

Example: Oil refinement

- Cracking raw oil to **L**ight, **M**iddle or **H**eavy oil
- There are two procedures:
- 1) 1 unit raw oil to 1 **L**, 2 **M**, 2 **H**
- 2) 1 unit raw oil to 4 **L**, 2 **M**, 1 **H**
- Costs: 1) 3 money units, 2) 5 money units
- Delivery commitments: 4 **L**, 5 **M**, 3 **H**
- Optimization:
Minimize the total costs while satisfying all delivery commitments

Example: Oil refinement (Modelling)

- Introduce variables x_1 and x_2
They represent units of raw oil cracked with procedure 1) resp. 2)
- Objective: minimize costs $3x_1 + 5x_2$
- Constraint: positiveness $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$
- Constraint: deliver at least 4 **L** $x_1 + 4x_2 \geq 4$
- Constraint: deliver at least 5 **M** $2x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 5$
- Constraint: deliver at least 3 **H** $2x_1 + x_2 \geq 3$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & 3x_1 + 5x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 + 4x_2 \geq 4 \\ & 2x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 5 \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 \geq 3 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Example: In the Marketplace

- We want to buy suitable amounts of potatoes, spinach and poultry

per 100g	Potatoes	Spinach	Poultry
Cost / cents	10	15	40
Protein / g	2	3	20
Carbohydrate / g	18	3	0
Calcium / mg	7	83	8
Iron / mg	0.6	2	1.4
Vitamin A / I.U.	0	7300	80

- Daily minimum requirements: 65g of protein, 90g of carbohydrate, 200mg of calcium, 10mg of iron, and 5000 I.U. of Vitamin A
- Optimization:
Spend as less money as needed to satisfy all the requirements

Example: In the Marketplace (LP)

Variables x_1 , x_2 and x_3 give the amount of potatoes, spinach and poultry

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & 40x_1 + 15x_2 + 10x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 20x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 \geq 65 \\ & 3x_2 + 18x_3 \geq 90 \\ & 8x_1 + 83x_2 + 7x_3 \geq 200 \\ & 1.4x_1 + 2x_2 + 0.6x_3 \geq 10 \\ & 80x_1 + 7300x_2 \geq 5000 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Example: In the Marketplace (Xpress I)

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model Marketplace
  uses "mmxprs"

  declarations
    NProd    = 3
    NIncred  = 5
    IP       = 1..NProd
    II       = 1..NIncred
    TAB:     array(II,IP) of real
    REQ:     array(II) of real
    PRICE:   array(IP) of real
    x:       array(IP) of mpvar
  end-declarations
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Example: In the Marketplace (Xpress II)

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TAB := [20,    3,  2,
        0,    3, 18,
        8,   83,  7,
        1.4,  2, 0.6,
        80, 7300, 0]
REQ := [65, 90, 200, 10, 5000]
PRICE:= [40, 15, 10]

MinPrice := sum(p in IP) PRICE(p) * x(p)

forall(i in II)
  sum(p in IP) TAB(i,p) * x(p) >= REQ(i)

minimize(MinPrice)
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Example: In the Marketplace (Xpress III)

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writeln("Objective: ", getobjval)
forall(p in IP)
  write("Product ", p, ": ", getsol(x(p)), " ")
writeln

end-model
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Example: In the Marketplace (Duality)

- Assume we want to sell pills of protein, iron, vitamin A, etc.
- y_1 cents/gram of protein
- y_2 cents/gram of carbohydrate
- y_3 cents/mg of calcium
- y_4 cents/mg of iron
- y_5 cents/I.U. of vitamin A
- What are suitable prices for the pills?
- The costs of the ingredients of 100g poultry should be cheaper than buying 100g poultry itself. Analogously for potatoes and spinach.
- We want to maximize our income

Example: In the Marketplace (dual LP)

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \max & 65y_1 & +90y_2 & +200y_3 & +10y_4 & +5000y_5 \\ \text{s.t.} & 20y_1 & & +8y_3 & +1.4y_4 & +80y_5 & \leq & 40 \\ & 3y_1 & +3y_2 & +83y_3 & +2y_4 & +7300y_5 & \leq & 15 \\ & 2y_1 & +18y_2 & +7y_3 & +0.6y_4 & & \leq & 10 \\ & & & & & & & y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Weak Duality Theorem

