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Ex- LP

$$\text{Max: } z = 4x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1 - x_2 - 4x_3 \geq 1$$

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

$$\vec{x} \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r|ccccc|c} \rightarrow & -1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & 3 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ \hline & 4 & 5 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & \uparrow & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|ccccc|c} \downarrow & -1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & 3 & 0 & -6 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & -18 & -5 & 0 & -5 \\ & & \uparrow & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|ccccc|c} & 0 & 1 & 2 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 2 \\ & 1 & 0 & -2 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ \hline & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 & -14 \\ & & & & \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{negative}} & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{Optimal} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad z = 14 \quad //$$

negative, end simplex.

$x_3$  "z-coef" is 0, what if we pivot  $x_3$ ?

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} \rightarrow & 0 & 1 & 2 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 2 \\ & 1 & 0 & -2 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ \hline & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 & -14 \\ & & & \uparrow & & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & 1 \\ & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 3 \\ \hline & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 & 14 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right] \quad z = 14$$

We see that we get another optimal with  $z=14$ .

Homework:

If we connect  $(1 \ 2 \ 0)$  with  $(3 \ 0 \ 1)$

to form line segment  $\vec{x} = (1-\lambda) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in [0,1]$

We have  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3(1-\lambda) + \lambda \\ 2\lambda \\ 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \begin{pmatrix} 3-2\lambda \\ 2\lambda \\ 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 4(3-2\lambda) + 5(2\lambda) + 2(1-\lambda) \\ &= 12 - 8\lambda + 10\lambda + 2 - 2\lambda \\ &= 14 \end{aligned}$$

We see all points on  $\vec{x}$  has  $z = 14$ ,

Issues with Simplex.

- 1) Initial tableau does not exist. ( $\vec{b} < 0$ )
- 2) Cycling, tableau doesn't end
- 3) Picking basis variable in an unambiguous way

Cycling!!

2	-4	6	1	0	0	3	$x = \vec{0}$	$z = 0$	$T_0$
-1	3	4	0	1	0	2			
$\rightarrow$	0	0	2	0	0	1			
	2	-1	8	0	0	0			

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$\rightarrow$	2	-4	0	1	0	-3	0	$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$	$z = 4$	$T_1$
	-1	3	0	0	1	-2	0			
	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$			
	2	-1	0	0	0	-4	-4			

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1	-2	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{3}{2}$	0
$\rightarrow$	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$-\frac{3}{2}$
	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
	0	3	0	-1	0	-1

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, z = 4 \quad T_2$$

1	0	0	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	$-\frac{17}{2}$	0
$\rightarrow$	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$-\frac{17}{2}$
	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
	0	0	0	$-\frac{5}{2}$	-3	$\frac{19}{2}$
						-4

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, z = 4 \quad T_3$$

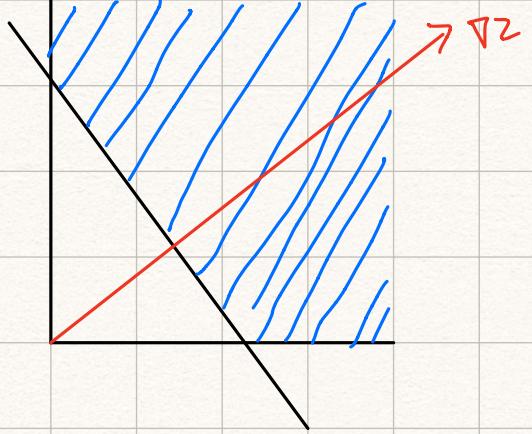
1	0	17	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	0	$\frac{17}{2}$
0	1	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{7}{2}$
0	0	2	0	0	1	1
0	0	-19	$-\frac{5}{3}$	-3	0	$-\frac{27}{2}$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{17}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, z = \frac{27}{2} \quad T_4$$

We see that there was possible cycling from  $T_1 - T_3$ ; the value of  $z$  doesn't change.

The tableau from  $T_1 - T_3$  also has basic variable equal to zero. A tableau with one or more basic variable equal to zero is called degenerate.

Ex. Un bounded Solution



$$x_i = \hat{b}_i - \sum_{j \in N} \hat{a}_{ij} x_j \quad i \in B$$

$$z = \hat{z} + \sum_{j \in N} \hat{c}_j x_i \quad i \in B$$

$$\hat{b}_i \geq 0 \quad i \in B$$

Note:  $\hat{b}_i \geq 0 \quad i \in B$  positive is equivalent to feasibility of dictionary  $D_B$ .

