

Linear Programming

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A linear programming problem is of the form:

minimize linear function in x

subject to affine inequality constraints in x
affine equality constraints in x .

$$f(x) = 3x + 2$$

$$3x + 2 \leq 5$$

$$3x^2 + 2 \leq 5$$

$$3x + 2 = 5$$

Standard linear programming

A standard linear programming problem is of the form:

Maximization:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{maximize} \\ x = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T \\ \text{subject to} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha^T x \\ Gx \leq h, \\ x \geq 0, \end{array}$$

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\alpha^T x = \alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n$$
$$Gx = y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 \geq 0, \dots, x_n \geq 0$$

$$y_1 \leq h_1, \dots, y_m \leq h_m$$

Minimization:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{minimize} \\ x = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T \\ \text{subject to} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha^T x \\ Gx \geq h, \\ x \geq 0, \end{array}$$

where $\underline{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\underline{h} \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Standard linear programming

Equivalently:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize/maximize} & \underline{\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n} \\ x_1, \dots, x_n & \\ \text{subject to} & \left. \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{linear inequality constraint 1,}} \\ \vdots \\ \underline{\text{linear inequality constraint } m,} \end{array} \right\} h \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ & \underline{x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0,} \end{array}$$

where $m \geq n$.

For example:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \underline{12x_1 + 16x_2} \\ x_1, x_2 & \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 40, \\ x_1 + x_2 \geq 30, \\ \underline{x_1, x_2 \geq 0.} \end{array} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & \underline{40x_1 + 30x_2} \\ x_1, x_2 & \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 12, \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 16, \\ \underline{x_1, x_2 \geq 0.} \end{array} \end{array} \right]$$

Practical Examples

Practical Example 1

- A company has two products. Let x_1 and x_2 denote the amount of the first and second products to be produced (with some scale), respectively. Therefore, $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$.
- The company has profits \$60 and \$30 for the first and second products. Therefore, the total profit of company:

$$c = \$(60x_1 + 30x_2).$$

- The resources for these products are limited, so we have the following restrictions:
 - ▶ We do not want the first product, with proportion 8, and the second product, with proportion 3, to spend more than \$48, so: $8x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 48$.
 - ▶ For four of the first product and three of the second product, we have the budget to spend at least \$25, so: $4x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 25$.

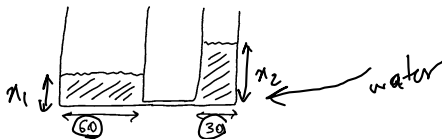
The optimization becomes:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x_1, x_2}{\text{maximize}} & c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & 8x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 48, \\ & 4x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 25, \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{array}$$

Practical Example 2

- We have two 2D tanks of water which are connected from their bottom. Let x_1 and x_2 denote the height of water (with some scale) in the first and second tanks, respectively. Therefore, $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$.
- The widths of the two tanks are 60 and 30 (with some scale), respectively. Therefore, the total amount of water in these tanks is $c = 60x_1 + 30x_2$.

~~30x1~~ $30x_2$
60



- There are some linear physical restrictions on the amount of water poured in these tanks (because of previous tanks which water has passed to reach these tanks): $8x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 48$, and $4x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 25$.

The optimization becomes:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x_1, x_2}{\text{maximize}} & c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & 8x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 48, \\ & 4x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 25, \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{array} \right]$$

Solving linear programming by visualization

Visualization: example 1

Minimization example:

