

e.g. LP) $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} c^T x + c_2^T z$
 s.t. $A_{11}x + A_{12}z = b_1$ (P) \Rightarrow
 $A_{21}x + A_{22}z = b_2$ (Q)
 x free, $z \geq 0$

(D) $\max_{p \in \mathbb{R}^m} p^T b$
 s.t. $p \geq 0$
 $p^T A_{11} + q^T A_{21} = c_1^T$ (X)
 $p^T A_{12} + q^T A_{22} = c_2^T$ (Y)
 $x_i^* = 0$ for $i \in N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus B$.

- If in addition, $x_B^* \geq 0$, then x^* is a BFS.
- $x_B^* = A_B^{-1}b$.
 - A degenerate basic solution x^* has more than $n - m$ zero components.
 - If $n = m + 1$, then there are at most two BFSs.
 - Adjacent BFS: Extreme points connected by an edge on the boundary.
 - The corresponding bases share all but one basic column.
 - There are common $n - 1$ linearly independent constraints that are active at both of them.

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1 Linear Programming Problem

(P) $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} c^T x$
 s.t. $a_i^T x \geq b_i$ for $i \in M_+$;
 $a_i^T x \leq b_i$ for $i \in M_-$;
 $a_i^T x = b_i$ for $i \in M_0$;
 $x_j \geq 0$ for $j \in N_+$;
 $x_j \leq 0$ for $j \in N_-$;
 $x_j \in \mathbb{R}$ for $j \in N_{\mathbb{R}}$.

(D) $\max_{p \in \mathbb{R}^m} p^T b$
 s.t. $p_i \geq 0$ for $i \in M_+$;
 $p_i \leq 0$ for $i \in M_-$;
 p_i free for $i \in M_0$;
 $p^T A_j \leq c_j$ for $j \in N_+$;
 $p^T A_j \geq c_j$ for $j \in N_-$;
 $p^T A_j = c_j$ for $j \in N_{\mathbb{R}}$.

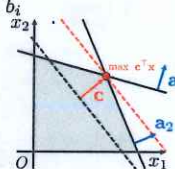
where $a_i = (a_{i,1}, a_{i,2}, \dots, a_{i,n})^T \in \mathbb{R}^n, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

- The feasible region $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a polyhedron.
- An LP problem may have
 - one unique solution; OR
 - one finite optimal cost with multiple optimal solutions; OR
 - unbounded optimal cost with no optimal solution; OR
 - empty feasible set, where optimal cost equals $+\infty$.
- Each variable/constraint in (P) gives a constraint/variable in D.

Graphical Representation: In \mathbb{R}^n , $\{x \mid a^T x = b\}$ is a hyperplane with normal vector a .

Standard Form: Minimization + equality + non-negative.

- Maximization objective: $\max c^T x \Rightarrow \min -c^T x$.
- Inequality constraints: $a_i^T x \leq / \geq b_i \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_i^T x \pm s_i = b_i \\ s_i \geq 0 \end{cases}$
 s_i is slack variable.
- Non-positive variables: $x_i \leq 0 \Rightarrow x_i^- \geq 0$.
- Free variables: $x_i \Rightarrow (x_i^+, x_i^-); x_i^+, x_i^- \geq 0$.



Convex Sets and Convex Functions:

- Convex set: $\forall x, y \in S \forall \lambda \in [0, 1] [\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in S]$.
- Convex combination: $x = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i$, where $\lambda_i \in [0, 1]$ s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = 1$.
 \triangleright Any convex combination of two optimal solutions is also an optimal solution.
- Convex hull: Set of convex combinations.
- Convex function: $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \forall \lambda \in [0, 1] [f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y)]$.
 $\triangleright f$ is concave if $-f$ is convex.
 \triangleright Affine function $d + c^T x$ is both convex and concave.
- Thm 1.5.1. If $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are convex, then $f(x) = \max\{f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_m(x)\}$ is also convex.
 \ast Cor 1.5.2. $\max_{i=1,2,\dots,m} \{d_i + c_i^T x\}$ is convex.

Example. Reformulate as LP problem:

- $\max \min(x_1, x_2) \Rightarrow \max t$ s.t. $t \leq x_1; t \leq x_2$.
- $|x_1 - x_2| \leq 2 \Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 \leq 2; x_1 - x_2 \geq -2$.
- $\min |x| \Rightarrow \min \max(x, -x) \Rightarrow \min t$ s.t. $t \geq x; t \geq -x$.

