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Answers for some problems may be found at the end of the textbook.

Selected answers to the assignment # 2

Section 1.2

#2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize } z &= [2 \quad 3 \quad 4] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{subject to} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} &\leq \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

#4

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize } z &= [40 \quad 30 \quad 20] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 & 2 \\ 36 & 24 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 48 \\ 360 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{subject to} \end{aligned}$$

#6

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize } z &= [2 \quad 5 \quad -5 \quad 0 \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y^+ \\ y^- \\ u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{subject to} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 9 & -9 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y^+ \\ y^- \\ u \\ v \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y^+ \\ y^- \\ u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

#8

$$\text{Maximize } z = [-3 \quad -2.5 \quad 0 \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

subject to

$$\begin{bmatrix} -30 & -40 & 1 & 0 \\ 40 & 20 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} -120 \\ 80 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#10

$$\text{Maximize } z = [300 \quad 500 \quad 400 \quad 0 \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

subject to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 80 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#11

(a) We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}; \quad z = 340$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}; \quad z = 420$$

Also,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \not\geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#12

$$\text{Max } z = [2 \ 3 \ 5] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subject to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0.$$

#14

(a) We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 12 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \ x_4 = 2, \ x_5 = 5, \ x_6 = 4$$

#15

If  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are feasible solutions, then  $x_1 \geq 0$  and  $x_2 \geq 0$ , so  $x = \frac{1}{3}x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_2 \geq 0$ .

Also, if  $Ax_1 \leq b$  and  $Ax_2 \leq b$ , then

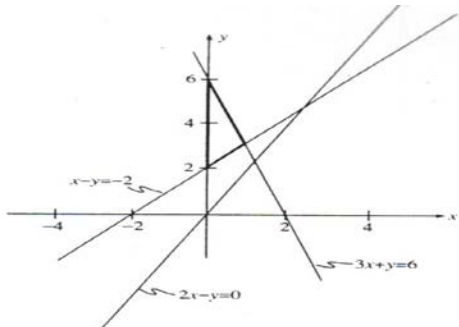
$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= A \left( \frac{1}{3}x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}Ax_1 + \frac{2}{3}Ax_2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3}b + \frac{2}{3}b = b \end{aligned}$$

#16

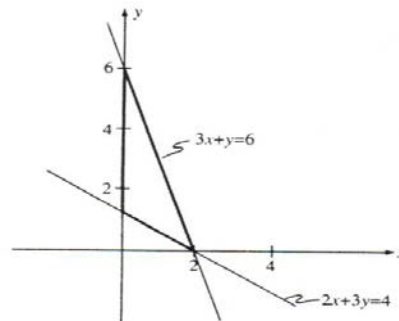
Show that if  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  satisfy  $Ax \geq b$  and  $x \geq 0$ , then  $x = rx_1 + sx_2$  should also satisfy  $Ax \geq b$  and  $x \geq 0$  as we did in class.

### Section 1.3

#2



#4



# 18 The set is not convex.

#20 The set is convex.

#22 The set is not convex.

#24 The set is convex.

26. Let  $V$  be a subspace of  $R^n$  and let  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in V$ . Then since  $V$  is a subspace of  $R^n$ ,

$$\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{v} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{w} \in V \text{ for } 0 < \lambda < 1.$$

Hence,  $V$  is a convex set.

27. Let  $R = \{\mathbf{x} \in R^n \mid a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i\}$  be a rectangle in  $R^n$ . Let  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in R$ .  
Then

$$a_i \leq v_i \leq b_i \text{ and } a_i \leq w_i \leq b_i.$$

If

$$\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{v} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{w}, \quad 0 < \lambda < 1,$$

then

$$x_i = \lambda v_i + (1 - \lambda) w_i$$

We now have

$$a_i = \lambda a_i + (1 - \lambda) a_i \leq \lambda v_i + (1 - \lambda) w_i \leq \lambda b_i + (1 - \lambda) b_i = b_i$$

or

$$a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{x} \in R$ .

28. Let  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in H_2$  so that  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{v} \geq k$  and  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{w} \geq k$ . If

$$\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{v} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{w}, \quad 0 < \lambda < 1,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{c}^T (\lambda \mathbf{v} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{c}^T (\lambda \mathbf{v}) + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{w} \\ &\geq \lambda k + (1 - \lambda) k = k \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{x} \in H_2$ .

29. We have  $H = \{\mathbf{x} \in R^n \mid \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\}$ . Let  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 \in H$  so that  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{b}$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{a}^T (\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2) \\ &= \lambda \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}_2 \\ &= \lambda \mathbf{b} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{x} \in H$ .

32. We have  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_1 = k$  and  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_2 = k$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{c}^T (\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2) \\ &= \lambda \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_2 \\ &= \lambda k + (1 - \lambda) k = k.\end{aligned}$$

33. Let  $S$  be the set of all solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}$  and let  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 \in S$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Ax} &= \mathbf{A} (\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2) \\ &= \lambda \mathbf{Ax}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{Ax}_2 \\ &\leq \lambda \mathbf{b} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{x} \in S$ .

34. Let  $S$  be the set of all solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} > \mathbf{b}$  and let  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 \in S$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Ax} &= \mathbf{A} (\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2) \\ &= \lambda \mathbf{Ax}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{Ax}_2 \\ &> \lambda \mathbf{b} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{x} \in S$ .

35. Suppose that  $S$  is a convex set and let  $\mathbf{v}'$  and  $\mathbf{w}' \in f(S)$ . Then  $\mathbf{v}' = f(\mathbf{v})$  and  $\mathbf{w}' = f(\mathbf{w})$  for some  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $S$ . Now let

$$\mathbf{y} = \lambda \mathbf{v}' + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{w}'$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y} &= \lambda f(\mathbf{v}) + (1 - \lambda) f(\mathbf{w}) \\ &= f(\lambda \mathbf{v} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{w})\end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  is a convex set,  $\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{v} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{w} \in S$ , so  $\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{x}) \in f(S)$ . Hence,  $f(S)$  is a convex set.

36. We defined  $f$  to be convex if

$$f(\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2) \leq \lambda f(\mathbf{x}_1) + (1 - \lambda) f(\mathbf{x}_2).$$

The left side of this inequality is the second coordinate of the point  $(\mathbf{x}, f(\mathbf{x}))$  on the graph of  $f$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2$ . The right side gives the points on the line segment joining the points  $(\mathbf{x}_1, f(\mathbf{x}_1))$  and  $(\mathbf{x}_2, f(\mathbf{x}_2))$  on the graph of  $f$ .

37. Let  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 \in R^n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2) &= \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbf{c}^T (\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2) \\ &= \lambda \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_2 \\ &= \lambda f(\mathbf{x}_1) + (1 - \lambda) f(\mathbf{x}_2) \end{aligned}$$

In addition:

$$1. \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ -0.5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Let  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_1 = 3$  and  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_2 = 3$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2$ . Then  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda 3 + (1 - \lambda) 3 = 3$ .

So any point on the line between  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  will have  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = 3$ .

3. 1)  $\{(0, 0, a, 0), a \geq 11\}$

2)  $\{(5, 0, 6, 0)\}$

3) empty

4. The two feasible region are different. The region of Set B is the intersection of two planes, which is a line. The region of set A is an area bounded by the two inequalities. For example,  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$  satisfy the inequalities of set A. You may not find a  $z$  such that  $(2, 3, z)$  satisfies the inequalities of set B.

This shows that when introducing slack variables, the same variable can not be used for different inequalities.