

I can solve the Linear Programming Problem (LPP) using the **Simplex Method**.



Problem Formulation

The LPP is:

Maximize $Z = x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3$

Subject to:

1. $3x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 \leq 10$
2. $x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 \leq 8$
3. $2x_1 + 2x_3 \leq 7$
4. $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$



Standard Form and Initial Tableau

To use the Simplex Method, we convert the inequalities into equations by introducing **slack variables** (s_1, s_2, s_3).

Objective Function (Standard Form):

Maximize $Z = x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 0s_1 + 0s_2 + 0s_3$

$Z - x_1 - 2x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$ (This is Row 0)

Constraints (Equations):

1. $3x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 + s_1 = 10$
2. $x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 + s_2 = 8$
3. $2x_1 + 2x_3 + s_3 = 7$

Initial Simplex Tableau:

Basis	Z	x1	x2	x3	s1	s2	s3	RHS (bi)
\$Z\$	1	-1	-2	-4	0	0	0	0
\$s_1\$	0	3	1	5	1	0	0	10
\$s_2\$	0	1	4	1	0	1	0	8
\$s_3\$	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	7



Iteration 1

1. Identify Entering Variable (EV)

The most negative value in the \$Z\$-row (Row 0) is -4 (under \$x_3\$).

$\Rightarrow x_3$ is the Entering Variable (Pivot Column).

2. Identify Leaving Variable (LV)

Calculate the **minimum non-negative ratio** ($\frac{\text{RHS}}{\text{coefficient}}$):

- Row 1 (s_1): $10 / 5 = 2$ (Minimum ratio)
- Row 2 (s_2): $8 / 1 = 8$
- Row 3 (s_3): $7 / 2 = 3.5$

$\Rightarrow s_1$ is the Leaving Variable (Pivot Row).

The **Pivot Element** is **5** (at the intersection of the x_3 column and s_1 row).

3. Pivot Operation

- **New Pivot Row (R'_1)**: $R_1 / 5$ (Divide the old s_1 row by the pivot element 5)
- **New R'_0** : $R_0 + 4 R'_1$
- **New R'_2** : $R_2 - 1 R'_1$
- **New R'_3** : $R_3 - 2 R'_1$

Tableau after Iteration 1:

Basis	Z	x1	x2	x3	s1	s2	s3	RHS
Z	1	\$7/5\$	\$-6/5\$	0	\$4/5\$	0	0	8
x_3	0	\$3/5\$	\$1/5\$	1	\$1/5\$	0	0	2
s_2	0	\$2/5\$	\$19/5\$	0	\$-1/5\$	1	0	6
s_3	0	\$4/5\$	\$-2/5\$	0	\$-2/5\$	0	1	3

(Current $Z = 8$. $x_3=2$, $s_2=6$, $s_3=3$. $x_1=x_2=s_1=0$).

Iteration 2

1. Identify Entering Variable (EV)

The only negative value in the Z-row (Row 0) is $-6/5$ (under x_2).

$\Rightarrow x_2$ is the Entering Variable (Pivot Column).

2. Identify Leaving Variable (LV)

Calculate the minimum non-negative ratio:

- Row 1 (x_3): $2 / (1/5) = 10$ \$
- Row 2 (s_2): $6 / (19/5) \approx 1.57$ (Minimum ratio)
- Row 3 (s_3): $3 / (-2/5)$ (Ignore, as the denominator is negative)
implies s_2 is the Leaving Variable (Pivot Row).

The **Pivot Element** is **\$19/5\$**.

3. Pivot Operation

- **New Pivot Row (R_2'): $R_2' / (19/5)$**
- **New R_0' : $R_0' + (6/5) R_2'$**
- **New R_1' : $R_1' - (1/5) R_2'$**
- **New R_3' : $R_3' + (2/5) R_2'$**

Tableau after Iteration 2:

Basis	Z	x1	x2	x3	s1	s2	s3	RHS
Z	1	$29/19$	0	0	$14/19$	$6/19$	0	$160/19$
x_3	0	$11/19$	0	1	$4/19$	$-1/19$	0	$32/19$
x_2	0	$2/19$	1	0	$-1/19$	$5/19$	0	$30/19$
s_3	0	$16/19$	0	0	$-8/19$	$2/19$	1	$75/19$

Final Solution

Since there are no negative values in the Z -row (Row 0), the current solution is **optimal**.

- **Optimal Value of Z :** $Z = 160/19 \approx 8.421$ \$
- **Optimal Values of Variables:**
 - x_1 (Nonbasic) = 0\$
 - x_2 (Basic) = $30/19 \approx 1.579$ \$
 - x_3 (Basic) = $32/19 \approx 1.684$ \$
- **Slack Values:**
 - s_1 (Nonbasic) = 0\$
 - s_2 (Nonbasic) = 0\$
 - s_3 (Basic) = $75/19 \approx 3.947$ \$ (This means the third constraint is not binding/tight).

The **Maximum** value of Z is $160/19$ \$.