$$x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 + 2x_2 = 40$$

$$x_2 = 20$$

$$x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 + 0 = 40$$

$$x_1 = 40$$

minimize

x_1, x_2

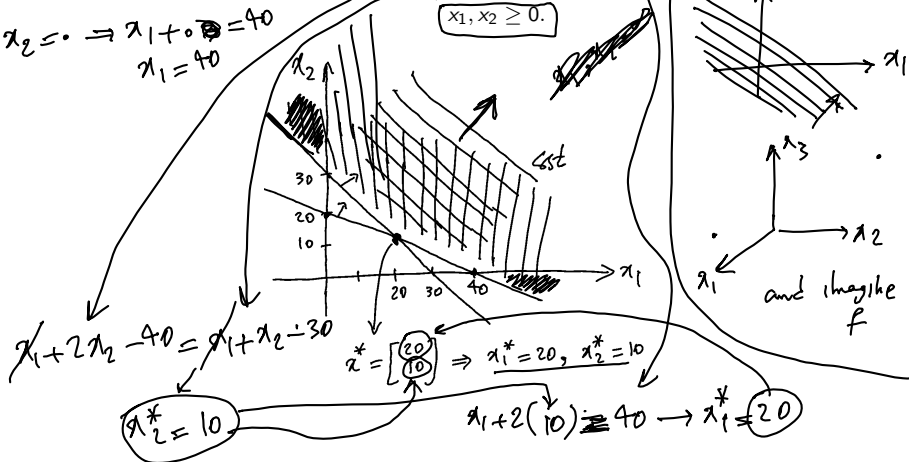
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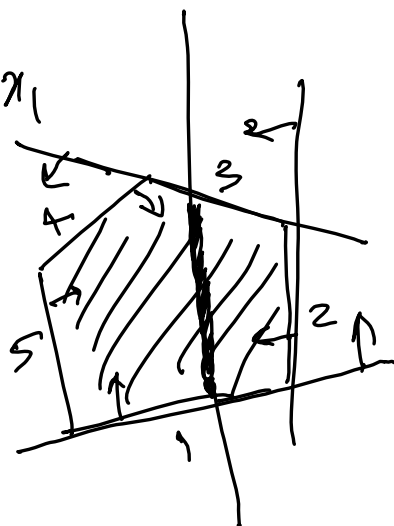
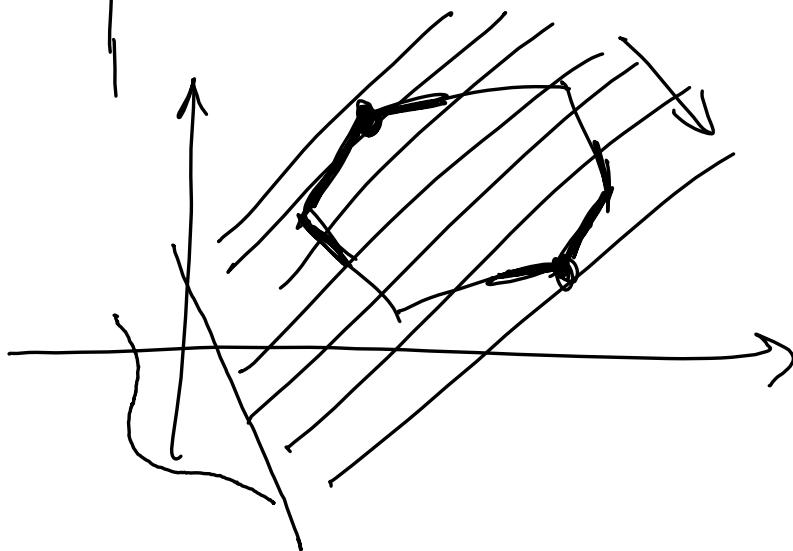
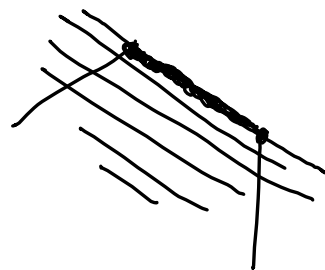
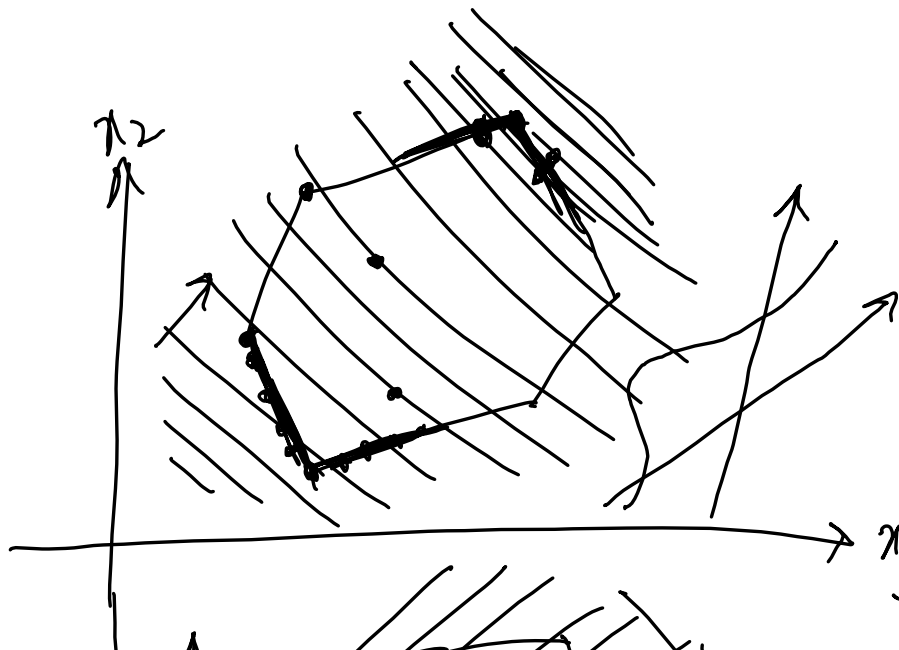
$$12x_1 + 16x_2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 40,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 30,$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

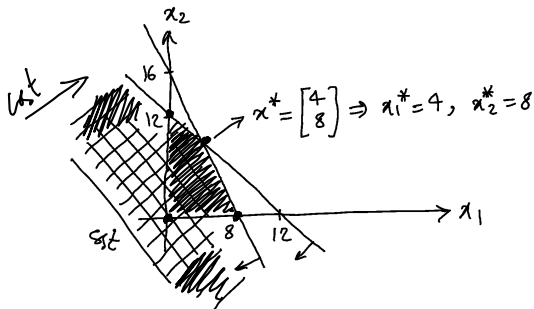




Visualization: example 2

Maximization example:

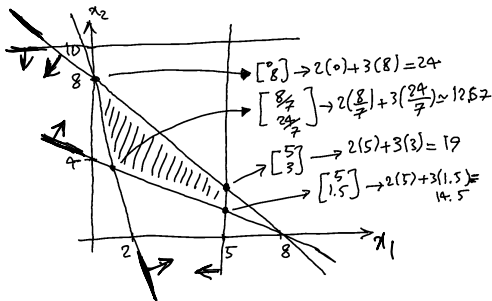
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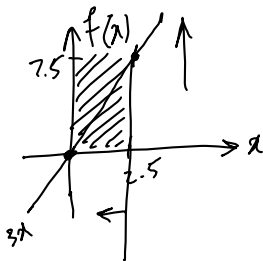
Visualization: example 3

Example with more number of constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{x_1, x_2}{\text{minimize}} && 2x_1 + 3x_2 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 8, \\ & && 2x_1 + 0.5x_2 \geq 4, \\ & && x_1 + x_2 \leq 8, \\ & && x_1 \leq 5, \\ & && x_2 \leq 10, \\ & && x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 - 8 &= 2x_1 + 0.5x_2 - 4 \\ \hookrightarrow 1.5x_2 &= x_1 + 4 \rightarrow x_1 - 1.5x_2 + 4 = 0 \\ & \quad x_1 + 2x_2 - 8 = 0 \\ (1.5x_2 - 4) + 2x_2 - 8 &= 0 \rightarrow 3.5x_2 = 12 \rightarrow x_2 = \frac{24}{7} \\ \hookrightarrow x_1 &= 1.5x_2 - 4 = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{24}{7} \right) - 4 = \frac{36}{7} - 4 = \frac{8}{7} \end{aligned}$$



max
min.
 x

$$3x = f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } 2x \leq 5 \Rightarrow x \leq \frac{5}{2} = 2.5$$

