

3. If all $z_j - c_j \geq 0$, the initial BFS is optimal and thus the value of the objective function will be the last element of the column headed by b .

If at least one $z_j - c_j < 0$, the solution is not optimal, then proceed further to construct the next table to get the next BFS which may give optimal value of the objective function. For this, we have to select the key element y_{rk} . [If $z_k - c_k$ is minimum (negative), the vector a_k will enter the new basis replacing the vector in the r th position under the column vector in the basis and c_k will replace c_r . If the minimum is not unique select any one of them. The value of r is to be determined by Min. Ratio rule which has been discussed in Page-54.

4. Construct the next table as follows: Divide the elements y_{rj} [$j=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$] of the r th row of the previous table y_{rk} to get the r th row of the next table.

$$\text{Then } y'_{rj} = \frac{y_{rj}}{y_{rk}} \quad i=r, j=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and to get the elements of the other rows of the table, we have

$$y_{ij}' = y_{ij} - y_{ik} \frac{y_{rj}}{y_{rk}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{y_{rk}} \begin{vmatrix} y_{ij} & y_{rj} \\ y_{ik} & y_{rk} \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} i=1, 2, \dots, m, i \neq r \\ \text{and } i=m+1 \text{ (for } z_j - c_j) \end{array}$$

The value of z and $z_j - c_j$, $j=1, 2, \dots, n$ are given the last $(m+1)$ th row. If $z_j - c_j \geq 0$ for all j , the BFS is optimal. If at least one

$z_j - c_j < 0$, then proceed further to ~~construct~~ construct a new table to get an optimal solution and so on until the conditions $z_j - c_j \geq 0$ are satisfied for all j . At the optimal table, the optimal value of the objective function is the last element under the column headed by b or we can use $z = C_B X_B$ at the optimal stage.

5. If at any stage $z_j - c_j < 0$ for at least one column with $y_{ij} \leq 0$ for all i , the problem has no finite solution, i.e. the problem is ~~has~~ ^{said to have an} unbounded solution.

6. If optimality is satisfied, i.e., $z_j - c_j \geq 0$ for all j and $z_j - c_j = 0$ for corresponding to some non-basis vector, then multiple optimal solutions exist. Another new optimal solution is found out by choosing a new basis taking this non-basis

vector in the basis.

Note: we show that if the LPP Maximize $Z = cx$
 Subject to $Ax = b$
 $x \geq 0$

has two optimal then it has infinite number of optimal solutions.

Proof: let x_1 and x_2 be two optimal solutions of the LPP. Then $Ax_1 = b$ and $x_1 \geq 0$

$$Ax_2 = b \text{ and } x_2 \geq 0$$

and $Z_0 = cx_1 = cx_2 \leq cx$ for any x such

that $Ax = b$ and $x \geq 0$

$$\text{let } y = \lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2, \quad 0 < \lambda < 1$$

Then $y \geq 0$ as $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, \lambda > 0$ and $(1-\lambda) > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } Ay &= A(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) = \lambda(Ax_1) + (1-\lambda)Ax_2 \\ &= \lambda b + (1-\lambda)b = b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } cy &= c(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \\ &= \lambda(cx_1) + (1-\lambda)cx_2 \\ &= \lambda Z_0 + (1-\lambda)Z_0 \\ &= Z_0 \end{aligned}$$

So, $y = \lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2, \quad 0 < \lambda < 1$ is also

an optimal solution. As $0 < \lambda < 1$.

So, the number of optimal solutions is infinite.

Example 1 Solve the LPP

$$\text{maximize } Z = 5x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3$$

subject to

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 \leq 30$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 36, \quad x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$$

Solution: This is a maximization problem. Here $b_i \geq 0$ for $i=1, 2$ and the constraints involved with sign ' \leq '.

Introducing two slack variables x_4 and x_5 one to each constraint, we get the following converted equations

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 30$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + x_5 = 36$$

$$x_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

The adjusted objective function is

$$Z = 5x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 0 \cdot x_4 + 0 \cdot x_5$$

So, the initial simplex table (Table 1) is

Table 1

	C	5	2	2	0	0	Min. Ratio
B	C_B	b	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5
a_1	0	30	1	2	-2	1	$\frac{30}{1} = 30$ *
a_5	0	36	1	3	1	0	$\frac{36}{1} = 36$
$Z_j - C_j$	0	-5*	-2	-2	0	0	

Here optimality is not satisfied as $Z_1 - C_1, Z_2 - C_2$ and $Z_3 - C_3$ are all negative and at least one component of y_1, y_2, y_3 are positive and

$$\min \{Z_1 - C_1, Z_2 - C_2, Z_3 - C_3\} = -5 \text{ which is } Z_1 - C_1$$

So, a_1 is the entering vector in the new basis

$$\text{Now } \min_{i=1,2} \left\{ \frac{x_{Bi}}{y_{i1}}, y_{i1} > 0 \right\} = \min \left\{ \frac{30}{1}, \frac{36}{1} \right\} = 30$$

which occurs for $i=1$. So, the departing vector is a_4 .

So, the intersection of 1st row and

1st column, i.e. $y_{11} = 1$ is the key element

So, we construct the next table as