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21-393 Operations Research II  
Test 1

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Problem	Points	Score
1	33	
2	33	
3	34	
Total	100	

**Q1: (33pts)**

(a) Solve the following knapsack problem, writing the results of the dynamic programming recursion in a table. You will not score any points for just writing down the answer:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximise} && 4x_1 + 9x_2 + 16x_3 \\ &\text{subject to} && \\ &&& 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 \leq 10 \\ &&& x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \text{ and integer.} \end{aligned}$$

Your answer should consist of a table.

(b) Using the answer to part (a), solve the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimise} && 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 \\ &\text{subject to} && \\ &&& 4x_1 + 9x_2 + 16x_3 \geq 30 \\ &&& x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \text{ and integer.} \end{aligned}$$

(This does not require any new computations!)

**Q2: (33pts)** A system can be in 3 states 1,2,3 and the cost of moving from state  $i$  to state  $j$  in one period is  $c(i, j)$ , where the  $c(i, j)$  are given in the matrix below. The one period discount factor  $\alpha$  is  $1/2$ . The aim is to find a policy which simultaneously minimises the discounted cost of operating from any starting state. Start with the policy

$$\pi(1) = 1, \pi(2) = 1, \pi(3) = 2.$$

Evaluate this policy. Is it optimal? If not find an improved policy.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO EVALUATE THIS NEW POLICY OR FIND AN OPTIMAL STRATEGY.**

The matrix of costs is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q3: (33pts)** Formulate a dynamic programming functional equation that could be used to solve the following problem: A manufacture wishes to minimise the expected operating costs for the next  $N$  periods. The cost of producing  $x$  items on a machine of age  $t$  in period  $j$ , given that  $y$  items were produced in period  $j - 1$  is  $c_j(x, y, t)$ . A new machine costs an amount  $A$  and a machine of age  $T$  must be scrapped. The machine can be overhauled at a cost of  $B$ . This results in a machine of equivalent age 3. The purchase or overhaul of a machine can be done instantaneously at the beginning of a period. The demand  $d$  in period  $j$  is a random variable and the probability that  $d = j$  is  $p_j$  for  $j \geq 0$ . If any demand is not met, then it becomes back-ordered and there is a charge of  $a$  per unit per period that this demand remains unmet. The maximum amount that can be held in stock for any period is  $H_1$  and the maximum amount that can be back-ordered is  $H_2$ . Any demand over  $H_2$  that cannot be back-ordered is lost at a cost of  $b$  per unit.