

UNIT-4 ASSIGNMENT PROBLEM.

The assignment problem is a special case of the transportation problem in which the objective is to assign a number of origins to the equal no. of destinations at a minimum cost (or) maximum profit.

Mathematical formulation of assignment problem.

		Activity					Available
		A ₁	A ₂	.....	A _n	
Resource	R ₁	C ₁₁	C ₁₂	.....	C _{1n}	1
	R ₂	C ₂₁	C ₂₂	.....	C _{2n}	1
	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	
	R _n	C _{n1}	C _{n2}	.....	C _{nn}	1
Required		1	1	.....	1	

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

Subject to the constraints:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = 1 \quad \& \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 1$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0 \text{ (or) } 1 \quad \forall \quad i=1,2,\dots,n \quad \& \quad j=1,2,\dots,n$$

The Assignment Method (or) Hungarian Method:

- Step 1: Determine the cost table from the given problem
- (i) If the no. of sources is equal to the no. of destinations, go to step 3.
 - (ii) If the no. of sources is not equal to the no. of destinations, go to step 2.

Step 2: Add a dummy source (or) dummy destination so that the cost table becomes a square matrix. The cost entries of dummy source / destinations are always zero.

Step 3: Locate the smallest element in each row of the given cost matrix and then subtract the same from each element of that row.

Step 4: In the reduced matrix obtained in step 3, locate the smallest element of each column and then subtract the same from each element of that column. Each column and row now have atleast one zero.

Steps: In the modified matrix obtained in step 4, search for an optimal assignment as follows:

(a) Examine the rows successively until a row with a single zero is found. Encircle this zero (\square) and cross off (\times) all other zeros in its column. Continue in this manner until all the rows have been taken care of.

(b) Repeat the procedure for each column of the reduced matrix.

(c) If a row and/or column has two or more zeros and one cannot be chosen by inspection then assign arbitrarily any one of these zeros and cross off all other zeros of that row/column.

(d) Repeat (a) through (c) above successively until the chain of assigning (\square) or cross (\times) ends.

Steps: If the number of assignments (\square) is equal to n (the order of the cost matrix), an optimum solution is reached.

If the no. of assignments is less than n (the order of the matrix), go to the next step.

Step 1: Draw the minimum no. of horizontal and/or vertical lines to cover all the zeros of the reduced matrix. This can be conveniently done by using a simple procedure. (a) Mark (\times) rows that do not have any assigned zero.

(b) Mark (\checkmark) columns that have zeros in the marked rows.

(c) Mark (\checkmark) rows that have assigned zeros in the marked columns.

(d) Repeat (b) and (c) above until the chain of marking is completed.

(e) Draw lines through all the unmarked rows and marked columns. This gives us the desired minimum no. of lines.

Steps: Develop the new revised cost matrix as follows:

(a) Find the smallest element of the reduced matrix not covered by any of the lines.

(b) Subtract this element from all the uncovered elements and add the same to all the elements lying at the intersection of any two lines.

Step 4: Go to step 6 and repeat the procedure until an optimum solution is attained.

Problems:

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	E	F	G	H
A	18	26	17	11
B	13	28	14	26
C	38	19	18	15
D	19	26	24	10

Subtracting the smallest element of each row
Row reduction

7	15	6	0
0	15	1	13
23	4	3	0
9	16	14	0

Subtracting the smallest element of ^{each} column
Column reduction

7	11	5	0
-0	11	0	13
23	-0	2	0
9	12	13	0

zeros $3 \neq 4$
 $\therefore P < n$.

The smallest no. not covered by the lines.

Subtract the element from uncovered elements
Adding the element from intersect the line.

	E	F	G	H
A	-2	6	0	11
B	0	11	0	13
C	23	0	2	5
D	4	7	8	0

Ans: $\therefore P = n$.

A \rightarrow G, B \rightarrow E,
C \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow H.

