

How to Solve the Transportation Problem with MPL/CPLEX
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Problem 1

Suppose you have three canneries (sources) and four warehouses (destinations). The shipment costs, outputs (1 for each source) and demands (1 for each destination) are as follows:

| | | Warehouses | | | | Output |
|-----------|---|------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Canneries | 1 | 464 | 513 | 654 | 867 | 75 |
| | 2 | 352 | 416 | 690 | 791 | 125 |
| | 3 | 995 | 682 | 388 | 685 | 100 |
| Demand | | 80 | 65 | 70 | 85 | |

Open MPL, go to file -> new then type the following:

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index
  source := 1..3;                                ! equivalent to writing "source := (1,2,3);"
  destination := 1..4;

data
  Shipcost[source,destination]:= (464,513,654,867,
                                   352,416,690,791,
                                   995,682,388,685);
  Output[source]:= (75,125,100);                ! the output for the 3 sources
  Demand[destination]:= (80,65,70,85);          ! the demand for the 4 destinations

variables
  Ship[source,destination];                    ! these are the 3*4 = 12 decision variables

model
  min C = sum(source,destination: Shipcost*Ship); ! the sum is over both indices

subject to
  C1[source]:
    sum(destination: Ship) = Output;           ! constraint 1
    ! the total shipped by each cannery equals its output
  C2[destination]:
    sum(source: Ship) = Demand;                ! constraint 2
    ! the total shipped to each warehouse equals its demand

end
  
```

The summation in constraint 1 is like summing over the columns in the table above. You take the sum over the destination index, so this is the index that you specify in the sum command: "sum(destination: Ship)". Similarly, for constraint 2 the sum is over the source index, like summing over rows in the table above.

To solve the problem, go to Run -> Solve -> Solve CPLEX 300, or press .

You should get the following optimal solution:

```

MIN C      = 152535.000000

  source  destination  Activity
-----
  1        1           0.000000
  1        2          20.000000
  1        3           0.000000
  1        4          55.000000
  2        1          80.000000
  2        2          45.000000
  2        3           0.000000
  2        4           0.000000
  3        1           0.000000
  3        2           0.000000
  3        3          70.000000
  3        4          30.000000
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Problem 2

Now, here is how you would solve a problem with a dummy source and big M's in MPL. We use the water allocation example from Chapter 8. Specifically, you should look at table 8.12 on page 318. Type the following in MPL.

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index
  source := (Colombo,Sacron,Calorie,Dummy);      ! sources are rivers
  destination := (B_min,B_extra,Los_Devils,San_Go,Hollyglass); ! destinations are cities

data
  DeliveryCost[source,destination] := (16,16,13,22,17,
                                       14,14,13,19,15,
                                       19,19,20,23,-1,
                                       -1,0,-1,0,0); ! replace the M's from table 8.12
                                                    ! with -1's
  Supply[source] := (50 60 50 50);                ! from the column labeled supply
  Demand[destination] := (30 20 70 30 60);        ! from the row labeled demand

variables
  
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    Ship[source,destination]
      where (DeliveryCost[source,destination] >= 0);      ! this is the only new line
model
min cost = sum(source,destination: DeliveryCost*Ship);
subject to
C1[source]:
    sum(destination: Ship) = Supply;
C2[destination]:
    sum(source: Ship) = Demand;
end

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The only difference is that M's are replaced with -1's and that the line "where (DeliveryCost[source,destination] >= 0);" must be added when defining the Ship[source,destination] variable. This line makes it so that the impossible "routes" from rivers to cities are not among the decision variables, as these routes do not satisfy DeliveryCost[source,destination] >= 0. Run CPLEX and you should get the following solution:

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MIN cost      =      2460.000000

source  destination  Activity
-----
Colombo  B_min        0.000000
Colombo  B_extra       0.000000
Colombo  Los_Devils    50.000000
Colombo  San_Go        0.000000
Colombo  Hollyglass    0.000000
Sacron   B_min        0.000000
Sacron   B_extra       0.000000
Sacron   Los_Devils   20.000000
Sacron   San_Go        0.000000
Sacron   Hollyglass   40.000000
Calorie  B_min        30.000000
Calorie  B_extra       20.000000
Calorie  Los_Devils    0.000000
Calorie  San_Go        0.000000
Dummy    B_extra       0.000000
Dummy    San_Go        30.000000
Dummy    Hollyglass    20.000000
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This is consistent with the solution given in table 8.23 on page 333.