

Standard Form

Minimisation
Min to Max: Invert the Objective Function
Equality Constraints
≤ Inequality Constraints: + Slack Variables (+s_i)
≥ Inequality Constraints: - Excess Variables (-s_i)
Non-Negative RHSs
Positive to Negative RHS: Constraint x-1 (Changes Sign of Inequality)
Non-Negative Decision Variables
Substitute $x_j = x_j^+ - x_j^-$ with $x_j^+, x_j^- \geq 0$, or
Use any equality constraint involving x_j to eliminate x_j (substitution)

Index Sets, Basis, & Solutions to LP

Assuming LP in Standard Form:
 $min\ z = c^T x$
 $s.t.\ Ax = b$
 $x \geq 0$
 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$
rank(A) = m & rows linearly independent
Index Set:
Set I containing indexes of m independent columns of A
Basis:
 $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ consisting of the columns of A in I (full rank)
Basic Solution: formed by setting $n - m$ NBVs to 0 & solving for the remaining m BVs
 n : total no. of variables (no. columns of A)
 m : total no. of constraints (no. rows of A)
BV: m variables with index in I
NBVs: $n - m$ variables with an index not in I
Feasible Solution: solutions that satisfy all the constraints of the LP (including non-negativity constraints)
Set of all Feasible Solutions defines the Feasible Region
Optimal Solution lies within this region (if exists)
Basic Feasible Solution: a solution that is both basic & feasible - satisfying all constraints
Formed by setting $n - m$ variables to 0 & solving for the remaining m variables (vertexes of feasible region)
If an optimal solution exists - there must be at least one optimal solution that is a BFS
BFSs used to locate the Optimal Solution
Unique Basic Solution:
 $Bx_B = b$ has unique solution $x_b = B^{-1}b$
Basic Solution corresponding to Index Set I
Vector of m unique solutions & $n - m$ 0s
Finding the Unique Basic Solution:
Take Standard Form LP & Select m columns of A that are linearly independent
Form Indices into Index Set I & form columns into Basis B, giving $Bx_B = b$
Find Unique Solution to the Basis B, solving $x_B = B^{-1}b$

Finding Initial BFS

3 LP Cases when Finding Initial BFS:
All ≤ constraints: introduce slack variables to each constraint & easily find BFS by setting slacks to BVs
Some ≤ & some = constraints: problem may be infeasible - can use slack variables you have - may need to run Phase 0
All ≥ constraints: introduce excess variables to each constraint - cannot choose all excess as BVs jointly - must run Phase 0

Unbounded & Infeasible LPs

Unbounded: (objective can be decreased indefinitely)
If no non-negative ratios exist when performing ratio test
If NBV exists with positive objective coefficient & all non-positive entries in column (in Tableau)
Infeasibility: (no solution exists to satisfy all constraints)
No Initial BFS can be found
BFS found in Simplex with a negative BV & no pivoting can eliminate negativity

Pivoting

Idea: Move between vertices in direction that is most promising (gives most decrease per unit of movement) - until stopped by most binding constraint (given smallest non-negative ratio)
Transforms basis by removing a BV x_p & adding a NBV x_q
Variable into Basis (x_q): NBV with largest positive objective coefficient (if tie - smallest index) (largest negative r)
Variable out of Basis (x_p): Smallest Non-Negative Ratio (value of BV / coefficient of entering variable in BV row)
Note: Ignore Ratios with 0 / Negative Coefficient
Operation:
Divide every element of pivot row by pivot element - pivot row normalised & pivot element becomes 1 (replace x_p with x_q)
For each other row - eliminate all non-zero coefficients in pivot column by subtracting pivot row
Leaves pivot column with 1 in pivot row & 0 in other rows
Repeat Pivoting until all NBVs with negative coefficients in objective row - positive reduced cost

