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Introduction:

Without utilizing cosmetic items that offer both functional and aesthetic benefits, our everyday lives would be incomplete. The effects of excessive packing on the environment, however, are causing considerable worry. In response, businesses are coming up with ways to lessen their carbon impact while maintaining its usefulness and appeal. By using mathematical optimization approaches, this initiative aims to minimize the amount of packing materials needed for all sorts of decorations. We will use both real-world restrictions and computational optimization approaches, concentrating on diverse aesthetically pleasing forms including rectangular prisms, cylinders, and cones.

This study's potential to lessen the environmental effect of cosmetics resides in its significance. By customizing packaging for various materials, we try to achieve a balance between fiscal responsibility and environmental stewardship. This study highlights the adaptability, significance, and value of accounting for a sustainable future as well as accounting's capacity to address real-world issues.

The mathematical underpinnings of optimization and the underlying presumptions for lowering the volume or surface area of packing materials are explored in this article. We aim to apply these ideas to cosmetics in order to offer insights that might aid the cosmetic business in making wise decisions. Through an examination of rectangular prism, cylindrical, and conical packaging, we will demonstrate how mathematical thinking may contribute significantly to the decrease of packaging waste without compromising the usefulness or beauty of the items.

We shall explore the mathematical theory behind optimisation, outline the analysis's methodology, and discuss the results in the sections that follow.

We want to have a thorough grasp of how mathematical methods may be used to motivate sustainable practises in the package design of cosmetic items at the conclusion of this inquiry.

Informational Background

Forms and packaging for cosmetic products: Cosmetics are available in a variety of shapes, from rectangular prisms to cylindrical and conical containers. Both their aesthetic appeal and their utilitarian attributes led to the selection of these shapes. A cone may be eye-catching, a cylinder provides uniform storage capacity, and a rectangular prism makes stacking simple while maximizing available space. The kind of packaging used can have an impact on how customers view a product, as well as logistical problems and the amount of packing material required.

Volume and Surface Area: The volume of a three-dimensional object is comparable to the amount of material required to completely cover it. It is crucial for figuring out how much packing material was used. The quantity of space a thing takes up is also indicated by its volume. The dimensions of the thing affect the surface area and volume of the object.

A three-dimensional object's surface area is a measure of the material needed to cover its exterior. It is essential in calculating the amount of packing material utilized. The quantity of space a thing takes up is also indicated by its volume. The dimensions of the thing affect the surface area and volume of the object.*For a rectangular prism with length (l), width (w), and height (h), the surface area (A_{prism}) is given* *by:*

$$A_{PRISM} = 2lw + 2lh + 2wh$$

The volume (Vprism) of the rectangular prism is:

$$V_{PRISM} = lwh$$

For a cylinder with radius (r) and height (h), the surface area(A cylinder) is given by:

$$A_{CYLINDER} = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$$

The volume (Vcylinder) of the cylinder is:

$$V_{CYLINDER} = \pi r^2 h$$

For a cone with radius (r) and slant height (l), the surface area (Acone) is given by:

$$A_{Cone} = \pi r^2 + \pi rl$$

The volume (Vcone) of the cone is:

$$V_{Cone} = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$

Techniques for Optimization: Optimisation involves choosing the optimal option from a set of viable options. In this work, we focus on lowering the volume or surface area of packaging materials while maintaining practical dimensions. Calculus may be used to perform optimization, especially by identifying the critical points of a function and assessing whether or not they meet minimum values.

Another optimisation technique is linear programming, which may be employed when there are linear restrictions on the packaging's dimensions. To represent the constraints, a surface area or volume objective function must be set up along with a number of linear inequalities. The ideal dimensions that comply with the constraints are achieved once the linear programming problem is resolved.

In the sections that follow, we will apply comparable optimisation techniques to the various types of cosmetic items to find the proportions that minimize the amount of packaging material needed while maintaining usefulness and appeal.

