

Simplex Method examples

Example 1

$$\text{Maximize: } Z = 150x_1 + 175x_2 \quad \text{w/ slack variables: } Z - 150x_1 - 175x_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } 7x_1 + 11x_2 \leq 77 \quad 7x_1 + 11x_2 + S_1 = 77 \quad (2)$$

$$10x_1 + 8x_2 \leq 80 \quad 10x_1 + 8x_2 + S_2 = 80 \quad (3)$$

$$x_1 \leq 9 \quad x_1 + S_3 = 9 \quad (4)$$

$$x_2 \leq 6 \quad x_2 + S_4 = 6 \quad (5)$$

Initial non-basic variables (x_1, x_2) appear in the objective function (1). Choose the variable with the largest negative coefficient (x_2) to enter the calculations and check the intercepts in the constraints (2-5) to see which variable leaves the calculations:

$$S_1: 77/11 = 7$$

$$S_2: 80/8 = 10$$

$$S_3: \text{parallel to } x_2, \text{ no intercept}$$

$$S_4: 6/1 = 6 - \text{smallest non-negative intercept, closest vertex to current point}$$

S_4 is the leaving variable, x_2 is the entering variable. Solve Eq. (5) for x_2 , substitute into Eqs. (1-5) above to yield:

$$Z - 150x_1 + 175S_4 - 1050 = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$7x_1 + S_1 - 11S_4 = 11 \quad (7)$$

$$10x_1 + S_2 - 8S_4 = 32 \quad (8)$$

$$x_1 + S_3 = 9 \quad (9)$$

$$x_2 + S_4 = 6 \quad (10)$$

Again choose the variable with the largest negative coefficient in the objective function (6), this time x_1 . Check intercepts:

$$S_1: 11/7 = 11/7 - \text{smallest non-negative intercept, closest vertex to current point}$$

$$S_2: 32/10 = 3.2$$

$$S_3: 9/1 = 9$$

$$S_4: \text{parallel to } x_1, \text{ no intercept}$$

S_1 is the leaving variable, x_1 is the entering variable. Solve equation (7) for x_1 , substitute into Equations (6-10) above to yield:

$$Z + 21.4286S_1 - 60.7143S_4 - 1285.71 = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$x_1 + (1/7)S_1 - (11/7)S_4 = 11/7 \quad (12)$$

$$1.42857S_1 + S_2 + 7.71429S_4 = 16.2857 \quad (13)$$

$$-0.142857S_1 + S_3 + 1.57143S_4 = 7.42857 \quad (14)$$

$$x_2 + S_4 = 6 \quad (15)$$

Again choose the variable with the largest negative coefficient in the objective function (11), this time S_4 . Check intercepts:

$$S_1: (11/7)/(-11/7) = -1$$

$$S_2: 16.2857/7.71429 = 2.1111 - \text{smallest non-negative intercept}$$

$$S_3: 7.42857/1.57143 = 4.72727$$

$$S_4: 6/1 = 6$$

S_4 enters, S_2 leaves... solving Eq. (13) for S_4 gives

$$S_4 = -0.185185S_1 - 0.129630S_2 + 2.1111 \quad (16)$$

Substituting into (11) gives:

$$Z + 32.6720S_1 + 7.870S_2 - 1413.88 = 0 \quad (17)$$

There are no more negative coefficients, so the method stops. S_1 and S_2 are non-basic variables, $S_1 = S_2 = 0$, and $Z_{max} = 1413.88$. Solving for the remaining variables using Eqs. (12-15) gives:

$$x_1 = 4.8889$$

$$S_3 = 4.1111$$

$$x_2 = 3.8889$$

$$S_4 = 2.1111$$

Example 2 – text's solution

Maximize: $Z = 150x_1 + 175x_2$ w/ slack variables: $Z - 150x_1 - 175x_2 = 0$ (1)

Subject to: $7x_1 + 11x_2 \leq 77$ $7x_1 + 11x_2 + S_1 = 77$ (2)

$10x_1 + 8x_2 \leq 80$ $10x_1 + 8x_2 + S_2 = 80$ (3)

$x_1 \leq 9$ $x_1 + S_3 = 9$ (4)

$x_2 \leq 6$ $x_2 + S_4 = 6$ (5)

Choose x_1 as the first entering variable. Checking the intercepts gives:

$S_1: 77/7 = 11$

$S_2: 80/10 = 8$ – smallest non-negative intercept

$S_3: 9/1 = 9$

S_4 : parallel to x_1

S_2 leaves and x_1 enters. Solve Eq. (3) for x_1 and substitute, giving:

$Z - 55x_2 + 15S_2 - 1200 = 0$ (6)

$5.40x_2 + S_1 - 0.70S_2 = 21$ (7)

$x_1 + 0.80x_2 + 0.10S_2 = 8$ (8)

$-0.80x_2 - 0.10S_2 + S_3 = 1$ (9)

$x_2 + S_4 = 6$ (10)

Choose x_2 to enter, check intercepts:

$S_1: 21/5.40 = 3.8889$ – smallest non-negative intercept

$S_2: 8/(10/8) = 10$

$S_3: -10/8 = -1.25$

$S_4: 6/1 = 6$

S_1 leaves, x_2 enters. Solve Eq. (7) for x_2 , substitute to find:

