

More on Fundamental Insight

S-O-B Method for Duals

Absolute Values in Objective Function

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Sensible Rules for Remembering Duals The S-O-B Method



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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Primal Problem</i></p> <p>Maximize $Z = \mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}$ subject to $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dual Problem</i></p> <p>Minimize $W = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{b}$ subject to $\mathbf{y}\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{c}$ and $\mathbf{y} \geq 0$.</p>
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Examine Objective Function Row After Any Iteration

	Original Variables	Slack Variables
Basic Variables	$x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n$	$x_{n+1} \ x_{n+2} \ \dots \ x_{n+m}$
Z	$z_1 - c_1 \ z_2 - c_2 \ \dots \ z_n - c_n$	$y_1 \ y_2 \ \dots \ y_m$

where $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$ is the vector which the simplex method added to the original coefficients $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$

$\mathbf{z} = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$ is the vector the simplex method added to original objective function row $(-c_1, -c_2, \dots, -c_n)$

Fromage Example: Examine Objective Function Row

	Z	x	y	u	v	w	W
Original	1	-4.5	-4	0	0	0	0
Iteration 1	1	0	-11/5	3/20	0	0	900
Iteration 2	1	0	0	-1/30	11/20	0	1230
Iteration 3	1	0	0	0	5/12	1/12	1250

$$\text{Claim: } W = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i y_i$$

Iteration 1: $(3/20, 0, 0) \mathbf{b} = 900 + 0 + 0 = 900$

Iteration 2: $(-1/30, 11/20, 0) \mathbf{b} = -200 + 1430 + 0 = 1230$

Iteration 3: $(0, 5/12, 1/12) \mathbf{b} = 0 + 3250/3 + 500/3 = 1250$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y}A \text{ so } z_j = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i a_{ij}$$

Optimality Conditions

$$z_j - c_j \geq 0 \Rightarrow z_j \geq c_j, \text{ for all } j, y_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } i$$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbf{y}A \geq \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

The only feasible solution of \mathbf{y} problem is an optimal solution of the primal problem. Thus $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}$ is the minimum possible feasible value for $\mathbf{y}\mathbf{b}$.

Quick Review

We can express the final Objective Function Row as

$\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c}$ where \mathbf{z} represents what was added:

$$\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c} = [0, 5/12, 1/12] \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{c}$$

and $[0, 5/12, 1/12]$ is the vector of shadow prices.

IDEA: We can reconstruct parts of the final tableau from other parts and from the original data.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{General Case} & \\ \mathbf{A}, & \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{b} \\ m \text{ by } n & n \text{ by } 1 & m \text{ by } 1 \end{array}$$

Augment \mathbf{A} with $m \times m$ identity matrix \mathbb{I} and slack variables \mathbf{x}_s
(an $m \times 1$ vector)

$$\begin{array}{c} [A, \mathbb{I}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}_s \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b} \\ (m \times m + n) \quad (m + n \times 1) = (m \times 1) \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbb{I} \mathbf{x}_s = \mathbf{b}$$

(A system of m equations in $m + n$ unknowns)

The Matrix Form of Equations in Initial Tableau:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\mathbf{c} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & A & \mathbb{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

After an iteration, the right hand side of the equation becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} Z \\ \mathbf{x}_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \mathbf{b} \\ B^{-1} \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus original right hand side was multiplied on the left by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

so left hand side was also multiplied by this matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\mathbf{c} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & A & \mathbb{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the left hand side has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\mathbf{c} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & A & \mathbb{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} A & \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & B^{-1} A & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

and the matrix form of the equations of the tableau is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} A & \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & B^{-1} A & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \mathbf{b} \\ B^{-1} \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

Earlier:

If we know the original data $(A, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{b})$ and which variables are in the basis, then we can determine B^{-1} and hence we can construct the entire tableau.

	Z	Original Variables	Slack Variables	
Z-row	1	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} A - \mathbf{c}$	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1}$	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \mathbf{b}$
Other rows	0	$B^{-1} A$	B^{-1}	$B^{-1} \mathbf{b}$

Hillier and Lieberman use \mathbf{S}^* for B^{-1} if we have reached the final tableau with an optimal solution.

Initial Tableau for Fromage Problem

	Z	x	y	u	v	w	
Z	1	-4.5	-4	0	0	0	0
u	0	30	12	1	0	0	6000
v	0	10	8	0	1	0	2600
w	0	4	8	0	0	1	2000

	Z	Original Variables	Slack Variables	
Z-row	1	$\mathbf{c_B B^{-1} A - c}$	$\mathbf{c_B B^{-1}}$	$\mathbf{c_B B^{-1} b}$
Other rows	0	$B^{-1} A$	B^{-1}	$B^{-1} \mathbf{b}$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Z-row} \\
 \text{Other rows}
 \end{array}
 \left| \begin{array}{cc}
 \text{Original Variables} & \text{Slack Variables} \\
 \mathbf{c}_B \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{c} & \mathbf{c}_B \mathbf{B}^{-1} \\
 \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B}^{-1}
 \end{array} \right|
 \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{c}_B \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{A} \\
 \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{b}
 \end{array}$$

Second Example

Suppose we take x, v, w as basis.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/30 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2/15 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

	Original Variables	Slack Variables	
Z-row	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} A - \mathbf{c}$	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1}$	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \mathbf{b}$
Other rows	$B^{-1} A$	B^{-1}	$B^{-1} \mathbf{b}$

$$B^{-1} \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/30 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2/15 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6000 \\ 2600 \\ 2000 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 200 \\ 600 \\ 1200 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_B (B^{-1} \mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 9/2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 200 \\ 600 \\ 1200 \end{bmatrix} = 900$$

$$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 9/2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/20 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

