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**SOLUTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM  
 BY BRIGG'S DUAL LABELING METHOD**

**1. Procedure declaration.**

**procedure** *Briggstransport* (*n, m, a, b, D, MAX, aa, bb, o, p, alfa, beta, z*);  
**value** *n, m, MAX*;  
**integer** *n, m, MAX, z*;  
**integer array** *a, b, D, aa, bb, o, p, alfa, beta*;  
**comment** *Briggstransport* finds the primal and dual solutions of  
 the transportation problem:

$$\text{minimize } z = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m D_{ij} x_{ij},$$

provided  $\sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} = a_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n), \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = b_j \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, m),$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j,$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, m).$$

**Data:**

- n* — number of origins,
- m* — number of destinations,
- a*[1 : *n*] — amounts of goods available at the origins,
- b*[1 : *m*] — amounts of goods wanted at the destinations,
- D*[1 : *n*, 1 : *m*] — matrix of unit transportation costs,
- MAX* — maximum positive number of type **integer**  
 available in the computer.

**Results:**

*aa, o*[1 : *n*], *bb, p*[1 : *m*] — vectors in which the solution is located,

as follows: If  $x_{ij}$  is nonzero in the solution, either  $aa[i] := j$  and  $o[i] := x_{ij}$ , or  $bb[j] := i$  and  $p[j] := x_{ij}$ , are assigned,  $alfa[1:n]$ ,  $beta[1:m]$  — the dual solution,  
 $z$  — the value of the objective function;

**begin**

**integer**  $i, j, h, io, jo, y, kk, b2, c2, av$ ;

**Boolean**  $f$ ;

**integer array**  $lam, eps, mi[1:n], delta, ka, ni[1:m]$ ;

**procedure**  $X(k, l, w)$ ;

**integer**  $k, l, w$ ;

**comment** Procedure  $X$  displaces the elements of the solution in the vectors  $aa, o[1:n]$ ,  $bb, p[1:m]$ ;

**begin**

**integer**  $a1, b1, c, d1, e, f1, s$ ;

**if**  $bb[l] = k$

**then begin**

$av := p[l] := p[l] + w$ ;

**if**  $av = 0$  **then**  $bb[l] := 0$

**end**  $bb[l] = k$

**else if**  $aa[k] = l$

**then begin**

$av := o[k] := o[k] + w$ ;

**if**  $av = 0$  **then**  $aa[k] := 0$

**end**  $aa[k] = l$

**else if**  $bb[l] = 0$

**then begin**

$bb[l] := k$ ;

$p[l] := w$

**end**  $bb[l] = 0$

**else if**  $aa[k] = 0$

**then begin**

$aa[k] = l$ ;

$o[k] := w$

**end**  $aa[k] = 0$

**else begin**

$d1 := k$ ;

$e := l$ ;

$f1 := w$ ;

$L1 : s := 0$ ;

$av := bb[e]$ ;

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if  $aa[av] = 0$ 
  then begin
     $aa[av] := e;$ 
     $o[av] := p[e];$ 
     $s := 1$ 
  end  $aa[av] = 0$ 
  else begin
     $a1 := av;$ 
     $b1 := e;$ 
     $c := p[e]$ 
    end  $aa[av] \neq 0;$ 
   $bb[e] := d1;$ 
   $p[e] := f1;$ 
  if  $s \neq 1$ 
    then begin
       $d1 := a1;$ 
       $e := aa[a1];$ 
       $f1 := o[a1];$ 
       $aa[a1] := b1;$ 
       $o[a1] := c;$ 
      if  $bb[e] \neq 0$  then go to  $L1;$ 
       $bb[e] := d1;$ 
       $p[e] := f1$ 
    end  $s \neq 1$ 
  end  $aa[k] \neq 0$ 

end  $X;$ 
for  $i := 1$  step  $1$  until  $n$  do  $alfa[i] := aa[i] := 0;$ 
for  $j := 1$  step  $1$  until  $m$  do  $beta[j] := bb[j] := 0;$ 
 $z := 0;$ 
 $i1 :$  begin
  integer  $s, s1, ai, bj, MM;$ 
  comment This block calculates the initial solution by the method
    of minimum cost matrix elements;
   $MM := MAX;$ 
   $s := 1;$ 
  for  $i := 1$  step  $1$  until  $n$  do
    if  $a[i] \neq 0$ 
      then begin
         $s := s1 := 0;$ 
        for  $j := 1$  step  $1$  until  $m$  do
          if  $b[j] \neq 0$ 

