

# MATH 3802 Assignment #1:

- ① Let  $P$  denote the Polytope given by  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$  as a Convex combination of the extreme points of  $P$ :

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ thus, Since } Ax \leq b \text{ we note:}$$

- ①  $x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 3$   
②  $3x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$  Since  $P$ 's the intersection of halfspaces, it is a polyhedron  
P's bounded iff the linear programming problems are bounded for all  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

- Setting  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$  to equalities gives the unique solution  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}$  which is in  $P$ . Hence,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an extreme point in  $P$ .
- Setting  $x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 3; 3x_1 + x_2 \leq 3; x_1, x_2 \geq 0$  gives  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  which is in  $P$ . Hence,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is an extreme point in  $P$ .
- Setting  $x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 3; 3x_1 + x_2 \leq 3; x_1, x_3 \geq 0$  gives  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  which is in  $P$ . Hence,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is an extreme point in  $P$ .
- Setting  $x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 3; 3x_1 + x_2 \leq 3; x_2, x_3 \geq 0$  gives  $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  which is in  $P$ . Hence,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an extreme point in  $P$ .

Since a Convex-Combination Requires  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \geq 0$  &  $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k = 1$ :

$$\lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ when } \lambda_1 = \frac{2}{3} \text{ & } \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \text{ Since } \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

$$\text{& Since } \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$  can be represented by the Convex-combination of  $\frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- ② Let  $S$  denote a set of subsets of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  where  $n$  is a positive integer. The Minimum-Cardinality Set-Covering Problem is to select as few sets from  $S$  as possible so that every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  is in at least one of the selected sets. The problem can be formulated as the following integer linear programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}} x_S \\ \text{(SC) s.t.} & \sum_{S: i \in S} x_S \geq 1 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \\ & 0 \leq x_S \leq 1 \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S} \\ & x_S \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, there is a binary variable for each set  $S$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that a set  $S$  is selected if & only if  $x_S = 1$ :

- a) (3 points) Write down explicitly the integer linear programming the problem where  $n=5$  &  $\mathcal{S}$  containing the sets  $\{1,3,4\}, \{1,4,5\}, \{2,5\}, \{3,5\}$ :

Note:  
each row forces  
at least one  
 $i$  from 1 to 5  
to be set.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(SC) s.t.} & \begin{aligned} & \text{Minimize } x_{\{1,3,4\}} + x_{\{1,4,5\}} + x_{\{2,5\}} + x_{\{3,5\}} \\ & x_{\{1,3,4\}} + x_{\{1,4,5\}} \geq 1 \\ & x_{\{2,5\}} \geq 1 \\ & x_{\{1,3,4\}} + x_{\{3,5\}} \geq 1 \\ & \cancel{x_{\{1,3,4\}} + x_{\{1,4,5\}} \geq 1} \quad \text{Duplicate for } i=1 \text{ \& } i=4 \text{ (Removed)} \\ & x_{\{2,5\}} + x_{\{3,5\}} \geq 1 \\ & 0 \leq x_{\{1,3,4\}}, x_{\{1,4,5\}}, x_{\{2,5\}}, x_{\{3,5\}} \leq 1 \\ & x_{\{1,3,4\}}, x_{\{1,4,5\}}, x_{\{2,5\}}, x_{\{3,5\}} \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

- b) (2 points) Solve the problem in part a:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimize} & 1+0+1+0 \\ \text{s.t.} & 1+0 \geq 1 \\ & 1 \geq 1 \\ & 1+0 \geq 1 \\ & 1+0 \geq 1 \\ & 1+0 \geq 1 \\ & 0 \leq 1, 0, 1, 0 \leq 1 \\ & 1, 0, 1, 0 \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Note:

- By setting  $x_{\{1,3,4\}} = x_{\{2,5\}} = 1$  we see that all constraints are satisfied.
- As the objective = 2, we see that it's minimized as no single subset of  $\mathcal{S}$  contains all  $i$ 's from 1 to 5. Therefore the objective  $\neq 1$  & an objective of 2 must be the optimal solution.

thus: the optimal solution is an objective function of 2 with  $x_{\{1,3,4\}} = x_{\{2,5\}} = 1$  for a set of  $\{\{1,3,4\}, \{2,5\}\}$ , which contains numbers 1 to 5.



c) let (FSC) denote the linear programming relaxation of (SC) obtained by removing the integrality constraints. Write down the dual problem of (FSC), associating the dual variable  $y_i$  with the constraint  $\sum_{s \in S_i} x_s \geq 1$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , & the dual variable  $u_s$  with the constraint  $x_s \leq 1$  for each  $s \in S$ :

Dual maximize  $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4$   
 (D-FSC) s.t.  $y_1 + y_3 \geq x_{\{1,3,4\}}$   
 $y_1 \geq x_{\{1,4,5\}}$   
 $y_2 + y_4 \geq x_{\{2,5\}}$   
 $y_3 + y_4 \geq x_{\{3,5\}}$   
 $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4 \geq 1$

Note:

- From 2a we note that:

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get the dual by taking columns from A & setting b to the objective.

- from 2a's objective, we set b in the Dual Problem

- Since  $\sum_{s \in S_i} x_s \geq 1$ ,  $y_i$ 's 1 to 4 are  $\geq 1$

- Since it's stated  $x_s \leq 1$ , we flag Rows 1 to 4 as:  $\geq x_s$

(Original Primal): from Question

minimize  $\sum_{s \in S} x_s$

(FSC) s.t.  $\sum_{s \in S_i} x_s \geq 1 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$   
 $x_s \leq 1 \quad \forall s \in S$