LPMS Note

1 General Linear Programming Problem

General LP Problem: **Decision Variables**: x_i **parameters**: a_{ij}, b_i, c_i **Objective Function**: f **Constraints**: subject to 后边的部分

LP problem can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{maximize} \quad & f = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \cdots + c_nx_n \\ \text{subject to} \quad & a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \le b_1 \\ & a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n \le b_2 \\ & \vdots \\ & a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n \le b_m \\ & x_1 \ge 0, x_2 \ge 0, \cdots, x_n \ge 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can also write the LP problem in matrix form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{maximize} \quad & f = \mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & A\mathbf{x} \le \mathbf{b} \qquad \mathbf{x} \ge 0 \end{aligned}$$

Feasible Solution: If $\mathbf{x}$ satisfies all constraints (i.e. $A\mathbf{x} \le \mathbf{b}$), then $\mathbf{x}$ is a feasible solution. (可行解)

· **Feasible Region**: The set of all feasible solutions. (可行域) **Infeasible Solution**: (非可行解) **Optimal Solution**: (最优解) (可多个)

Find Optimal Solution: **Graphical Method**: 略. **Vertex Enumeration**: 所有顶点检查, 找出最优解. **Simplex Method**: 后面详述.

Slack Variables: For each inequality constraint, we introduce a slack variable x_i $(i > n)$ to convert it to an equation. (松弛变量)

LP problem can be written as: ps: $x_i \ge 0$ $(i > n)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{maximize} \quad & f = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \cdots + c_nx_n \\ \text{subject to} \quad & a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n + x_{n+1} = b_1 \\ & a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n + x_{n+2} = b_2 \\ & \vdots \\ & a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n + x_{n+m} = b_m \\ & x_1 \ge 0, x_2 \ge 0, \cdots, x_{n+m} \ge 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can also write the LP problem in matrix form:

$$\overline{A} = [\, A \;\; I_m \,], \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}, \overline{\mathbf{c}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{0}_{m\times 1} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n+m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{maximize} \quad & f = \overline{\mathbf{c}}^T\mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \overline{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \qquad \mathbf{x} \ge 0 \end{aligned}$$