

Eg 5.6

primal optimal

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Structural} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right) \\ \text{slack} \end{array}$$

dual optimal

$$\begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \hline 1 \end{array} \right) \\ \text{structural} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right) \\ \text{surplus} \end{array}$$

Eg 5.5

primal optimal

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Structural} \\ X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \hline \text{slack} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

dual optimal

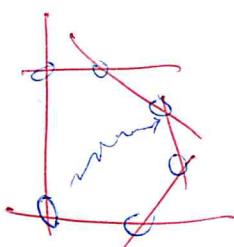
$$\begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \\ \text{Structural} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \\ \text{Surplus} \end{array}$$

Thm 5.7

$$\text{at optimal} \Rightarrow (U_S^*)_i \cdot X_i^* = 0 \quad \forall i$$

Thm 5.8  $\Leftrightarrow$   $q \geq 0$  (before optimal)

dual surplus primal structural



$$(U^*)_i \cdot (X_S^*)_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

dual structure primal slack  $\geq 0$  (before optimal)

Interior-pt method

Duality Gap

Thm 6

PL

Suppose  $\exists \vec{u}_0 \in FR_d$  s.t.  $\vec{b}^T \vec{u}_0$  is finite

$\Rightarrow$  optimal value for the primal is finite

$$\vec{c}^T \vec{x} \leq \vec{b}^T \vec{u}_0 \quad (\text{weak duality})$$

$$\forall \vec{x} \in FR_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{c}^T \vec{x}^* \leq \vec{b}^T \vec{u}_0 = \text{finite}$$

$\downarrow$   
optimal

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Primal is feasible, ~~dual~~  $FR_d = \emptyset$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{c}^T \vec{x}^* \rightarrow \infty.$$

$\downarrow$   
optimal

Pf: By contradiction. if  $\exists \vec{x}^*$  s.t.  $\vec{c}^T \vec{x}^* \geq \vec{c}^T \vec{x} \quad \forall \vec{x} \in FR_p$

By the proof the strong duality Thm

$$\vec{u}_0 \equiv \vec{B}^{-1} \vec{c}_B \quad \text{feasible \& optimal}$$

Contradiction

Thm 8.7 If  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{u}$  are optimal ( $\tilde{X}_s, \tilde{u}_s$  are  
optimal)

$$\text{then } x_i \cdot u_{si} = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$u_i \cdot x_{si} = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$\text{pf: } \tilde{u}^T A \tilde{x} + \tilde{u}^T \tilde{X}_s = \tilde{u}^T \tilde{b} = \tilde{b}^T \tilde{u}$$

$$\tilde{x}^T A \tilde{u} = \tilde{x}^T \tilde{u}_s = \tilde{x}^T \tilde{c} = \tilde{c}^T \tilde{x}$$

$$\tilde{b}^T \tilde{u} = \tilde{c}^T \tilde{x}$$

if (optimal  
weak Duality Th)

$$\tilde{u}^T \tilde{X}_s + \tilde{x}^T \tilde{u}_s = 0$$



$$\tilde{u}^T \tilde{X}_s = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{x}^T \tilde{u}_s = 0$$



$$\forall i \quad u_i \cdot x_{si} = 0, \quad x_i \cdot u_{si} = 0$$



Thm 8.8

$$x_i \cdot u_{si} = 0, \quad u_i \cdot x_{si} = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{u}, \tilde{x} \text{ are optimum.}$$

Primal

Dual

Initial table

|   |         |          |               |  |                                    |
|---|---------|----------|---------------|--|------------------------------------|
| $\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc c} 2 & +2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & +2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ \hline -1 & -4 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ | $(4/2)$ | $(6/2)$  | $\rightarrow$ | $\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ | $\leftarrow$ leave<br>not feasible |
| $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{not optimal} \\ \text{enter} \end{array} \right.$   |         |          |               | $\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc c} & & & & & 2 \\ & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ \hline & & & & & 0 \end{array} \right]$  | optimal                            |
| $\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc c} & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 0 & 0 & 11 & 10 & 0 \end{array} \right]$                        |         | feasible |               | $\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc c} & & & & & 2 \\ & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 1 & 10 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$                             | optimal                            |

