

ECH4905 ChemE Optimization HW 4

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1 Problem 1

Consider the following integer programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && 1.2y_1 + y_2 \\ &\text{subject to} && y_1 + y_2 \leq 1 \\ &&& 1.2y_1 + 0.5y_2 \leq 1 \\ &&& y_1, y_2 \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

1.1 Part a

Solve the first relaxed LP subproblem by hand using the simplex method and derive Gomory cuts based on the LP relaxation.

Solution: To tackle this problem we first relax the problem and then turn the problem above into the standard form so we can create a simplex tableau from it.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && 1.2y_1 + y_2 \\ &\text{subject to} && y_1 + y_2 + s_1 = 1 \\ &&& 1.2y_1 + 0.5y_2 + s_2 = 1 \\ &&& y_1 + s_3 = 1 \\ &&& y_2 + s_4 = 1 \\ &&& y_1, y_2, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

In matrix notation,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \\ &\text{subject to} && \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ &&& \mathbf{x} \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1.2 & 0.5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(with a flipped objective component)

The initial simplex tableau for the problem is as follows:

| Basic Var | y_1 | y_2 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | s_4 | RHS | α |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----------|
| s_1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| s_2 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| s_3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| s_4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| obj | -1.2 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - |

we can define the slack variables equal to the right hand side, and this is in turn a basic feasible solution, so we can jump into phase 2.

We select the y_1 as the entering variable and calculate the alpha value for each basic variable

| Basic Var | y_1 | y_2 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | s_4 | RHS | α |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----------------|
| s_1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{1}$ |
| s_2 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{1.2}$ |
| s_3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{1}$ |
| s_4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{0}$ |
| obj | -1.2 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - |

We pivot this on the 1st column (y_1) and the 2nd row (s_2)

| Basic Var | y_1 | y_2 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | s_4 | RHS | α |
|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|---------------|----------|
| s_1 | 0 | $\frac{7}{12}$ | 1 | $-\frac{5}{6}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{6}$ | |
| y_1 | 1 | $\frac{5}{12}$ | 0 | $\frac{5}{6}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{5}{6}$ | |
| s_3 | 0 | $-\frac{5}{12}$ | 0 | $-\frac{5}{6}$ | 1 | 0 | $\frac{1}{6}$ | |
| s_4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| obj | 0 | -0.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

With blands rule, we pick y_2 and calculate the alpha value for each basic variable.

| Basic Var | y_1 | y_2 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | s_4 | RHS | α |
|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| s_1 | 0 | $\frac{7}{12}$ | 1 | $-\frac{5}{6}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{2}{7}$ |
| y_1 | 1 | $\frac{5}{12}$ | 0 | $\frac{5}{6}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{5}{6}$ | $\frac{2}{5}$ |
| s_3 | 0 | $-\frac{5}{12}$ | 0 | $-\frac{5}{6}$ | 1 | 0 | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $-\frac{1}{5}$ |
| s_4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{1}$ |
| obj | 0 | -0.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

We pivot on the 2nd column (y_2) and the 1st row (s_1).

| Basic Var | y_1 | y_2 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | s_4 | RHS | α |
|-----------|-------|-------|-----------------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|----------|
| y_2 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{12}{7}$ | $-\frac{10}{7}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{2}{7}$ | |
| y_1 | 1 | 0 | $-\frac{5}{7}$ | $\frac{60}{42}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{30}{42}$ | |
| s_3 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{5}{7}$ | $-\frac{60}{42}$ | 1 | 0 | $\frac{12}{42}$ | |
| s_4 | 0 | 0 | $-\frac{12}{7}$ | $\frac{60}{42}$ | 0 | 1 | $\frac{30}{42}$ | |
| obj | 0 | 0 | 0.857 | 0.286 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1.143 |

This is the optimal solution to the LP relaxed problem.

1.2 Part b

Solve the above problem with the branch and bound method by enumerating nodes in the tree and solving the LP subproblems using GAMS.

Solution: