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Abstract: Transportation Problem is a linear programming problem. Like LPP, transportation problem has basic feasible solution (BFS) and then from it we obtain the optimal solution. Among these BFS the optimal solution is developed by constructing dual of the TP. By using complimentary slackness conditions the optimal solutions is obtained by the same iterative principle. The method is known as MODI (Modified Distribution) method. In this paper we have discussed all the aspect of transportation problem.[1]

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"We want these assets to be productive. We buy them. We own them. To say we care only about the short term is wrong. What I care about is seeing these assets in the best hands."

- Carl Icahn

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Transportation Problem is a special structure of Linear Programming Problem (LPP), that is frequently encountered in the Operation Research literature. The model was first presented by F.L. Hitchcock in 1941. In 1950's simplex- based solution techniques were developed for the transportation problem exploiting its special structure. In the meantime, we come across varieties of transportation problems such as bottleneck problem, minimax and maximin problem, time minimization transportation problem, volume minimization transportation problem, etc. The bottleneck transportation problem was first discussed by Fulkerson, Glickberg, and Guss (1953) and subsequently by Guss in 1959. Later on, varieties of new theoretical and methodological development were made by Hammer in 1969. Edmond and Fulkerson 1970, Garfinkle and Rao 1979 and 1976, Kaplan 1976 and Poisner and Wu 1981, etc. Bottleneck models were mathematically

formulated with a special type of objective function in which the maximal cost coefficient of any variable with strictly positive value is minimized concerning a given set of constraints.

#### 2. Literature Review

As an example suppose that the origin represents a military depot in which certain supplies, say ammunitions are stored and let the destination represent a combat zone at which there is specified demand for ammunition. To every depot combat zone pair, a coefficient cij is assigned indicating the amount of time required to ship any number of units ith origin to jth destination[16]. A military operation will start in all combat zone simultaneously at the earliest possible instance, it is necessary that the requested amount of ammunition must be available at all combat zones.[15] In other words, the operation cannot start before the last shipment of goods arrives and the problem is to schedule the shipment so that the operation can start as soon as possible

One important application of linear programming is in the area of physical distribution (transportation) of goods and services from several supply centres to several demand centres. A transportation problem when expressed in terms of an LP model can also be solved by the simplex method. However a transportation problem involves a large number of variables and constraints, solving it using simplex methods takes a long time. Two transportation algorithms, namely *Stepping Stone Method* and the *MODI* (modified distribution) *Method* have been developed for solving a transportation problem.[2]

The structure of transportation problem involves a large number of shipping routes from several supply centres to several demand centres. Thus, objective is to determine shipping routes between supply centres and demand centres in order to satisfy the required quantity of goods or services at each destination centre, with available quantity of goods or services at each supply centre at the minimum transportation cost and/or time.

The transportation algorithms help to minimize the total cost of transporting a homogeneous commodity (product) from supply centres to demand centres. However, it can also be applied to the maximization of total value or utility.

There are various types of transportation models and the simplest of them was first presented by F L Hitchcock (1941). It was further developed by T C Koopmans (1949) and G B Dantzig (1951). Several extensions of transportation models and methods have been subsequently developed.[3]

Throughout the thesis we will assume that the following structure is given: Let a company own "m" warehouses in which each of which there is a given amount of certain commodity in stock, and let there also be "n" consumer is with a given demand for this commodity. The "m" warehouses of the company are sources and "n" consumers are known as destinations. Moreover the unit transportation cost between each warehouse -consumer pair is known. The objective of the company is to transport units from the warehouses to the consumers, such that

- no more units leave a warehouse than there are instocks,
- the demands of the consumers are satisfied, and
- the total transportation cost is minimize

Formally the model can be described as follows: let  $N_1$  be a set of "m" location called origins so that there is a supply of  $s_i$  at the i<sup>th</sup>origin, i = 1,2 m and let  $N_2$  be a set of