Dual Simplex Method

Primal: not feasible but optimal

$\rightsquigarrow$  feasible & optimal

Table 9.2 Dual Simplex Method Applied to Wyndor Glass Co. Dual Problem

| Iteration | Basic Variable | Eq. No. | Coefficient of |                 |           |          |                 |                 | Right Side    |
|-----------|----------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|           |                |         | $y_1$          | $y_2$           | $y_3$     | $y_4$    | $y_5$           | $y_6$           |               |
| 0         | $Z$            | 0       | 1              | 4               | <u>12</u> | 18       | 0               | 0               | 0             |
|           | $y_4$          | 1       | 0              | -1              | 0         | -3       | 1               | 0               | -3            |
|           | $y_5$          | 2       | 0              | <u>0</u>        | -2        | -2       | 0               | 1               | -5            |
|           | $Z$            | 0       | 1              | 4               | 0         | <u>6</u> | 0               | 6               | -30           |
| 1         | $y_4$          | 1       | 0              | <u>-1</u>       | 0         | -3       | 1               | 0               | -3            |
|           | $y_2$          | 2       | 0              | 0               | 1         | 1        | 0               | - $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{5}{2}$ |
|           | $Z$            | 0       | 1              | 2               | 0         | 0        | 2               | 6               | -36           |
| 2         | $y_3$          | 1       | 0              | $\frac{3}{4}$   | 0         | 1        | - $\frac{3}{4}$ | 0               | 1             |
|           | $y_2$          | 2       | 0              | - $\frac{3}{4}$ | 1         | 0        | $\frac{1}{4}$   | - $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ |

**Part 2.** Determine the entering basic variable: Select the nonbasic variable whose coefficient in Eq. (0) reaches zero first as an increasing multiple of the equation containing the leaving basic variable is added to Eq. (0). This selection is made by checking the nonbasic variables with *negative coefficients* in that equation (the one containing the leaving basic variable) and selecting the one with the smallest ratio of the Eq. (0) coefficient to the absolute value of the coefficient in that equation.

**Part 3.** Determine the new basic solution: Starting from the current set of equations, solve for the basic variables in terms of the nonbasic variables by Gaussian elimination (see Appendix 4). When we set the nonbasic variables equal to zero, each basic variable (and  $Z$ ) equals the new right-hand side of the one equation in which it appears (with a coefficient of +1).

**3. Feasibility test:** Determine whether this solution is feasible (and therefore optimal): Check to see whether all the basic variables are *nonnegative*. If they are, then this solution is feasible, and therefore optimal, so stop. Otherwise, go to the iterative step.

To fully understand the dual simplex method, you must realize that the method proceeds just as if the *simplex method* were being applied to the complementary basic solutions in the *dual problem*. (In fact, this interpretation was the motivation for constructing the method as it is.) Part 1, determining the leaving basic variable is equivalent to determining the entering basic variable in the dual problem. The variable with the largest negative value corresponds to the largest negative coefficient in Eq. (0) of the dual problem (see Table 6.3). Part 2, determining the entering basic variable, is equivalent to determining the leaving basic variable in the dual problem. The coefficient in Eq. (0) that reaches zero first corresponds to the variable in the dual problem that reaches zero first. The two criteria for stopping the algorithm are also complementary.

We shall now illustrate the dual simplex method by applying it to the *dual problem* for the Wyndor Glass Co. (see Table 6.1). Normally this method is applied directly to the problem of concern (a primal problem). However, we have chosen this problem because you have already seen the simplex method applied to its dual problem (namely, the primal problem<sup>1</sup>) in Table 4.8 so you can compare the two. To facilitate the comparison, we shall continue to denote the decision variables in the problem being solved by  $x_i$  rather than  $y_i$ .

