

# Plan for today

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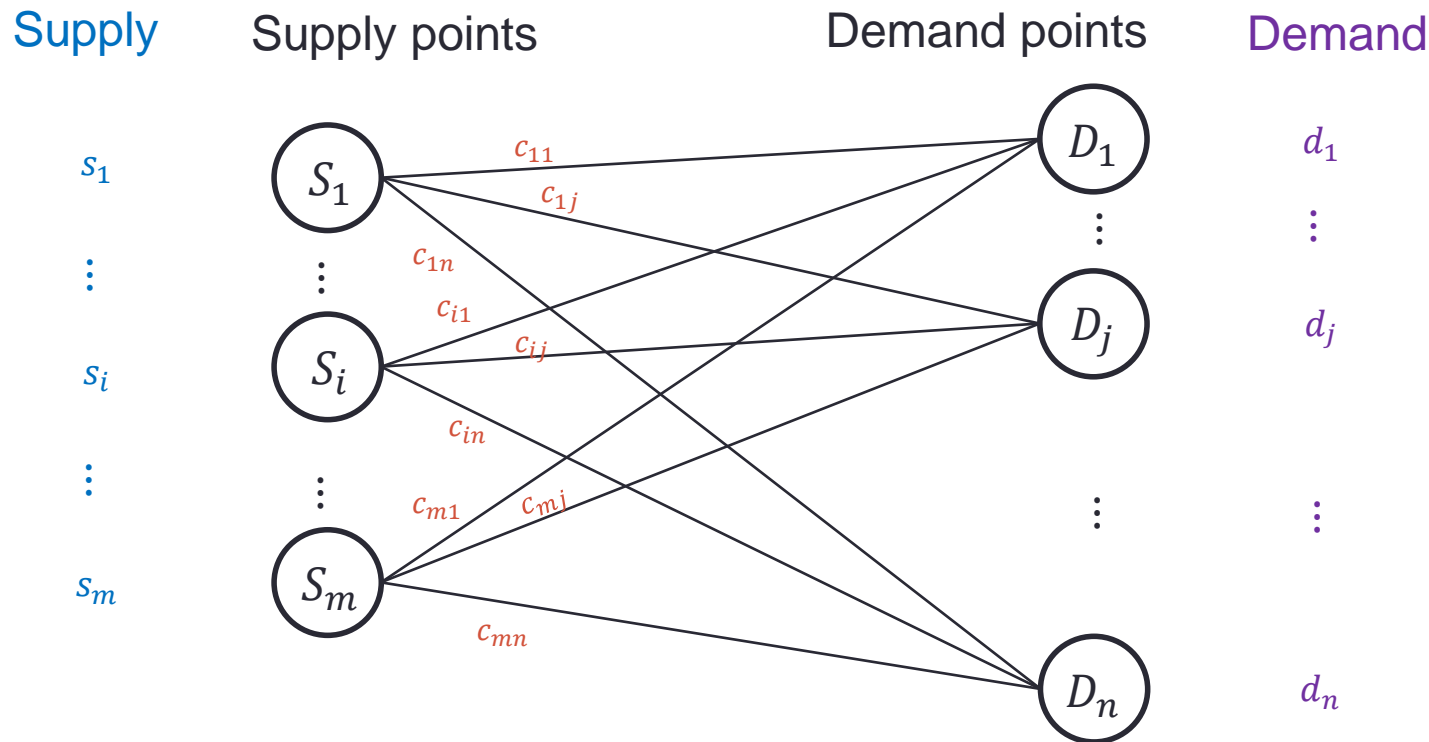


# TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

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... where we see an algorithm to solve the transportation problem

# Transportation Problem: General Case



- Single product to be transported from supply to demand
- Transportation Cost per unit from  $S_i$  to  $D_j$  is  $c_{ij} (\geq 0)$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- Supply constraints: Entire supply at every  $S_i$  must be distributed to the demand points
- Demand constraints: Entire demand at every  $D_j$  must be received from the supply points

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m s_i = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j$$

**Question: How much to transport from each supply point to each demand point to minimize cost?**

## Formulation of the general case transportation problem

$$\min Z = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = s_i \text{ for every } i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

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$$x_{ij} \geq 0 \text{ for every } i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

# ALGORITHM FOR THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

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- Can use Simplex method, but it is typically slow
- So we have a special-purpose algorithm
  - ... known as the “Transportation Simplex Method”

# A Convenient Representation of the Transportation Problem

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$S_2$	14	14	13	19	15	60
$S_3$	19	19	20	23	99	50
$S_4$	99	0	99	0	0	50
Demand	30	20	70	30	60	

Per unit shipment cost  $c_{34}$

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Demand	30	20	70	30	60	$Z = ??$

We will avoid writing the variables and

- simply write the allocations in the respective cells
- simply write the relevant allocations

Test your understanding:  
What is the objective value of this solution?

