

Exercise class 3

Learning Objectives:

- Algebraic form of LP problems
- The Simplex algorithm

Demo 1: The simplex algorithm

Transform the linear problem into the standard form and solve it using the tabular Simplex algorithm.

$$\begin{aligned} \max. \quad & 5x_1 + 4x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 \leq 4, \\ & 6x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 18, \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Demo 2: Variants in the standard form

Transform the linear problem into minimisation standard form (without changing the problem to maximisation) and solve it using the tabular Simplex algorithm.

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min . & -2x_1 + 3x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & 8x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 6, \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 2, \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0.\end{array}$$

Problem 1: The Simplex algorithm

Transform the linear problem into standard form and solve it using the tabular Simplex algorithm

$$\begin{array}{ll}\max. & 5x_1 + 6x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_2 \leq 4, \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 6, \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0.\end{array}$$

Problem 2: Variants in the standard form

Transform the linear problem into the standard form and solve it using the tabular Simplex algorithm.

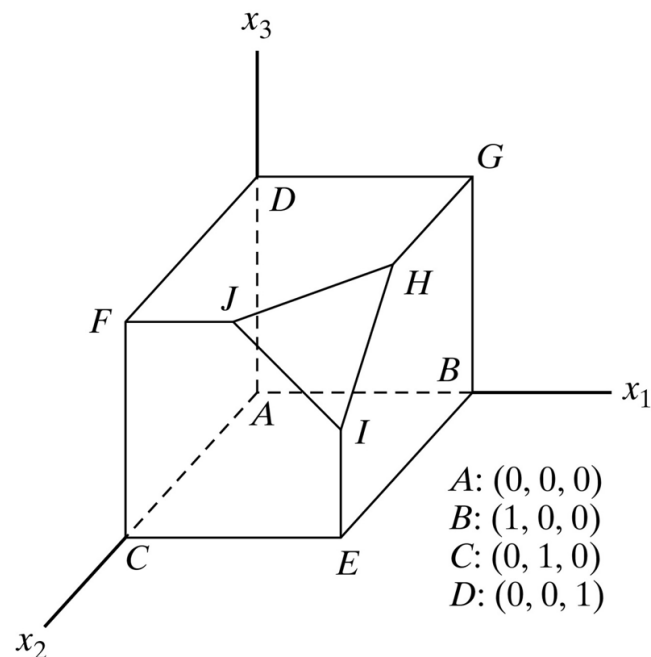
$$\begin{array}{ll}\min. & 5x_1 - 6x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & -x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 5, \\ & -x_1 \leq 4, \\ & x_1 \leq 0, x_2 \geq 0.\end{array}$$

Problem 3: Variants in the standard form

Transform the linear problem into standard form and solve it using the tabular Simplex algorithm:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\max. & 4x_1 + 3x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3, \\ & 3x_1 + x_2 \leq 8, \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}.\end{array}$$

Problem 4: The Simplex algorithm



Consider the three-dimensional LP solution space in the figure, whose feasible extreme points are A, B, ..., and J.

- (a) Which of the following pairs of corner points cannot represent successive simplex iterations: (A, B) , (H, I) , (E, H) , and (A, I) ? Explain why.
- (b) Suppose that the simplex iterations start at A and that the optimum occurs at H . Indicate whether any of the following paths are not legitimate for the simplex algorithm, and state the reason.
- (i) $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow G \rightarrow H$.
 - (ii) $A \rightarrow D \rightarrow F \rightarrow C \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow G \rightarrow H$.
 - (iii) $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow I \rightarrow H$.

Problem 5: The Simplex algorithm

Consider the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + 5x_4 + x_5 & = 8 \\ 5x_1 - 2x_2 & + 6x_4 & + x_6 & = 16 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 3x_4 & & + x_7 & = 6 \\ -x_1 & + x_3 - 2x_4 & & + x_8 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8 \geq 0$$

Let x_5, x_6, \dots, x_8 be a given initial basic feasible solution. Suppose that x_1 becomes basic. Which of the given basic variables in the initial tableau must become nonbasic to guarantee that all the variables remain non-negative, and what is the value of x_1 in the new solution? Repeat this procedure for x_2 , x_3 , and x_4 .

Home Exercise 3: The Simplex algorithm

Transform the linear problem into the standard form and solve using the tableau Simplex algorithm.

$$\begin{aligned} \min . \quad & 2x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 7x_1 - 3x_2 \leq 4, \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 7, \\ & x_1 \geq 0, \ x_2 \in \mathbf{R}. \end{aligned}$$