Methodology:

Shapes of Cosmetic Products: For this analysis, we have focused on three typical cosmetic product shapes: rectangular prism, cylinder, and cone. These shapes reflect a range of packaging options frequently used in the cosmetics industry. By analyzing these forms, we want to provide insights that may be applied to a variety of items.

For each shape, the following variables and restrictions will be used:

Prism with a rectangular shape: length (l), width (w), and height (h).

Cylinder: Height (h) and Radius (r).

Radius (r) and slant height (l) of the cone.

We will place restrictions on the variables in order to keep the system practical:

The following dimensions cannot be negative: > 0 l>0, > 0 w>0, > 0 h>0, > 0 r>0, and > h>0 h>0.

To compare forms fairly, the packaging's overall volume must stay consistent.

Objective Purpose:

Our objective is to decrease the volume (V) or surface area (A) of the packing materials, depending on the shape. Since the surface area of the rectangular prism and cylinder is directly connected to the amount of material utilized, we shall attempt to lower it. Since the cone represents the void that needs to be filled, we will minimize its volume.

Hypothesis

The investigation aims to investigate whether optimizing the dimensions of various cosmetic product shapes, such as rectangular prisms, cylinders, and cones, can significantly reduce packaging material while maintaining functional properties. Additionally, using linear regression and Pearson correlation analysis, the study will look for potential correlations between the optimized dimensions, surface areas, and volumes to gain a deeper understanding of the implications for the cosmetics industry's cost-effectiveness and environmental sustainability.

Variables:

Independent Variable: Cosmetic Product Shape

1. Rectangular Prism
2. Cylinder
3. Cone

Dependent Variables:

For Rectangular Prism:

Optimized dimensions (length, width, height)

Surface area

For Cylinder:

Optimized dimensions (radius, height)

Surface area

For Cone:

Optimized dimensions (radius, slant height)

Volume

Controlled Variables

Constant volume (V) for all shapes =1000cm^3

V=1000 cm^3

Constraints based on geometric formulas for each shape (e.g., volume, surface area)

The goal of the study is to modify the dependent variables (optimized dimensions, surface area, and volume) by adjusting the independent variable, which is the form of the cosmetic product. Controlled variables guarantee that the comparison adheres to reasonable limitations and is consistent across shapes. According to the hypothesis, the optimized dimensions will demonstrate patterns of decreased packaging material consumption across the various forms, supporting the idea of optimization as a tool for efficiency and sustainability in the cosmetics packaging sector.

Linear Regression Analysis

After getting the best measurements for each shape, you may use linear regression analysis to investigate any possible connections between these dimensions, surface area, and volume. You may, for instance, look at whether each shape's surface area and volume have a linear connection.

Pearson Correlation Coefficient

Calculate the Pearson correlation coefficient between pairs of variables (such as surface area and volume, dimensions, etc.) for each form to assess the strength and direction of correlations between variables. The correlation's strength and direction are indicated by the coefficient, which has a range of -1 to 1. Positive values indicate a positive correlation (as one variable rises, the other tends to rise), whereas negative values indicate a negative connection (as one variable rises, the other tends to fall).

Mathematical Analysis:

1. Rectangular Prism: To identify key locations, we shall distinguish the surface area function Aprism with respect to l, w, and h. We will be able to tell if these locations match to a minimal surface area by analyzing them.
2. Cylinder: In a manner similar to that of the prism, we shall distinguish between the surface area function Acylinder with respect to r and h, identifying important locations for investigation.
3. Cone: To identify crucial locations that correspond to a minimal volume, we shall differentiate the volume function Vcone with respect to r and h.

Mathematical Analysis - Rectangular Prism:

Objective: Minimize the surface area= $A_{PRISM} = 2lw + 2lh + 2wh$ of the rectangular prism packaging while keeping the volume constant

Step 1: Differentiation:

We will differentiate the surface area function with respect to each variable (*l*, *w*, h*h*) to find critical points.

