

DATA 609: Homework 6

Optimization of Discrete Models

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```
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
library(knitr)
library(ggplot2)
library(lpSolve)
library(intpoint)
```

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Nutritional Requirements-A rancher has determined that the minimum weekly nutritional requirements for an average-sized horse include 40 lb of protein, 20 lb of carbohydrates, and 45 lb of roughage. These are obtained from the following sources in varying amounts at the prices indicated:

```
# data
items <- c("hay", "oats", "feeding blocks", "hpc", "horse requirement")
protein <- c(0.5, 1, 2, 6, 40)
carbs <- c(2, 4, 0.5, 1, 20)
roughage <- c(5, 2, 1, 2.5, 45)
cost <- c(1.80, 3.5, 0.4, 1, 0)

# save to df and print
mydf <- data.frame(items = items, protein=protein, carbs=carbs, roughage=roughage, cost=cost)
kable(mydf)
```

items	protein	carbs	roughage	cost
hay	0.5	2.0	5.0	1.8
oats	1.0	4.0	2.0	3.5
feeding blocks	2.0	0.5	1.0	0.4
hpc	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.0
horse requirement	40.0	20.0	45.0	0.0

Formulate a mathematical model to determine how to meet the minimum nutritional requirements at minimum cost.

Define the following variables:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= && \text{hay per bale} \\x_2 &= && \text{oats per sack} \\x_3 &= && \text{feeding blocks per block} \\x_4 &= && \text{high protein concentrate per sack}\end{aligned}$$

Objective:

$$\text{Minimize } 1.8x_1 + 3.5x_2 + 0.4x_3 + 1.0x_4$$

subject to the following constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.5x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 6x_4 &\geq 40 && \text{(protein)} \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 0.5x_3 + x_4 &\geq 20 && \text{(carbs)} \\ 5x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 2.5x_4 &\geq 45 && \text{(roughage)} \end{aligned}$$

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Solve the following problem using graphical analysis:

Maximize

$$10x + 35y$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} 8x + 6y &\leq 48 && \text{(board-feet of lumber)} \\ 4x + y &\leq 20 && \text{(hours of capacity)} \\ y &\geq 5 && \text{(demand)} \\ x, y &\geq 0 && \text{(nonnegativity)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 1: ggplot

Based on the non-negative constraints for x and y , we know the solution must be in the first quadrant of the Cartesian plane.

We also know that the constraint, $y \geq 0$ is redundant due to the constraint $y \geq 5$.

For plotting purposes, we recast the the inequalities as equations in $y = mx + b$ form:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= -\frac{4}{3}x + 8 \\ y &= -4x + 20 \\ y &= 5 \\ x &= 0 && \text{(y-axis)} \end{aligned}$$

```
# intersection points
myint <- data.frame(x=c(0,0,2.25),y=c(8,5,5))

