

**Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June/July 2013**  
**Operations Research**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

**Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting  
at least TWO questions from each part.**

**PART – A**

1. a. Define operations research. List and explain the various phases of an operations research study. (08 Marks)
- b. A farmer has to plant two kinds of trees P and Q in a land of  $400\text{m}^2$  area. Each P tree requires at least  $25\text{m}^2$  and Q tree requires  $40\text{m}^2$  of land. The annual water requirement of P tree is 30 units and of Q tree is 15 units per tree, while at most 3000 units of water is available. It is also estimated that the ratio of the number of Q trees to the number of P trees should not be less than  $6/19$  and should not be more than  $17/8$ . The return per tree from P is expected to be one and half times as much as from Q tree. Formulate the problem as an LPP model. (06 Marks)

- c. Use the graphical method to solve the following LPP.

$$\text{Minimize } Z = 1.5x_1 + 2.5x_2$$

$$\text{Subject to the constraints } x_1 + 3x_2 \geq 3,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 2$$

$$\text{And } x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

(06 Marks)

2. a. Define basic solution and obtain all the basic solutions to the following system of linear equations:

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 10,$$

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 = 12$$

Also, classify the solutions into

- i) Basic feasible solution
- ii) Degenerate basic solution
- iii) Non-degenerate basic feasible solution.

(07 Marks)

- b. Solve the following LPP using simplex method:

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 10x_1 + 15x_2 + 8x_3$$

Subject to the constraints

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 200,$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 220,$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 180,$$

$$x_1 \geq 10,$$

$$x_2 \geq 20,$$

$$x_3 \geq 30$$

$$\text{and } x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0.$$

(13 Marks)

3. a. Solve the following LPP by two-phase simplex method:

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 3x_1 - x_2$$

Subject to the constraints

$$2x_1 + x_2 \geq 2,$$

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

$$x_2 \leq 4$$

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

(10 Marks)

- b. Solve the following LPP by Big-M method:

$$\text{Maximize } Z = -2x_1 - x_2$$

Subject to the constraints

$$3x_1 + x_2 = 3,$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 \geq 6,$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 4$$

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

(10 Marks)

- 4 a. Solve the following LPP by revised simplex method:

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 2x_1 + x_2$$

Subject to the constraints

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 6,$$

$$6x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$$

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

(12 Marks)

- b. Explain the following:

i) Weak duality property

ii) Strong duality property

iii) Complementary solutions property

iv) Complementary optimal solutions property.

(08 Marks)

### PART - B

- 5 a. Write any five key relationships between the primal and the dual problems. (05 Marks)

- b. Write the duals of the following LPP's.

i) Maximize  $Z = 7x_1 + 4x_2 + 5x_3$

Subject to the constraints

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 10,$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 6$$

$$\text{and } x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0.$$

ii) Minimize  $Z = 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3$

Subject to the constraints

$$2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 5,$$

$$4x_1 - 2x_2 \geq 9,$$

$$-8x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 = 8$$

and  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$  and  $x_3$  is unrestricted.

(07 Marks)

- c. Solve the following LPP by dual simplex method:

$$\text{Minimize } Z = 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3$$

Subject to the constraints

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 \geq 2,$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 + 7x_3 \leq 3,$$

$$x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 \leq 5$$

$$\text{and } x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0.$$

(08 Marks)

- 6 a. A company has 3 cement factories located in 3 cities X, Y and Z which supply cement to 4 project sites located in cities A, B, C and D. Each plant can supply 6, 1 and 10 truckloads of cement daily and the daily requirements of the projects are 7, 5, 3 and 2 truckloads respectively. The transportation cost (in thousands of rupees) per truck load of cement from each plant to each project site are shown below.



		Projects			
		A	B	C	D
Plants	X	2	3	11	7
	Y	1	0	6	1
	Z	5	8	15	9

Determine the optimal distribution of the company so as to minimize the total transportation cost. Use VAM method to find the initial BFS. (12 Marks)

b. Solve the following assignment problem:

		Machines				
		M <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>4</sub>	M <sub>5</sub>
Jobs	J <sub>1</sub>	11	17	8	16	20
	J <sub>2</sub>	9	7	12	6	15
	J <sub>3</sub>	13	16	15	12	16
	J <sub>4</sub>	21	24	17	28	26
	J <sub>5</sub>	14	19	12	11	13

(08 Marks)

7 a. Define the following with respect to games:

- Pay-off
- Zero-sum game
- Saddle point.

(03 Marks)

b. Solve the following game by Dominance principle:

		Player B			
		B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>4</sub>
Player A	A <sub>1</sub>	3	2	4	0
	A <sub>2</sub>	3	4	2	4
	A <sub>3</sub>	4	2	4	0
	A <sub>4</sub>	0	4	0	8

(06 Marks)

c. Solve the following game by graphical method:

		Player B			
		B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>4</sub>
Player A	A <sub>1</sub>	8	5	-7	9
	A <sub>2</sub>	-6	6	4	-2

(07 Marks)

d. Write a short note on decision trees.

(04 Marks)

8 a. Write the outline of a basic tabu search algorithm. Explain it with the help of a minimum spanning tree problem with constraints. (10 Marks)

b. Write short notes on:

- Simulated annealing;
- Genetic algorithms.

(10 Marks)

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