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Answers to Selected Exercises

- §1. What Is Linear Programming?
 - 1. True
 - 3. True
- 5. True. This is because for real numbers any square and any absolute value are nonnegative.
 - 7. False. For x = -1, $3(-1)^3 < 2(-1)^2$.
 - 8. False (see Definition 1.4).
 - 9. False (see Example 1.9 or 1.10).
 - 11. False. For example, the linear program

Minimize
$$x + y$$
 subject to $x + y = 1$

has infinitely many optimal solutions.

- 13. True. It is a linear equation. A standard form is 4x = 8 or x = 2.
 - 15. No. This is not a linear form, but an affine function.
 - 17. Yes if a and z do not depend on x, y.
 - 18. No (see Definition 1.1).
 - 19. No. But it is equivalent to a system of two linear constraints.
 - 21. Yes. We can write $0 = 0 \cdot x$, which is a linear form.
- 22. True if y is independent of x and hence can be considered as a given number; see Definition 1.3.
- 23. Yes if a, b are given numbers. In fact, this is a linear equation.
- 25. No. We will see later that any system of linear constrains gives a convex set. But we can rewrite the constraint as follows $x \ge 1$ OR $x \le -1$. Notice the difference between OR and AND.
 - 27. See Problem 6.7.
 - 29. x = 3 2y with an arbitrary y.
- 31. min = 0 at x = y = 0, z = -1. All optimal solutions are given as follows: x = -y, y is arbitrary, z = -1.
 - 33. $\max = 1 \text{ at } x = 0.$
 - 35. min = 0 at x = -y = 1/2, z = -1.
 - 37. No. This is a linear equation.
 - 39. No
 - 41. Yes

- 43. No
- 45. Yes
- 47. Yes
- 49. No
- 51. Yes
- 53. Yes. In fact, this is a linear equation.
- 55. No. This is not even equivalent to any linear constraint with rational coefficients.
 - 57. No.
- 60. min = $2^{-100} 1$ at $x = 0, y = 0, z = 3\pi/2, u = -100, v = -100$. In every optimal solution, x, y, u, v are as before and $z = 3\pi/2 + 2n\pi$ with any integer n such that $-16 \le n \le 15$. So there are exactly 32 optimal solutions.
- §2. Examples of Linear Programs
 - 2. $\min = 1.525$ at a = 0, b = 0.75, c = 0, d = 0.25
- 4. Let x be the number of quarters and y the number of dimes we pay. The program is

$$25x + 10y \rightarrow \min$$
, subject to

$$0 \le x \le 100, \ 0 \le y \le 90,25x + 10y \ge C$$
 (in cents), x, y integers.

This program is not linear because the conditions that x, y are integers. For C = 15, an optimal solution is x = 0, y = 2. For C = 102, an optimal solution is x = 3y = 3 or x = 1, y = 8. For C = 10000, the optimization problem is infeasible.

5. Let x, y be the sides of the rectangle. Then the program is

$$\begin{aligned} xy &\to \min, \\ \text{subject to} \\ x &\geq 0, \ y \geq 0, 2x + 2y = 100. \end{aligned}$$

Since $xy = x(50 - x) = 625 - (x - 25)^2 \le 625$, max = 625 at x = y = 25.

- 7. We can compute the objective function at all 24 feasible solutions and find the following two optimal matchings: Ac, Ba, Cb, Dd and Ac, Bb, Ca, Dd with optimal value 7.
- 8. Choosing a maximal number in each row and adding these numbers, we obtain an upper bound 9+9+7+9+9=43 for the objective function. This bound cannot be achieved because of a conflict over c (the third column). So $\max \le 42$. On the other hand, the matching Aa, Bb, Cc, De, Ed achieved 42, so this is an optimal matching.

- 9. Choosing a maximal number in each row and adding these numbers, we obtain an upper bound 9+9+9+9+8+9+6=59 for the objective function. However looking at B and C, we see that they cannot get 9+9=18 because of the conflict over g. They cannot get more than 7+9=16. Hence, we have the upper bound max ≤ 57 . On the other hand, we achieve this bound 57 in the matching Ac, Bf, Cg, De, Eb, Fd, Ga.
- 11. Let c_i be given numbers. Let c_j be an unknown maximal number (with unknown j). The linear program is

 $c_1x_1 + \cdots + c_nx_n \to \max$, all $x_i \ge 0$, $x_1 + \cdots + x_n = 1$. Answer: $\max = c_j$ at $x_j = 1, x_i = 0$ for $i \ne j$.

