

E5: Solving L.P problems with Simplex

Exercise 5:

$$\text{maximize } z = x_1 + 2x_2$$

subject to

$$-x_1 + x_2 \leq 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 8$$

$$x_1 \leq 6$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

→ The Simplex Tableau:

	z	x_1	x_2	s	t	u	b
z	1	-1	-2	0	0	0	0
s	0	-1	1	1	0	0	2
t	0	1	2	0	1	0	8
u	0	1	0	0	0	1	6

after putting it in this form:

$$-x_1 - 2x_2 + z = 0$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 + s = 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + t = 8$$

$$x_1 + u = 6$$

- We choose the most negative coefficient in the objective row, here it is $x_2 = -2$.
- We divide b by the positive coefficients in the entering variable's (x_2) column to find the pivot row.
- Pivot: turn the pivot column into a unit column
- Repeat the pivot until there are no more negative coefficients in the first row for the most optimal solution

	z	x_1	x_2	Δ	t	u	b	
z	1	-3	0	2	0	0	4	$R_1 + 2R_2$
x_2	0	-1	1	1	6	0	2	
t	0	3	0	-2	0	0	4	$R_3 - 2R_2$
u	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	

	z	x_1	x_2	Δ	t	u	b	
z	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	$R_1 + 3R_3$
x_2	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{10}{3}$	$R_2 + R_3$
x_1	0	1	0	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{4}{3}$	
u	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$\frac{14}{3}$	$R_4 - R_3$

• The optimal solution found is:

$$x_2 = \frac{10}{3}; \quad x_1 = \frac{4}{3}; \quad u = \frac{14}{3}$$

Exercise 6

maximize $z = 3x_1 + x_2$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 &\geq 4 \\ -x_1 + x_2 &\leq 4 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 &\geq -4 \\ x_1, x_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

the standard form:

$$-3x_1 - x_2 + z = 0 \quad / \quad \max 3x_1 + x_2$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - s = 4$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 + t = 4$$

$$+x_1 - 2x_2 + u = 4$$

Auxiliary problem: $\max z = -R_1 \Leftrightarrow z + R_1 = 0$

$$x_1 + x_2 - s + R_1 = 4$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 + t = 4$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + u = 4$$

	z	x_1	x_2	s	t	u	R_1	b
z	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
R_1	0	<u>1</u>	1	-1	0	0	1	4
t	0	-1	1	0	1	0	0	4
u	0	1	-2	0	0	1	0	4

	z	x_1	x_2	s	t	u	R_1	b
z	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
x_1	0	1	1	-1	0	0	1	4
t	0	0	2	-1	1	0	1	8
u	0	0	-3	1	0	1	1	0

	Z	x_1	x_2	s	t	u	b
Z	1	-3	-1	0	0	0	0
x_1	0	<u>1</u>	1	-1	0	0	4
t	0	0	2	-1	1	0	8
u	0	0	-3	1	0	1	0

	Z	x_1	x_2	s	t	u	b
Z	1	0	2	-3	0	0	12
x_1	0	1	1	-1	0	0	4
t	0	0	2	-1	1	0	8
u	0	0	-3	<u>1</u>	0	1	0

	Z	x_1	x_2	s	t	u	b
Z	1	0	-7	0	0	3	12
x_1	0	1	-2	0	0	1	4
t	0	0	-1	0	1	1	8
u	0	0	-3	1	0	1	0

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full negative column \rightarrow no feasible solution

Exercise 7

$$\text{maximize } z = 3x_1 + x_2$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 + x_2 &\geq 4 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 &\leq -4 \\ x_1, x_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Standard form:

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 + x_2 - s &= 4 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 - t &= 4 \\ z - 3x_1 - x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Auxiliary problem:

$$\begin{aligned} z + R_1 + R_2 &= 0 \\ -x_1 + x_2 - s + R_1 &= 4 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 - t + R_2 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

	z	x_1	x_2	s	t	R_1	R_2	b
z	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
R_1	0	-1	1	-1	0	1	0	4
R_2	0	1	-2	0	-1	0	1	4

	z	x_1	x_2	s	t	R_1	R_2	b
z	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	$-\infty$
R_1	0	-1	1	-1	0	1	0	4
R_2	0	1	-2	0	-1	0	1	4

First phase completed but there are artificial variables in the base with values > 0

\Rightarrow the problem has no \uparrow feasible solution.