

# 1 Simplex Algorithm

## 1.1 Simplex Algorithm

$x$  is basic solution for  $\min(c^T x)$  s.t.  $Ax = b$  and  $x \geq 0$  ( $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ).

*basis*  $B = (B(1), \dots, B(m))$   
*columns*  $A_{B(1)}, \dots, A_{B(m)}$  are linearly independent.  
 if  $j \notin B(1), \dots, B(m) \rightarrow x_j = 0$  ( $x_j$  is non basic variable)  
 $Ax = b$   
 $x_B = (X_{B(1)}, \dots, X_{B(m)})$  (those are the basic variables)  
 $A_B = (A_{B(1)}, \dots, A_{B(m)})$   
 $X_B = A_B^{-1} * b$

From point  $x$  we now want go to  $x + \theta d$  with  $\theta \geq 0$ . For each  $j \in [n] \setminus B$  we define  $d^j$

$d_j^j = 1$   
 $d_i^j = 0$  (for each  $i \in [n] \setminus (B \cup \{j\})$ )  
 $d_B^j = -A_B^{-1} * A_j$

It follows

$Ad^j = 0$   
 $Ax = b$   
 $A(x + \theta d) = Ax + \theta Ad = b$  as  $\theta Ad = 0$

we now define the reduced cost  $\bar{c}_j$  as

$c^T(x + \theta d^j) - c^T x = c_j - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_j = \bar{c}_j$

if the result vector  $\bar{c}$  is strictly positiv ( $\bar{c} \geq 0$ ) then  $x$  is the optimal solution.

The resulting Simplex Algorithm is as follows:

1. start with basic feasible solution  $x$  and the corresponding basis  $B$
2. compute  $\bar{c}$
3. if  $\bar{c} \geq 0$ 
  - TRUE then  $x$  is optimal  $\Rightarrow$  STOP
  - FALSE assume  $\bar{c}_j < 0$   
move from  $x$  in direction  $d^j$  by moving to point  $x + \theta^* d^j$  where  
 $\theta^* = \max\{\theta \geq 0 \mid x + \theta d^j \in P\}$  non negativity constraints are satisfied at  $x + \theta d^j$   
for the non-negativity constraints:
    - (a)  $d^j \geq 0$  then  $x + \theta d^j \geq 0$  for any  $\theta \geq 0$   $c^T(x + \theta d^j) = c^T x + \theta c^T d^j$ .  
It follows that optimal solution is  $-\infty$ . STOP
    - (b) if  $d_i^j < 0$  for some  $i$ ,  $x_i + \theta d_i^j \geq 0$

$$\theta^* = \min_{\{i \mid d_i^j < 0\}} -\frac{x_i}{d_i^j} \iff 0 \leq \frac{-x_i}{d_i^j}$$

$\theta > 0$  :  $d_i^j \geq 0$  if  $x_i$  is nonbasic variable  
 $x_i > 0$  if  $i \in B$  ( $x$  is non-degenerate)

let  $B(l)$  be minimize for (\*) it follows :

$$y = x + \theta^* d^j$$

$$\theta^* = \frac{-x_{B(l)}}{d_{B(l)}^j}$$

$$y_{B(l)} = X_{B(l)} + \theta^* d_{B(l)}^j = 0 \text{ and } d_{B(l)}^j < 0$$

$$\text{new basis } \bar{B} : \bar{B}(i) = \begin{cases} B(i) & \text{if } i \neq l \\ j & \text{if } i = l \end{cases} \quad \theta^* > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y \neq x$$

$$\Rightarrow c^T y < c^T x$$

## 1.2 Theorem 42

1. the columns of  $A_{\bar{B}}$  are linearly independent
2.  $y$  is basic feasible solution corresponding to  $\bar{B}$

