

Location Routing Problem with Consideration of CO₂ Emissions Cost: A Case Study

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ABSTRACT

Location and routing are the main critical problems investigated in a logistic. Location-Routing Problem (LRP) involves determining the location of facilities and vehicle routes to supply customer's demands. Determination of depots as distribution centers is one of the problems in LRP. In LRP, carbon emissions need to be considered because these problems cause global warming and climate change. In this paper, a new mathematical model for LRP considering CO₂ emissions minimization is proposed. This study developed a new Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP) model for LRP with time windows and considered the environmental impacts. Finally, a case study was conducted in the province of Central Java, Indonesia. In this case study, there are three depot candidates. The study results indicated that using this method in existing conditions and constraints provides a more optimal solution than the company's actual route. A sensitivity analysis was also carried out in this case study.



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1. Introduction

Good coordination between depot locations and vehicle routes is one of the biggest challenges in supply chain management [1]. Determining the depot location or Facility Location Problem (FLP) and the distribution route or Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP) is solved separately. It produces more solutions than optimal [2]. One variation of FLP and VRP is the Location Routing Problem (LRP) [3]. LRP is the problem of determining the facility's location and vehicle routes to serve a certain number of customers to minimize location and route costs. The transportation costs can be reduced by cooperating between the two companies in delivering goods [4]. One form of cooperation is to use several joint depots as a distribution center. As urbanization still advances, environmental issues will become more important in urban areas [5]. The increasing flow of urban freight transportation harms the urban environment's quality, such as air pollution resulting from carbon dioxide emissions, noise, and congestion [6].

The transportation sector contributes to the second-largest source of CO₂ emissions, which causes Climate Change [7]. The environmental effect of carbon emission



is often ignored in manufacturer and transportation activity [8]. One of the measurements of environmental factors is based on CO₂ emissions [9]. According to Kabashkin [10], although urban freight transportation only accounts for 10-18% of congestion, it contributes significantly to removing air pollution. The control of the environmental impacts is a considerable challenge to the daily operations of modern logistics companies. It is because of the increasing carbon dioxide emissions [11]. Reducing carbon emissions in logistics operations is essential because it is a carbon emission source [12]. The right route can reduce total costs, operating time, and CO₂ emissions [13]. Besides, the time windows problem needs to be considered in the LRP problem because it can increase customer loyalty.

The researchers claim that the company's success depends on determining suitable location-allocation and distribution [14]. A few variations of LRP are investigated, and most of the early studies consider either capacitated depots and vehicles [15]. Since 2007, a few studies have addressed this issue with capacity limitations for the warehouses and the vehicles called the capacitated location-routing problem (CLRP). Belenguer [16] and Contardo [17] have proposed exact methods to solve the CLRP problem. Furthermore, distribution routes must consider the time window to increase customer satisfaction [18]. This issue is called the location-routing problem with time windows [19]. The variant with time windows has vehicles with limited capacity, and the specific delivery time windows were implemented by Zhang [20]. Wang [21] studied Two-echelon Location-Routing Routing with Time Windows (LRPTW) based on customer clustering to minimize costs and maximize customer satisfaction. The modification of facility location-allocation models by including inventory decisions is called the location-inventory problem, such as the one conducted by Diabat [22]. Green routing is a concept first introduced by Dukkanci [23]. It observes that cost is not usually directly proportional to the distance traveled and the vehicle's load.

There are a few previous research on location routing problems that consider the impact on the environment. The first study was carried out by Govindan [24]. A bi-objective was proposed at two-echelon LRP with time constraints to improve food supply chain networks with manufacturing, distributions center, and retail. The purpose of the research was to minimize the total cost and impact on the environment. Another study was conducted by Koç [25]. He analyzed the impact of location, vehicle composition, and routes related to emissions on the city's transportation of goods. Then, Toro [26] studied the bi-objective green capacitated location-routing problem with two objective functions: minimizing operational costs and fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. Based on the previous studies, one way of reducing carbon emissions and fuel consumption is through improved routing decisions [27].

