Miscellaneous Examples

Example 9 **(Diet problem)** A dietician has to develop a special diet using two foods P and Q. Each packet (containing 30 g) of food P contains 12 units of calcium, 4 units of iron, 6 units of cholesterol and 6 units of vitamin A. Each packet of the same quantity of food Q contains 3 units of calcium, 20 units of iron, 4 units of cholesterol and 3 units of vitamin A. The diet requires atleast 240 units of calcium, atleast 460 units of iron and at most 300 units of cholesterol. How many packets of each food should be used to minimise the amount of vitamin A in the diet? What is the minimum amount of vitamin A?

Solution Let x and y be the number of packets of food P and Q respectively. Obviously $x \geq 0$, $y \geq 0$. Mathematical formulation of the given problem is as follows:

Minimise $Z = 6x + 3y$ (vitamin A)

subject to the constraints

$12x + 3y \geq 240$ (constraint on calcium), i.e. $4x + y \geq 80$ ... (1)

$4x + 20y \geq 460$ (constraint on iron), i.e. $x + 5y \geq 115$ ... (2)

$6x + 4y \leq 300$ (constraint on cholesterol), i.e. $3x + 2y \leq 150$ ... (3)

$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ ... (4)

Let us graph the inequalities (1) to (4).

The feasible region (shaded) determined by the constraints (1) to (4) is shown in Fig 12.10 and note that it is bounded.

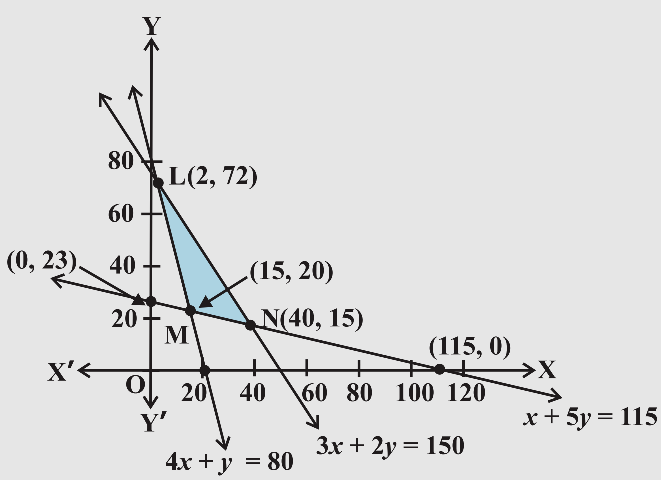

Fig 12.10

The coordinates of the corner points L, M and N are (2, 72), (15, 20) and (40, 15) respectively. Let us evaluate Z at these points:

Corner Point	$Z = 6x + 3y$	
(2, 72)	228	
(15, 20)	**150** ←	Minimum
(40, 15)	285	

From the table, we find that Z is minimum at the point (15, 20). Hence, the amount of vitamin A under the constraints given in the problem will be minimum, if 15 packets of food P and 20 packets of food Q are used in the special diet. The minimum amount of vitamin A will be 150 units.

Example 10 **(Manufacturing problem)** A manufacturer has three machines I, II and III installed in his factory. Machines I and II are capable of being operated for at most 12 hours whereas machine III must be operated for atleast 5 hours a day. She produces only two items M and N each requiring the use of all the three machines.

The number of hours required for producing 1 unit of each of M and N on the three machines are given in the following table:

Items	**Number of hours required on machines**		
	I	II	III
M	1	2	1
N	2	1	1.25

She makes a profit of Rs 600 and Rs 400 on items M and N respectively. How many of each item should she produce so as to maximise her profit assuming that she can sell all the items that she produced? What will be the maximum profit?

Solution Let x and y be the number of items M and N respectively.
Total profit on the production = Rs $(600x + 400y)$
Mathematical formulation of the given problem is as follows:
Maximise $Z = 600x + 400y$
subject to the constraints:

$$x + 2y \le 12 \text{ (constraint on Machine I)} \quad \dots (1)$$
$$2x + y \le 12 \text{ (constraint on Machine II)} \quad \dots (2)$$
$$x + \frac{5}{4}y \ge 5 \text{ (constraint on Machine III)} \quad \dots (3)$$
$$x \ge 0,\ y \ge 0 \quad \dots (4)$$

Let us draw the graph of constraints (1) to (4). ABCDE is the feasible region (shaded) as shown in Fig 12.11 determined by the constraints (1) to (4). Observe that the feasible region is bounded, coordinates of the corner points A, B, C, D and E are (5, 0) (6, 0), (4, 4), (0, 6) and (0, 4) respectively.

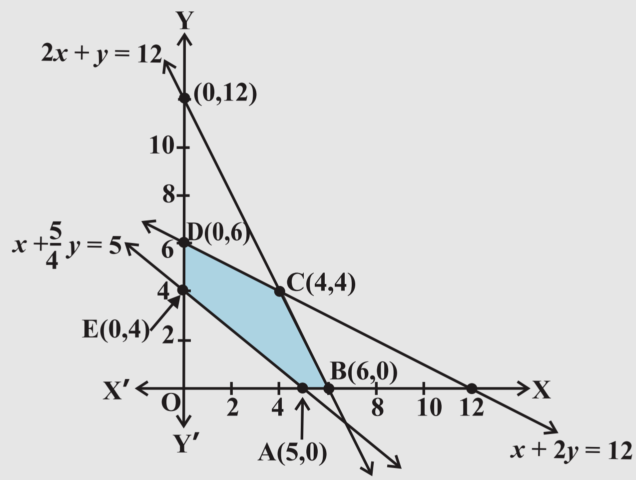

Fig 12.11

Let us evaluate Z = 600 x + 400 y at these corner points.