Polyhedra and Extreme Points:

- Polyhedron: $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax \leq b\}$.
 \triangleright A polyhedron is a finite intersection of half-spaces.
 \triangleright A polyhedron has finite number of vertices/BFS.
- 3 definitions of corner points: Consider a convex set $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.
 \triangleright Extreme point: A point $x^* \in P$ is an extreme point if whenever points $y, z \in P$ and scalar $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ are such that $x^* = \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z$, we have $y = z = x^*$.
 \triangleright Vertex: A point $x^* \in P$ is a vertex if there is a $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $c^T x^* > c^T y$ for all $y \in P \setminus \{x^*\}$.
 \triangleright Basic feasible solution (BFS): x^* is a BFS of a polyhedron if n linearly independent constraints are active at x^* and $x^* \in P$.
 \ast Basic solution: A point where n linearly independent constraints are active but not necessarily in P .
 \triangleright Thm 2.1.5. In a non-empty polyhedron, an extreme point, a vertex and a BFS are equivalent.
- Degenerate: A basic solution (not necessarily feasible) is degenerate if more than n constraints are active at x^* .

Basic Feasible Solutions for Standard Polyhedra:

$$\{x \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\},$$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, m < n$ contains m linearly independent rows.

- Basic solution for standard polyhedra: x^* is a basic solution iff
 - the equality constraints $Ax^* = b$ hold; AND
 - $x_i^* = 0$ for $n - m$ indices; AND
 - these n binding constraints are linearly independent.
- Thm 2.2.1. A vector $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a basic solution of the standard form LP iff
 - $Ax^* = b$; AND
 - There exists $B = \{B(1), B(2), \dots, B(m)\} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that
 - the columns of $A_B = (A_{B(1)}, A_{B(2)}, \dots, A_{B(m)})$ are linearly independent; AND

Optimal Solutions at Extreme Points:

- A polyhedron $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ contains a line if $\exists x^* \in P \exists d \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} [x^* + \lambda d \in P]$. A polyhedron containing an infinite line does not contain an extreme point.
- Thm 2.3.1. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, m \geq n$. Suppose $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b\} \neq \emptyset$. The following are equivalent:
 - P does not contain a line;
 - P has a BFS;
 - P has n linearly independent constraints. \triangleright Implication: Every non-empty bounded polyhedron and every non-empty standard form polyhedron has at least one BFS.
- Thm 2.3.3. If an LP has a BFS and an optimal solution, then there exists an optimal solution that is a BFS.
 \triangleright Hence, it suffices to check BFS.

1.1 The Simplex Method

Feasible Direction and Reduced Cost:

- Feasible direction: For a polyhedron P and a point $x \in P$, a vector d is a feasible direction if $x + \theta d \in P$ for some $\theta > 0$.
 \triangleright For standard polyhedra, $Ad = 0$.
- Clm \uparrow . Let $x = (x_B, x_N)$ with $x_B \geq 0, x_N = 0$ be a BFS. A direction d moving from x to an adjacent BFS is of the form $d^j = (d_B^j, d_N^j)$ for some $j \in N$, where
 - $d_N^j = e_j$ where $e_{j,j} = 1$ and $e_{j,i} = 0$ for $i \in N \setminus \{j\}$; AND
 - $d_B^j = -A_B^{-1}A_j$.
- Reduced cost: Let x be a basic solution. Let $c = (c_B, c_N)$. For each $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, the reduced cost \bar{c}_j of variable x_j is defined by $\bar{c}_j = c_j - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_j$.
 \triangleright For $j \in B, \bar{c}_j = 0$.
 \triangleright If $\bar{c}_j \geq 0$ for all $j \in N$, then current BFS is the unique optimal solution.
 \triangleright A direction d^j is an improving direction if $\bar{c}_j < 0$.
 \triangleright Change in cost in any direction d :
 $c^T d = c_B^T d_B + c_N^T d_N = -c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_N d_N + c_N^T d_N$.
- Clm. Let x be a BFS with basis B . Any feasible direction at x can be represented as $\sum_{j \in N} \lambda_j d^j$ for $\lambda_j \geq 0$.

- Degenerate: A BFS is degenerate if some element of x_B is zero. A BFS is non-degenerate if $x_B = A_B^{-1}b > 0$.
- Thm 3.1.6. (Optimality conditions) Consider a BFS x associated with basis matrix A_B , and let \bar{c} be corresponding vector of reduced costs.
 - If $\bar{c} \geq 0$, then x is optimal.
 - If x is optimal and non-degenerate, then $\bar{c} \geq 0$.

