

CS 212

Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science

Lecture 27: LPs: general form and LP Duality



Announcements



1. Next (last) assignment due tomorrow.
2. No discussion sessions this week – thanksgiving week.
3. No office hours later this week (ie. on Wed-Sun)

Linear Programming



Linear Optimization

Suppose you want to buy apples and oranges.

- Apple costs 2\$/lb and oranges cost 1\$/lb.
- Apples have 1mg/lb of vit-C, oranges have 2mg/lb of vit-C.
- Apples and oranges both provide 1Kcal/lb.

How many pounds of apples & oranges can you buy with at most 3\$, so that total Vitamin C intake ≤ 3 mg, in such a way to maximize calorie intake?

Let x_1 be the #lbs of apple bought, x_2 be #lbs of oranges bought

$$\max x_1 + x_2$$

$$\# \text{ money spent} = 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$$

$$\# \text{ vit-C consumed} = x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3$$

$$x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$$

Linear Program.

Optimize this...

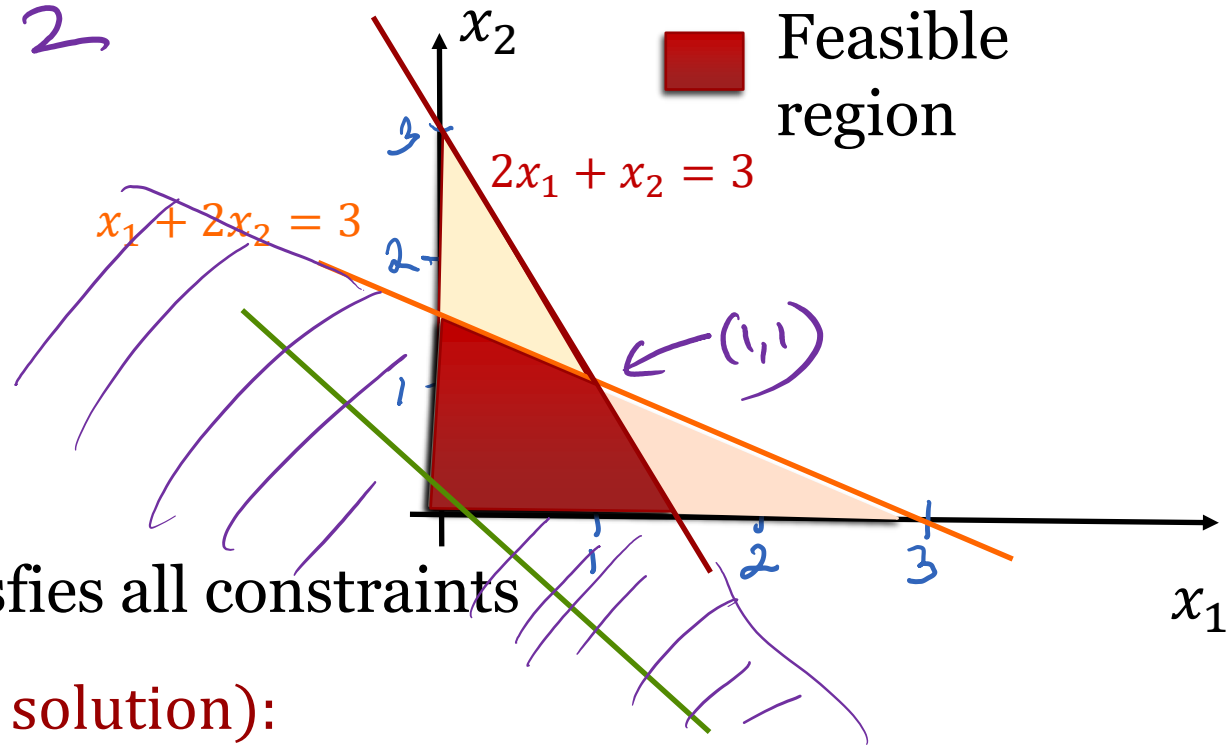
Maximize $x_1 + x_2$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

≈ 2



Feasible Solution.

Any vector x that satisfies all constraints

Vertex (Basic feasible solution):

The corners of the feasible region.

What is the optimal solution?

One of the corner points.

