

Question 1.

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -3 \\ -4 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (8pts) Is the polyhedron $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$ empty or not? Justify your answer.
- (b) (8pts) Is the polyhedron $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid Ax \geq b, x \geq 0\}$ empty or not? Justify your answer.
- (c) (8pts) Given any vector $c \in \mathbb{R}^3$, what can you say about the linear program

$$\max_y b^T y, \text{ s.t. }, A^T y \leq c.$$

Justify your answer.

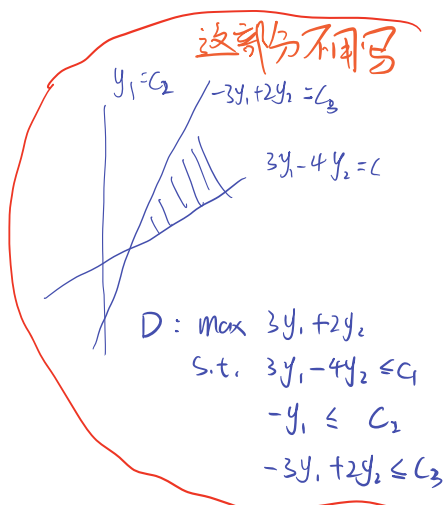
- (a) using Farkas' Lemma
- (i) $Ax = b, x \geq 0$
- (ii) $A^T y \leq 0, b^T y > 0 \rightarrow$ (ii) $\begin{cases} 3y_1 - 4y_2 \leq 0 \\ -y_1 \leq 0 \\ -3y_1 + 2y_2 \leq 0 \\ 3y_1 + 2y_2 > 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow$ easily to find a feasible solution $y = (1, 1)$
- \therefore (ii) is solvable, (i) is not solvable $\therefore P$ is empty

- (b) using Farkas' Lemma
- $Ax \geq b, x \geq 0 \rightarrow$ (i) $(A - I)\begin{pmatrix} x \\ s \end{pmatrix} = b, \begin{pmatrix} x \\ s \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$
- (ii) $(A - I)^T y \leq 0, b^T y > 0$
- $\therefore \begin{cases} 3y_1 - 4y_2 \leq 0 \\ -y_1 \leq 0 \\ -3y_1 + 2y_2 \leq 0 \\ -y_1 - y_2 \leq 0 \\ 3y_1 + 2y_2 > 0 \end{cases}$ easily to find a feasible solution $y = (1, 1)$
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- (c) Dual: $\max b^T y$
s.t. $A^T y \leq c$
- Primal: $\min c^T x$
s.t. $Ax = b, x \geq 0$

$\therefore P$ is not feasible (proved in (a))

$\therefore D$'s optimal value is $+\infty$



Question 2.

Consider the integer programming problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & x_1 + 2x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -3x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 4 \quad \textcircled{1} \\ & 3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 11 \quad \textcircled{2} \\ & 2x_1 - x_2 \leq 5 \quad \textcircled{3} \\ & x_1, x_2 \text{ integer.} \end{aligned}$$

(a) (5pts) What is the optimal cost of the linear programming relaxation? What is the optimal cost of the integer programming problem?

(b) (5pts) What is the convex hull of the set of all solutions to the integer programming problem?

(c) (10pts) Solve the problem by branch and bound. Give the branch and bound tree indicating for each node any bounds obtained and indicating when a node has been fathomed.

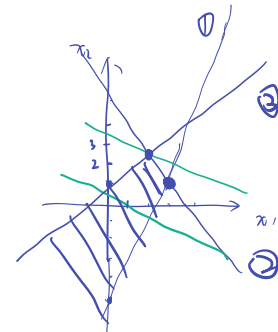
a) The feasible area is upper-bounded,
There must exist a BFS optimal sol

$$\begin{cases} -3x_1 + 4x_2 = 4 \quad \textcircled{1} \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 = 11 \quad \textcircled{2} \\ 2x_1 - x_2 = 5 \quad \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

We have 2 BFS, solve $\{\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}\}$ or $\{\textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}\}$,

$$\begin{cases} x = (2, \frac{5}{2}) & f=7 \leftarrow \text{OPT for LP} \\ x = (3, 1) & f=5 \end{cases}$$

For ILP, It's $(2, 2)$, $z=6$

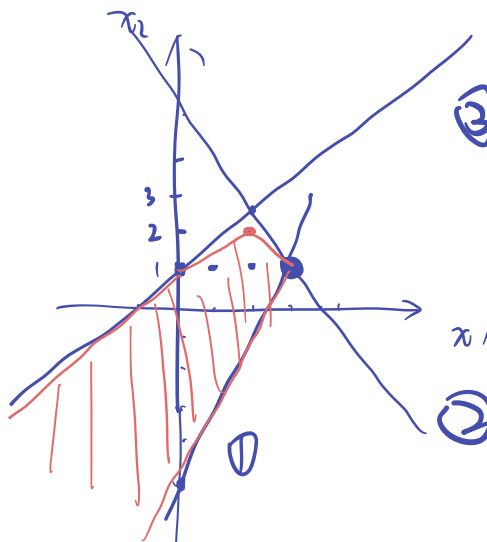


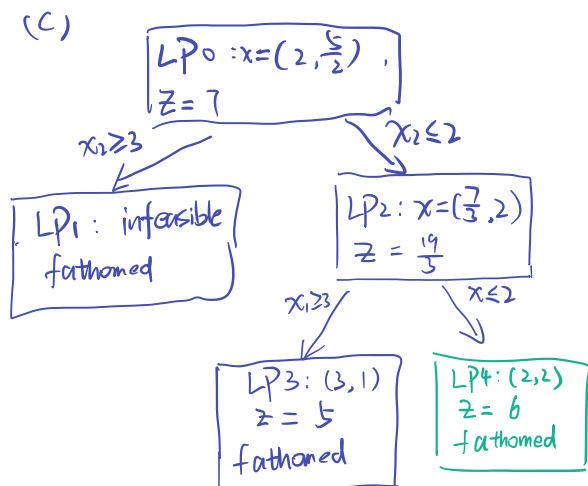
b)

shaded area

In particular

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} \\ x_1 - 2x_2 \geq -2 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 4 \end{cases}$$