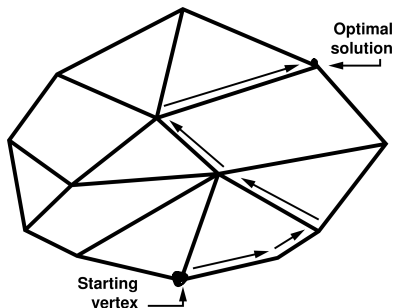
$$x \geq 0$$

Simplex Method Description

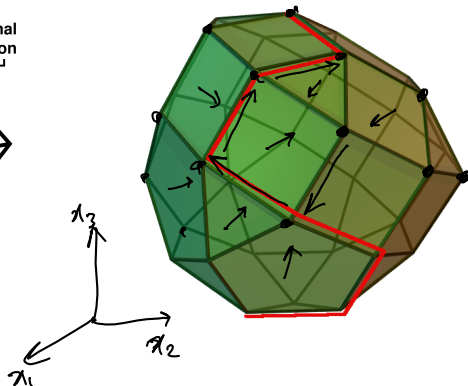
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Simplex method description

- As you saw in the pictures, the feasible set (determined by the constraints) in the linear programming has affine/linear boundaries.
- It is because the constraints are affine/linear.
- Therefore, the feasible set is like a simplex with linear edges and some corners.
- The corners of the feasible set are named the **extreme points**.



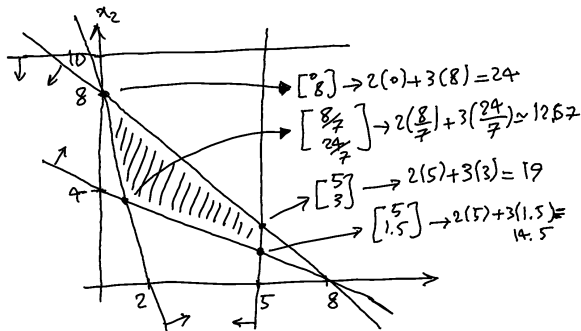
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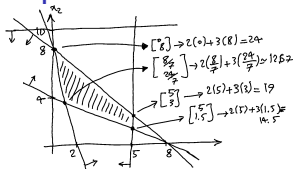
Simplex method description



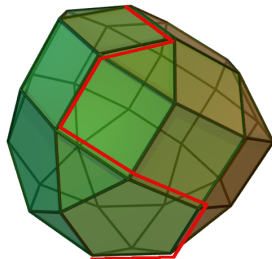
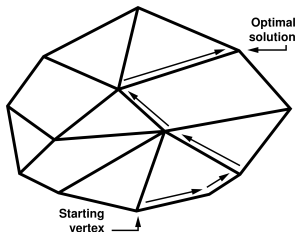
- The **simplex algorithm** was initially proposed in 1947 [1].
- It works on the linear boundaries (edges) and extreme points of the simplex feasible set.
- Obviously, the solution is at one of the extreme points.



Simplex method description



- The simplex algorithm starts from an extreme point and it goes to one of its neighbor extreme points having the smallest/largest cost function at that point (only if the neighbor extreme point has smaller/larger cost value compared to the current extreme point).
- It continues this procedure until we reach an extreme point whose neighbor extreme points do not have smaller/larger cost value.



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One of the methods for Simplex Algorithm:
Tableau Method for Maximization

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table

Slack variables

Consider this example:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\boxed{\text{maximize}} & 6x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 240, \\ & x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 360, \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 300, \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0.\end{array}$$

- We convert each inequality (\leq) constraint to an equality constraint by adding slack variables.
- Slack variables are non negative positive scalars which are added to the left hand side of inequality \leq constraint to make it equality.
- Example:

$$30 \leq 50 \implies 30 + \textcircled{20} = 50$$

$$\begin{array}{l}\boxed{2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 240} \implies 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 240, \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 360 \implies x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + s_2 = 360, \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 300 \implies 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + s_3 = 300, \\ \boxed{s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0.}\end{array}$$

Slack variables

So, this problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & 6x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & \underbrace{x_1, x_2, x_3}_{\text{subject to}} \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 240, \\ & x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 360, \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 300, \\ & \boxed{x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0.}\end{array}$$

is converted to:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & 6x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & \underbrace{x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3}_{\text{subject to}} \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 240, \\ & x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + s_2 = 360, \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + s_3 = 300, \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, \underline{s_1, s_2, s_3} \geq 0.\end{array}$$

Forming equalities

maximize
 $x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3$

$$6x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3$$

subject to

$$2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 240,$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + s_2 = 360,$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + s_3 = 300,$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0.$$

define

The cost function is: $\underline{c} := 6x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3 \implies \underline{c - 6x_1 - 5x_2 - 4x_3} = 0.$

Therefore:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 240, \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + s_2 = 360, \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + s_3 = 300, \end{array} \right\}$$
$$c - 6x_1 - 5x_2 - 4x_3 = 0. \leftarrow$$

Forming the table in the tableau method

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 240, \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + s_2 = 360, \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + s_3 = 300, \\ c - 6x_1 - 5x_2 - 4x_3 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Objective function: $c - 6x_1 - 5x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$

stack variable

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
s_1	2	1	1	1	0	0	240
s_2	1	3	2	0	1	0	360
s_3	2	1	2	0	0	1	300
c	-6	-5	-4	0	0	0	0