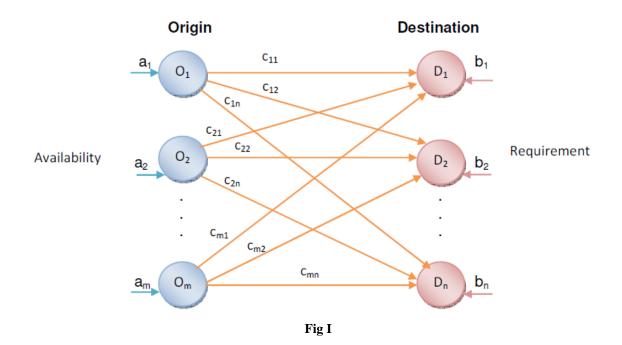
n locations called destinations so that there is demand  $d_j$  at the j<sup>th</sup> destination, j= 1,2....n. In the above example, the origin corresponds to the warehouses whereas the retailers are represented by the destinations. we assume that the total

demand equal to the total supply i.e  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} Si = \sum_{i=1}^{n} dj$ 

total supply exceeds total demands exactly one dummydestination is created to absorb the excess supply; its demand equals  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} Si - \sum_{i=1}^{n} dj$ . The case of excess demand is handled similarly using exactly one dummy origin Finally, it is assumed that exists exactly one connection between each origindestination pair, that, detours are notallowed and that each of these connections has infinite capacity. The cost for shipping one quantity unit from the ithorigin to the jth destination is given by cij. All unittransportation costs from a dummy origin or to a dummy destination are assumed to be equal. Usually, we will set them equal to zero but sometimes, due to the specific nature of the problem considered, they will be assigned some other value. If the connection between ith origin and jth destination for some reason is forbidden, the corresponding cost is assigned an extremely high value, i.e. we set[4]

Cij: M >> 0

In these cases, the existence of feasible solutions is no longer guaranteed. Note that sometimes cij denotes the distance per quantity unit; then the objective is to minimize the total distance of the shipments, assuming that each unit is transported separately. As in all linear programming problems, the objective function is linear. The above structure may be visualized in the following figure I :



"Formulate this transportation problem as an LPP model to minimize the total transportation cost".

# **3.Research Methodology**

Let there be *m* sources of supply,  $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_m$  having  $a_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$ ) units of supply (or capacity), respectively to be transported to *n* destinations,  $D_1, D_2D_2, \ldots, D_n$  with  $b_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ )units of demand (or requirement), respectively. Let  $c_{ij}$  be the the cost of shipping one unit of the commodity from source *i* to destination *j*. If  $x_{ij}$  represents number of units shipped from source *i* to destination *j*, the problem is to determine the transportation schedule so as to minimize the total transportation cost while satisfying the supply and demand conditions.[5] Mathematically, the transportation problem, in general, may be stated as follws:

Minimize (total cost)  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ij} \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_{ij}$ 

subject to the constraints

 $\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_{i} i_{j} = a_{i} i_{j} \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ (supply constraints)}$ 

(2)

 $\sum_{j=1}^{n} x_{ij} = b_{ij} \qquad j = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ (demand constraints)}$ 

(3)

and

 $x_{ij} \ge 0$  for all *i* and *j*. (4)

*Existence of feasible solution* A necessary and sufficient condition for a feasible solution to the transportation problems is:

Total supply = Total demand

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} aij \sum_{i=1}^{m} cij \qquad (also called rim conditions)$$

To From		<i>D</i> <sub>1</sub>		<i>D</i> <sub>2</sub>		D <sub>n</sub>	Supply a <sub>i</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>11</sub>	<i>x</i> <sub>11</sub>	<i>C</i> <sub>12</sub>	<i>X</i> <sub>12</sub>	$C_{1n}$	$X_{1n}$	<i>a</i> <sub>1</sub>

S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	<i>X</i> <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	X <sub>22</sub>	$C_{2n}$	$X_{2n}$	<i>a</i> <sub>2</sub>
	C <sub>m1</sub>	X <sub>m1</sub>	C <sub>m2</sub>	X <sub>m2</sub>	C <sub>mn</sub>	X <sub>mn</sub>	A <sub>m</sub>
Demand B <sub>j</sub>		<i>b</i> <sub>1</sub>		<i>b</i> <sub>2</sub>		<i>b</i> <sub>n</sub>	$\sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{ji}$

In this problem, there are (m + n) constraints, one for each source of supply, and distinction and  $m \times n$  variables. Since all (m + n) constraints are equations, therefore, one of these equations is extra (redundant). The extra constraint (equation) can be derived from the other constraints (equations), without affecting the feasible solution. It follows that any feasible solution for a transportation problem must have exactly (m + n - 1) non-negative basic variables (or allocations)  $x_{ij}$  satisfying the rim conditions.[6]

#### <u>THE TRANSPORTATION ALGORITHM</u>

The algorithm for solving a transportation problem may be summarized into the following steps:

#### Step 1: Formulate the problem and arrange the data in the matrix form

The formulation of the transportation problem is similar to the LP problem formulation. In transportation problem, the objective function is the total transportation cost and the constraints are the amount of supply and demand available at each source and destination, respectively.

