

Sensitivity Analysis in Linear Programming

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Matrices in Linear Programming

Matrices in linear programming

Consider n variables and m constraints (excluding the constraints for $\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0}$).
After having slack variables, we can have:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & c = c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{cases} a_{11} x_1 + \dots + a_{1n} x_n = b_1, \\ a_{21} x_1 + \dots + a_{2n} x_n = b_2, \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} x_1 + \dots + a_{mn} x_n = b_m, \\ \underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0.} \end{cases} \end{array}$$

Handwritten annotations:

- $c_j x_j$ with an arrow pointing to c_j in the objective function.
- a_{ij} with an arrow pointing to the coefficient in the i -th constraint.
- x_j in i -th constraint
- $b_i \rightarrow$ RHS of i -th constraint

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Example:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & 8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq 48, \\ & 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq 20, \\ & 2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq 8, \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0.\end{array}$$

It is converted to:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & 8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 48, \\ & 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 + s_2 = 20, \\ & 2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 + s_3 = 8, \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0.\end{array}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{maximize} && c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3 \\
 &x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 \\
 &\text{subject to} && \begin{aligned} 8x_1 + 6x_2 + 1x_3 + 1s_1 &= 48, \\ 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 + 1s_2 &= 20, \\ 2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 + 1s_3 &= 8, \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 &\geq 0. \end{aligned}
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume we solve it until the end and at the end, the basic variables are s_1, x_3, x_1 and the non-basic variables are x_2, s_2, s_3 .

- basic and non-basic variables:

$$\underbrace{x_b}_{\text{basic}} := [s_1, x_3, x_1]^T, \underbrace{x_n}_{\text{non-basic}} := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T$$

- the coefficients of basic and non-basic variables in the objective function:

$$\underbrace{c_b}_{\text{basic}} := [0, 20, 60]^T, \underbrace{c_n}_{\text{non-basic}} := [30, 0, 0]^T$$

- the coefficients of the variables in the constraints:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{a_{x_1}}_{\text{basic}} &:= [8, 4, 2]^T, \underbrace{a_{x_2}}_{\text{non-basic}} := [6, 2, 1.5]^T, \underbrace{a_{x_3}}_{\text{non-basic}} := [1, 1.5, 0.5]^T, \\
 \underbrace{a_{s_1}}_{\text{basic}} &:= [1, 0, 0]^T, \underbrace{a_{s_2}}_{\text{non-basic}} := [0, 1, 0]^T, \underbrace{a_{s_3}}_{\text{non-basic}} := [0, 0, 1]^T, \\
 \underbrace{b}_{\text{basic}} &:= [48, 20, 8]^T
 \end{aligned}$$

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maximize
 $x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3$

subject to

$$c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3$$

$$8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 48,$$

$$4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 + s_2 = 20,$$

$$2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 + s_3 = 8,$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0.$$

$$C^T x_b + C^T x_n = z_0$$

$n \leq 6$

$$m = 3$$

$$Bx_b = b$$

$$x_b = B^{-1}b$$

- basic and non-basic variables:

$$x_b := [s_1, x_3, x_1]^T, x_n := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T$$

- the coefficients of the variables in the constraints:

$$a_{x_1} := [8, 4, 2]^T, a_{x_2} := [6, 2, 1.5]^T, a_{x_3} := [1, 1.5, 0.5]^T,$$

$$a_{s_1} := [1, 0, 0]^T, a_{s_2} := [0, 1, 0]^T, a_{s_3} := [0, 0, 1]^T$$

- the matrices of coefficients of the variables in the constraints, for basic and non-basic variables: $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $N \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (n-m)}$

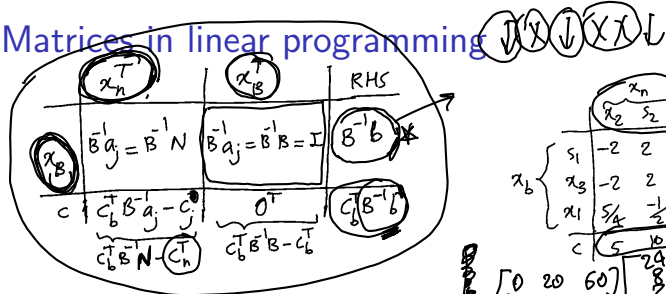
$$B := [a_{s_1}, a_{x_3}, a_{x_1}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

s_1, x_3, x_1

$$N := [a_{x_2}, a_{s_2}, a_{s_3}] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1.5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\in \mathbb{R}^m$