Primal linear program (P)

$$\min \{c^T x \mid Ax \geq b, x \geq 0\}$$

Dual linear program (D)

$$\max \{b^T y \mid A^T y \leq c, y \geq 0\}$$

Let $x_0 \in \{x \mid Ax \geq b, x \geq 0\}$ and $y_0 \in \{y \mid A^T y \leq c, y \geq 0\}$.

Then $b^T y_0 \leq c^T x_0$ holds.

Building the Dual LP

- equation \longrightarrow free variable
- inequality \longrightarrow signed variable
- signed variable \longrightarrow inequality
- free variable \longrightarrow equation
- objective function \longrightarrow right hand side
- right hand side \longrightarrow objective function

Farkas Lemma

Theorem (Farkas Lemma):

Either there are x, y fulfilling

$$\begin{aligned} Ax + By &\leq a \\ Cx + Dy &= b \\ x &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or there are u, v fulfilling

$$\begin{aligned} u^T A + v^T C &\geq 0 \\ u^T B + v^T D &= 0 \\ u &\geq 0 \\ u^T a + v^T b &< 0. \end{aligned}$$

Duality Theorem

Let (P) and (D) be a primal-dual pair of LPs with (P) being a maximization and (D) a minimization problem. Let P and D be the sets of valid solutions of (P) and (D) and z^* , u^* the optimal solutions of (P) and (D). (z^* is $-\infty$ if $P = \emptyset$ and $+\infty$ if (P) is unbounded, u^* analog).

Then one of the following cases holds:

- $-\infty < z^* = u^* < +\infty \iff z^*$ finite $\iff u^*$ finite
- $z^* = +\infty \Rightarrow D = \emptyset$
- $u^* = -\infty \Rightarrow P = \emptyset$
- $P = \emptyset \Rightarrow D = \emptyset$ or $u^* = -\infty$
- $D = \emptyset \Rightarrow P = \emptyset$ or $z^* = +\infty$

Theorems of Complementary Slackness

Let (P) and (D) be a the following primal-dual pair of LPs:

$$(P) \max\{c^T x \mid Ax \leq b\} \quad (D) \min\{u^T b \mid u^T A = c^T, u \geq 0\}.$$

Theorem of weak complementary slackness: Let \bar{x} and \bar{u} be feasible solutions of (P) and (D). Then they are optimal if and only if:

$$\bar{u}_i > 0 \implies A_i \bar{x} = b_i \quad \forall i.$$

Theorem of strong complementary slackness: If there exist feasible solutions for both (P) and (D) then there exist optimal solutions \bar{x} and \bar{u} with:

$$\bar{u}_i > 0 \iff A_i \bar{x} = b_i \quad \forall i.$$

Standard Formulations of an LP

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & c^T x + d^T y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax + By \geq a \\ & Cx + Dy = b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax \leq b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax = b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Transforming LP-Formulations

- **signed variables** \rightarrow **free variables**:
 $x_i \geq 0$ can be added to the system $Ax \leq b$.
- **free variables** \rightarrow **signed variables**:
set $y_i = x_i^+ - x_i^-$ with $x_i^+, x_i^- \geq 0$.
- **equations** \rightarrow **inequalities**:
replace $Ax = b$ by $Ax \leq b$ and $Ax \geq b$.
- **inequalities** \rightarrow **equations**:
replace $Ax \leq b$ by $Ax + Iy = b$ and $y \geq 0$.