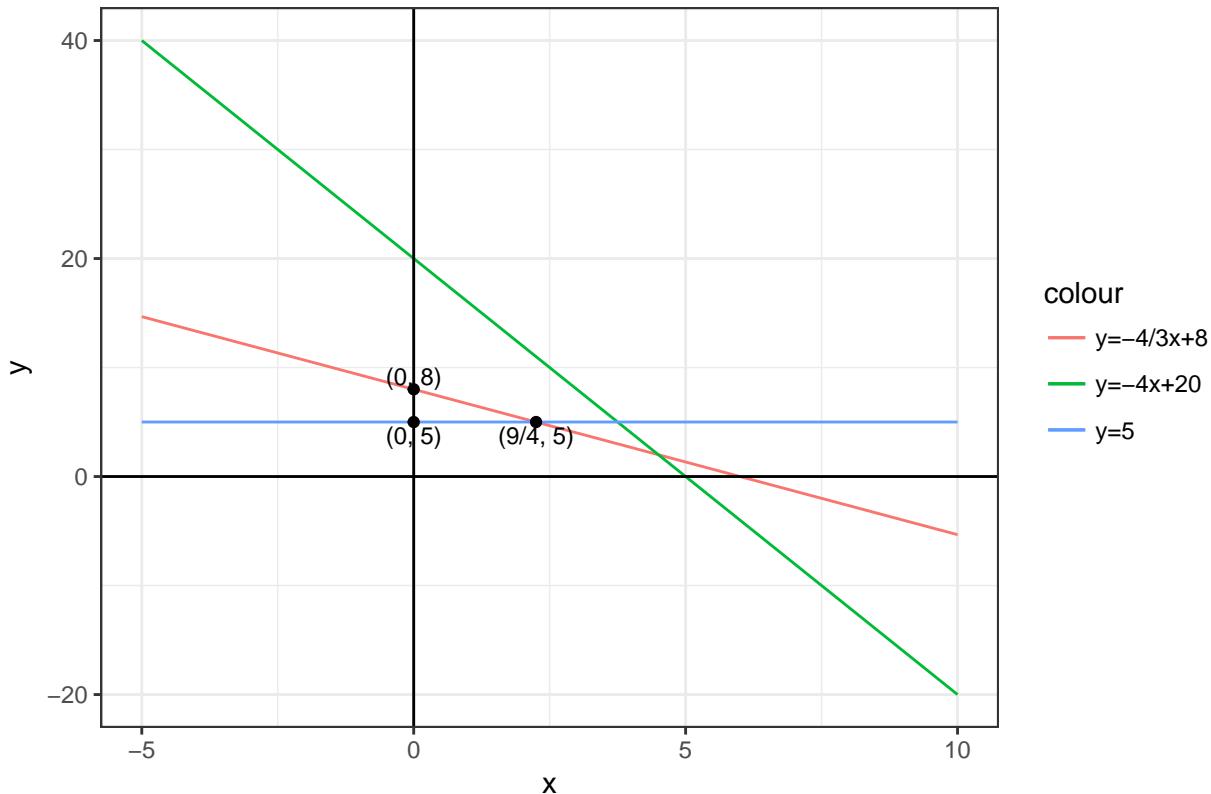
# plot constraint boundary lines
ggplot(data.frame(x=c(-5,10)),aes(x)) +
  stat_function(fun=function(x) -4/3*x+8, geom="line", aes(col='y=-4/3x+8')) +
  stat_function(fun=function(x) -4*x + 20, geom="line", aes(col='y=-4x+20')) +
  stat_function(fun=function(x) 5, geom="line", aes(col='y=5')) +
  geom_vline(xintercept=0, aes(col= 'x=0')) +
  geom_hline(yintercept= 0, aes(col='y=0')) +
```

```

theme_bw() +
labs(title = 'Graphical Analysis') +
geom_point(data=myint, aes(x,y)) +
annotate('text', x = 0, y = 9.2, label="(0, 8)", size=3) +
annotate('text', x = 0, y = 3.8, label="(0, 5)", size=3) +
annotate('text', x = 2.25, y = 3.8, label="(9/4, 5)", size=3)

```

Graphical Analysis



The solution to must occur at an intersection point of two or more constraints. All constraints must be satisfied at the point in question to be considered a possible solution.

Based on our plot above and our constraint list, we know that solution must fall:

- at or below the green line
- at or below the orange line
- at or to the right of the y axis
- at or above the blue line

Based on these criteria, we can narrow our solution to three possible intersection points:

- point $(0, 5)$, the intersection of $y = 5$ and $x = 0$.
- point $(0, 8)$, the intersection of lines $x = 0$ and $y = -4/3x + 8$.
- point $(\frac{9}{4}, 5)$, the intersection of lines $-4/3x + 8$ and $y = 5$.

```

# objective function to be maximized
obj.func <- function(x,y) 10*x + 35*y

# possible solutions

```

```

s1 <- obj.func(0,5)
s2 <- obj.func(0,8)
s3 <- obj.func(9/4,5)

# print possible solutions
mydf <- data.frame(points=seq(1:3),x=c(0,0,9/4),y=c(5,8,5),obj_func = c(s1,s2,s3))
kable(mydf)

```

points	x	y	obj_func
1	0.00	5	175.0
2	0.00	8	280.0
3	2.25	5	197.5

The objective function is maximized at point (0,8) with a value of 280.

Solution 2: intpoint package

Alternatively, we can produce a graphical solution using the `solve2dlp()` function in the `intpoint` library.