# Transportation Simplex Method: Two Stage Algorithm

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**Initialization:** Identify an initial **allocation**  
(i.e., an initial basic feasible solution)

Northwest corner rule

Allocation of  
values for  $x_{ij}$

**Iterations:** Iterative method to arrive at an optimal solution



# TRANSPORTATION SIMPLEX METHOD

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Initialization: identifying an initial basic feasible solution

# Northwest Corner Rule

	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$D_4$	$D_5$	Supply
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$S_2$	14	14 0	13 60	19	15	60
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$S_4$	99	0	99	0	0 50	50
Demand	30	<del>20</del> 0	<del>70</del> 10	30	<del>60</del> 50	$Z = 3460$

1. Start from northwest corner
2. Allocate as much as possible at  $x_{ij}$  while meeting demand and supply constraints
3. If allocation exhausts all supply from  $S_i$ , move one row down
4. Else if  $S_i$  has any supply remaining, move one column to the right

## Basic Feasible Solution to a Transportation Problem

A **basic feasible solution** is an allocation satisfying the following conditions:

1. Supply, demand constraints and non-negativity constraints are satisfied
2. There are exactly  $m + n - 1$  allocations
3. The allocations do not form a **loop**

the corresponding variables are **basic variables**



# TRANSPORTATION SIMPLEX METHOD

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Iterations: To arrive at an optimal solution

## Transportation Problem Instances have Integral Opt Solutions

**Observation:** If the supplies and demands are integers, then the transportation problem always has an integral optimum solution.

- In fact, the Transportation Simplex Method always terminates with an optimum solution whose values are integers



### Proof:

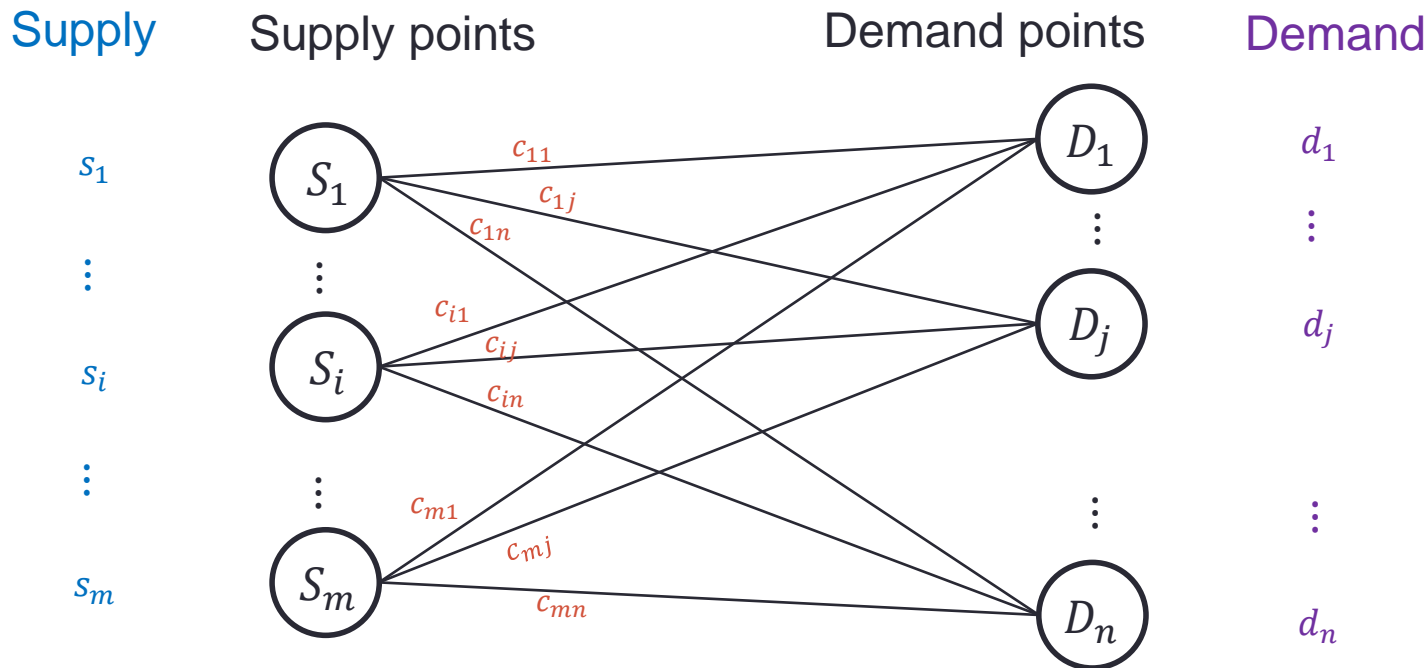
- Starting allocation (initial basic feasible solution) values obtained by Northwest Corner rule are integers
- Each iteration of the transportation simplex method transforms an allocation with integer values to another allocation with integer values
- So final optimum solution values are integers



