LINEAR PROGRAMMING

[V. CH6]: THE SIMPLEX METHOD IN MATRIX NOTATION

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As usual, we begin our discussion with the standard-form linear programming problem:

$$\max_x \quad \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j$$
 subject to
$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i, \quad i=1,2,\cdots,m$$

$$x_j \geq 0, \quad j=1,2,\cdots,n$$

It is convenient to introduce slack variables as follows:

$$x_{n+i} = b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j, \qquad i = 1, \dots, m$$

 w_i renamed as x_{n+i}

With these slack variables, we now write our problem in matrix form:

$$\max_{x} \quad c^{T}x$$
 subject to
$$Ax = b$$

$$x \ge 0$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,n} & 1 \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,n} & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \ddots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \cdots & a_{m,n} & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}, c = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \\ x_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider an iteration of the Simplex algorithm where ${\cal B}$ and ${\cal N}$ are the set of basic and non-basic indices

The *i*th component of Ax can be broken up into a *basic* and a *nonbasic* part

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n+m} a_{ij}x_j = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} a_{ij}x_j + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} a_{ij}x_j$$

to break up the matrix product Ax analogously, let

- B denote an $m \times m$ matrix whose columns are indexed by B. Similarly,
- N denote an $m \times n$ matrix whose columns are indexed by $\mathcal N$

Now, one could write A and x in a partitioned-matrix form as:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} B & N \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} x_{\mathcal{B}} \\ x_{\mathcal{N}} \end{bmatrix}$$

This is a rearrangement (basic columns/variables are listed first followed by the nonbasic columns/variables). Equality is not correct.

Now, we can write:

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} B & N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{\mathcal{B}} \\ x_{\mathcal{N}} \end{bmatrix} = Bx_{\mathcal{B}} + Nx_{\mathcal{N}}$$

Similar partitionanting on c gives:

$$c^T x = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\mathcal{B}} \\ c_{\mathcal{N}} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} x_{\mathcal{B}} \\ x_{\mathcal{N}} \end{bmatrix} = c_{\mathcal{B}}^T x_{\mathcal{B}} + c_{\mathcal{N}}^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

As an example, lets first write the following LP in matirx form, then calculate the above values for $\mathcal{B} = \{1, 2\}$

$$\begin{array}{lllll} \max_{x} & 3x_{1} + & 4x_{2} - & 2x_{3} \\ & & & & \\ \text{subject to} & x_{1} + & 0.5x_{2} - & 5x_{3} \leq 2 \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\$$

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Primal Simplex Algorithm Dual Simplex Algorithm Two-Phase Methods

A dictionary has the property that the

basic variables are written as functions of the nonbasic variables

In matrix notation, we see that the constraint equations Ax = b can be written as

$$Bx_{\mathcal{B}} + Nx_{\mathcal{N}} = b$$

variables $x_{\mathcal{B}}$ can be written as a function of the nonbasic variables $x_{\mathcal{N}}$ iff the matrix B is *invertible*,

$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1}b - B^{-1}Nx_{\mathcal{N}}$$

The fact that B is invertible means that its m column vectors are linearly independent and therefore form a basis for \mathbb{R}^m . This is why the basic variables are called *basic*,

Similarly, the objective function can be written as

$$\zeta = c_{\mathcal{B}}^T x_{\mathcal{B}} + c_{\mathcal{N}}^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

$$= c_{\mathcal{B}}^T \left(B^{-1} b - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}} \right) + c_{\mathcal{N}}^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

$$= c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b - \left(\left(B^{-1} N \right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} \right)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

Puting all together, we can write the dictionary associated with basis $\mathcal B$ as

$$\zeta = c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b - \left(\left(B^{-1} N \right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} \right)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1} b - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

$$\zeta = c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b - \left(\left(B^{-1} N \right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} \right)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1} b - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

Comparing against the component-form notation, we make the following identifications:

$$c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b = \bar{\zeta}$$

$$c_{\mathcal{N}} - \left(B^{-1} N\right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} = [\bar{c}_j]$$

$$B^{-1} b = [\bar{b}_i]$$

$$B^{-1} N = [\bar{a}_{ij}]$$

bracketed expressions on the right denote vectors and matrices with the index i running over \mathcal{B} and the index j running over \mathcal{N} .

$$\zeta = c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b - \left(\left(B^{-1} N \right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} \right)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1} b - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

The basic solution associated with this dictionary is obtained by setting x_N equal to zero.

$$x_{\mathcal{N}}^* = 0, \quad x_{\mathcal{B}}^* = B^{-1}b$$

As an example, consider the same LP

write the initial dictionary. Do first pivot. You get a new basis $\mathcal{B} = \{2, 5\}$. Compute different part of this dictionary in matrix form and compare.

$$\zeta = c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b - \left(\left(B^{-1} N \right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} \right)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1} b - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

To write the associated dual dictionary using the negative transpose property, it is important to correctly associate *complementary pairs of variables*.