```

# coefficients x and y for objective function
obj.f <- c(10,35)

# constraint equations, "<=" form, using original problem constraints:
# left side coeff x, left side coeff y, right side constant
const.1 <- c(8,6,48)
const.2 <- c(4,1,20)
const.3 <- c(0,-1,-5) # rearranged original inequality
const.4 <- c(-1,0,0) # rearranged original inequality

# matrix of coefficients left hand side
A <- rbind(const.1[1:2],const.2[1:2],const.3[1:2],const.4[1:2])

# vector on right hand side of inequality
right_vec <- c(const.1[3],const.2[3],const.3[3],const.4[3])

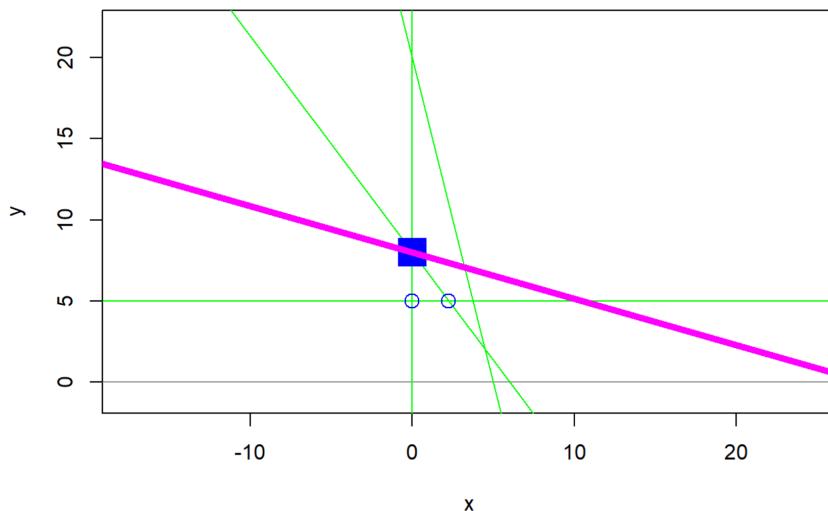
# graphical solution
solve2dlp(c = obj.f,bm = right_vec, m = A, ip=0)

```

Solution 3: zweigmedia.com

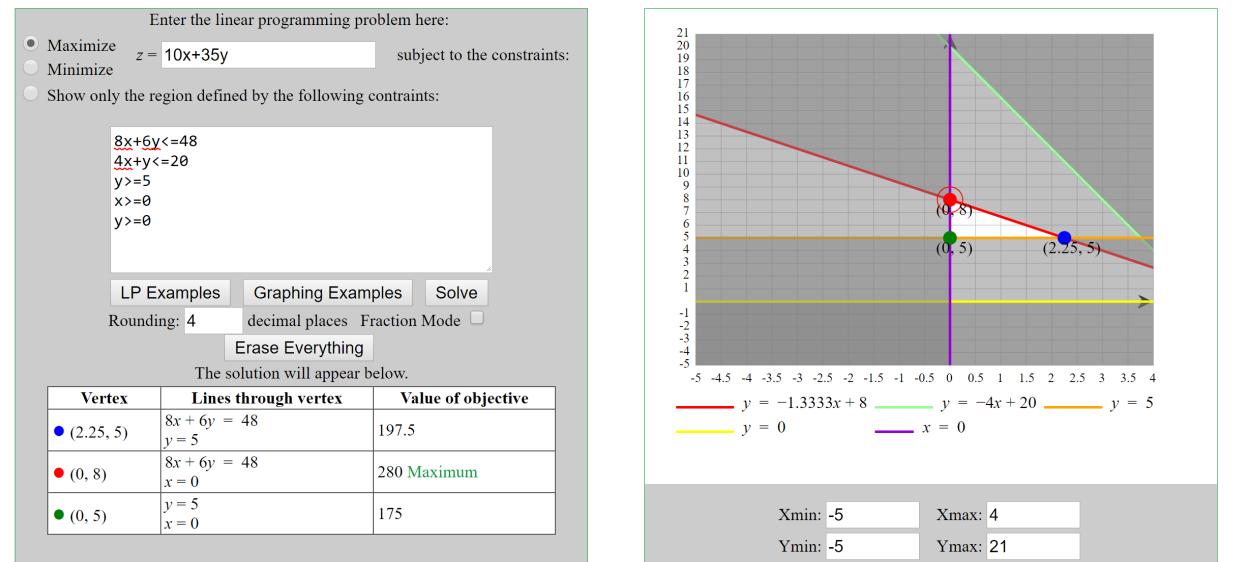
There are a variety of great online tools that can also be used to solve 2d linear programming problems in graphical form.

Below is example of output from an example utility from zweigmedia.com.



The Optimal Point is (0, 8) and $z_{\text{opt}} = 280$

Figure 1:



In the image above, we see that the feasible region is limited to the white, triangular region between points (0,8), (0,5) and (2.25,5). This app clearly indicates a max objective function value of 280 at point (0,8).

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Using the algebraic method of section 7.3, solve problem 6 from section 7.2

As shown previously, the convex set in problem six comprises three linear constraints and two non-negativity constraints.

To solve algebraically, we introduce non-negative “slack” variables z_1 , z_2 , and z_3 which measure the degree to which each constraint satisfies constraints 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

Below we restate our objective and constraints with slack variables:

Maximize

$$10x + 35y$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} 8x + 6y + z_1 &= 48 \\ 4x + y + z_2 &= 20 \\ -y + z_3 &= -5 \\ x, y, z_1, z_2, z_3 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We now consider the entire set of five variables $\{x, y, z_1, z_2, z_3\}$.

There are $\frac{5!}{3!2!} = 10$ possible intersection points to test as possible solutions.

Combo 1: $x = 0, y = 0$

Substituting in the zero values, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= 48 \\ z_2 &= 20 \\ z_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Point $(0,0)$ is not a feasible solution because z_3 is negative.

Combo 2: $x = 0, z1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 6y &= 48 \\ y + z_2 &= 20 \\ -y + z_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

We solve for $y = 8$ in the first equation, and substitute this value into the 2nd and 3rd equations:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 8 \\ z_2 &= 12 \\ z_3 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

All constraints are satisfied, so point $(0,8)$ is a feasible intersection point.

Combo 3: $x = 0, z2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 6y + z_1 &= 48 \\ y &= 20 \\ -y + z_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $y = 20$ into equations 1 and 3, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= -72 \\ y &= 20 \\ z_3 &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

