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^1	0^6	130	1
4	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^2	90	0
b_j	30	210	60	80	120		
	0	1	1	1	1		



Vogel Initial Programming Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	a_i	
1	0^6	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	200	1
2	$_{-3}$	$_{-7}$	$_{-4}$	$_{-4}$	80^1	0	-
3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^1	0^6	130	1
4	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^2	90	0
b_j	30	210	60	80	40		
	2	1	1	1	4		



Vogel Initial Programming Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5		
1	0^6	0^3	0^5	0^2	$-^7$	200	1
2	$-^3$	$-^7$	$-^4$	$-^4$	80^1	0	-
3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^1	$-^6$	130	1
4	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^3	40^2	50	1
	30	210	60	80	0		
	2	1	1	1	-		



Vogel Initial Programming Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	a_i	
1	0^6	0^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	200	1
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	0	-
3	0^5	0^2	0^3	0^1	0^6	130	1
4	30^3	0^5	0^2	0^3	40^2	20	1
b_j	0	210	60	80	0		
	-	1	1	1	-		



Vogel Initial Programming Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5		
1	$_{-6}$	0^3	0^5	$_{-2}$	$_{-7}$	200	2
2	$_{-3}$	$_{-7}$	$_{-4}$	$_{-4}$	80^1	0	-
3	$_{-5}$	0^2	0^3	80^1	$_{-6}$	50	1
4	30^3	0^5	0^2	$_{-3}$	40^2	20	3
	0	210	60	0	0		
	-	1	1	-	-		



Vogel Initial Programming Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5		
1	$_{-6}$	0^3	0^5	$_{-2}$	$_{-7}$	200	2
2	$_{-3}$	$_{-7}$	$_{-4}$	$_{-4}$	80^1	0	-
3	$_{-5}$	0^2	0^3	80^1	$_{-6}$	50	1
4	30^3	$_{-5}$	20^2	$_{-3}$	40^2	0	-
	0	210	40	0	0		
	-	1	2	-	-		



Vogel Initial Programming Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5		
1	$_{-6}$	200^3	$_{-5}$	$_{-2}$	$_{-7}$	0	-
2	$_{-3}$	$_{-7}$	$_{-4}$	$_{-4}$	80^1	0	-
3	$_{-5}$	0^2	0^3	80^1	$_{-6}$	50	
4	30^3	$_{-5}$	20^2	$_{-3}$	40^2	0	-
	0	10	40	0	0		
	-			-	-		