Recall that, we have appended the primal slack variables to the end of the original variables:

$$(x_1,\ldots,x_n,w_1,\ldots,w_m)\to (x_1,\ldots,x_n,x_{n+1},\ldots,x_{n+m})$$

Recall that,

- dual slacks are complementary to the primal originals, and
- dual originals are complementary to the primal slacks

using similar index for complementary variables,

$$(z_1,\ldots,z_n,y_1,\ldots,y_m)\to (z_1,\ldots,z_n,z_{n+1},\ldots,z_{n+m})$$

$$\zeta = c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b - \left(\left(B^{-1} N \right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} \right)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1} b - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

and the corresponding dual dictionary:

$$-\xi = -c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b - \left(B^{-1} b \right)^T z_{\mathcal{B}}$$
$$z_{\mathcal{N}} = \left(\left(B^{-1} N \right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} \right) + B^{-1} N z_{\mathcal{B}}$$

The dual solution associated with this is obtained by setting z_B equal to zero:

$$z_{\mathcal{B}}^* = 0, \quad z_{\mathcal{N}}^* = \left(B^{-1}N\right)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}}$$

Using the shorthand $\zeta^* = c_{\mathcal{B}}^T B^{-1} b$, we can write Primal dictionary as

$$\zeta = \zeta^* - (z_{\mathcal{N}}^*)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

and dual dictionary as

$$-\xi = -\zeta^* - (x_{\mathcal{B}}^*)^T z_{\mathcal{B}}$$
$$z_{\mathcal{N}} = z_{\mathcal{N}}^* + (B^{-1}N)^T z_{\mathcal{B}}$$

Primal Dictionary

$$\zeta = \zeta^* - (z_{\mathcal{N}}^*)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

Dual Dictionary

Lets elaborate on details of an iteration of the primal Simplex algorithm.

STEP 1. Check for optimality

if $z_{\mathcal{N}}^* \geq 0$ stop

#Primal feasibility and complementary is already maintained, just check dual feasibility.

STEP 2. Select Entering Variable

Else: pick $j \in \mathcal{N}$ with $z_i^* < 0$.

// variable x_i is the entering variable.

Primal Dictionary

$$\begin{vmatrix} \zeta = \zeta^* - (z_{\mathcal{N}}^*)^T x_{\mathcal{N}} \\ x_{\mathcal{B}} = x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}} \end{vmatrix}$$

Dual Dictionary

$$-\xi = -\zeta^* - (x_{\mathcal{B}}^*)^T z_{\mathcal{B}}$$
$$z_{\mathcal{N}} = z_{\mathcal{N}}^* + (B^{-1}N)^T z_{\mathcal{B}}$$

STEP 3. Compute Primal Step Direction $\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}}$

Having selected the entering variable, we let

$$x_{\mathcal{N}} = te_j$$

where e_j denote the unit vector that is zero in every component except for a one in the position associated with index j,

$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - B^{-1}Nte_i$$

Hence, the step direction $\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}}$ for the primal basic variables is given by

$$\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1} N e_j$$

STEP 4. Compute Primal Step Length, t

We wish to pick the largest $t \ge 0$ for which

$$x_{\mathcal{B}}^* \ge t\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

(every component of x_B remains nonnegative)

Since, for each $i \in \mathcal{B}^*, x_i^* \geq 0$ and $t \geq 0$

$$\frac{1}{t} \ge \frac{\Delta x_i}{x_i^*}, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{B}$$

Hence, the largest t for which all of the inequalities hold is given by

$$t = \left(\max_{i \in \mathcal{B}} rac{\Delta x_i}{x_i^*}
ight)^{-1}$$
 // convention for $rac{0}{0}$ is to set such ratios to 0

if $t \leq 0$ stop $/\!\!/primal$ is unbounded

STEP 5. *Select Leaving Variable* The leaving variable is chosen as any variable $x_i, i \in \mathcal{B}$, for which the maximum in the calculation of t is obtained.