### Proof of (a)

assume that  $A_{B(1)}, \dots, A_{B(m)}$  are linearly independent  
 $\Rightarrow \exists$  coefficient  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  with not all  $\lambda = 0$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i A_{\bar{B}(i)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i A_B^{-1} A_{\bar{B}(i)} = 0$$

vectors  $A_B^{-1} A_{B(i)}, \dots, A_B^{-1} A_{B(m)}$  are linearly dependent

$$\begin{aligned}
A_B^{-1} * A_B &= I = A_B^{-1} * A_{B(i)} = l_i \\
A_{B(i)} &= A_{\bar{B}(i)} \text{ for all } i \neq l \\
\Rightarrow A_B^{-1} * A_{\bar{B}(i)} &= A_B^{-1} * A_{B(i)} = e_i \text{ if } i \neq l \\
\bar{B}(l) &= j \\
A_B^{-1} A_{\bar{B}(l)} &= A_B^{-1} A_j = -d_B^j \text{ (the } l^{\text{th}} \text{ entry of } d_B^j = d_{B(l)}^j) \\
A_B^{-1} A_B &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & ? & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \ddots & \dots & ? & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & 1 & ? & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & ? & 1 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & ? & \dots & \ddots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & ? & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
\det(A_B^{-1} A_{\bar{B}}) &\neq 0 \\
\Rightarrow \text{vectors } A_B^{-1} A_{B(i)}, \dots, A_B^{-1} A_{B(m)} &\text{ are linearly independent. Contradiction!}
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof of (b)**

$$\begin{aligned}
y \geq 0, Ay = b, y_i = 0 \text{ if } i \notin \bar{B} \\
\text{columns of } A_{\bar{B}} \text{ are linearly independent} \\
\Rightarrow y \text{ is basic feasible solution for basis } \bar{B}
\end{aligned}$$

**1.3 One Iteration of Simplex**

One iteration of Simplex algorithm is called a pivot.

1. start with basis matrix  $A_B$ , defining basic feasible solution  $x$
2. compute reduced costs  $\bar{c}_j = c_j - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_j$ 
  - (a) if  $\bar{c}_j \geq 0 \Rightarrow x$  optimal solution. STOP
  - (b) choose some  $j$  with  $\bar{c}_j < 0$
3. compute  $u = A_B^{-1} A_j = -d_B^j$  if  $u \leq 0$  the optimum is  $-\infty$ . STOP
4. choose index  $l$  such that  $\frac{X_{B(l)}}{u_l} = \theta^* = \min\{\frac{X_{B(i)}}{u_i} | i \in [n] \text{ and } u_i > 0\}$
5. Form new basis  $\bar{B}$  by replacing  $B(l)$  with  $j$
6. new basic feasible solution  $y$  with

$$y_i = \theta^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_i &= 0 \text{ if } i \notin \bar{B} = B \cup \{j\} \setminus B(l) \\
y_{B(i)} &= X_{B(i)} - \theta^* * u_i
\end{aligned}$$

#### 1.4 Theorem 43

Assume  $P \neq \emptyset$ , every basic feasible solution is non-degenerate, and that the algorithm is initialized with a basic feasible solution. Then it terminates after a finite amount of iterations. At termination, there are the following two options:

- We have a optimal Basis B and a associated basic feasible solution that is optimal
- We have a vector  $d$  satisfying  $Ad = 0, d \geq 0, c^T d < 0$  and thus the optimal cost is  $-\infty$ .

#### Proof

- If algorithm terminates in step 2 the solution is optimal because  $\bar{c} \geq 0$
- If algorithm terminates in step 3
  - $\Rightarrow \exists$  basic feasible solution  $x$  and direction  $d^j$  with  $Ad^j = 0, x + \theta d^j \in P, \forall \theta \geq 0$
  - $c^T d^j = \bar{c}_j < 0$
  - cost of  $x + \theta d^j$  is  $c^T(x + \theta d^j) = c^T x + \theta c^T d^j \Rightarrow$  *The optimum is  $-\infty$ .*

in each pivot the objective value strictly decreases. Thus, no vertice is visited twice. As there are only a limited amount of vertices the algorithm has to terminate after a finite amount of iterations.