The min total time for this assignment = $17 + 13 + 19 + 10$

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A company wishes to assign 3 jobs to 3 machines in such a way that each job is assigned to some machine & no

cost matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 & 6 \\ 5 & 7 & 8 \\ 6 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Soln:

Given

	M ₁	M ₂	M ₃
J ₁	8	7	6
J ₂	5	7	8
J ₃	6	8	7

Row reduction

	M ₁	M ₂	M ₃
J ₁	2	1	0
J ₂	0	2	3
J ₃	0	2	1

Column reduction

	M ₁	M ₂	M ₃
J ₁	2	0	0
J ₂	0	1	3
J ₃	0	1	1

$\therefore p < n$

The minimum no. of lines (2) < the order of the cost number

	M ₁	M ₂	M ₃
J ₁	3	0	0
J ₂	0	0	2
J ₃	0	0	0

∴ P = 0

∴ the optimum assignment is

	M ₁	M ₂	M ₃
J ₁		0	∞
J ₂	0	∞	
J ₃	∞	∞	0

∴ The optimum assignment is

- Job 1 → Machine 2
- Job 2 → Machine 1
- Job 3 → Machine 3

The total minimum cost = 7 + 5 + 7 = 19

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Surplus		a	Deficit	b	c	d	e
Cities	A	85	75	65	125	75	
	B	90	78	66	132	78	
	C	75	66	57	114	69	
	D	80	72	60	120	72	
	E	76	64	50	112	68	

Row

Reduction

20	10	0	60	10
24	12	0	66	12
18	9	0	57	12
20	12	0	60	12
20	8	0	56	12

Column Reduction:

2	2	0	4	0
6	4	0	10	2
0	1	0	1	2
2	4	0	4	2
2	0	0	0	2

Draw the minimum lines to cover all the 0's

2	2	0	4	0
6	4	0	10	2
0	1	0	1	2
2	4	0	4	2
2	0	0	0	2

$\therefore p < n \Rightarrow 4 < 5$

Select the smallest element we add a
 smallest element to the covered and
 subtract the uncovered

2	2	2	4	0
4	2	0	8	0
0	1	2	0	2
0	2	0	2	0
2	0	2	0	2

$P = n$

	a	b	c	d	e
A					0
B			0		x
C	x			0	
D	0		x		x
E		0		x	

The optimum assignment is

$A \rightarrow e, B \rightarrow c, C \rightarrow d, D \rightarrow a, E \rightarrow b$

The total minimum cost = $75 + 66 + 114 + 80 + 64$
 $= 399 \text{ km}$

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Task	1	2	3
<u>I</u>	9	26	15
<u>II</u>	13	27	6
<u>III</u>	35	20	15
<u>IV</u>	18	30	20

Soln.

9	26	15	0
13	27	6	0
35	20	15	0
18	30	20	0

Row Reduction :

9	26	15	0
13	27	6	0
35	20	15	0
18	30	20	0

Column Reduction

0	6	9	0
4	7	0	0
26	0	9	0
9	10	14	0

Draw the ~~set~~ minimum lines to cover all the 0's

0	6	9	0
4	7	0	0
26	0	9	0
9	10	14	0

The optimum assignment is

$I \rightarrow 1$, $II \rightarrow 3$, $III \rightarrow 2$, $IV \rightarrow 4$

The minimum time is = $9 + 6 + 20 + 0$

= 35 hours

Row reduction

0	8	7	5
11	0	10	34
2	3	5	0
0	11	9	5

Column reduction

0	8	2	5
11	0	5	4
2	3	0	0
0	11	4	5

Draw the minimum no of lines to cover all the 0's

0	8	2	5
11	0	5	4
2	3	0	0
0	11	4	5

Since $p < n$

Here 2 is the smallest element in the uncrossed cell. We add 2 to the crossed and subtract it from uncrossed cell. we get

0	6	0	3
13	0	5	4
3	3	0	0
0	9	2	3

$$P = n$$

A	0	6	0	3
B	13	0	5	4
C	3	8	0	0
D	0	9	2	3

The optimal assignment is

A → dynamic programme B → queuing theory
 C → Regression analysis D → linear programme

Total course preparation time } = 9 + 4 + 11 + 4 = 28

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Row reduction					Column reduction				
	A	B	C	D		A	B	C	D
1	3	1	0	6	1	3	1	0	3
2	5	7	0	4	2	5	7	0	1
3	2	0	1	3	3	2	0	1	0
4	0	2	2	3	4	0	2	2	0

