

# The Simplex Method

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- The graphical approach can be used for two-variable LP problems
- Unfortunately, most real-life LPs problems require a method to find optimal solutions capable of dealing with several variables: **the simplex algorithm**

# Simplex Method Formulation

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In LP problem, the decision maker usually wants to:

maximize (usually revenue or profit)  
minimize (usually costs)

the **objective function (Z)** is expressed by a set of **decision variables**

Certain limitations are often imposed to these decision variables (expressed in the form of  $\leq$ , = or  $\geq$ ).

These restrictions are called **constraints**

## Problem

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2 \quad (\text{€/yr})$$

Subject to:

$$x_1 \leq 40 \quad (\text{ha of pine})$$

$$x_2 \leq 50 \quad (\text{ha of eucalypt})$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 180 \quad (\text{days of work})$$

and  $x_1 \geq 0; x_2 \geq 0$

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The Simplex algorithm is an **algebraic procedure** to solve LP problems **based on geometric concepts** that requires LP problems to be presented in the **standard form**:

- 1) Objective function is **maximized**
- 2) **Constraints** in the form of **≤ inequalities**
- 3) All **values on the right handside** are **≥**
- 4) All **variables** are **nonnegative (≥)**

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**Original form:**

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_1 & \leq 40 \\ x_2 & \leq 50 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 & \leq 180 \\ \text{and} & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

**Standard or augmented form:**

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{array}{lll} x_1 + S_1 & = 40 \\ x_2 + S_2 & = 50 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 + S_3 & = 180 \\ \text{and} & x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

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Subject to:

$$x_1 + S_1 = 40$$

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$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + S_3 = 180$$

$$Z - 90 x_1 - 120 x_2 = 0$$

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Non-basic variables                      Basic variables

Each basic feasible solution has **basic** or **non-basic** variables

- **non-basic variables** are set to ZERO
- **basic variables** are directly obtained from the table

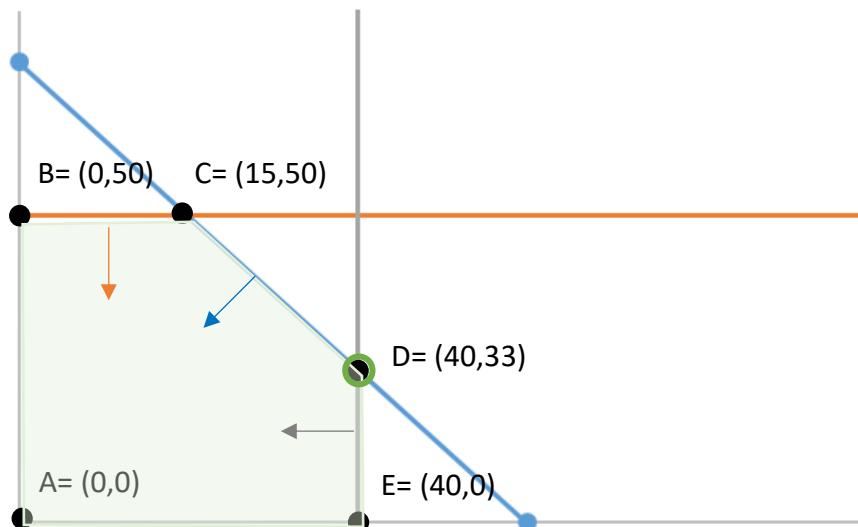
initialize the procedure setting  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$

$$(x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) = (0, 0, 40, 50, 180)$$

# Simplex Method - Graphical analysis

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- The Simplex algorithm is a search procedure that:
  - shifts through the set of basic feasible solutions, one at a time, until the optimal basic feasible solution (whenever it exists) is identified.
  - the method is an efficient implementation the Corner Points Procedure.