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$$x_b := [s_1, x_3, x_1]^T, x_n := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T, c_b := [0, 20, 60]^T, c_n := [30, 0, 0]^T$$

$$a_{x_1} := [8, 4, 2]^T, a_{x_2} := [6, 2, 1.5]^T, a_{x_3} := [1, 1.5, 0.5]^T,$$

$$a_{s_1} := [1, 0, 0]^T, a_{s_2} := [0, 1, 0]^T, a_{s_3} := [0, 0, 1]^T, b := [48, 20, 8]^T,$$

$$B := [a_{s_1}, a_{x_3}, a_{x_1}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, N := [a_{x_2}, a_{s_2}, a_{s_3}] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1.5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}, B^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 48 \\ 20 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 24 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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	x_n	x_b	RHS
x_b	$B^{-1}a_j = B^{-1}N$	$B^{-1}a_j = B^{-1}B = I$	$B^{-1}b$
c	$c_b^T B^{-1}a_j - c_j$	0^T	$c_b^T B^{-1}b$

	x_n			x_b			RHS
	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_4	
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	24
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	8
x_1	$\frac{5}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	1	2
c	5	10	10	0	0	0	280

$$c_b := [0, 20, 60]^T, c_n := [30, 0, 0]^T, b := [48, 20, 8]^T, B^{-1}b = [24, 8, 2]^T.$$

$$B^{-1}a_j \Rightarrow B^{-1}N = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -8 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \\ 5/4 & -1/2 & 3/2 \end{bmatrix}, B^{-1}B = I,$$

$$c_b^T B^{-1}a_j - c_j \Rightarrow c_b^T B^{-1}N - c_n^T = [0, 20, 60] \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -8 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \\ 5/4 & -1/2 & 3/2 \end{bmatrix} - [30, 0, 0] = [5, 10, 10],$$

$$c_n^T B^{-1}B - c_n^T = 0^T$$

$$c_b^T B^{-1}b = [0, 20, 60] \begin{bmatrix} 24 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 280.$$

Cases for Sensitivity Analysis

Cases for sensitivity analysis

- **Sensitivity analysis** analyzes how much effect some change in something has on the optimization.
- We can have different cases of change in linear programming:
 - ① change in coefficient of a variable (basic or nonbasic) in the objective function
 - ★ 1-1: change for nonbasic variable $\rightarrow c_j$
 - ★ 1-2: change for basic variable
 - ② change in coefficient of a variable (basic or nonbasic) in the constraint(s)
 - ★ 2-1: change for nonbasic variable
 - ★ 2-2: change for basic variable \downarrow
 a_{ij}
 - ③ adding a new variable to optimization
 - ④ adding a new constraint to optimization

Note: we can have a combination of changes, too!

Case 1-1 of Change

Case 1-1 for sensitivity analysis

★ Change in **coefficient** of a **nonbasic** variable in the **objective function**.

Example: The company has profits \$60, \$30, and \$20 for the first, second, and third products. The resources for these products have the following restrictions: $8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq \$48$, $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq \20 , and $2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq \8 .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & c = 60x_1 + \textcircled{30}x_2 + 20x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{array}{l} 8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 48, \\ 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 + s_2 = 20, \\ 2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 + s_3 = 8, \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0. \end{array} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} 32 \\ 36 \end{array}$$

The company is able to increase the profit of the second product $\textcircled{x_2}$ to (a) \$32 and (b) \$36. Do you recommend this change to the manager?

Case 1-1 for sensitivity analysis

★ Change in **coefficient** of a **nonbasic** variable in the **objective function**.

	x_n^T	x_B^T	RHS
x_B	$\bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}N$	$\bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}B = I$	$\bar{B}^{-1}b$
c	$c_B^T \bar{B}^{-1}a_j - c_j^T$	0^T	$c_B^T \bar{B}^{-1}b$
	$c_B^T \bar{B}^{-1}N - c_n^T$	$c_B^T \bar{B}^{-1}B - c_b^T$	

$$x_b := [s_1, x_3, x_1]^T, x_n := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T, c_b := [0, 20, 60]^T, c_n := [30, 0, 0]^T.$$

x_2 is a nonbasic variable. We have change in \bar{c}_{x_2} in c_n so:

$$\star \quad c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}a_{x_2} - c_{x_2} = [0, 20, 60] \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 5/4 \end{bmatrix} - (30 + \delta) = 35 - 30 - \delta = 5 - \delta$$