	Original Variables	Slack Variables	
Z-row	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} A - \mathbf{c}$	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1}$	$\mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \mathbf{b}$
Other rows	$B^{-1} A$	B^{-1}	$B^{-1} \mathbf{b}$

$$B^{-1} \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 200 \\ 600 \\ 1200 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_B (B^{-1} \mathbf{b}) = 900, \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} = \left[\frac{3}{20} \quad 0 \quad 0 \right]$$

$$B^{-1} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/30 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2/15 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 12 \\ 10 & 8 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/5 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 32/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} A - \mathbf{c} &= \left[\frac{9}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \right] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & \frac{32}{5} \end{bmatrix} = \left[\frac{9}{2} \quad \frac{9}{5} \right] - \left[\frac{9}{2} \quad 4 \right] \\ &= \left[0 \quad -\frac{11}{5} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Z-row} \\
 \text{Other rows}
 \end{array}
 \left| \begin{array}{cc}
 \text{Original Variables} & \text{Slack Variables} \\
 \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} A - \mathbf{c} & \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \\
 B^{-1} A & B^{-1}
 \end{array} \right|
 \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} \mathbf{b} \\
 B^{-1} \mathbf{b}
 \end{array}$$

$$B^{-1} \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 200 \\ 600 \\ 1200 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_B (B^{-1} \mathbf{b}) = 900, \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} = \left[\frac{3}{20} \quad 0 \quad 0 \right]$$

$$B^{-1} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/5 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 32/5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_B B^{-1} A - \mathbf{c} = \left[0 \quad -11/5 \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|ccc|c}
 0 & -11/5 & 3/20 & 0 & 0 & 900 \\
 \hline
 1 & 2/5 & 1/30 & 0 & 0 & 200 \\
 0 & 4 & -1/3 & 1 & 0 & 600 \\
 0 & 32/5 & -2/15 & 0 & 1 & 1200
 \end{array} \right]$$

Sensible Rules For Remembering Duals

The S-O-B Method by Arthur Benjamin



Benjamin provides

- ▶ An easy way to form dual when primal has \leq , $=$ and \geq constraints.
- ▶ Another way to think about the dual

S-O-B Method

S = Sensible O = Odd B = Bizarre

Step 1: Label Each Variable:

S if ≥ 0

O if unrestricted

B if ≤ 0

Step 2: Label Each Constraint

Maximization Problem	Minimization Problem
S if \leq	S if \geq
O if $=$	O if $=$
B if \geq	B if \leq

A CONSTRAINT in the Dual is S, O, B if the corresponding VARIABLE in the primal is S, O, B.

Example: Maximize $4x_1 + 5x_2$
subject to

$$3x_1 + 1x_2 \leq 27$$

$$5x_1 + 5x_2 = 6$$

$$6x_1 + 4x_2 \geq 6$$

$$x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$$

Dual will have the form
Minimize $27y_1 + 6y_2 + 6y_3$
subject to

$$3y_1 + 5y_2 + 6y_3 \leq 4$$

$$1y_1 + 5y_2 + 4y_3 = 5$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3$$

Use the S-O-B Method

Step 1: Label Variables in Primal:

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S, S

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Use the S-O-B Method

Step 2: Label Constraints in Primal:

Example: Maximize $4x_1 + 5x_2$

subject to

$$3x_1 + 1x_2 \leq 27 \quad \mathbf{S}$$

$$5x_1 + 5x_2 = 6 \quad \mathbf{O}$$

$$6x_1 + 4x_2 \geq 6 \quad \mathbf{B}$$

$$x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$$

S,S

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Use the S-O-B Method

Label Variables and Constraints in Dual

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subject to

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S,S

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subject to

$$3y_1 + 5y_2 + 6y_3 \leq 4 \quad \mathbf{S}$$

$$1y_1 + 5y_2 + 4y_3 = 5 \quad \mathbf{S}$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3$$

S, O, B

Use the S-O-B Method

Put in Inequalities in Dual

Example: Maximize $4x_1 + 5x_2$

subject to

$$3x_1 + 1x_2 \leq 27 \quad \mathbf{S}$$

$$5x_1 + 5x_2 = 6 \quad \mathbf{O}$$

$$6x_1 + 4x_2 \geq 6 \quad \mathbf{B}$$

$$x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$$

S,S

Dual will have the form

Minimize $27y_1 + 6y_2 + 6y_3$

subject to

$$3y_1 + 5y_2 + 6y_3 \geq 4 \quad \mathbf{S}$$

$$1y_1 + 5y_2 + 4y_3 \geq 5 \quad \mathbf{S}$$

$$y_1 \geq 0, y_2 \text{ unrestricted}, y_3 \leq 0$$

S, O, B

Not Quite Linear Objective Functions

Suppose we have a problem with objective function of the form

$$\text{Maximize } |12x - 17y|$$

Note that $|12x - 17y|$ is not a linear function.

Here's an idea: For any real number W , we have

$$P = |W| + W = \begin{cases} 2W & \text{if } W \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } W < 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$N = |W| - W = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } W \geq 0 \\ 2|W| & \text{if } W < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } P + N = 2|W| \text{ and } P - N = 2W$$

Then Maximizing $2|W|$ is equivalent to Maximizing $P + N$
and we can add a new constraint $-2W + P - N = 0$.

Next Time:

Systematic Study of Sensitivity Analysis