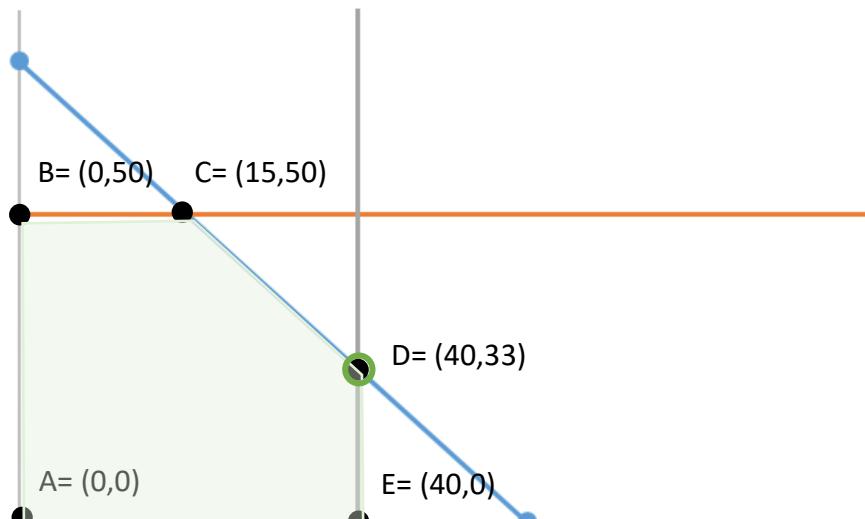
**Corner point feasible solutions –**  
vertices of the feasible region

**Optimal solution(s)** – vertice(s) of  
the feasible region that maximize  $Z$ ,  
ie solution that gives the best  
favorable value to the objective  
function

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Replacing  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  by the values of A, B, C, D and E in the objective function:

$$Z_A = 0$$

$$Z_B = 6000$$

$$Z_C = 7350$$

$$Z_D = 7600$$

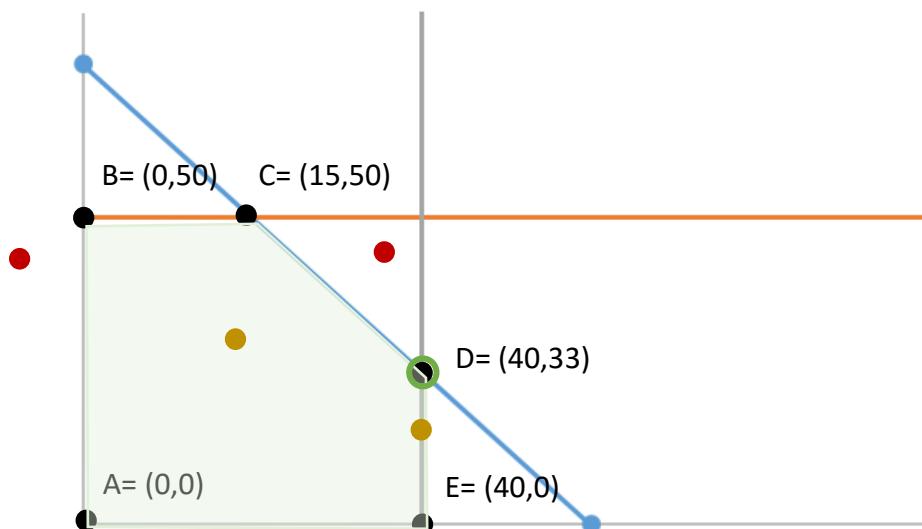
$$Z_E = 3600$$

$$Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

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**Feasible solutions** – within or on the border of the feasible region ie solutions for which the constraints are satisfied

**Infeasible solution** – outside the feasible region, ie solution for which at least one constraint is violated

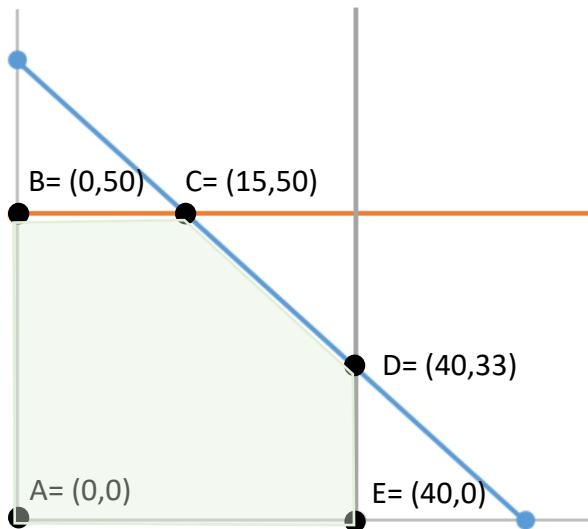
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Bring the LP problem to the standard form  $\rightarrow$  obtain a BFS ie set  $A = (x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$

