# 56:171 Operations Research Final Examination December 19, 2002

• Write your name on the first page, and initial the other pages.

• Answer both Parts A and B, and select any 4 (out of 5) problems from Part C.

		Possible	Score
Part A:	Miscellaneous multiple choice	40	
Part B:	Sensitivity analysis (LINDO)	14	
Part C:	I. Discrete-time Markov chains	14	
	II. Continuous-time markov chains	14	
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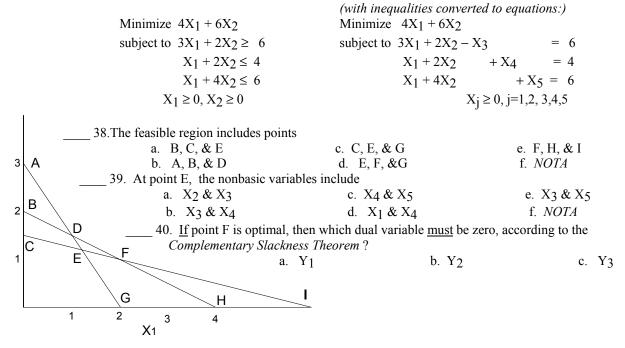
# VAVAVAV PART A VAVAVAV

Indicate by + or **o** whether true (+) or false (**o**)

- 1. The minimum ratio test is used to select the pivot row in the simplex method for LP.
- 2. The "Northwest Corner" method applied to an assignment problem will produce a feasible solution for the assignment problem.
- 3. When minimizing an LP, selecting the column with the smallest (i.e., "most negative") reduced cost will produce the greatest improvement at the next pivot.
- 4. The reduced cost of a nonbasic variable in the simplex method indicates the rate of change of the cost function as the variable increases.
- 5. When you enter an LP formulation into LINDO, you must first convert all inequalities to equations.
- 6. When you enter an LP formulation into LINDO, you must include any nonnegativity constraints.
- 7. The pivot operation in the simplex method for LP never changes the total number of variables in the basis.
- 8. A tie in the minimum ratio test can be broken by arbitrarily selecting either minimum ratio.
- 9. The minimum ratio in the minimum ratio test is always positive.
- 10. Either the dual variable or the slack variable of a constraint must be zero, but not both.
- 11. The dual variable corresponding to a primal constraint is the rate at which the optimal value is changed as the right-hand-side is increased.
- 12. Using the "revised" simplex method usually requires fewer pivots than the "ordinary" simplex method in order to find the optimal solution of an LP.
- 13. If a primal problem has 3 rows and 5 columns, and the dual has 5 rows and 3 columns, then the revised simplex method would require less computation per pivot if it were applied to the dual problem.
- 14. If the revised simplex method is used to solve the primal problem, each simplex multiplier vector computed at each iteration is a feasible solution to the dual problem.
- 15. The diagonal of the transition rate matrix  $\Lambda$  of a continuous-time Markov chain cannot contain a positive number.
- 16. Little's Law applies only to queues which have a continous-time Markov chain model (including birthdeath models).
- 17. The M/M/2/4 queue can be modeled as a birth-death process.
- 18. If a random variable T has an exponential distribution, then  $P\{T>2 | T\ge 1\} = P\{T>1\}$ .
- 19. A random variable T with the Erlang-k distribution is the sum of k random variables, all with the same exponential distribution.
- 20. An M/E<sub>k</sub>/1 queueing system can be modeled as a continuous-time Markov chain.
- 21. If an exponential and an Erlang-k (with k>1) distribution have the same mean, the Erlang-k distribution has a smaller variance.
- 22. An M/E<sub>k</sub>/1 queueing system can be modeled as a birth-death process.