Right Hand side

Pivot and min test ^{in row & cost}

- 1 In **maximization** problem, choose the most negative value for the **pivot column**.
- 2 Do the **min test**: divide RHS values (of rows except the c row) to the values of the pivot column. **Ignore** the negative or zero values in min test.
- 3 Get the minimum division value for the **pivot row**. The intersection of pivot row and pivot column gives the **pivot value**.

row & cost

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
s_1	②	1	1	1	0	0	240
s_2	1	3	2	0	1	0	360
s_3	2	1	2	0	0	1	300
c	-6	-5	-4	0	0	0	0

min test

$$\frac{240}{2} = 120$$

$$\frac{360}{1} = 360$$

$$\frac{300}{2} = 150$$

pivot row

pivot value

most negative value in c row

pivot column

Simplifying the pivot column

- 1 Make the pivot value **one** and other values **zero** in the pivot column. ←
- 2 For every row, use **the row itself** and the **pivot row** only.
- 3 Replace the name of the pivot row with the name of the pivot column.

		x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
r_1	s_1	(2)	1	1	1	0	0	240
r_2	s_2	1	3	2	0	1	0	360
r_3	s_3	2	1	2	0	0	1	300
r_4	C	-6	-5	-4	0	0	0	0

$$r_3 + \alpha r_1$$

$$2 + \alpha(2) = 0$$

$$\alpha = -1$$

		x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$r_1/2$	(x_1)	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	120
$r_2 - r_1$	s_2	0	2.5	1.5	-0.5	1	0	240
$r_3 - r_1$	s_3	0	0	1	-1	0	1	60
$r_4 + 3r_1$	C	0	-2	-1	3	0	0	720

$$360 - 120$$

Continuing the table

- In the **maximization** problem, we continue the table until all the values in the c row are non-negative (positive or zero).

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
s_1	(2)	1	1	1	0	0	240
s_2	1	3	2	0	1	0	360
s_3	2	1	2	0	0	1	300
C	-6	-5	-4	0	0	0	0

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$r_1/2$	x_1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	120
$s_2 - \frac{r_1}{2}$	s_2	0	2.5	1.5	-0.5	1	240
$r_3 - r_2$	s_3	0	0	1	-1	0	60
$r_4 + 3r_1$	C	0	-2	-1	3	0	720



Continuing the table

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS	min test
r_1	x_1	1	0.5	0.5	0	0	120	$\frac{120}{0.5} = 240$
r_2	s_2	0	2.5	1.5	-0.5	1	240	$\frac{240}{2.5} = 96$
	s_3	0	0	1	-1	0	60	—
C		0	-2	-1	3	0	720	

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	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$r_1 - \frac{r_2}{5}$	x_1	1	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	72
$r_2 \cdot 2.5$	x_2	0	1	$\frac{3}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	96
r_3	s_3	0	0	1	-1	0	60
$r_4 + \frac{4}{5}r_2$	C	0	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{13}{5}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	912

all non-negative

↓
maximum cost function (c^*)

Basic and non-basic variables

Once the **table is over**:

- A ~~row~~^{column} with having only one 1 and the rest 0 is a basic variable.
- The other columns are non-basic variables.

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS	
$r_1 - \frac{r_2}{5}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	0	72	$\Rightarrow x_1^* = 72$
$r_2 \times 2.5$	0	1	$\frac{3}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	0	96	$\Rightarrow x_2^* = 96$
r_3	0	0	1	-1	0	1	60	$\Rightarrow s_3^* = 60$
$r_4 + \frac{4}{5}r_2$	0	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{13}{5}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	0	912	$\Rightarrow C^* = 912$

non-basic variables: x_3, s_1, s_2
 basic variables: x_1, x_2, s_3

all non-negative (table over)

$x_3^* = 0, s_1^* = 0, s_2^* = 0$

Checking the optimal values

- Once the table is over, the RHS of the c row is the **optimal cost function**. Here it is $c^* = 912$.
- The optimal values for the variables are the RHS of the rows. In other words, the optimum basic variables are the RHS of rows. Here they are $x_1^* = 72, x_2^* = 96, s_3^* = 60$.
- The optimum value for the rest of the variables (the **non-basic variables**) is zero. Here they are $x_3^* = 0, s_1^* = 0, s_2^* = 0$.
- We can check if the optimal cost is correct:

$$c := 6x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3 \Rightarrow c^* = 6x_1^* + 5x_2^* + 4x_3^* = 6(72) + 5(96) + 4(0) = 912 \quad \checkmark$$

		x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$r_1 - \frac{r_2}{5}$	x_1	1	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	0	72
$r_2 \cdot 2.5$	x_2	0	1	$\frac{3}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	0	96
r_3	s_3	0	0	1	-1	0	1	60
$r_4 + \frac{4}{5}r_2$	c	0	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{13}{5}$	$\frac{9}{5}$	0	912

all non-negative

\downarrow
 maximum cost function (c^*)

Big M method

When to use the big M method

We should use the big M method when there are one or some \geq constraints and/or $=$ constraints. In other words, whenever we have mixed constraints.

