

1. Consider the following linear programming problem:

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max & z & = & 4x_1 + 5x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & 6x_1 + 4x_2 & \leq & 24 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 & \leq & 6 \\ & -x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 1 \\ & & x_2 & \leq 2 \\ & x_1, x_2 & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$

- Solve the problem by the simplex method, where the entering variable is the nonbasic variable with the *most* positive z-row coefficient. (Please solve it in the algebra way introduced in class. Do not solve it by a tabular manner.)
- Resolve the problem by the simplex algorithm, always selecting the entering variable as the nonbasic variable with the *least* positive z-row coefficient. (Please solve it in the algebra way introduced in class. Do not solve it by a tabular manner.)
- Compare the number of iterations in (a) and (b). Does the selection of the entering variable as the nonbasic variable with the *most* positive z-row coefficient lead to a smaller number of iterations? What conclusion can be made regarding the optimality condition?

First, we need to turn this model to the standard form below and rewrite the constraints:

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max & z & = & 4x_1 + 5x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & 6x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 & = & 24 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 & = & 6 \\ & -x_1 + x_2 + x_5 & = & 1 \\ & & x_2 + x_6 & = & 2 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6 & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$

Then the constraints would be

$$\begin{array}{llll} x_3 & = & 24 & - 6x_1 - 4x_2 \\ x_4 & = & 6 & - x_1 - 2x_2 \\ x_5 & = & 1 & + x_1 - x_2 \\ x_6 & = & 2 & - x_2 \end{array}$$

And obtain the initial solution:

$$x_1 = x_2 = 0, x_3 = 24, x_4 = 6, x_5 = 1, x_6 = 2$$

- [Iteration 01]** Choose x_2 as entering variable and x_5 will be the leaving basis.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max & z & = & 5 + 9x_2 - 5x_5 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_2 & = & 1 + x_1 - x_5 \\ & x_3 & = & 20 - 10x_1 + 4x_5 \\ & x_4 & = & 4 - 3x_1 + 2x_5 \\ & x_6 & = & 1 - x_1 + x_5 \end{array}$$

- [Iteration 02]** Choose x_1 as entering variable and x_6 will be the leaving basis.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max & z & = & 14 + 4x_5 - 9x_6 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 & = & 1 + x_5 - x_6 \\ & x_2 & = & 2 - x_6 \\ & x_3 & = & 10 - 6x_5 + 10x_6 \\ & x_4 & = & 1 - x_5 + 3x_6 \end{array}$$

- [Iteration 03]** Choose x_5 as entering variable and x_4 will be the leaving basis.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max & z & = & 18 - 4x_4 + 3x_6 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 & = & 2 - x_4 - 2x_6 \\ & x_2 & = & 2 - x_6 \\ & x_3 & = & 4 + 6x_4 + 8x_6 \\ & x_5 & = & 1 - x_4 + 3x_6 \end{array}$$

[Iteration 04] Choose x_5 as entering variable and x_4 will be the leaving basis.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max & z & = & \frac{39}{2} - \frac{3}{8}x_3 - \frac{7}{4}x_4 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 & = & 3 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + \frac{1}{2}x_4 \\ & x_2 & = & \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{8}x_3 - \frac{3}{4}x_4 \\ & x_5 & = & \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{8}x_3 + \frac{5}{8}x_4 \\ & x_6 & = & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8}x_3 + \frac{3}{4}x_4 \end{array}$$

Finally we know that $z = \frac{39}{2}$ is the optimal solution where $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = \frac{3}{2}$, $x_3 = x_4 = 0$, $x_5 = \frac{5}{2}$ and $x_6 = \frac{1}{2}$.

(b) **[Iteration 01]** Choose x_1 as entering variable and x_3 will be the leaving basis.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max & z & = & 16 + \frac{7}{3}x_2 - \frac{2}{3}x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 & = & 4 - \frac{1}{3}x_2 - \frac{1}{6}x_3 \\ & x_4 & = & 2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2 + \frac{1}{6}x_3 \\ & x_5 & = & 5 - \frac{5}{3}x_2 - \frac{1}{6}x_3 \\ & x_6 & = & 2 - x_2 \end{array}$$

[Iteration 02] Choose x_2 as entering variable and x_4 will be the leaving basis.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max & z & = & \frac{39}{2} - \frac{3}{8}x_3 - \frac{7}{4}x_4 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 & = & 3 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + \frac{1}{2}x_4 \\ & x_2 & = & \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{8}x_3 - \frac{3}{4}x_4 \\ & x_5 & = & \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{8}x_3 + \frac{5}{8}x_4 \\ & x_6 & = & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8}x_3 + \frac{3}{4}x_4 \end{array}$$

Finally we get the same result as (a), namely that $z = \frac{39}{2}$ is the optimal solution where $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = \frac{3}{2}$, $x_3 = x_4 = 0$, $x_5 = \frac{5}{2}$ and $x_6 = \frac{1}{2}$

(c) As the result from (a) and (b), we can conclude that choosing the largest coefficient of z-row to enter may not always leads to the least iterations. Actually, it depends on the real graph about the objective function and constraints.