Fundamental Theorem of LP

Theorem 1:
For an LP in Standard Form with Constraint(A) = m:
If there exists a FS, there exists a BFS
If there exists optimal solution, there exists optimal BFS
To find a optimal solution - check the vertices of FR
Partitioning:
 $Ax = Bx_B + Nx_N$ & $c^T x = c_B^T x_B + c_N^T x_N$
B: includes columns with indices in I (Basic)
N: includes columns with indices not in I (Non-Basic)
Basic Representation:
Expressing the Objective Function & BVs as linear function of the NBVs
 $z = c_B^T B^{-1}b + (c_N - N^T B^{-T} c_B)^T x_N$
 $x_B = B^{-1}b - B^{-1}Nx_N$
Shows how z & x_B change when NBVs increase
Setting $x_N = 0$:
Basic Solution: $x = (x_b, x_n) = (B^{-1}b, 0)$
Objective Value: $z = c_B^T B^{-1}b$
Optimality & Feasibility:
Reduced Cost Vector: $r = c_N - N^T B^{-T} c_B$
 r contains the reduced costs associated with each NBV
 r change in objective when NBVs are set to non-0 to obtain BS (i.e. quantity gained by setting NBVs to non-0/moving from one vertex to another)
Optimality: all r positive (for minimisation) & objective increases if any NBV set to non-0 (i.e. put into basis & become BVs) Any r negative: setting that NBV to non-0 reduces objective value (improves minimisation)
Find BFS with lower objective: increase NBV with negative r
Feasibility: solution satisfies all constraints (including non-negativity) & $x_B = B^{-1}b \geq 0$
Theorem 2:
If there exists a feasible solution & objective function is bounded - there exists an optimal solution
Geometrically:
BFSs at Vertices of Feasible Region
Optimum always achieved at a Vertex/BFS
Turning constraint on corresponds to a variable being set to 0

Simplex

Given LP in Standard Form:
A finite subset of Feasible Solutions are BFSs
BFS: vertex of the FR (& at least one optimal BFS)
Each BFS associated with a Basic Representation
BR gives reduced costs r - indicates best NBV to increase to minimise objective
Simplex Idea: iterate from vertex-to-vertex until optimal
Simplex Tableau: (for a given Basic Representation)
Rearrange BR: variables on LHS & constants on RHS

BV	z	x_B	x_N	RHS
z	1	0	$-r^T$	$c_B^T B^{-1}b$
x_B	0	I	$B^{-1}N$	$B^{-1}b$

RHS of objective row: objective value of current BS
RHS of BV rows: value of BV at current BS
Coefficients of NBVs in objective: negative reduced costs
All NBVs have negative objective coefficients: optimal
Columns of BVs have all 0s & 1 in their row
Current BS feasible if & only if all BV RHS non-negative

Dual Simplex

Apply Simplex to Dual - Operating Directly on Primal Tableau
Simplex applied to Dual: $\max\ b^T y$ s.t. $A^T y + w = c$, $w \geq 0$
Simplex: enforces primal feasibility & steps to primal optimality
Dual Simplex: enforces dual feasibility (primal optimality) & steps to dual optimality (primal feasibility)
In Primal Tableau, starts Optimal & Infeasible - moves to Feasible & Optimal
Dual Basis:
Fixing Primal Basis B - Dual Basis \hat{B} :
 $\hat{B} = \begin{bmatrix} B^T & 0 \\ N^T & I \end{bmatrix}$ $\hat{B}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} B^{-T} & 0 \\ -N^T B^{-T} & I \end{bmatrix}$
If \hat{B} feasible for (D) - then B optimal for (P)
Proof: \hat{B} feasible for (D) implies $w_N \geq 0$ i.e. $w_N = -N^T B^{-T} c_B + C_N \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow r \geq 0$
If \hat{B} optimal for (D) - then B feasible for (P)
Proof: \hat{B} optimal for (D) implies dual $r \leq 0$ (as maximisation)
 $0 - \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B^{-1} & -B^{-1}N \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = -B^{-1}b < 0 \Leftrightarrow (P) \text{ feasible}$
To resolve problem for different constraints - can reuse initial BFS to Dual (no need to run phase 0 again for Dual)
Running Dual Simplex on Primal Tableau:
Identical Steps with exception of:
Initial Point \rightarrow Start from Point with a Positive Reduced Cost - Ensuring Optimality (rather than Feasibility) (as point has to be optimal rather than feasible \rightarrow constraints do not have to be satisfied - therefore can reverse inequalities & add slack variables - which do not satisfy non-negativity - to easily find Initial BFS - as long as reduced cost remains positive)
Variable out of Basis \rightarrow Row Corresponding to Most Negative RHS (worst w.r.t Primal Feasibility)
Variable into Basis \rightarrow Smallest Positive Ratio over Columns (Coefficient in Objective / Coefficient in Leaving BV Row) \rightarrow Most Binding Constraint (if tie - smallest index)
Halting Test \rightarrow Test for Feasibility (rather than Optimality)