# THE UNBALANCED CASE

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## Transportation Problem: General Case

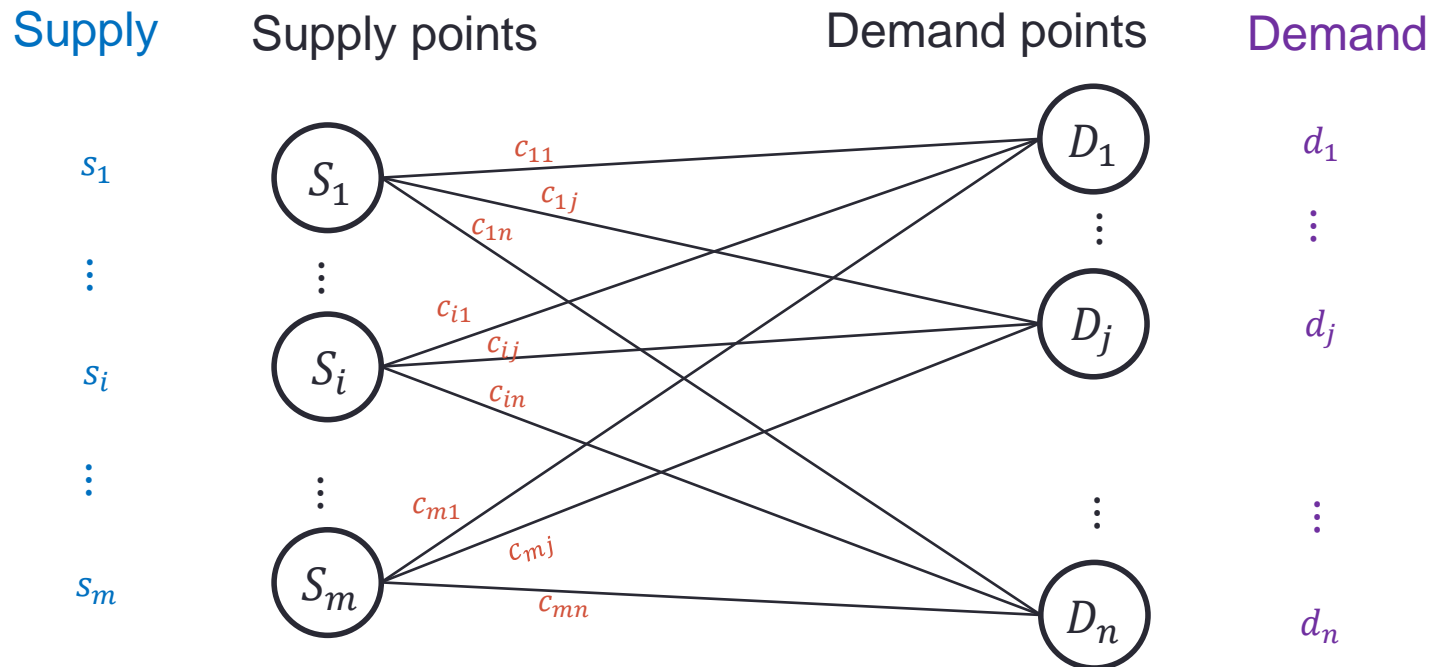


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## Formulation

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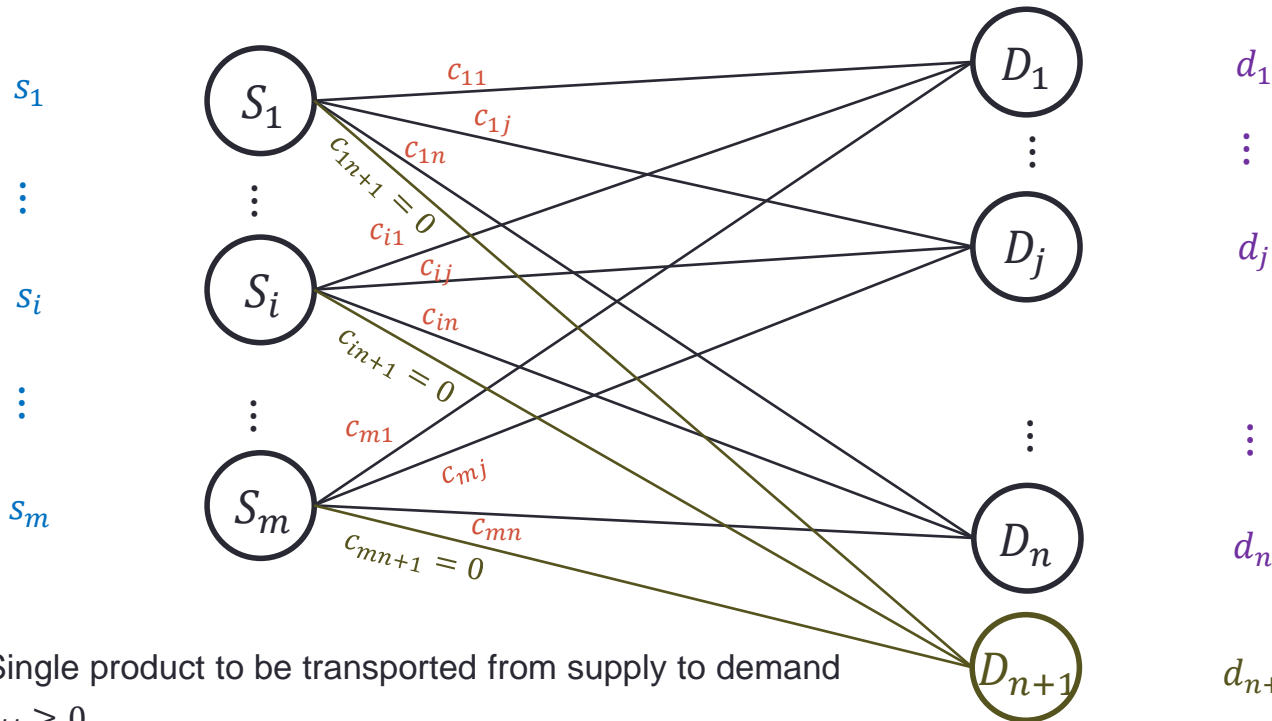
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- Since shipping costs  $c_{ij}$  are non-negative, we can assume that no demand point receives more than its required demand
- Now we have excess supply availability
- Introduce dummy demand point  $D_{n+1}$  with demand requirement  $d_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - \sum_{j=1}^n d_j$  and shipping costs  $c_{i,n+1} = 0$  for every supply  $S_i$
