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# Linear Programming

**Linear Program**: an optimization problem in which the objective function is linear and each constraint is a linear inequality or equality

**Decision variables**: describe our choices that are under our control

**Objective function**: describes a criterion that we wish to max/minimize; doesn’t have an in/equality

e.g. max 40x + 30y

**Integer linear program**: a linear program that only deals with integers

**Constraints**: describe the limitations that restrict our choices for our decision variables, always *inequalities*.

**Free**: no constraints

**Basic variable**: the variables corresponding to the identity matrix, usually have to be set to 0

**Non-basic variable**: …not basic variables

## Converting constraints to equalities

**Slack variable**: basic variable greater than constraint, added to turn inequalities into equalities

**Surplus variable**: equation variable less than constraint, subtracted

**Optimal Solution**: either a maximum or minimum of the objective function based on constraints

**Basic Solution**: a solution which has as many slack variables as basic variables

**Basic Feasible Solution**: all basic variables are non-negative

* Unique
* obtained by setting the non-basic variables to 0

**Standard form**: when you take inequalities and use slack variables to turn them into equalities.

* Note: all variables need to be ≥ 0.
* All remaining constraints are expressed as equality constraints.

### e.g.)

2x1 + 4x2 – x3 – x4 ≥ 1

2x1 + 4x2 – x3 – x4 + s = 1

## Polytopes

**Convex set**: all points lie on a common plane, i.e. no bulges! Intersections of convex sets are also convex sets

**Hyperplane**: a hyperplane in Rx is a shape in Rx–1, e.g. line in R2

* cuts a space in half
* can’t be Rx–2: you can’t use a rope to cut a room in half

**Half-Space**: one of the halves of a space that has been split by a *hyperplane*. Each *half-plane* is represented by an inequality.

**Open Half-Space**: 

**Closed Half-Space**: includes the *hyperplane* separating the two *half-spaces*



**Polyhedron**: the intersection of finitely many *half-spaces*

**Polytope**: a bounded *polyhedron*, i.e. flat slides

[xk\*]: optimal point to kth LP, farthest point from the hyperplane the half-space (an LP) is associated with, i.e. the solution of the LP

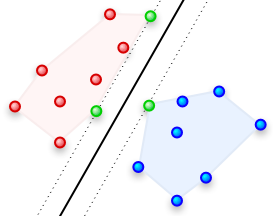
**Full-dimensional**: a polytope that is an n-dimensional object in Rn.

* One way to prove that P is not full dimensional is to exhibit a hyperplane H = {x ∈ ℝn: αTx = β} satisfying P ⊂ H (with |α| ≠ 0)
* One way to prove that P is full dimensional is to exhibit a point satisfying for i = 1, 2,…, m.

**Convex Polytope**: a polytope consisting of flat planes, i.e. only *convex sets*

**Support Vectors**: data points that lie closest to the decision surface (or hyperplane); they support and define the edges of the decision surface, making them the most

**Support Vector Machine (SVM)**: calculating a function based on two sets of points by determining the plane between them that differentiates them. This is determined by finding the optimal points of all possible *hyperplanes* separating the two data sets



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsiWisFFruY>

## Graphical Method

1. Sketch the region corresponding to the system of constraints. The points inside or on the boundary of the region are the *feasible solutions*.
2. Find the vertices of the region.
3. Test the objective function at each of the vertices and select the values of the variables that optimize the objective function. For a bounded region, both a minimum and maximum value will exist. For an unbounded region, if an optimal solution exists, then it will occur at a vertex.

## Simplex Method: Maximization

**Simplex Method**: useful for solving linear optimization problems cheaply

* Cannot be done with **strict inequalities**, i.e. when there is no possibility of being equal
* Can only work if your objective function is in *standard form*

**Simplex Tableau**: visual representation of stuff

* The *basic variables* can be identified if they have a column with one row of 1 and the rest of the rows are 0’s. The value of the variable is at the row with the 1.
* The objective row is going to identify the constants for the new equation. You should see 0’s in the columns that are non-basic.
* The first column (if used) is only an indicator of the existence of the variable you’re trying to min/maximize, i.e. 0’s for all rows, except for the objective function
* RHS must be ≥ 0

Process:

1. You’ll have as many slack variables as you have constraint equations.
2. Find the column with the smallest coefficient (< 0) in the objective function. That column is called the **pivot column**. The **entering variable** is the variable with the smallest coefficient.
3. **Minimum test**: find the row with the smallest **departing variable** or **exiting variable**, i.e. RHS/xpivot. That row is called the **pivot row**. xpivot must be ≥ 0
4. The intersection of the pivot row & column is called the **pivot point**.
5. If your pivot point ≠ 1, divide your row out by the value of your point
6. Use row operations, i.e. Gauss-Jordan to make the other elements in the pivot column 0.
7. Go to step 2, until objective function is all ≥ 0.

