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1 Simplex Algorithm

1.1 Iteration of Simplex Algorithm (a "pivot")

1. start with basis Matrix $A_{B(1)}, \dots, A_{B(m)} \rightarrow$ basic feasible solution x .
2. compute reduced costs $\bar{c}_j = c_j - c_B^T A_B^{-1} A_j$ for each nonbasic variable x_j .
 - (a) if all $\bar{c}_j \geq 0$ then we are optimal.
 - (b) choose some j with $\bar{c}_j < 0$
3. compute $u = A_B^{-1} A_j = -d_B^j$. If $u \leq 0$ then the optimum is $-\infty$ and we stop.
4. Choose index l such that $u_l > 0$ and

$$\frac{x_{B(l)}}{u_l} = \theta^* = \min \left\{ \frac{x_{B(i)}}{u_i} \mid i \in [m] \text{ and } u_i > 0 \right\}$$
5. Form new basis by replacing $A_{B(l)}$ with A_j .

1.2 Faster Implementation

1st iteration: basic feasible solution x , basis matrix A_B , compute A_B^{-1} .
 2nd iteration: basic feasible solution \bar{x} , basis matrix $A_{\bar{B}}$, compute $A_{\bar{B}}^{-1}$
 \rightarrow derive $A_{\bar{B}}^{-1}$ from A_B^{-1} .

We know, that A_B and $A_{\bar{B}}$ are very similar.

Idea: Are A_B^{-1} and $A_{\bar{B}}^{-1}$ also similar?

We also know: $A_B^{-1}A_B = I$, $A_B^{-1}A_{B(i)} = e_i$, $A_B^{-1}A_j = u$

$$A_B^{-1}A_{\bar{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & u_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \dots & u_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & 1 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & u_l & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & 1 & & \vdots \\ 0 & & & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & u_m & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We want to find a matrix Q , such that $\underbrace{QA_B^{-1}}_{=A_{\bar{B}}^{-1}}A_{\bar{B}} = I$.

1.3 Elementary Row Operations

Multiply i -th row by some $\alpha \neq 0$
 \Leftrightarrow multiplying from left with

$$Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & 1 & 0 & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & 0 & \alpha & 0 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & & 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is like the unit matrix, but with α at position (l, l) . Obviously Q_1 is invertible.

Now add β times the j -th row to the i -th row for $i \neq j$ to eliminate the non-diagonal components of u :

$$Q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \beta \\ \vdots & \ddots & 1 & 0 & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & 0 & 1 & 0 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & & 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is like the unit matrix, but with β at position (i, j) .

With these elementary row operations turn $A_B^{-1}A_{\bar{B}}$ into I .

- For each $i \neq l$:
 - Add the l -th row $-\frac{u_i}{u_l}$ times to the i -th row.
- Multiply l -th row by $\frac{1}{u_l}$

In other words: find Q_1, \dots, Q_m such that:

$$\underbrace{Q_m \dots Q_2 Q_1}_Q A_B^{-1} A_{\bar{B}} = I \implies Q A_B^{-1} = A_{\bar{B}}^{-1}$$

1.4 Simplex: full tableau implementation

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} -c_B^T x_B & \bar{c}_1 & \dots & \bar{c}_n \\ \hline x_{B(1)} & & & \\ \vdots & A_B^{-1} A_1 & \dots & A_B^{-1} A_n \\ x_{B(m)} & & & \end{array}$$

Note that $-c_B^T x_B$ is the negated objective value of x , $\bar{c}_1, \dots, \bar{c}_n$ the reduced costs and the vectors $A_B^{-1} A_l = u_l$.

We call the vector $(-c_B^T x_B, \bar{c}_1, \dots, \bar{c}_n)^T$ the 0-th row of our tableau and the vector $(-c_B^T x_B, x_{B(1)}, \dots, x_{B(m)})^T$ the 0-th column.

1.5 Pivot step

1. If $\bar{c} \geq 0$ then STOP.
Otherwise choose j such that $\bar{c}_j \leq 0$.

2. consider $u = A_B^{-1}A_j$.
If $u \leq 0$ then STOP.
3. for each i with $u_i > 0$ compute $\frac{x_{B(i)}}{u_i}$
Let l be the index of a row that minimizes this ratio.
4. Column A_j enters basis,
column $A_{B(l)}$ leaves basis.
5. perform elementary row operation such that:
 - (a) u_l becomes 1
 - (b) all other entries in the j -th column become 0, including entries in 0-th row.

1.5.1 Example

$$\begin{array}{llllllll}
 \text{minimize} & -10x_1 & - & 12x_2 & - & 12x_3 & & \\
 \text{subject to} & x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & 2x_3 & + & x_4 & & & & = & 20 \\
 & 2x_1 & + & x_2 & + & 2x_3 & & & + & x_5 & & = & 20 \\
 & 2x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & & & & & + & x_6 & = & 20
 \end{array}$$

Initial solution $x = (0, 0, 0, 20, 20, 20)$

$B(1) = 4, B(2) = 5, B(3) = 6$

$A_B = I = A_B^{-1}, c_B = 0$

The tableau for this LP looks like this:

0	-10	-12	-12	0	0	0
20	1	2	2	1	0	0
20	2*	1	2	0	1	0
20	2	2	1	0	0	1

* this is the u_l that has to become 1. The other entries in this column ($= u$) have to become 0.

$$\frac{x_{B(1)}}{u_1} = \frac{x_4}{u_1} = 20$$

$$\frac{x_{B(2)}}{u_2} = \frac{x_5}{u_2} = 10$$

$$\frac{x_{B(3)}}{u_3} = \frac{x_6}{u_3} = 10$$

Index $l = 2 \implies A_1$ enters the basis, A_5 leaves the basis

$B(1) = 4, B(2) = 1, B(3) = 6$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccccc}
100 & 0 & -7 & -2 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\
\hline
10 & 0 & 0,5 & 1 & 1 & -0,5 & 0 \\
10 & 1 & 0,5 & 1 & 0 & 0,5 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1
\end{array}$$

1.6 Lemma 44

The elementary row operations lead to tableau

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
-c_{\bar{B}}^T A_{\bar{B}}^{-1} b & c^T - c_{\bar{B}}^T A_{\bar{B}}^{-1} A \\
\hline
A_{\bar{B}}^{-1} b & A_{\bar{B}}^{-1} A
\end{array}$$

where \bar{B} is obtained from adding j to B and removing $B(l)$ from B

1.6.1 Proof

Entries $A_{\bar{B}}^{-1} b$ and $A_{\bar{B}}^{-1} A$:

Elementary row operations are equivalent to left-multiplying with matrix Q such that

$$QA_{\bar{B}}^{-1} = A_{\bar{B}}^{-1}.$$

0-th row:

$$\text{we started with } [0|c^T] - \underbrace{g^T[b|A]}_{\substack{\text{linear} \\ \text{combination} \\ \text{of rows of } A}}$$

with $g^T = c_{\bar{B}}^T A_{\bar{B}}^{-1}$.

After iteration, 0-th row equals $[0|c^T] - p^T[b|A]$.

$$\implies c_j - p^T A_j = 0 \text{ where } j = \bar{B}(l)$$

Let $i \neq l$, $\bar{c}_{B(i)} = 0$ and entry stays 0 after update.

$$c_{\bar{B}}^T - p^T A_{\bar{B}} = 0 \implies p^T = c_{\bar{B}}^T A_{\bar{B}}^{-1}$$

$$\implies \text{0-th row equals } [0|c^T] - c_{\bar{B}}^T A_{\bar{B}}^{-1} [b|A] \quad \square$$