

A linear programming problem

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A diet - of – bananas — and beer

I need at least 2000 calories a day, at least 325g of carbohydrates, and at least 2mg of vitamin B-6.

Bananas give me 105 calories each, 27g of carbohydrates, .45mg of Vitamin B-6, and cost 90 cents each.

A bottle of beer gives me 180 calories, 13g of carbohydrates, .2mg of Vitamin B-6, and costs 70 cents.

If I want to have a healthy diet of bananas and beer, at minimum cost, how much of each should I consume each day?

Let x be the number of bananas I eat per day, and y the number of bottles of beer. I want to choose $x \geq 0$ and $y \geq 0$ so that

$$105x + 180y \geq 2000$$

$$27x + 13y \geq 325$$

$$.45x + .2y \geq 2$$

are all true, and I want to make this as small as possible:

$$90x + 70y$$