



Part 6

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$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 3 - \frac{3}{5}x_3 + \frac{2}{5}x_4 \\ x_2 = 3 + \frac{2}{5}x_3 - \frac{3}{5}x_4 \end{cases}$$



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Standard and other forms of an LP

STANDARD

$$\min\{c^T x : Ax = b, x_j \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, n\}$$

CANONICAL

$$\min\{c^T x : Ax \geq b, x_j \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, n\}$$

GENERAL

$$\min\{c^T x : Ax = b, A'x \geq b', x_j \geq 0, j \in J \subset \{1, \dots, n\}\}$$

The three forms are equivalent !

From General to Standard

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An unconstrained variable x_j is substituted by two nonnegative variables $x_j^+, x_j^- \geq 0$

$$x_j = x_j^+ - x_j^-$$

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An equation is transformed into two inequalities



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Geometry of the LP

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Hyperplane : $\alpha^T x = \alpha_0$

Halfspace : $\alpha^T x \leq \alpha_0$



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Polyhedron : intersection of a finite number of hyperplanes and halfspaces

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = b, A'x \geq b'\}$$

Polytope : a bounded polyhedron
($\exists M > 0 : \|x\| \leq M \ \forall x \in P$)

Vertex : a point x of a polyhedron P such that $\nexists x^1, x^2 \in P$
with $x = \frac{1}{2}x^1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2$

A polyhedron has a finite number of vertices.

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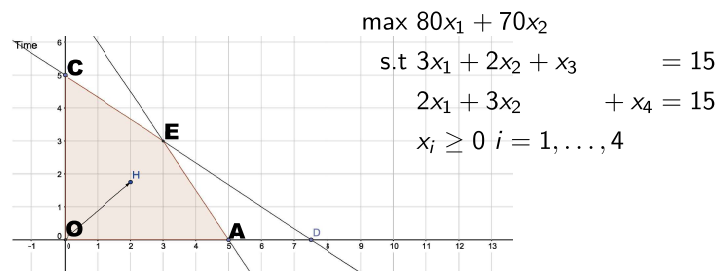
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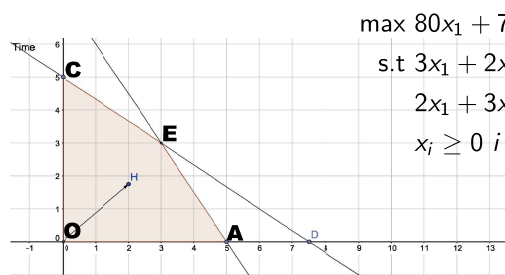
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$$c^T y = c^T \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i (c^T x^i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i z^* = z^* \quad \square$$

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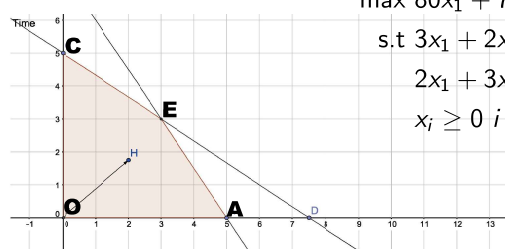
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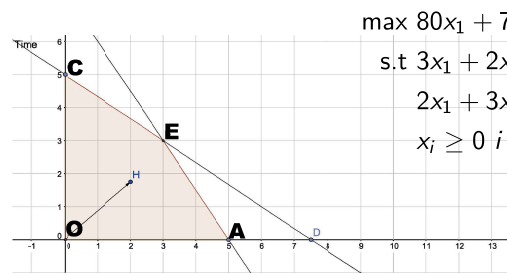
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Simplex algorithm

Simplex algorithm: (first version - maximization)

Find a basis B giving a basic feasible solution x

while ("x is not optimal and not unlimited")

begin

transform the current basis B into a new basis
by changing one column,
and so that the objective function increases

end

- The algorithm terminates in a finite number of iterations:

$$\binom{n}{m} = \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}$$

Optimality condition

Maximization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \{ c^T x : Ax = b, x \geq 0 \} \\ & x_B = B^{-1}b - B^{-1}F x_F, \quad B^{-1}b \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Selection of the column entering the basis

Theorem

A basic feasible solution of a PLC problem in maximization form is optimal if the reduced costs are non-positive ($\bar{c}^T \leq 0$).

(In a minimization problem the solution is optimal if $\bar{c}^T \geq 0$)

- To increase the current solution value select a variable of x_F with positive reduced cost.

Selection of the column leaving the basis

Let $\bar{A} = B^{-1}A$, $\bar{F} = B^{-1}F$ and $\bar{b} = B^{-1}b$.