As mentioned earlier, Some studies have investigated LRP that consider the impact on the environment. However, none of the LRP studies considered CO₂ emissions and time windows. This study aims to develop a mathematical model to solve the LRPTW problem to minimize total costs and CO₂ emissions. The mathematical model is based on Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP). This research has contributed to developing the MILP model to solve LRP problems by considering time windows and considering the environmental impact to minimize the total distribution cost. This research is divided into several sections. Section 1 is the introduction outline. Section 2 is describing the proposed model and the research method. Section 3 is the results and discussion. Meanwhile, the conclusions and future work is presented in section 4.

2. Methods

2.1 Assumptions, Notations, and Model Formulation

The assumptions of the models comprise 1). The total shipment of goods may not exceed the capacity of the vehicle; 2). Homogeneous vehicle; 3). The demand of each customer is considered fixed each time shipment; 4). Rental costs for all depots are deemed to be the same; 5). Depot capacity is assumed to be the same; 6). The vehicle speed is assumed fixed; 7). The unloading time at each store is expected to be the same, and 8). Emission factors are assumed fixed. Notations of parameters and decision variables:

- M : The set of all potential depot locations
- C : The set of all customers
- K_m : The set of all similar vehicles originating from the depot m
- f_m : Set up fee for each depot at location m , $\forall m \in M$
- q : Vehicle capacity
- Q_m : Capacity of each depot m , $\forall m \in M$
- O_k : Vehicle fee, $\forall k \in K_m$
- d_i : Customer request, $\forall i \in C$
- a_i : Minimum time to start serving customers i
- b_i : Maximum time to start serving customers i
- E_j : Emission factors
- C_{ij} : Operating costs between the depot and customers, $\forall (i, j) \in C$
- tc_{pm} : Operating costs between the manufacture and depot $\forall m \in M$
- C_{mj} : Fixed costs on vehicles at the starting point, $\forall m \in M$ and $\forall j \in C$
- t_{ij} : Delivery time on track (i, j) and service time at I , $\forall (I, j) \in C$
- y_m : 1 if depot m is opened, and 0 otherwise
- X_{ijk} : 1 if the track (i, j) is used by vehicle k , and 0 otherwise
- X_{mjk} : 1 if vehicle k from depot m travels directly from depot m to j , and 0 otherwise
- X_{ihk} : 1 if vehicle k travels from node i to h , and 0 otherwise
- X_{hjk} : 1 if vehicle k travels from node h to j , and 0 otherwise
- W_{pm} : 1 if the manufacture (p) is giving service to the depot (m) , and 0 otherwise
- U : Number of vehicles
- S_{ik} : The time when the vehicle k delivered to customer i , $\forall (i, j) \in C$
- m : index of potential depot locations
- i : index of customer $\in C$
- j : index of customer $\in C$

The mathematical formulation for LRP is proposed in the Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP) model. The model is developed based on the research by [Ponboon 2015 \[28\]](#) in constraint (7)-(13) and [Lerhlaly 2017 \[29\]](#) in constraints (14)-(15).

The objectives function is shown below:

Minimize:

$$Z = \sum_{p \in P} \sum_{m \in M} tc_{pm} W_{pm} + \sum_{m \in M} f_m y_m + \sum_{m \in M} \sum_{j \in A} \sum_{k \in K} O_k X_{mjk} + \sum_{i \in A} \sum_{j \in A} \sum_{k \in K} C_{ij} X_{ijk} + \sum_{i \in A} \sum_{j \in A} \sum_{k \in K} C_{ij} E_j X_{ijk} \quad (1)$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{p \in P} W_{pm} = 1 \tag{2}$$

$$\sum_{m \in M} Y_m \leq m \tag{3}$$

$$W_{pm} \leq \sum_{m \in M} Y_m \tag{4}$$

$$\sum_{k \in K_m} \sum_{j \in V} x_{ijk} = 1 \tag{5}$$

$$\sum_{j \in V} x_{mjk} = 1 \tag{6}$$

$$\sum_{j \in V} x_{imk} = 1 \tag{7}$$

$$\sum_{i \in V} x_{ihk} - \sum_{j \in V} x_{hjk} = 0 \tag{8}$$

$$\sum_{i \in C} d_i \sum_{j \in V} x_{ijk} \leq q \tag{9}$$

$$\sum_{k \in K_m} \sum_{i \in C} d_i \sum_{j \in V} x_{ijk} \leq Q_m Y_m \tag{10}$$

