

## 29.1-1

If we express the linear program in (29.24)–(29.28) in the compact notation of (29.19)–(29.21), what are  $n$ ,  $m$ ,  $A$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}n &= m = 3, \\A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \\b &= \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \\c &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

## 29.1-2

Give three feasible solutions to the linear program in (29.24)–(29.28). What is the objective value of each one?

1.  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (6, 1, 0)$  with objective value 9.
2.  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (5, 2, 0)$  with objective value 4.
3.  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (4, 3, 0)$  with objective value  $-1$ .

Show that the following linear program is infeasible:

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 \text{minimize} & 3x_1 & - & 2x_2 & & \\
 \text{subject to} & & & & & \\
 & x_1 & + & x_2 & \leq & 2 \\
 & -2x_1 & - & 2x_2 & \leq & -10 \\
 & x_1, x_2 & & & \geq & 0 \quad .
 \end{array}$$

By dividing the second constraint by 2 and adding to the first, we have  $0 \leq -3$ , which is impossible. Therefore the linear program is infeasible.

## 29.1-7

Show that the following linear program is unbounded:

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 \text{minimize} & x_1 & - & x_2 & & \\
 \text{subject to} & & & & & \\
 & -2x_1 & + & x_2 & \leq & -1 \\
 & -x_1 & - & 2x_2 & \leq & -2 \\
 & x_1, x_2 & & & \geq & 0 \quad .
 \end{array}$$

For any number  $r > 1$ , we can set  $x_1 = 2r$  and  $x_2 = r$ . Then, the constraints become

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 -2(2r) & + & r & = -3r & \leq & -1 \\
 -2r & - & 2r & = -4r & \leq & -2 \\
 2r, r & & & & \geq & 0 \quad .
 \end{array}$$

All of these inequalities are clearly satisfied because of our initial restriction in selecting  $r$ . Now, we look to the objective function, it is  $2r - r = r$ . So, since we can select  $r$  to be arbitrarily large, and still satisfy all of the constraints, we can achieve an arbitrarily large value of the objective function.

## 29.3-5

Solve the following linear program using SIMPLEX:

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 \text{maximize} & 18x_1 & + & 12.5x_2 & & \\
 \text{subject to} & & & & & \\
 & x_1 & + & x_2 & \leq & 20 \\
 & x_1 & & & \leq & 12 \\
 & & & x_2 & \leq & 16 \\
 & & & & x_1, x_2 & \geq 0 \quad .
 \end{array}$$

First, we rewrite the linear program into it's slack form

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{maximize} & 18x_1 + 12.5x_2 \\
 \text{subject to} & \\
 & x_3 = 20 - x_1 - x_2 \\
 & x_4 = 12 - x_1 \\
 & x_5 = 16 - x_2 \\
 & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \geq 0.
 \end{array}$$

We now stop since no more non-basic variables appear in the objective with a positive coefficient. Our solution is  $(12, 8, 0, 0, 8)$  and has a value of 316. Going back to the standard form we started with, we just disregard the values of  $x_3$  through  $x_5$  and have the solution that  $x_1 = 12$  and  $x_2 = 8$ . We can check that this is both feasible and has the objective achieve 316.

## 29.3-6

Solve the following linear program using SIMPLEX:

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \text{maximize} & 5x_1 & - & 3x_2 & & \\ \text{subject to} & & & & & \\ & x_1 & - & x_2 & \leq & 1 \\ & 2x_1 & + & x_2 & \leq & 2 \\ & x_1, x_2 & & & \geq & 0 \end{array} .$$

First, we convert the linear program into it's slack form

$$\begin{array}{llllll} z & = & & 5x_1 & - & 3x_2 \\ x_3 & = & 1 & - & x_1 & + & x_2 \\ x_4 & = & 2 & - & 2x_1 & - & x_2 \end{array} .$$

The nonbasic variables are  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Of these, only  $x_1$  has a positive coefficient in the objective function, so we must choose  $x_e = x_1$ . Both equations limit  $x_1$  by 1, so we'll choose the first one to rewrite  $x_1$  with. Using  $x_1 = 1 - x_3 + x_2$  we obtain the new system

$$\begin{array}{llllll} z & = & 5 & - & 5x_3 & + & 2x_2 \\ x_1 & = & 1 & - & x_3 & + & x_2 \\ x_4 & = & & & 2x_3 & - & 3x_2 \end{array} .$$

Now  $x_2$  is the only nonbasic variable with positive coefficient in the objective function, so we set  $x_e = x_2$ . The last equation limits  $x_2$  by 0 which is most restrictive, so we set  $x_2 = \frac{2}{3}x_3 - \frac{1}{3}x_4$ .

Rewriting, our new system becomes

$$\begin{array}{llllll} z & = & 5 & - & \frac{11}{3}x_3 & - & \frac{2}{3}x_4 \\ x_1 & = & 1 & - & \frac{1}{3}x_3 & - & \frac{1}{3}x_4 \\ x_2 & = & & & \frac{2}{3}x_3 & - & \frac{1}{3}x_4 \end{array} .$$

Every nonbasic variable now has negative coefficient in the objective function, so we take the basic solution  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ . The objective value this achieves is 5.

