Linear Programming

Lecture 1

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Linear programming. Optimize a linear function subject to linear inequalities.

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Generalizes: $Ax = b$, 2-person zero-sum games, shortest path, max flow, assignment problem, matching, multicommodity flow, MST, min weighted arborescence, ...

Why significant?
- Design poly-time algorithms.
- Design approximation algorithms.
- Solve NP-hard problems using branch-and-cut.

Ranked among most important scientific advances of 20th century.

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- Standard form
- Fundamental questions
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Reference: *The Allocation of Resources by Linear Programming*, Scientific American, by Bob Bland

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Brewery Problem

Small brewery produces ale and beer.
- Production limited by scarce resources: corn, hops, barley malt.
- Recipes for ale and beer require different proportions of resources.

Beverage	Corn (pounds)	Hops (ounces)	Malt (pounds)	Profit ($)
Ale (barrel)	5	4	35	13
Beer (barrel)	15	4	20	23
constraint	480	160	1190	

How can brewer maximize profits?
- Devote all resources to ale: 34 barrels of ale ⇒ $442
- Devote all resources to beer: 32 barrels of beer ⇒ $736
- 7.5 barrels of ale, 29.5 barrels of beer ⇒ $776
- 12 barrels of ale, 28 barrels of beer ⇒ $800

Brewery Problem

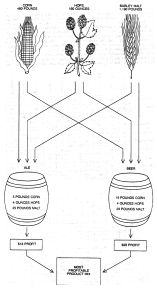
objective function

Ale Beer

$$\begin{array}{lrcrcl} \max & 13A & + & 23B & & \text{Profit} \\ \text{s. t.} & 5A & + & 15B & \le & 480 \quad \text{Corn} \\ & 4A & + & 4B & \le & 160 \quad \text{Hops} \\ & 35A & + & 20B & \le & 1190 \quad \text{Malt} \\ & A & , & B & \ge & 0 \end{array}$$

constraint

decision variable



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Standard Form LP

"Standard form" LP.
- Input: real numbers a_{ij}, c_j, b_i.
- Output: real numbers x_j.
- n = # decision variables, m = # constraints.
- Maximize linear objective function subject to linear inequalities.

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Linear. No x^2, $x\,y$, $\arccos(x)$, etc.
Programming. Planning (term predates computer programming).

Brewery Problem: Converting to Standard Form

Original input.

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Standard form.
- Add slack variable for each inequality.
- Now a 5-dimensional problem.

$$\begin{array}{lrcrcrcrcrcl} \max & 13A & + & 23B & & & & & & & & \\ \text{s. t.} & 5A & + & 15B & + & S_C & & & & & = & 480 \\ & 4A & + & 4B & & & + & S_H & & & = & 160 \\ & 35A & + & 20B & & & & & + & S_M & = & 1190 \\ & A & , & B & , & S_C & , & S_H & , & S_M & \ge & 0 \end{array}$$

Equivalent Forms

Easy to convert variants to standard form.

$$\begin{array}{lrl} \text{(P)} & \max & c^T x \\ & \text{s. t.} & Ax = b \\ & & x \ge 0 \end{array}$$

Less than to equality. $x + 2y - 3z \le 17 \;\Rightarrow\; x + 2y - 3z + s = 17,\ s \ge 0$
Greater than to equality. $x + 2y - 3z \ge 17 \;\Rightarrow\; x + 2y - 3z - s = 17,\ s \ge 0$
Min to max. $\min\ x + 2y - 3z \;\Rightarrow\; \max\ -x - 2y + 3z$
Unrestricted to nonnegative. x unrestricted $\;\Rightarrow\; x = x^+ - x^-,\ x^+ \ge 0,\ x^- \ge 0$

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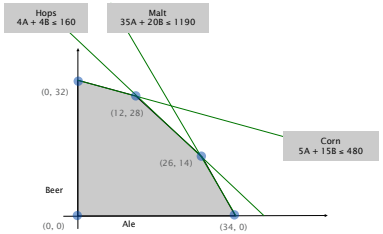
Brewery Problem: Feasible Region



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Fundamental Questions

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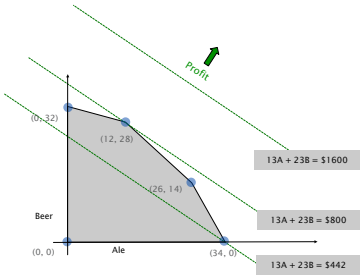
Q. Is LP in NP?
Q. Is LP in co-NP?
Q. Is LP in P?
Q. Is LP in $P_{\Re}$?