Thus  $x_{i_0}$  is the leaving variable, then

$$\frac{\hat{b}_{i_0}}{\hat{a}_{i_0}} = \min \left( \frac{\hat{b}_i}{\hat{a}_{ij}} : i \in B, a_{ij} > 0 \right)$$

and there are 2 potential problems with above ratio.

1)  $\nexists i \in B$  s.t.  $a_{ij} > 0$

2)  $\exists$  more than one minimum (multiple minimums)

1) Means we can increase the volume of entering variable  $x_{j_0}$  as much as we want.

FIR is unbounded when pivot column  $\leq 0$ .

To formalize: If  $\exists j_0 \in N$  in dictionary  $D_B$  for  
 $\overset{\uparrow}{c_{j_0}} > 0$  and  $\overset{\uparrow}{a_{ij}} \leq 0$  for all  
 $i \in S$ , then LP is unbounded.

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Last class review:

① Unbounded case, you cannot have an optimal solution for z.

② Degenerate case, pivot tableau 

Def Degenerate Tableau / Dictionary //

If a dictionary gives a basic feasible solution (BFS) with one or more basic variable = 0.

Def Degenerate Pivot //

If a pivot in degenerate tableau does not change the BFS.

Eg. Iterating tableau but BFS stays the same.  
Degenerate pivots may give you cycling.

Fact //

We have 1:1 relation between dictionary and its associated basic variables.

There are  $\binom{n+m}{m}$  basic variables.

Suppose for LP we have dictionaries:

$D_1, \dots, D_k$ ,  $D_k$  is optimal

but with cycling:

$D_1, \dots, D_k = D_1$

Prop //

Every basis uniquely determines its associated dictionary.

Simplex algorithm fails to terminate iff  $\exists$  cycling

Note: cycling only exist between degenerate dictionaries.

How to Prevent Cycling //

When there is degenerate pivot, make choice as follows:

choice of entering:  $x_{j_0}$  for  $j_0 \in N$   
is the entering variable if  $\hat{c}_{j_0} > 0$   
and  $j_0 \leq j$  whenever  $\hat{c}_j > 0$ .

choice of leaving:  $x_{i_0}$  for  $i_0 \in B$

is the leaving variable if

$$\frac{\hat{b}_{i_0}}{\hat{a}_{i_0 j_0}} = \min \left\{ \frac{\hat{b}_i}{\hat{a}_{ij}} : i \in B, a_{ij} > 0 \right\}$$

and  $i_0 \leq i$  whenever  $\frac{\hat{b}_{i_0}}{\hat{a}_{i_0 j_0}} = \frac{\hat{b}_i}{\hat{a}_{ij}}$

Summary  $\star$

We choose the smallest subscript

whenever there is a tie in entering/leaving  
variable.

//

Ex.

Initially we have

T<sub>1</sub>

$$\rightarrow \begin{array}{cccc|ccc} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & 9 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
10	-57	-9	-24	0	0	0	0

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T<sub>2</sub>

1	-11	-5	18	2	0	0	0
→ 0	4	2	-8	-1	1	0	0
0	11	5	-18	-2	0	1	1
0	53	41	-204	-20	0	0	0

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T<sub>3</sub>

→ 1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	-4	$-\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{11}{4}$	0	0
0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-2	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	0
0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	4	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{21}{4}$	1	1
0	0	$\frac{29}{2}$	-18	$-\frac{27}{4}$	$-\frac{53}{4}$	0	0

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T<sub>4</sub>

2	0	0	-8	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{11}{2}$	0	0
→ -1	1	0	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{2}$	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
-29	0	0	18	15	-93	0	0

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$T_5$

$\rightarrow$	-2	4	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{9}{2}$	0	0
	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{4}$	0	0
	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	-20	-9	0	0	$\frac{11}{2}$	$-\frac{141}{2}$	0	0

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$$T_2 = T_1$$

$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{11}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{2}$	9	1	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
10	-57	-9	-24	0	0	0	0

Note: Cycling only happens when there is degenerate tableau.

Degenerate tableau does not necessarily mean cycling.