Optimality check

No

Find another feasible solution



Find in which direction to move towards the algebraic equivalent of an extreme point ie a Basic Feasible Solution with a single different basic variable

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (X_1, X_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) \\ &= (0, 0, 40, 50, 180) \end{aligned}$$

A is adjacent to B but not to C  
B is adjacent to both A and C

$$\begin{aligned} B &= (X_1, X_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) \\ &= (0, 50, 40, 0, 30) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= (X_1, X_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) \\ &= (15, 50, 0, 25, 0) \end{aligned}$$

	A	B	C
basic	$S_1, S_2, S_3$	$S_1, X_2, S_3$	$X_1, X_2, S_2$
non-basic	$X_1, X_2$	$X_1, S_2$	$S_1, S_3$

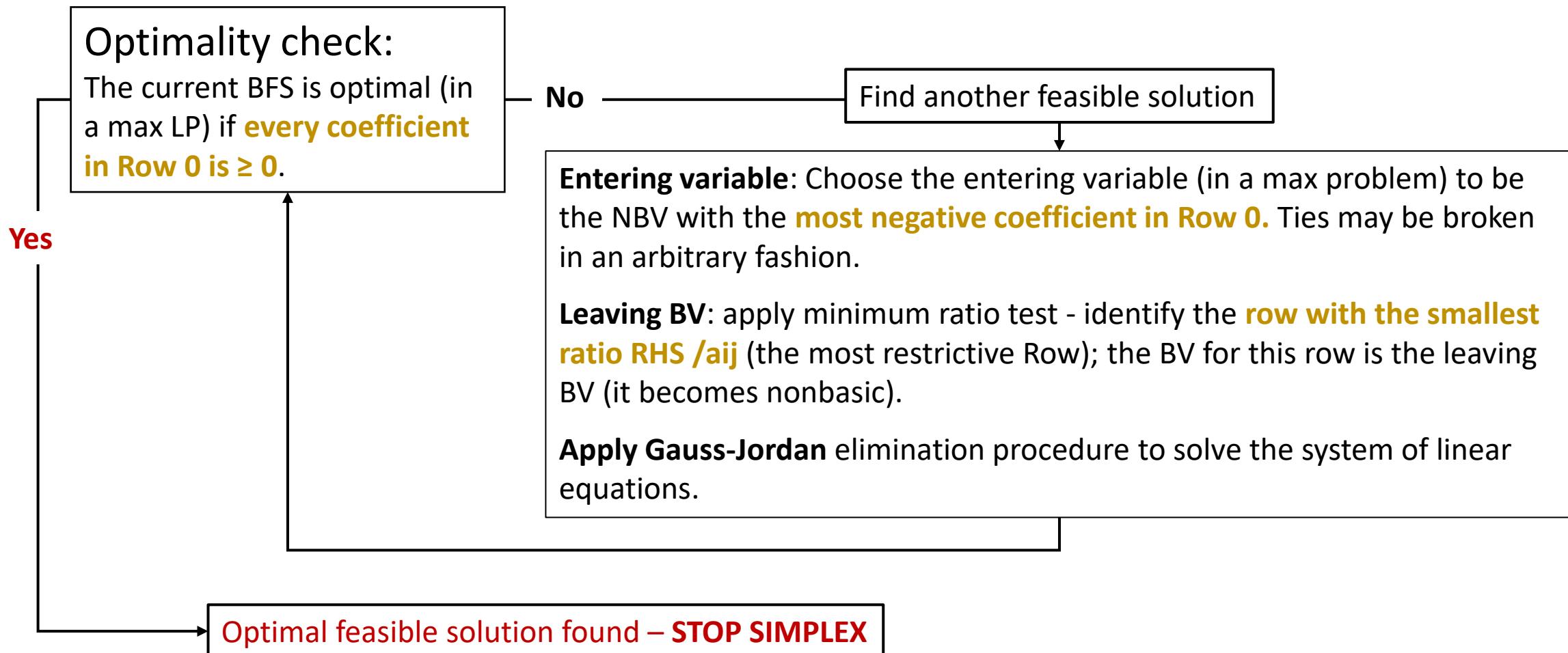
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-120 -> 0

