

10. A retail store in Des Moines, Iowa, receives shipments of a particular product from Kansas City and Minneapolis. Let

$x$  = number of units of the product received from Kansas City

$y$  = number of units of the product received from Minneapolis

- Write an expression for the total number of units of the product received by the retail store in Des Moines.
  - Shipments from Kansas City cost \$0.20 per unit, and shipments from Minneapolis cost \$0.25 per unit. Develop an objective function representing the total cost of shipments to Des Moines.
  - Assuming the monthly demand at the retail store is 5000 units, develop a constraint that requires 5000 units to be shipped to Des Moines.
  - No more than 4000 units can be shipped from Kansas City, and no more than 3000 units can be shipped from Minneapolis in a month. Develop constraints to model this situation.
  - Of course, negative amounts cannot be shipped. Combine the objective function and constraints developed to state a mathematical model for satisfying the demand at the Des Moines retail store at minimum cost.
11. For most products, higher prices result in a decreased demand, whereas lower prices result in an increased demand. Let

$d$  = annual demand for a product in units

$p$  = price per unit

Assume that a firm accepts the following price-demand relationship as being realistic:

$$d = 800 - 10p$$

where  $p$  must be between \$20 and \$70.

- How many units can the firm sell at the \$20 per-unit price? At the \$70 per-unit price?
  - Show the mathematical model for the total revenue (TR), which is the annual demand multiplied by the unit price.
  - Based on other considerations, the firm's management will only consider price alternatives of \$30, \$40, and \$50. Use your model from part (b) to determine the price alternative that will maximize the total revenue.
  - What are the expected annual demand and the total revenue corresponding to your recommended price?
12. The O'Neill Shoe Manufacturing Company will produce a special-style shoe if the order size is large enough to provide a reasonable profit. For each special-style order, the company incurs a fixed cost of \$1000 for the production setup. The variable cost is \$30 per pair, and each pair sells for \$40.
- Let  $x$  indicate the number of pairs of shoes produced. Develop a mathematical model for the total cost of producing  $x$  pairs of shoes.
  - Let  $P$  indicate the total profit. Develop a mathematical model for the total profit realized from an order for  $x$  pairs of shoes.
  - How large must the shoe order be before O'Neill will break even?
13. Micromedia offers computer training seminars on a variety of topics. In the seminars each student works at a personal computer, practicing the particular activity that the instructor is presenting. Micromedia is currently planning a two-day seminar on the use of Microsoft Excel in statistical analysis. The projected fee for the seminar is \$300 per student. The cost for the conference room, instructor compensation, lab assistants, and promotion is \$4,800. Micromedia rents computers for its seminars at a cost of \$30 per computer per day.
- Develop a model for the total cost to put on the seminar. Let  $x$  represent the number of students who enroll in the seminar.
  - Develop a model for the total profit if  $x$  students enroll in the seminar.
  - Micromedia has forecasted an enrollment of 30 students for the seminar. How much profit will be earned if their forecast is accurate?
  - Compute the breakeven point.



14. Eastman Publishing Company is considering publishing a paperback textbook on spreadsheet applications for business. The fixed cost of manuscript preparation, textbook design, and production setup is estimated to be \$80,000. Variable production and material costs are estimated to be \$3 per book. Demand over the life of the book is estimated to be 4000 copies. The publisher plans to sell the text to college and university bookstores for \$20 each.
- What is the breakeven point?
  - What profit or loss can be anticipated with a demand of 4000 copies?
  - With a demand of 4000 copies, what is the minimum price per copy that the publisher must charge to break even?
  - If the publisher believes that the price per copy could be increased to \$25.95 and not affect the anticipated demand of 4000 copies, what action would you recommend? What profit or loss can be anticipated?