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then begin
     $s1 := 1;$ 
     $av := D[i, j];$ 
    if  $av < MM$ 
        then begin
             $MM := av;$ 
             $io := i;$ 
             $jo := j$ 
        end  $av < MM$ 
    end  $b[j] \neq 0, j;$ 
    if  $s1 = 0$  then go to fin
end  $a[i] \neq 0, i;$ 
if  $s = 1$  then go to fin;
     $ai := a[io];$ 
     $bj := b[jo];$ 
     $y :=$  if  $ai > bj$  then  $bj$  else  $ai;$ 
     $a[io] := ai - y;$ 
     $b[jo] := bj - y$ 
end of block which calculates the initial solution;
i2 : for  $i := 1$  step 1 until  $n$  do  $eps[i] := mi[i] := lam[i] := 0;$ 
for  $j := 1$  step 1 until  $m$  do  $delta[j] := ni[j] := ka[j] := 0;$ 
     $lam[io] := -jo;$ 
     $eps[io] := y;$ 
     $mi[io] := D[io, jo] - alfa[io] - beta[jo];$ 
ii :  $f :=$  false;
for  $i := 1$  step 1 until  $n$  do
    begin
         $av := lam[i];$ 
        if  $av < 0$ 
            then begin
                 $lam[i] := -av;$ 
                for  $j := 1$  step 1 until  $m$  do
                    begin
                         $b2 := D[i, j] - alfa[i] - beta[j] - mi[i];$ 
                         $c2 := b2 + ni[j];$ 
                        if  $c2 < 0$ 
                            then  $ni[j] := -b2$ 
                            else if  $c2 \neq 0 \vee b2 \geq 0 \vee eps[i] \leq delta[j]$ 
                                then go to e1;
                         $delta[j] := eps[i];$ 
                         $ka[j] := -i;$ 
                    end
                end
            end
         $f :=$  true;

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        e1 : end j
    end av < 0
end i;
if f then
    begin
        for j := 1 step 1 until m do
            begin
                av := ka[j];
                if av < 0
                    then begin
                        ka[j] := -av;
                        for i := 1 step 1 until n do
                            begin
                                b2 := mi[i] - ni[j];
                                kk := if bb[j] = i
                                    then p[j]
                                    else if aa[i] = j
                                        then o[i]
                                        else 0;
                                if kk > 0 ∧ b2 ≤ 0
                                    then begin
                                        c2 := delta[j];
                                        if kk ≤ c2 then c2 := kk;
                                        if b2 < 0
                                            then mi[i] := ni[j]
                                            else if mi[i] ≤ 0 ∨ c2 ≤ eps[i]
                                                then go to ee1;
                                        eps[i] := c2;
                                        lam[i] := -j;
                                        f := false
                                    end kk > 0 ∧ b2 ≤ 0;
                            end ee1 : end i
                        end av < 0
                    end j;
                if ¬ f then go to ii
            end f;
        for i := 1 step 1 until n do alfa[i] := alfa[i] + mi[i];
        for j := 1 step 1 until m do beta[j] := beta[j] - ni[j];
        h := delta[jo];
        if h = 0
            then begin

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      z := z + y × D[io, jo];
      X(io, jo, y);
      go to i1
    end h = 0
  else begin
    y := y - h;
    z := z + h × (alfa[io] + beta[jo]);
    j := jo;
    for i := ka[j] while i ≠ io do
      begin
        kk := lam[i];
        X(i, kk, -h);
        X(i, j, h);
        j := kk
      end i;
    X(i, j, h);
    go to if y = 0 then i1 else i2
  end h ≠ 0;
fin : end Briggstransport

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**2. Method used.** The procedure *Briggstransport* finds the primal and dual solutions of a transportation problem by the dual labeling method given by F. E. A. Briggs in [1].