Consider this example with \leq and \geq constraints:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize}_{x_1, x_2} & c = 3x_1 + 4x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & \left. \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 600, \\ x_1 + x_2 \leq 225, \\ 5x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 1000, \\ x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 150, \\ x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{array} \right\} \leftarrow\end{array}$$

- For \leq constraints, we use slack variables as before:

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 600 \implies 2x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 600,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 225 \implies x_1 + x_2 + s_2 = 225,$$

$$5x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 1000 \implies 5x_1 + 4x_2 + s_3 = 1000,$$

$$s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0.$$

Big M method: \geq constraints

$$a_1 \leq 0$$

$$a_1 = a_1^+ - a_1^-$$

$$a_1 = k_1 - z_1$$

$$k_1 \geq 0, z_1 \geq 0$$

$$\text{maximize}_{x_1, x_2} \quad c = 3x_1 + 4x_2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 600,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 225,$$

$$5x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 1000,$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 150,$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 150$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + s = 150$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + a - e = 150$$

$$a \geq 0, e \geq 0$$

- For \geq constraints, we can't use slack variables because the slack variable will not be non-negative anymore:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 150 \Rightarrow x_1 + 2x_2 + s_4 = 150 \Rightarrow s_4 \leq 0. \quad \times$$

- For \geq constraints, we use excess variables e and artificial variables a :

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 150 \Rightarrow x_1 + 2x_2 + a_4 - e_4 = 150,$$

$$a_4, e_4 \geq 0.$$

- We want the additional variable to be very small ($a_4 = \epsilon$) so we add it to the cost function with a very big multiplication factor $M \gg 1$:

$$\text{maximize}_{x_1, x_2, x_3} \quad c = 3x_1 + 4x_2 - Ma_4,$$

because if $M \gg 1$, then $a_4 \rightarrow 0$ to cancel its effect in the cost function.

Tableau method with the big M method

maximize
 $x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2, s_3, a_4, e_4$

subject to

$$c = 3x_1 + 4x_2 - Ma_4$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 600,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + s_2 = 225,$$

$$5x_1 + 4x_2 + s_3 = 1000,$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + a_4 - e_4 = 150,$$

$$x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2, s_3, a_4, e_4 \geq 0.$$

$$c = 3x_1 - 4x_2 + Ma_4 - e_4$$

- We make zero the column value of additional variable in the c row, because the value of a_4 should be about zero rather than M .

		x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	a_4	e_4	RHS
r_1	s_1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	600
r_2	s_2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	225
r_3	s_3	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	1000
r_4	a_4	1	2	0	0	0	1	-1	150
r_5	C	-3	-4	0	0	0	M	0	0
r_5	C	-3-M	-2M-4	0	0	0	0	M	-150M

$$r_5 + \alpha r_4$$

$$M + \alpha(1) = 0$$

$$5 - M + \alpha$$

$$\alpha = -M$$

Tableau method with the big M method

		x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	a_4	e_4	RHS	min test
r_1	s_1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	600	$\frac{600}{1} = 600$
	s_2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	225	$\frac{225}{1} = 225$
	s_3	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	1000	$\frac{1000}{4} = 250$
									150	$\frac{150}{2} = 75$
r_4	a_4	1	2	0	0	0	1	-1	150	
r_5	C	-3	-4	0	0	0	M	0		
r_6	C	-3-M	-2M-4	0	0	0	0	M	-150M	

		x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	a_4	e_4	RHS
$r_1 - \frac{r_4}{2}$	s_1	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	1	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	575
$r_2 - \frac{r_4}{2}$	s_2	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	150
$r_3 - 2r_4$	s_3	3	0	0	0	1	-2	2	700
ra_2	x_2	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	75
	C	-1	0	0	0	0	M+2	-2	300

$$r_6 + \left(\frac{2M+4}{2}\right)r_4 = r_6 + (M+2)r_4$$

$$r_6 + \alpha r_4$$

$$-2M-4 + \alpha(2) = 0$$

$$2\alpha = 2M+4$$

$$\alpha = M+2$$

Tableau method with the big M method

	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	a_4	e_4	RHS	min test
s_1	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	1	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	575	$\frac{575}{0.5} = 1150$
s_2	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	150	$\frac{150}{0.5} = 300$
s_3	3	0	0	0	1	-2	2	700	$\frac{700}{2} = 350$
x_2	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	75	—
C	-1	0	0	0	0	M+2	-2	300	

	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	a_4	e_4	RHS	
$r_1 - r_2$	s_1	1	0	1	0	0	0	375	$\Rightarrow s_1^* = 375$
$2r_2$	e_4	1	0	0	2	0	-1	300	$\Rightarrow e_4^* = 300$
$r_3 - 4r_2$	s_3	1	0	0	-4	1	0	100	
$r_4 + r_2$	x_2	1	0	0	1	0	0	225	
$r_5 + 4r_2$	C	1	0	0	4	0	M	900	$\Rightarrow C^* = 900$

all positive

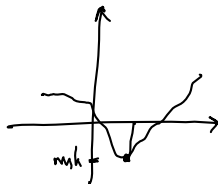
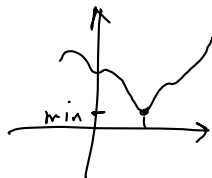
Therefore: $s_1^* = 375, e_4^* = 300, s_3^* = 100, x_2^* = 225, x_1^* = 0, s_2^* = 0, s_3^* = 0, a_4^* = 0, c^* = 900$.

Check: $c^* = 3x_1^* + 4x_2^* = 3(0) + 4(225) = 900$ ✓

Example 2 for mixed constraints

Consider another example with mixed constraints:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x_1, x_2, x_3}{\text{maximize}} & c = x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 + 4 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + x_2 \leq 20, \\ & x_1 + x_3 = 5, \\ & x_2 + x_3 \geq 10, \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0. \end{array}$$



- We drop the DC value from the cost for now:

$$c = x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3.$$

- We have:

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_1 + x_2 \leq 20 \implies x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 20, & \rightarrow a_1^* = 0 \\ x_1 + x_3 = 5 \implies x_2 + x_3 + a_1 = 5, & \\ x_2 + x_3 \geq 10 \implies x_2 + x_3 + a_2 + e_2 = 10, & \\ s_1, a_1, a_2, e_2 \geq 0. & \end{array}$$