Point (0,20) is not a feasible solution because z_1 is negative.

Combo 4: $x = 0, z3 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 6y + z_1 &= 48 \\ y + z_2 &= 20 \\ -y &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for $y=5$ and substituting into equations 1 and 2, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= 18 \\ z_2 &= 15 \\ y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

All constraints are satisfied. Point (0,5) is a feasible intersection point.

Combo 5: $y = 0, z1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 8x &= 48 \\ 4x + z_2 &= 20 \\ z_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for $x = 6$, and using employing substitution methods, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 6 \\ z_2 &= -4 \\ z_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

The solution results in negative variables; so point (6,0) is not a feasible intersection.

Combo 6: $y = 0, z2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 8x + z_1 &= 48 \\ 4x &= 20 \\ z_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for $x = 5$, and applying substitution methods, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= 8 \\ x &= 5 \\ z_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Point (5,0) is not a feasible intersection point because z_3 is negative.

Combo 7: $y = 0, z3 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 8x + z_1 &= 48 \\ 4x + z_2 &= 20 \\ 0 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

There is no solution to this system of equations—see the third equation, $0 = -5$

Combo 8: z1 = 0, z2 = 0

$$\begin{aligned} 8x + 6y &= 48 \\ 4x + y &= 20 \\ -y + z_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $y = 20 - 4x$ into the first equation, we can solve for x :

$$8x + 6 * (20 - 4x) = 48$$

$$-16x = -72$$

$$x = 4.5$$

Substituting into the other two equations we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{9}{2} \\ y &= 2 \\ z_3 &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

Point $(9/2, 2)$ is not a feasible intersection because z_3 is negative.

Combo 9: z1 = 0, z3 = 0

$$\begin{aligned} 8x + 6y &= 48 \\ 4x + y + z_2 &= 20 \\ -y &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

The third equation yields $y = 5$. Substituting this y value into the first equation yields $x = 9/4$. We then plug int both y and x values into the second equation to solve for z_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{9}{4} \\ z_2 &= 6 \\ y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

All constraints are satisfied. The point $(9/4, 0)$ is a feasible solution.

Combo 10: z1 = 0, z3 = 0

$$\begin{aligned} 8x + 6y + z_1 &= 48 \\ 4x + y &= 20 \\ -y &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

We solve for $y=5$, and plug into the second equation to find $x = 15/4$. We then substitute the x and y values into equation 1:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= -12 \\ x &= \frac{15}{4} \\ y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

The variable z_1 is negative; so point $(15/4, 5)$ is not a feasible intersection.

Now we have three feasible points, $(0,8)$, $(0,5)$, and $(9/4,0)$. Let's calculate the objective function at all three points:

