

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
Canneries	1	1	2	3	4	
		464	513	654	867	75
		352	416	690	791	125
		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);"
data           destination := 1..4;
data           Shipcost[source,destination]:= (464,513,654,867,
                                                352,416,690,791,
                                                995,682,388,685);
data           Output[source]:= (75,125,100);               ! the output for the 3 sources
data           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
  C2[destination]:= sum(source: Ship) = Demand;            ! constraint 2
end

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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:

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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
data           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
variables      Supply[source] := (50 60 50 50);                  ! from the column labeled supply
variables      Demand[destination] := (30 20 70 30 60);           ! from the row labeled demand

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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

```

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
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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.