Phase 0 & Phase 1 Simplex

Given LP in Standard Form:
Phase 0:
Consider augmented problem with objective $min\ \zeta = \epsilon$ (minimise sum of ϵ 's)
Add an ϵ (artificial variable) to constraints without slack variables
Set slack variables & ϵ 's as BVs (NBVs = 0)
Find BR for $\zeta = \epsilon$ (using constraints to rewrite ζ as a function of NBVs)
Form a Tableau from BR & constraints to minimise ϵ (with z & ζ row)
 z : original objective & ζ : augmented objective
 \rightarrow keeping z row allows for easily finding BR of Initial BFS
Perform Pivoting Operations (considering augmented problem ζ)
If RHS of $\zeta = 0$ ($\zeta = \epsilon = 0$) \rightarrow Original LP is feasible
Note: if some ϵ ($=0$) in BVs of BFS (i.e. degenerate point) - BFS does not represent original problem & need to pivot ϵ out & find another degenerate point (ϵ cannot be in the basis of the original LP)
When $\zeta = \epsilon = 0$ & no ϵ in BVs - BFS found is an initial BFS to original LP (Tableau objective row has all 0s, 1 in z , & -1 in ϵ 's)
Otherwise, (some ϵ non-0) original problem infeasible

Phase 1:
Initial BFS given by Phase 0 (use Tableau for Phase 0 without ϵ & ζ)
After Phase 0 - z row will be Basic Representation of NBVs
Pivot & stop at optimal solution (positive reduced cost & all NBVs with negative coefficient in objective row)

Degeneracies

Degenerate BS:
1 or more BVs are 0 (giving more than $m - n$ 0s)
Overlapping constraints & multiple index sets/basis generate same BS
Simplex: NBV to non-0 (constraint off) & BV to 0 (constraint on) may be overlapping constraints & stays at same vertex
Finite Termination:
If all BFSs are non-degenerate - Simplex terminates after finite steps, with either an optimal solution or proof of unboundedness (Strictly Decreasing Objective Function)
If some degenerate BFSs - may fail convergence
Simplex:
If there is a degenerate BV - 2 Index Sets give the same BFS & different BR
Pivoting on a degenerate BV (0 RHS of Tableau): new BFS identical to previous BFS (same vertex)
Objective Value unchanged & Finite Termination breaks down
Simplex = [Sequence of Degenerate Pivots] Non-Degenerate Pivot [Sequence of Degenerate Pivots]
Sequences of Degenerate Pivots are finite if no I is repeated
Cycle: Pivoting on a Degenerate Pivot causes return to the same Index Set (& never terminates)
Bland's Rule: select x_q (entering basis) as the leftmost NBV for which the objective coefficient is positive
May no longer move towards local optimum (slows down)
Replacement: can replace RHS 0 with very small $\epsilon \leq 10^{-3}$