Primal Dictionary

$$\begin{cases} \zeta = \zeta^* - (z_{\mathcal{N}}^*)^T x_{\mathcal{N}} \\ x_{\mathcal{B}} = x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}} \end{cases}$$

Dual Dictionary

$$\begin{aligned}
-\xi &= -\zeta^* - (x_{\mathcal{B}}^*)^T z_{\mathcal{B}} \\
z_{\mathcal{N}} &= z_{\mathcal{N}}^* + (B^{-1}N)^T z_{\mathcal{B}}
\end{aligned}$$

Essentially all that remains is to explain changes to the objective function.

STEP 6. Compute Dual Step Direction Δz_N

Since in dual dictionary z_i is the entering variable, we see that

$$\Delta z_{\mathcal{N}} = -\left(B^{-1}N\right)^T e_i$$

STEP 7. Compute Dual Step Length, s

Since we know that j is the leaving variable in the dual dictionary,

$$s = \frac{z_j^*}{\Delta z_j}$$

Primal Dictionary

$$\zeta = \zeta^* - (z_{\mathcal{N}}^*)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

Dual Dictionary

$$\begin{aligned}
-\xi &= -\zeta^* - (x_{\mathcal{B}}^*)^T z_{\mathcal{B}} \\
z_{\mathcal{N}} &= z_{\mathcal{N}}^* + (B^{-1}N)^T z_{\mathcal{B}}
\end{aligned}$$

We now have everything we need to update the data in the dictionary:

STEP 8. Update Current Primal and Dual Solutions

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_j^* \leftarrow t \\ x_{\mathcal{B}}^* \leftarrow x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - t\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix}$$

STEP 9. Update Basis

$$\mathcal{B} \leftarrow (\mathcal{B} \setminus \{i\}) \cup \{j\}$$

As an example, Lets solve the following LP

$$\begin{array}{lll} \max_{x} & 4x_{1} + & 3x_{2} \\ \text{subject to} & x_{1} - & x_{2} \leq 1 \\ & 2x_{1} - & x_{2} \leq 3 \\ & + & x_{2} \leq 5 \\ & x_{1}, & x_{2} \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Lets now derive *Dual simplex* in matrix notation.

RECALL:

Dual Simplex is to apply simplex to the dual LP but (indirectly) on a sequence of primal pivots

Here, instead of assuming that the primal dictionary is feasible ($x_B \ge 0$), we now assume that the dual dictionary is feasible ($z_N \ge 0$) and perform the analogous steps

Primal Dictionary

$$\zeta = \zeta^* - (z_{\mathcal{N}}^*)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

- STEP 1. Check for optimality if $x_B^* \ge 0$ stop
- STEP 2. Select Entering Variable

 Else: pick $i \in \mathcal{B}$ with $x_i^* < 0$.

 || variable z_i is the entering variable.
- STEP 3. Compute Dual Step Direction $\Delta z_{\mathcal{N}}$ $\Delta z_{\mathcal{B}} = -\left(B^{-1}N\right)^T e_i$
- STEP 4. Compute Dual Step Length, s

$$s = \left(\max_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \frac{\Delta z_j}{z_j^*}\right)^{-1}$$
 if $s < 0$ stop

 $s \leq 0$ stop # dual is unbounded, primal infeasible

Dual Dictionary

$$\begin{aligned}
-\xi &= -\zeta^* - (x_{\mathcal{B}}^*)^T z_{\mathcal{B}} \\
z_{\mathcal{N}} &= z_{\mathcal{N}}^* + (B^{-1}N)^T z_{\mathcal{B}}
\end{aligned}$$

- STEP 5. *Select Leaving Variable* Pick z_j , where the maximum obtained.
- Step 6. Compute Primal Step Direction $\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}}$ $\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1} N e_j$
- Step 7. Compute Primal Step Length, t $t = \frac{x_i^*}{\Delta_{\infty}}.$
- STEP 8. Update Current Primal and Dual Solutions

$$z_i^* \leftarrow s \qquad x_j^* \leftarrow t$$

$$z_N^* \leftarrow z_N^* - s\Delta z_N \qquad x_B^* \leftarrow x_B^* - t\Delta x_B$$

STEP 9. *Update Basis* $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow (\mathcal{B} \setminus \{i\}) \cup \{j\}$