- Resulting transportation problem is balanced

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Supply      Supply points      Demand points      Demand



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## Formulation

$$\min Z = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = d_j \text{ for every } j \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$$

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where

$$d_{n+1} := \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \text{ and}$$

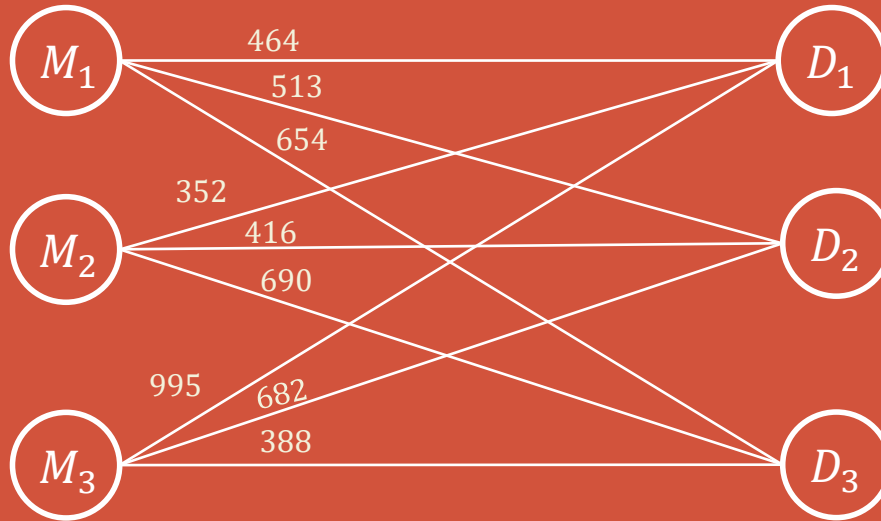
$$c_{i,n+1} := 0 \text{ for every } i = 1, \dots, m$$