LP Formulation

Variables: $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Constraints: given by $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\max \underline{c^T x} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i$$

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

such that

$$(Ax) \leq b$$

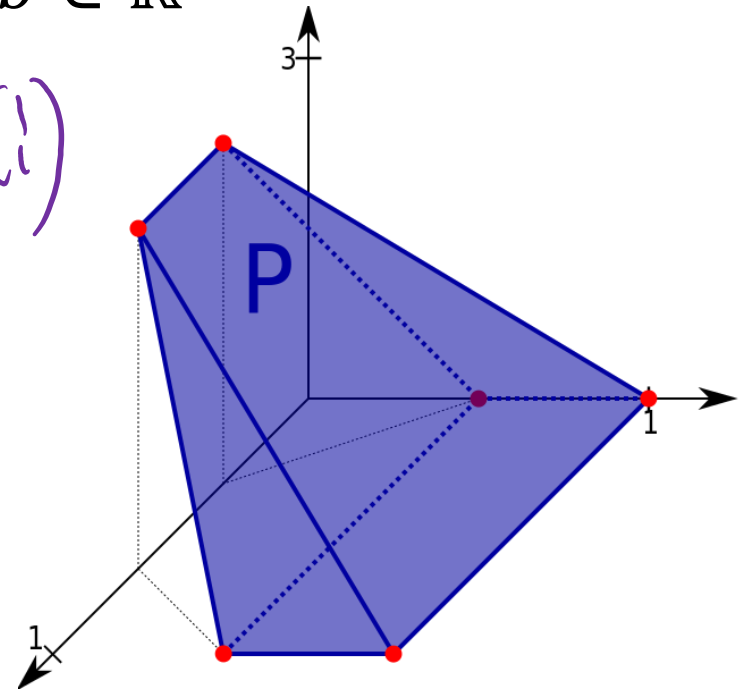
m-dim vector (pointing to Ax)
m-dim vector (pointing to b)
entrywise inequality (pointing to the inequality symbol)

$$x \geq 0$$

$\forall i, x_i \geq 0$ (pointing to the inequality symbol)

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

ith row (pointing to the i th row of A)



“Standard” LP Formulation

Variables: $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

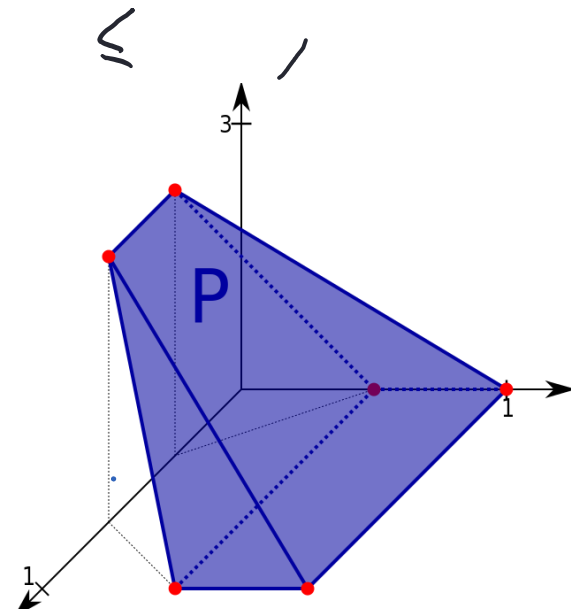
Constraints: given by $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ & given $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\max \quad c^T x = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n$$

such that $Ax \leq b$ $\forall i \in [m]: \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i$

$$x \geq 0 \quad \forall j \in [n]: x_j \geq 0$$

Claim: Standard LP formulation can capture general Linear programs.



$$\max c^T x \quad Ax \leq b \quad x \geq 0$$

Capturing a minimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Minimize } 2y_1 + 4y_2 + 2y_3 & = \text{maximize } -(2y_1 + 4y_2 + 2y_3) \\ y_1 + y_2 \leq 5 & y_1 + y_2 \leq 5 \\ y_2 + y_3 \leq 4 & y_2 + y_3 \leq 4 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0 & y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0 \end{array} \quad = -2y_1 - 4y_2 - 2y_3$$

Variables: $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Constraints: given by $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min c^T x & = \max (-c)^T x \\ \text{s.t. } Ax \leq b & \text{s.t. } Ax \leq b \\ x \geq 0 & x \geq 0 \end{array}$$

← standard form

Capturing other inequality, equality constraints

$$\max 2y_1 + 4y_2 + 2y_3$$

$$y_1 + y_2 \leq 5$$

$$(-) \times (y_2 + y_3 \geq 4)$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

$$= \max 2y_1 + 4y_2 + 2y_3$$

$$y_1 + y_2 \leq 5$$

$$-y_2 - y_3 \leq -4$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

Standard form

Variables: $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Constraint $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j \geq b_j$ is the same as $\sum_{j=1}^n (-a_{ij})x_j \leq -b_j$

How do you capture constraint $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j = b_j$?