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▷ $\bar{a}_{ih} \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ no constraint for x_h

$$\triangleright \bar{a}_{ih} > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_h \leq \bar{b}_i / \bar{a}_{ih}$$

$$x_h \leq \min \left\{ \frac{\bar{b}_i}{\bar{a}_{ih}} : \bar{a}_{ih} > 0, i = 1, \dots, m \right\} \quad (1)$$

Let t be the row giving $\min \left\{ \frac{\bar{b}_i}{\bar{a}_{ih}} : \bar{a}_{ih} > 0, i = 1, \dots, m \right\}$

Since $x_{[t]} = \bar{b}_t - \bar{a}_{th}x_h$

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$$h = 2, \ x_h \leq \min\{\frac{5}{2/3}, \frac{5}{5/3}\} = 3 \Rightarrow t = 2$$

Simplex algorithm summary

optimality non-positive reduced costs (maximization)
entering variable a non-basic variable x_h with $\bar{c}_h > 0$
pivot row $t = \operatorname{argmin}\{\bar{b}_i / \bar{a}_{ih} : \bar{a}_{ih} > 0\}$ (basic variable $x_{[t]}$ exit the basis)
unlimited problem $\bar{a}_{ih} \leq 0 \ \forall i$

Symplex algorithm (second version - maximization)

Find a feasible basis $B = [A_{[1]}, \dots, A_{[m]}]$
unlimited := FALSE; optimal := FALSE;
while (optimal = FALSE **and** unlimited = FALSE) **do**
 Compute B^{-1} and set $u^T := c_B^T B^{-1}$;
 Compute reduced costs $\bar{c}_h = c_h - u^T A_h, \forall x_h : h \in A \setminus B$
 if ($\bar{c}_h \leq 0 \ \forall x_h$) **then** optimal := TRUE
 else
 Choose a non basic variable x_h such that $\bar{c}_h > 0$;
 Compute $\bar{b} := B^{-1}b$ and $\bar{A}_h := B^{-1}A_h$;
 if' ($\bar{a}_{ih} \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m$) **then** unlimited:= TRUE
 else
 Find $t := \operatorname{argmin}\{\bar{b}_i / \bar{a}_{ih}, i = 1, \dots, m : \bar{a}_{ih} > 0\}$;
 Update the basis setting $[t] := h$;
 endif
 endif
endwhile



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 \end{array}$$

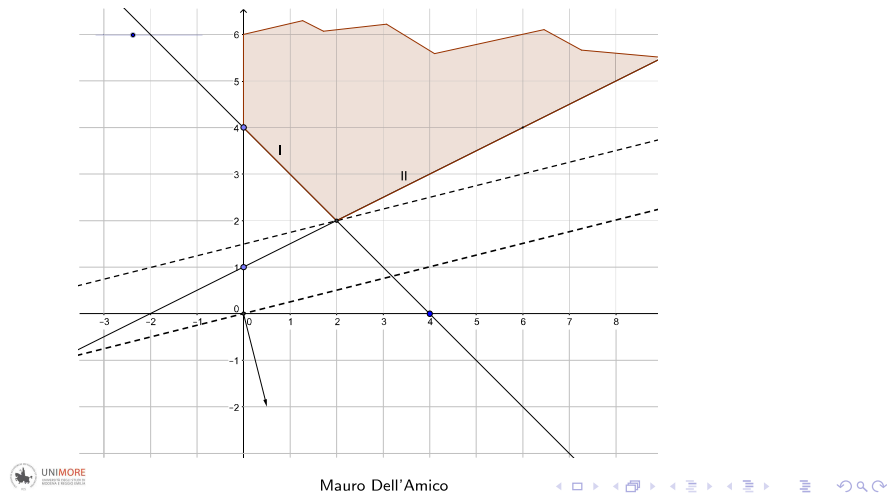
80	70	0	0	0
3	2	1	0	15
2	3	0	1	15



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \max z = & \quad x_1 - 4x_2 \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \quad x_1 + x_2 \geq 4 \\
 & \quad -x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 2 \\
 & \quad x_1 \geq 0 \\
 & \quad x_2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$



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 & \quad -x_1 + 2x_2 - x_4 = 2 \\
 & \quad x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	
1	-4	0	0	0
1	1	-1	0	4
-1	2	0	-1	2

$$\begin{array}{rcllcl} \max z = & x_1 & -4x_2 & & & \\ s.t. & x_1 & +x_2 & -x_3 & & = 4 \\ & -x_1 & +2x_2 & & -x_4 & = 2 \\ & x_1, & x_2, & x_3, & x_4 & \geq 0 \end{array}$$

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1	1	-1	0	4
-1	2	0	-1	2

No basis is immediately available

Add a dummy basis giving a small value to the obj. function

artificial variables

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Numerical problems !

