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P. 2 Let $P = \left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1, x \geq 0\right\}$ and consider the vector $x = (0, 0, 1)$. Find the set of feasible directions at x.

P. 3 Consider the problem of minimizing $c'x$ over a polyhedron P. Prove the following:

a. A feasible solution x is optimal if and only if $c'd \geq 0$ for every feasible direction d at x.

b. A feasible solution x is the unique optimal solution if and only if $c'd > 0$ for every nonzero feasible direction d at x.

a.

b.

P. 4 Let x be an element of the standard form polyhedron $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$. Prove that a vector $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a feasible direction at x if and only if $Ad = 0$ and $d_i \geq 0$ for every i such that $x_i = 0$.

P. 7 Consider a feasible solution x to the standard form problem

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\begin{aligned}
\text{minimize} \quad & c'x \\
\text{subject to} \quad & Ax = b \\
& x \geq 0,
\end{aligned}
$$

and let $Z = \{i : x_i = 0\}$. Show that x is an optimal solution if and only if the linear programming problem

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\begin{aligned}
\text{minimize} \quad & c'd \\
\text{subject to} \quad & Ad = 0 \\
& d_i \geq 0, \quad i \in Z,
\end{aligned}
$$

has an optimal cost of zero.

Proof. Start ∎

P. 9 Consider the problem

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\begin{array}{rl}
\text{minimize} & -2x_1 - x_2 \\
\text{subject to} & x_1 - x_2 \leq 2 \\
& x_1 + x_2 \leq 6 \\
& x_1, x_2 \geq 0
\end{array}
$$