





Introduction

Management Science

Use of mathematical models in providing guidelines to managers for

- Making effective decisions within the state of the current information
- Seeking further information if current knowledge is insufficient to reach a proper decision

Operations Research

The application of the methods of science to complex problems arising in the direction and management of large systems

Management science & Operations research are very close to each other







Model Building Process

- 1. Formulate the problem
- 2. Observe the system
- 3. Formulate a mathematical model of the problem
- 4. Verify the model and use the model for prediction
- 5. Selec a suitable alternative
- 6. Present the result and conclusion of the study
- 7. Implement and evaluate recommendations







Modeling Principles

- 1. Do not build a complicated model when a simple one can be used
- 2. Beware of modeling the problem to fit the technique
- 3. The deduction phase of modeling must be conducted rigorously
- 4. Models should be validated prior to implementation
- 5. A model should never be taken too literally
- 6. Beware of overselling the model
- 7. A model cannot be any better than the information that goes into it
- 8. Models cannot replace decision makers

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Basic Mathematical Programming Problems

Linear Programming (LP) Quadratic Programming (QCP) Nonlinear Programming (NLP) Integer Programming (IP) Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MIP) Mixed Integer Nonlinear Programming (MINLP) Dynamic Programming (DP) **Stochastic Programming Network Analysis** Game Theory

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Software Packages

Lindo – Lingo – What'sBest CPLEX TORA NPSOL – MINOS **KNITRO** GAMS **Spreadsheet Solver** etc.

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