As an example, Lets solve the following LP

$$\begin{array}{llll} \max_x & -1x_1 - & 3x_2 - & 1x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & +2x_1 - & 5x_2 + & 1x_3 \leq -5 \\ & +2x_1 - & 1x_2 + & 2x_3 \leq +4 \\ & x_1, & x_2, & x_3 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Primal Simplex	Dual Simplex
Suppose $x_{\mathcal{B}}^* \geq 0$	Suppose $z_{\mathcal{N}}^* \geq 0$
while $(z_{\mathcal{N}}^* \not\geq 0)$ {	while $(x_{\mathcal{B}}^* \not\geq 0)$ {
$\operatorname{pick} j \in \{j \in \mathcal{N} : z_j^* < 0\}$	$\operatorname{pick} i \in \{i \in \mathcal{B}: x_i^* < 0\}$
$\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1} N e_j$	$\Delta z_{\mathcal{N}} = -(B^{-1}N)^T e_i$
$t = \left(\max_{i \in \mathcal{B}} \frac{\Delta x_i}{x_i^*}\right)^{-1}$	$s = \left(\max_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \frac{\Delta z_j}{z_j^*}\right)^{-1}$
$\operatorname{pick} i \in \operatorname{argmax}_{i \in \mathcal{B}} \frac{\Delta x_i}{x_i^*}$	$\text{pick } j \in \operatorname{argmax}_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \frac{\Delta z_j}{z_i^*}$
$\Delta z_{\mathcal{N}} = -(B^{-1}N)^T e_i$	$\Delta x_B = B^{-1}Ne_j$
$s = \frac{z_j^*}{\Delta z_j}$	$t = \frac{x_i^*}{\Delta x_i}$
$x_j^* \leftarrow t$	$x_j^* \leftarrow t$
$x_{\mathcal{B}}^* \leftarrow x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - t\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}}$	$x_{\mathcal{B}}^* \leftarrow x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - t\Delta x_{\mathcal{B}}$
$z_i^* \leftarrow s$	$z_i^* \leftarrow s$
$z_{\mathcal{N}}^* \leftarrow z_{\mathcal{N}}^* - s\Delta z_{\mathcal{N}}$	$z_{\mathcal{N}}^* \leftarrow z_{\mathcal{N}}^* - s\Delta z_{\mathcal{N}}$
$\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \setminus \{i\} \cup \{j\}$	$\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \setminus \{i\} \cup \{j\}$
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Initially we set

$$\mathcal{N} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$
 , $\mathcal{B} = \{n + 1, n + 2, \dots, n + m\}$

So we have

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$c_{\mathcal{N}} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad c_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Substituting these expressions into the definitions of $x_{\mathcal{B}}^*, z_{\mathcal{N}}^*$ and ζ^* , we find that

$$x_{\mathcal{B}}^* = B^{-1}b = b$$
 , $z_{\mathcal{N}}^* = (B^{-1}N)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} = -c_{\mathcal{N}}$, $\zeta^* = 0$

$$\zeta = \zeta^* - (z_{\mathcal{N}}^*)^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = x_{\mathcal{B}}^* - B^{-1} N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

$$x_{\mathcal{B}}^* = B^{-1}b = b$$
 , $z_{\mathcal{N}}^* = (B^{-1}N)^T c_{\mathcal{B}} - c_{\mathcal{N}} = -c_{\mathcal{N}}$, $\zeta^* = 0$

Hence, the initial primal dictionary reads

$$\zeta = c_{\mathcal{N}}^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$
$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = b - N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

If
$$b \ge 0$$
 and $c \le 0$

primal feasibility + optimality observed \Rightarrow stop

If
$$b \ge 0$$
 and $c \le 0$

primal feasibility observed \Rightarrow start with primal simplex

If
$$b \ngeq 0$$
 and $c \le 0$
 $\#$ dual feasibility observed \Rightarrow start with dual simplex

If
$$b \not\geq 0$$
 and $c \not\leq 0$

#we need to do a Phase I

$$\zeta = c_{\mathcal{N}}^T x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

$$x_{\mathcal{B}} = b - N x_{\mathcal{N}}$$

If
$$b \not\geq 0$$
 and $c \not\leq 0$

- a Phase I could be:
- → Define the auxilary problem, as in Ch. 2, and apply primal simplex. | In Phase II, proceed with primal simplex.
- \leadsto Replace $c_{\mathcal{N}}$ with a *non-positive* one and apply dual simplex. $/\!\!/$ In Phase II, proceed with primal simplex.
- → Replace b with a non-negative one and apply primal simplex. // In Phase II, proceed with dual simplex.