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LINEAR MATHEMATICAL PROGRAMMING

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EXAMINERS

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Use of a non-programmable pocket calculator is permissible

Closed book examination

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This paper consists of 5 pages and a sheet of graph paper

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all the questions

Show all workings.

Marks will be allocated for intermediate steps and not for final answers only

Question 1**[10]**

Remove the graph paper attached to this examination paper and use it to answer this question. Write your student number and the module code on the graph paper and, after you have answered the question, place it inside your answer book.

Consider the following LP model

$$\text{Maximise } Z = 70x_1 + 30x_2$$

subject to

$$5x_1 + 6x_2 \leq 90$$

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 30$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 10$$

$$\text{and } x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

- (1 1) Represent the constraints on a graph (represent x_1 on the horizontal axis and x_2 on the vertical axis). Indicate the feasible region clearly on your graph. (7)
- (1 2) Use the corner-point method to solve the LP model. Write down your findings in detail. (3)

Question 2**[4]**

Determine the inverse of $F = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

Question 3**[8]**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 13 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ -1 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where possible, compute the matrix represented by each of the following expressions. State clearly when an operation is not defined, and explain why.

(3 1) $CA + B$ (2)

(3 2) $(AC)^T$ (3)

(3 3) $-B$ (1)

(3 4) $|C|$ (2)

Question 4 [10]

A South African company manufactures two types of office chairs, namely a business type (A) and an executive type (B). The production process at the company is divided into three distinct phases. These phases are carpentry, finishing touches and packaging.

The production of chair type (A) requires 7 hours of carpentry, 3 hours of finishing touches and 2 hours of packaging. The production of chair type (B) requires 4 hours of carpentry, 2 hours of finishing touches and 3 hours of packaging.

Due to the limited availability of skilled labour as well as machines and tools, 100 hours of carpentry, 30 hours of finishing touches and 20 hours of packaging are available each day.

The profit for type (A) is R200 and for type (B) is R500. Management wants to determine how many chairs of type (A) and type (B) should be produced each day in order to maximise the total profit.

Formulate this problem as a linear programming model. Define the variables clearly. **DO NOT** solve your model.

Question 5 [6]

$$\text{Let } D = \begin{bmatrix} 3a - b & b + 3c \\ 2b + c & -a + 4b \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } E = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 9 \\ 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

What are the values of a , b and c in matrix D above if $D - E = 0$?

Question 6 [12]

A railway company wishes to purchase a new fleet of railway carriages. The fleet must have the capacity to transport at least 2800 tons of coal and at least 1300 tons of lumber at any given moment. Furthermore, at least a quarter of the carriages must be able to transport coal. The company can buy three types of carriages: models A , B and C .

- One carriage of model A costs 5,8 million rand and can transport 21 tons of coal.
- One carriage of model B costs 3,6 million rand and can transport 5 tons of lumber.
- One carriage of model C costs 6,1 million rand and can transport either 17 tons of coal or 9 tons of lumber (not both simultaneously).

What is the least cost for which the company can buy a fleet with the desired capacity?

Formulate this problem as a linear programming model. Define the variables clearly. **DO NOT** solve your model.

Question 7**[15]**

The following systems of equations were obtained by applying the simplex method to different maximisation problems (x_1, x_2, x_3 are decision variables, s_1, s_2, s_3 are slack variables and Z indicates the value of the objective function)

In each case, state whether the given solution is optimal or not.

- If the solution is optimal, write down the complete solution and identify any special kind of solution or constraint. Justify your answer.
- If the solution is not optimal, determine the entering and leaving variables for the next iteration of the simplex method. Justify your answer.
- If there is no feasible solution, or if the solution is unbounded, state why.

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
 (7.1) & 2x_1 + x_2 & + 2s_1 & = 1400 \\
 & x_1 & + x_3 & + s_2 = 600 \\
 & 3x_1 & + 2x_3 - s_1 & + s_3 = 650 \\
 & Z - 2x_1 & - 8x_3 + 6s_1 & = 4200
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
 (7.2) & 0,5x_1 + x_2 & + 0,5s_1 & = 350 \\
 & x_1 & + x_3 & + s_2 = 600 \\
 & 0,5x_1 & - 0,5s_1 - s_2 & + s_3 = 50 \\
 & Z + 1,5x_1 & + 1,5s_1 + 2s_2 & = 2250
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
 (7.3) & - 5x_1 + x_2 & + 3s_2 & = 30 \\
 & - 2x_1 & - s_2 + s_3 & = 30 \\
 & - x_1 & + s_1 + 20s_2 & = 20 \\
 & Z - 85x_1 & + 20s_2 & = 600
 \end{array}$$

Question 8**[15]**

Consider the following LP model

Maximise $Z = 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3$

subject to

$$3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 60$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 10$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \leq 20$$

and $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

(8 1) Solve this linear programming model using the simplex method

(12)

(8 2) Give the optimal solution in full

(3)

TOTAL [80]