Special Cases:

- Some $x_{B(k)} = 0$ at optimum \Rightarrow degenerate solution.
- Some nonbasic $\bar{c}_j = 0$ at optimum:
 - $\triangleright u \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ unbounded optimum set;
 - \triangleright Otherwise \Rightarrow alternate optimum.
 - $\triangleright u \leq 0$ and $\bar{c}_j < 0 \Rightarrow$ unbounded problem.
 - \triangleright Some $y_i > 0$ at optimum for auxiliary problem \Rightarrow infeasible.

Simplex Method:

- Start with basis B and its basic columns A_B and BFS x .
 \triangleright Check that x is indeed a BFS.
- Compute reduced costs $\bar{c}_j = c_j - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_j$ for all $j \in N$.
 \triangleright If $\bar{c}_j \geq 0$ for all $j \in N$, then current BFS is optimal. END.
 \triangleright Otherwise, choose some j for which $\bar{c}_j < 0$.
- Compute $d_B^j = -A_B^{-1} A_j$ (see Clm \uparrow).
 \triangleright If $d_B^j \geq 0$, then problem is unbounded. END.
 \triangleright Otherwise, let $\theta^* = \min \left\{ \frac{x_i}{-d_i^j} \mid i \in B, d_i^j < 0 \right\}$.
- Let $l \in B$ be such that $\theta^* = \frac{x_l}{-d_l^j}$. The corresponding x_l is the leaving variable.
- Form a new basis $\bar{B} = (B \setminus \{l\}) \cup \{j\}$.
- The other basic variables are $x_i + \theta^* d_i^j$ for $i \neq l$.
- The entering variable x_j assumes $\theta^* = \frac{x_l}{-d_l^j}$. Go to Step 1.

Big-M Method:

- Multiply constraints by -1 to make $b \geq 0$ as needed.
- Add artificial variables y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m to constraints without positive slack. Apply to no slack too.
- Apply simplex method on LP with cost $\min c^T x + M \sum_{y=1}^m y_i$, where $M \gg 0$ is treated as some algebraic variable.

Tableau Method:

① Start from basis B and its basic columns A_B (preferably I , and the corresponding BFS $x = (x_B, x_N)$ (check)).

Basic	$x_j, j \in N$	$x_{B(1)}$	$x_{B(2)}$	Solution
c	c_j	$c_{B(1)}$	$c_{B(2)}$	
\bar{c}	$c_j - c_B A_B^{-1} A_j$	0	0	Obj: $-c_B^T x_B$
$B(1)$	$-d_1^j = (A_B^{-1} A_j)_1$	1	0	$x_{B(1)}$
$B(2)$	$-d_2^j = (A_B^{-1} A_j)_2$	0	1	$x_{B(2)}$

② Choose some j such that $\bar{c}_j < 0$. At that column, for all $-d_i^j > 0, i \in B$, calculate $\frac{\bar{c}_j}{-d_i^j}$ and pick the smallest one i^* (0 is also considered).

③ i^* leaves and j enters. Normalize the row where this happens such that the cell $(x_j, x_j) = 1$.

④ Perform row operations to all rows including \bar{c} such that the column of x_j is all 0 but one 1.

⑤ If all $\bar{c} \geq 0$, END; else, return to ② again.

Two-Phase Method:

Phase I: Find BFS using auxiliary LP.

① Multiply constraints by -1 to make $b \geq 0$ as needed.

② Add artificial variables y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m to constraints without positive slack. *apply to no slack too*

③ Apply simplex method on auxiliary LP with cost $\min \sum_{y=1}^m y_i$.

④ If the optimal cost in auxiliary LP is:
 > zero: A BFS to original LP is found.
 > positive: Original LP is infeasible. END.

Phase II: Solve original LP.

① Take BFS found in Phase I to start Phase II.

② Use cost coefficients of original LP to compute reduced costs.

③ Apply simplex method to original LP.
 > Either finds an optimum, or detects unboundedness.