$$\sum_{m \in M} \sum_{j \in A} \sum_{k \in K} x_{mjk} - U = 0 \tag{11}$$

$$s_{ik} + t_i + t_j - M_{ij}(1 - x_{ijk}) \leq s_{jk} \tag{12}$$

$$a_i \leq s_{ik} \leq b_i \tag{13}$$

$$y_m \in \{0,1\}, \quad \forall m \in M \tag{14}$$

$$x_{ijk} \in \{0,1\}, \quad \forall (i,j) \in C, \forall k \in K_m \tag{15}$$

$$s_{ik} > 0 \tag{16}$$

Equation (1) is an objective function to minimize total costs, including CO2 emissions cost. Constraint (2) explains that each depot must be served. Constraint (3) ensures that the maximum number of depots that can be opened does not exceed the number of depots. Constraint (4) describes that manufacture p gives service to just the opened depot. Constraint (5) shows each customer must be visited exactly once by vehicle k. Constraint (6) and (7) explain that the vehicle starts shipping from depot m; it must return to the same depot. Constraint (8) ensures that the vehicle requires to leave customers h if visiting customers h. Constraint (9) is a guarantee to avoid vehicle capacity exceeding. Constraint (10) defines the capacity limits for each opened depot. Constraint (11) ensures that the shipment vehicle does not exceed the number of existing vehicles. Constraint (12)-(13) are time windows constraints. Decision variables are stated in constraints (14), (15), and (16).

2.2 Data and Experimental Procedure

The case study was conducted in the distribution areas of Solo, Sukoharjo, and Karanganyar areas in the province of Central Java, Indonesia. There were three depots (depot A, B, and C) candidates as the distribution centers. Determination of the location of the DC used Gravity Location Models. It assumed that both the stores and the manufactory could be placed as grid points on a plane. Distance between two points on the plane was calculated by the geometric distance [30]. Those models assumed that the distribution cost rose linearly with the amount shipped.

There were eight customers (from T1 to T8) whose demand must be fulfilled in this problem. The data used in this study are as follows: the capacity of vehicle was 1100 roll;

Rental costs for all depots were 150,000,000 IDR/year; Depot capacity was 1500 roll; The vehicle speed was 30 km/hr; The unloading time at each store was 20 minutes; Emission factors was 1.018 Kg CO₂/km. Demand data can be seen in Table 1. Table 2 is a matrix of the distance between depots and customers. Table 3 is the cost matrix obtained by multiplying the fuel cost per 1 kilometer by the distance between the two points. Table 4 is a matrix of the time required for a vehicle to travel once.

IBM ILOG CPLEX 12.8 was used to optimize the route in LRP, including a carbon emission cost problem, to minimize total distribution cost. Also, the sensitivity analysis is carried out to determine the effect of changes in fuel prices on the number of routes and the impact of changes in demand on the number of routes. Fuel and demand are essential parameters that need to be investigated in the LRP issues. In each sensitivity analysis, the study conducted experiments with six different scenarios. The demand parameter was increased by 100 or 4.5% in scenario 1, 200, 9% in scenario 2, and 300 mats or 13.6% in scenario 3. Whereas in scenarios 4 and 5, the demand was decreased by -100 mats or -4.5%, -200 mats or -9%, and -300 mats or -13.6%.