Blum-Shub-Smale model

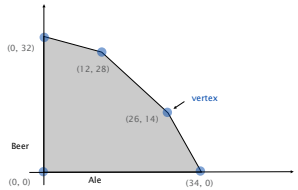
Input size.
- n = number of variables.
- m = number of constraints.
- L = number of bits to encode input.

Brewery Problem: Objective Function



Brewery Problem: Geometry

Brewery problem observation. Regardless of objective function coefficients, an optimal solution occurs at a vertex.



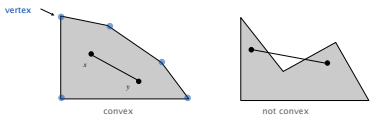
Convexity

Convex set. If two points x and y are in the set, then so is $\lambda x + (1-\lambda) y$ for $0 \le \lambda \le 1$.

convex combination

not a vertex iff $\exists\, d \neq 0$ s.t. $x \pm d$ in set

Vertex. A point x in the set that can't be written as a strict convex combination of two distinct points in the set.



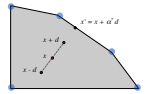
Observation. LP feasible region is a convex set.

Purificaiton

Theorem. If there exists an optimal solution to (P), then there exists one that is a vertex.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(P)} & \max & c^T x \\ & \text{s.t.} & Ax = b \\ & & x \ge 0 \end{array}$$

Intuition. If x is not a vertex, move in a non-decreasing direction until you reach a boundary. Repeat.



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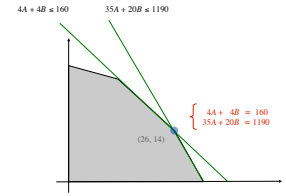
Intuition

Intuition. A vertex in $\Re^m$ is uniquely specified by m linearly independent equations.



Purificaiton

Theorem. If there exists an optimal solution to (P), then there exists one that is a vertex.

Pf.
- Suppose x is an optimal solution that is not a vertex.
- There exist direction $d \neq 0$ such that $x \pm d \in P$.
- $A d = 0$ because $A(x \pm d) = b$.
- Assume $c^T d \le 0$ (by taking either d or $-d$).
- Consider $x + \lambda d$, $\lambda > 0$:

Case 1. [there exists j such that $d_j < 0$]
- Increase λ to λ^* until first new component of $x + \lambda d$ hits 0.
- $x + \lambda^* d$ is feasible since $A(x + \lambda^* d) = Ax = b$ and $x + \lambda^* y \ge 0$.
- $x + \lambda^* d$ has one more zero component than x.
- $c^T x' = c^T (x + \lambda^* d) = c^T x + \lambda^* c^T d \le c^T x$.

$d_j = 0$ whenever $x_j = 0$ because $x \pm d \in P$

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- Consider $x + \lambda d$, $\lambda > 0$:

Case 2. [$d_j \ge 0$ for all j]
- $x + \lambda d$ is feasible for all $\lambda \ge 0$ since $A(x + \lambda d) = b$ and $x + \lambda d \ge x \ge 0$.
- As $\lambda \to \infty$, $c^T(x + \lambda d) \to \infty$ because $c^T d < 0$. ▪

if $c^T d = 0$, choose d so that case 1 applies

Basic Feasible Solution

Theorem. Let $P = \{ x : Ax = b, x \ge 0 \}$. For $x \in P$, define $B = \{ j : x_j > 0 \}$. Then x is a vertex iff A_B has linearly independent columns.

Notation. Let B = set of column indices. Define A_B to be the subset of columns of A indexed by B.