For not having change in optimization:

$$5 - \delta \geq 0 \Rightarrow \delta \leq 5 \Rightarrow c_{x_2, \text{new}} = 30 + \delta \leq 35.$$

30 ↓ 35

Case 1-1 for sensitivity analysis

- For not having change in optimization: $5 - \delta \geq 0 \Rightarrow \delta \leq 5 \Rightarrow c_{x_2, \text{new}} = 30 + \delta \leq 35$.
- Therefore, if profit of x_2 is $\$32 \leq \35 , we do not recommend it as it does not change the previous optimal solution for production of the company.
- If profit of x_2 is $\$36 > \35 , we should continue the optimization:

Previous C row updated

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	RHS
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	24
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	8
x_1	$\frac{5}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	1	2
$\rightarrow C$	5	10	10	0	0	0	280
$\rightarrow C$	-1	10	10	0	0	0	280

min test: $\frac{2}{5/4} = \frac{8}{5}$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	RHS
$r_1 + \frac{8}{5}r_3$	s_1	0	1.2	-5.6	1	0	1.6
$r_2 + \frac{8}{5}r_3$	x_3	0	1.2	-1.6	0	1	1.6
$\frac{4}{5}r_3$	x_2	1	-0.4	1.2	0	0	0.8
$r_4 + \frac{4}{5}r_3$	C	0	9.6	11.2	0	0	0.8

all nonnegative

compare! \Rightarrow

$27.2 \Rightarrow s_1^* = 27.2$
 $11.2 \Rightarrow x_3^* = 11.2$
 $1.6 \Rightarrow x_2^* = 1.6$
 $281.6 \Rightarrow C^* = 281.6$

Case 1-2 of Change

Case 1-2 for sensitivity analysis

★ Change in **coefficient** of a **basic** variable in the **objective function**.

Example: The company has profits \$60, \$30, and \$20 for the first, second, and third products. The resources for these products have the following restrictions: $8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq \$48$, $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq \20 , and $2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq \8 .

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The company is decreasing the profit of the first product, x_1 , to (a) \$58 and (b) \$30. Do you recommend this change to the manager?

Case 1-2 for sensitivity analysis

	x_n^T	x_b^T	RHS
x_b	$\bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}N$	$\bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}B = I$	$\bar{B}^{-1}b$
c	$c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}a_j - c_n^T$ $(c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}N - c_n^T)$	0^T $(c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}B - c_b^T)$	$c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}b$

$$x_b := [s_1, x_3, x_1]^T, x_n := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T, c_b := [0, 20, 60]^T, c_n := [30, 0, 0]^T.$$

x_1 is a basic variable. We have change in c_{x_1} in c_b so:

$$\begin{aligned} (c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}N - c_n^T) &= [0, 20, (60 + \delta)] \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -8 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \\ 5/4 & -1/2 & 3/2 \end{bmatrix} - [30, 0, 0] \\ &= [5 + 1.25\delta, 10 - 0.5\delta, 10 + 1.5\delta] \end{aligned}$$

For not having change in optimization:

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + 1.25\delta \geq 0 &\Rightarrow \delta \geq -4, & 10 - 0.5\delta \geq 0 &\Rightarrow \delta \leq 20, & 10 + 1.5\delta \geq 0 &\Rightarrow \delta \geq -6.6, \\ \Rightarrow -4 \leq \delta \leq 20, & c_{x_1} = 60 + \delta & \Rightarrow 56 \leq c_{x_1} \leq 80. \end{aligned}$$

Case 1-2 for sensitivity analysis

- For not having change in optimization: $56 \leq c_{x_1} \leq 80$.
- Therefore, if profit of x_1 decreases to $\$58 \in [56, 80]$, this decrease does not change the overall profit and it can be recommended.
- If profit of x_1 is decreased to $\$30 < \56 , we should continue the optimization:

$$\star \quad \underline{c_b^T B^{-1} N - c_n^T} = [0, 20, \underline{30}] \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -8 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \\ 5/4 & -1/2 & 3/2 \end{bmatrix} - [30, 0, 0] = \underline{[-32.5, 25, -35]},$$

$$\star \quad \underline{(c_b^T) B^{-1} b} = [0, 20, 30] \begin{bmatrix} 24 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{220}.$$