23. In a birth-death process, it is possible for a "catastrophe" to occur, causing the "death" (or departure) of the entire population. 24. A Poisson process is a birth-death process where death is the result of poissoning. 25. A Poisson process is "memoryless". 26. In a continous-time Markov chain, the transition rate  $\lambda_{ii}$  of state i to itself is assumed to be zero. 27. PERT and the Critical Path Method (CPM) are both names for the same procedure. *Multiple Choice:* Write the appropriate letter (a, b, c, d, etc.) : (*NOTA* =None of the above). 28. If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are binary variables, to require that "if  $X_1 = 1$  then  $X_2$  must also be 1", we add the constraint c.  $X_1 \ge X_2$ a.  $X_1 + X_2 = 1$ b.  $X_1 + X_2 \le 1$ d.  $X_1 \leq X_2$ e. NOTA 29. If  $X_1$  is the quantity of product 1 to be produced, up to a maximum of  $K_1$ , and  $Y_1$  is the binary variable indicating that a setup cost is to be included for this product, then we add the constraint.... a.  $X_1 = K_1 Y_1$ b.  $X_1 \ge K_1 Y_1$ c.  $X_1 \leq K_1 Y_1$ d.  $X_1 Y_1 \leq K_1$ e. NOTA 30. In an M/M/1 queue, if the arrival rate ( $\lambda$ ) = service rate ( $\mu$ ), then a.  $\pi_0 = 1$  in steady state c.  $\pi_i > 0$  for all i e. the queue is not a birth-death process d.  $\pi_0 = 0$  in steady state f. NOTA b. no steady state exists 31. A state in a closed set of states of a Markov chain has the property a. the system cannot enter that state c. probability of moving out of that state is one. b. the system must leave that state, once it is entered. d. moving into that state is zero e. NOTA 32. A minimal closed set of states of a Markov chain has the property c. it has fewer states than any other closed set of states. a. it contains only transient states b. it contains only recurrent states d. the steadystate probabilities of states in that set are zero. e. NOTA 33. The number of basic variables in a solution of a transportation problem with m sources and n dest'ns is a. m×n c. m+n+1 e. n–m g. NOTA b.  $m \times n - 1$ d. m+n−1 f. m+n 34. A balanced transportation problem is one in which a. # sources = # destinations c. supplies & demands all 1 e. NOTA b. cost coefficients are all one's d. sum of supplies = sum of demand 35. If the assignment problem is treated as a linear programming problem and solved using the simplex method. a. it has only degenerate basic solutions. b. it has a square constraint coefficient matrix. c. the simplex method can give fractional optimal values of the variables. d. NOTA 36. A critical path of a project network... a. can have several activities in progress simultaneously b. path from the "begin" node to the "end" node having shortest duration. c. path from the "begin" node to the "end" node having longest duration. d. NOTA 37. Bayes' Rule is used to compute... a. the joint probability of a "state of nature" and the outcome of an experiment. b. the conditional probability of a "state of nature" given the outcome of an experiment. c. the conditional probability of an experiment, given a state of nature. d. NOTA

The problems below refer to the following LP:



# VAVAVAV PART B VAVAVAV

#### Sensitivity Analysis in LP.

Ken and Larry, Inc., supplies its ice cream parlors with four flavors of ice cream: chocolate, vanilla, banana, and strawberry. Because of extremely hot weather and a high demand for its products, the company has run short of its supply of ingredients: milk, sugar, & cream. Hence, they will not be able to fill all the orders received from their retail outlets, the ice cream parlors. Owing to these circumstances, the company has decided to choose the amount of each product to produce that will maximize total profit, given the constraints on supply of the basic ingredients. The chocolate, vanilla, banana and strawberry flavors generate, respectively, \$1.00, \$0.90, \$0.95, and \$0.85 per profit per gallon sold. The company has only 185 gallons of milk, 165 pounds of sugar, and 65 gallons of cream left in its inventory. The LP formulation for this problem has variables C, V, B, and S representing gallons of chocolate, vanilla, banana, and strawberry ice cream produced, respectively.

