

Linear programming method.

Simplex Method.

The graphical method cannot be applied when the number of variables involved in the L.P. Problem is more than two,

since even with 3 variables the graphical method of solution becomes tedious as it involves intersection of planes in 3 dimensions.

The simplex method developed by Prof. George B. Dantzig can be used to solve any L.P. Problem (for which the solution exists) involving any number of variables and constraints (100 or even 1000).

Simplex method is the basic building block for all the other methods.

This method is devised based on the concept of solving simultaneous equations.

It is demonstrated using a suitable numerical problem.

Ex:- Consider the Linear programming model & solve it using simplex method.

Maximize $Z = 6x_1 + 8x_2$
Subject to:

$$5x_1 + 10x_2 \leq 60$$

$$4x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 40$$

$$x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \geq 0$$

Soln:- The given problem is said to be expressed in standard form

i.e. 1) if Decision variables are non-negative

2) R.H.S. of the constraints are non-negative
3) & constraints are expressed in equations

∴ First 2 conditions met with in the problem

Now non-negative slack variable

s_1 & s_2 are added to the L.H.S.

of the 1st & 2nd constraints resp.
to convert them into equations
(Slack variables are introduced to
balance the constraints)

→ The standard form of given L.P.P is
Maximize $Z = 6x_1 + 8x_2 + 0s_1 + 0s_2$

Subject to

$$5x_1 + 10x_2 + s_1 = 60$$

$$4x_1 + 4x_2 + s_2 = 40$$

$$x_1, x_2, s_1 \text{ and } s_2 \geq 0$$

Definition of Basic variable

A variable is said to be a basic variable if it has unit coefficient in one of the constraints & zero coefficient in the remaining constraints

If all the constraints are ' \leq ' type then, the standard form is to be treated as the **Canonical form**

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Now prepare initial simplex table

\Rightarrow The initial simplex table of the above problem is given below:

Initial simplex Table

CB _j	C_j					Solution $\approx b$	Ratio
		X_1	X_2	S_1	S_2		
0	S_1	5	10	1	0	60	$60/10=6$
0	S_2	4	4	0	1	40	$40/4=10$
$Z_f = \sum C_B j q_{ij}$		0	0	0	0	0	
$C_j - Z_j$		6	8	0	0		

MAX *

key column

* Key column MAX

** Key Row MIN ratio element

key element Pivot element

Here C_j is the coefficient of the objective function &

C_{B_i} is the coefficient of Basic variable.

The value at the intersection of the key row & the key column is called Key element or pivot element.

The value of Z_j is computed by using the formula:

$$Z_j = \sum_{i=1}^n (C_{B_i}) \cdot (a_{ij})$$

where a_{ij} is the technological coefficient for the i th row & j th column of the table.

$C_j - Z_j \rightarrow$ is the relative contribution. In this C_j is the objective fun coefficient for the j th variable.

The value of Z_j against the solution column is the value of the objective fun & in this iteration it is zero.

optimality condition

For maximization problem,
if all $C_j - z_j$ are less than
or equal to zero, then optimality
is reached,

otherwise select the variable
with maximum $C_j - z_j$ value as
the entering variable.

For minimization problem, if all
 $C_j - z_j$ are greater than or equal
to zero, the optimality is reached.
otherwise select the variable with
the most -ve value as the
entering variable)

In the above table all the values
of $C_j - z_j$ are not less than or
equal to zero, Hence the solution
can be improve further

$C_j - z_j$ is maximum for the variable x_2

so x_2 enters the basis. This is
known as **entering variable** &
corresponding column is called
key column.

& in the above table the leaving variable is S_1 & the row is the key row

And the Pivot element is 10.

The next iteration is as follows.

* In the next table, the basic variable S_1 of the previous table is replaced by X_2

\Rightarrow In the new table make key element i.e. Pivot element as 1

& the corresponding value of pivot element as zero

$$\Rightarrow ① R_1 \rightarrow R_1 / 10$$

$$\text{or } R_1(\text{new}) \rightarrow R_1(\text{old}) / \text{Pivot element}$$

$$① x_1 = 5 / 10 = 1/2$$

$$② x_2 = 10 / 10 = 1$$

$$③ S_1 = 1 / 10 = 1/10$$

$$④ S_2 = 0 / 10 = 0$$

$$⑤ b_6 = 60 / 10 = 6$$

$$② R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1$$

$$\text{or } R_2(\text{new}) \rightarrow R_2(\text{old}) - 4R_1(\text{new})$$

C_j	6	8	0	0	∞b		Ratio
$C_B i$	Basic Variable	X_1	X_2	S_1	S_2	Soln	
8	X_2	$1/2$	1	$1/10$	0	6	$6/(1/2) = 12$
0	S_2	2	0	$-2/5$	1	16	$16/2 = 8$
$Z_j = Z_{CB_i} + a_{ij}$		4	8	$4/5$	0	48	
$C_j - Z_j$		2	0	$-4/5$	0		
key column							

