

Exercises lecture 4: 4.9

Formulation phase 1:

$$\begin{array}{llllllllll}
 \min w & & & & & & & & x_2^a & \\
 \text{s.t} & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & s_1 & & = 5 \\
 & & & x_2 & + & x_3 & & - & s_2 & + & x_2^a & = 2 \\
 & 2x_1 & & & + & x_3 & & & & + & s_3 & = 1 \\
 & & & & & & & & x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3, x_2^a \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

Before starting Phase 1, we express the Phase 1 objective function in non-basic variables (saves a pivot at the beginning of Phase 1).

$$w = x_2^a = 2 - x_2 - x_3 + s_2.$$

Phase 1:

| basis | \bar{b} | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | x_2^a |
|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| s_1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| x_2^a | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 1 |
| s_3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $-w$ | -2 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Bring x_2 into the basis. min-ratio test: $\min\{5/1, 2/1\} = 2/1$, so x_2^a leaves the basis.

| basis | \bar{b} | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | x_2^a | |
|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------------|
| s_1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | $r_1 - r_2$ |
| x_2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 1 | r_2 |
| s_3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | r_3 |
| $-w$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $r_0 + r_2$ |

$\bar{c}_j \geq 0$ for all j , so we have reached optimum of Phase 1.

x_2^a is not in the basis, so we can remove the column of x_2^a from the tableau, and re-introduce the original objective function z .

$$x = -4x_1 + x_2 - x_3.$$

Before setting up the tableau, express z as a function of non-basic variables. From the second row of the simplex tableau at the end of Phase 1, we read $x_2 + x_3 - s_2 = 2$, or $x_2 = 2 - x_3 + s_2$. We now get:

$$z = -4x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = -4x_1 + (2 - x_3 + s_2) - x_3 = -4x_1 - 2x_3 + s_2 + 2.$$

The starting tableau of Simplex Phase 2 is:

| basis | \bar{b} | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 |
|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| s_1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| x_2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 |
| s_3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $-z$ | -2 | -4 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Bring x_1 into the basis. min-ratio test: $\min\{3/1, 1/2\} = 1/2$, so s_3 leaves the basis.

| basis | \bar{b} | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | |
|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|------------------|
| s_1 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | $r_1 - (1/2)r_3$ |
| x_2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | r_2 |
| x_1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $r_3/2$ |
| $-z$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | $r_0 + 2r_3$ |

$\bar{c}_j \geq 0$ for all j , so we reached an optimal basic feasible solution.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \\ x_3^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } z^* = 0.$$

Since there are non-basic variables with $\bar{c}_j = 0$ we see that there are more optimal solutions. We can let x_3 enter the basis ($\bar{c}_{x_3} = 0$). The min-ratio test indicates that x_1 then leaves the basis.

| basis | \bar{b} | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | |
|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| s_1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | $r_1 + r_3$ |
| x_2 | 1 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | $r_2 - 2r_3$ |
| x_3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $2r_3$ |
| $-z$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | r_0 |

Another bfs has been found:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \\ x_3^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } z^* = 0.$$

These are the only optimal *basic* feasible solutions. All optimal solutions are obtained as convex combinations of these two basic feasible solutions:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \\ x_3^* \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0, \quad \text{with } z^* = 0.$$

Alternatively, we can write:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \\ x_3^* \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (1 - \lambda) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda \geq 0, \quad \text{with } z^* = 0.$$