	x_n	x_B	RHS
x_B	$\bar{B}^{-1} a_j = \bar{B}^{-1} N$	$\bar{B}^{-1} a_j = \bar{B}^{-1} B = I$	$\bar{B}^{-1} b$
c	$\underbrace{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1} a_j - c_j}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1} N - c_n^T}$	$\underbrace{0^T}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1} B - c_b^T}$	$\underline{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1} b}$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	RHS
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	24
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	8
x_1	$5/4$	$-1/2$	$3/2$	0	0	1	2
c	5	10	10	0	0	0	280
	-32.5	25	-35	0	0	0	220

min test:

$$\frac{2}{3/2} = \frac{4}{3}$$

updated \rightarrow

Case 1-2 for sensitivity analysis

s_1, x_3, x_1

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	RHS
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	24
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	8
x_1	$5/4$	$-1/2$	$3/2$	0	0	1	2
C	5	10	10	0	0	0	280
C	-32.5	25	-35	0	0	0	220

min test:
 $\frac{2}{5/4} = \frac{4}{5}$

min test:
 $\frac{10 2/3}{10 2/3} = \frac{10 2/3}{10 2/3}$
 $\frac{40}{20} = 20$
 $\frac{4 2/3}{5/8} = \frac{24}{15}$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	RHS
s_1	$14/3$	$-2/3$	0	1	0	$16/3$	$104/3$
x_3	$4/3$	$2/3$	0	0	1	$8/3$	$40/3$
s_3	$5/6$	$-1/3$	1	0	0	$2/3$	$4/3$
C	$-10/3$	$40/3$	0	0	0	$70/3$	$800/3$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	RHS
s_1	0	$6/5$	$-28/5$	1	0	$8/5$	$136/5$
x_3	0	$6/5$	$-8/5$	0	1	$8/5$	$56/5$
x_2	1	$-2/5$	$6/5$	0	0	$4/5$	$8/5$
C	0	12	4	0	0	26	272

all nonnegative.

$\Rightarrow C^* = 272$
 compare to \downarrow 280

s_1, x_3, x_2

So, changing profit of x_1 to \$30 decreases the total profit to \$272 from \$280.

Case 2-1 of Change

Case 2-1 for sensitivity analysis

* change in coefficient of a nonbasic variable in the constraint(s).

Example: The company has profits \$60, \$30, and \$20 for the first, second, and third products. The resources for these products have the following restrictions: $8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq \$48$, $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq \20 , and $2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq \8 .

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The company is changing the resources for x_2 as $8x_1 + \textcircled{5}x_2 + x_3 \leq \48 , $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq \20 , and $\textcircled{2x_1 + 4x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq \$8}$. Also, the company is changing the profit of that product to 50. What is your recommendation to the manager?

combination of changes

alter

Case 2-1 for sensitivity analysis

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c|c} x_n^T & x_b^T & \text{RHS} \\ \hline x_b & \bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}N & \bar{B}^{-1}b \\ \hline c & \underbrace{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}a_j - c_j^T}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}N - c_n^T} & c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}b \\ \hline & 0^T & \end{array} \right]$$

$c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}a_j - c_j^T$
 $c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}N - c_n^T$

c_k, a_{ij}
 \downarrow
 $\text{for } N$

$$x_b := [s_1, x_3, x_1]^T, x_n := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T, c_b := [0, 20, 60]^T, c_n := [\overset{50}{\cancel{30}}, 0, 0]^T.$$

x_2 is a nonbasic variable. We have change in a_{x_2} in N , and a change in c_{x_2} so:

$$\underbrace{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1} a_{x_2} - c_{x_2}}_{c_b^T} = [0, 20, 60] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{B}^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}}_{a_{x_2}} - 50 = 10 \geq 0.$$

It does not change the optimal solution so it does not change the total profit.
 If that would become negative, we should have continued the table!

Case 2-2 of Change

Case 2-2 for sensitivity analysis

* change in coefficient of a basic variable in the constraint(s). $\rightarrow a_{ij}$ for basic (in B)

Example: The company has profits \$60, \$30, and \$20 for the first, second, and third products. The resources for these products have the following restrictions: $8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq \$48$, $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq \20 , and $2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq \8 .

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The company is changing the resources for x_1 as $\textcircled{5}x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq \48 , $\textcircled{3}x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq \20 , and $\textcircled{1}x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq \8 . What is your recommendation to the manager?

