



## **Revised Simplex Report**

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## Motivation

One of the challenging problems in Linear programming optimization is the time required to find the optimum. Simplex method is one of the algorithms to solve optimization problems.

Original simplex method requires computation of new tableau in each iteration. However, a lot of information in this tableau is not needed. This is not an efficient way to do it in terms of computation time and resources. Revised simplex method tackle these problems and introduce more efficient way to implement the algorithm.

## Theory

In original simplex algorithm, computing and storing new tableau in each iteration is done. However, most of its information is not needed and following items are just needed:

1. Relative cost function  $C_j$  to determine the entering nonbasic variable to the basic set.
2. non basic variable column corresponding to most negative  $C_j$
3.  $b$ : values of the basic variable

Revised simplex targets these problems by generating  $C_j$  and corresponding entering variables from the original data itself making use of the inverse of the current basis matrix.

Problem definition :

Minimize

$$f(X) = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_nx_n \quad (1)$$

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$$AX = A_1x_1 + A_2x_2 + \dots + A_nx_n = b \quad (2)$$

$$X_{n \times 1} \geq 0_{n \times 1} \quad (3)$$

Let's assume the problem has a solution and :

$$B = [A_{j1} \ A_{j2} \ \dots \ A_{jm}] \text{ is a basis matrix}$$

$$XB_{m \times 1} = [x_{j1} \ x_{j2} \dots \ x_{jm}]$$

$$cB_{m \times 1} = [c_{j1} \ c_{j2} \dots \ c_{jm}]$$

$XB$  is vector of basic variables corresponding to  $B$

$cB$  is the cost coefficient. Hence ,

$$XB = B^{-1}b = \hat{b}, \ b \geq 0 \text{ if } XB \text{ is feasible}$$

By including the objective function as an equation ,the system could be written as follows :

$$\sum_j P_j x_j + P_{n+1}(-f) = q, \ j=1,2,\dots,n \quad (4)$$

$$P_j = [a_{1j} \ a_{2j} \dots \ a_{mj} \ c_j], \ P_{n+1} = [0 \ 0 \dots \ 0 \ 1] \text{ and } q = [b_1 \ b_2 \dots \ b_m \ 0]$$

Now, defining a feasible basis for the system defined by (2)

$$D_{m+1 \times m+1} = [P_{j1} \ P_{j2} \ \dots \ P_{jm} \ P_{n+1}] = [B^{-1} \ 0; \ cTB \ 1], \text{ the ; means new column}$$

$$\text{So D inverse equal } D^{-1} = [B^{-1} \ 0; \ -cTB^{-1} \ 1]$$

Introducing new variable called simplex multiplier :

$$\pi^T = cTB^{-1} = [\pi_1 \ \pi_2 \dots \ \pi_m] \quad (5)$$

Multiplying each column of Eq (4) by  $D^{-1}$  the following canonical form obtained :

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_{j1} & & \bar{b}_1 \\ & x_{j2} & \bar{b}_2 \\ & \vdots & \vdots \\ & x_{jm} & b_m \\ -f + \sum_{j \text{ nonbasic}} \bar{c}_j x_j & = & -f_0 \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \bar{A}_j \\ \bar{c}_j \end{Bmatrix} = D^{-1} P_j = \begin{bmatrix} B^{-1} & 0 \\ -\pi^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} A_j \\ c_j \end{Bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Hence, the updated column form (6) is :

$$\bar{A}_j = B^{-1} A_j \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Now ,cost coefficients is : } \hat{C}_j = c_j - \pi^T A_j \quad (8)$$

Using Eq (7),(8) ,we can now generate  $\bar{A}, \hat{C}_j$  from the original data of the problem and the pivot element can now obtained be  $\min(\hat{C}_j)$  of  $\hat{C}_j < 0$ . Also the ratio can be obtained by  $b/a$  (pivot column).