3 -> 0

R0      R0 - (-120) \* R2      (1 + 120 \* 0)

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R0    R0 - (-120) \* R2    (1+120\*0)    (-90+120\*0)

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1    -90

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$$-120 \rightarrow 0$$

3 -> 0

$$R0 \quad R0 - (-120) * R2 \quad (1+120*0) \quad (-90+120*0) \quad (-120+120*1) \quad (0+120*0) \quad (0+120*1) \quad (0+120*0)$$

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3  $\rightarrow$  0

R0    R0 - (-120)\*R2    (1+120\*0)    (-90+120\*0)    (-120+120\*1)    (0+120\*0)    (0+120\*1)    (0+120\*0)    (0+120\*50)

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1              -90              0              0              120              0              6000

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3 -> 0

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$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & -90 & 0 & 0 & 120 & 0 & 6000 \end{array}$$

R1      0      1      0      1      0      0      40

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R3      R3-(3)\*R2

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		1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1		0	1	0	1	0	0	40
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R3	$R3 - (3) * R2$	(0-3*0)						
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3 -> 0

R0	$R0 - (-120) * R2$	(1+120*0)	(-90+120*0)	(-120+120*1)	(0+120*0)	(0+120*1)	(0+120*0)	(0+120*50)
		1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1		0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2		0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	$R3 - (3) * R2$	(0-3*0)	(2-3*0)	(3-3*1)	(0-3*0)	0	0	0
		0	2	0	0	0	0	0

# Simplex Method - Procedure

basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
	z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
z	1	-90	-120	0	0	0	0
s1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
s2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
s3	0	2	3	0	0	1	180

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
R0	z	1	-90	-120	0	0	0	0
R1	s1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	s3	0	2	3	0	0	1	180

-120 -> 0

3 -> 0

$$R0 \quad R0 - (-120) * R2 \quad (1+120*0) \quad (-90+120*0) \quad (-120+120*1) \quad (0+120*0) \quad (0+120*1) \quad (0+120*0) \quad (0+120*50)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 1 & -90 & 0 & 0 & 120 & 0 & 6000 \\ \hline R1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 40 \\ R2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 50 \\ R3 & R3 - (3)*R2 & (0-3*0) & (2-3*0) & (3-3*1) & (0-3*0) & (0-3*1) & (180-3*50) \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 30 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 1 & -90 & 0 & 0 & 120 & 0 & 6000 \\ \hline R1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 40 \\ R2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 50 \\ R3 & R3 - (3)*R2 & (0-3*0) & (2-3*0) & (3-3*1) & (0-3*0) & (0-3*1) & (180-3*50) \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 30 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 1 & -90 & 0 & 0 & 120 & 0 & 6000 \\ \hline R1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 40 \\ R2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 50 \\ R3 & R3 - (3)*R2 & (0-3*0) & (2-3*0) & (3-3*1) & (0-3*0) & (0-3*1) & (180-3*50) \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 30 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 1 & -90 & 0 & 0 & 120 & 0 & 6000 \\ \hline R1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 40 \\ R2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 50 \\ R3 & R3 - (3)*R2 & (0-3*0) & (2-3*0) & (3-3*1) & (0-3*0) & (0-3*1) & (180-3*50) \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 30 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 1 & -90 & 0 & 0 & 120 & 0 & 6000 \\ \hline R1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 40 \\ R2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 50 \\ R3 & R3 - (3)*R2 & (0-3*0) & (2-3*0) & (3-3*1) & (0-3*0) & (0-3*1) & (180-3*50) \\ \hline & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 30 \end{array}$$

# Simplex Method - Procedure

basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
	z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
Z	1	-90	-120	0	0	0	0
S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
S2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
S3	0	2	3	0	0	1	180

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	S3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30

R0      R0-(-120)\*R2    (1+120\*0)   (-90+120\*0)   (-120+120\*1)   (0+120\*0)   (0+120\*1)   (0+120\*0)   (0+120\*50)

1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
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R1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
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R2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
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R3      R3-(3)\*R2    (0-3\*0)   (2-3\*0)   (3-3\*1)   (0-3\*0)   (0-3\*1)   (1-3\*0)   (180-3\*50)

