

1. **(15 points)** For an autumn bake sale, you're making apple-intensive baked goods. Each package of apple muffins you make uses 3 apples, a cup of sugar, and 2 cups of flour, and earns a profit of \$1.50. Each apple pie uses 10 apples, 2 cups of sugar, and 3 cups of flour, and earns a profit of \$3. Finally, each packet of apple cookies uses an apple, 3 cups of sugar, and a cup of flour and earns \$1 in profit. Your available supplies are 840 apples, 630 cups of sugar, and 450 cups of flour.

- (a) **(8 points)** Formulate a mathematical representation of the problem of maximizing profit in this scenario.

Let the variables x , y , and z represent the number of muffin-packs, pies, and cookie-packets made respectively. Then the profit in dollars gives the objective function $1.5x + 3y + z$. Finally, there are non-negativity constraints, as well as three constraints dictated by the limited quantities of apples, sugar, and flour. The problem thus becomes to

maximize $1.5x + 3y + z$ subject to the constraints:

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 10y + z \leq 840 \\ x + 2y + 3z \leq 630 \\ 2x + 3y + z \leq 450 \\ x, y, z \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- (b) Is it feasible to make 70 muffin-packs, 50 pies, and 120 cookie-packets? If so, what is the resulting profit, and what is the slack in each constraint? Make sure to show work or explain.

We test all of the resource constraints (the non-negativity constraints are clearly satisfied) to check to see if this production plan stays within our limitations:

$$3 \times 70 + 10 \times 50 + 120 = 830 \leq 840$$

$$70 + 2 \times 50 + 3 \times 120 = 530 \leq 630$$

$$2 \times 70 + 3 \times 50 + 120 = 410 \leq 450$$

All constraints are satisfied, so this production plan is **feasible** and it provides a profit of $\$1.50 \times 70 + \$3 \times 50 + \$1 \times 120 = \375 . It also has slack in all three resources, so that this plan will leave $840 - 830 = 10$ apples, $630 - 530 = 100$ cups of sugar, and $450 - 410 = 40$ cups of flour unused.

- (c) Is it feasible to make 100 muffin-packs, 35 pies, and 180 cookie-packets? If so, what is the resulting profit, and what is the slack in each constraint? Make sure to show work or explain.

We test all of the resource constraints (the non-negativity constraints are clearly satisfied) to check to see if this production plan stays within our limitations:

$$3 \times 100 + 10 \times 35 + 180 = 830 \leq 840$$

$$100 + 2 \times 35 + 3 \times 180 = 710 \not\leq 630$$

$$2 \times 100 + 3 \times 35 + 180 = 485 \not\leq 450$$

There are unsatisfied constraints (two of them, in fact), so this production plan is **not feasible** (or equivalently, unfeasible or infeasible).