Case 2-2 for sensitivity analysis

	x_n^T	x_B^T	RHS
x_B	$\bar{b}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}N$	$\bar{b}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}B = I$	$\bar{B}^{-1}b$
c	$\underbrace{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}a_j - c_j^T}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}N - c_n^T}$	$\underbrace{0^T}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}B - c_b^T}$	$\underbrace{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}b}$

B

$x_b := [s_1, x_3, \boxed{x_1}]^T$, $x_n := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T$, $c_b := [0, 20, 60]^T$, $c_n := [30, 0, 0]^T$.

Previous B was: $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

x_1 is a basic variable. We have change in $\boxed{a_{x_1}}$ in B , so:

* $c_b^T B^{-1}N - c_n^T = [0, 20, 60] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \boxed{5} \\ 0 & 1.5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

We compute it. If any of the values becomes negative, we should continue the table; otherwise, the total profit does not change.

Case 3 of Change

Case 3 for sensitivity analysis

★ **adding** a new **variable** to optimization.

Example: The company has profits \$60, \$30, and \$20 for the first, second, and third products. The resources for these products have the following restrictions: $8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq \$48$, $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq \20 , and $2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq \8 .

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & 8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 48, \\ & 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 + s_2 = 20, \\ & 2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 + s_3 = 8, \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0.\end{array}$$

The company is adding a new product x_4 with profit (a) \$15 or (b) \$25, and the constraint coefficients $\mathbf{a} = [1, 1, 1]^T$. What is your recommendation to the manager?

Case 3 for sensitivity analysis

	x_n	x_b	RHS
x_b	$\bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}N$	$\bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}B = I$	$\bar{B}^{-1}b$
c	$\underbrace{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}a_j - c_j^T}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}N - c_n^T}$	$\underbrace{0^T}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}B - c_b^T}$	$c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}b$

$$x_b := [s_1, x_3, x_1]^T, x_n := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T, c_b := [0, 20, 60]^T, c_n := [30, 0, 0]^T.$$

x_4 is a nonbasic variable. We calculate its value in the last row of the table (if $c_{x_4} = 15$):

$$c_b^T B^{-1}a_{x_4} - c_{x_4} = [0, 20, 60] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 15 = 5 \geq 0.$$

It does not change the optimal solution so it does not change the total profit.

Case 3 for sensitivity analysis

	x_n	x_b	RHS
x_b	$\bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}N$	$\bar{B}^{-1}a_j = \bar{B}^{-1}B = I$	$\bar{B}^{-1}b$
c	$\underbrace{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}a_j - c_n^T}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}N - c_n^T}$	$\underbrace{0^T}_{c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}B - c_b^T}$	$c_b^T \bar{B}^{-1}b$

$$x_b := [s_1, x_3, x_1]^T, x_n := [x_2, s_2, s_3]^T, c_b := [0, 20, 60]^T, c_n := [30, 0, 0]^T.$$

x_4 is a nonbasic variable. We calculate its value in the last row of the table (if $c_{x_4} = 25$):

$$c_b^T B^{-1} a_{x_4} - c_{x_4} = [0, 20, 60] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 25 = -5 < 0.$$

We should continue the table.

Case 3 for sensitivity analysis

$$B^{-1}a_{x_4} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	x_4	RHS	min test:
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	-5	24	—
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	-2	8	—
x_1	$\frac{5}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	1	1	2	$z_1 = 2$
C	5	10	10	0	0	0	-5	280	

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	x_4	RHS	
s_1	$\frac{17}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	5	0	34	$\Rightarrow s_1^* = 34$
x_3	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	-1	0	1	2	0	12	$\Rightarrow x_3^* = 12$
x_4	$\frac{5}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	1	1	2	$\Rightarrow x_4^* = 2$
C	$\frac{45}{4}$	$\frac{15}{2}$	$\frac{35}{2}$	0	0	5	0	290	$\Rightarrow C^* = 290$

all nonnegative

So, the optimum objective function has increased and this addition of variable is beneficial.

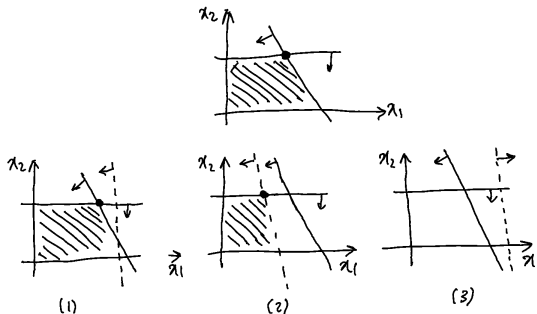
Case 4 of Change

Case 4 for sensitivity analysis

★ **adding** a new **constraint** to optimization.