Ex.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 7 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 16 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \{1, 3\}, \quad A_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basic Feasible Solution

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Pf. $\Leftarrow$
- Assume x is not a vertex.
- There exist direction $d \neq 0$ such that $x \pm d \in P$.
- $A d = 0$ because $A(x \pm d) = b$.
- Define $B' = \{ j : d_j \neq 0 \}$.
- $A_{B'}$ has linearly dependent columns since $d \neq 0$.
- Moreover, $d_j = 0$ whenever $x_j = 0$ because $x \pm d \ge 0$.
- Thus $B' \subseteq B$, so $A_{B'}$ is a submatrix of A_B.
- Therefore, A_B has linearly dependent columns.

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Pf. $\Rightarrow$
- Assume A_B has linearly dependent columns.
- There exist $d \neq 0$ such that $A_B d = 0$.
- Extend d to $\Re^n$ by adding 0 components.
- Now, $A d = 0$ and $d_j = 0$ whenever $x_j = 0$.
- For sufficiently small λ, $x \pm \lambda d \in P \Rightarrow x$ is not a vertex. ▪

Basic Feasible Solution

Theorem. Given $P = \{ x : Ax = b, x \ge 0 \}$, x is a vertex iff there exists $B \subseteq \{ 1, \ldots, n \}$ such $|B| = m$ and:
- A_B is nonsingular.
- $x_B = A_B^{-1} b \ge 0$.
- $x_N = 0$.

basic feasible solution

Pf. Augment A_B with linearly independent columns (if needed). ▪

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 7 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 16 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \{1, 3, 4\}, \quad A_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Assumption. $A \in \Re^{m \times n}$ has full row rank.

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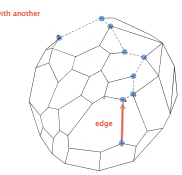
Simplex Algorithm: Intuition

Simplex algorithm. [George Dantzig 1947] Move from BFS to adjacent BFS, without decreasing objective function.

replace one basic variable with another

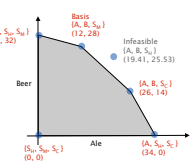


Greedy property. BFS optimal iff no adjacent BFS is better.
Challenge. Number of BFS can be exponential!

Basic Feasible Solution: Example

Basic feasible solutions.

$$\begin{array}{lrcrcrcrcrcrcr} \max & 13A & + & 23B & & & & & & & & & = & 480 \\ \text{s.t.} & 5A & + & 15B & + & S_C & & & & & & & = & 480 \\ & 4A & + & 4B & & & + & S_H & & & & & = & 160 \\ & 35A & + & 20B & & & & & + & S_M & & & = & 1190 \\ & A & , & B & , & S_C & , & S_H & , & S_M & , & S_M & \ge & 0 \end{array}$$



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Q. Is LP in NP?
A. Yes.
- Number of vertices $\le C(n, m) = \binom{n}{m} \le n^m$.
- Cramer's rule $\Rightarrow$ can check a vertex in poly-time.

Cramer's rule. For $B \in \Re^{m \times m}$ invertible, $b \in \Re^m$, the solution to $Bx = b$ is given by:

$$x_i = \frac{\det(B_i)}{\det(B)}$$

replace ith column of B with b

Simplex Algorithm: Initialization

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcrcr} \multicolumn{7}{l}{\max Z \text{ subject to}} & & & & & & & \\ 13A & + & 23B & & & & & & & - & Z & = & 0 \\ \hline 5A & + & 15B & + & S_C & & & & & & & = & 480 \\ 4A & + & 4B & & & + & S_H & & & & & = & 160 \\ 35A & + & 20B & & & & & + & S_M & & & = & 1190 \\ A & , & B & , & S_C & , & S_H & , & S_M & & & \ge & 0 \end{array}$$

Basis = $\{S_C, S_H, S_M\}$
$A = B = 0$
$Z = 0$
$S_C = 480$
$S_H = 160$
$S_M = 1190$

Simplex Algorithm: Pivot 1

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Substitute: $B = 1/15\,(480 - 5A - S_C)$

