

Lesson 14. Production Process Models, Revisited

Example 1. Yobro Co. produces three types of high-end organic, bio-diverse, fair-trade, non-harmful-to-animals household cleaners: standard, pine, and lemon. Each gallon of raw soap produces a_s gallons of standard, a_p gallons of pine, and a_l gallons of lemon. Each gallon of standard can be converted directly into b_{sp} gallons of pine at a cost of c_{sp} per gallon. Separately, each gallon of standard can also be converted into b_{sl} gallons of lemon at a cost of c_{sl} per gallon. Raw soap costs c_r per gallon. Standard, pine, and lemon sell for v_s , v_p , and v_l per gallon, respectively. Suppose that Yobro wants to satisfy demand for d_s gallons of standard, d_p of pine, and d_l gallons of lemon.

- a. Write a linear program that determines the number of gallons of each type of cleaner Yobro should make in order to maximize profit. Make sure to
- define the input parameters,
 - define the decision variables, and
 - briefly explain the objective function and constraints that you write.

Input parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_i &= \text{gal. of cleaner } i \text{ from 1 gal. raw soap for } i \in \{s, p, l\} \\
 b_{si} &= \text{gal. of cleaner } i \text{ from 1 gal. standard for } i \in \{p, l\} \\
 c_r &= \text{cost of 1 gal. raw soap} \\
 c_{si} &= \text{cost of 1 gal. standard} \rightarrow \text{cleaner } i \text{ for } i \in \{p, l\} \\
 v_i &= \text{revenue of 1 gal. cleaner } i \text{ for } i \in \{s, p, l\} \\
 d_i &= \text{demand for cleaner } i \text{ for } i \in \{s, p, l\}
 \end{aligned}$$

DVs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_r &= \text{gal. raw soap purchased} \\
 x_{si} &= \text{gal. standard} \rightarrow \text{cleaner } i \text{ for } i \in \{p, l\} \\
 y_i &= \text{gal. cleaner } i \text{ sold for } i \in \{s, p, l\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\max \sum_{i \in \{s, p, l\}} v_i y_i - c_r x_r - \sum_{i \in \{p, l\}} c_{si} x_{si} \quad (\text{total profit})$$

$$\text{s.t. } a_s x_r = x_{sp} + x_{sl} + y_s \quad (\text{standard balance})$$

$$a_i x_r + b_{si} x_{si} = y_i \quad \text{for } i \in \{p, l\} \quad (\text{pine, lemon balance})$$

$$y_i \geq d_i \quad \text{for } i \in \{s, p, l\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 x_r &\geq 0 \\
 x_{si} &\geq 0 \quad \text{for } i \in \{p, l\} \\
 y_i &\geq 0 \quad \text{for } i \in \{s, p, l\}
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (\text{nonnegativity})$$

- b. YoBro just tweeted that they have created an additional process that converts standard to pine and lemon simultaneously. With this process, each gallon of standard converts to f_{sp} gallons of pine and f_{sl} gallons of lemon at a cost of c_{spl} per gallon. How do you change the linear program you just wrote to account for this new process?

Add input parameters:

f_{si} = gal. cleaner i from standard using simultaneous process for $i \in \{p, l\}$
 c_{spl} = cost of 1 gal. standard \rightarrow pine + lemon simultaneously

Add DV: x_{spl} = gal. standard \rightarrow pine + lemon simultaneously

Add to objective function: $-c_{spl} x_{spl}$

Change constraints:

$$a_s x_r = x_{sp} + x_{sl} + y_s + x_{spl}$$

$$f_{si} x_{spl} + a_i x_r + b_{si} x_{si} = y_p \quad \text{for } i \in \{p, l\}$$

$$y_i \geq d_i \quad \text{for } i \in \{s, p, l\}$$

$$x_r \geq 0$$

$$x_{si} \geq 0 \quad \text{for } i \in \{p, l\}$$

$$y_i \geq 0 \quad \text{for } i \in \{s, p, l\}$$

$$x_{spl} \geq 0$$