Table 1 Demand data

Customer	Demand
T1	277
T2	286
T3	270
T4	277
T5	286
T6	270
T7	267
T8	267

Table 2 Matrix of the distance between depots and customers (Km)

	A	B	C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	0.0	4.3	4.7	7.3	8.2	13.2	10.8	4.3	4.1	13.0	4.1
B	4.3	0.0	1.3	5.7	6.5	9.4	9.5	1.1	1.2	9.3	1.2
C	4.7	1.3	0.0	5.5	6.4	9.1	9.7	1.0	1.2	8.9	1.2
1	7.3	5.7	5.5	0.0	0.8	11.4	8.2	5.9	5.5	10.7	5.6
2	8.2	6.5	6.4	0.8	0.0	9.8	9.2	9.5	5.8	9.1	6.1
3	13.2	9.4	9.1	11.4	9.8	0.0	18.7	10.5	10.3	1.2	10.7
4	10.8	9.5	9.7	8.2	9.2	18.7	0.0	8.5	8.3	15.9	8.2
5	4.3	1.1	1.0	5.9	9.5	10.5	8.5	0.0	0.3	9.1	1.5
6	4.1	1.2	1.2	5.5	5.8	10.3	8.3	1.2	0.0	9.4	1
7	13.0	9.3	8.9	10.7	9.1	1.2	15.9	9.1	9.4	0.0	10.1
8	4.1	1.2	1.2	5.6	6.1	10.7	8.2	1.5	1	10.1	0.0



Table 3 Operating Cost Matrix Between The Depot and Customers (IDR/Km)

	A	B	C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	0	19996	21856	33947	38132	61383	50223	19996	19066	60453	19066
B	19996	0	6045	26506	30227	43712	44177	5115	5580	43247	5580
C	21856	6045	0	25576	29762	42317	45107	4650	5580	41387	5580
1	33947	26506	25576	0	3720	53013	38132	27436	25576	49758	26041
2	38132	30227	29762	3720	0	45572	42782	44177	26971	42317	28367
3	61383	43712	42317	53013	45572	0	86960	48828	47898	5580	49758
4	50223	44177	45107	38132	42782	86960	0	39527	38597	73939	38132
5	19996	5115	4650	27436	44177	48828	39527	0	1395	42317	6975
6	19066	5580	5580	25576	26971	47898	38597	5580	0	43712	4650
7	60453	43247	41387	49758	42317	5580	73939	42317	43712	0	46967
8	19066	5580	5580	26041	28367	49758	38132	6975	4650	46967	0

Table 4 Time Matrix (Minute)

	A	B	C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	0.0	6.5	7.1	11.0	12.3	19.8	16.2	6.5	6.2	19.5	6.2
B	6.5	0.0	2.0	8.6	9.8	14.1	14.3	1.7	1.8	14.0	1.8
C	7.1	2.0	0.0	8.3	9.6	13.7	14.6	1.5	1.8	13.4	1.8
1	11.0	8.6	8.3	0.0	1.2	17.1	12.3	8.9	8.3	16.1	8.4
2	12.3	9.8	9.6	1.2	0.0	14.7	13.8	14.3	8.7	13.7	9.2
3	19.8	14.1	13.7	17.1	14.7	0.0	28.1	15.8	15.5	1.8	16.1
4	16.2	14.3	14.6	12.3	13.8	28.1	0.0	12.8	12.5	23.9	12.3
5	6.5	1.7	1.5	8.9	14.3	15.8	12.8	0.0	0.5	13.7	2.3
6	6.2	1.8	1.8	8.3	8.7	15.5	12.5	1.8	0.0	14.1	1.5
7	19.5	14.0	13.4	16.1	13.7	1.8	23.9	13.7	14.1	0.0	15.2
8	6.2	1.8	1.8	8.4	9.2	16.1	12.3	2.3	1.5	15.2	0.0

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Computational Results

The optimization results using IBM ILOG CPLEX 12.8 showed that The optimal value in minimizing total distribution cost was 25,636,984 IDR. The cost component structure is as follows; the highest cost was obtained from the depot opening fee of 25,000,000 IDR. The vehicle cost was 231,554 IDR; CO2 emission expenditure cost was 208,765 IDR; distribution costs from the depot to customers was 177,172 IDR, and the factory to the depot cost was 47,897 IDR.