§3. Graphical Method

1. Let SSN be 123456789. Then the program is

$$-x \to \max, 7x \le 5, 13x \ge -8, 11x \le 10.$$

Answer: $\max = 8/13$ at x = -8/13.

3. Let SSN be 123456789. Then the program is

$$|x + 2y| \rightarrow \min, |12x + 4y| \le 10, |5x + 15y| \le 10, |x + y| \le 24.$$

Answer: $\min = -25/16$ at x = -11/16, y = -7/16.

- 5. min = -72 at x = 0, y = -9
- 7. $\min = -1/4$ at x = 1/2, y = -1/2 or x = -1/2, y = 1/2.
- 6. The problem is unbounded (min = $-\infty$).
- 9. $\max = 1$ at x = y = 0
- 11. $\max = 22$ at x = 4, y = 2
- 13. The program is unbounded.
- 15. $\max = 3$ at x = y = 0, z = 1. See the answer to Exercise 11 of $\S 2$.

§4. Logic

- 1. False. For x = -1, |-1| = 1.
- 3. False. For x = -10, |-10| > 1.
- 5. True. $1 \ge 0$.
- 7. True. $2 \ge 0$.
- 9. True. The same as Exercise 7.
- 11. False. $1 \ge 1$.
- 13. True. $5 \ge 0$.
- 15. False. For example, x = 2.
- 17. True. Obvious.
- 19. False. For example, x = 1.
- 21. True. $1 \ge 0$.

22. Yes, we can.

23. Yes.
$$10 > 0$$
.

- 25. No, it does not. $(-5)^2 > 10$. 27. True.
- 29. False. The first condition is stronger than the second one.

31. True.

33. (i)
$$\Rightarrow$$
 (ii), (iii), (iv)

35. (i) \Rightarrow (iii)

37. (i)
$$\Leftrightarrow$$
 (ii) \Rightarrow (iv) \Rightarrow (iii)

- 41. "only if".
- 42. This depends on the definition of it linear function.
- 43. No. $x \ge 1, x \le 0$ are two feasible constraints, but the system is infeasible.
 - 44. False. 45. False. Under our conditions, |x| > |y|.
 - 49. No, it does not follow.
- 51. Yes, it does. Multiply the first equation by -2 and add to the second equation to obtain the third equation.
- §5. Matrices

1.
$$[2,1,-6,6]$$
 3. -14
5.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 & 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2, 1, -6, 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
 3. -14
5. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 & 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$
7. $(-14)^2 \cdot A^T B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -196 & -392 & 784 \\ 0 & -392 & -784 & 1568 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 588 & 1176 & -2352 \end{bmatrix}$ 9. No. $1 \neq 4$.

10.
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 11. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

12.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

15.
$$b = a - 1, c = -1/3, d = 7a - 4, a$$
 arbitrary. 19. $AB^T = 5$

23.
$$(A^TB)^2 = 5A^TB$$
, and see Answer to 21.

25.
$$(A^TB)^{1000} = A^T(BA^T)^{999}B = 5^{999}A^TB$$
, and see Answer to 21.

31. $(A^T B)^2 = 4A^4 B$, and see Answer to 29.

33. $(A^TB)^{1000} = 4^{999}A^4B$, and see Answer to 29.

35.
$$E_1C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 9 \\ -8 & -10 & -12 \end{bmatrix} E_2C = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 27 & 33 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_1^n = \begin{bmatrix} 3^n & 0 \\ 0 & (-2)^n \end{bmatrix} E_2^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5n \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

37.
$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \delta - \gamma \alpha^{-1} \beta \end{bmatrix}$$
. 41.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
. 43.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

§6. Systems of Linear Equations

1.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is invertible; $\det(A) = -4$

3. The matrix is invertible if and only if $abc \neq 0$; det(A) = abc.

5.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is invertible; $det(A) = 2$

7.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 13/7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is invertible; $det(A) = 13$

9. 0 = 1 (no solutions)

11.
$$x = -z - 3b + 10$$
, $y = -z + 2b - 6$.