In *maximization* form, the problem to be solved is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize } Z &= -4y_1 - 12y_2 - 18y_3, \\ \text{subject to } y_1 &+ 3y_3 \geq 3 \\ 2y_2 + 2y_3 &\geq 5 \end{aligned}$$

and

After the functional constraints are converted to  $\leq$  form and the slack variables are introduced, the initial set of equations is that shown for iteration 0 in Table 9.2. Notice that all the coefficients in Eq. (0) are nonnegative, so the solution is optimal if it is feasible.

The initial basic solution is  $y_1 = 0$ ,  $y_2 = 0$ ,  $y_3 = 0$ ,  $y_4 = -3$ ,  $y_5 = -5$ , with  $Z = 0$ , which is not feasible because of the negative values. The leaving basic variable is  $y_5$  ( $5 > 3$ ), and the entering basic variable is  $y_2$  ( $\frac{6}{2} < \frac{18}{2}$ ), which leads to the second set of equations, labeled as iteration 1 in Table 9.2. The corresponding basic solution is  $y_1 = 0$ ,  $y_2 = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  $y_3 = 0$ ,  $y_4 = -3$ ,  $y_5 = 0$ , with  $Z = -30$ , which is not feasible.

The next leaving basic variable is  $y_4$ , and the entering basic variable is  $y_3$  ( $\frac{6}{3} < \frac{4}{1}$ ), which leads to the final set of equations in Table 9.2. The corresponding basic solution is  $y_1 = 0$ ,  $y_2 = \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $y_3 = 1$ ,  $y_4 = 0$ ,  $y_5 = 0$ , with  $Z = -36$ , which is feasible and therefore optimal.

Notice that the optimal solution for the *dual* of this problem<sup>1</sup> is  $x_1^* = 2$ ,  $x_2^* = 6$ ,  $x_3^* = 2$ ,  $x_4^* = 0$ ,  $x_5^* = 0$ , as was obtained in Table 4.8 by the simplex method. We suggest that you now trace through Tables 9.2 and 4.8 simultaneously and compare the complementary steps for the two mirror-image methods.

### 9.3 Parametric Linear Programming

At the end of Sec. 6.7 we described *parametric linear programming* and its use for conducting sensitivity analysis systematically by gradually changing various model parameters simultaneously. We shall now present the algorithmic procedure, first for the case where the  $c_j$  parameters are being changed and then where the  $b_i$  parameters are varied.

**Systematic Changes in the  $c_j$  Parameters**  
For the case where the  $c_j$  parameters are being changed, the *objective function* of the

$$Z = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j$$

<sup>1</sup> The complementary optimal basic solutions property presented in Sec. 6.3 indicates how to read the optimal solution for the dual problem from row 0 of the final simplex tableau for the primal problem. This "... e ... n ... the simplex method or the dual simplex method is used to

Given any feasible dual solution  $[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_s]$  and any column  $n$ -vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , (5.4) implies that

$$\mathbf{x}^T A^T \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_s = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}, \quad (5.6)$$

Since the cost coefficients of all slack and surplus variables are zero, we see that if  $[\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_{0s}]$  and  $[\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_{0s}]$  are optimal solutions to the primal and the dual problems, then

$$\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{u}_0.$$

Hence by (5.5) and (5.6), we have

$$\mathbf{u}_0^T \mathbf{x}_{0s} + \mathbf{x}_0^T \mathbf{u}_{0s} = 0.$$

Using the fact that  $\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{x}_{0s}, \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_{0s} \geq 0$ , we finally have  $\mathbf{u}_0^T \mathbf{x}_{0s} = 0 = \mathbf{x}_0^T \mathbf{u}_{0s}$ .  $\square$

We remark that the converse of Theorem 5.7 is also true.

**Theorem 5.8.** Let  $[\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_{0s}]$  be feasible solution to primal and  $[\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_{0s}]$  be feasible solution to dual. Suppose that

- (i) for each  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , the product of the  $i$ th primal slack variable and  $i$ th dual variable is zero, and
- (ii) for each  $j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the product of the  $j$ th primal variable and  $j$ th surplus dual variable is zero.

