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Employing the golden ratio to reach the BFS for T.P.

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Abstract---Transportation problem is critical component of optimization field, as it aims to reduce the total cost of distribution from a set of sources to a set of destinations. Numerous transportation alternatives have been examined in the literature. Certain strategies, such as the northwest corner method (NWC), the low cost method (LCM), and the Vogel approximation method (VAM) were designed to identify the simplest possible solution, while others were designed to identify the optimal solution. The Golden Ratio is employed in this study to approximate the ideal solution. This technique employs the golden ratio to alleviate transportation concerns (1.61803). To begin with, the said ratio is raised to the second lowest cost and we determine the optimal cost of converting amounts from supply to supply peaks, where desired results have been obtained which are solutions that are close to the optimal solution.

Keywords---transportation problem, new algorithm, initial solution, optimal solution.

Introduction

In operations research, the transportation issue is a subset of linear programming problems. In general, the transportation issue is concerned with the distribution of high- quality sources (sources) to numerous destinations (warehouses) [1]. The model's purpose is to find the delivery plan that minimizes overall shipping costs while meeting supply and demand constraints. The model assumes that the cost of shipping is proportional to the number of units sent along a certain route [2].

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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
<i>Demand quantity</i>	d_1	d_2	d_3	...	d_{n-1}	d_n	

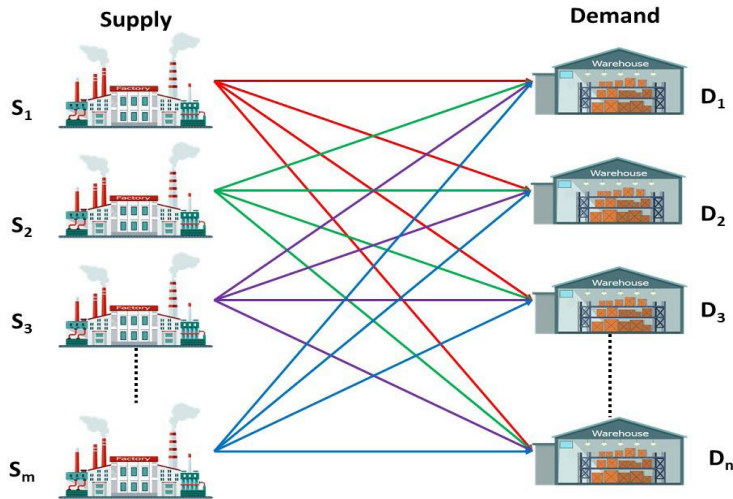


Figure 1: Network representation of general transportation problem

Note that the cost of the dummy destination is zero. To find the basic solution acceptable to the transport model, there are several different methods in terms of time and effort required to reach the initial solution. Three most commonly used methods to obtain an acceptable basic solution are:

1. Northwest-corner method: This is the easiest method to solve the transportation problems, since you do not take into account costs using any scientific logic in the distribution process (distribution of available quantities).
2. Least-cost method: This method is better than the previous one, considering the cost of transportation from the source to the center.
3. Vogel's approximation method: This method is the best one among the three classical methods to solve the transportation problems.
4. Transportation Model Problem

The general type of transportation problems is illustrated as follows:

$$\text{Minimized (Z)} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n C_{ij} X_{ij} \tag{1}$$

$$\text{Subject to} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij} = a_{ij} \tag{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m X_{ij} = b_{ij} \tag{3}$$

$$X_{ij} \geq 0 \tag{4}$$

5. The New Proposed Algorithm

The new proposed technique is simple to implement and to find the basic solution to the balance and unbalance transportation problems, moreover, it can give an effective solution (optimal or near optimal).

The new algorithm (Golden ratio technique) can be explained as follows:

Step 1: The transportation table must be balanced.

Step 2: Use the mathematical formula $\{(1.61803)^{\wedge} \text{(the second lowest cost)}\}$ and calculate it for each of the rows and columns.

Step 3: Determine the highest value that result from step (2) in all rows and columns and choose the cell with the lowest cost to give the right amount available of supply to meet the needs (demand).

Step 4: If the result values are equal in more than one row or column, choose the cell with the lowest cost to allocate the request.

Step 5: The row that ran out of width or the column that was filled in the application does not enter into the following calculation.

Step 6: Repeat steps (2- 4) and calculate the total cost.

Below some numerical examples to make the new technique clear and well understood.

Example 1:

	S1	S2	S3	S4	supply				
D1	7	3	8	2 100	100	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.23
D2	5 80	6 120	11	12	200	17.94	17.94	321.98	---
D3	10	4 50	7 190	6 60	300	17.94	17.94	17.94	17.94
demand	80	170	190	160	600				
	29.03	6.85	46.9	17.94					
	29.03	6.85	---	17.94					
	---	6.85	---	17.94					
	---	6.85	---	17.94					

Cost = $(2*100) + (5*80) + (6*120) + (4*50) + (7*190) + (6*60) = 3210$, where the cost of (VAM) = 3210

Example 2

	S1	S2	S3	S4	supply					
D1	3 100	4	6	0	100	4.23	---	---	---	---

D2	7	3 80	8	0	80	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.23
D3	6 10	4 30	5	0 50	90	6.85	6.85	6.85	6.85	6.85
D4	7	5	2 60	0 60	120	2.61	2.61	2.61	11.09	---
demand	110	110	60	110	390					
	17.9	6.85	11.09	1						
	29.03	6.85	11.09	1						
	---	6.85	11.09	1						
	---	6.85	---	1						
	---	6.85	---	1						

Cost = $(3 \times 100) + (3 \times 80) + (6 \times 10) + (4 \times 30) + (0 \times 60) + (2 \times 50) + (0 \times 60) = 840$
 The cost of (VAM) = 880

Note that the performance of the proposed method was equal to or (better than) Vogel approximation method in most cases, but there are some rare or few cases where the performance of the proposed method is undesirable where the result of (VAM) is little better, as in the following example.

Example 3

	S1	S2	S3	S4	supply				
D1	6	3 12	5 2	4 8	22	6.85	11.09	17.9	11.09
D2	3	9	2 14	7	14	4.23	4.23	4.23	2.61
D3	5 7	7	8 1	6	8	17.9	17.9	46.9	46.9
demand	7	12	17	8					
	11.09	29.03	11.09	17.9					
	11.09	-	11.09	17.9					
	11.09	-	11.09	-					
	-	-	11.09	-					

Cost = $(3 \times 12) + (5 \times 2) + (4 \times 8) + (2 \times 14) + (5 \times 7) + (8 \times 1) = 149$
 Cost (VAM) = 148

Conclusion

Transportation models are the least cost method of moving a product created in several factories or from multiple factories to a variety of different warehouses. This is critical in logistics management. We improved the present administrative organization's solution approach via the using of the newly proposed allocation technique in order to produce a basic feasible solution to transportation challenges. Eventually, the suggested strategy will assist industry management in determining its own supply routes. Again, the same principle may apply to various approaches in which the penalty cost or cost cell difference must be determined. Furthermore, the researchers may be conducted to determine the performance of the same process using other methodologies.

The efficacy of the new presented approach is shown in the study of the outcome and evaluation section, where the suggested method's overall performance is evaluated. The new algorithm is more computationally efficient and takes less time to acquire a potential first fundamental solution to transportation problems, and its outcomes in most cases is better than (VAM) method and it's near the optimal solution. The more optimum solution requires fewer repetitions with a better beginning solution. Taking all of these into account, we assert that our suggested technique may be utilized to generate an initial basic solution to transportation problems and can be included into any operation research project.

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