Example 2 for mixed constraints

The problem is converted to:

maximize
 x_1, x_2, x_3

$$c = x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 - Ma_1 - Ma_2$$

subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 20,$$

$$x_2 + x_3 + a_1 = 5,$$

$$x_2 + x_3 + a_2 + e_2 = 10,$$

$$s_1, a_1, a_2, e_2 \geq 0.$$

$$C - x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 + Ma_1 + Ma_2 = 0$$

		x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	a_1	a_2	e_2	RHS	min index
r_1	s_1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	20	—
r_2	a_1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	$s_1 = 5$
r_3	a_2	0	1	1	0	0	1	-1	10	$a_1 = 10$
r_4	C	-1	+1	-3	0	$-M$	$-M$	0	0	
r_5	$C - Mr_2$	$-M-1$	1	$-M-3$	0	0	M	0	$-5M$	
r_6	$C - Mr_3$	$-M-1-M+1$	0	$-2M-3$	0	0	0	M	$-15M \leftarrow$	

Example 2 for mixed constraints

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	a_1	a_2	e_2	RHS	min test
s_1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	20	—
a_1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	$\frac{20}{1} = 5$
a_2	0	1	1	0	0	1	-1	10	$\frac{10}{1} = 10$
C	-1	+1	-3	0	+M	+M	0	0	
$r_4 - Mr_2$	-M-1	1	-M-3	0	0	M	0	-5M	
$r_5 - Mr_3$	-M-1	-M+1	-2M-3	0	0	0	M	-15M	

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	a_1	a_2	e_2	RHS	min test
r_1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	20	$\frac{20}{1} = 20$
r_2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	—
$r_3 - r_2$	-1	1	0	0	-1	1	-1	5	$\frac{5}{1} = 5$
$r_6 + (2M+3)r_2$	M+2	-M+1	0	0	2M+3	0	M	-5M+15	

Example 2 for mixed constraints

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	a_1	a_2	e_2	RHS	with test:
r_1	s_1	1	1	0	1	0	0	20	$20/1 = 20$
r_2	x_3	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	—
$r_3 - r_2$	a_2	-1	1	0	0	-1	-1	5	$5/1 = 5$
$r_6 + (2M+3)r_2$	c	$M+2$	$-M+1$	0	0	$2M+3$	0	M	$-5M+15$

	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	a_1	a_2	e_2	RHS	
$r_1 - r_3$	s_1	2	0	1	1	-1	1	15	$\Rightarrow s_1^* = 15$
r_2	x_3	1	0	1	1	0	0	5	$\Rightarrow x_3^* = 5$
r_3	x_2	-1	1	0	0	-1	-1	5	$\Rightarrow x_2^* = 5$
c		3	0	0	$M+1$	$M-1$	1	10	$\Rightarrow c^* = 10$

$r_4 + (M-1)r_3$

all non-negative!

Therefore: $s_1^* = 15, x_3^* = 5, x_2^* = 5, c^* = 10, x_1^* = a_1^* = a_2^* = e_2^* = 0$.

Check: $c^* = x_1^* - x_2^* + 3x_3^* = 0 - 5 + 3(5) = 10$ ✓

The final answer for maximum actual cost is (we add back the DC value): $c^* = 10 + 4 = 14$

The Reason for the Tableau Method

The reason for the tableau method

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & c = 4x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_4 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{subject to} & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 50, \\ & 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_4 \leq 42, \\ & 3x_3 - x_4 \leq 250, \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0. \end{array}$$

is converted to:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & c = 4x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_4 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2, s_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{subject to} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \underline{s_1} = 50, \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_4 + \underline{s_2} = 42, \\ 3x_3 - x_4 + \underline{s_3} = 250, \\ x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \underline{s_1}, \underline{s_2}, \underline{s_3} \geq 0. \end{array} \right\} \end{array}$$

- # variables: 7, # equations: 3
- We can set $7 - 3 = 4$ variables to zero (non-basic variables) and find the other 3 variables (basic variables).
- How many ways can we choose the three variables out of the 7 variables? $\binom{7}{3} = 35$.

Example variables to choose

One of the ways:

non-basic variables: $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 0$,

basic variables: s_1, s_2, s_3

maximize $c = 0$
 s_1, s_2, s_3

subject to $\begin{cases} s_1 = 50, \\ s_2 = 42, \\ s_3 = 250, \\ s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0. \end{cases}$

Therefore, $s_1 = 50, s_2 = 42, s_3 = 250$.

The cost function becomes: $c = 0$.

Example variables to choose

One of the ways:

non-basic variables: $x_1 = x_4 = s_1 = s_2 = 0$,

basic variables: x_2, x_3, s_3 .

maximize
 x_2, x_3, s_3

$$c = 6x_2$$

subject to

$$x_2 + x_3 = 50,$$

$$3x_2 = 42,$$

$$3x_3 + s_3 = 250,$$

$$x_2, x_3, s_3 \geq 0.$$

x_3

$$x_2 = \frac{42}{3}$$

s_3

Therefore, $x_2 = 14, x_3 = 36, s_3 = 142$.

The cost function becomes: $c = 6(14) = 84$.

The reason for the pivot column

Which variable should we increase which maximizes the cost function (the most)?

$$c = 4x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_4.$$

Increasing the variable x_2 has the most effect because it has the biggest multiplication factor, i.e., 6.

Recall that we had:

$$c - 4x_1 - 6x_2 + 5x_4 = 0.$$

That is why, in the tableau method, we find the most negative value in the c row. This is the reason for the **pivot column**.

The reason for the min test

maximize $c = 4x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_4$
 $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2, s_3$
 subject to

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + s_1 &= 50, \\
 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_4 + s_2 &= 42, \\
 3x_3 - x_4 + s_3 &= 250, \\
 x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2, s_3 &\geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten calculations for x_2 :

 $x_2 = \frac{50}{1} = 50$

 $3x_2 = 42 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{42}{3} = 14$

 $x_2 = 250$

 $x = \infty$

 $x_2 \rightarrow \begin{cases} 50 \\ 42 \\ \infty \end{cases}$

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
s_1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	50
s_2	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	42
s_3	0	0	3	-1	0	0	1	250
C	4	6	0	5	0	0	0	0

min test:

 $\frac{50}{1} = 50$

 $\frac{42}{3} = 14$

 $\frac{250}{0} = \infty$

How much can we increase the x_2 variable?