! Ken & Larry Ice Cream
MAXIMIZE C+0.9V+0.95B + .85S
ST
0.45C + 0.50V + 0.40B + 0.43S <= 185 ! milk resource
0.50C + 0.40V + 0.40B + 0.35S <= 165 ! sugar resource
0.10C + 0.15V + 0.20B + 0.18S <= 65 ! cream resource
END</pre>

OBJECTIVE FUNCTION VALUE 1) 373.8435

REDUCED COST

0.000000

0.000000

0.007823

0.00000

DUAL PRICES

1.680272

1.292517

0.068027

VAR VALUE

V

В

S

ROW

2) 3)

4)

C 110.204

45.578

261.904

0.000

SLACK 0.000

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RANGES IN WHICH THE BASIS IS UNCHANGED:

#### OBJ COEFFICIENT RANGES

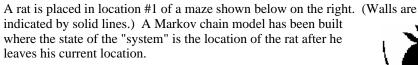
	CURRENT	ALLOWABLE	ALLOWABLE
VA	R COEF	INCREASE	DECREASE
С	1.000	0.012821	0.015972
V	0.900	0.006117	0.004545
В	0.950	0.007823	INFINITY
S	0.850	0.007143	0.004107

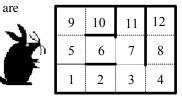
	RIGHT	HAND SIDE R	ANGES
ROW	CURRENT	ALLOWABLE	ALLOWABLE
	RHS	INCREASE	DECREASE
2	185.000	20.769230	3.045455
3	165.000	4.407895	15.882353
4	65.000	2.913043	13.750000

TABLEAU:	
ROW (BASIS) C V B S	SLK 2 SLK 3 SLK 4 RHS
1 ART 0.000 0.000 0.008 0.000	0.068 1.680 1.293 373.844
2 C 1.000 0.000 0.490 0.000 -	5.306 6.939 -0.816 110.204
3 V 0.000 1.000 -1.279 0.000 1	4.966 -10.340 -15.646 45.578
4 S 0.000 0.000 1.905 1.000 -	9.524 4.762 19.048 261.905
1. The optimal solution above is <i>(check as many as a</i>	
basicdegenerate	unique
2. The number of basic variables in this optimal solu	
a. one b. two	c. three
d. four e. five	f. NOTA
3. In <i>any</i> basic feasible solution of this problem:	
	ctly three products will be included
<ul> <li>c. at least one slack variable will be &gt;0</li> <li>d. NO</li> <li>4. Suppose the company discovers that 3 gallons of c</li> </ul>	
4. Suppose the company discovers that 5 galons of c decrease in profit is <i>(choose nearest value)</i>	ean nave gone sour and so must be unown out. The
a. zero b. \$1.00 c. \$2.00	d. \$3.00 e. \$4.00
f. \$5.00 g. \$6.00 h. \$7.00	i. \$8.00 j. \$9.00
5. To adjust for the loss of 3 gallons of cream, the ch	5
should	ange in ganons of vanita fee ereant to be produced
a. be unchanged b. increase by less t	an 10 c. decrease by less than 10
d. increase by more than 10 e. decrease by more	
6. If it were required to make ten gallons of <i>banana</i>	
(choose the nearest value)	
a. zero b. \$0.10 c. \$0.25	d. \$0.50 e. \$0.75
f. \$1.00 g. \$1.25 h. \$1.50	i. \$1.75 j. <i>NOTA</i>
	ce cream, the production of <i>chocolate</i> ice cream would
a. be unchanged b. increase by less t	
d. increase by more than 10 e. decrease by more	
8. How much must the profit of <i>chocolate</i> ice cream	drop before its production would be decreased?
(choose the nearest value)	
a. zero b. \$0.01 c. \$0.02	d. \$0.03 e. \$0.04
f. \$0.05 g. \$0.06 h. \$0.07	i. \$0.08 j. \$0.09
9. If the profit of <i>strawberry</i> ice cream were to be \$0	
a. the production plan would be unchanged	b. production of strawberry i.c. would increase
<ul> <li>c. production of strawberry i.c. would decrease</li> <li>10. The number of variables in the dual of this LP pro</li> </ul>	d. cannot be determined
a. one b. two	c. three
d. four e. five	f. NOTA
11. The sign restrictions on the dual variables are	1. 1901A
a. all nonnegative b. all nonpositive	c. some nonpositive, some nonnegative
d. no sign restrictions e. NOTA	e. some nonpositive, some nonnegative