#### Step 2: Obtain an initial basic feasible solution In this chapter, following

three different methodsare discussed to obtain an initial solution:

- North-West Corner Method,
- Least Cost Method, and
- Vogel's Approximation (or Penalty) Method.

The initial solution obtained by any of the three methods must satisfy the following conditions:

- The solution must be feasible, i.e. it must satisfy all the supply and demand constraints (also called *rim conditions*).
- The number of positive allocations must be equal to m + n 1, where m is the number of rows and n is the number of columns.

Any solution that satisfies the above conditions is called *non-degenerate basic feasible solution*, otherwise, *degenerate solution*.

**Step 3: Test the initial solution for optimality** In this chapter, the Modified Distribution (MODI) method is discussed to test the optimality of the solution obtained in Step 2. If the current solution is optimal, then stop. Otherwise, determine a new improved solution.

**Step 4: Updating the solution** Repeat Step 3 until an optimal solution is reached.[8]

# METHODS OF FINDING INITIAL SOLUTION:

There are several methods available to obtain an initial basic feasible solution. In this chapter, we shalldiscuss only following three methods:

Find the initial basic feasible solution for given problem by using following methods:

- North-west corner rule
- Least cost method
- Vogel's approximation method

#### 3. Findings

#### Example 3.1

1) Determine basic feasible solution to the following transportation problem using NWCR

Ρ	4	1	2	6	9	s <sub>i</sub>
Q	6	4	3	5	7	100
R	5	2	6	4	8	120
d <sub>j</sub>	40	50	70	90	90	120

Solution:

Р	4	1	2	6	9	s <sub>i</sub>
	40	50	10			
Q	6	4	3	5	7	100
			60	60		
R	5	2	6	4	8	120
ĸ				30	90	
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

Since 
$$\sum ai = \sum bj = 340$$

THe given Transportation problem is balanced Allocation = 7 m + n - 1 = 3 + 5 - 1 = 7Allocation = m + n - 1The initial cost =  $(4 \times 40) + (1 \times 50) + (10 \times 2) + (3 \times 60) + (5 \times 60) + (4 \times 30) + (8 \times 90)$ 

= 160 + 50 + 20 + 180 + 300 + 120 + 720

The initial transportation cost = Rs 1550 /-

### Least Cost Method (LCM)

Since the main objective is to minimize the total transportation cost, transport as much as possible through those routes (cells) where the unit transportation cost is lowest. This method takes into account the minimum unit cost of transportation for obtaining the initial solution and can be summarized as follows:

#### Example 3.2

The initial basic feasible solution for following transportation problem by LCM method

Ρ	4	1	2	6	9	s <sub>i</sub>
Q	6	4	3	5	7	100
R	5	2	6	4	8	120
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

Solution:

Р	4	1	2	6	9	Si
		50	50			
Q	6	4	3	5	7	100
	10		20		90	
	5	2	6	4	8	120
R	30			90		
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

Since 
$$\sum ai = \sum bj = 340$$

The given transportation problem is balanced

Allocation = 7 m + n - 1 = 3 + 5 - 1= 7 Allocation = m + n - 1The initial cost =  $(1 \times 50) + (2 \times 50) + (6 \times 10) + (3 \times 20) + (7 \times 90) + (5 \times 30) + (4 \times 90)$ = 50 + 100 + 60 + 60 + 630 + 150 + 360The initial Transportation cost =  $P_{0.1410}$ 

The initial Transportaion cost = Rs 1410/-

### 3.3 Vogel's Approximation Method (VAM)

Vogel's approximation (penalty or regret) is preferred over NWCR and LCM methods. In this method, an allocation is made on the basis of the opportunity (or penalty or extra) cost that would have been incurred if the allocation in certain cells with minimum unit transportation cost were missed. Hence, allocations are made in such a way that the penalty cost is minimized. An initial solution obtained by using this method is nearer to an optimal solution or is the optimal solution itself. The steps of VAM are as follows:

#### Example 3.3

Find the initial basic feasible solution for following transportation by VAM

Ρ	4	1	2	6	9	Si
Q	6	4	3	5	7	100
R	5	2	6	4	8	120
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

Solution :

Ρ	4	1	2	6	9	s <sub>i</sub>
	30		70			
Q		4	3	5	7	100
	6			90	30	
R	5	2	6	4	8	120
n	10	50			60	
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

Since 
$$\sum ai = \sum bj = 340$$

The given transportation problem is balanced

Allocation = 7 m + n - 1 = 3 + 5 - 1 = 7Allocation = m + n - 1Initial transportation cost =  $(4 \times 30) + (2 \times 70) + (5 \times 90) + (7 \times 30) + (5 \times 10) + (2 \times 50) + (8 \times 60)$ = 120 + 140 + 450 + 210 + 50 + 100 + 480

The initial transportation cost = Rs1550/-

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#### Steps of MODI Method (Transportation Algorithm)

The steps to evaluate unoccupied cells are as follows:

**Step 1:** For an initial basic feasible solution with m + n - 1 occupied cells, calculate  $u_i$  and  $v_j$  for rows and columns. The initial solution can be obtained by any of the three methods discussed earlier.

To start with, any one of  $u_{is}$  or  $v_{js}$  is assigned the value zero. It is better to assign zero to a particular  $u_i$  or  $v_j$  where there are maximum number of allocations in a row or column respectively, as this will reduce the considerably arithmetic work. The value of  $u_{is}$  and  $v_{js}$  for other rows and columns is calculated by using the relationship.

Changing the shipping route involves adding to cells on the closed path with plus signs and subtracting from cells with negative signs.

 $c_{ij} = ui + vj$ , for all occupied cells (i, j).

Step 2: For unoccupied cells, calculate the opportunity cost by using the relationship

$$d_{ij} = c_{ij} - (u_i + v_j)$$
, for all *i* and *j*.

**Step 3:** Examine sign of each  $d_{ii}$ 

- If  $d_{ij} > 0$ , then the current basic feasible solution is optimal.
- If  $d_{ij} = 0$ , then the current basic feasible solution will remain unaffected but an alternative solution exists.
- If one or more  $d_{ij} < 0$ , then an improved solution can be obtained by entering an unoccupied cell (i, j) into the solution mix (basis). An unoccupied cell having the largest negative value of  $d_{ij}$  is chosen for entering into the solution mix (new transportation schedule).

**Step 4:** Construct a closed-path (or loop) for the unoccupied cell with largest negative value of  $d_{ij}$ . Start the closed path with the selected unoccupied cell and mark a plus sign (+) in this cell. Trace a path along

the rows (or columns) to an occupied cell, mark the corner with a minus sign (-) and continue down the column (or row) to an occupied cell. Then mark the corner with plus sign (+) and minus sign (-) alternatively. Close the path back to the selected unoccupied cell.

**Step 5:** Select the smallest quantity amongst the cells marked with minus sign on the corners of closed loop. Allocate this value to the selected unoccupied cell, add it to occupied cells marked with plus signs, and subtract it from the occupied cells marked with minus signs.

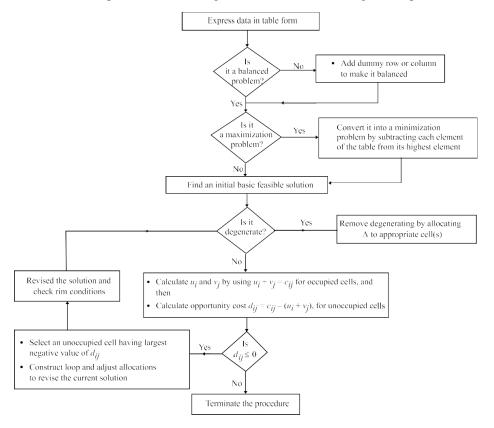
**Step 6:** Obtain a new improved solution by allocating units to the unoccupied cell according to Step 5 and calculate the new total transportation cost.

**Step 7:** Test optimality of the revised solution. The procedure terminates when all  $d_{ij} \ge 0$  for unoccupied cells.