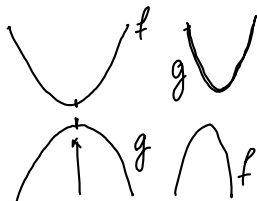
- In the first constraint, the worst case scenario is $x_1 = x_3 = s_1 = 0$ and the most we can increase x_2 : $x_2 = 50$
- In the second constraint, the worst case scenario is $x_1 = x_4 = s_2 = 0$ and the most we can increase x_2 : $3x_2 = 42 \Rightarrow x_2 = 42/3 = 14$
- In the third constraint, the worst case scenario is $x_3 = x_4 = s_3 = 0$ and the most we can increase x_2 : $30x_2 = 250 \Rightarrow x_2 = \infty$
- Therefore, the minimum increase we can have for x_2 is: $\min(50, 14, \infty) = 14$.

Solving the Dual Problem for Minimization

Dual problem for minimization

An example **minimization** linear problem is:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & 12x_1 + 16x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 40, \\ & x_1 + x_2 \geq 30, \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{array}$$



- When we have a minimization linear programming, we can **convert** the minimization problem to a maximization problem.
- We should find the **dual problem** for the minimization problem. The dual for the minimization is a maximization problem. We will learn the dual problem of linear programming soon.

Dual problem for minimization

An example **minimization** linear problem is:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \star & \text{minimize}_{x_1, x_2} \quad 12x_1 + 16x_2 \\ & \text{subject to} \quad x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 40, \star \\ & \quad \quad \quad x_1 + x_2 \geq 30, \\ & \quad \quad \quad x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{array}$$

Consider the constraints:

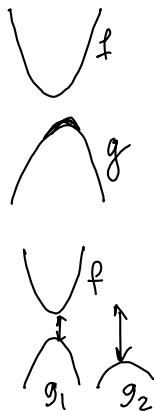
$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 40 & \textcircled{\times y_1} & y_1x_1 + 2y_1x_2 \geq 40y_1, \\ x_1 + x_2 \geq 30 & \textcircled{\times y_2} & y_2x_1 + y_2x_2 \geq 30y_2, \end{array}$$

where $y_1, y_2 \geq 0$. Summing the sides together gives:

$$(y_1 + y_2)x_1 + (2y_1 + y_2)x_2 \geq 40y_1 + 30y_2.$$

On the other hand, the cost of dual problem is a lower bound on the cost of the primal problem:

$$12x_1 + 16x_2 \geq (y_1 + y_2)x_1 + (2y_1 + y_2)x_2.$$



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Therefore:

$$\underbrace{12x_1 + 16x_2}_{\text{cost}(P)} \geq \underbrace{(y_1 + y_2)x_1 + (2y_1 + y_2)x_2}_{\text{cost}(g)} \geq \underbrace{40y_1 + 30y_2}_{\text{cost}(g)}$$

Hence:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1 + y_2 \leq 12, \\ 2y_1 + y_2 \leq 16. \end{array} \right\}$$

We want to find the best (maximum) lower bound, so:

$$\underset{y_1, y_2}{\text{maximize}} \quad 40y_1 + 30y_2.$$

$\vee f$
 $\wedge g$

Dual problem for minimization

Therefore:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize}_{y_1, y_2} & 40y_1 + 30y_2 \\ \text{subject to} & \boxed{y_1 + y_2 \leq 12,} \\ & \boxed{2y_1 + y_2 \leq 16,} \\ & \boxed{y_1, y_2 \geq 0.} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{LP (max)}$$

is the dual problem for the following problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_{x_1, x_2} & 12x_1 + 16x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 40, \\ & x_1 + x_2 \geq 30, \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{array}$$

This maximization problem can be solved as explained before.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^{30} i^2 \\ &= 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + 30^2 \\ & \sum_{j=1}^{30} j^2 \quad \sum_{\text{chair}=1}^{30} \text{chair}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Solving the problem by tableau method

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{maximize} & c = 40y_1 + 30y_2 \\
 \text{subject to} & y_1 + y_2 + s_1 = 12, \\
 & 2y_1 + y_2 + s_2 = 16, \\
 & y_1, y_2 \geq 0.
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow C^* = 400$$

	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	RHS
s_1	1	1	1	0	12
s_2	2	1	0	1	16
C	40	-30	0	0	0

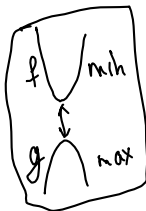
min test

$$12/1 = 12$$

$$16/2 = 8$$

	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	RHS	
$r_1 - \frac{r_2}{2}$	s_1	0	0.5	1	-0.5	4
$\frac{r_2}{2}$	y_1	1	0.5	0	0.5	8
$r_3 + 20r_2$	C	0	-10	0	20	320

Solving the problem by tableau method



	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	RHS
s_1	0	0.5	1	-0.5	4
y_1	1	0.5	0	0.5	8
C	0	-10	0	20	320

min test
 $4/0.5 = 8$
 $8/0.5 = 16$



	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	RHS
$2r_1$	y_2	0	1	2	8
$r_2 - r_1$	y_1	1	0	-1	4
$r_3 + 20r_1$	C	0	0	20	400

all ~~positive~~ non negative

$y_2^* = 8$
 $y_1^* = 4$
 $c^* = 400$

Therefore: $y_2^* = 8, y_1^* = 4, s_1^* = 0, s_2^* = 0, c^* = 400$.

Check: $c^* = 40y_1^* + 30y_2^* = 40(4) + 30(8) = 400$ ✓

The strong duality holds for linear programming, so:

$c^* = 400$ for the primal problem, too.



weak duality



strong duality

Dual Simplex Method

Why we need the dual simplex method?