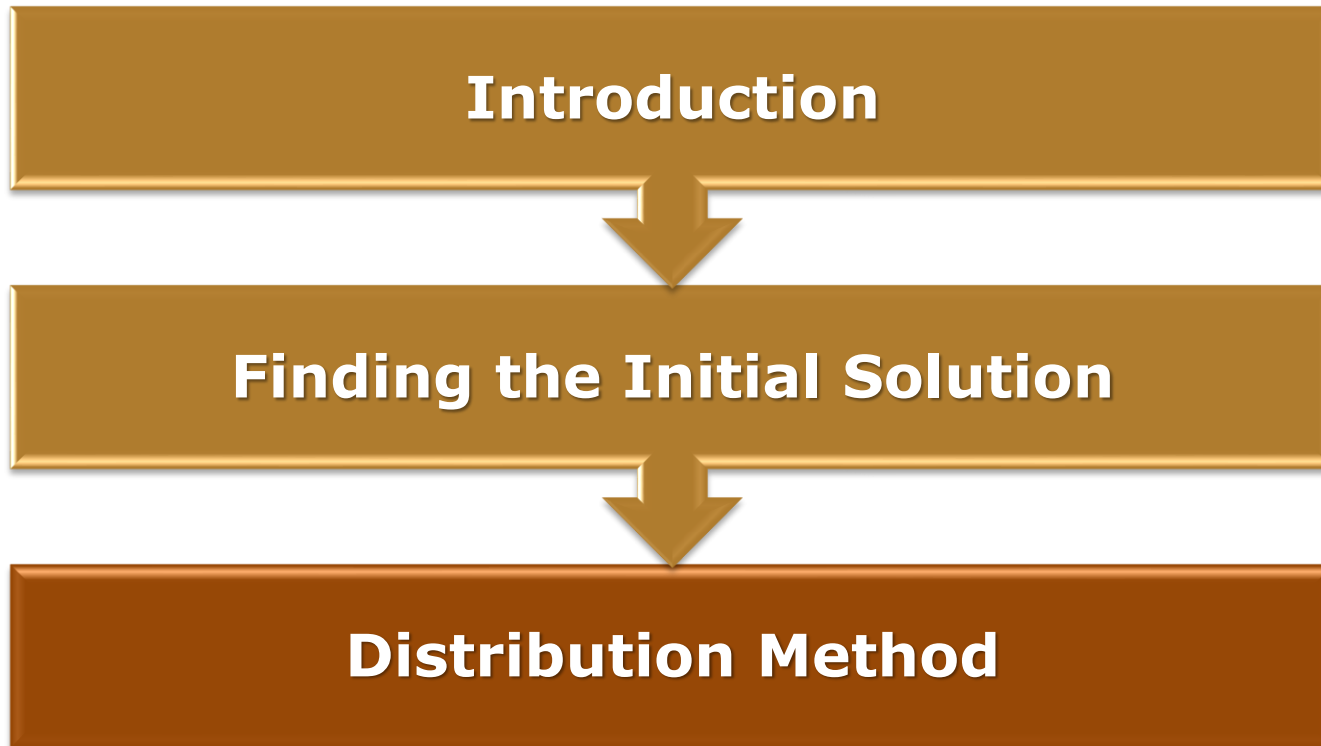


Vogel Initial Programming Method

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	a_i	
1	$_{-6}$	200^3	$_{-5}$	$_{-2}$	$_{-7}$	0	-
2	$_{-3}$	$_{-7}$	$_{-4}$	$_{-4}$	80^1	0	-
3	$_{-5}$	10^2	40^3	80^1	$_{-6}$	0	-
4	30^3	$_{-5}$	20^2	$_{-3}$	40^2	0	-
b_j	0	0	0	0	0		
	-	-	-	-	-		



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Potential System

$$p_{ij} = c_{ij} - v_j + u_i$$

- p_{ij} parameters for the tied elements, are always 0
- Have to choose one row or column arbitrary
- The order:
 - Red
 - Orange
 - Green

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	u_i
1	30^6	160^3	0^5	0^2	10^7	0
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	6
3	0^5	50^2	0^3	80^1	0^6	1
4	0^3	0^5	60^2	0^3	30^2	5
v_j	6	3	7	2	7	

- In our example the solution of the Dantzig method is used



Potential System

$$p_{ij} = c_{ij} - v_j + u_i$$

- The numbers: amount of expected change of the sum (Z) value
- Choose the lowest element which is below 0
- If the lowest element is 0, or positive, then the sum will not decrease

	1	2	3	4	5	u_i
1			-2^5	0^2		0
2	3^3	10^7	3^4	8^4		6
3	0^5		-3^3		0^6	1
4	2^3	7^5		6^3		5
v_j	6	3	7	2	7	



Polygon on the matrix

- A polygon is need to set up on the matrix
- A corner is on the chosen element (now 33)
- Other corners on tied elements
- Sign the corners by ,+' and ,-' alternately
- Start with ,+' and the chosen element

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5
1	30	+160			10 ⁻
2					80
3		50 ⁻	+	80	
4			60 ⁻		30 ⁺



Current optimum

- The minimum of the ,-' signed elements is need to be chosen
- Then this amount is need to add to the ,+' signed elements and extract from the ,-' signed ones
- The decrease of the Z is the multiplication of the chosen potential number, and the chosen amount

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5
1	30	170			
2					80
3		40	10	80	
4			50		40

$$30 * 6 + 170 * 3 + 80 * 1 + 40 * 2 + 20 * 3 + 80 * 1 + 50 * 2 + 40 * 2 = 1140$$



Potential System

• The order:

— Red

— Orange

— Green

— Purple

— Blue

— Brown

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	u_i
1	30^6	170^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	0
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	3
3	0^5	40^2	10^3	80^1	0^6	1
4	0^3	0^5	50^2	0^3	40^2	2
v_j	6	3	4	2	4	



Potential System

p_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	u_i
1			1^5	0^2	3^7	0
2	0^3	7^7	3^4	5^4		3
3	0^5				3^6	1
4	-1^3	4^5		3^3		2
v_j	6	3	4	2	4	



Polygon on the matrix

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5
1	- 30	170 ⁺			
2					80
3		40 ⁻	10 ⁺	80	
4	+			50 ⁻	40

Detailed description of the matrix: The matrix is a 4x5 grid. The first row and column are headers. The cells contain numerical values with signs. A dashed line connects the cells (1,1), (1,2), (3,2), (3,3), (4,3), and (4,4). The cell (4,1) is shaded green and contains a '+' sign. The cell (1,1) contains '- 30', (1,2) contains '170+', (3,2) contains '40-', (3,3) contains '10+', (4,3) contains '50-', and (4,4) contains '40'. The cell (2,5) contains '80' and (3,4) contains '80'.