0	2	0	0	-3	1	30
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# Simplex Method - Procedure

basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
	z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
z	1	-90	-120	0	0	0	0
s1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
s2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
s3	0	2	3	0	0	1	180

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
R0	z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	s1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	s3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30

$$(x_1, x_2) = (0, 50)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2, s_3) = (0, 50, 40, 0, 30)$$

Original form:

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ \quad x_2 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 \end{array} \leq \begin{array}{l} 40 \\ 50 \\ 180 \end{array}$$

and

$$x_1 \quad x_2 \geq 0$$

Standard or augmented form:

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + s_1 \\ \quad x_2 + s_2 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 + s_3 \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} 40 \\ 50 \\ 180 \end{array}$$

$$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad s_1 \quad s_2 \quad s_3 \geq 0$$

$$Z = 6000$$

$$X_1 = 0$$

$$S_1 = 40$$

$$S_2 = 0$$

$$X_2 = 50$$

$$S_3 = 30$$

$$X_1 = 0$$

$$X_2 = 50$$

$$S_1 = 40$$

$$S_2 = 0$$

$$S_3 = 30$$

# Simplex Method - Procedure

basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
	z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
Z	1	-90	-120	0	0	0	0
S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
S2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
S3	0	2	3	0	0	1	180

$$(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, S1, S2, S3) = (0, 0, 40, 50, 180)$$

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	S3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30

$$(x_1, x_2) = (0, 50)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, S1, S2, S3) = (0, 50, 40, 0, 30)$$

Original form:

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_1 & \leq 40 \\ x_2 & \leq 50 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 & \leq 180 \end{array}$$

and

$$x_1 \quad x_2 \geq 0$$

Standard or augmented form:

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_1 & + S_1 = 40 \\ x_2 & + S_2 = 50 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 & + S_3 = 180 \end{array}$$

$$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad S_1 \quad S_2 \quad S_3 \geq 0$$

The basic variables in these solutions differ in one single variable (S1 and S3 are maintained as basic variables)

These are adjacent solutions

# Simplex Method - Procedure

basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
	z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
Z	1	-90	-120	0	0	0	0
S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
S2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
S3	0	2	3	0	0	1	180

$$(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, S1, S2, S3) = (0, 0, 40, 50, 180)$$

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		z	x1	x2	s1	s2	s3	
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	S3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30

$$(x_1, x_2) = (0, 50)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, S1, S2, S3) = (0, 50, 40, 0, 30)$$

Original form:

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ \quad x_2 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 \end{array} \leq \begin{array}{l} 40 \\ 50 \\ 180 \end{array}$$

and

$$x_1 \quad x_2 \geq 0$$

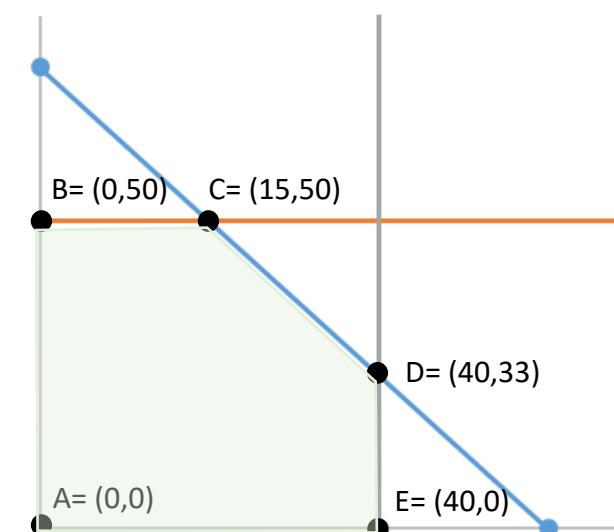
Standard or augmented form:

$$\text{Max: } Z = 90 x_1 + 120 x_2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{array}{lllll} x_1 & + S_1 & & & = 40 \\ \quad x_2 & + S_2 & & & = 50 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 & + S_3 & = & 180 \end{array}$$

$$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad S_1 \quad S_2 \quad S_3 \geq 0$$



# Simplex Method - Procedure

**Optimality check:**  
 The current BFS is optimal (in a max LP) if **every coefficient in Row 0 is  $\geq 0$** .

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side	ratio
		z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3		
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000	
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	40/1=
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50	-
R3	S3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30	30/2=