```
s1 <- 10*0 + 35*8
s2 <- 10*0 + 35*5
s3 <- 10*9/4 + 35*0
```

```
mydf <- data.frame(points = c(1,2,3), x = c(0,0,9/4), y = c(8,5,0), obj_func = c(s1,s2,s3))
kable(mydf)
```

points	x	y	obj_func
1	0.00	8	280.0
2	0.00	5	175.0
3	2.25	0	22.5

Once again, we see that the value of the objective function reaches a maximum value of 280 at point $(0,8)$.

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Use the Simplex Method to resolve Problem 6 in Section 7.2

Step 1: Tableau Format

First, we describe the problem in Tableau Format with slack variables w_1, w_2, w_3 for the constraints in the original problem. We also introduce the objective function as an additional constraint with a new slack variable, z :

$$\begin{aligned} 8x + 6y + w_1 &= 48 \\ 4x + y + w_2 &= 20 \\ -y + w_3 &= -5 \\ -10x - 35y + z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

```
# original tableau
mydf <- data.frame(x = c(8,4,0,-10), y = c(6,1,-1,-35), w1 = c(1,0,0,0),
                     w2 = c(0,1,0,0), w3 = c(0,0,1,0), z = c(0,0,0,1),
                     RHS = c(48,20,-5,0))

kable(mydf)
```

x	y	w1	w2	w3	z	RHS
8	6	1	0	0	0	48
4	1	0	1	0	0	20
0	-1	0	0	1	0	-5
-10	-35	0	0	0	1	0

Dependent variables: $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, z\}$

Independent variables: $x = y = 0$

Extreme point: $(x, y) = (0,0)$

Value of objective function: $z = 0$

Step 2: Initial Extreme Point

We know from our previous work that $(0,0)$ is not one of the points in the feasible region of solutions. However, we can still start there and still arrive at the correct solution.

Step 3: Optimality Test for Entering Variable

We apply the optimality test to choose y as the variable to enter the dependent set. We do so because y corresponds with the negative coefficient with the largest absolute value in our objective function.

Step 4: Feasibility Test

We divide the right-hand-side values by the components for the entering variable y in each of the equations.