# VAVAVAV PART C VAVAVAV

#### I. Discrete-Time Markov Chains





In assigning transition probabilities, it is assumed that the rat is equally likely to leave a location by any of the available paths:

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	1	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	0	0.333	0	0.333	0	0	0.333	0	0	0	0	0
	4	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0
	5	0.333	0	0	0	0	0.333	0	0	0.333	0	0	0
	6	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
	7	0	0	0.333	0	0	0.333	0	0	0	0	0.333	0
	8	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
	9	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0
	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
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(If he arrives at a "dead end", he will retrace his last move with probability 1.)

# Mean-first-passage matrix:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	12	9.33	12.67	31.66	8.66	15.33	16	52.65	29.66	52.66	39 '	75.64	
2	10.67	12	7.333	26.33	15.33	18	14.67	47.32	36.33	59.32	37.6	70.31	
3	19.33	12.67	8	19	20	18.6	11.33	39.99	40.99	63.99	34.34	62.98	
4	24.33	17.67	5	12	25	23.67	16.33	20.99	45.99	68.99	39.34	43.99	
5	11.33	16.67	16	34.99	8	10.67	15.33	55.98	21	44	38.34	78.97	
6	16.67	18	13.33	32.33	9.333	3 12	8.66	53.32	30.33	53.33	31.67	76.3	
7	20	17.33		27.66	16.67	11.33	8.00	48.65	37.66	60.66	23	71.64	
8	27.33	20.67	8	3	28	26.67	19.33	12	48.99	71.99	42.34	22.99	
9	14.33	19.67	19	37.99	3	13.67	18.33	58.98	12	23	41.34	81.97	
10	15.33	20.67	20	38.99	4	14.67	19.33	59.98	0.99	24	42.34	82.97	
11	21	18.33	9.66	28.66	17.67	12.33	1	49.65	38.66	61.66	24	72.64	
12	28.33	21.67	9	4	29	27.67	20.33	0.99	49.99	72.99	43.34	23.99	

п	$f_{1,12}^{(n)}$		d				
1	0	$\mathbf{F}$	i	state	Π{i}		
1	0	i	ŝ	1	0.08332		-1
2	0	ŕ	+	2 İ	0.08332	S	à
3	0	ŝ	ř	3	0.12499	Ť	1
4	0	t		1	0.08334	ě	S
5	0.02083	<u> </u>	_ <b>_</b>	4		e a	t
6	0	V	b	5	0.12499	đ	r
-	0		u	6	0.08332	v v	1
7	0.02546	S	t	7	0.12499	У	Ъ
8	0	i	i	8 İ	0.08335	S	ũ
9	0.02592	t	Ô	9	0.08333	τ	t
10	0	•	ň	-		a	-
11	0.02545			10	0.04167	τ	å
	0.02343			11	0.04166	e	ň
12	U			12	0.04168		

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1. If we record the rat's location over		ch location do you expect to be
visited most frequently by the ra		
a. all equally often	b. location 7	more often than others
c. locations 3 & 5 equally often	d. locations 3	, 5, &7 equally often
e. loca	tions 1, 3, 5, &7 equally often	
2. The number of transient states in	this Markov chain model is	
a. 0	b. 6	c. 9
d. 10	e. 12	f. none of the above
3. If the rat begins in location #1, w	what is the expected number of a	moves required to reach location
#12?	-	-
a. five	b. between 5 and 20	c. between 20 and 50
d. between 50 and 75	e. between 75 and 100	f. over 100
4. If the rat begins in location #1, h	ow many locations will the rat	visit before returning to his
starting point?	2	C
a. five	b. between 5 and 20	c. between 20 and 50
d. between 50 and 75	e. between 75 and 100	f. over 100
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**PART TWO:** Suppose that locations 11 and 12 both contain food, so that the rat does not leave when he finds it. States 11 & 12 then become *absorbing states*.