Corner point	Z = 600 x + 400 y	
(5, 0)	3000	
(6, 0)	3600	
(4, 4)	**4000** ←	Maximum
(0, 6)	2400	
(0, 4)	1600	

We see that the point (4, 4) is giving the maximum value of Z. Hence, the manufacturer has to produce 4 units of each item to get the maximum profit of Rs 4000.

Example 11 **(Transportation problem)** There are two factories located one at place P and the other at place Q. From these locations, a certain commodity is to be delivered to each of the three depots situated at A, B and C. The weekly requirements of the depots are respectively 5, 5 and 4 units of the commodity while the production capacity of the factories at P and Q are respectively 8 and 6 units. The cost of transportation per unit is given below:

From/To	Cost (in Rs)		
	A	B	C
P	160	100	150
Q	100	120	100

How many units should be transported from each factory to each depot in order that the transportation cost is minimum. What will be the minimum transportation cost?

Solution The problem can be explained diagrammatically as follows (Fig 12.12):

Let x units and y units of the commodity be transported from the factory at P to the depots at A and B respectively. Then $(8 - x - y)$ units will be transported to depot at C (Why?)

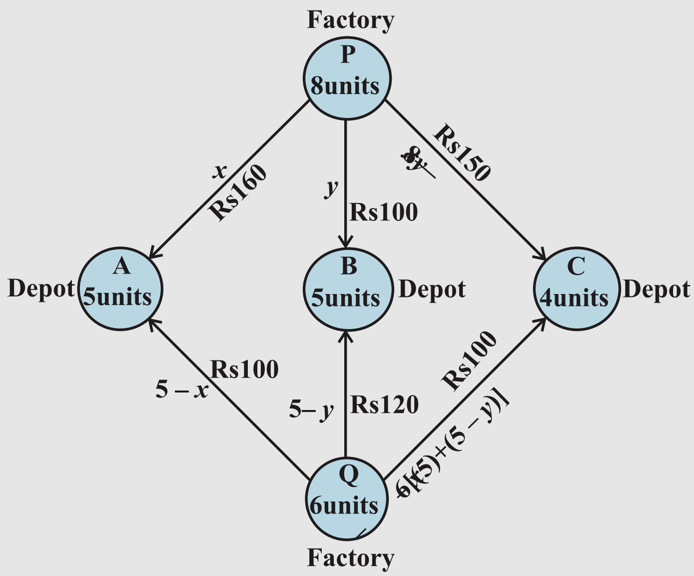

Fig 12.12

Hence, we have $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ and $8 - x - y \geq 0$

i.e. $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ and $x + y \leq 8$

Now, the weekly requirement of the depot at A is 5 units of the commodity. Since x units are transported from the factory at P, the remaining $(5 - x)$ units need to be transported from the factory at Q. Obviously, $5 - x \geq 0$, i.e. $x \leq 5$.

Similarly, $(5 - y)$ and $6 - (5 - x + 5 - y) = x + y - 4$ units are to be transported from the factory at Q to the depots at B and C respectively.

Thus, $5 - y \geq 0$, $x + y - 4 \geq 0$

i.e. $y \leq 5$, $x + y \geq 4$

Total transportation cost Z is given by

$$Z = 160\,x + 100\,y + 150\,(8 - x - y) + 100\,(5 - x) + 120\,(5 - y) + 100\,(x + y - 4)$$
$$= 10\,(x - 7\,y + 190)$$

Therefore, the problem reduces to

Minimise $Z = 10\,(x - 7y + 190)$

subject to the constraints:

$x \geq 0,\ y \geq 0$ ... (1)

$x + y \leq 8$ ... (2)

$x \leq 5$ ... (3)

$y \leq 5$ ... (4)

and $x + y \geq 4$ ... (5)

The shaded region ABCDEF represented by the constraints (1) to (5) is the feasible region (Fig 12.13).

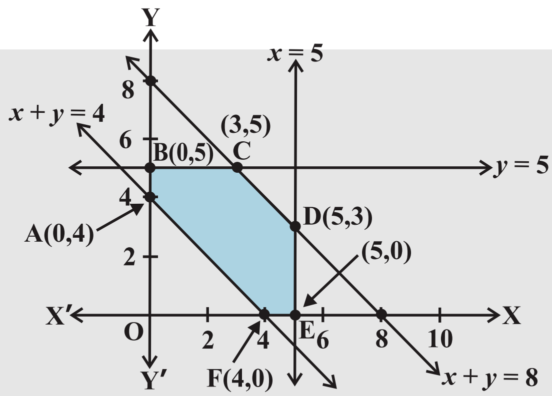

Fig 12.13

Observe that the feasible region is bounded. The coordinates of the corner points of the feasible region are (0, 4), (0, 5), (3, 5), (5, 3), (5, 0) and (4, 0). Let us evaluate Z at these points.

Corner Point	$Z = 10\,(x - 7\,y + 190)$	
(0, 4)	1620	
(0, 5)	1550 ←	Minimum
(3, 5)	1580	
(5, 3)	1740	
(5, 0)	1950	
(4, 0)	1940	

From the table, we see that the minimum value of Z is 1550 at the point (0, 5).

Hence, the optimal transportation strategy will be to deliver 0, 5 and 3 units from the factory at P and 5, 0 and 1 units from the factory at Q to the depots at A, B and C respectively. Corresponding to this strategy, the transportation cost would be minimum, i.e., Rs 1550.

Miscellaneous Exercise on Chapter 12

1. Refer to Example 9. How many packets of each food should be used to maximise the amount of vitamin A in the diet? What is the maximum amount of vitamin A in the diet?