```
# tableau with ratio
mydf$Ratio <- mydf$RHS / mydf$y
mydf[4,8] <- NA
kable(mydf)
```

x	y	w1	w2	w3	z	RHS	Ratio
8	6	1	0	0	0	48	8
4	1	0	1	0	0	20	20
0	-1	0	0	1	0	-5	5
-10	-35	0	0	0	1	0	NA

The smallest positive ratio is 5, corresponding to slack variable w_3 . Therefore, we will chose w_3 as the exiting dependent variable.

Step 5: Pivot

We pivot to find values of the new dependent variables y, w_1, w_2, z when the independent variables x and w_3 are set to zero.

Eliminate the entering variable y from all equations that do not contain the exiting variable, w_3 . Divide the row containing the exiting variable (row 3) by the coefficient of the entering variable in that row (coefficient of y). Then eliminate y from the remaining rows

```
# elimination procedures
mydf[3,] <- -1 * mydf[3,]
mydf[1,] <- -6 * mydf[3,] + mydf[1,]
mydf[2,] <- -1 * mydf[3,] + mydf[2,]
mydf[4,] <- 35 * mydf[3,] + mydf[4,]

#print new tableau
mydf <- mydf[,1:7]
kable(mydf)
```

x	y	w1	w2	w3	z	RHS
8	0	1	0	6	0	18
4	0	0	1	1	0	15
0	1	0	0	-1	0	5
-10	0	0	0	-35	1	175

Dependent variables: $\{y, w_1, w_2, z\}$

Independent variables: $x = w_3 = 0$

Extreme point: $(x, y) = (0, 5)$

Value of objective function: $z = 175$

Step 6: Optimality Test

The entering variable is w_3 , corresponding to the coefficient in the last row with the largest absolute value.

Step 7: Feasibility Test

Compute the ratios for the RHS:

```
# tableau with ratios
mydf$Ratio <- mydf$RHS / mydf$w3
mydf[4,8] <- NA
kable(mydf)
```

x	y	w1	w2	w3	z	RHS	Ratio
8	0	1	0	6	0	18	3
4	0	0	1	1	0	15	15
0	1	0	0	-1	0	5	-5
-10	0	0	0	-35	1	175	NA

Choose w_1 as the exiting variable because it corresponds to the minimum positive ratio of 3.

Step 8: Pivot

We pivot to find values of the new dependent variables y, w_2, w_3, z when the independent variables x and w_1 are set to zero.

Eliminate the entering variable w_3 from all equations that do not contain the exiting variable, w_1 .

Divide the row containing the exiting variable (row 1) by the coefficient of the entering variable in that row (coefficient of w_3). Then eliminate w_3 from the remaining rows.

```
# elimination procedures
mydf[1,] <- 1/6 * mydf[1,]
mydf[2,] <- -1 * mydf[1,] + mydf[2,]
mydf[3,] <- mydf[1,] + mydf[3,]
mydf[4,] <- 35 * mydf[1,] + mydf[4,]

# print new tableau
mydf <- mydf[,1:7]
kable(mydf)
```

x	y	w1	w2	w3	z	RHS
1.333333	0	0.1666667	0	1	0	3
2.666667	0	-0.1666667	1	0	0	12
1.333333	1	0.1666667	0	0	0	8
36.666667	0	5.8333333	0	0	1	280

Dependent variables: $\{y, w_2, w_3, z\}$

Independent variables: $x = w_1 = 0$

Extreme point: $(x, y) = (0, 8)$

Value of objective function: $z = 280$

Step 9: Optimality

There are no negative coefficients in the bottom row; so $x = 0, y = 8$ gives the optimal solution $z = 280$.

Alternative Solution to Question 6, Section 7.2

Finally, let's verify our solution using the `lp()` function in the `lpSolve` package.

```
# objective
obj <- c(10,35)

# left hand side constraints
row1 <- c(8,6)
row2 <- c(4,1)
row3 <- c(0,-1)
row4 <- c(-1,0)
A <- rbind(row1,row2,row3, row4)

b <- c(48,20,-5,0)

mylp <- lp("max", obj, A, rep("<=", 3), b)

mylp$solution
```

```
[1] 0 8
mylp
```

```
Success: the objective function is 280
```

Yet again, we confirm our maximum objective function value of 280 at (0,8).