The matrices A (absorption probabilities) and E (expected # visits) for this Markov chain are:

	11	12
1	0.6897	0.3103
2	0.6552	0.3448
3	0.6207	0.3793
4	0.4138	0.5862
5	0.7241	0.2759
6	0.7586	0.2414
7	0.7931	0.2069
8	0.2069	0.7931
9	0.7241	0.2759
10	0.7241	0.2759

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	row sum
1	4.069	2.966	2.793	1.241	4.759	2.276	2.069	0.620	3.172	1.586	25.552
2	2.966	3.517	3.103	1.379	3.621	1.862	1.966	0.689	2.414	1.207	22.724
3	1.862	2.069	3.414	1.517	2.483	1.448	1.862	0.758	1.655	0.827	17.897
4	1.241	1.379	2.276	2.345	1.655	0.965	1.241	1.172	1.103	0.551	13.931
5	3.172	2.414	2.483	1.103	5.897	2.69	2.172	0.551	3.931	1.966	26.379
6	2.276	1.862	2.172	0.965	4.034	3.103	2.276	0.482	2.69	1.345	21.207
7	1.379	1.31	1.862	0.827	2.172	1.517	2.379	0.413	1.448	0.724	14.034
8	0.6207	0.689	1.138	1.172	0.827	0.482	0.620	1.586	0.551	0.275	7.966
9	3.172	2.414	2.483	1.103	5.897	2.69	2.172	0.551	5.931	2.966	29.379
10	3.172	2.414	2.483	1.103	5.897	2.69	2.172	0.551	5.931	3.966	30.379

6. If the rat begins at location #1, the probability that the rat finds the food at location #11 first (before the food at #12) is (nearest to)

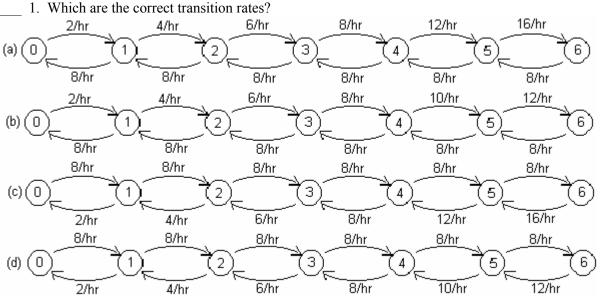
a. 50%	b. 60%	c. 70%
d. 80%	e. 90%	f. 95%
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7. The expected number of tir	nes that the rat returns to his initial loca	ation before finding food is
a. less than 5	b. between 5 and 10	c. between 10 and 25
d. between 25 and 40	e. between 40 and 80	f. more than 80
8. If the rat manages to reach	location #7 before finding food, the pro-	obability that he first finds the
food at location #11 is		
a. 50%	b. 60%	c. 70%
d. 80%	e. 90%	f. 95%
9. The number of transient sta	tes in this Markov chain model is	
a. 0	b. 6	c. 9
d. 10	e. 12	f. NOTA

A **black** rat is placed at location #2 and a **white** rat at location #6. Assume they are otherwise identical and there is no interaction between the rats.

10. Which rat do you expect to	find food first?	
a. White rat	b. Black rat	c. Tie!

**II.** Continuous-time Markov chains: A parking lot consists of four spaces. Cars making use of these spaces arrive according to a Poisson process at the rate of *eight cars per hour*. Parking time is exponentially distributed with mean of *30 minutes*. Cars who cannot find an empty space immediately on arrival may temporarily wait inside the lot until a parked car leaves, but may get impatient and leave before a parking space opens up. Assume that the time that a driver is willing to wait has exponential distribution with an average of *15 minutes*. The temporary space can hold only **two** cars. All other cars that cannot park or find a temporary waiting space must go elsewhere. Model this system as a birth-death process, with states 0, 1, ... 6.



