

**Situation:** You supervise 40 hours of assembly crew and 15 hours of shipping crew. They handle two products the MintyBoost and the TV-B-Gone. The MB takes 15 minutes to assemble, and 5 minutes to pack, while the TV takes 10 minutes to assemble, and 5 minutes to pack. Middle management has given you free reign on how many to produce for now.

	MB	TV	Labor
Assembly	15 min	10 min	40 hrs
Shipping	5 min	5 min	15 hrs

**Goal:** Keep the crew busy

(a) What do you have the most direct control over? What is the most direct decision you need to make?

(b) What should  $x$  and  $y$  represent? Be **specific**. Your answer must be sufficient to handle the question, “ok, so  $x = 7$ . what does that mean?”

(c) What constraints do you operate under? Why can't you just set  $x = 10000$  and  $y = 999999$ ?

(d) The constraints actually determine a college algebra problem. Solve it as  $x = \dots, y = \dots$

(e) Now what does it actually mean? What are you the manager actually going to do with the answer to this college algebra problem?

Solve some systems:

$$\begin{cases} 15x + 10y = 2400 \\ 5x + 5y = 900 \\ x - 2y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 4 \\ x + y = 8 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 2y = 8 \\ x + y = 8 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 5x + 5y = 20 \\ 4x + 4y = 32 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 10x - 15y = 20 \\ 4x - 6y = 32 \end{cases}$$

What value of  $k$  makes the following impossible?

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 4 \\ 7x + ky = 56 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 7y = 13 \\ 6x + ky = 38 \end{cases}$$