Nonlinear Programs

Min-Max: Worst-Case Optimisation (Robust in Worst-Case)
 $y_i(x) = c(i)^T x + d(i)$ & $\phi(x) = \max y_i(x)$
 $min\ \phi(x)$ s.t. $Ax = b$, $x \geq 0$
Minimising Maximum Value in a set of Objective Functions
LP Formulation: $min\ z$ s.t. $z \geq c(i)^T x + d(i)$, $Ax = b$, $x \geq 0$, $z \in \mathbb{R}$ Turning Set of Objectives into Constraints
Min-Min: Best-Case Optimisation (Optimal in Best-Case)
 $\phi(x) = \min c(i)^T x + d(i)$
 $min\ \phi(x)$ s.t. $Ax = b$, $x \geq 0$
Minimising the Minimum Value in a set of Objective Functions
No LP Reformulation is required
Solution: take minimum value of each objective function & select the smallest Order of Minimisation Operations Interchangeable
Fractional LPs:
Objective Ratio of Two Linear Functions & Constraints Linear
 $min\ \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n}{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n}$ s.t. $Ax = b$, $x \geq 0$
Assuming Feasible Set is Bounded & Denominator of Objective Function is strictly positive - can linearise program
Homogenisation:
Introduce new variables $y_i \geq 0$, $i = 1..n$, $y_0 > 0$
Set $x_i = \frac{y_i}{y_0}$ & can homogenise FLP:
 $min\ \frac{\alpha_0 y_0 + \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n}{\beta_0 y_0 + \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2 + \dots + \beta_n y_n}$ s.t. $b_i y_0 - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} y_j = 0$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, m$, $y_0 > 0$, $y_1 \geq 0, \dots, y_n \geq 0$
For feasible $(y_0 \dots y_n)$ $\lambda(y_0 \dots y_n)$ feasible & same objective - find λ such that denominator = 1 (normalising to unity)
Solve Normalised Problem (LP):
 $min\ \frac{\alpha_0 y_0 + \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n}{\beta_0 y_0 + \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2 + \dots + \beta_n y_n}$ s.t. $\beta_0 y_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y_j = 1$, $b_i y_0 - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} y_j = 0$ $\forall i = 1, \dots, m$, $y_0 > 0$, $y_1 \geq 0, \dots, y_n \geq 0$

Duality

Form for Duality:

$\max\{c^T x : Ax \leq b, x \geq 0\}, \quad c, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (P)$
 $\min\{b^T y : A^T y \geq c, y \geq 0\}, \quad c, A, b \text{ as in } (P) \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (D)$
No. Decision Variables in Primal = No. Constraints in Dual (& vice versa)
Cost Coefficients in Primal = Constraint RHSs in Dual (& vice versa)
Matrix A of Constraints - Transposed
Dual of (D) = (P) - **Symmetric** (either (P)/(D) considered Primal/Dual)
Weak Duality:

Assuming (P) & (D) Feasible: $c^T x^* \leq b^T y$
For any x & y in FR - (D) Cost Upper Bound on (P) Cost

Strong Duality:
Assume (P) feasible & finite optimum - let B be optimal basis for (P) with optimal basic solution (x_B^*, x_N^*) :

$y^* = (B^{-1})^T c_B$ **optimal solution for (D)**
 $c^T x^* = b^T y^*$ **(P) & (D) same objective**
& vice versa - can find solution to (P) from (D)

$\Pi = (B^{-1})^T c_B = y^*$ & Shadow Prices of Primal = Optimal Solution to Dual
(Π : how changing constraint RHSs affects optimal objective)

Primal Finite Optimal \leftrightarrow Dual Finite Optimal (Strong Duality - (P) feasible & bounded - (D) with same objective)

Primal/Dual Unbounded \rightarrow Dual/Primal Infeasible (Weak Duality - if (P) unbounded $\rightarrow \infty$ & if (D) unbounded $\rightarrow -\infty$ & no longer upper bound - so (D) must be infeasible)

Primal/Dual Infeasible \rightarrow Dual/Primal Unbounded or Infeasible (Unbounded possible as above - Infeasible possible if constraints of Primal & Dual cannot be satisfied)

Indirect Way: Bring LP to form of either (D) or (P)

Replace variables $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ with $(x_i^+ - x_i^-)$ where $x_i^+, x_i^- \geq 0$
Replace equality constraints with two inequality constraints
Change constraint (\leq, \geq) or objective by $\times -1$ if needed
Obtain Dual according to definition: (P) \rightarrow (D) / (D) \rightarrow (P)