### (e) NOTA

The steadystate probability distribution of the number of cars in the system is:

The steady state probability	ity and	110 410		manne	01 01 0		10 59500		
	n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	$\pi_{n}$	0.02	0.08	0.18	0.24	0.24	0.16	0.08	
2. What is the fract	ion of t	he time	e that th	nere is	at least	t one er	npty pa	rking sp	ace? (Choose nearest value!)
a. 10%		c. 30%	V0		e	. 50%			g. 70%
b. 20%		d. 409	%		f.	. 60%			h. 80%
3. What is the avera	age tota	<i>al</i> numb	per of c	ars in	the lot?	? (Choo	ose near	est valu	e!)
a. 1		c. 2			e	. 3			g. 4
b. 1.5		d. 2.5			f	3.5			h. 4.5
4. What is the avera	age nur	nber of	cars w	aiting	? (Choo	ose nea	rest val	ue!)	
a. 0.1		c. 0.3			e	. 0.5			g. 0.7
b. 0.2		d. 0.4			f	0.6			h. 0.8
5. What is the avera	age arri	val rate	e? (Cho	oose ne	earest v	value!)			
a. 5/hr		c. 7/h	r		e	. 9/hr			g. 11/hr
b. 6/hr		d. 8/h	r		f	. 10/hr			h. 12/hr
6. According to Lit	tle's La	aw, wha	at is the	e avera	ge time	e that a	car wai	ts for a	parking space? (Choose nearest
value!)									
a. 0.025 hr		c. 0.0	75 hr		e	. 0.25 ł	nr		g. 0.75 hr
b. 0.05hr		d. 0.1	hr		f	0.5 hr			h. 1 hr.

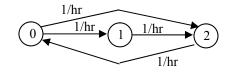
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Consider the queue with the continuous=time Markov chain model on the right. (When the system is

empty, customers can come singly or as a pair. Only when two customers have arrived does the server begin, processing both customers simultaneously.)

7. Check all equations below that describe the steadystate



 $\underline{\ } \pi_1 - \pi_2 = 0$ 

 $\underline{\qquad} 2\pi_0 + \pi_1 - \pi_2 = 0$  $2\pi_0 - \pi_1 + \pi_2 = 0$ 

- probability distribution  $\pi$ : <u>-2 $\pi_0 + \pi_2 = 0$ </u> <u> $\pi_0 - \pi_1 = 0$ </u> <u> $\pi_0 + \pi_1 - 2\pi_2 = 0$ </u> <u> $2\pi_0 - 2\pi_2 = 0$ </u> <u> $-2\pi_0 + \pi_1 + \pi_2 = 0$ </u> <u> $\pi_0 + \pi_1 - \pi_2 = 0$ </u>
- 8. The steadystate distribution is  $\pi =$

a. 
$$[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}]$$
 b.  $[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}]$ 
 c.  $[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}]$ 

 d.  $[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}]$ 
 e.  $[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2}]$ 
 f.  $[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}]$ 

 g. NOTA
 Solution
 Solution
 Solution

9. Is this a birth-death process? circle: (yes) (no)

10. Does Little's Law apply to this queue? circle: (yes) (no)

# **III.** Decision analysis

T. Bone Puckett, a corporate raider, has acquired a textile company and is contemplating the future of one of its major plants located in South Carolina. Three alternative decisions are being considered:

- □ Expand the plant and produce light-weight, durable materials for possible sales to the military, a market with little foreign competition.
- □ Maintain the status quo at the plant, continuing production of textile goods that are subject to heavy foreign competition.
- □ Sell the plant now.

If one the first two alternatives is chosen, the plant will still be sold at the end of a year. The amount of profit that could be earned by selling the plant in a year depends upon foreign market conditions, including the status of a trade embargo bill in Congress. The following payoff table describes this decision situation.

	Good foreign	Poor foreign
Decision	competitive	competitive
	conditions	conditions
Expand	\$800,000	\$500,000
Maintain status quo	\$1,300,000	- \$150,000
Sell now	\$320,000	\$320,000

Determine the best decision using the following decision criteria: Enter the values and an X marking the best decision in the last 2 columns. In the case of the "Minimax Regret" criterion, you should also complete the missing entry in the table.

