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Employing the median to reach the IBFS for T.P.

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Abstract--Industries must prepare to move their goods from production centers to end-users while keeping transportation costs as low as possible to maximize revenues. The transportation issue is a procedure that evaluates and minimizes the expenses associated with transportation. It is a well-debated topic in practical research because of its broad range of applications in various sectors such as scheduling, human resource management, product mix difficulties, and many others. This is an issue that affects more than just transportation and distribution. Finding a first fundamental solution to the transportation issue is a precondition for reaching the best answer to the transportation problem. In this study, we describe a novel technique for obtaining an initial basic feasible solution IBFS to transportation problems that uses a median. The proposed methodology is explained via numerical examples.

Keywords--transportation problem (TP), IBFS, optimal solution (OP).

Introduction

A valuable and practical use of linear programming, both in its formulation and solution, has been the TP algorithm (LP). The (TP) subgroup of (LP) is concerned with issues of economic improvement, such as cost reduction, when it comes to our daily effectiveness [1, 2]. When it comes to moving goods from numerous supply assets to multiple demand locations, transportation models focus on the most efficient manner of doing so [3, 4]. Identifying the most cost-effective method of distribution for the product while still satisfying the requirements of each

destination is the key objective of this project. It was created in 1941 by Hitchcock F. L. [5] and has been around ever since. When Tjalling C. Koopmans wrote his article in 1947 [6], he was attempting to address the question of (TP). They are two of the most significant advancements in transportation model research that have occurred in recent years. If you want a quick and easy way to solve (TP), you may utilize simplex approaches like the one developed by Dantzig G. B. in 1951. However, since (TP) has so many variables and restrictions, this method is impractical.

In order to create an IBFS that takes transportation costs into account, a significant number of researchers have published revisions. Some of the ways that may be used to compute an IBFS include the "North-West Corner technique," the "Least-Cost Method," and the "Vogel's Approximation Method" (TP). VAM was shown to be the most effective method based on the study. IBFS results are combined with MODI and SSM to arrive at the (OS) from the (MODI) and (SSM) distribution techniques (TP). Of all of these strategies, OS (OS) is by far the most important distinction, as opposed to a plausible solution that would result in lesser objective value at the end of the day, in most cases. "Balanced transportation" and "unbalanced transportation" are two classifications of transportation. Balanced transportation dilemmas occur when the number of sources equals the number of demands. Aside from that, it is called a transportation problem [7]. An increasing number of approaches to calculate a (IBFS) have been given during the past several years. It was found that the inferred cost method (ICM) developed by Ashraful Babu and colleagues (2014) is superior than or comparable to other approaches (VAM). The authors introduced many papers to solve the problems in different fields of sciences such as reliability [8- 17] and optimization [18- 43]. But in this work, we propose a new modification to (VAM), its outcomes are near of (OS). There are several drawbacks to the North-West Corner Method and Least Cost Method which was utilized by many authors.

Transportation problems

The classical transportation problem examines a collection of nodes or places referred to as plants ($S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_m$) that have a ready-to-ship product and another set of sites referred to as destinations ($D_1, D_2, D_3, \dots, D_n$) that need this commodity. The data set contains information on the commodity's availability at each plant ($s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_m$), the commodity's demand at each destination (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n), and the cost of shipping the commodity per unit from each plant to each destination, C_{ij} . The purpose is to determine the quantity of material that must be transported from each facility to each destination, x_{ij} , in order to meet requirements while incurring the fewest shipping costs feasible. A tableau (Table 1) and a network diagram (Figure 1) of the transportation issue are presented.