## Simplex: Minimization

To minimize a function, we just oppositize the problem so we can use the maximization technique on it. You’ll see. Just remember that we minimize [w] & maximize [z] AND minimize is (vars ≥ 0), while maximize is (vars ≤ 0). I’ll explain using an example:

### e.g.)

w = 0.12x1 + 0.15x2

60x1 + 60x2 ≥ 300

12x1 + 6x2 ≥ 36

10x1 + 30x2 ≥ 90

1. Ignore slack variables for now. Make a matrix with just the variables you have.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| w | x1 | x2 |  |
| 0 | 60 | 60 | 300 |
| 0 | 12 | 6 | 36 |
| 0 | 10 | 30 | 90 |
| 1 | –0.12 | –0.15 | 0 |

1. Find the transpose of this matrix

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 60 | 12 | 10 | –0.12 |
| 60 | 6 | 30 | –0.15 |
| 300 | 36 | 90 | 0 |

This gives us:

z = 300y1 + 36y2 + 90y3

60y1 + 12y2 + 10y3 ≤ 0.12

60y1 + 6y2 + 30y3 ≤ 0.15

300y1 + 36y2 + 90y3 ≤ 0

Notice how the x’s are now y’s? Yeah I know you did. Well now, since you turned this into a maximization problem, what are you waiting for? [Go to the maximization section](#_Simplex_Method:_Maximization)!

## Phase Simplex

This is useful for when you have a mix of constraints that are maximum and minimum constraints.

**Artificial Variable** [y]: since you can’t have negative variables (x1, x2 ≥ 0), you can’t just use a regular slack variable

### Phase I

1. Replace all negative slack variables with artificial variables
2. Replace objective function with w = –Σyi
3. Isolate your artificial variables in your constraint equations,
   1. e.g. 2x1 + x2 − x3 − x4 + y2 = 10 => y2 = 10 – 2x1 – x2 + x3 + x4
4. Replace your y’s in your objective function with the isolated artificial variables, then move the RHS’s to the new RHS
   1. e.g. for x1 + x2 − x3 − x4 + y2 = 10 & −x2 + x4 + y3 = 10, w – 2x1 + x3 = –20
5. Treat as [maximization](#_Simplex_Method:_Maximization).

### Phase II

Oh no!

## Bland’s Rule

**Bland’s Rule**: a way of guaranteeing that you don’t repeat going over the same variables (a cycle) by picking the smallest (or most negative) number

# Algorithms

See [SFWR ENG 2C03 Summary](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxW61uJyyN8TcDRiOWFuR1BpNjg/view).

Bellman-Ford vs Dijkstra’s:

* Dijkstra’s omits the possibility that past nodes can be improved.
* Bellman-Ford makes sure that old nodes have been covered. If you have already looked at a node, but the minimum path to the node changes, you have to re-look at the node as well as all nodes connected to it.

Dijkstra’s: Shortest path

1. Use BFS to find, relax all paths connected to each node
2. At the end, show the path

Note: when doing Bellman-Ford:

1. Make a new node
2. If the value of a node changes, redo relaxations to that node
3. If still changing at N–1, it’s a negative cycle

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## Knapsack

Can be represented as a linear program:

For a set of n items x0..n, weights, w0..n, and costs, V0..n, max weight, k:

maximize , where

Σwixi ≤ k

**items** [i]:

**knapsack** [j]: current total capacity

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| V(i\j) | j=0 | ... | j=k |
| i=0 |  |  |  |
| … |  |  |  |
| i=n |  |  |  |

1. Add one item at a time and see if it fits in each capacity range

[wi]: item weight

[vi]: item value

for i = 1.n

w = knapsack capacity



# Constraint Graph

For each directed edge from b to a, there is a constraint

a – b ≤ db-a

You can prove you have a negative weight cycle by putting your final Bellman-Ford values into the constraint graph and adding up the constraints

–5 ≤ –6

–3 ≤ –1

–8 ≤ –7

If that doesn’t add up, you have a negative weights cycle.

# Maximum Flow

## Ford-Fulkerson algorithm

G(V,E)

Incoming flow = outgoing flow for each vertex

In the end, you’re good when back edges are 0 and most forward edges are full

1. Draw graph
2. Show augmenting paths
3. Identify the limiting amount for each path
4. Draw final graph
5. Indicate max flow

After you identify a path, assume the edges already have the amount of the previous limiting amount.

**Pairwise Distinct**: every pair of elements consists of two different things (excluding the possibility that you selected the same element twice)