## 1. MAXIMAX Criterion

Decision	Good foreign	Poor foreign	Maximum	
Decision	competitive conditions	competitive conditions	payoff	Opt?
Expand	\$800,000	\$500,000		
Maintain status quo	\$1,300,000	-\$150,000		
_Sell now	\$320,000	\$320,000		

## 2. MAXIMIN Criterion

Decision	Good foreign	Poor foreign	Minimum	
Decision	competitive conditions	competitive conditions	payoff	Opt?
Expand	\$800,000	\$500,000		
Maintain status quo	\$1,300,000	-\$150,000		
Sell now	\$320,000	\$320,000		

## 3. MINIMAX REGRET Criterion

Decision	Good foreign	Poor foreign	Maximum	
Decision	competitive conditions	competitive conditions	Regret	Opt?
Expand	\$500,000	\$0		
Maintain status quo	\$0	\$		
Sell now	\$980,000	\$180,000		

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(III. Decision Analysis, continued) The chief executive officer of a firm in a highly competitive industry believes that one of her key employees is providing confidential information to the competition.

She is **90%** certain that this informer is the **vice-president of finance**, whose contacts have been extremely valuable in obtaining financing for the company.

- If she decides to fire this VP and he *is* the informer, she estimates that the company will avoid any further losses, i.e., the cost is **zero**
- If she decides to fire this VP but he *is not* the informer, the company will lose his expertise and still have an informer within the staff—the CEO estimates that this outcome would cost her company about **\$3 million**!
- If she decides <u>not</u> to fire this VP, she estimates that the firm will lose **\$1 million** whether or not he is actually the informer (since in either case the informer is still with the company).

Before deciding whether to fire the VP for finance, the CEO could order *lie detector tests*.

To avoid possible lawsuits, the lie detector tests would have to be administered to all company employees, at a total cost of **\$100,000**. \

Notation:

"States of nature":

- Y: VP is mole
- N. VP not mole

"Observations of experiment":

- •: positive test result (he is lying)
- -: negative test result (he is truthful)

Another problem she must consider is that the available lie detector tests are not perfectly reliable:

- the probability of a *false positive* is **10%**
- the probability of a *false negative* is 5%.

That is, since here "positive" means detecting a lie,

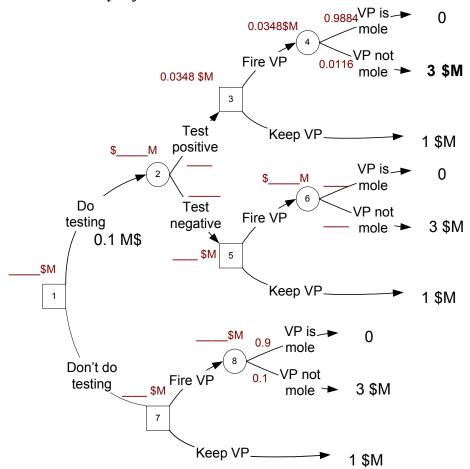
- if a person is not lying, the test will incorrectly suggest that the person is lying 10% of the time, i.e., P{+ | N} = 0.10
- if a person is lying, the test will incorrectly suggest that the person is telling the truth 5% of the time, i.e., P{ | Y} = 0.05

In order to minimize the expected total cost of managing this difficult situation, what strategy should the CEO adopt?

*Complete the decision tree, with the* probabilities and expected payoffs at the various nodes. *(You need not write values below if you have filled in all blanks on the tree!)* 

Node #8: Expected payoff: \$M
Node #7: Expected payoff: \$M
Node #6: Expected payoff: \$M
Branches from node #6: probabilities = &
Node #5: Expected payoff: \$M
Node #2: Expected payoff: \$M
Branches from node #2: probabilities = &
Node #1: Expected payoff: \$M

(Decision tree on next page)



Note that the cost of the lie detector test has not been added to the terminal nodes on the far right, but is to be added as you fold back the tree!