$$\textcircled{1} \quad R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1$$

$$R_2(\text{new}) \rightarrow R_2(\text{old}) - 4R_1(\text{new})$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad X_1 \rightarrow 4 - 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 4 - 2 = 2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad X_2 \rightarrow 4 - 4(1) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad S_1 \rightarrow 0 - 4\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) = -\frac{4}{10} = -\frac{2}{5}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad S_2 \rightarrow 1 - 4(0) = 1$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad b \rightarrow 40 - 4(6) = 40 - 24 = 16$$

calculation of Z_j

$$X_1 = 8 \times \frac{1}{2} + 0 \times 2 = \frac{8}{2} + 0 = 4$$

$$X_2 = 8 \times 1 + 0 \times 0 = 8$$

$$S_1 = 8 \times \frac{1}{10} + 0 \times -\frac{2}{5} = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$S_2 = 8 \times 0 + 0 \times 1 = 0$$

$$b^{\infty} \text{ soln} \Rightarrow 8 \times 6 + 0 \times 16 = 48$$

- Now 1st find key column by selecting maximum element i.e. we get 2 $\therefore X_1$ is key column
- & then find key row by dividing the solution value of b by respective key column element and assign it as Ratio & select the minimum ratio value & select that row as a key row The minimum ratio is 8 $\therefore S_2$ is key row

The intersection of key column & key row is 2 $\therefore 2$ is a pivot element

In the above table,
all the values for $C_j - Z_j$ are

not less than or equal to zero

Hence optimality cannot be reached

\therefore perform next iteration

\rightarrow select the variable with maximum
 $C_j - Z_j$ value as the entering
variable

In the above table the $C_j - Z_j$
maximum value is for variable X_1

Hence X_1 is called entering variable

& The key row element S_2 is called
Leaving variable

\therefore In next iteration S_2 is replaced
by X_1 & the next iteration is

C_j	6	8	0	0	B_b
CB _i Basic variable	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	Solution
8	x_2	0	1	$\frac{1}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$
6	x_1	1	0	$-\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$Z_j = \sum C_B i q_{ij}$	6	8	$\frac{2}{5}$	1	64
$\zeta_j - Z_j$	0	0	$-2\frac{1}{5}$	-1	

$$\textcircled{1} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 / 2$$

$$\textcircled{2} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - \frac{1}{2} R_2$$

$\Rightarrow R_2(\text{new}) \rightarrow R_2(\text{old})$

Pivot element

$$\textcircled{1} x_1 \rightarrow 2/2 = 1 \quad \textcircled{1} x_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(1) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} x_2 \rightarrow 0/2 = 0 \quad \textcircled{2} x_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(0) = 1$$

$$\textcircled{3} s_1 \rightarrow -2/5/2 = -1/5 \quad \textcircled{3} s_1 = 1/10 - \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{5}) = +\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\textcircled{4} s_2 \rightarrow 1/2 = 1/2 \quad \textcircled{4} s_2 = 0 - 1/2(\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \text{ basoln} \rightarrow 16/2 = 8 \quad \textcircled{5} b = 6 - \frac{1}{2}(8)$$

Now calculate ζ_j

$$6 - \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

$$x_1 \rightarrow 8 \times 0 + 6 \times 1 = 6$$

$$x_2 \rightarrow 8 \times 1 + 6 \times 0 = 8$$

$$s_1 \rightarrow 8 \times \frac{1}{5} + 6 \times \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{8}{5} - \frac{6}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$s_2 \rightarrow 8 \times \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + 6 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{8}{4} + \frac{6}{2} = -\frac{2}{2} + 3 = 1$$

$$b \rightarrow 8 \times 2 + 6 \times 8 = 16 + 48 = 64$$

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In the above table all the $c_j - z_j$ values are less than or equal to zero. Hence optimality is reached & the corresponding optimal solution is

$$x_1 = 8 \text{ units} \quad x_2 = 2 \text{ units}$$

$$\underline{Z} (\text{optimum}) = 64$$

Ex. ② Solve following example by simplex method.

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 5x_1 + 3x_2$$

$$\text{Subject to } x_1 + x_2 \leq 2$$

$$5x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 10$$

$$3x_1 + 8x_2 \leq 12$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

Solution Convert to standard form

Introduce the slack variable

$$S_1, S_2 \text{ & } S_3$$

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 5x_1 + 3x_2 + 0.S_1 + 0.S_2 + 0.S_3$$

Subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 + S_1 + 0.S_2 + 0.S_3 = 2$$

$$5x_1 + 2x_2 + 0.S_1 + S_2 + 0.S_3 = 10$$

$$3x_1 + 8x_2 + 0.S_1 + 0.S_2 + S_3 = 12$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, S_1, S_2 \text{ & } S_3 \geq 0$$

(2) Now

Prepare initial simplex table
of the above problem