Then  $[\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_{0s}]$  and  $[\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_{0s}]$  are optimal solutions to the primal and the dual respectively.

*Proof.* By assumption,  $\mathbf{u}_0^T \mathbf{x}_{0s} + \mathbf{x}_0^T \mathbf{u}_{0s} = 0$ . Hence

$$\mathbf{u}_0^T \mathbf{x}_{0s} = -\mathbf{x}_0^T \mathbf{u}_{0s} = -\mathbf{u}_{0s}^T \mathbf{x}_0.$$

Adding the term  $\mathbf{u}_0^T A \mathbf{x}_0$  to both sides, we have

$$\mathbf{u}_0^T (A \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_{0s}) = (\mathbf{u}_0^T A - \mathbf{u}_{0s}^T) \mathbf{x}_0.$$

Since  $[\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_{0s}]$  and  $[\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_{0s}]$  are feasible solutions to the primal and the dual,

$$\mathbf{u}_0^T \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_0.$$

Thus by Theorem 5.3, both solutions are optimal solutions.  $\square$

To see why we have the complementary slackness, suppose that the  $j$ th surplus variable of the dual problem is positive. Then by Theorem 5.5, the reduced cost coefficient of the  $j$ th structural variable of the primal problem is negative (because it is equal to the negation of the  $j$ th surplus variable of the dual problem). Hence the  $j$ th primal structural variable should be equal to zero if it is at the optimum. For if not, then we can set it to zero and thus increase the objective value.

*Example 5.6. (Dual Prices)* Let the primal be given by

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & 2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \leq 4 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 6 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

FCF  
3 structural variables  
2 slack variables

P+

12

## Chapter 5. DUALITY

Its dual is

$(0,0)$  optimal but not feasible

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & 4u_1 + 6u_2 \\ \text{subject to} & 2u_1 + u_2 \geq 1 \\ & 2u_1 + 2u_2 \geq 4 \\ & u_1 + 2u_2 \geq 3 \\ & u_1, u_2 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

3 simplex  
variables

3 artificial  
variables

Initial Tableau:

|       | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $x_4$ | $x_5$ | b |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| $x_4$ | 2     | 2     | 1     | 1     | 0     | 4 |
| $x_5$ | 1     | 2     | 2     | 0     | 1     | 6 |
| $x_0$ | -1    | -4    | -3    | 0     | 0     | 0 |

$(2,0,0)$  optimal simplex variables

Optimal Tableau:

|       | $x_1$         | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $x_4$ | $x_5$          | b  |
|-------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|----|
| $x_2$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 1     | 0     | 1     | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | 1  |
| $x_3$ | -1            | 0     | 1     | -1    | 1              | 2  |
| $x_0$ | 2             | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1              | 10 |

optimal  
dual structural  
variables  
 $(u_1, u_2) = (1, 1)$

Thus the optimal primal solution is  $\mathbf{x}^* = [0, 1, 2, 0, 0]$  and by the duality theorem, the optimal dual solution is  $\mathbf{u}^* = [1, 1, 2, 0, 0]$ . Let us check for the complementary slackness for these two dual solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} u_1^* > 0 &\Rightarrow x_4^* = 0 \Rightarrow 2x_1^* + 2x_2^* + x_3^* = 4 \quad \text{i.e. } 2(0) + 2(1) + 2 = 4 \\ y_2^* > 0 &\Rightarrow x_5^* = 0 \Rightarrow x_1^* + 2x_2^* + 2x_3^* = 6 \quad \text{i.e. } 0 + 2(1) + 2(2) = 6 \\ x_1^* = 0 &\Rightarrow u_3^* \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2u_1^* + u_2^* \geq 1 \quad \text{i.e. } 2(1) + 1 = 3 \geq 1 \\ x_2^* > 0 &\Rightarrow u_4^* = 0 \Rightarrow 2u_1^* + 2u_2^* = 4 \quad \text{i.e. } 2(1) + 2(1) = 4 \\ x_3^* > 0 &\Rightarrow u_5^* = 0 \Rightarrow u_1^* + 2u_2^* = 3 \quad \text{i.e. } 1 + 2(1) = 3 \end{aligned}$$