13. If $t \neq 6 + 2u$, then there are no solutions. Otherwise, x = -2y + u + 3, y arbitrary.

15. If
$$t = 1$$
, then $x = 1 - y$, y arbitrary.

If t = -1, there are no solutions.

If $t \neq \pm 1$, then $x = (t^2 + t + 1)/(t + 1)$, y = -1/(t + 1).

17.
$$y = 5b + x - 16, z = -3b - x + 10$$

19. No. The half-sum of solutions is a solution.

21.
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/25 & 4/25 & -1/25 \\ 19/25 & -7/25 & 8/25 \\ -18/25 & 4/25 & -1/25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$21. \ A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/25 & 4/25 & -1/25 \\ 19/25 & -7/25 & 8/25 \\ -18/25 & 4/25 & -1/25 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$23. \ A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/22 & -1/22 & -41/22 & 3/11 \\ -15/22 & -5/22 & -51/22 & 4/11 \\ 5/22 & 9/22 & 61/22 & -5/11 \\ 15/22 & 5/22 & 73/22 & -4/11 \end{bmatrix}$$

24.
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

27. This cannot be done. We have $0 = A_{1,1} = L_{1,1}U_{1,1} \neq 0$ since A is invertible, hence U, V are invertible.

$$29. \ A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -25 \end{bmatrix}$$

30.
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 8/11 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 11 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 13/11 \end{bmatrix}$$

33.
$$x = -3(19+2d)/8, y = (15+2d)/8, z = -(3+2d)/8$$

35.
$$x = (15u + 4v)/16, y = (11u + 4v)/16, z = -3u/4$$

37.
$$x = y = 1, z = 0$$

39.
$$x = y = 0, z = 100$$

§7. Standard and Canonical Forms for Linear Programs

1. Set $u = y + 1 \ge 0$. Then f = 2x + 3y = 2x + 3u - 3 and x + y = x + u - 1. A canonical form is

$$-f = -2x - 3u + 3 \rightarrow \min, x + u \le 6, u, x \ge 0.$$

A standard form is

$$-f = -2x - 3u + 3\min, x + u + v = 6, u, v, x \ge 0$$

with a slack variable v = 6 - x - u > 0.

2. Excluding y = x+1 and using $y \ge 1$, we obtain the canonical form $-x \to \min$, $2x \le 8, x \ge 0$.

Introducing a slack variable z = 8 - 2x, we obtain the standard form $-x \to \min, 2x + z = 8, x \ge 0, z \ge 0.$

3. We solve the equation for x_3 :

 $x_3 = 3 - 2x_2 - 3x_4$

and exclude x_3 from the LP:

$$x_1 - 7x_2 + 3 \rightarrow \min, \ x_1 - x_2 + 3x_4 \ge 3, \ \text{all} \ x_i \ge 0.$$

A canonical form is

$$x_1 - 7x_2 + 3 \rightarrow \min, -x_1 + x_2 - 3x_4 \le -3, \text{ all } x_i \ge 0.$$

A standard form is

$$x_1 - 7x_2 + 3 \rightarrow \min$$
, $-x_1 + x_2 - 3x_4 + x_5 = -3$, all $x_i \ge 0$ with a slack variable $x_5 = x_1 - x_2 + 3x_4 - 3$.

5. Set $t=x+1\geq 0, u=y-2\geq 0, f=x=y+z=t+u+z+1$ (the objective function). Then a standard and canonical form for our problem is

$$x + u + z + 1 \rightarrow \min; t, u, z \ge 0.$$

7. Using standard tricks, a canonical form is

$$-x \to \min, x \le 3, -x \le -2, x \ge 0.$$

A standard form is

$$-x \to \min, x + u = 3, -x + v = -2; x, u, v \ge 0$$

with two slack variables.

9. One of the given equations reads

$$-5 - x - z = 0,$$

which is inconsistant with given constraints $x, z \ge 0$. So we can write very short canonical and standard forms:

$$0 \to \min_{x \to 0}, 0 \le -1; x, y, z \ge 0 \text{ and } 0 \to \min_{x \to 0}, 0 = 1; x, y, z \ge 0.$$

11. Set $x = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9, x_{10}, x_{11}]^T$ and c = [3, -1, 1, 3, 1, -5, 1, 3, 1]. Using standard tricks, we obtain the canonical form

 $cx \to \min, Ax \le b, x \ge 0$

with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 & -2 & -3 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and
$$b = [-3, -1, 2, -2, 0, 0]^T$$
.