**Remarks** 1. The closed-loop (path) starts and ends at the selected unoccupied cell. It consists of successive horizontal and vertical (connected) lines whose end points must be occupied cells, except an end point associated with entering unoccupied cell. This means that every corner element of the loop must be an occupied cell.

It is immaterial whether the loop is traced in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction and whether it starts up, down, right or left (but never diagonally). However, for a given solution only one loop can be constructed for each unoccupied cell.[12]

- There can only be one plus (+) sign and only one minus (-) sign in any given row or column.
- The closed path indicates changes involved in reallocating the shipments.



The steps of MODI method for solving a transportation problem are summarized in the flow chart shown in Fig. 9.1.

# Close-Loop in Transportation Table and its Properties

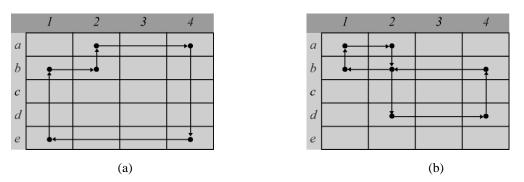
Any basic feasible solution must contain m + n - 1 non-zero allocations provided.

- any two adjacent cells of the ordered set lie either in the same row or in the same column, and
- no three or more adjacent cells in the ordered set lie in the same row or column. The first cell of the set must follow the last in the set, i.e. each cell (except the last) must appear only once in the ordered set.

Consider the following two cases represented in Tables 9.10(a) and 9.10(b). In Table 9.10(a), if we join the positive allocations by horizontal and vertical lines, then a closed loop is obtained. The ordered set of cells forming a loop is:

 $L = \{(a, 2), (a, 4), (e, 4), (e, 1), (b, 1), (b, 2), (a, 2)\}$ 

The loop in Table 9.10(b) is not allowed because it does not satisfy the conditions in the definition of a loop. That is, the cell (b, 2) appears twice.[13]





Find the optimal solution for the following transportation problem by using MODI method

Р	4	1	2	6	9	si
Q	6	4	3	5	7	100
R	5	2	6	4	8	120
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

Solution :

Р	4	1	2	6	9	si
	30		70			

		4	3	5	7	100
Q	6			90	30	
	5	2	6	4	8	120
R	10	50			60	
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

Since 
$$\sum ai = \sum bj = 340$$

The given transportation problem is balanced

Allocation = 7

m + n - 1 = 3 + 5 - 1

Allocation = m + n - 1

Initial transportation cost = (4 x 30) + (2 x 70) + (5 x 90) + (7 x 30) + (5 x 10) + (2 x 50) + (8 x 60)

$$120 + 140 + 450 + 210 + 50 + 100 + 480$$

The initial transportation cost = Rs1550/-

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i) To find the Optimal Solution:

Р	4	1	2	6	9	s <sub>i</sub>
	30		70			
Q		4	3	5	7	100
	6			90	30	
R	5	2	6	4	8	120
Ň	10	50			60	
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

ii) Find the Occupied Cells :

 $\begin{array}{l} U1 + V1 = C11 ; \\ U1 + V3 = C13 ; \\ U2 + V4 = C24 ; \\ U2 + V5 = C25 ; \\ U3 + V1 = C31 ; \\ U3 + V2 = C32 ; \\ U3 + V5 = C35. \\ iii) \ Find \ the \ U \ \& \ V \ values: \\ U3 = 0 \\ U3 + V1 = C31 \\ U3 + V2 = C32 \\ 0 + V1 = 5 \\ 0 + V2 = 2 \\ 0 + V5 = 8 \end{array}$ 

V1 = 5	V2 = 2			
U1 + V1 = C11	U1 + V3 = C13			
U1 + 5 = 4	-1 + V3 = 2			
U1 = -1	V3 = 3			
U2 + V5 = C25	U2 + V4 = C24			
U2 + 8 = 7	-1 + V4 = 5			
U2 = -1	V4 = 6			
iv) Unoccupied Cells:				
U1 + V2 - C12 = -1 + 2 - 1 = 0				
U1 + V4 - C14 = -1 + 6 - 6 = -1				
U1 + V5 - C15 = -1 + 8 - 9 = -2				
U2 + V1 - C21 = -1 + 5 - 6 = -2				
U2 + V2 - C22 = -1 + 2 - 4 = -3				
U2 + V3 - C23 = -1 + 3 - 3 = -1				
U3 + V3 - C33 = 0 + 3 - 6 = -3				
U3 + V4 - C34 = 0 + 6 - 4 = 2				
Iteration I				