**Solution Procedure:** This is the balanced transportation problem.

We know how to solve the balanced case!

Machines

Tasks



# ASSIGNMENT PROBLEM

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... where we see the assignment problem and an algorithm to solve it

Swimming: 4x100 relay medley

# Operations ... what??

				
	Adrian	Miller	Phelps	Murphy
Backstroke	51.77s	51.99s	52.33s	51.85s
Breaststroke	58.86s	58.87s	58.91s	58.95s
Butterfly	51.59s	51.17s	51.14s	51.83s
Freestyle	47.85s	48.93s	48.01s	49.31s

Question: Who swims which leg of the relay to minimize total time?

# Example

- 4 machines and 4 tasks
- Cost for machine  $i$  to process task  $j$  is  $c_{ij}$  as given below
- Each task to be assigned to exactly one machine
- Each machine can process exactly one task

		Locations			
		Jobs			
		Tasks			
		$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
Franchisees Employees Machines	$M_1$	5	9	3	6
	$M_2$	8	7	8	2
	$M_3$	6	10	12	7
	$M_4$	3	10	8	6

Question: Which task should be assigned to which machine so that the total processing cost is minimized?

# Formulation

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## Step 1: identify decision variables

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## Step 2: determine the objective function

$$\begin{aligned} \min Z = & 5x_{11} + 9x_{12} + 3x_{13} + 6x_{14} \\ & + 8x_{21} + 7x_{22} + 8x_{23} + 2x_{24} \\ & + 6x_{31} + 10x_{32} + 12x_{33} + 7x_{34} \\ & + 3x_{41} + 10x_{42} + 8x_{43} + 6x_{44} \end{aligned}$$

## Step 3: identify constraints

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} &= 1 \\ x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} &= 1 \\ x_{31} + x_{32} + x_{33} + x_{34} &= 1 \\ x_{41} + x_{42} + x_{43} + x_{44} &= 1 \\ x_{11} + x_{21} + x_{31} + x_{41} &= 1 \\ x_{12} + x_{22} + x_{32} + x_{42} &= 1 \\ x_{13} + x_{23} + x_{33} + x_{43} &= 1 \\ x_{14} + x_{24} + x_{34} + x_{44} &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

**Machine constraints:** Each machine is assigned exactly one task

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Note: Every feasible solution has exactly 4 variables that take value one, i.e., non-zero

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A non-zero variable is also known as an **assignment**



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$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$
$M_i$	$c_{i1}$	...	$c_{ij}$	...	$c_{in}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$
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# Formulation of the general case assignment problem

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# Assignment problem and Transportation problem

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This problem has an integral optimum solution

- A special case of the transportation problem
  - where  $m = n$ , with all demands and all supplies being 1
- Recall: “Integral Optimum Solution Property” of the transportation problem
  - So opt solution to Problem 2 will also give an opt solution to Problem 1

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- Problem 2 is a “highly” degenerate transportation problem
  - $n^2$  variables,  $2n$  constraints
    - ⇒ any basic feasible solution has  $2n - 1$  basic variables
  - But any feasible solution has only  $n$  non-zero variables
    - ⇒ Among the  $2n - 1$  basic variables,  $n$  basic variables take a value of one and the remaining  $n - 1$  basic variables take a value of zero
- Degenerate problems have too many intermediate iterations which do not improve on the objective
- So we do not use the transportation simplex method directly, but use a special-purpose algorithm



# THE UNBALANCED CASE

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... can be converted to the balanced case

# Machine Location Problem

- 4 possible locations, 3 machines
- Cost  $c_{ij}$  for installing machine  $M_i$  in location  $T_j$
- Each machine is to be installed in exactly one location
- Each location can accommodate at most one machine

Question: How to pick 3 locations for the 3 machines to minimize total cost?