Current optimum

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5
1		200			
2					80
3		10	40	80	
4	30		20		40



Potential System

• The order:

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– Purple

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– Brown

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	u_i
1	0^6	200^3	0^5	0^2	0^7	0
2	0^3	0^7	0^4	0^4	80^1	3
3	0^5	10^2	40^3	80^1	0^6	1
4	30^3	0^5	20^2	0^3	40^2	2
v_j	5	3	4	2	4	



Potential System

p_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5	u_i
1	1^6		1^5	0^2	3^7	0
2	1^3	7^7	3^4	5^4		3
3	1^5				3^6	1
4		4^5		3^3		2
v_j	5	3	4	2	4	

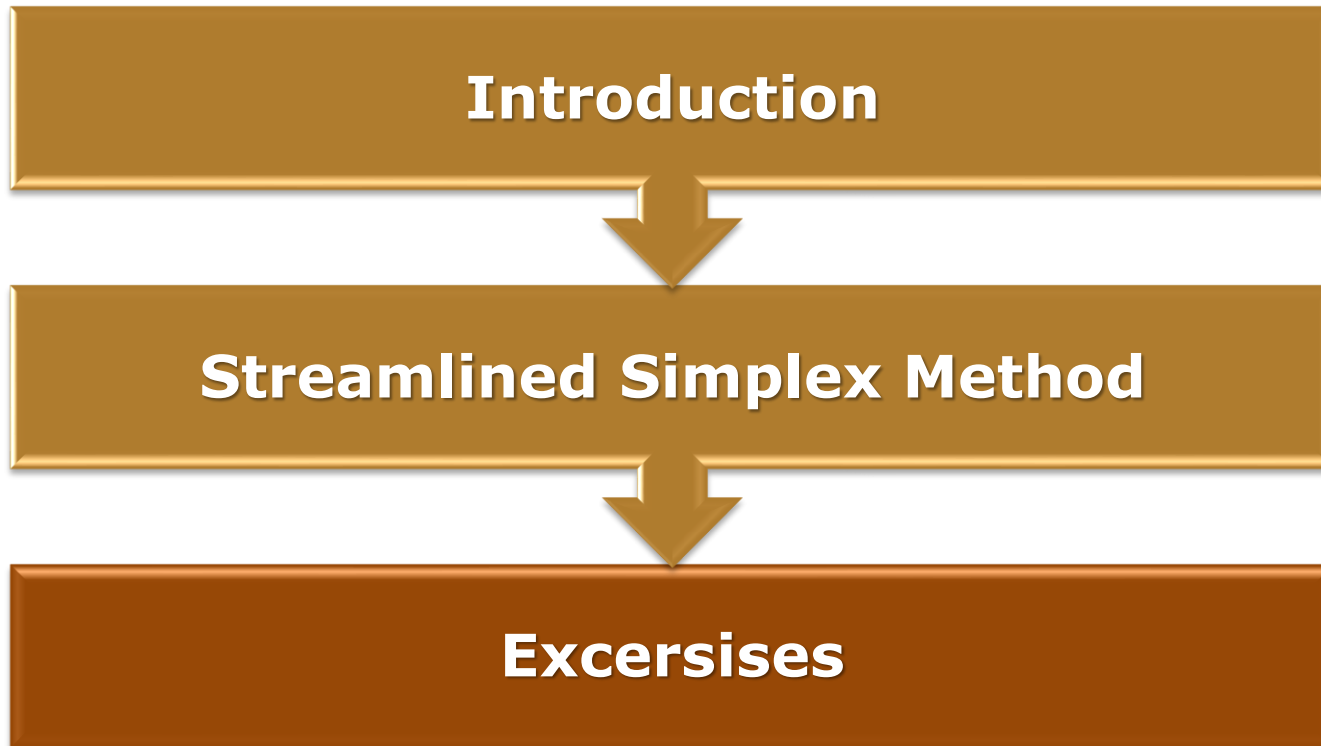


Optimal solution

x_{ij}	1	2	3	4	5
1		200			
2					80
3		10	40	80	
4	30		20		40



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Excercises – Practical Methods

- Dummy supply or destination has needed to introduce
 - Analyse the column and row summarises
 - Introduce the supply OR destination what is needed
 - The dummy supply or destination is an artificial location, which means that the needs are not fulfilled
- When a ij route is not feasible
 - In the matrix usually signed by M
 - In Solver a special condition is needed



Excercises – Solver

- Conditions
 - Row summarisies need to be equal
 - Column summarisies need to be equal
 - Nonnegativity cretiria
 - Special criteria for infeasible routes
 - Nonnegativity: $x_{ij} \geq 0 \forall i, j$
 - Special criteria: $x_{ij} \leq 0$ for infeasible routes
 - If $x_{ij} \geq 0$ and $x_{ij} \leq 0$, then $x_{ij} = 0$ for infeasible routes



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