$Z + 10.1852S_1 + 7.87035S_2 - 1413.89 = 0$

There are no more negative coefficients, so the method stops. S_1 and S_2 are non-basic variables, $S_1 = S_2 = 0$, and $Z_{max} = 1413.89$. Solving for the remaining variables using Eqs. (7-10) gives:

$x_2 = 3.8889$ $x_1 = 4.8889$

$S_3 = 4.1111$ $S_4 = 2.1111$

Example 3 – Problem 15.3 from the text

$$\text{Maximize: } Z = 1.75x_1 + 1.25x_2 \quad \text{w/ slack variables: } Z - 1.75x_1 - 1.25x_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } x_1 + 1.1x_2 \leq 8 \quad x_1 + 1.1x_2 + S_1 = 8 \quad (2)$$

$$2.5x_1 + x_2 \leq 9 \quad 2.5x_1 + x_2 + S_2 = 9 \quad (3)$$

Choose x_1 as the entering variable, check intercepts:

$$S_1: 8/1 = 8$$

$$S_2: 9/2.5 = 3.6 \text{ – smallest non-negative intercept}$$

S_2 leaves, x_1 enters. Solve Eq. (3) for x_1 substitute into Eqs. (1-2), yielding

$$Z - 0.55x_2 + 0.70S_2 - 6.3 = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$0.70x_2 + S_1 - 0.40S_2 = 4.4 \quad (5)$$

$$x_1 + 0.40x_2 + 0.40S_2 = 3.6 \quad (6)$$

Choose x_2 to enter, check intercepts:

$$S_1: 4.4/0.7 = 6.286 \text{ – smallest non-negative intercept}$$

$$S_2: 3.6/0.4 = 9$$

S_1 leaves, x_2 enters. Solve Eq. (5) for x_2 , substitute into Eqs. (4-6):

$$Z + 0.786S_1 + 0.3857S_2 - 9.757 = 0$$

There are no more negative coefficients, so the method stops. S_1 and S_2 are non-basic variables, $S_1 = S_2 = 0$, and $Z_{max} = 9.757$. Solving for the remaining variables using Eqs. (4-6) gives:

$$x_1 = 1.086$$

$$x_2 = 6.286$$

Example 4 – Problem 15.4 from the text

$$\text{Maximize: } Z = 6x_1 + 8x_2 \quad \text{w/ slack variables: } Z - 6x_1 - 8x_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } 5x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 40 \quad 5x_1 + 2x_2 + S_1 = 40 \quad (2)$$

$$6x_1 + 6x_2 \leq 60 \quad 6x_1 + 6x_2 + S_2 = 60 \quad (3)$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 32 \quad 2x_1 + 4x_2 + S_3 = 32 \quad (4)$$

x_2 enters, with intercepts:

$$S_1: 40/2 = 20$$

$$S_2: 60/6 = 10$$

$$S_3: 32/4 = 8 - \text{smallest non-negative intercept, } S_3 \text{ leaves}$$

Solve Eq. (4) for x_1 and substitute, yielding

$$Z - 6x_1 + 2S_3 - 64 = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$4x_1 + S_1 - (1/2)S_3 = 24 \quad (6)$$

$$3x_1 + S_2 - (3/2)S_3 = 12 \quad (7)$$

$$x_2 + (1/2)x_1 + (1/4)S_3 = 8 \quad (8)$$

x_1 enters, with intercepts:

$$S_1: 24/4 = 6$$

$$S_2: 12/3 = 4 - \text{smallest non-negative intercept, } S_2 \text{ leaves}$$

$$S_3: 8/(1/2) = 16$$

Solve Eq. (6) for x_2 , yielding

$$Z + (2/3)S_2 + S_3 - 72 = 0$$

No negative coefficients remain; the method stops. S_2 and S_3 are non-basic variables, $S_2 = S_3 = 0$, $Z_{max} = 72$. The remaining variables from Eqs (5-8) are

$$x_1 = 4$$

$$x_2 = 6$$

$$S_1 = 8$$

Example 5

$$\text{Maximize: } Z = x_1 + x_2 \quad \text{w/ slack variables: } Z - x_1 - x_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Subject to: } x_1 + x_2 \geq 10 \quad (\text{surplus variable}) \quad x_1 + x_2 - S_1 = 10 \quad (2)$$

$$x_1 \leq 8 \quad x_1 + S_2 = 8 \quad (3)$$

$$x_2 \leq 12 \quad x_2 + S_3 = 12 \quad (4)$$

x_1 enters, check intercepts:

$$S_1: 10/1 = 10$$

$$S_2: 8/1 = 8 - \text{smallest non-negative intercept, } S_2 \text{ leaves}$$

$$S_3: \text{parallel to } x_1$$

Which gives

$$Z + S_2 - x_2 - 8 = 0$$

$$x_2 - S_1 - S_2 = 2$$

$$x_1 + S_2 = 8$$

$$x_2 + S_3 = 12$$

x_2 enters, check intercepts:

$$S_1: 2/-1 = -2$$

$$S_3: 12/1 = 12 - \text{smallest non-negative intercept, } S_3 \text{ leaves}$$

Giving:

$$Z + S_2 + S_3 - 20 = 0$$

$$-S_1 - S_2 - S_3 = -10$$

$$x_1 + S_2 = 8$$

$$x_2 + S_3 = 12$$

There are no more negative coefficients in the objective function, so the method stops.

$$S_2 = S_3 = 0$$

$$Z_{\max} = 20$$

$$x_1 = 8$$

$$x_2 = 12$$

$$S_1 = 10$$