- We converted the minimization linear problem to its **dual problem** which is the maximization linear problem. Then, we solved it using the simplex method for maximization.
- However, it only gave us the optimal cost function c^* and not the optimum primal variables $\{x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*\}$.
- For finding these optimum primal variables in the minimization linear programming, we can use the dual simplex method.
- The dual simplex method only works for the minimization linear problem if:
 - ▶ all its multiplication factors in the cost function are non-negative.
 - ▶ at least one of the inequality constraints is \geq .

Dual simplex method: example

minimize x_1, x_2
subject to

$$c = 3x_1 + 4x_2$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 600,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 225,$$

$$5x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 1000,$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 150,$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

For inequality \geq , we have:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 150$$

$$\begin{matrix} x-1 \\ \Rightarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$-x_1 - 2x_2 \leq -150$$

Using slack variables:

minimize x_1, x_2
 s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4
subject to

$$c - 3x_1 + 4x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 600,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + s_2 = 225,$$

$$5x_1 + 4x_2 + s_3 = 1000,$$

$$-x_1 - 2x_2 + s_4 = -150,$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

$$s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \geq 0$$

$$\leq \Rightarrow s$$

$$\geq \Rightarrow$$

$$\leq$$

Dual simplex method: example

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & c - 3x_1 + 4x_2 = 0 \\ \text{subject to} & \boxed{2x_1 + x_2 + s_1} = 600, \\ & x_1 + x_2 + s_2 = 225, \\ & 5x_1 + 4x_2 + s_3 = 1000, \\ & -x_1 - 2x_2 + s_4 = -150, \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{array}$$

- 1 Pivot row: Pick the most negative value in RHS
- 2 min test: Divide the non-zero values of c row by the negative values of the pivot row. Take absolute value in division.

	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	RHS
s_1	2	1	1	0	0	0	600
s_2	1	1	0	1	0	0	225
s_3	5	4	0	0	1	0	1000
s_4	-1	-2	0	0	0	1	-150
c	-3	-4	0	0	0	0	0

min test: $\begin{cases} \left| \frac{-3}{-1} \right| = 3 \\ \left| \frac{-4}{-2} \right| = 2 \end{cases}$

pivot column

pivot row

Dual simplex method: example

		x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	RHS
r_1	s_1	2	1	1	0	0	0	600
r_2	s_2	1	1	0	1	0	0	225
r_3	s_3	5	4	0	0	1	0	1000
r_4	s_4	-1	-2	0	0	0	1	-150
	C	-3	-4	0	0	0	0	0

min test: $\begin{cases} |-\frac{3}{-1}| = 3 \\ |-\frac{4}{-2}| = 2 \end{cases}$

\rightarrow 2

		x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	RHS
$r_1 - r_2$	s_1	1.5	0	1	0	0	0.5	525
$r_2 + \frac{r_4}{2}$	s_2	0.5	0	0	1	0	0.5	150
$r_3 + 2r_4$	s_3	3	0	0	0	1	2	700
$\frac{-r_4}{2}$	x_2	0.5	1	0	0	0	-0.5	75
$r_5 + 2r_4$	C	-1	0	0	0	0	-2	300

all positive \rightarrow $C^* = 300$

$s_1^* = 525$
 $s_2^* = 150$
 $s_3^* = 700$
 $x_2^* = 75$

Therefore: $s_1^* = 525, s_2^* = 150, s_3^* = 700, x_2^* = 75, C^* = 300, x_1^* = 0, s_4^* = 0$.

Check: $C^* = 3x_1^* + 4x_2^* = 3(0) + 4(75) = 300$ ✓

Dual simplex method for \geq constraints in maximization

We can also use the **dual simplex method** for handling \geq constraints in **maximization**. Example:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize}_{x_1, x_2, x_3} && c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3 \\ &\text{subject to} && 8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq 48, \\ & && 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 \leq 20, \\ & && 2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 \leq 8, \\ & && x_2 \geq 1, \\ & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We can convert the \geq constraints to \leq constraints by **multiplying the sides of inequality by -1** :

$$x_2 \geq 1 \xrightarrow{\times -1} -x_2 \leq -1 \Rightarrow -x_2 + s_4 = -1.$$

So, the problem is converted to:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\text{maximize}_{x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4} && c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3 \\ &\text{subject to} && 8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 48, \\ & && 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 + s_2 = 20, \\ & && 2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 + s_3 = 8, \\ & && -x_2 + s_4 = -1, \\ & && x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \geq 0. \end{aligned} \right.$$

Dual simplex method for \geq constraints in maximization

maximize
 $x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4$

subject to

$$c = 60x_1 + 30x_2 + 20x_3$$

$$8x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + s_1 = 48,$$

$$4x_1 + 2x_2 + 1.5x_3 + s_2 = 20,$$

$$2x_1 + 1.5x_2 + 0.5x_3 + s_3 = 8,$$

$$-x_2 + s_4 = -1,$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \geq 0.$$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS
s_1	-2	2	-8	1	0	0	0	24
x_3	-2	2	-4	0	1	0	0	8
x_1	$\frac{5}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	1	0	2
s_4	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1
C	5	10	10	0	0	0	0	280

min θ s.t.:
 $|\frac{5}{-1}| = 5$

	x_2	s_2	s_3	s_1	x_3	x_1	s_4	RHS
s_1	0	2	-8	1	0	0	-2	26
x_3	0	2	-4	0	1	0	-2	10
x_1	0	-0.5	1.5	0	0	1	1.25	0.75
x_2	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1
C	10	10	0	0	0	0	5	275

all nonnegative

$$s_1^* = 26, x_3^* = 10, x_1^* = 0.75, x_2^* = 1, C^* = 275$$

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