Optimization Problems

Linear program

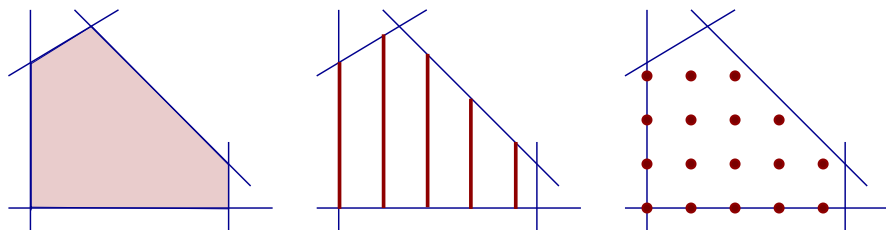
$$\max \{d^T y \mid By = a, Dy \leq b, y \geq 0\}$$

Mixed-integer program

$$\max \{c^T x + d^T y \mid Ax + By = a, Cx + Dy \leq b, y \geq 0, x \geq 0, x \text{ integer}\}$$

Integer program

$$\max \{c^T x \mid Ax = a, Cx \leq b, x \geq 0, x \text{ integer}\}$$



Polyhedrons

- Definition: The set $P^=(A, b) = \{x \in R^n \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$ is called **polyhedron**. If the set is bounded we call it **polytope**.
- Polyhedrons are **convex**, i.e.
 $x, y \in P^=(A, b) \implies \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in P^=(A, b), \forall 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1.$
- $x \in P^=(A, b)$ is called **vertex** if it cannot be build as a proper convex combination of $y, z \in P^=(A, b)$.

Basic Theorems on Polyhedrons

- Let $P = (A, b) \neq \emptyset$. $P = (A, b)$ is a polytope iff $\exists d \geq 0$ with $Ad = 0$.
- $x \in P = (A, b)$ is vertex iff the columns of A corresponding to the positive entries of x are linearly independent. The number of vertices is finite and if $P = (A, b) \neq \emptyset$ there is at least one vertex.
- Let $P = (A, b) \neq \emptyset$ and V the set of vertices. Then any $x \in P = (A, b)$ can be written as

$$x = \sum_{v_i \in V} \lambda_i v_i + d$$

- with $\lambda_i \geq 0$, $\sum \lambda_i = 1$, $d \geq 0$ and $Ad = 0$.
- Given the program (P): $\max\{c^T x \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$ with $P = (A, b) \neq \emptyset$. Then either (P) is unbounded or one of the vertices of $P = (A, b)$ is an optimal solution of (P).

Definition of the basis

- Let $A \in R^{m \times n}$, $b \in R^m$ and $B \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ defines a subset of the columns of A with $|B| = m$ and $A_{:,i}$, $i \in B$, linearly independent. A_B denotes the corresponding submatrix of A and A_N the remainder.
- A_B is called **basis** and A_N **nonbasis** of A .
 - $x = (x_B, x_N)$ with $x_B = A_B^{-1}b$ and $x_N = 0$ is called **basic solution** of the basis A_B .
 - Let A_B be a basis. Then x_j , $j \in B$ are called **basic variables** and x_j , $j \in N$ are called **nonbasic variables**.
 - A basis A_B and the corresponding basic solution x are called **feasible** if $A_B^{-1}b \geq 0$ holds.
 - A basic solution is called **nondegenerate** if $A_B^{-1}b > 0$ holds. Otherwise it is called **degenerate**.

Vertices and basic solutions

- **Theorem.**
Let $P = (A, b)$ be a polyhedron with $\text{rank}(A) = m < n$ and $x \in P$.
 x is vertex of $P = (A, b)$ if and only if x is a basic feasible solution.
- We could simply calculate all basic solutions and evaluate them - but there are exponentially many: $\binom{n}{m}$

Simplex algorithm - main idea

- Idea of the Simplex-Method: start from one vertex and jump to a neighbour vertex with a better objective value until we reach the optimum
- How can we go from one vertex to another?
Just replace one index in B !
- Two important things: choose a series of basic feasible solutions and increase (more exactly: do not decrease) objective value in each step

Revised Simplex

Input: Problemdata: A , b , c and feasible solution: B , A_B^{-1} , \bar{b}

Output: Solution of $\max\{c^T x \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$

(1) BTRAN (Calculate shadow prices) $\pi^T := c_B^T A_B^{-1}$

(2) PRICE (Price out)