Draw the minimum no of lines to cover all the 0's

3	1	0	3
5	7	0	1
2	0	1	0
0	2	2	0

Since $p < n$ there is the smallest element We add 1 from unselected cells and

subtract 1 from unprocessed cell

2	0	0	2
3	5	0	0
2	0	2	0
0	2	3	0

$\therefore p = n$

The optimal assignment is

2	0	0	2
3	5	0	0
2	0	2	0
0	2	3	0

Man 1 \rightarrow Job 2, Man 2 \rightarrow Job 3, Man 3 \rightarrow Job 4

Man 4 \rightarrow Job 1

\therefore Minimum man hours = $3 + 2 + 7 + 5 = 17$

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Row reduction

0	3	5	2
2	0	3	2
0	1	6	2
3	4	3	0

Column reduction

0	3	2	2
2	0	0	2
0	1	3	2
3	4	0	0

Draw the minimum no. of lines to cover all the 0's

0	3	2	2
2	0	0	2
0	1	3	2
3	4	0	0

Since $p < 1$ here 1 is the smallest element in the uncrossed cell we add 1 to the crossed cell & subtract the uncrossed cell

0	2	1	1
3	0	0	2
0	0	2	1
3	4	0	0

0	2	1	1
3	0	0	2
0	0	2	1
3	4	0	0

The optimal assignment is

$I \rightarrow A$, $II \rightarrow C$, $III \rightarrow B$, $IV \rightarrow D$

Total minimum cost = $1 + 10 + 5 + 5 = 21$

(b)

Row reduction

0	15	5	10
10	25	0	10
23	8	0	12
0	8	7	3

column reduction

0	7	5	7
10	17	0	7
23	0	0	9
0	0	7	0

Draw the minimum no. of lines to cover all the 0's

0	7	5	7
10	17	0	7
23	0	0	9
0	0	7	0

$P = 0$

0	7	5	7
10	17	0	7
23	0	0	9
0	0	7	0

The optimal assignment is

$1 \rightarrow A$, $2 \rightarrow C$, $3 \rightarrow B$, $4 \rightarrow D$

The minimum cost = $10 + 5 + 20 + 20 = 55$

c. Row reduction

0	2	9	1
0	5	2	3
1	3	2	0
0	7	3	1

Column reduction

0	0	7	1
0	3	0	3
1	1	0	0
0	5	1	1

Draw the minimum no. of lines to cover all $P = n$

0	0	7	1
0	3	0	3
1	1	0	0
0	5	1	1

0	0	7	1
0	3	0	3
1	1	0	0
0	5	1	1

The optimal assignment is

$A \rightarrow 2, B \rightarrow 3, C \rightarrow 4, D \rightarrow 1$

Total minimum cost = $10 + 7 + 11 + 8 = 36$

d. Row reduction

3	6	1	0
5	2	0	3
0	6	8	6
4	2	5	0

Column reduction

3	4	1	0
5	0	0	3
0	4	8	6
4	0	5	0

Draw the minimum no. of lines to cover all $P = n$

3	4	1	0
5	0	0	2
0	4	8	6
4	0	5	0

3	4	1	0
5	0	0	3
0	4	8	6
4	0	5	0

The optimal assignment is

$J_1 \rightarrow M_4, J_2 \rightarrow M_3, J_3 \rightarrow M_1, J_4 \rightarrow M_2$

Total minimum cost = $2 + 5 + 4 + 6 = 17$

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Row reduction

3	2	0	4
1	0	3	2
0	3	1	2
0	11	23	32

Column reduction

3	2	0	2
1	0	3	0
0	3	1	0
0	11	23	30

Draw the minimum no. of lines to cover all 0's

3	2	0	2
1	0	3	0
0	3	1	0
0	11	23	30

P = n

3	2	0	2
1	0	3	0
0	3	1	0
0	11	23	30

The optimal assignment is

A → III, B → II, C → IV, D → I

Total minimum cost : 12 + 22 + 33 + 21 = 88

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2	0	1	4
0	1	4	2
8	2	0	1
1	3	0	2

