

Homework 3 SOLUTIONS

1. Model the following, graph the feasible region, and find the optimal solution:

A company wants to advertise its products, and has two options of ad types to run. A television commercial will cost them \$10 and a magazine ad will cost \$4. Suppose each television commercial reaches 4 new men and 2 new women, while each magazine ad is seen by 1 new man and 4 new women. The company wants to minimize their costs while running enough ads to reach 8 new men and 12 new women.

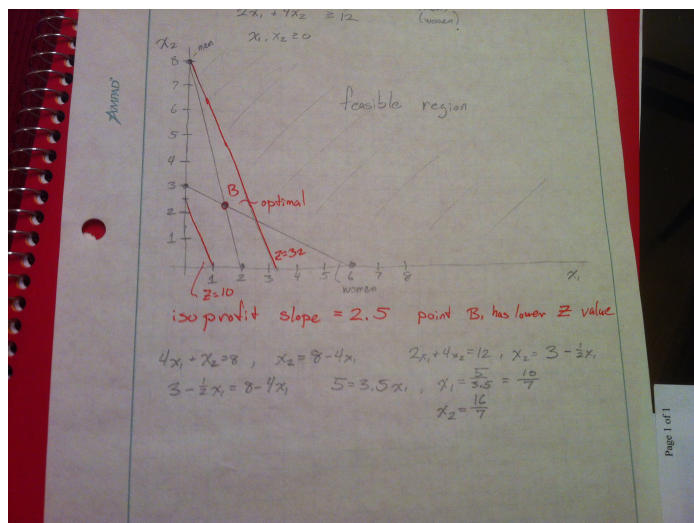
$$\min z = 10x_1 + 4x_2 \quad (1)$$

subject to

$$4x_1 + x_2 \geq 8 \quad \text{Men} \quad (2)$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 12 \quad \text{Women} \quad (3)$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, 2 \quad (4)$$



2. Convert the model of the previous problem into the standard form, using e for excess and all $e > 0$.

$$\min \quad z = 10x_1 + 4x_2 + 0e_1 + 0e_2 \quad (5)$$

subject to

$$4x_1 + x_2 - e_1 = 8 \quad \text{Men} \quad (6)$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 - e_2 = 12 \quad \text{Women} \quad (7)$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, 2 \quad (8)$$

$$e_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, 2 \quad (9)$$

3. Problem 1 on page 55 of the text book.

Note: The variables are in terms of acres planted, but the price you receive is per bushel.

$$\max \quad z = (3)(10)x_1 + (4)(25)x_2 \quad (10)$$

subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 7 \quad \text{Acres} \quad (11)$$

$$4x_1 + 10x_2 \leq 40 \quad \text{Labor} \quad (12)$$

$$10x_1 \geq 30 \quad \text{Government} \quad (13)$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, 2 \quad (14)$$

4. Convert the model you just came up with for Farmer Jones into the standard form.

$$\max \quad z = (3)(10)x_1 + (4)(25)x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 + 0x_5 \quad (15)$$

subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 7 \quad \text{Acres} \quad (16)$$

$$4x_1 + 10x_2 + x_4 = 40 \quad \text{Labor} \quad (17)$$

$$10x_1 - x_5 = 30 \quad \text{Government} \quad (18)$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \quad (19)$$

5. Provide at least 2 basic solutions to the standard form of the Farmer Jones problem. At least one of those 2 should be a basic feasible solution.

There are 9 possible combinations/points you could have chosen (the x_1, x_5 combo is impossible). All that is required for a basic solution is 2 of the variables to be equal to 0.

First look at the easiest solution: $x_1, x_2 = 0$. Then $x_3 = 7, x_4 = 40, x_5 = -30$. This is not feasible because x_5 is negative. Pick it to be non-basic and equal to 0 in our next point, which would require x_1 to be basic. Leave x_2 non-basic. $x_1 = 3, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 4, x_4 = 28, x_5 = 0$. This is a feasible solution and relates to planting just enough corn to satisfy the government constraint.

6. In the solutions to Homework 2 problem 3, I identified a number of points on the graph. For each point identify if it is a basic solution. If it is a basic solution identify if it is a basic feasible solution. If it is a basic feasible solution, identify the basic feasible solutions it is adjacent to.

	Basic?	Feasible?	Adjacent BFS?
A	Yes	No	n/a
B	Yes	Yes	D,C
C	Yes	Yes	E,B
D	Yes	Yes	E,B
E	Yes	Yes	D,C
F	Yes	No	n/a