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcrcr} \multicolumn{7}{l}{\max Z \text{ subject to}} & & & & & & & \\ \frac{13}{3} A & & & - & \frac{23}{15} S_C & & & & & - & Z & = & -736 \\ \hline \frac{1}{3} A & + & B & + & \frac{1}{15} S_C & & & & & & & = & 32 \\ \frac{5}{3} A & & & - & \frac{4}{15} S_C & + & S_H & & & & & = & 32 \\ \frac{80}{3} A & & & - & \frac{5}{3} S_C & & & + & S_M & & & = & 550 \\ A & , & B & , & S_C & , & S_H & , & S_M & & & \ge & 0 \end{array}$$

Basis = $\{B, S_H, S_M\}$
$A = S_C = 0$
$Z = 736$
$B = 32$
$S_H = 32$
$S_M = 550$

Simplex Algorithm: Pivot 1

max Z subject to

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcr}
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A & , & B & , & S_C & , & S_H & , & S_M & \geq & 0
\end{array}$$

Basis = $\{S_C, S_H, S_M\}$
$A = B = 0$
$Z = 0$
$S_C = 480$
$S_H = 160$
$S_M = 1190$

Q. Why pivot on column 2 (or 1)?
A. Each unit increase in B increases objective value by \$23.

Q. Why pivot on row 2?
A. Preserves feasibility by ensuring RHS ≥ 0.

min ratio rule: min { 480/15, 160/4, 1190/20 }

Simplex Algorithm: Pivot 2

max Z subject to

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcr}
\frac{16}{3}A & & & - & \frac{32}{15}S_C & & & - & Z & = & -736 \\
\frac{1}{3}A & + & B & + & \frac{1}{15}S_C & & & & & = & 32 \\
\frac{5}{3}A & & & - & \frac{4}{15}S_C & + & S_H & & & = & 32 \\
\frac{85}{3}A & & & - & \frac{4}{3}S_C & & & + & S_M & = & 550 \\
A & , & B & , & S_C & , & S_H & , & S_M & \geq & 0
\end{array}$$

Basis = $\{B, S_H, S_M\}$
$A = S_C = 0$
$Z = 736$
$B = 32$
$S_H = 32$
$S_M = 550$

Substitute: $A = 3/8\,(32 + 4/15\,S_C - S_H)$

max Z subject to

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcr}
 & & - & & S_C & - & 2\,S_H & - & Z & = & -800 \\
 & & B & + & \frac{1}{10}S_C & + & \frac{1}{8}S_H & & & = & 28 \\
A & & & - & \frac{1}{10}S_C & + & \frac{3}{8}S_H & & & = & 12 \\
 & & & - & \frac{23}{6}S_C & - & \frac{85}{8}S_H & + & S_M & = & 110 \\
A & , & B & , & S_C & , & S_H & , & S_M & \geq & 0
\end{array}$$

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Simplex Algorithm: Corner Cases

Simplex algorithm. Missing details for corner cases.

Q. What if min ratio test fails?
Q. How to find initial basis?
Q. How to guarantee termination?

Unboundedness

Q. What happens if min ratio test fails?

all coefficients in entering column are nonpositive

max Z subject to

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcr}
 & & & + & 2x_4 & + & 20x_5 & - & Z & = & 2 \\
x_1 & & & - & 4x_4 & - & 8x_5 & & & = & 3 \\
 & & x_2 & + & 5x_4 & - & 12x_5 & & & = & 4 \\
 & & x_3 & & & & & & & = & 5 \\
x_1 & , & x_2 & , & x_3 & , & x_4 & , & x_5 & \geq & 0
\end{array}$$

A. Unbounded objective function.

$$Z = 2 + 20x_5 \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 8x_5 \\ 4 + 12x_5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Simplex Algorithm: Optimality

Q. When to stop pivoting?
A. When all coefficients in top row are nonpositive.

Q. Why is resulting solution optimal?
A. Any feasible solution satisfies system of equations in tableaux.

- In particular: $Z = 800 - S_C - 2\,S_H$, $S_C \geq 0$, $S_H \geq 0$.
- Thus, optimal objective value $Z^* \leq 800$.
- Current BFS has value 800 $\Rightarrow$ optimal.

max Z subject to

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\end{array}$$

Basis = $\{A, B, S_M\}$
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Simplex Tableaux: Matrix Form

Initial simplex tableaux.