Simplify Dual Problem:

Replace variable pairs $y_i, y_j \geq 0, i \neq 0$ that occur in all functions as $\alpha y_i - \alpha y_j$ by single variable $y_k \in \mathbb{R}$
Replace matching inequality constraints by equality constraints

Direct Way:

Apply Duality without detour via (P) or (D)

For every Primal Constraint, create a Dual Variable
For every Primal Variable, create a Dual Constraint

Dual Coefficient Matrix is A^T

Former RHSs b become new costs
Former costs c become new RHSs

If Primal a Max Problem - Dual is a Min

Primal Constraints $[\geq, =, \leq] \rightarrow$ Dual Variables $[y_i \leq 0, y_i \in \mathbb{R}, y_i \geq 0]$
Primal Variables $[x_j \geq 0, x_j \in \mathbb{R}, x_j \leq 0] \rightarrow [\geq, =, \leq]$

If Primal is a Min Problem - Dual is a Max

Primal Constraints $[\geq, =, \leq] \rightarrow$ Dual Variables $[y_i \geq 0, y_i \in \mathbb{R}, y_i \leq 0]$
Primal Variables $[x_j \geq 0, x_j \in \mathbb{R}, x_j \leq 0] \rightarrow [\leq, =, \geq]$

(Free Variables in Primal become Equality Constraints & Vice Versa)

IP Neural Networks

Optimisation Problems on Trained NNs:

Given a trained NN, image \hat{x} , & label j - is there an adversary k (misclassification label) within some small perturbation of this image (size of perturbation measured by norms - such as l_1 or l_∞)

Verification: is there an adversary labelled k within a given perturbation
Optimal Adversary: what image within perturbation maximises the prediction difference

Minimally Distorted Adversary: what is the smallest perturbation over which NN predicts label k

Lossless Compression: can I safely remove NN nodes/layers

Decision-Making over a Learned ReLU Neural Network:

ReLU: output is max of 0 & weighted combinations of inputs + bias terms
 $x^{\ell-1}$: input of layer & x^ℓ : output $\rightarrow x^\ell = \max(0, (w^T x^{\ell-1} + b))$

Verification:
 $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f_k(x^{(L)}) - f_j(x^{(L)}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x_i^{(\ell)} = \max(0, (w_i^{(\ell-1)})^T x^{(\ell-1)} + b_i) \quad \forall \ell \in \{1, \dots, L\}, i \in \text{Node}^{(\ell)}$
 f_k & f_j correspond to the k -th & j -th elements of the NN output layer L & x defines domain of perturbations
Maximises the difference between Misclassified Label k & Label j for the NN
Output Layer L - subject to ReLU Function & across domain of all possible perturbations

Trying to find example of misclassification (if there is a feasible point with positive objective value) \rightarrow want no feasible solution for verification
Max term appears for as many layers within the Feedforward Neural Network
Can replace equality constraint with a \leq & \geq equality constraint

Big-M Formulation of a Learned ReLU NN:

$x^{(\ell)} \geq (w^T x^{(\ell-1)} + b), x^{(\ell)} \leq (w^T x^{(\ell-1)} + b) - (1 - \sigma)LB^0, 0 \leq x^{(\ell)} \leq \sigma UB^0, \sigma \in \{0, 1\}$

If $\delta = 1 \rightarrow x^\ell = (w^T x^{\ell-1} + b)$ - want UB^0 big enough to permit $0 \leq x^{(\ell)} \leq \sigma UB^0$ to be slack

If $\delta = 0 \rightarrow x^\ell = 0$ - want LB^0 to be small enough to permit $x^{(\ell)} \leq (w^T x^{\ell-1} + b) - (1 - \sigma)LB^0$ to be slack

Game Theory

Game: multi-agent optimisation problem

Each player takes a decision from a set of actions $x_i \in X_i$ (i.e. a feasible set for each player) & player i receives a payoff $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ (i.e. objective function for each player)

Two-Person Zero-Sum Games with Finite Actions:

Zero-Sum: objective functions of two players sum to 0
Finite Actions: feasible set countable & has finitely many choices

Row Player (RP): chooses one of m row strategies

Column Player (CP): chooses one of n column strategies

Payoff Matrix: Matrix containing payoffs (CP to RP) for each possible action - if RP plays i & CP plays j - CP plays a_{ij} to RP (representing whole action space of two objectives together)

Each entry a utility to RP & cost to CP (CP \rightarrow RP)

RP \rightarrow maximising & CP \rightarrow minimising

Assumptions: Each player knows the game setting (available strategies to RP & CP + payoff values)

Both players simultaneously select strategies (not knowing opponent selection)
Each player chooses strategy that enables them to do best - reasoning as if opponent could anticipate their strategy (worst-case opponent)

Both players are rational (maximise their utility & no compassion)

Dominance:

Dominant Row/Column Strategy: A Row/Column Strategy dominates if it is better than all other row/column strategies for all strategies the opponent could take. **Dominant strategies are always played**

Dominant Strategy Equilibrium: if a repeats removal of dominant strategies leads to a game where each player has just one strategy left - strategy pair is a dominant strategy equilibrium (associated payoff = value of the game)

Nash Equilibrium in Pure Strategies:

Assumption: each player chooses a strategy that enables them to do best in face of their worst-case opponent (highest cost for CP or lowest utility for RP)
RP selects the minimum value (worst-case) from each row (α_i) & selects the maximum of these (as RP maximising utility)
CP selects the maximum value (worse-case) from each column (β_i) & selects the minimum of these (as CP minimising cost)

Nash Equilibrium: a strategy pair such that no player has an incentive to unilaterally deviate from their chosen strategy (2 players cannot deviate without risking incurring a loss in worst-state) ($\max_i \alpha_i = \min_j \beta_j$)
Nash Equilibrium may not always exist in Pure Strategies
Value of the Game = Payoff ($\max \min_j a_{ij} = \min \max_i a_{ij}$)

Nash Equilibrium in Mixed Strategies: (Always Exists)

RP & CP assign probabilities to their strategies (RP plays strategy i with probability p_i & CP plays strategy j with probability p_j)
If $p=1$ or $q_k=1$ - k is a pure strategy
Payoff of Mixed Strategy = $V(p, q) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n p_i q_j a_{ij}$ (expected value - sum of all actions \times their probabilities)

RP seeks probabilities to maximise & CP to minimise payoff

Mixed Nash Equilibrium: Pair of Mixed Strategies (p^*, q^*) such that the RP cannot increase their utility & CP cannot decrease their cost by changing strategy ($V(p, q^*) \leq V(p^*, q^*) \leq V(p^*, q)$)

CP: (trying to select optimal q_j to minimise payoff for worst-case opponent)
Assuming RP selects optimal p_i 's for any choice of q_j 's - CP selects q_j to minimise the maximum expected payoff
 $V_{CP} = \min_{q_1, \dots, q_n} \max_{p_1, \dots, p_m} (\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n p_i q_j a_{ij})$
s.t. $(\sum_{j=1}^n q_j = 1, \sum_{i=1}^m p_i = 1, q_j \geq 0, p_i \geq 0)$

LP Formulation:

$V_{CP} = \min_{\tau, q_1, \dots, q_n} \tau$
s.t. $\tau \geq \sum_{j=1}^n q_j a_{ij} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m \quad \sum_{j=1}^n q_j = 1 \quad q_j \geq 0$

RP: (trying to select optimal p_i)

Cutting Planes

LP Relaxation: LP - replacing all integer variables in an ILP with continuous variables (removing integer constraint) - has better/same optimal as ILP
Cutting Plane: cut off non integer points from the feasible region without excluding any integer feasible points

Cutting Plane Algorithm:

Write the ILP in Standard Form (Step 0) & Solve the LP Relaxation (Step 1)
If the resulting optimal solution x^* is an integer \rightarrow stop - optimal found