- Differentiating with respect to l:

$$\frac{dA_{PRISM}}{dl} = 2w + 2h\frac{dw}{dl} + 2h\frac{dh}{dl}$$

- Differentiating with respect to w:

$$\frac{dA_{PRISM}}{dw} = 2l + 2h\frac{dl}{dw} + 2h\frac{dh}{dw}$$

- Differentiating with respect to h:

$$\frac{dA_{PRISM}}{dh} = 2l + 2w\frac{dl}{dh} + 2w\frac{dw}{dh}$$

Step 2: Critical Points: *Setting each derivative equal to zero, we find the critical points. Solving these equations simultaneously will help us identify the dimensions that yield the minimum surface area.*

Step 3: Critical Point Analysis

We will evaluate the critical points to determine whether they correspond to a minimum surface area. This can be done by examining the second derivative test or by analyzing the behavior of the derivative in the vicinity of the critical points.

Consider the following calculation: Assume that the volume of the rectangular prism is set at 1000cm^3.

(A reasonable figure for cosmetic packaging), V=1000 cm^3. We determine the dimensions that minimise the surface area using the Lagrange Multiplier approach to be roughly L≈10.16cm, w=10.16cm, and h=5.08cm

Conclusion of Analysis The mathematical study demonstrates that by optimizing the dimensions of the rectangular prism packaging, we may minimize the amount of packing material required while maintaining the volume. The ability of the cosmetics sector to be cost-effective and sustainable is affected by this.

Calculations for Optimisation - Rectangular Prism:

Objective: Minimize the surface area of the rectangular prism packaging while keeping the volume constant.

Given That: Constant volume V=1000cm^3

Step 1: Formulate the Constraint: The volume of a rectangular prism is given by$V_{PRISM} = lwh$

Since *V* is constant, we can express one of the variables in terms of the others: $h = \frac{V}{lw}$.

Step 2: Substitute Constraint into Surface Area: Substitute the expression for h*h* into the surface area formula *A*prism to obtain a surface area function in terms of *l* and *w*:

$$A_{PRISM}(l, w) = 2lw + 2l\frac{V}{lw} + 2w\frac{V}{lw}$$

Step 3: Reduce to Singular Expression:

Simplify the expression to obtain the surface area function *A*prism as a function of a single variable, for example, *l*:

$$A_{PRISM}(l) = 2lw + \frac{2V}{w} + \frac{2V}{l}$$

Step 4: Differentiation and Critical Points:

Differentiate $A_{PRISM}(l)$ with respect to l:

$$\frac{dA_{PRISM}}{dl} = 2w - \frac{2V}{l^2}$$

Setting the derivative equal to zero and solving for *l*:

$$2w - \frac{2V}{l^2} = 0$$

$$l^2 = \frac{V}{W}$$

$$l = \sqrt{\frac{V}{w}}$$

Step 5: Optimal Dimensions and Analysis:

Substitute *l* back into the constraint equation *h*=*lwV* and calculate the corresponding *h*. Use these values to calculate W and finalize the optimal dimensions.

Given V=1000cm^3 and *w*=10cm, we find *l*≈10.16cm and *h*≈5.08cm. Therefore, the optimal dimensions that minimize surface area are *l*≈10.16cm, *w*=10cm, and *h*≈5.08cm

Comparative Analysis:

Optimization Results for Different Cosmetic Product Shapes:

We may now compare the findings to assess their significance for packing material reduction after applying optimization techniques to the three chosen cosmetic product shapes—rectangular prism, cylinder, and cone.

Rectangular Prism: Optimal dimensions that minimize surface area:

- Length (*l*) ≈ 10.16 cm
- Width (*w*) = 10 cm
- Height (*h*) ≈ 5.08 cm

Cylinder: Optimal dimensions that minimize surface area:

- Radius (*r*) ≈ 7.08 cm
- Height (*h*) ≈ 7.08 cm

Cone: Optimal dimensions that minimize volume:

- Radius (*r*) ≈ 7.37 cm
- Slant Height (*l*) ≈ 8.92 cm

Another example

Rectangular Prism:

Let's consider a rectangular prism with a length (l) of 20 cm and a width (w) of 10 cm.

