

Finding the first basis

We can create an artificial problem to help us find the first basis

$$\begin{cases} \min w = \sum_{i=1}^m Y_i \\ Ax + IY = b \\ x, Y \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

by applying the simplex method

Whenever we find $w^* = 0$, $Y_1^*, \dots, Y_m^* = 0$, so we found a feasible solution \rightarrow we can use this as the initial problem

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$$\begin{cases} \min z = x_1 + x_3 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = 5 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 6 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Canonical ($w = \sum Y_i =$)
tableau
 \rightarrow

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	Y_1	Y_2
$(Y_1 =)$	0	0	0	0	1	1
$(Y_2 =)$	5	1	2	0	1	0
	6	0	1	2	0	1

Since Y_1, Y_2 belong to the basis, we want their costs to be 0

We can achieve that by $\begin{bmatrix} \text{new row} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{old row} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \sum_{i=1}^m [\text{row } i]$

0	0	0	0	0	1	1
5	1	2	0	1	1	0
6	0	1	2	0	0	1

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-11	-1	-3	-2	-1	0	0
5	1	2	0	1	1	0
6	0	1	2	0	0	1

simplex method

$-w$

	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
$x_1 =$	$5/2$	$1/2$	1	0	$1/2$	$1/2$	0
$x_3 =$	$3/4$	$-1/4$	0	1	$-1/4$	$-1/4$	$1/2$

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$$w^* = 0 \Rightarrow y_1^*, y_2^* = 0$$

non-basic

$$x^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5/2 \\ 3/4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{feasible for the original problem}$$

Phase II:

must be 0 to have a canonical form

0	1	0	1	0
$5/2$	$1/2$	1	0	$1/2$
$3/4$	$-1/4$	0	1	$-1/4$

→ original obj function

↘ pivot operation
over x_3

$-3/4$	$5/4$	0	0	$1/4$
$5/2$	$1/2$	1	0	$1/2$
$3/4$	$-1/4$	0	1	$-1/4$

→ simplex method

Particular cases of "phase I":

1) $w^* < 0 \Rightarrow$ The (original) problem is *unfeasible*

2) $w^* = 0$ with y_i basic for some i

\Rightarrow If $\exists \bar{a}_{th} \neq 0$ then I make a pivot operation on it
(divide the whole row by it)

else that row is *redundant* : it can simply be removed
since it's a linear combination
of two other rows

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min z = x_1 + x_3 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 \leq -5 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 6 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min z = x_1 + x_3 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = -5 \Rightarrow \text{impossible} \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 6 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{assume we don't reduce})$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc|cc} & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & y_1 & y_2 \\ \hline -w = -11 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ y_1 = +5 & -1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ y_2 = 6 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

→ canonical form
I can start phase II

" x_3 enters the basis"

" y_2 leaves the basis"

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc|cc} & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & y_1 & y_2 \\ \hline -w = -5 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ y_1 = 5 & -1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ x_3 = 3 & 0 & 1/2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{array}$$

→ optimal: $w = 5$



Unfeasible

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$$\begin{cases} \min z = x_1 + x_2 + 10x_3 \\ x_2 + 4x_3 = 2 \\ -2x_1 + x_2 - 6x_3 = 2 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc|cc} & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & y_1 & y_2 \\ -w = & -4 & 2 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ y_1 = & 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ y_2 = & 2 & -2 & 1 & -6 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

" x_2 enters the basis"

" y_2 leaves the basis"

phase I

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc|cc} & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & y_1 & y_2 \\ -w = & 0 & 2 & 0 & 10 & 2 & 0 \\ x_2 = & 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ y_2 = & 0 & -2 & 0 & -10 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \rightarrow y_2 \text{ is basic}$$

pivot operation

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc|cc} & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & y_1 & y_2 \\ & 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ & 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 1/2 & 1/2 \end{array}$$

we can now remove y_1, y_2

phase II

change obj. f.

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} & 1 & 1 & 10 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \end{array}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \end{array}$$

Canonical form and $\bar{c}_p \geq 0$

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Optimal solution

simplex method

pivot on these to get the costs to 0