Otherwise \rightarrow generate a cut (a constraint satisfied by all feasible integer solutions - but not by solution x^* with non-integer components)

Add cut to the LP Relaxation & go back to step 1 (tightening LP Relaxation - restricting feasible set without excluding the optimal solution to ILP)

Note: after adding a cut to LP - need to -excess to get back to equality constraint - & as solution found no longer feasible with cut - must run Phase 0 to find new Initial BFS

Phase 0: augmented objective $\zeta = \epsilon$ - add ϵ to cut to deal with excess - find new BR for $\zeta = \epsilon$ (rewriting cut constraint) - & create Tableau (taking previous Tableau & adding ζ /excess/ ϵ columns + ζ & ϵ rows)

CP Algorithm Terminates after a Finite No. of Iterations

Gomory Cut:

If LP Relaxation gives non-integer optimal solution - must be a BV that is non-integer - row in Tableau with non-integer RHS

Row: $x_g^* + \sum_{j \notin I} y_{ij} x_j^* = y_{i0}, f_j := y_{ij} - \lfloor y_{ij} \rfloor, f := y_{i0} - \lfloor y_{i0} \rfloor$.

$\sum_{j \notin I} y_{ij} x_j \geq f.$ (GC) x_j are the NBVs

Gomory Cut eliminates non-integer parts of variables in the optimal solution of the LP relaxation - excludes the current non-integer solution by adding a new constraint that the solution cannot satisfy & forces the next iteration of cutting plane algorithm to find a new solution closer to being an integer

Note: Floor of Negatives (e.g. Floor of -0.3 = -1 & $f_j = -0.3 - -1 = 0.7$)

Knapsack Cover Cuts:

Cover: Set S of items in a Knapsack Problem where $\sum_{j \in S} w_j > W$

Knapsack Cover Cut (given Cover S): $\sum_{j \in S} x_j \leq \text{mod } S - 1$

Minimal Cover Constraint: For all subsets T in S: $\sum_{j \in T} w_j < W$

Integer Programming

Pure ILP: All decision variables (incl. slack/objective) required as integers
Mixed ILP: includes decision variables that are both integer & real

MILP Standard Form: similar to LPs & all slack/excess continuous

Pure ILP Standard Form: slack/excess variables integers - apply LP standard form transformations (except + slacks/excess) - scale equations such that all coefficients are integers - insert integer slack/excess variables

Combinatorial Optimisation: finding an optimal object in finite set

Knapsack Problem: n items of weight w_j & Knapsack of capacity W - item j has value v_j - maximise total value of Knapsack

$\max x = \sum_{j=1}^n v_j x_j \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_j \leq W, \quad x_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

Bin-Packing Problem: (multiple knapsacks) n items of weight w_j & k bins of capacity W - $x_{ij} = 1$ if item j assigned to bin i , otherwise 0 - minimise no. bins needed to store all items

$\min x, y, z = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_{ij} \leq W y_i, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad x_{ij}, y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\}, \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

Logical Operations: can be modelled on constraints with integer variables
Either-Or: (Big-M Constraints)

$a_1^T x \leq b_1 + M\delta, \quad a_2^T x \leq b_2 + M(1 - \delta), \quad \delta \in \{0, 1\}$

δ : turns constraint on/off

$\delta = 0 \rightarrow$ first constraint must be true (& M large enough such that second constraint satisfied for any x)

$\delta = 1 \rightarrow$ second constraint must be true (& M large enough such that first constraint satisfied for any x)

Suitable M \rightarrow upper bound on $x \times$ element-wise max of a_1/a_2

k-out-of-m: (satisfying at least k out of m constraints)
 $a_1^T x \leq b_1 + M\delta_1, \dots, a_m^T x \leq b_m + M\delta_m, \quad \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j \leq m - k, \quad \delta_j \in \{0, 1\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

Sum of m δ must be $\leq m - k$ - as maximum of $m - k$ δ can take value 1 (so a minimum of k must take value 0 & at least k constraints satisfied)

Finite-Valued Variables:

Assume variable x_j only takes one of a finite no. of values: $x_j \in p_1, \dots, p_m$

Introduce variables $z_{j1} \dots z_{jm} \in \{0, 1\}$ & add constraint $z_{j1} + \dots + z_{jm} = 1$ & replace $x_j = p_1 z_{j1} + \dots + p_m z_{jm}$ in objective & all constraints

Sensitivity Analysis

Compute LP Solution with some parameters & then analyse what happens when parameters changed (**Analysing Sensitivity to Parameter Values**)
Value Function:

$v(p_i)$ - expresses optimal value of LP as function of the parameter p_i
 $v(p_i)$ vs p_i : Non-Increasing, Convex, Piecewise Linear Function (Gradient = Π)

Considering $p = b + \epsilon$ (reference parameter + perturbation)

Value Function: $v(p) = \min z = c^T x$ s.t. $Ax = p, x \geq 0$

Reference Problem (Original LP): $\min z = c^T x$ s.t. $Ax = b, x \geq 0 = v(b)$

Shadow Prices:

Π : how optimal value (Primal) changes with changed RHS parameters

$\Pi = (B^{-1})^T c_B = y^*$ - Shadow Prices of Primal Problem = Values of Dual Variables at Optimality - $B = B(I)$ is the optimal basis

Information about the sensitivity of the value function $v(p)$ at $p = b$

Behaviour of Value Function:

With Reference Problem & Π - can find any Value Function

$v(p) = v(b) + \Pi^T (p - b), \forall p \in \mathbb{R}^m$ with $B^{-1}p \geq 0$

If Bx remains feasible ($B^{-1}p \geq 0$) B remains optimal basis for new parameter & r is not affects changing b to p & can find optimal value at p

If Bx does not remain feasible - can only find a lower bound of $v(p)$ **Tableau:** For a \leq constraint - Π objective entry of first slack introduced
For a \geq constraint - Π negative of objective entry first slack introduced

Branch & Bound

Complete Enumeration: Loop through all values of integer variables solving LPs in the continuous variables (given integer variables are few)

Branch & Bound Notation:

P_i : i^{th} subproblem - $x^*(P_i)$ optimal solution for LP Relaxation of P_i - $c^T x^*(P_i)$ optimal value for LP Relaxation of P_i - OPT optimal objective function value thus far ($= \infty$ at beginning for minimisation) - x_{OPT} solution producing best OPT - x^* feasible for MILP if satisfies integrality constraints

Branch & Bound Algorithm (MILP):

Initialisation: Initialise $OPT = \infty$ (minimisation)

Solve LP Relaxation of original problem P_0 ($\rightarrow x^*(P_0)$)

If Optimal Solution satisfies all integrality constraints of MILP (feasible) \rightarrow

STOP (OPT = $c^T x^*(P_0)$ & $x_{OPT} = x^*(P_0)$)

Branch: choose non-integer $x_p^* \in x^*(P_0)$ that must be an integer in P_0 & create two subproblems P_1 & P_2 adding to P_0 constraints $x_p \leq \lfloor x_p^* \rfloor$ & $x_p \geq \lceil x_p^* \rceil$

Bound: solve LP Relaxation for P_1 & P_2 - if $c^T x^*(P) < OPT$ & $x^*(P)$ feasible (satisfies all integer constraints) \rightarrow update $OPT = c^T x^*(P)$ & $x_{OPT} = x^*(P)$

Pruning: Branching STOPs if: Optimal Value $> OPT$, Optimal Value Feasible & satisfies all integer constraints, Subproblem Infeasible (Prunes/Eliminates Branches that cannot yield a better solution than the OPT found so far)

Repeat Branch & Bound Steps - Stopping if Pruning Conditions Met

Output: OPT = ∞ if P_0 infeasible - OPT $< \infty$ if P_0 feasible & OPT optimal
B & B + Cover Cuts can be used together (Cover Cuts are useful when the Relaxation gives solution far from integer feasibility as they can cut down the Feasible Space & then B & B solves for smaller space)