Excluding a couple of variables using the two given equations, we would get a canonical form with two variables and two constraints less. A standard form can be obtained from the canonical form by introducing a column u of slack variables:

$$cx \rightarrow \min, Ax + u = b, x > 0, u > 0.$$

§8. Pivoting Tableaux

1.
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & 1 \\ .3 & 1.2 & .7 & 3.5 & 5.5 & -50 \\ 73 & 96 & 20253 & 890 & 279 & 4000 \\ 9.6 & 7 & 19 & 57 & 22 & -100 \\ 10 & 15 & 5 & 60 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ = u_2 \\ = u_3 \\ = C \to \min$$

3.
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

13.
$$[1/5] = x$$

§9. Standard Row Tableaux

$$2. \quad \begin{bmatrix} x & y & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 7 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} = u \\ = -P \rightarrow \min \end{array}$$

with a slack variable u = 7 - 4x - 5y

with x = x' - x'', y = y' - y'' and slack variables u_i .

§10. Simplex Method, Phase 2

- 4. False. The converse is true.
- 5. True
- 6. True

- 13. If the row without the last entry is nonnegative, then the tableau is optimal; else the LP is unbounded.
- §11. Simplex Method, Phase 1
 - 1. The second row (v-row) is bad, so the LP is infeasible.
 - 2. The tableau is optimal, so

$$\min(w) = 0$$
 at $x = y = z = 0, u = 2, v = 0$.

- 3. This is a feasible tableau with a bad column (the z-column). So the LP is unbounded (z and hence w can be arbitrary large).
 - 9. True
 - 10. False
- §12. Geometric Interpretation
- 1. The diamond can be given by four linear constraints $\pm x \pm y \le 1$.
- 2. Any convex combination of convex combinations is a convex combination.
- 7. Both x = 1 and x = -1 belong to the feasible region, but 0 = x/2 + y/2 does not.
- 8. $2tx + (1 t^2)y \le 1 + t^2$, where t ranges over all rational numbers.
- 9. A set S is called closed if it contains the limit points of all sequences in S. Any system of linear constraints gives a closed set, but the interval 0 < x < 1 is not closed. Its complement is closed.
 - 10. The rows of the identity matrix 1_6 .
 - 11. One
- §13. Dual Problems

1.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -x \\ -y \\ -z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 7 & -3 & 0 \\ \parallel & \parallel & \downarrow \\ v_1 & v_2 & \max$$

5. Let cx + d, cy + d be two feasible values, where x, y are two feasible solutions. We have to prove that

$$\alpha(cx+d) + (1-\alpha)(cy+d)$$

is a feasible value for any α such that $0\alpha \leq 1$. But

$$\alpha(cx+d) + (1-\alpha)(cy+d) = c(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) + d,$$

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where $\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y$ is a feasible solution because the feasible region is convex.

§14. Sensitivity Analysis and Parametric Programming

3.
$$\min = 0$$
 at $d = e = 0, a \ge 0$ arbitrary

§15. More on Duality

- 1. No, it is not redundant.
- 2. Yes, it is $2 \cdot (\text{first equation}) + (\text{second equation})$.
- 3. No, it is not redundant.
- 4. No, it is not redundant.
- 5. No, it is not redundant.
- 7. Yes, it is.

 $\S 16$. Phase 1

1.

20	10	5		35
		5	15	20
20	10	10	15	

3.

30				35
90				90
11	91	9		111
		1	19	20
140	91	10	19	

 $\S 17$. Phase 2

1.

	1	2	2	
0	1 175	2 25	3 (1)	200
0	1 (0)	100	200	300
	175	125	200	

§18. Job Assignment Problem

1. min = 7 at $x_{14} = x_{25} = x_{32} = x_{43} = x_{51} = 1$, all other $x_{ij} = 0$.

3. min = 7 at $x_{12} = x_{25} = x_{34} = x_{43} = x_{51} = x_{67} = x_{76} = 1$, all other $x_{ij} = 0$.