Define a new *minimization* problem where the obj. functions. ask to have the artificial variable not in the optimal basis

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Transform the tableau in basis form

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
0	-3	1	1	0	0	-6
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-3/2	0	1	-1/2	0	3/2	-3
3/2	0	-1	1/2	1	-1/2	3
-1/2	1	0	-1/2	0	1/2	1

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
$-3/2$	0	1	$-1/2$	0	$3/2$	-3
$3/2$	0	-1	$1/2$	1	$-1/2$	3
$-1/2$	1	0	$-1/2$	0	$1/2$	1

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	$-2/3$	$1/3$	$2/3$	$-1/3$	2
0	1	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$	2

x_1 and x_2 in the solution a_1 and a_2 outside

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
$-3/2$	0	1	$-1/2$	0	$3/2$	-3
$3/2$	0	-1	$1/2$	1	$-1/2$	3
$-1/2$	1	0	$-1/2$	0	$1/2$	1

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	$-2/3$	$1/3$	$2/3$	$-1/3$	2
0	1	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$	2

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remove last two columns and restore the original obj. function

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	$-2/3$	$1/3$	$2/3$	$-1/3$	2
0	1	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$	2

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NB original problem in *maximization* form

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	$-2/3$	$1/3$	$2/3$	$-1/3$	2
0	1	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$	2

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x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	-2/3	1/3	2/3	-1/3	2
0	1	-1/3	-1/3	1/3	1/3	2

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x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	
1	-4	0	0	0
1	0	-2/3	1/3	2
0	1	-1/3	-1/3	2

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	
0	0	-2/3	-5/3	6
1	0	-2/3	1/3	2
0	1	-1/3	-1/3	2

O

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
0	-3	1	1	0	0	-6
1	1	-1	0	1	0	4
-1	2	0	-1	0	1	2

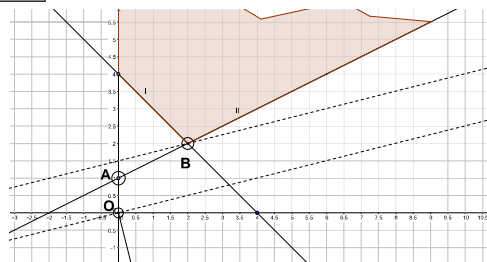
A

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	a_1	a_2	
-3/2	0	1	-1/2	0	3/2	-3
3/2	0	-1	1/2	1	-1/2	3
-1/2	1	0	-1/2	0	1/2	1

B

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	
0	0	-2/3	-5/3	6
1	0	-2/3	1/3	2
0	1	-1/3	-1/3	2

N.B. Not in all cases we arrive immediately at the optimal solution



$$\begin{aligned}
 \max z = & -2x_1 + x_2 \\
 & x_1 - 2x_2 \geq 5 \\
 & 2x_1 + 5x_2 = 6 \\
 & x_1, x_2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Phase I

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min w = & a_1 + a_2 \\
 & x_1 - 2x_2 - s_1 + a_1 = 5 \\
 & 2x_1 + 5x_2 + a_2 = 6 \\
 & x_1, x_2, s_1, a_1, a_2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

x_1	x_2	s_1	a_1	a_2	
0	0	0	1	1	0
1	-2	-1	1	0	5
2	5	0	0	1	6
-3	-3	1	0	0	-11
1	-2	-1	1	0	5
2	5	0	0	1	6

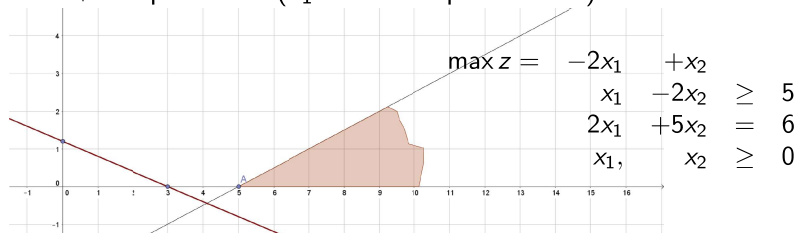
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1	-2	-1	1	0	5
2	5	0	0	1	6
0	9/2	1	0	3/2	-2
0	-9/2	-1	1	-1/2	2
1	5/2	0	0	1/2	3

$w = +2$ Impossible ! (a_1 is in the optimal base)

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1	5/2	0	0	1/2	3

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Two phases method: summary

Let (x^*, a^*) be the optimal solution of an artificial problem (Phase I), and let w^* be its value

$w^* > 0$: No solution exists in which all the artificial variables are outside the basis: UNFEASIBLE

$w^* = 0$: and all artificial variables outside the basis: x^* defines an optimal basis for the original problem

$w^* = 0$: and an artificial variable a_h is in the basis

- if the row of the tableau having coefficient 1 in column h is zero elsewhere : delete the row (linearly dependent in the original problem)
- if the row of the tableau having coefficient 1 in column h has another nonzero value : pivot on this element (also if it is negative)