## 5.4 Dual Simplex Method

In the usual simplex method, which will be called *primal method* for distinction, we start with a primal BFS  $\mathbf{x}$ , maintain primal feasibility  $\{x_{i0} \geq 0\}_{i=1}^m$  and strive for non-positivity of the reduced cost coefficients (which is equivalent to  $\{x_{0j} \geq 0\}_{j=1}^n$ ). However, by Theorem 5.5, the entries in the  $x_0$  row give the values of the dual variables at optimal. Thus the nonnegativity of  $\{x_{0j} \geq 0\}_{j=1}^n$  is equivalent to the feasibility of the dual variables.

In the *dual method*, we start with a dual BFS  $\mathbf{u}$ , maintain dual feasibility  $\{u_{j0} \geq 0\}_{j=1}^n$  (which is equivalent to  $\{x_{0j} \geq 0\}_{j=1}^n$ ) and strive for nonnegativity of  $\{u_{0i} \geq 0\}_{i=1}^m$  (which is equivalent to primal feasibility  $\{x_{i0} \geq 0\}_{i=1}^m$ ).

Since at any iteration, both the primal and the dual solutions have the same objective value, by the duality theorem, we see that if both solutions are feasible, then we have reached optimality.

Algorithm for the dual simplex method

- Given a dual BFS  $\mathbf{x}_B$ , if  $\mathbf{x}_B \geq 0$ , then the current solution is optimal; otherwise select an index  $r$  such that the component  $x_r$  of  $\mathbf{x}_B$  is negative.
- If  $y_{rj} \geq 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then the dual is unbounded; otherwise determine an index  $s$  such that

$$-\frac{y_{0s}}{y_{rs}} = \min_j \left\{ -\frac{y_{0j}}{y_{rj}} \mid y_{rj} < 0 \right\}.$$

- Pivot at element  $y_{rs}$  and return to step 1.

Example 5.7. Consider the problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Primal} & \min \\ \text{subject to} & 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 5x_3 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 \geq 5 \\ & 2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \geq 6 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Dual} \\ \rightarrow \text{in FCT} \end{array} \right\}$$

In canonical form, it is

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & -3x_1 - 4x_2 - 5x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & -x_1 - 2x_2 - 3x_3 \leq -5 \\ & -2x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 \leq -6 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{slack variable} \\ \text{Canonical form} \end{array}$$

The initial tableau is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 0 \\ x_3 & 5 \\ x_4 & -5 \\ x_5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{optimal} \\ \text{not feasible} \\ \text{not feasible} \end{array}$$

|       | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $x_4$ | $x_5$ | b  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| $x_4$ | -1    | -2    | -3    | 1     | 0     | -5 |
| $x_5$ | +2*   | +2    | +1    | 0     | -1    | +6 |
| $x_0$ | 3     | 4     | 5     | 0     | 0     | 0  |

↑  
ratios       $\frac{3}{2}$        $\frac{4}{2}$        $\frac{5}{1}$       -      -

After one iteration

entering min  $\rightarrow$  next one is still optimal

|       | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$           | $x_4$ | $x_5$           | b  |
|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|----|
| $x_4$ | 0     | +1*   | + $\frac{5}{2}$ | -1    | + $\frac{1}{2}$ | +2 |
| $x_1$ | 1     | 1     | $\frac{1}{2}$   | 0     | - $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3  |
| $x_0$ | 0     | 1     | $\frac{7}{2}$   | 0     | $\frac{3}{2}$   | -9 |

↑  
ratios      -       $\frac{1}{1}$        $\frac{7}{5}$       -       $\frac{3}{1}$

↑  
entering

non feasible leaving

Optimal Tableau:

|       | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$         | $x_4$ | $x_5$         | $b$ |
|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-----|
| $x_2$ | 0     | 1     | $\frac{5}{2}$ | -1    | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2   |
| $x_1$ | 1     | 0     | -2            | 1     | -1            | 1   |
| $x_0$ | 0     | 0     | 1             | 1     | 1             | -11 |

*Optimal*

} feasible

Since both the primal and the dual solutions are feasible, we have reached the optimal solution. The primal optimal solution is given by  $\mathbf{x}^* = [1, 2, 0]$ , the dual optimal solution is  $\mathbf{u}^* = [1, 1]$  and the optimal objective value is 11 for the original problem is a minimization problem.