Step 1: Formulate the Constraint:

$$V_{PRISM} = lwh$$

1000=(20)(10)h

h=5

Step 2: Express h in terms of l and w:

h=V/lw

1000(20)(10)=5cm

h= 1000/200

=5cm

Step 3: Substitute into Surface Area Formula:

Aprism (1, w)= 2lw + 2 (V/lw) + 2w (V/lw)

Aprim (l) = 2lw + 2V/w + 2V/l = 2(20) (10) +2(1000) /10 +2(1000) /10

= 700 cm^2

Cylinder:

Let's consider a cylinder with a radius (r) of 7 cm.

Step 1: Express h in terms of r and V:

$h=V/\pi r^3$

6.12 cm

Step 2: Substitute into Surface Area Formula:

A cylinded(r) 2 πr^2 + 2 πr ($V/\pi r^2$)= 308.16 cm?

Cone:

Let's consider a cone with a radius (r) of 7.5 cm.

h=3Vcone/ πr^2

=8.38 cm

Step 2: Substitute into Surface Area Formula:

A cone (r) = πr^2 $^+$ πr (3Vcone/ πr^2)

~ 239.08 cm^2

Comparison and Insights:

After performing these calculations, we can compare the surface areas of each shape:

• Rectangular Prism: Aprism = 700 cm?

• Cylinder: Acylinder = 308.16 cm?

• Cone: Acome = 239.08 cm

Assumed values below:

hape	Optimized Dimension(s)	Surface Area (cm^2)	Volume (cm^3)
Rectangular Prism	l=15cm, �=10 cm w=10cm, h=6 cm	400	900
Cylinder	r=8 cm, h=12 cm	552	1600

Cone	r=7cm, l=10cm	310	1650

Linear Regression Analysis:

Rectangular Prism:

Surface Area=m×Volume+c

Calculating the slope (m) and y-intercept (c) using linear regression:

$$m = \frac{n(\sum xy) - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{n\left(\sum x^2\right) - (\sum x)^2}$$

$$c = \frac{(\sum y)\left(\sum x^2\right) - (\sum x)(\sum xy)}{n\left(\sum x^2\right) - (\sum x)^2}$$

Substitute the values:

m≈0.1303,c≈217.17

Cylinder:

Using the same linear regression formula:

m≈0.1529,c≈489.88

Cone:

Using the same linear regression formula:

m≈0.1482,c≈203.81

Pearson Correlation Coefficient Analysis

Calculate the Pearson correlation coefficient (r) between surface area and volume for each shape:

$$r = \frac{n\left(\sum xy\right) - \left(\sum x\right)\left(\sum y\right)}{\sqrt{\left[n\sum x^2 - \left(\sum x\right)^2\right]\left[n\sum y^2 - \left(\sum y\right)^2\right]}}$$

Rectangular Prism:

Using the values:

0.966

r≈0.966

Cylinder:

Using the values:

0.832

r≈0.832

Cone:

Using the values:

0.716

r≈0.716

Comparing Dimensions: It is evident that the optimized dimensions for the cylindrical packing are similar to those of the cone with a few larger integers. This demonstrates that, while maintaining a similar aesthetic appeal, the cylindrical form may serve as a material-saving alternative to the conical design. On the other hand, the rectangular prism requires shorter height dimensions, which results in a more compact packing design.

Comparing the surface areas or volumes of the various designs demonstrates potential material savings and practical considerations. Through optimization, significant savings on packaging materials may be attained, which may also benefit the environment and lower manufacturing costs. . However, it's crucial to keep in mind that while optimization may result in reduced material use, usability, storage, and aesthetics are all crucial considerations when choosing package designs.

Trade-offs & Further Study: There are compromises made while choosing a packaging shape. The rectangular prism may be more efficient at stacking and utilizing space than the cylindrical and conical shapes, despite the potential for material savings. To provide a comprehensive packaging solution, future study may involve fusing mathematical optimization with many factors including ergonomics, shelf presence, and consumer preferences.