**IV.** *Production Planning* Production must be planned for the next eight days in order to meet scheduled shipments which have already been determined. *Other data:* 

- **Production cost** is \$7 for setup, plus \$3 per unit produced, up to a maximum of 4 units.
- Storage cost: \$1 per unit stored (based upon beginning-of-day stock), up to a maximum of 6 units in storage. (For simplicity, assume any stock in excess of 6 units is scrapped.)
- Shortages are not allowed!
- Salvage value: \$3 per unit in stock remaining in storage at the end of 8 days.
- Initial inventory: 1 unit is in stock at the beginning of the first day.
- Orders to be delivered:

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Demand	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2

A dynamic programming model was used to compute the optimal production quantities for each day in order to minimize the cost. *Note that the recursion is forward, so that stage 1 is the first day, etc.* 1. What is the minimum total cost of the eight-day schedule? \$

- 2. Complete the computation of the missing element in the table for stage 1 (first day) below. \$\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. The *initial* inventory is **1 unit**. What is the optimal production schedule? (*If more than one solution, only one is required.*)

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Demand	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2
Beginning stock	1							
Production								

\_4. Suppose that at the beginning of day #2, a unit of the product in storage is discovered to be flawed and must be discarded. How will this change the production schedule for day #2?

a. unchanged	b. increase 1 unit	c. increase 2 units
d. increase 3 units	e. increase 4 units	f. NOTA

5. (*Stochastic DP*) Suppose now that on day #1 the demand is equally likely to be 1, 2, and 3 units. What is the total *expected* cost if you use the production decision that you have specified above? (*Assume that all other demands are known with certainty as before.*)

(Storage) \$\_\_\_\_\_+ (Production) \$\_\_\_\_\_

+ (expected future costs) \$\_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_

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**V.** *Integer LP modeling Comquat* owns four production plants at which personal computers are produced. *Comquat* can sell up to 20000 computers per year at a price of \$750 per computer. For each plant, the production capacity, the production cost per computer, and the fixed cost of operating a plant for a year are given in the table below:

Plant	Annual Production	Plant Annual	Production Cost
<u>#</u>	Capacity	Fixed Cost	per Computer
1	4000	\$9 million	\$180
2	8000	\$5 million	\$310
3	9000	\$3 million	\$340
4	6000	\$1 million	\$350

The company wishes to determine how many computers it should produce at each plant in order to maximize its yearly revenue. (Note that if no computers are produced by a plant during the year, *Comquat* need not pay the fixed cost of operating the plant that year.)

We require two sets of decision variables :

 $Y_i = 1$  if the computers are produced at plant i, 0 otherwise *(binary)* and

 $X_i$  = quantity of computers produced at plant i *(continuous)* 

Complete the mixed-integer programming model to impose the constraints specified. (Assume that other similar constraints will also be imposed.)

Minimize (Annual fixed costs of plants)

+ (Annual production costs)

subject to:

1. Computers are to be produced at <u>no more than</u> 3 plants.

2. If the production line at plant 2 is set up, then that plant can produce up to 8000 computers; otherwise, none can be produced at that plant.

3. *The total production must be <u>at least 20000 computers.</u>* 

4. If the production line at plant 2 is set up, that plant must produce <u>at least</u> 2000 computers.

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**(V, continued)** The *Tower Engineering Corporation* is considering undertaking several proposed projects for the next fiscal year. The projects, together with the number of engineers required for each project, and the expected project profit, are:

_Project #	1	2	3	_ 4	_ 5	6
Engineers req'd	20	55	47	38	90	63
Profit ( $\times$ \$10 <sup>6</sup> )	1.0	1.8	2.0	1.5	3.6	2.2

Define the decision variables, for i=1,2,...6:

 $\mathbf{Y_i} = 1$  if the company undertakes project i

# 0 otherwise

Complete the integer programming model to impose the constraints specified. (Assume that other similar constraints will also be imposed.)

Maximize  $Y_1 + 1.8Y_2 + 2Y_3 + 1.5Y_4 + 3.6Y_5 + 2.2Y_6$ subject to

- 5. Only 200 engineers are available
- 6. *Project #1 can be selected <u>only if</u> Project #2 is selected*
- 7. *Projects 4 and 5 cannot both be selected.*
- 8. No more than three projects may be selected in all \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. If <u>both</u> projects 2 & 3 are selected, then project 1 cannot be selected