

A 4.1 (a) Linear program in standard form:

$$\text{minimize } -3x_1 - 4x_2 - 3x_3 - 6x_4$$

$$\text{subject to } 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 - s_1 = 12$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 8$$

$$-x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 + s_2 = 10$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2 \geq 0$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose the basic indices  $\{1, 5, 6\}$ , we can find an

$$\text{initial basic feasible solution: } x_1=8, x_2=0, x_3=0, x_4=0, s_1=4, s_2=10.$$

Construct the simplex tableau:

B	0	-1	0	-3	0	0	-24
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	8
5	0	1	3	1	1	0	4
6	0	-1	2	1	0	1	10

Step 1:

B	0	0	3	-2	1	0	-28
1	1	0	-2	0	-1	0	4
2	0	1	3	1	1	0	4
6	0	0	5	2	1	1	14

Step 2:

B	0	2	9	0	3	0	-36
1	1	0	-2	0	-1	0	4
4	0	1	3	1	1	0	4
6	0	-2	-1	0	-1	1	6

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Thus, the optimal solution is  $x_1=4, x_2=0, x_3=0, x_4=4$ .

and the optimal value is  $3x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 + 6x_4 = 36$ .

(b) ① "optimal".

Since all the reduced cost is nonnegative, the solution is optimal.

② "unique".

Since the solution is  $x_1=4, x_2=0, x_3=0, x_4=4$ ,

then we suppose there exists another optimal solution

$$x_1=4-a, x_2=a, x_3=b, x_4=4-b, \text{ and } 0 \leq a \leq 4, 0 \leq b \leq 4$$

$$\text{Then } 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 \geq 12 \quad 2(4-a) + a - b + (4-b) \geq 12$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 8 \quad \Leftrightarrow (4-a) + a + b + (4-b) = 8$$

$$-x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 \leq 10 \quad -a + 2b + (4-b) \leq 10$$

Then we get the constraint  $12-a-2b \geq 12$ , contradiction.

From ① and ②, the solution is the unique optimal solution.

(c) The dual problem of the linear program:

$$\text{minimize } 12y_1 + 8y_2 + 10y_3$$

$$\text{subject to } 2y_1 + y_2 \geq 3$$

$$y_1 + y_2 - y_3 \geq 4$$

$$-y_1 + y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 3$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \geq 6$$

$$y_1 \leq 0, y_2 \text{ free}, y_3 \geq 0$$

we can easily find a feasible solution of the dual:

$$y_1=-3, y_2=9, y_3=0, \text{ and } 12y_1 + 8y_2 + 10y_3 = 36$$

Since  $C^T x = b^T y$ , and  $x, y$  are feasible solutions,

then by Corollary,  $y$  is the optimal solution of the dual.

Since the primal problem has the unique solution,

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then by  $C^T A B^{-1}$ , we also get the unique solution of the dual problem.

(d) By solving the primal problem and the dual problem,

$$\text{we have the unique solutions } x^* = (4, 0, 0, 4), y^* = (-3, 9, 0)$$

we consider the standard form of the primal:  $C = (-3, -4, -3, -6, 0, 0)$

$$\text{① } \tilde{C} = (-3, -4, -1, -6, 0, 0)$$

we can compute  $\tilde{C}^T \tilde{A} B^{-1} \tilde{A} N = (2, 11, 5)$ , which contains no negative components, thus the optimal value will not change.

$$\text{② } \tilde{C} = (-3, -4, -12, -6, 0, 0)$$

we can compute  $\tilde{C}^T \tilde{A} B^{-1} \tilde{A} N = (2, 0, 3)$ , which contains no negative components, thus the optimal value will not change.

$$\text{③ } \tilde{C} = (-1, -4, -3, -6, 0, 0)$$

we can compute  $\tilde{C}^T \tilde{A} B^{-1} \tilde{A} N = (2, 13, 5)$ , which contains no negative components, thus the optimal solution will not change.

Since  $C_j \in B$ , then the optimal value will change.

$$\text{④ } \tilde{C} = (-7, -4, -3, -6, 0, 0)$$

we can compute  $\tilde{C}^T \tilde{A} B^{-1} \tilde{A} N = (2, 1, -1)$ , which contains negative components, thus the optimal value will change.

(e) Let  $e_i = (0, 0, 1, 0)$ . Suppose  $ab = \lambda e_i, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Then the new solution is } \tilde{x}_B = A B^{-1} (b + ab)$$

$$= A B^{-1} (b + \lambda e_i) = A B^{-1} b + \lambda A B^{-1} e_i = x_B^* + \lambda A B^{-1} e_i$$

Since the current basis is still optimal,

$$\text{then } \tilde{x}_B = x_B^* + \lambda A B^{-1} e_i \geq 0$$

$$\text{By solving the inequality, we have } \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } -2 \leq \lambda \leq 0$$

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A 4.2. (a). Suppose the sales quotas for Special Risk Insurance, Mortgage Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance are  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ .

The linear program:

$$\text{maximize } 3300x_1 + 2000x_2 + 5000x_3$$

$$\text{subject to } 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 250$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 150$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 \leq 160$$

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

Using MATLAB, solving the LP, we have the optimal solution

$$\text{is } x_1=28, x_2=0, x_3=33, \text{ the optimal value is } 2574 \times 10^5$$

(b) The dual problem of the linear program:

$$\text{minimize } 250y_1 + 150y_2 + 160y_3$$

$$\text{subject to } 2y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3 \geq 3300$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 2000$$

$$y_1 + 2y_2 + 4y_3 \geq 5000$$

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

The dual solution can be obtained by  $C^T A B^{-1}$ , from the final simplex tableau, we know that  $B = \{1, 3, 4\}$ .

$$\text{Then } C^T A B^{-1} = (0, 820, 840). \text{ Thus, the optimal solution of}$$

the dual problem is  $y_1=0, y_2=820, y_3=840$ .

Interpretation: ①  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  = The price per working hour of underwriting, administration, claims.

② Objective function = The company wants to produce all the insurances at the lowest price.

③ Constraints = The company wants to make the value

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of each insurance larger than the known north price.

Reasons: Here  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  are the shadow price of underwriting, administration, claims. Then we can compute the north

prices for three kinds of insurances.

$$\text{① Special Risk: } 0 \times 0 + 3 \times 820 + 1 \times 840 = 3300$$

$$\text{② Mortgage: } 1 \times 0 + 1 \times 820 + 2 \times 840 = 2500$$

$$\text{③ Long-Term Care: } 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 820 + 4 \times 840 = 5000$$

Since the north price of Mortgage is the lowest, then the company rather produce it by itself than agree to sell.

(c). Let  $e_i = (0, 0, 1)$ . Suppose  $ab = \lambda e_i, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\text{Then the new solution is } \tilde{x}_B = x_B^* + \lambda A B^{-1} e_i$$

Since the current basis is still optimal, then we have

$$\tilde{x}_B = x_B^* + \lambda A B^{-1} e_i \geq 0$$

$$\text{By solving the inequality, we have } \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 33 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } 0 \leq \lambda \leq 140$$

(d) Suppose we change the profit of special risk to  $(3300-\lambda)$

$$\text{let } e_i = (-1, 0, 0), \text{ then } ac = \lambda e_i. \quad (1-3300-\lambda) \text{ in standard form}$$

$$\text{we can get } \tilde{r}^T = (500, 820, 840)$$

Since we need to have  $\tilde{r}^T - \lambda e_i^T A B^{-1} A N \geq 0$ ,

$$\text{then } \begin{bmatrix} 500 \\ 820 \\ 840 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.4 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } -2050 \leq \lambda \leq 500$$

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