X1 will become basic

S3 will become non-basic variable

(X1 column will have to take the shape of S3: (0, 0, 0, 1)

# Simplex Method - Procedure

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	S3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	S3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30

R3    R3\*(1/2)    (0\*(1/2))    (2\*(1/2))    (0\*(1/2))    (0\*(1/2))    (-3\*(1/2))    (1\*(1/2))    (30\*(1/2))

0

1

0

0

-1.5

0.5

15

# Simplex Method - Procedure

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	1	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	S3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	x1	0	1	0	0	-1.5	0.5	15

R0      R0-(-90)\*R3      (1+90\*0)      (-90+90\*1)      (0+90\*0)      (0+90\*0)      (120+90\*-1.5)      (0+90\*0.5)      (6000+90\*15)

1	0	0	0	-15	45	7350
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R1      R1-(1)\*R3      (0-1\*0)      (1-1\*1)      (0-1\*0)      (1-1\*0)      (0-1\*-1.5)      (0-1\*0.5)      (40-1\*40)

0	0	0	1	1.5	-0.5	25
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-90 -> 0  
1 -> 0

# Simplex Method - Procedure

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	-90	0	0	120	0	6000
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	S3	0	2	0	0	-3	1	30

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	0	0	0	-15	45	7350
R1	S1	0	0	0	1	1.5	-0.5	25
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	x1	0	1	0	0	-1.5	0.5	15

$$(x_1, x_2) = (0,0)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) = (0, 0, 40, 50, 180)$$

$$z=0 \quad (A)$$

$$(x_1, x_2) = (0,50)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) = (0, 50, 40, 0, 30)$$

$$z=6000 \quad (B)$$

$$(x_1, x_2) = (15,50)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) = (15, 50, 25, 0, 0)$$

$$z=7350 \quad (C)$$

$$X_1 = 15$$

$$X_2 = 50$$

$$S_1 = 25$$

$$S_2 = 0$$

$$S_3 = 0$$



$$Z = 7350$$

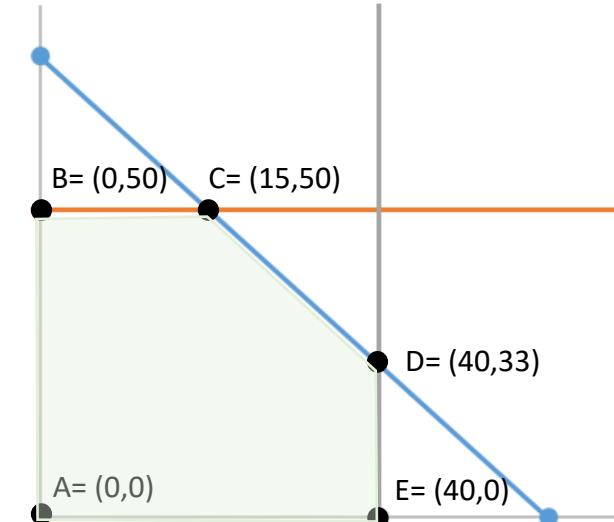
$$S_2 = 0$$

$$S_1 = 25$$

$$S_3 = 0$$

$$X_2 = 50$$

$$x_1 = 15$$



# Simplex Method - Procedure

**Optimality check:**  
The current BFS is optimal (in a max LP) if **every coefficient in Row 0 is  $\geq 0$** .

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side	ratio
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3		
R0	Z	1	0	0	0	-15	45	7350	
R1	S1	0	0	0	1	1.5	-0.5	25	25/1.5= 17
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50	-
R3	x1	0	1	0	0	-1.5	0.5	15	15/-1.5= -10

S2 will become **basic**

S1 will become **non-basic variable**

**Entering variable:** the **most negative coefficient in Row 0**

**Leaving BV:** **the smallest positive ratio RHS /aij**

(S2 column will have to take the shape of S1: (0, 1, 0, 0)

R1 R1\*(1/1.5) (0\*(1/1.5)) (0\*(1/1.5)) (0\*(1/1.5)) (1\*(1/1.5)) (1.5\*(1/1.5)) (-0.5\*(1/1.5)) (25\*(1/1.5))