#### Ρ 4 1 2 6 9 $\mathbf{S_i}$ 30 70 3 5 4 7 100 Q 6 30 90 5 2 6 4 8 120 R 50 60 10 d<sub>j</sub> 40 70 90 50 90 120

i) Occupied Cells:

U1 + V1 = C11 U1 + V3 = C13 U2 + V4 = C24 U2 + V5 = C25 U3 + V1 = C31 U3 + V2 = C32 U3 + V4 = C34ii) Find the U & V values: U3 = 0 

Q		4	3	5	7	100
	6		10	20	90	
R	5	2 50	6	4 70	8	120
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120
J						_

U1 + V3 = C13	U2 + V3 = C23
U2 + V5 = C25	U3 + V2 = C32
U2 + V4 = C24	U2 + V5 = C25
0 + V4 = 5	0 + V5 = 7
V4 = 5	V5 = 7
U1 + V1 = C11	U3 + V4 =C34
-1 + V1 = 4	U3 + 5 = 4
	U2 + V5 = C25 U2 + V4 = C24 0 + V4 = 5 V4 = 5 U1 + V1 = C11

V1 = 5

U3 = -1

U1 = -1

U3 + V2 = C32-1 + V2 = 2 V2 = 3

iii) Unoccupied Cells:

U1 + V2 - C12 = -1 + 3 - 1 = 1 U1 + V2 - C14 = -1 + 5 - 6 = -2 U1 + V5 - C15 = -1 + 7 - 9 = -3 U2 + V1 - C21 = 0 + 5 - 6 = -1 U2 + V2 - C22 = 0 + 3 - 4 = -1 U3 + V1 - C31 = -1 + 5 - 5 = -1 U3 + V3 - C33 = -1 + 3 - 6 = -4U3 + V5 - C35 = -1 + 7 - 8 = -2

#### Iteration III

Р	4	1	2	6	9	s <sub>i</sub>
	40	20	40			
Q		4	3	5	7	100
	6		30		90	
R	5	2	6	4	8	120
		30		90		
dj	40	50	70	90	90	120

i) Occupied Cells:

U1 + V1 = C11	U1 + V2 = C12	U1 + V3 = C13
U2 + V3 = C23	U2 + V5 = C25	U3 + V2 = C32
U3 + V4 = C34		
ii) U & V values:		
put U1 = 0		
U1 + V1 = C11	U1 + V2 = C12	U1 + V3 = C13
0 + V1 = 4	0 + V2 = 1	0 + V3 = 2
V1 = 4	V2 = 1	V3 = 2
U3 + V2 = C32	U3 + V4 = C34	U2 + V3 = C23
U3 + 1 = 2	1 + V4 = 4	U2 + 2 = 3
U3 = 1	V4 = 3	U2 = 1

U2 + V5 = C25 1 + V5 = 7 V5 = 6iii) Unoccupied Cells: U1 + V4 - C14 = 0 + 3 - 6 = -3 U1 + V5 - C15 = 0 + 6 - 9 = -3 U2 + V1 - C21 = 1 + 4 - 6 = -1 U2 + V2 - C22 = 1 + 1 - 4 = -2 U2 + V4 - C24 = 1 + 3 - 5 = -1 U3 + V1 - C31 = 1 + 4 - 5 = 0 U3 + V3 - C33 = 1 + 2 - 6 = -3 U3 + V5 - C35 = 1 + 6 - 8 = -1

The initial total min TP cost =  $(4 \times 40) + (1 \times 20) + (40 \times 2) + (30 \times 3) + (90 \times 7) + (30 \times 2) + (4 \times 90)$ 

# The initial total min TP cost = Rs1400/-

#### **CONCLUSION:**

The paper survey mathematical models and algorithms used to solve different types of transportation modes by air, water, space, cables, tubes, and road. It presents the variants, classification, and the general parameters of the Transportation Problems.

In the paper have taken the four methods like NWCR, LCM, VAM and MODI method in this four methods, The MODI method is the best method to solve the transpotation problem with minimum cost in business, markrting, economics and manufacturing industries. As future work, we propose to investigate mathematical models of the space transportation problems, maritime transportation issues, and the creation of new algorithms that solve these problems.[14]

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