Column reduction

2	0	1	2
0	1	4	1
8	2	0	0
1	3	0	1

Draw minimum lines to cover all 0's

P = n

2	0	1	3
0	1	4	1
8	2	0	0
1	3	0	1

2	0	1	3
0	1	4	1
8	2	0	0
1	3	0	1

The optimal assignment is

Job 1 → Operator 2, Job 2 → Operator 1, Job 3 → Operator 4

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Row reduction

1	0	2	3
0	2	2	1
3	1	0	4
4	0	2	1

Column reduction

1	0	2	2
0	2	2	0
3	1	0	3
4	0	2	0

Draw the minimum no. of lines to cover all 0's
 $P = n$

1	0	2	2
0	2	2	0
3	1	0	3
4	0	2	0

1	0	2	2
0	2	2	0
3	1	0	3
4	0	2	0

The optimal assignment is

A → x, B → w, C → y, D → z

Total minimum cost = 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 = 28

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Row reduction

7	0	7	4	4
0	4	2	6	4
11	16	0	7	8
13	1	0	5	2
14	4	0	10	10

Column reduction

7	0	7	0	2
0	4	2	2	2
11	16	0	3	6
13	1	0	1	0
14	4	0	6	8

Draw the minimum no. of lines to cover all

7	0	7	0	2
0	4	2	2	2
11	16	0	3	6
13	1	0	1	0
14	4	0	6	8

Here 2 is the smallest element in the uncrossed cell.
 We add 2 to the crossed cell & subtract the uncrossed cell.

9	0	9	0	2
0	2	2	0	0
11	14	0	1	4
15	1	2	1	0
14	2	0	4	6

$P < n$

Here 1 is the smallest element in the uncrossed cell.
 We add 1 to the crossed cell & subtract the uncrossed cell.

9	0	10	0	2
0	2	3	0	0
10	13	0	0	3
15	1	2	1	0
13	1	0	3	5

$P = n$

9	0	10	0	2
0	2	3	0	0
10	13	0	0	3
15	1	3	1	0
13	1	0	3	5

The optimal assignment is

- Operator 1 → Machine 2
- Operator 2 → Machine 1
- Operator 3 → Machine 4
- Operator 4 → Machine 5
- Operator 5 → Machine 3

Total minimum cost = $3 + 5 + 9 + 4 + 2 = 23$

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Row reduction

7	3	1	5	0
0	9	5	5	4
1	6	7	0	4
4	3	1	0	3
4	0	3	4	0

Column reduction

7	3	0	5	0
0	9	4	5	4
1	6	6	0	4
4	3	0	0	3
4	0	2	4	0

Draw the minimum no. of lines cover all 0s

~~7 3 0 5 0~~~~0 9 4 5 4~~~~1 6 6 0 4~~~~4 3 0 0 3~~~~4 0 2 4 0~~7 3 0 5 00 9 4 5 41 6 6 0 0 44 3 0 0 34 0 2 4 0

$$P = n$$

The optimal assignment is

Person A \rightarrow Job 5, Person B \rightarrow Job 1, Person C \rightarrow Job 4Person D \rightarrow Job 3, Person E \rightarrow Job 2Total minimum cost = $1 + 0 + 2 + 1 + 5 = 9$

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2	4	11	4	0
0	22	20	20	3
9	0	3	6	5
9	0	1	2	0
0	3	6	2	9

Column reduction

2	4	16	3	0
0	22	19	19	3
0	0	2	4	0
2	0	0	2	0
0	3	4	2	0

$P < n$

2	4	16	1	0
0	22	11	17	2
9	0	0	2	5
4	2	0	2	2
0	3	2	0	9

$P = n$

	O_1	O_2	O_3	O_4	O_5
J_1					0
J_2	0				
J_3		0	0		
J_4			0		
J_5	0			0	

The optimal assignment is $J_1 \rightarrow O_5, J_2 \rightarrow O_1, J_3 \rightarrow O_2, J_4 \rightarrow O_3, J_5 \rightarrow O_4$

The minimum cost = $18 + 4 + 16 + 16 + 19 = 71$

The minimum cost = $18 + 4 + 16 + 16 + 19 = 71$

Row reduction

16	47	11	27	0	26
0	7	27	43	29	28
0	12	33	24	5	5
8	13	11	15	0	6
3	14	13	0	4	7
52	10	10	30	21	0

Column reduction

16	40	4	27	0	26
0	0	17	43	59	28
0	5	23	24	5	5
8	6	1	15	0	6
2	7	3	0	4	7
52	3	0	30	21	0

The smallest element is 1 $P < n$

16	40	3	27	0	25
0	0	16	43	59	27
0	5	22	24	5	4
8	6	0	15	0	5
2	7	2	0	4	6
52	4	0	31	22	0