Table 1
Transportation Tableau

Destination Plants	D_1	D_2	D_3	...	D_{n-1}	D_n	Supply quantity
S_1	X_{11}	X_{12}	X_{13}	...	$X_{1,m-1}$	$X_{1,n}$	S_1
S_2	X_{21}	X_{22}	X_{23}	...	$X_{2,m-1}$	$X_{2,n}$	S_2
S_3	X_{31}	X_{32}	X_{33}	...	$X_{3,m-1}$	$X_{3,n}$	S_3
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S_{m-1}	$X_{m-1,1}$	$X_{m-1,2}$	$X_{m-1,3}$...	$X_{m-1,n-1}$	$X_{m-1,n}$	S_{m-1}
S_m	$X_{n,1}$	$X_{n,2}$	$X_{n,3}$...	$X_{m,n-1}$	$X_{m,n}$	S_m
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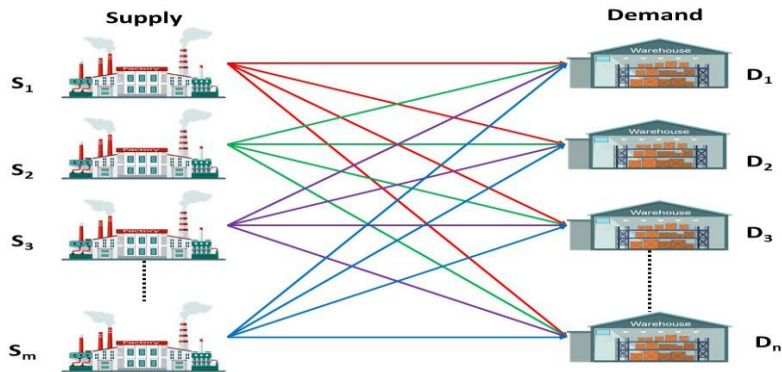


Figure 1. Network representation of general transportation problem

Please keep in mind that there are no costs associated with the fictitious destination and that the basic solution must be acceptable for the transport model. There are many possible ways to find the first solution, each of which requires a different amount of time and work [21].

Transportation Model Problem

Consider the following transportation model problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Minimized (Z)} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n C_{ij} X_{ij} && (1) \\
 \text{Subject to} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij} = a_{ij} && (2) \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^m X_{ij} = b_{ij} && (3) \\
 & X_{ij} \geq 0 && (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

Proposed Method

The researcher's approaches are easy to execute and may also serve as the fundamental answer to the issue of balanced and unbalanced transportation in order to get an effective solution (optimal or near optimal).

New Median Technique

The median is calculated as follows:

The values are arranged in increasing order of importance (or descending), if costs number is even, the median represents the arithmetic mean between two values of the order $\frac{n}{2}$ and $\frac{n}{2} + 1$, the median represents the value of the order $\frac{n+1}{2}$ if costs number is odd. The following are the fundamental phases in this method:

- The transfer schedule must be balanced.
- Calculate the median for each column only
- Choose the highest value resulting from Step (2) in all columns and then choose the cell with the lowest cost to give the proper supply to meet the needs (demand).
- If the resulting values in more than one column are equal, we choose to allocate the cell with the lowest cost.
- The row filled in the application does not enter into the following calculation.
- Repeat steps (2- 4) and after completing the filling of cells we calculate the total cost.

To make the proposed method clear and easy to understand, here are some examples:

Example 1:

	S1	S2	S3	S4	supply
D1	3 100	4	6	0	100
D2	7	3 80	8	0	80
D3	6 10	4 30	5	0 50	90
D4	7	5	2 60	0 60	120
demand	110	110	60	110	390
	6.5	4	5.5	0	
	7	4	5	0	
	-	4	5	0	
	-	4	-	0	
	-	5.5	-	0	

$$\text{Cost} = (3 \times 100) + (3 \times 80) + (6 \times 10) + (4 \times 30) + (0 \times 50) + (2 \times 60) + (0 \times 60) = 840$$

$$\text{Cost (VAM)} = 880$$

While the suggested technique outperformed the Vogel approximation method in the majority of situations, there are certain unusual or few circumstances where the proposed method outperforms the Vogel approximation method, as seen below:

	S1	S2	S3	S4	supply
D1	4	5 1	6	0 11	12
D2	3 6	1 4	5 1	0	11
D3	2	4	4 7	0	7
demand	6	5	8	1	
	3	4	5	0	
	3.5	3	5.5	0	
	3.5	3	-	0	
	-	3	-	0	

$$\text{Cost} = (20 \times 4) + (14 \times 5) + (9 \times 1) + (15 \times 5) + (10 \times 2) + (9 \times 7) + (6 \times 5) = 347$$

$$\text{Cost (VAM)} = 308$$

Conclusion

In these days, many companies seek to provide customers with cost-effective goods as possible. As a solution to this problem, the transport model provides a comprehensive framework for determining the most effective means of delivering items to customers. In this article it is recommended to use a new strategy to discover an initial basic practical answer to the challenges of transportation using the median. The efficiency of the proposed method was further examined by calculating the full cost to reduce transport difficulties, and it was discovered that it is no worse than traditional techniques. Finally, it can be said that the proposed technique has the potential to give an initial or optimal basic solution by ensuring that transportation costs are kept to a minimum.

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