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcl}
c_B^T x_B & + & c_N^T x_N & = & Z \\
A_B x_B & + & A_N x_N & = & b \\
x_B & , & x_N & \geq & 0
\end{array}$$

Simplex tableaux corresponding to basis B.

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcl}
 & & (c_N^T - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_N)\,x_N & = & Z - c_B^T A_B^{-1} b & \leftarrow \text{subtract } c_B^T A_B^{-1} \text{ times constraints} \\
I\,x_B & + & A_B^{-1} A_N\,x_N & = & A_B^{-1} b & \leftarrow \text{multiply by } A_B^{-1} \\
x_B & , & x_N & \geq & 0
\end{array}$$

$x_B = A_B^{-1} b \geq 0$, $x_N = 0$ — basic feasible solution

$c_N^T - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_N \leq 0$ — optimal basis

Phase I Simplex

Q. How to find initial basis?

$$\begin{array}{lll}
\text{(P)} & \max & c^T x \\
 & \text{s. t.} & Ax = b \\
 & & x \geq 0
\end{array}$$

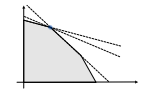
A. Solve (P'), starting from basis consisting of all the z_i variables.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
\text{(P')} & \max & \sum_{i=1}^{m} z_i \\
 & \text{s. t.} & Ax + Iz = b \\
 & & x,\ z \geq 0
\end{array}$$

- Case 1: min $> 0 \Rightarrow$ (P) is infeasible.
- Case 2: min $= 0$, basis has no z_i variables $\Rightarrow$ OK to start Phase II.
- Case 3a: min $= 0$, basis has z_i variables. Pivot z_i variables out of basis. If successful, start Phase II; else remove linear dependent rows.

Simplex Algorithm: Degeneracy

Degeneracy. New basis, same vertex.



Degenerate pivot. Min ratio = 0.

max Z subject to

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcrcrcr}
 & & & & \frac{1}{4}x_4 & - & 20x_5 & + & \frac{1}{4}x_6 & - & 6x_7 & - & Z & = & 0 \\
x_1 & & & + & \frac{1}{4}x_4 & - & 8x_5 & - & x_6 & + & 9x_7 & & & = & 0 \\
 & & x_2 & + & \frac{1}{2}x_4 & - & 12x_5 & - & \frac{1}{2}x_6 & + & 3x_7 & & & = & 0 \\
 & & x_3 & & & & & + & x_6 & & & & & = & 1 \\
x_1 & , & x_2 & , & x_3 & , & x_4 & , & x_5 & , & x_6 & , & x_7 & \geq & 0
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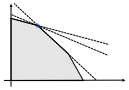

Cycling. Infinite loop by cycling through different bases that all correspond to same vertex.

Anti-cycling rules.

- Bland's rule: choose eligible variable with smallest index.
- Random rule: choose eligible variable uniformly at random.
- Lexicographic rule: perturb constraints so nondegenerate.

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Lexicographic rule. Apply perturbation virtually by manipulating ε symbolically:

$$17 + 5\varepsilon_1 + 11\varepsilon_2 + 8\varepsilon_3 \leq 17 + 5\varepsilon_1 + 14\varepsilon_2 + 3\varepsilon_3$$

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Claim. In perturbed problem, $x_B = A_B^{-1}(b + \varepsilon)$ is always nonzero.
Pf. The jth component of x_B is a (nonzero) linear combination of the components of $b + \varepsilon$ $\Rightarrow$ contains at least one of the ε_i terms.

which can't cancel

Corollary. No cycling.

Simplex Algorithm: Practice

Remarkable property. In practice, simplex algorithm typically terminates after at most $2(m + n)$ pivots.

but no polynomial pivot rule known

Issues.

- Avoid stalling.
- Choose the pivot.
- Maintain sparsity.
- Ensure numerical stability.
- Preprocess to eliminate variables and constraints.

Commercial solvers can solve LPs with millions of variables and tens of thousands of constraints.