It is captured by following two constraints:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j \leq b_j \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^n (-a_{ij})x_j \leq -b_j .$$

Unconstrained Variables

$$\max 2y_1 + 4y_2 + 2y_3$$

$$y_1 + y_2 \leq 5$$

$$y_2 + y_3 \leq 4$$

$$y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

$$y_1 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Variable y_1 is unconstrained. How to bring it to standard form?

$$\text{Max } 2(z_1 - z_2) + 4y_2 + 2y_3$$

$$z_1 - z_2 + y_2 \leq 5$$

$$y_2 + y_3 \leq 4$$

$$z_1, z_2, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

Solution: Think of two non-negative variables z_1, z_2 such that
 $y_1 = z_1 - z_2$

Standard form

“Standard” LP Formulation

Variables: $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

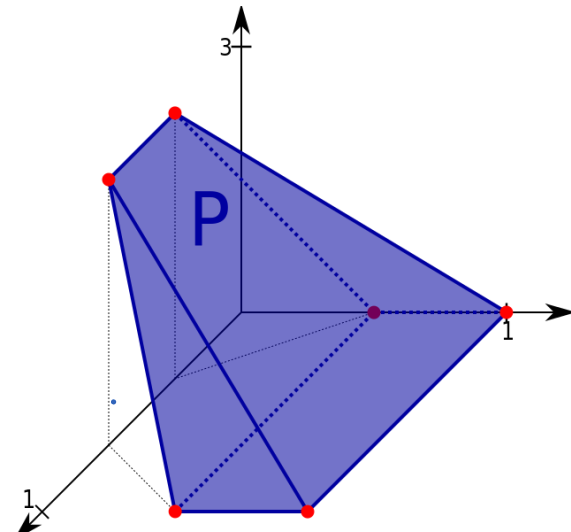
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$$\max \quad c^T x = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n$$

such that $Ax \leq b$ $\forall i \in [m]: \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i$

$$x \geq 0 \quad \forall j \in [n]: x_j \geq 0$$

Claim: Standard LP formulation can capture general Linear programs (any linear objective subject to linear constraints).



How do you know you are optimal?

Maximize $x_1 + x_2$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 \times (2x_1 + x_2 \leq 3) \\ 1 \times (x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3) \\ x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{feasible}$$

How do we know that (1,1) is optimal? i.e. value of LP = 2

To prove: for every feasible (x_1, x_2)
we have $x_1 + x_2 \leq 2$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3$$

$$\hline 3x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \leq 2$$



$$\text{Max} \leq 2$$

Another Example

Maximize $2y_1 + 4y_2 + 2y_3$

$$\left(y_1 + y_2 \leq 5 \right) \times 2$$

$$\left(y_2 + y_3 \leq 4 \right) \times 2$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

Guess for optimal solution:

$$y_1 = 1, y_2 = 4, y_3 = 0.$$

objective=18.

Is this optimal?

$$2y_1 + 2y_2 + 2y_2 + 2y_3 \leq 18$$

$$2y_1 + 4y_2 + 2y_3 \leq 18$$

Another Example

Maximize $2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3$

$$(x_1 + x_2 \leq 5) \times y_1$$

$$(x_2 + x_3 \leq 4) \times y_2$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$$

$y_1 \geq 0 \quad y_2 \geq 0$

- Say you didn't know to multiply by 2, 2.
- How do you show optimality?

$$y_1 x_1 + y_1 x_2 + y_2 x_2 + y_2 x_3 \leq 5y_1 + 4y_2$$

$$y_1 x_1 + (y_1 + y_2) x_2 + y_2 x_3 \leq 5y_1 + 4y_2$$

Ex: What is the best value of y_1, y_2, y_3 ?

How do you know you are optimal?

Maximize $5x_1 - 3x_2$

Claim: $(1,1)$ is optimal with max value = 2.

How do you show optimality?

We need upper bound on objective

$$5x_1 - 3x_2 \leq \text{????}$$

$$\rightarrow (x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 5) \times y_1$$

$$\rightarrow (3x_1 + x_2 \leq 4) \times y_2$$

$$\rightarrow (4x_1 - 8x_2 \leq -4) \times y_3$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5x_1 + 2x_2 &\leq \\ \hline x_1 (y_1 + 3y_2 + 4y_3) + x_2 (3y_1 + y_2 - 8y_3) &\leq 5y_1 + 4y_2 - 4y_3 \end{aligned}$$

minimize $5y_1 + 4y_2 - 4y_3$

$$y_1 + 3y_2 + 4y_3 \geq 5$$

$$3y_1 + y_2 - 8y_3 \geq -3$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{coeff of } x_1 \geq 5$$

$$\rightarrow \text{coeff of } x_2 \geq -3$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x_1 - 3x_2 \leq 5y_1 + 4y_2 - 4y_3 \Rightarrow \text{also an LP!}$$



Thank you!