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2. Introduce dummy machine  $M_4$  to account for the extra location

Now the optimum solution for the resulting assignment problem instance with  $n = 4$  gives an optimum solution to our original problem

# HUNGARIAN ALGORITHM

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... special purpose algorithm to solve the assignment problem

# Observation 1

- Number of machines = Number of tasks, say they are =  $n$
- Given: Cost  $c_{ij} (\geq 0)$  associated with machine  $i$  performing task  $j$
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	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
$M_1$	2	0	1	5
$M_2$	2	7	0	3
$M_3$	0	2	5	1
$M_4$	0	0	0	0

**Obs 1:** Since all  $c_{ij}$ s are  $\geq 0$ , if we have  $n$  assignments with  $Z = 0$ , then it is an optimum assignment

# Observation 2

- Consider first row  $M_1$
- This machine has to be assigned to one of the four tasks
- If all tasks uniformly decrease their cost by one dollar for  $M_1$ , then the optimum assignment will not change, but only the optimum objective value will change (decrease by one dollar)

	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
$M_1$	3	6	2	1
$M_2$	15	$M$	13	20
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# Idea



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- **Obs 2:** If all tasks uniformly decrease their cost by one dollar for  $M_1$ , then the optimum solution will not change
- Approach: Create as many zeroes in the matrix as possible by uniformly reducing rows and columns
  - If we can find  $n$  assignments with  $Z = 0$  in the reduced matrix then that assignment is optimum

# Steps 1 & 2

- Step 1: For each row, subtract row min from that row
- Step 2: For each col, subtract column minimum from that col
- Reduced matrix
  - each row will have at least one zero and
  - each column will have at least one zero

Original Matrix						Reduced Matrix				
	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$			$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
$M_1$	13	16	12	11	→	$M_1$	2	5	1	0
$M_2$	15	$M$	13	20		$M_2$	2	$M$	0	7
$M_3$	5	7	10	6		$M_3$	0	2	5	1
$M_4$	0	0	0	0		$M_4$	0	0	0	0

# Step 3

- Find a **maximum assignment** using zero entries in the reduced cost matrix

Choose a maximum possible number of zeroes such that each row and each col has at most one chosen zero

If we can find  $n$  assignments in the reduced cost matrix, then we have an optimum

Original Matrix

	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
$M_1$	13	16	12	11
$M_2$	15	$M$	13	20
$M_3$	5	7	10	6
$M_4$	0	0	0	0

Optimum solution is  
 $x_{14}^* = 1, x_{23}^* = 1, x_{31}^* = 1, x_{42}^* = 1$

Optimal cost is  $11 + 13 + 5 + 0 = 29$



Reduced Matrix

	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
$M_1$	2	5	1	0
$M_2$	2	$M$	0	7
$M_3$	0	2	5	1
$M_4$	0	0	0	0

Optimum solution is  
 $x_{14}^* = 1, x_{23}^* = 1, x_{31}^* = 1, x_{42}^* = 1$

Optimal cost is 0

## Step 3: How to look for a zero-cost assignment?

Attempt 1: Process the zeroes in arbitrary order and make an assignment when possible

A situation where arbitrary processing ordering fails

	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
$M_1$	2	5	1	0
$M_2$	2	$M$	0	7
$M_3$	0	2	5	1
$M_4$	0	0	0	0



# Step 3: How to look for a zero-cost assignment?

## Another rule:

Repeat until no more assignments can be made:

- a. If any remaining col or row has exactly one zero, then make an assignment
  - b. If all rows and cols have at least 2 zeroes, then pick an arbitrary assignment
- Once an assignment is made, the other zeros in the corresponding row and column cannot be used for the assignment
    - so cross out the row and column

	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
$M_1$	2	5	1	0
$M_2$	2	M	0	7
$M_3$	0	2	5	1
$M_4$	0	0	0	0



Watch out: Rule may still not give a maximum assignment

→ Always inspect for a zero-cost assignment

# Steps 1, 2 & 3 may not lead to optimal solution

- An example

	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$	$T_5$
$M_1$	80	0	30	120	0
$M_2$	80	0	30	120	0
$M_3$	60	60	$M$	80	0
$M_4$	60	60	$M$	80	0
$M_5$	0	90	0	0	$M$

- Cannot reduce further
  - ... since every row and every column has at least one zero
- Rule does not give a zero-cost assignment