$P = n$

	7	8	9	10	11	12
1					0	
2	0	0				
3	0					
4			0			
5				0		
6			0			0

The optimum assignment is $1 \rightarrow 11, 2 \rightarrow 8, 3 \rightarrow 7, 4 \rightarrow 9, 5 \rightarrow 10, 6 \rightarrow 12$

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Row reduction

0	6	10	14
0	5	9	11
0	5	9	12
0	0	0	0

Column reduction

0	6	10	14
0	5	9	11
0	5	9	12
0	0	0	0

$$P < n \Rightarrow 2 < 4$$

The smallest element is 5. We add 5 to
crossed cell we subtract 5 to uncrossed cell

0	1	5	9
0	0	4	6
0	0	4	7
5	0	0	0

$$P < n \Rightarrow 3 < 4$$

Here 4 is the smallest element. We add 4 to the crossed cell subtract 5 to the uncrossed cell

0	1	1	5	0	1	1	5
0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
9	4	0	0	9	4	0	0

$$P = n$$

The optimal assignment is

Job 1 \rightarrow Machine A, Job 2 \rightarrow Machine B,
 Job 3 \rightarrow Machine C, Job 4 \rightarrow Machine D

Total minimum cost = $18 + 13 + 19 + 0 = 50$

Soln:

We add the dummy column

	a	b	c	d	e
A	50	40	60	20	0
B	40	30	40	30	0
C	60	20	30	20	0
D	30	30	20	30	0
E	10	20	10	30	0

Row reduction:

50	40	60	20	0
40	30	40	30	0
60	20	30	20	0
30	30	20	30	0
10	20	10	30	0

Column reduction

40	20	60	0	0
30	10	30	10	0
50	0	20	0	0
20	10	10	20	0
0	0	0	10	0

$P < n$

Choose the smallest element

30	10	40	0	0
20	0	20	10	0
50	0	20	10	10
10	0	0	20	0
0	0	0	20	10

$P = n$

	a	b	c	d	e
A				0	0
B		0			0
C		0			
D	0	0	0		0
E	0	0	0		

The optimal assignment is $A \rightarrow d, B \rightarrow e,$

$C \rightarrow b, D \rightarrow c, E \rightarrow a$

The minimum cost = $20 + 0 + 20 + 20 + 10 = 70$

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We add the identity column

	A	B	C	D	E
1	20	27	31	29	0
2	22	18	22	37	0
3	23	17	29	41	0
4	27	18	30	43	0
5	40	20	27	36	0

Row reduction

30	27	31	29	0
22	18	22	37	0
33	17	29	41	0
27	18	30	43	0
40	20	27	36	0

Column reduction

3	10	4	3	0
1	1	1	1	0
6	0	2	5	0
0	1	2	7	0
12	3	0	0	0

The least element is 1

2	10	3	2	0
0	1	0	0	0
5	0	1	4	0
0	2	3	7	0
12	4	0	0	0

$P = 70$

	A	B	C	D	E
1					0
2	0		0	0	0
3		0			0
4	0				
5			0	0	

The optimal assignment is $1 \rightarrow E, 2 \rightarrow C, 3$

$4 \rightarrow A, 5 \rightarrow D$

The minimum cost = $0 + 28 + 17 + 27 + 36 = 108$

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	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
A	73	91	87	82	78	80
B	81	85	69	76	74	85
C	75	72	83	84	72	91
D	93	96	86	91	83	82
E	90	91	79	89	69	76
F	0	0	0	0	0	0

Row reduction

0	18	14	9	5	7
12	16	0	7	5	16
3	0	11	12	6	19
11	14	4	9	1	0
21	22	10	20	0	7
0	0	0	0	0	0

column reduction.

0	18	14	9	5	7
12	16	0	7	5	16
3	0	11	12	6	19
11	14	4	9	1	0
21	22	10	20	0	7
0	0	0	0	0	0

$P = n$

The least element is 7

0	18	14	2	5	7
12	16	0	0	5	16
3	0	11	5	6	19
11	14	4	0	1	0
21	22	10	13	0	7
7	7	7	0	7	7
I	II	III	IV	V	VI

$P = n$

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F

The optimal assignment is $A \rightarrow \text{I}$, $B \rightarrow \text{III}$, $C \rightarrow \text{II}$,
 $D \rightarrow \text{VI}$, $E \rightarrow \text{V}$, $F \rightarrow \text{IV}$

The minimum cost = $73 + 69 + 72 + 82 + 69 + 0 = 365$