1.2 The Dual Simplex Method

- **Thm. 4.1.5.** The dual of the dual is the primal.
- **Weak Duality Thm.** If x is feasible in (P) and p is feasible in (D), then $p^T b \leq c^T x$ and thus $\sup_{p \text{ feasible}} p^T b \leq \inf_{x \text{ feasible}} c^T x$.
 > Col. If feasible and $p^T b = c^T x$, then x and p optimal.
 > Col. Unboundedness in one implies infeasibility in another. * (P) and (D) can be both infeasible.
- **Strong Duality Thm.** If an LP has an optimum, so does its dual, and both optimal objective values are equal.
 > An optimal solution to (D) is $p^T = c_B^T A_B^{-1}$, where B is an optimal basis for (P).
 > If there is a basis B_0 s.t. $A_{B_0} = I$, then an optimal solution to (D) is $p^T = c_{B_0}^T - \bar{c}_{B_0}^T$.
- **Complementary Slackness Thm.** If x is feasible in (P) and p is feasible in (D), then both are optimal if and only if

$$p_i (a_i^T x - b_i) = 0 \text{ for all } i;$$

$$(c_j - p^T A_j) x_j = 0 \text{ for all } j.$$
 > **Prop.** If x is feasible, then x is optimal iff $\exists p$ CS. *equality is both \leq and \geq*

Dual Simplex Method: Nonnegative c and only \leq constraints.

① Start from basis B and its basic columns A_B (preferably I , and the corresponding BFS $x = (x_B, x_N)$ (check)).

Basic	$x_j, j \in N$	$x_{B(1)}$	$x_{B(2)}$	Solution
\bar{c}	c_j	0	0	Obj: 0
$B(1)$	A_{1j}	1	0	b_1
$B(2)$	A_{2j}	0	1	b_2

② Choose some i such that $b_i < 0$. At that row, for all columns j that are negative (neg), calculate $\frac{\bar{c}_j}{\text{neg}}$ and pick the smallest one j^* .

③ i leaves and j^* enters. Normalize the row where this happens such that the cell $(x_{j^*}, x_{j^*}) = 1$.

④ Perform row operations to all rows including \bar{c} such that the column of x_j is all 0 but one 1.

⑤ If all $b \geq 0$, END; else, return to ② again.

1.3 Sensitivity Analysis

- Feasibility: $A_B^{-1} b \geq 0$. $x_B = A_B^{-1} b$
- Optimality: $c^T - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A \geq 0$. *observed from optimal tableau*

Change in b : $b_i = b_i + \delta$. *bi*

- Feasibility is checked by $x_B^* + \delta(A_B^{-1} e_i) \geq 0$; optimality not affected.
- If not feasible, use dual simplex method.
- Dual p_i is the marginal cost of b_i . When b_i changes δ , the optimal cost changes by δp_i .

Change in c : $c_j = c_j + \delta_j$.

- Optimality: If x_j nonbasic $\bar{c}_j \leftarrow \bar{c}_j + \delta_j$; else for all $i \in N, \bar{c}_i \leftarrow \bar{c}_i - \delta_j e_j^T A_B^{-1} A_i$. Feasibility not affected.

- If x_j nonbasic and not optimal, use primal simplex method.
- Change in Nonbasic Column of A :** $a_{ij} = a_{ij} + \delta$.
- Optimality: Only $\bar{c}_j \leftarrow \bar{c}_j - \delta p_i$. Feasibility not affected.
- If not optimal, use primal simplex method.
- Add a New Variable:** Add c_{n+1} and A_{n+1} .
- Check optimality at $(x^*, 0)$.
- If not optimal, continue primal simplex method by adding a new column $\begin{bmatrix} c_{n+1} \\ A_B^{-1} A_{n+1} \end{bmatrix}$ to the final tableau.

Add a New Constraint: Add $a_{m+1}^T x \leq b_{m+1}$.

- Check if the original solution is feasible.
- If not feasible, add new constraint to the bottom of the final tableau. Use row operations to make (x_B, x_{n+1}) a basic solution. Use dual simplex method to solve new problem.

2 Network Flow Problem

$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} c^T x$
 s.t. $Ax = b$ at all vertices;
 $0 \leq x \leq u$ at all edges.

- Flow-outs - Flow-ins = Supply b .
- Network has feasible flow $\Rightarrow \sum b_i = 0$.
- Formulation of minimum cost flow problem.

Shortest Path Problem: Find the shortest path from s to t .