The computation results showed that the optimal solution produced two routes (route 1 and route 2). Two depots selected, namely depot B and C. Routes solution in the LRP problem, are shown in Fig. 1. On route 1, shipments started from Depot B - T6 - T4 -

T8 - T5 and returned to Depot B. This route started from depot C at 08.00, then went to T6 at 09.40, then to T4 at 10.33 to T8 at 11.05, then to T5 at 11.28, and returned to Depot B at 11.38. On route 2, shipments started from Depot C - T3 - T7 - T2 - T1 and returned to Depot C. This route started from Depot C at 12.30, then to T3 at 12.49, then to T7 at 13.30, then to T2 at 14.04 then to T1 at 14.25 and returned to the Depot C at 15.00.

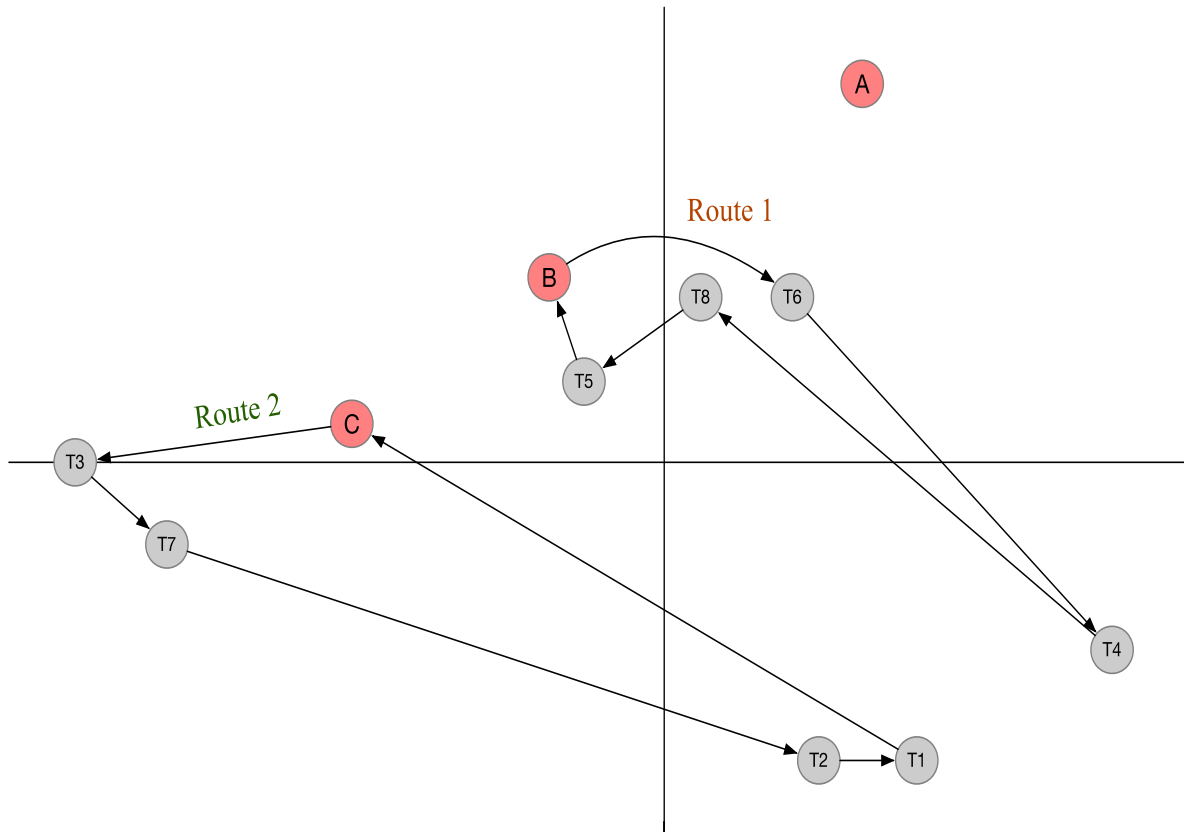


Fig. 1 Routes solution in LRP problem

3.2 Sensitivity Analysis

The effects of changes in fuel cost toward several routes can be seen in Fig. 2. It shows that if the cost is increased or reduced, so route decisions also change. Therefore, it can be concluded that the model is sensitive to the increase or decrease in fuel costs. In other words, the cost of fuel influence the number on the route in the LRP problem. Moreover, the effects of changes in demand toward the routes can be seen in Fig. 3. When the demand parameter is increased by 100 or 4.5% in scenario 1, 200, or 9% in scenario 2, and 300 or 13.6% in