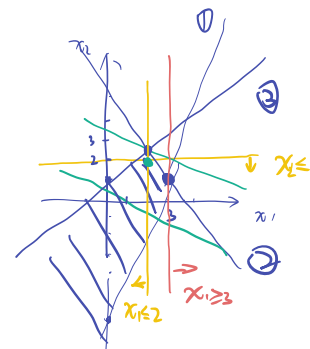
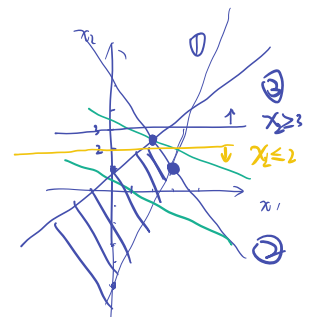


LP1: infeasible

$$LP2: \begin{cases} x_2 = 2 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 = 11 \end{cases} \therefore x = \left(\frac{7}{3}, 2\right)$$

$$LP3: \begin{cases} x_1 = 3 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 = 11 \end{cases} \therefore x = (3, 1)$$

$$LP4: \begin{cases} x_1 = 2 \\ x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \therefore x = (2, 2) \quad z = 6$$



Question 3. (16pts)

The minimum number of employees needed and the rate of pay for each of 6 periods during a 24-hour day is given in the table below. Each employee works during a 3-period shift with the middle period off. For example an employee that starts work at 4am works periods 2 and 4. note that the period 1 follows immediately after period 6, i.e., an employee that start work at 8pm(period 6) has a break during period 1 and continues working during period 2.

Formulate the problem of finding a daily schedule of employees that minimizes cost while providing a sufficient number of employees for each period as a linear program, ignoring integrality requirements. Clearly define all variables.

| Period | Time of Day | Minimal number of employees required | Hourly rate of pay |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | midnight - 4am | 20 | 13 |
| 2 | 4am-8am | 30 | 12 |
| 3 | 8am-noon | 100 | 9 |
| 4 | noon-4pm | 120 | 9 |
| 5 | 4pm-8pm | 80 | 10 |
| 6 | 8pm-midnight | 50 | 12 |

Define $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6$ are employees numbers who start working at period 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, respectively.

$$\min \quad 22x_1 + 21x_2 + 19x_3 + 21x_4 + 23x_5 + 24x_6$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad x_5 + x_1 \geq 20$$

$$x_6 + x_2 \geq 30$$

$$x_1 + x_3 \geq 100$$

$$x_2 + x_4 \geq 120$$

$$x_3 + x_5 \geq 80$$

$$x_4 + x_6 \geq 50$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6 \geq 0$$

Question 4.

Consider the following problem

$$(P) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max & f(x) = \log(x_1 + 1) - x_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3 \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0. \end{array}$$

- (a) (10pts) Is the problem convex or not? Justify your answer.
 (b) (10pts) Use the KKT conditions to find an optimal solution.

(a) Rewrite (P):

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & x_2^2 - \log(x_1 + 1) \quad (f(x)) \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 + 2x_2 - 3 \leq 0 \quad (g_1(x)) \\ & -x_1 \leq 0 \quad (g_2(x)) \\ & -x_2 \leq 0 \quad (g_3(x)) \end{array}$$

$\therefore x_2^2$ is convex, $-\log(x_1 + 1)$ is convex

$\therefore f(x)$ is convex

$\therefore g_1, g_2, g_3$ are linear constraints, thus convex.

\therefore it's a convex problem

(b) KKT Conditions:

• (Dual feasibility)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(\bar{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^3 u_i \nabla g_i(\bar{x}) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\bar{x}_1 + 1} \\ 2\bar{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} + u_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + u_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + u_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\bar{x}_1 + 1} + u_1 - u_2 \\ 2\bar{x}_2 + 2u_1 - u_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

• (Complementary slackness) • (Primal feasibility)

$$\begin{cases} u_1 (\bar{x}_1 + 2\bar{x}_2 - 3) = 0 \\ -u_2 \bar{x}_1 = 0 \\ -u_3 \bar{x}_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x}_1 + 2\bar{x}_2 - 3 \leq 0 \\ -\bar{x}_1 \leq 0 \\ -\bar{x}_2 \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

if $V_1=0$, $V_2 = \frac{-1}{x_1+1}$, infeasible \times

Therefore $x_1 + 2x_2 - 3 = 0$

Further, if $V_2=0$

$$\begin{cases} V_1 = \frac{1}{x_1+1} \\ 2x_2 + 2V_1 - V_3 = 0 \\ V_3 x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$V_3 = 2x_2 + \frac{2}{x_1+1}$$

$$\therefore V_3 x_2 = 2x_2^2 + \frac{2x_2}{x_1+1} = 0$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{x_2^2}_{\geq 0} (x_1+1) + \underbrace{x_2}_{\geq 0} = 0$$

$$\therefore x_2 = 0 , x_1 = 3$$

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{4} \quad V_2 = 0 \quad V_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Verify it Satisfy KKT Condition

Prove necessary:

(P) is linearly constrained

Prove Sufficiency:

(P) is a convex problem

\therefore the solution (3,0) is the optimal solution