

Operations Research

Homework 1

Due on September 14, 2021

Note: Your homework must be submitted via moodle (see the link on the class website) on the due day BEFORE CLASS.

Problem 1 [8 points]

Solve the following LP problem graphically. Minimize

$$Z = 8x_1 + 12x_2$$

subject to

$$5x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 20,$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 \geq 24,$$

$$x_2 \geq 2,$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

Problem 2 [6 points]

A sum of 12 000\$ is to be invested. At least half the amount will go into an investment earning 6% annual interest, but involving some risk. Thus, the amount in the risky investment may not be more than three times the amount in a second, relatively riskless investment earning 5% annual interest. How much should be invested into each in order to maximize interest?

Problem 3 [6 points] (Exercise 24 from Larson)

Two gasolines, type A and type B, have octane ratings of 80 and 92, respectively. Type A costs 0.83\$ per liter and type B costs 0.98\$ per liter. Determine the blend of minimum cost with an octane rating of at least 90. [Hint: Let x_1 be the fraction of each liter that is type A and x_2 be the fraction that is type B.]