5. $\max = 14$ at $x_{15} = x_{21} = x_{34} = x_{43} = x_{52} = 1$, all other $x_{ij} = 0$.

7. $\max = 30$ at $x_{15} = x_{26} = x_{33} = x_{41} = x_{54} = x_{62} = x_{77} = 1$, all other $x_{ij} = 0$.

§19. What are Matrix Games?

1. $\max \min = -1$. $\min \max = 0$. There are no saddle points.

 $[1/3, 2/3, 0]^T$ gives at least -2/3 for the row player.

[1/2,0,0,0,1/2] gives at least 1/2 for the column player.

So $-2/3 \le$ the value of the game $\le -1/2$.

3. $\max \min = -1$. $\min \max = 2$. There are no saddle points.

(second row + 2·third row)/ $3 \ge -2/3$.

 $(\text{third column} + \text{sixth column})/2 \le 1.$

So $-2/3 \le$ the value of the game ≤ 1 .

5. We compute the max in each column (marked by *) and min in each row (marked by \bullet).

Thus, $\max \min = 0$. $\min \max = 3$. There are no saddle points.

§20. Matrix Games and Linear Programming

- 1. The optimal strategy for the row player is $[2/3, 1/3, 0]^T$. The optimal strategy for the column player is [1/2, 1/2, 0]. The value of the game is 2.
- 3. The optimal strategy for the row player is $[0.2, 0, 0.8]^T$. An optimal strategy for the column player is [0, 0.5, 0.5, 0, 0, 0]. The value of the game is 1.
- 5. The optimal strategy for the row player is $[1/3, 2/3, 0]^T$. The optimal strategy for the column player is [2/3, 0, 0, 1/3]. The value of the game is -2/3.
- 7. The optimal strategy for the row player: $[1/8, 0, 7/8, 0]^T$. The optimal strategy for the column player: [0, 1/4, 0, 0, 0, 3/4]. The value of the game is -0.25.

§21. Other Methods

- 1. The first row and column are dominated. The optimal strategy for the row player is $[0, 0.5, 0.5]^T$. The optimal strategy for the column player is [0, 0.25, 0.75]. The value of the game is 2.5.
- 3. The optimal strategy for the row player is $[0, 0.4, 0, 0.6]^T$. The optimal strategy for the column player is [0, 0.4, 0.6]. The value of the game is 2.8.
- 5. The optimal strategy for the row player is $[1/3, 1/3, 1/3]^T$. The optimal strategy for the column player is [0, 0, 2/7, 3/7, 2/7, 0]. The value of the game is 0.
 - 7. The value of the game is 0 because the game is symmetric.
- 9. The first two columns and the first row go by domination. The value of the game is 11/7.
 - 11. 0 at a saddle point.
 - 13. 0 at a saddle point.

§22. What is Linear Approximation?

- 1. The mean is -2/5 = -0.4. The median is 1. The midrange is -5/2 = -2.5.
 - 3. The mean is 5/9. The median is 0. The midrange is 1/2 = 0.5.
 - 5(b). 1, 2, 9.
 - 5(d). Exercise 1.
 - 5(f). Exercise 3.

§23. Linear Approximation and Linear Programming

1.
$$\min = 0$$
 at $a = -15, b = 50$ for $w = a + bh$

and

$$\min \approx 19$$
 at $a \approx 25.23$ for $w = ah^2$

2.
$$x + y + 0.3 = 0$$

3.
$$a = 0.9, b \approx -0.23$$

§24. More Examples

1. The model is w = ah + b, or $w - x_2 = a(h - 1988) + b'$ with $b = x_2 + -1988a$ and $x_2 = 37753/45 \approx 838.96$. Predicted production P in 1993 is $x_2 + 5a + b'$.

For
$$p=1$$
, we have $a\approx 16.54, b'\approx 31, P\approx 953$.

For
$$p = 2$$
, we have $a \approx 0, b' \approx 32, P \approx 871$.

For
$$p = \infty$$
, we have $a \approx 17.59, b' \approx 32, x_5 \approx 959$.

So in this example l^{∞} -prediction is the best.

3.
$$a = \$4875, b = \$1500$$

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