## 5.5 Post-Optimality or Sensitivity Analysis

Given an LP problem, suppose that we have found the optimal feasible solution by the simplex (or dual simplex) method. *Post-optimality or sensitivity analysis* is the study of how the changes in the original LP problem would affect the feasibility and optimality of the current optimal solution. Before we analyze the method, we first recall the following criteria for determining the optimal primal solutions.

*Primal feasibility:*

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow B\mathbf{x}_B + N\mathbf{x}_N = \mathbf{b}. \quad (5.7)$$

*Primal optimality:*

$$\mathbf{z}^T - \mathbf{c}^T = \mathbf{c}_B^T B^{-1} A - \mathbf{c}^T \geq 0. \quad (5.8)$$

In the following we will consider changes in the original problem that can affect only one of these criteria. For in these cases, we can obtain the new optimal solution without redoing the whole simplex method for the new LP.

(1) *Changes in resource vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .*

From (5.7) and (5.8), we see that changes in  $\mathbf{b}$  will affect the feasibility but not the optimality of the current optimal solution. Thus if the current optimal solution satisfies the old constraints with the new right hand sides, then it will be the new optimal solution. By the duality theory, the changes in  $\mathbf{b}$  will affect the optimality but not the feasibility of the dual optimal solution. In fact, the cost vector for the dual problem is given by  $\mathbf{b}$ .

(2) *Changes in cost/profit vector  $\mathbf{c}$ .*

By the duality theory, (or from (5.7) and (5.8) again), we see that changes in the cost vector  $\mathbf{c}$  will affect only the optimality of the primal optimal solution and the feasibility of the dual optimal solution. Thus if the current optimal solution satisfies the criteria that the new  $x_0$  row is nonnegative, then it will be the optimal solution for the new LP.

(3) *Changes in technology matrix  $A$ .*

If the changes in  $A$  occur at the basic variables, then  $B$  will be changed. From (5.7) and (5.8), we see that both the feasibility and the optimality of the current optimal solution may be violated. In that case, we have to redo the whole problem. However, if the changes of  $A$  are restricted to columns of nonbasic variables (i.e.  $N$  in (5.7)), then we see that only dual feasibility (or equivalently primal optimality) will be affected because  $\mathbf{x}_N = \mathbf{0}$ .

- (4) *Addition of a new primal variable/dual constraint  $a_{ij} + c_j$ .*

This case is essentially the same as considering *simultaneously* changes in the objective function coefficient as well as the corresponding technological coefficients of nonbasic variable. (One can assume that the  $a_{ij}$  and the  $c_j$  are originally there with values equal to zero.) Consequently, the addition of a new variable can only affect the optimality of the problem. This means that the new variable will enter the solution if, and only if, it improves the objective function value. Otherwise the new variable becomes just another nonbasic variable ( $= 0$ ).

- (5) *Addition of a new primal constraint/dual variable  $a_{ij} + b_i$ .*

A new constraint can affect the feasibility of the current optimal solution only if it is *active*, i.e. it is not redundant with respect to the current optimal solution. Consequently, the first step would be to check whether the new constraint is satisfied by the current optimal solution. If it is satisfied, the new constraint is redundant and the optimal solution remains unchanged. Otherwise, the new constraint must be added to the system and the dual simplex method is used to clear the primal infeasibility (dual optimality).