This can result in three sub-cases:

- 4-1: The current optimal solution **satisfies** the new constraint.
- 4-2: The current optimal solution **doesn't satisfy** the new constraint but linear programming still **has a feasible solution**.
- 4-3: The current optimal solution **doesn't satisfy** the new constraint and linear programming **doesn't have a feasible solution**.



Question: Can adding a constraint improve the optimum value of objective function?

Case 4-1 for sensitivity analysis

Example: The company has profits \$60, \$30, and \$20 for the first, second, and third products. The resources for these products have the following restrictions: $8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq \$48$, $4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq \20 , and $2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq \8 .

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 & \\ \text{subject to} & 8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 48, \\ & 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 + s_2 = 20, \\ & 2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 + s_3 = 8, \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0.\end{array}$$

We saw in the table (see slide 8) that the solution is: $x_1^* = 2, x_2^* = 0, x_3^* = 8$. The company is adding a new resource constraint:

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 11.$$

It satisfies the current solution:

$$2 + 0 + 8 = 10 \leq 11 \quad \checkmark$$

Case 4-2 for sensitivity analysis

We saw in the table (see slide 8) that the solution is: $x_1^* = 2, x_2^* = 0, x_3^* = 8$.

The company is adding a new resource constraint: $x_2 \geq 1$. It doesn't satisfy the current solution: $0 \not\geq 1$.

The new constraint:

$$x_2 \geq 1 \implies -x_2 \leq -1 \implies -x_2 + s_4 = -1.$$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	0	24
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	0	8
x_1	$\frac{5}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	1	0	2
s_4	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1
C	5	10	10	0	0	0	0	280

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS
s_1	0	2	-8	1	0	0	-2	26
x_3	0	2	-4	0	1	0	-2	10
x_1	0	-0.5	1.5	0	0	1	1.25	0.75
x_2	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1
C	10	10	0	0	0	0	5	275

$$s_1^* = 26, x_3^* = 10, x_1^* = 0.75, x_2^* = 1, C^* = 275$$

Note: we have used the dual simplex method above.

Case 4-3 for sensitivity analysis

We saw in the table (see slide 8) that the solution is: $x_1^* = 2, x_2^* = 0, x_3^* = 8$.

The company is adding a new resource constraint: $x_1 + x_2 \geq 12$. It doesn't satisfy the current solution: $2 \not\geq 12$.

The new constraint:

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 12 \implies -x_1 - x_2 \leq -12 \implies -x_1 - x_2 + s_4 = -12.$$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS	
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	0	24	min test: $ \frac{5}{-1} = 5$ $ \frac{0}{-1} = 0$
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	0	8	
x_1	$\frac{5}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	1	0	2	
s_4	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	1	-12	
C	5	10	10	0	0	0	0	280	

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS	
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	0	24	min test: $ \frac{10}{-\frac{1}{2}} = 20$
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	0	8	
x_1	$\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	0	0	-10	
x_1	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	12	
C	5	10	10	0	0	0	0	280	

$b_3 + r_4$
 $-r_4$

Note: we have used the dual simplex method above.

Case 4-3 for sensitivity analysis

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	0	24
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	0	8
x_1	$\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	0	0	-10
x_1	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	12
C	5	10	10	0	0	0	0	280

min test:

$$\left| \frac{10}{-\frac{1}{2}} \right| = 20$$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS
$s_1 + 4r_3$	-1	0	-2	1	0	0	4	-16
$r_2 + 4r_3$	-1	0	2	0	1	0	4	-32
$-2r_3$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	-3	0	0	0	-2	20
r_4	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	12
$r_5 + 20r_3$	10	0	40	0	0	0	20	80

min test:

$$\left| \frac{10}{-1} \right| = 10$$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS
$r_1 - r_2$	0	0	-4	1	-1	0	0	16
$-r_2$	1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-4	32
$r_3 - \frac{1}{2}r_2$	0	1	-4	0	-0.5	0	-4	36
$r_4 + r_2$	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	-20
$r_5 + 10r_2$	0	0	60	0	10	0	60	-240

no negative entry in row!

Therefore, it does not have a feasible solution!

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