## 29.3-8

In the proof of Lemma 29.5, we argued that there are at most  $\binom{m+n}{n}$  ways to choose a set  $B$  of basic variables. Give an example of a linear program in which there are strictly fewer than  $\binom{m+n}{n}$  ways to choose the set  $B$ .

Consider the simple program

$$\begin{array}{llll} z & = & & -x_1 \\ x_2 & = & 1 & -x_1 \end{array} .$$

In this case, we have  $m = n = 1$ , so  $\binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{2}{1} = 2$ , however, since the only coefficients of the objective function are negative, we can't make any other choices for basic variable. We must immediately terminate with the basic solution  $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 1)$ , which is optimal.

Solve the following linear program using SIMPLEX:

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 \text{minimize} & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 \\
 \text{subject to} & & & & & \\
 & 2x_1 & + & 7.5x_2 & + & 3x_3 \geq 10000 \\
 & 20x_1 & & 5x_2 & + & 10x_3 \geq 30000 \\
 & x_1, x_2, x_3 & & & & \geq 0 \quad .
 \end{array}$$

First, we convert this equation to the slack form. Doing so doesn't change the objective, but the constraints become

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 z & = & & - & x_1 & - & x_2 & - & x_3 \\
 x_4 & = & -10000 & + & 2x_1 & + & 7.5x_2 & + & 3x_3 \\
 x_5 & = & -30000 & + & 20x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & 10x_3 \\
 x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 & \geq & 0 & .
 \end{array}$$

Also, since the objective is to minimize a given function, we'll change it over to maximizing the negative of that function. In particular maximize  $-x_1 - x_2 - x_3$ . Now, we note that the initial basic solution is not feasible, because it would leave  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  being negative. This means that finding an initial solution requires using the method of section 29.5. The auxiliary linear program in slack form is

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 z & = & & - & x_0 \\
 x_4 & = & -10000 & + & x_0 & + & 2x_1 & + & 7.5x_2 & + & 3x_3 \\
 x_5 & = & -30000 & + & x_0 & + & 20x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & 10x_3 \\
 x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 & \geq & 0 & .
 \end{array}$$

We choose  $x_0$  as the entering variable and  $x_5$  as the leaving variable, since it is the basic variable whose value in the basic solution is most negative. After pivoting, we have the slack form

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 z & = & -30000 & + & 20x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & 10x_3 & - & x_5 \\
 x_0 & = & 30000 & - & 20x_1 & - & 5x_2 & - & 10x_3 & + & x_5 \\
 x_4 & = & 20000 & - & 18x_1 & + & 2.5x_2 & - & 7x_3 & + & x_5 \\
 x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 & \geq & 0 & .
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rclclclcl} x_4 & = & 20000 & - & 18x_1 & + & 2.5x_2 & - & 7x_3 & + & x_5 \\ x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 & \geq & 0 & . \end{array}$$

The associated basic solution is feasible, so now we just need to repeatedly call PIVOT until we obtain an optimal solution to  $L_{aux}$ . We'll choose  $x_2$  as our entering variable. This gives

$$\begin{array}{rclclclcl} z & = & - & x_0 \\ x_2 & = & 6000 & - & 0.2x_0 & - & 4x_1 & - & 2x_3 & + & 0.2x_5 \\ x_4 & = & 35000 & - & 0.5x_0 & - & 28x_1 & - & 12x_3 & + & 1.5x_5 \\ x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 & \geq & 0 & . \end{array}$$

This slack form is the final solution to the auxiliary problem. Since this solution has  $x_0 = 0$ , we know that our initial problem was feasible. Furthermore, since  $x_0 = 0$ , we can just remove it from the set of constraints. We then restore the original objective function, with appropriate substitutions made to include only the nonbasic variables. This yields

$$\begin{array}{rclclclcl} z & = & -6000 & + & 3x_1 & + & x_3 & - & 0.2x_5 \\ x_2 & = & 6000 & - & 4x_1 & - & 2x_3 & + & 0.2x_5 \\ x_4 & = & 35000 & - & 28x_1 & - & 12x_3 & + & 1.5x_5 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 & \geq & 0 & . \end{array}$$

This slack form has a feasible basic solution, and we can return it to SIMPLEX. We choose  $x_1$  as our entering variable. This gives

$$\begin{array}{rclclclcl} z & = & -2250 & - & \frac{2}{7}x_3 & - & \frac{3}{28}x_4 & - & \frac{11}{280}x_5 \\ x_1 & = & 1250 & - & \frac{3}{7}x_3 & - & \frac{1}{28}x_4 & + & \frac{15}{280}x_5 \\ x_2 & = & 1000 & - & \frac{2}{7}x_3 & + & \frac{4}{28}x_4 & - & \frac{4}{280}x_5 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 & \geq & 0 & . \end{array}$$

At this point, all coefficients in the objective function are negative, so the basic solution is an optimal solution. This solution is  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (1250, 1000, 0)$ .