(P) $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} c^T x$	(D) $\max_{p \in \mathbb{R}^m} p^T b$	$\max_{p \in \mathbb{R}^m} p_s - p_t$
s.t. $Ax = b;$ $x \geq 0.$	s.t. $A^T p \leq c;$ p free.	s.t. $p_i - p_j \leq c_{ij},$ $\forall (i, j) \in E.$

- $b_s = 1; b_t = -1; b_{-s-t} = 0$.
- $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ is equivalent as $x \geq 0$ if no negative cycle.

Maximum Flow Problem: Find the maximum flow from s to t .

(P) $\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} v$	(D) $\min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^m} u^T z$	$\min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^m} \sum u_{ij} z_{ij}$
s.t. $Ax = dv;$ $x \leq u;$ $x \geq 0.$	s.t. $d^T y = 1;$ $z \geq A^T y;$ $z \geq 0.$	s.t. $y_i - y_j \leq z_{ij} \ \&$ $z_{ij} \geq 0 \ \forall (i, j) \in E;$ $y_s - y_t = 1.$

- $d_s = 1; d_t = -1; d_{-s-t} = 0$.
- The dual is the minimum cut capacity problem.
- **Thm.** The maximum flow is equal to the capacity of the min cut.

2.1 The Network Simplex Method

Feasible Tree Solution and Reduced Cost:

- Truncated matrix: $Ax = \bar{b}$ by removing any row from A .
- Tree solution: ① $Ax = \bar{b}$; ② A spanning tree.
- Feasible tree solution: Tree solution x with $x \geq 0$.
- **Thm. 7.1.1.** The columns corresponding to $n-1$ arcs form a basis of \bar{A} iff these arcs form a spanning tree.
- Dual vector: Given basis $B, p^T = c_B^T \bar{A}_B^{-1}$.
- Reduced cost: $\bar{c}^T = c^T - p^T \bar{A}$.
 > Let $p_n = 0$ for the truncated node n . Then $\bar{c}_{ij} = c_{ij} - (p_i - p_j)$ for all $(i, j) \in E$.

① Start with a spanning tree T , feasible tree solution x .

② Compute dual vector p and $\bar{c}_{ij} = c_{ij} - p_i + p_j$ for all arcs $(i, j) \notin T$.
 > If $\bar{c}_{ij} \geq 0$ for all $(i, j) \in E$, then current x optimal. END.
 > Otherwise, choose some (i, j) for which $\bar{c}_{ij} < 0$.

③ Follow the flow update scheme:
 > Enter (i, j) gives a unique cycle. Identify the cycle.
 > Orientate the cycle s.t. (i, j) is a forward arc.
 > Let C_f and C_b be sets of forward and backward arcs in cycle.
 > If $C_b \neq \emptyset$, set $\theta^* = \min_{(k,l) \in C_b} x_{kl}$, attained by arc (p, q) .
 > If $C_b = \emptyset$, then $\theta^* = \infty$, so objective is $-\infty$.
 > Update x in cycle: if in C_f add θ^* ; if in C_b minus θ^* .

④ Form a new tree $T = (T \setminus \{p, q\}) \cup \{(i, j)\}$ and go to Step ②.

Two-Phase Method:

Phase I: Find initial BFS. b is supply/demand

① For any $i \in V \setminus \{n\}$, if $b_i \geq 0/b_i < 0$ and $(i, n)/(n, i) \notin E$, create an artificial arc $(i, n)/(n, i)$.

② Initial basis $B = \{(i, n) \text{ if } b_i \geq 0 \text{ or } (n, i) \text{ if } b_i < 0 \mid i \in V \setminus \{n\}\}$.

③ Initial flow $x_{in} = b_i$ when $b_i \geq 0$ and $x_{ni} = -b_i$ when $b_i < 0$.

④ Solve this using the Simplex method. *use auxiliary LP cost c artificial: 1 others: 0*

Phase II: Solve original LP.

Integrality: Thm. 7.3.1. Consider an uncapacitated network flow problem where underlying graph is connected. Then

- ① For every basis matrix $\bar{A}_B, \bar{A}_B^{-1}$ has integer entries.
- ② If b is integral, then every primal basic solution x is integral.
- ③ If c is integral, then every dual basic solution p is integral.

> **Col.** Consider an uncapacitated network flow problem and assume that the optimal cost is finite, then

- ① If b is integral, then there is an integral optimal flow vector.
- ② If c is integral, then there is an integral optimal solution to the dual problem.

*Given min cost s.t. $x_{ij} > 0 \Rightarrow R - P_j = C_{ij}$
 Other $x_{ij} = 0 \Rightarrow R - P_j \leq C_{ij}$*