

**CSCI 5654, Spring 2020:** Assignment #1 (75 points).

**Assigned date:** Friday 1/17/2020,

**Due date:** Tuesday, 01/28/2020 (before class)

**Instructions:** Please upload your HW as a PDF file along with code that you wrote for running the LP problem.

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**P1. (5 points)** Convert the following problem to the standard form:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & 3x_1 - 5x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & 4x_1 + x_2 \geq -4 \\ & 2x_1 - x_2 \geq -8 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 4 \\ & x_1 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

**P2. (10 points)** (a) Add slack variables to the standard form that you obtained in (P1) above and write down the **initial dictionary**. (b) Perform one step of simplex on the initial dictionary. (c) Write down clearly which variable is entering and which variable is leaving. (d) Show the resulting dictionary after pivoting.

**P3.(20 points)** An investment adviser wishes to recommend an ideal investment for her client. After lots of market research, she has compiled a table of investment as expressed in the spreadsheet that has been distributed with this assignment. The total investment is \$10,000.

The data in Fig. 1 shows the investment options and categorizes them based on risk  $A - D$ , market segment and whether the investment is in an eco-friendly business. The client has specified minimum and maximum investment limits for each category. This data is also given as a CSV file `investmentData.csv` for your convenience.

Setup and solve a linear program that maximizes the expected profit while respecting the maximum and minimum investment percentages for each category.

Is the problem feasible? Is it bounded? What is the optimal solution? **Note:** Upload the code you used to solve the LP either as a GLPK model, matlab files or Python code. Also turn in the outputs that the solver gave you as a `problem3.txt` file.

**P4 (10 points)** A set  $S$  is *convex* if any two points  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in S$ , the point  $\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2 \in S$  for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

Consider the linear program:

$$\max \mathbf{c}^t \mathbf{x} \text{ s.t. } A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}.$$

(A) Prove that the set of feasible solutions  $F : \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$  is a convex set. **Note:** The proof is just 5 lines at most.

(B) Let  $\mathbf{x}_1 \neq \mathbf{x}_2$  be two distinct optimal solutions for the problem both achieving the optimal objective value  $z^* = \mathbf{c}^t \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{c}^t \mathbf{x}_2$ . Show that there are infinitely many optimal solutions for the linear program. **Note:** The proof requires 3-5 sentences at most.

**P5 (15 points)** This problem explores how to formulate constraints in linear programming. Let  $\mathbf{x} : (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be  $n$  decision variables such that  $x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0$ . We wish to formulate the following constraints. Which of them can be expressed as constraints in a linear programming problem? If

yes, explain how you would formulate them. If no, give a short proof. Note that linear programming problems allow constraints of the form  $\sum a_j x_j \leq b$  for real numbers  $a_j$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $b$ .

- (a) (2 points)  $x_5$  must be between  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ .
- (b) (3 points)  $x_1$  must be between 40% and 60% of the sum of all  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
- (c) (10 points) At least one of the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  must be 0. (**Hint:** Is this a “convex” constraint?).

**P6 (15 points, HARDER)** Let  $x_1, x_2$  be two real-valued variables which satisfy the constraints  $0 \leq x_1 \leq 10$  and  $0 \leq x_2 \leq 15$ . Using indicator variables  $w_1, w_2 \in \{0, 1\}$  write down a system of linear inequalities involving  $(x_1, x_2, w_1, w_2)$  that express the nonlinear constraint  $x_1 x_2 = 0$ . (**Hint:** Suppose we want to make sure that  $w_1 = 1$  indicates that  $x_1 = 0$  but  $w_1 = 0$  places no constraints on  $x_1$ . How do we achieve this? Just write down the constraints involving  $x_1, x_2, w_1, w_2$  with at most 4 lines of explanations).

ID	Expected Profit/ Unit	Price / Unit	Risk Category	Investment Market	Eco Friendly ?
1	1.451	2.563	A	Tech	Y
2	2.683	4.307	B	Finance	Y
3	5.898	6.422	C	Finance	Y
4	2.102	3.488	A	PetroChem	N
5	5.709	6.581	B	Finance	N
6	4.519	8.993	D	Finance	Y
7	7.176	11.481	C	Finance	Y
8	6.075	11.730	B	Tech	Y
9	5.718	9.270	B	PetroChem	Y
10	7.442	10.160	A	Automobile	Y
11	1.234	1.961	C	Tech	Y
12	4.680	9.300	D	Automobile	N
13	7.229	11.672	A	PetroChem	Y
14	9.589	10.877	B	Automobile	N
15	6.497	12.137	C	Finance	N

Risk Categories	Min	Max
A	1500	3500
B	4500	6500
C	1000	3000
D	500	2500

Investment Market	Min	Max
Tech	0	3000
Finance	0	4000
PetroChem	0	5000
Automobile	0	7000

EcoFriendly	Min	Max
Y	2000	10000

Figure 1: Investment Data.