0	0	0	0.67	1	-0.33	16.67
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# Simplex Method - Procedure

**Optimality check:**  
 The current BFS is optimal (in a max LP) if **every coefficient in Row 0 is  $\geq 0$** .

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	0	0	0	-15	45	7350
R1	S2	0	0	0	0.67	1	-0.33	16.67
R2	x2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50
R3	x1	0	1	0	0	-1.5	0.5	15

S2 will become **basic**  
 S1 will become **non-basic variable**

(S2 column will have to take the shape of S1: (0, 1, 0, 0)

R0	$R0 - (-15)*R1$	$(1+15*0)$	$(0+15*0)$	$(0+15*0)$	$(0+15*0.67)$	$(-15+15*1)$	$(45+15*-0.33)$	$(7350+15*16.67)$
		1	0	0	10	0	40	7600
R2	$R2 - (1)*R1$	$(0-1*0)$	$(0-1*0)$	$(1-1*0)$	$(0-1*0.67)$	$(1-1*1)$	$(0-1*-0.33)$	$(50-1*16.67)$
		0	0	1	-0.67	0	0.33	33.33
R3	$R3 - (-1.5)*R1$	$(0+1.5*0)$	$(1+1.5*0)$	$(0+1.5*0)$	$(0+1.5*0.67)$	$(-1.5+1.5*1)$	$0.5+1.5*-0.33$	$(15+1.5*16.67)$
		0	1	0	1	0	0	40

# Simplex Method - Procedure

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	0	0	10	0	40	7600
R1	S2	0	0	0	0.67	1	-0.33	16.67
R2	x2	0	0	1	-0.67	0	0.33	33.33
R3	x1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40

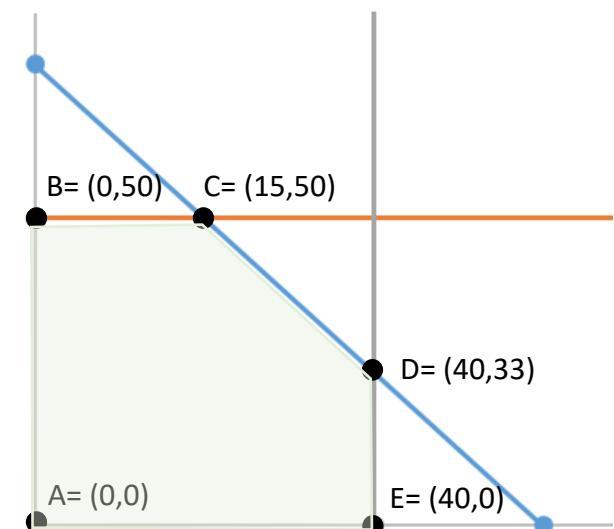
$(x_1, x_2) = (0,0)$	$(x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) = (0, 0, 40, 50, 180)$	$z=0$	(A)
$(x_1, x_2) = (0,50)$	$(x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) = (0, 50, 40, 0, 30)$	$z=6000$	(B)
$(x_1, x_2) = (15,50)$	$(x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) = (15, 50, 25, 0, 30)$	$z=7350$	(C)
$(x_1, x_2) = (40,33.33)$	$(x_1, x_2, S_1, S_2, S_3) = (40, 33.33, 0, 16.67, 0)$	$z=7600$	(D)

$X_1 = 40$   
 $X_2 = 33.33$   
 $S_1 = 0$   
 $S_2 = 16.67$   
 $S_3 = 0$

**Optimality check:**  
The current BFS is optimal (in a max LP) if **every coefficient in Row 0 is  $\geq 0$** .

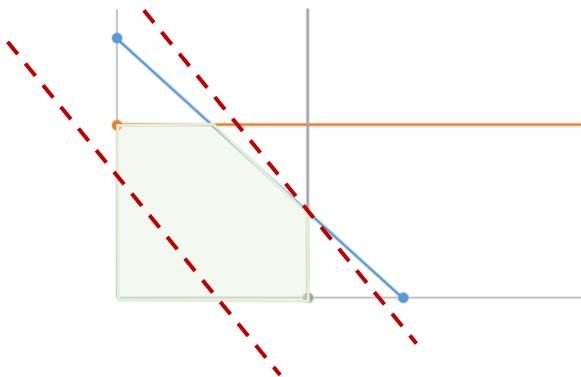
**OPTIMAL SOLUTION!**

$Z = 7600$        $S_1 = 0$   
 $S_2 = 16.67$        $S_3 = 0$   
 $X_2 = 33.33$   
 $x_1 = 40$



# Simplex Method – Graphical approach

## Graphical Method



$$\text{Max: } Z = 90x_1 + 120x_2$$

Subject to:

$$x_1 \leq 40$$

$$x_2 \leq 50$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 180$$

And  $x_1 \geq 0; x_2 \geq 0$

- Replace each inequality by an equality
- Find the set of points satisfying the equality (allows to draw a line that cuts the plane into 2 half-planes)
- Find which half-plane satisfies the inequality
- Intercept all the half-plane areas to find the **feasible region (FR)** – feasible solutions =  $(x_1, x_2)$  corners
- Draw iso-lines for the **objective function** to find the optimal solution:  $(x_1, x_2)$  corner point of the FR

## Simplex Method

Row	Algebraic form	basic var.	coefficients of:				right side	ratio
			Z	x1	x2	S1		
R0	$Z - 90x_1 - 120x_2 + S_1 = 0$		1	-90	-120	0	0	0
R1	$x_1 + S_1 = 40$	S1	0	1	0	1	0	-
R2	$x_2 + S_2 = 50$	S2	0	0	1	0	1	50/1 = 50
R3	$2x_1 + 3x_2 + S_3 = 180$	S3	0	2	3	0	0	180/3 = 60

- Replace each inequality by an equality adding a slack variable
  - Transform the objective function into an equality
  - Build a table for the constraints only specifying the coefficients
  - Set  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  to ZERO =>  $x_1=0; x_2=0; S_1=40; S_2=50; S_3=180$
- Non-basic variables


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Basic variables
- Test different combinations of basic variables
    - Select the non-basic var that results in a bigger increase in  $Z$  (the smallest coefficient in R0)
    - Select the basic var that guarantees the biggest increase in  $Z$  without leaving the feasible region and that all basic variables are nonnegative (smallest positive ratio)
    - Gaussian elimination so that the new basic var. only has: 0,1
    - Test optimality: all coeff. in R0  $\geq 0$ ? If not, test new combination

# Simplex Method

## Particular cases

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# Simplex Method – Particular cases

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- Tie for the Entering BV:
  - **Entering variable:** Choose the entering variable (in a max problem) to be the NBV with the most negative coefficient in Row 0.
  - What to do when there is a tie for the entering basic variable ? **Selection made arbitrarily.**

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:							right side
		z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3		
R0	z	1	-3	-3	0	0	0	0	0
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	
R2	S2	0	0	2	0	1	0	12	
R3	S3	0	3	2	0	0	1	18	

# Simplex Method – Particular cases

- Tie for the Leaving BV - Degenerate:

- **Leaving BV**: apply minimum ratio test - identify the row with the smallest positive ratio  $b_i / a_{ij}$  (the most restrictive Row); the BV for this row is the leaving BV (it becomes nonbasic).

- Choose the leaving variable arbitrary

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:							right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	S4	
R0	Z	1	-3	-4	0	0	0	0	0
R1	S1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	10
R2	S2	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	18
R3	S3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	8
R4	S4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
R0	Z	1	-3	0	0	0	0	4	24
R1	S1	0	1	0	1	0	0	-1	4
R2	S2	0	2	0	0	1	0	-3	0
R3	S3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	8
R4	X2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6

$$10 / 1 = 10$$

$$18 / 3 = 6$$

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$$6 / 1 = 6$$

# Simplex Method – Particular cases

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- **No leaving BV – Unbounded Z:**

Occurs if all the coefficients in the pivot column (where the entering basic variable is) are either negative or zero (excluding row 0)

**No solution** – when the constraints do not prevent improving the objective function indefinitely

Row	basic var.	coefficients of:						right side
		Z	x1	x2	S1	S2	S3	
R0	Z	1	0	-1	1	0	0	10
R1	x1	0	1	0	1	0	0	10
R2	S2	0	0	-3	-1	1	0	5
R3	S3	0	0	-1	-1	0	1	10

-      5 / -3 < 0  
      10 / -1 < 0