The initial solution is found in the following way:

- 1° Find  $x_{i_0 j_0} = \min(a_{i_0}, b_{j_0})$ , where  $i_0, j_0$  are such that  $D_{i_0 j_0} = \min\{D_{ij}\}$ ,  
 $\begin{matrix} a_i > 0 \\ b_j > 0 \end{matrix}$
- 2° adjust new  $a_{i_0}, b_{j_0}$  as follows:  $a_{i_0} := a_{i_0} - x_{i_0 j_0}$ ,  $b_{j_0} := b_{j_0} - x_{i_0 j_0}$ ,
- 3° do 1° and 2° as long as there are any positive  $a_i, b_j$ .

Instead of the usual flow matrix  $\{x_{ij}\}$  a new method of remembering the solution is used; based on the knowledge that at most  $m + n - 1$  nonzero flows may occur, the solution is packed into the four vectors  $aa, o[1:n], bb, p[1:m]$ , as described in the comment to the procedure. If necessary, the procedure *X* exchanges the elements, to avoid packing of two solution elements in one place.

**3. Certification.** The example given in [1] has been solved and correct results obtained, the computer being the Elliott 803. Table 1 gives relative computing times for various dimensions of solved problems.

TABLE 1. Relative computing times for *Briggstransport*

Dimension $n \times m$	$5 \times 5$	$10 \times 10$	$10 \times 20$	$20 \times 20$	$30 \times 30$	$50 \times 50$	$20 \times 200$	$10 \times 400$
Execution time	1	4	8	28	75	287	63	87

## Reference

[1] F. E. A. Briggs, *A dual labeling method for the Hitchcock problem*, Operat. Res. 10 (1962), pp. 507-517.

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**ROZWIĄZANIE ZAGADNIENIA TRANSPORTOWEGO DUALNĄ METODĄ  
OZNACZANIA BRIGGSA**

STRESZCZENIE

Procedura *Briggstransport* znajduje rozwiązanie pierwotne i dualne zagadnienia Hitchcocka dualną metodą oznaczania [1].

Kolejne elementy rozwiązania wstępnego wyznaczone są sukcesywnie metodą minimalnego elementu macierzy.

Ponieważ niezerowych elementów rozwiązania optymalnego może być najwyżej  $m + n - 1$ , więc do zapamiętania ich użyto dwóch par wektorów  $aa, o [1 : n]$ ,  $bb, p [1 : m]$ . Procedura  $X$  zapewnia, że nowe elementy nie niszczą wcześniej obliczonych składowych wektorów rozwiązania.

Procedura *Briggstransport* była sprawdzona na maszynie cyfrowej Elliott 803.

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**РЕШЕНИЕ ТРАНСПОРТНОЙ ЗАДАЧИ ДВОЙСТВЕННЫМ МЕТОДОМ РАССТАНОВКИ  
ПОМЕТОК БРИГГСА**

РЕЗЮМЕ

Процедура *Briggstransport* находит прямое и двойственное решение задачи Хичкока двойственным методом расстановки пометок [1].

Очередные элементы исходного решения определяются последовательно методом минимального элемента матрицы.

Так как ненулевых элементов оптимального решения может быть не больше  $m + n - 1$  для запоминания их используются две пары векторов  $aa, o [1 : n]$ ,  $bb, p [1 : m]$ . Благодаря процедуре  $X$ , новые элементы не портят раньше вычисленных компонент векторов решения.

Процедура *Briggstransport* была проверена на вычислительной машине Эллиотт 803.