scenario 3, the resulting route decision is different from the initial route decision. It is because the vehicle capacity also determines the route solution. Furthermore, if the demand is increased, it will require more than one vehicle; it causes the shipping route to change. In scenarios 4 and 5, namely when the demand is lowered by -100 or -4.5%, -200 or -9%, and -300 or -13.6%, the route decisions are the same as those of the initial route.

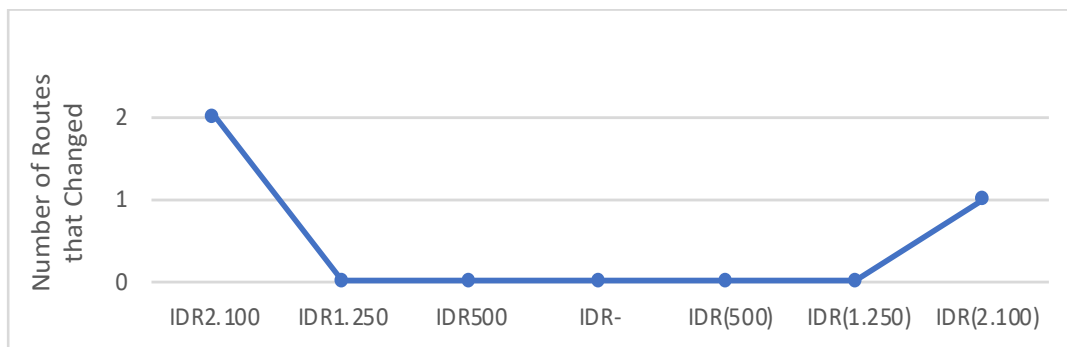


Fig. 2 Effects of Changes in the cost of fuels cost toward Routes

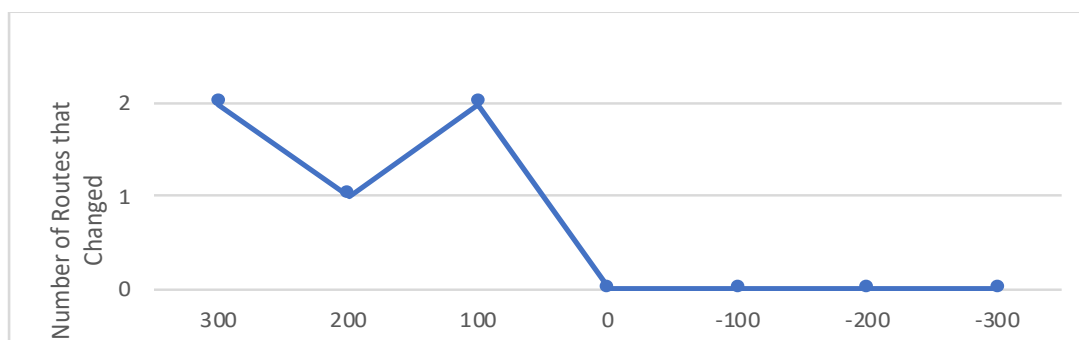


Fig. 3 Effects of Changes in Demand toward Routes

4. Conclusion

This research aims to develop a mathematical model to solve the LRPTW problem to minimize total costs and CO₂ emissions. The researchers developed LRPTW that considered CO₂ emissions. Thus, Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP) was proposed to solve LRPTW acknowledging CO₂ emissions. This model was solved using ILOG IBM CPLEX 12.8. It concluded that the model could produce a better route based on the time windows, CO₂ emissions, and the chosen depots. The suggestion For further research is to integrate the model with the delivery schedule and compare the solutions with popular heuristic and metaheuristic algorithms.

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