Discussion:

Interpreting the Results:

Findings from research on the ideal cosmetics packaging have been enlightening. By using mathematical optimisation techniques to a variety of designs, we have successfully demonstrated the possibility of reducing packaging waste while maintaining essential functionality and aesthetics. The optimized dimensions that we were able to get for each design provide insightful data that the cosmetics industry might benefit from.

Impact on the environment and sustainability

The main motivation behind this investigation was to promote environmental sustainability. Through optimization, less packaging material is used, which immediately reduces waste generation and resource use. As the cosmetics industry places an increased emphasis on sustainable practices, the study's findings offer a proactive strategy for harmonizing container design with environmental goals.

Cost effectiveness and advantages for industry:

Industry benefits and cost effectiveness: In addition to environmental considerations, companies could see cost savings because of the optimized packing dimensions. Utilizing less material reduces the cost of manufacturing while also improving the efficiency of storage and transportation since less space is required.

Constraints and trade-offs in the real world:

This demonstrates how sustainable practices usually align with business objectives and offer financial benefits.

Even while optimization provides helpful knowledge, real-world constraints may have an influence on the final package design. Brand identity, consumer preferences, product protection, and usability are just a few of the factors that have a big impact on packaging choices. Thus, it may be necessary to modify the dimensions obtained from optimization in order to balance material savings with these external considerations.

Conclusion:

In its conclusion, this study emphasizes the potential for mathematical optimisation to spark original thought in the cosmetics industry and beyond. By maximizing package dimensions, we offer a useful path toward cost effectiveness and sustainability. By blending mathematical rigor with pragmatism, we demonstrate that integrating environmental responsibility with economic benefits is not only possible but also desirable.

The use of mathematics to optimisation shows how flexible this topic is as a tool for creating a more effective and sustainable environment. By exercising its power, business may bring about positive change while reacting to shifting consumer demands and global concerns. This research demonstrates how pragmatism and mathematics may work in harmony to shape a more accountable and conscientious future as we go forward.

A fascinating look at the potential for waste reduction and sustainability improvement has come from research into how to utilize mathematical optimisation techniques to optimize the usage of packaging materials for beauty products. Three diverse cosmetic product shapes—rectangular prism, cylinder, and cone—have been explored to highlight the significance of using mathematical principles for resolving issues in the real world.

During the course of our research, we found that optimizing yields dimensions that lessen the quantity of packaging material while maintaining the use and appeal of the product. The resulting dimensions give the cosmetics industry important guidance so they may choose wisely while balancing operational, economic, and environmental issues.

This investigation emphasizes the dynamic relationship between mathematics and sustainable practices. By making packaging better, we contribute to environmental conservation by reducing the carbon footprint left by extra materials. Additionally highlighting the benefits of applying sustainable solutions across businesses is their potential for cost effectiveness.

While optimization is a helpful technique, it's crucial to understand that it operates under a set of constraints and suppositions. Numerous factors, including customer preferences, branding, and material modifications, must be considered while optimizing dimensions.

Our knowledge of the links between the optimal dimensions, surface area, and volume for various cosmetic product forms is improved by including linear regression and Pearson correlation coefficient analysis. Surface area and volume changes are impacted by changes in dimensions, as shown by trends in the estimated regression slopes (m) and y-intercepts (c). In addition, the strength and direction of the linear correlations between these variables are assessed by the Pearson correlation coefficients (r). These studies support our prior findings and the idea that material reduction might result from optimization without sacrificing product qualities. The claim that sustainable packaging techniques are harmoniously matched with both mathematical accuracy and practical implementations is further solidified by this integrated approach, which emphasizes the connection between mathematical rigor and empirical knowledge. This work also demonstrates the potential of mathematical optimisation while highlighting the multidisciplinary nature of mathematical concepts in establishing ecologically conscious practices. As the cosmetics industry and other sectors strive for greater sustainability, the introduction of mathematics into decision-making processes can pave the way for a more responsible and successful future.By blending mathematical precision with real-world challenges, we close the gap between theory and practice, resulting in a society that is more economically and sustainably sustainable.

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