*Example 5.8.* Consider the LPP given by the following tableau:

|       | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $x_4$ | $x_5$ | $b$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| $x_4$ | 1     | 3     | 4     | 1     | 0     | 30  |
| $x_5$ | 0     | 4     | -1    | 0     | 1     | 10  |
| $x_0$ | -2    | -7    | 3     | 0     | 0     | 0   |

Optimal tableau

$\vec{C}_B = (2, 3, 0)$

$\vec{C}_B = (0, 2)$   $x_0 = \vec{C}_B \cdot \vec{x}_0$

The optimal tableau is:

$$\vec{B} = (\vec{a}_4, \vec{a}_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{B}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (0, 2) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

|       | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $x_4$ | $x_5$ | $b$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| $x_4$ | 0     | -1    | 5     | 1     | -1    | 20  |
| $x_1$ | 1     | 4     | -1    | 0     | 1     | 10  |
| $x_0$ | 0     | 1     | 1     | 0     | 2     | 20  |

Optimal tableau

$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 20 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 20$

- (1) *Changes in resource vector  $b$ .*

Let the new  $\hat{b} = [10, 20]^T$ . Then the new basic solution is given by

$$\text{Now: } \hat{x}_B = \underbrace{\vec{B}^{-1} \hat{b}}_{\text{Non-feasible}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} < 0. \text{ Non-feasible}$$

Thus it is no longer feasible. The new objective value is

$$\hat{x}_0 = \underbrace{\vec{c}_B^T \hat{x}_B}_{\text{New objective value}} = [0, 2] \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} = 40.$$

We then need to apply the dual simplex method to restore primal feasibility with a new  $b$  column of  $[-10, 20, 40]^T$ . The new starting tableau is given by:

|       | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $x_4$ | $x_5$ | b   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| $x_4$ | 0     | -1*   | 5     | 1     | -1    | -10 |
| $x_1$ | 1     | 4     | -1    | 0     | 1     | 20  |
| $x_0$ | 0     | 1     | 1     | 0     | 2     | 40  |

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 simplex

(2) Changes in cost/profit vector  $\mathbf{c}$ .

Let the new  $\hat{\mathbf{c}} = [3, 6, -3, 0, 0]^T$ . The new  $x_0$  row is given by

$$\hat{z}^T - \hat{\mathbf{c}}^T = \hat{\mathbf{c}}_B^T B^{-1} A - \hat{\mathbf{c}}^T = [0, 6, 0, 0, 3] \geq 0.$$

(Recall that  $B^{-1}A$  is just the last tableau.) This indicates primal optimality. Thus the primal optimal solution is unchanged. Looking at the dual, the new dual variables are

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = B^{-T} \hat{\mathbf{c}}_B = B^{-T} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(3) Changes in technology coefficients  $a_{ij}$ .

In the optimal tableau,  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  are basic. Thus we can only change the entries of  $\mathbf{a}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_3$  and  $\mathbf{a}_5$ . Let the new  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}_2 = [1, 5]^T$ . While the primal feasibility remains, we need to calculate the new reduced cost coefficient for  $x_2$ .

$$\hat{z}_2 - c_2 = \mathbf{c}_B^T B^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2 - c_2 = [0, 2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - 7 = 3 \geq 0.$$

Thus the current basis remains optimal with  $\mathbf{x}_B = (10, 20)^T$  and  $x_0 = 20$  unchanged. However, if  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}_2 = [1, 3]^T$ , then  $\hat{z}_2 - c_2 = -1 \leq 0$ , indicating non-optimality. In this case, we need to replace the column under  $x_2$  in the (previously optimal) tableau by

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_2 = B^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and pivot in the  $x_2$  column once (to have  $x_2$  become basic) to restore optimality. The new optimal  $\mathbf{x}_B = [x_4, x_2]^T = [26\frac{2}{3}, 3\frac{1}{3}]^T$  with  $x_0 = 23\frac{1}{3}$ .

*Example 5.9.* (Adding extra constraints) Consider the following LLP problem:

|       | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $x_4$ | b  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| $x_3$ | -1    | -1    | 1     | 0     | -1 |
| $x_4$ | -2    | -3    | 0     | 1     | -2 |
| $x_0$ | 3     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0  |

We note that we have primal infeasibility and dual feasibility. Using the dual simplex method, we get the following optimal tableau.