Computational procedure matrix :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc} \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_{j1} \mathbf{P}_{j2} \cdots \mathbf{P}_{jm} \mathbf{P}_{n+1}}_{\mathbf{D} \quad m+1 \times m+1} & \underbrace{\mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_2 \cdots \mathbf{e}_{m+1}}_{\mathbf{I} \quad m+1 \times m+1} & \underbrace{\begin{matrix} \mathbf{P}_s \\ a_{1s} \\ a_{2s} \\ \vdots \\ a_{ms} \\ c_s \end{matrix}}_{\mathbf{P}_s} \end{array} \right] \quad (9)$$

Multiplying by  $D^{-1}$  gives :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \bar{a}_{1s} \\ \bar{a}_{2s} \\ \vdots \\ \boxed{\bar{a}_{rs}} \\ \vdots \\ \bar{a}_{ms} \\ \bar{c}_s \end{array} \right]$$

By pivot reduction on  $ars$  :

$$[[e_1 \ e_2 \ \cdots \ e_r - 1 \ \beta \ e_r + 1 \ \cdots \ e_{m+1}] D^{-1} \ new \ er]$$

## • Algorithm and Implementation

- Construct initial feasible basis  $B$  then computing  $B^{-1}$
- Compute  $\hat{C}j = cj - \pi^T A_j$  by multiplying the last row of the basis with each column of  $A$

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c=canform(end,1:end-1)*A(1:end,:);
d=canform(end-1,1:end-1)*A(1:end,:);
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- If all  $\hat{C}j > 0$  then optimum found ,else find the most negative  $c : \hat{C}s$

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[v,minindex]=min(d);
minindex=minindex(1);
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- Calculate the entering variable values as  $A_{new} = B^{-1} * A_j$

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enteringvar=B*A(1:end-va,minindex);
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Where B is B inverse.

- Calculate the ratio  $\hat{b} = b_j / A_{new}$

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ratio=canform(1:mt,end)./enteringvar;
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- Taking the minimum positive ratio index along with the s column in the basis matrix to be the pivot element.

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pivot_row =minratio;
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- Performing pivot reduction on that element

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canform=rref(canformtemp);
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- Iterate until all  $\hat{C}_j > 0$ , then report the value of the (last row, last column) of the basis matrix as optimum value for the objective function along with variable values.
- Note : the above algorithm is for phase 2. However, phase 1 will be exact the same but with adding w to the basis and minimizing it until it become 0
- In addition for computing  $\hat{C}_j = c_j - \pi T A_j$  for the objective function
- $\hat{d}_j = d_j - \pi A_j$  by multiplying the w row of the basis with each column of A
- then ,by choosing most negative  $\hat{d}_j$  and continue with the same steps in phase 2
- Until w=0 then move to phase 2 or all  $\hat{d}_j > 0$  then no feasible solution found

## Application

Revised simplex method is an efficient way to solve LP problems. LP problems appear on a lot of real life problem for example, maximize profit or reduce the cost in industry. Also, it appears a lot in logistics where the shortest path is required. Hence, revised simplex method is very efficient way to solve these problems along with other LP problems.

## Comparison with Matlab linprog function

Comparison done with 3 examples as follows

- Example 1

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#####Matlab Linprog result#####  
  
Optimal solution found.  
  
0  
5  
  
Optimal solutin found = 20  
collapsed time for matlab = 0.005641  
##### my Revised simplex#####  
Optimal solutin found = 20  
X values  
5  
  
x corresponding index (X corresponding to not displayed indecies=0) :  
2  
  
collapsed time for my revised simplex = 0.002998
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- Example 2

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#####Matlab Linprog result#####  
  
No feasible solution found.  
  
Linprog stopped because no point satisfies the const  
  
collapsed time for matlab = 149.1194  
##### my Revised simplex#####  
no feasible solution found  
<missing>  
X values  
NaN  
  
x corresponding index (X corresponding to not displa  
NaN  
  
collapsed time for my revised simplex = 0.007172  
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- Example 3

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#####Matlab Linprog result#####

Optimal solution found.

    0
    2

-0.6667

collapsed time 0.005668
##### my Revised simplex#####
Optimal solutin found = -0.66667
X values
    0.0000
    2.0000

x corresponding index (X corresponding to not displayed indecies=0) :
    1    2

collapsed time 0.003538
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From the above examples,my algorithm implementation is more efficient than the matlab algorithm.