

An auto factory sends cars from plant 1 and 2 to dealership A and B. Plant 1 has 28 cars to send, Plant 2 has 8 to send. Dealer A needs 20 cars, Dealer B needs 16. Transportation costs are \$220 from 1 to A, \$300 from 1 to B, \$400 from 2 to A, and \$180 from 2 to B. Transportation costs are limited to \$10640. How many cars should be sent from each plant to each of the dealerships?

Solution:

Let x - cars should be sent from I plant to A dealership

y - cars should be sent from I plant to B dealership

z - cars should be sent from II plant to A dealership

u - cars should be sent from II plant to B dealership, then

$$x+y=28$$

$$z+u=8$$

$$x+z=20$$

$$y+u=16$$

$$220x+300y+400z+180u=10640$$

From the third $z=20-x$

From the fourth $u=16-y$

Replace the z and u in the fifth equation

$$220x+300y+400(20-x)+180(16-y)=10640$$

$$-180x+120y=-240$$

From the first $y=28-x$

$$-180x+120(28-x)=-240$$

$$-300x=-3600, \text{ so } x=12, y=28-12=16, z=20-12=8 \text{ and } u=16-16=0$$

Answer:

12 cars should be sent from I plant to A dealership

16 cars should be sent from I plant to B dealership

8 cars should be sent from II plant to A dealership