Compute the reduced costs coefficients

$$\bar{c}_j := (c_N^T)_j - \pi^T A_N e_j \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n - m$$

and choose an index s with $\bar{c}_s > 0$ (otherwise stop: optimal)

(3) FTRAN (Generate pivot-column) $\bar{d} := A_B^{-1} A_{\cdot s}$

(4) CHUZR (Ratio Test) $\lambda_0 := \min\{\frac{\bar{b}_i}{\bar{d}_i} \mid \bar{d}_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, m\}$

Choose index r with $\bar{d}_r > 0$ and $\frac{\bar{b}_i}{\bar{d}_i} = \lambda_0$ (otherwise stop: unbounded)

(5) WRETA (Update) Update the basis B , A_B^{-1} , \bar{b} and goto (1)

Summary of the primal simplex

- Optimal solution always on a vertex corresponding to a basic feasible solution
- Two sets B , N of indices, variables in N fixed
- Exchanging two indices in each step which corresponds to moving to a neighbour vertex
- Calculate the shadow prices π and compare with objective vector c to see, if and in which direction the objective function gets better
- Always feasible and work towards optimality

Open questions

- Prove that algorithm terminates (problem: degeneracy \Rightarrow cycling)
- How to get a feasible basis (phase I)?
- Which index i with $p_i > c_i$ to choose? \Rightarrow pricing-strategies
- How can we efficiently treat bounds, slack variables, sparsity, matrix decompositions, updates?
- What about stability? How to avoid basis matrices with a bad condition (close to singularity)?

Finding a feasible start basis

- Two phases. In phase I we solve the problem $\min\{\sum_i s_i \mid Ax + s = b, x, s \geq 0\}$ starting with the feasible basis $s = b, x = 0$.
- If optimal solution has solution $s \neq 0$ the original problem is infeasible, else x is feasible for it (goto phase II).
- Problem: needs many iterations, whole basis must be exchanged at least once

Basics of the dual simplex

- **Definition.** A basis A_B of A is called **primal feasible** if $A_B^{-1}b \geq 0$, and **dual feasible** if the reduced costs $\bar{c} = c_N^T - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_N \leq 0$.
- The corresponding basic solution x ($x_B = A_B^{-1}b$ and $x_N = 0$) is called **primal feasible**, and the basic solution $u^T = c_B^T A_B^{-1}$ is called **dual feasible**.
- **Theorem.** Let $P = \{u \mid u^T A \geq c^T\}$. The vector u is a vertex of P if and only if u is a dual feasible basic solution.
- **Corollary.** A basis A_B is optimal if and only if it is both primal feasible and dual feasible.

Dual Simplex

Input: Problemdata: A, b, c and dual feasible basis: B, A_B

Output: Solution of $\max\{c^T x \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$

- (1) If $\bar{b} = A_B^{-1}b \geq 0$ stop (current solution optimal)
- (2) Choose an index r satisfying $\bar{b}_r < 0$.
- (3) (Generate pivot-row) $w_N^T = e_r^T A_B^{-1} A_N = \bar{A}_r$.
- (4) If $w_N \geq 0$ stop (dual problem unbounded)
- (5) Compute $\lambda_0 := \min\{\frac{\bar{c}_j}{w_j} \mid w_j < 0, j = 1, \dots, n - m\}$ and choose an index s with $\lambda_0 = \frac{\bar{c}_s}{w_s}$
- (6) Compute $d = A_B^{-1} A_{r,s}$
- (7) Update the basis and goto (1)

Summary of the dual simplex

- Applying the dual algorithm to (P) is the same as applying the primal algorithm to (D)
- The dual of the dual is the primal again
- Feasible solutions of (P) and (D) bound one another
- Primal: first choose entering index, then decide which index has to leave the basis
- Dual: first choose leaving index, then decide which index has to enter the basis

Differences primal - dual simplex

- Dimensions of variables different: m and n
- Can solve the problem with either one, can have completely different behaviour (# of iterations)
- Adding a variable in (P): keep feasibility.
- Adding a variable in (D): loose feasibility!
- Adding a constraint in (D): keep feasibility.
- Adding a constraint in (P): loose feasibility!