

Module : Operations Research 1

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## Tutorial sheet 2

### Problem: Company production optimization

A company owns two flour mills viz. A and B, which have different production capacities for high, medium and low quality flour. The company has entered a contract to supply flour to a firm every month with at least 8, 12 and 24 quintals of high, medium and low quality respectively. It costs the company Rs.2000 and Rs.1500 per day to run mill A and B respectively. On a day, Mill A produces 6, 2 and 4 quintals of high, medium and low quality flour, Mill B produces 2, 4 and 12 quintals of high, medium and low quality flour respectively. How many days per month should each mill be operated in order to meet the contract order most economically.

**Task:** Solve the problem using python programming language.

### Solution: cpp

```
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    const int costA = 2000;
    const int costB = 1500;

    // Contractual requirements
    const int highRequirement = 8;
    const int mediumRequirement = 12;
    const int lowRequirement = 24;

    int minCost = INT_MAX;
    int optimalDaysA, optimalDaysB;

    // Brute-force search within a reasonable range (adjust as needed)
    for (int daysA = 0; daysA <= 10; ++daysA) {
        for (int daysB = 0; daysB <= 10; ++daysB) {
            // Production from each mill
            int productionA = 6 * daysA + 2 * daysB;
            int productionB = 2 * daysA + 4 * daysB;
            int productionC = 4 * daysA + 12 * daysB;

            // Check if the production meets the requirements
            if (productionA >= highRequirement && productionB >= mediumRequirement && productionC
                >= lowRequirement) {
                // Calculate the total cost
                int totalCost = costA * daysA + costB * daysB;

                // Update optimal solution if the cost is lower
                if (totalCost < minCost) {
                    minCost = totalCost;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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```
        optimalDaysA = daysA;
        optimalDaysB = daysB;
    }
}
}
}

// Print the results
std::cout << "Optimal number of days for Mill A: " << optimalDaysA << std::endl;
std::cout << "Optimal number of days for Mill B: " << optimalDaysB << std::endl;
std::cout << "Total Cost: " << minCost << std::endl;

return 0;
}
```

**Solution: Python**

```
from pulp import LpProblem, LpVariable, LpSum, LpMinimize

# Create a linear programming problem
model = LpProblem(name="Mill_Operation_Optimization", sense=LpMinimize)

# Decision variables
x = LpVariable(name="x", lowBound=0, cat="Integer")
y = LpVariable(name="y", lowBound=0, cat="Integer")

# Objective function
model += 2000 * x + 1500 * y, "Total_Cost"

# Constraints
model += 6 * x + 2 * y >= 8, "High_Quality_Flour_Constraint"
model += 2 * x + 4 * y >= 12, "Medium_Quality_Flour_Constraint"
model += 4 * x + 12 * y >= 24, "Low_Quality_Flour_Constraint"

# Solve the linear programming problem
model.solve()

# Print the results
print("Optimal number of days for Mill A:", int(x.value()))
print("Optimal number of days for Mill B:", int(y.value()))
print("Total Cost:", int(model.objective.value()))
```

**Correct answer:**