

Linear programming - summary

- Each basic admissible solution is an extreme point of the admissible solutions set X .
- There exists an extreme point of the set X , where objective function of a linear programming problem reaches its maximal value.

Special cases

II. The linear programming problem – the unlimited problem

Theorem 6

If the LP problem is unlimited, there

the basic, admissible solutions x_{j_0} exist and a vector y_K , such that:

$$y_{0k} < 0 \quad \forall i, y_{ik} \leq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$$

Then the solution set is empty.

Example:

$$\min_{x \in X} x_0 = -x_1 - x_2$$

$$X = \left\{ x : \begin{array}{l} -x_1 - x_2 \leq 2 \\ -x_1 + x_2 \leq 1, x \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Special cases

III. The linear programming problem – an infinite number of optimal solutions belonging to the finite set.

- In this case the simplex table corresponding to the basic, optimal solution, such that:

$$y_{i_0} \geq 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad y_{0j} \geq 0 \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

there exist the pair of indexes $(i_0, j_0), i_0 \in \{1, \dots, m\}, j_0 \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

for which: $y_{0i_0} = 0, y_{i_0j_0} > 0$

- In the space with a dimension equal n the optimal solution is a convex combination of x^1

$$\text{extreme points: } x = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i x^i \quad \text{where} \quad \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i = 1, \quad \lambda_i \in [0, 1], \quad i = 1, \dots, p$$

Special cases

III. Example for the linear programming problem – an infinite number of optimal solutions belonging to the finite set.

$$\max_{x \in X} x_0 = 4x_1 + 2x_2 \quad X = \left\{ x : \begin{array}{l} -x_1 + x_2 \leq 4 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 6, x \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

	x_1	x_2	
x_0	0	-4	-2
x_1	4	-1	1
x_2	6	2	1

	x_1	x_2	
x_0	12	2	0
x_1	7	0.5	1.5
x_2	3	0.5	0.5

	x_1	x_2	
x_0	12	2	0
x_1	4.66	0.33	0.66
x_2	0.66	0.33	-0.33

- 1 basic, optimal solution in: $R^2 \quad x = [3, 0]^T$
- 2 basic optimal solution in: $R^2 \quad x = \left[\frac{2}{3}, \frac{14}{3} \right]^T$

The two basic, optimal solutions correspond to two vertexes of the set of optimal solutions.

The set of optimal solutions:

$$\hat{X} = \left\{ x : x = \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2, \lambda \in [0, 1] \right\} = \left\{ x : x = \left(3\lambda + \frac{2}{3}(1-\lambda), 0 + \frac{14}{3}(1-\lambda) \right), \lambda \in [0, 1] \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ x : x = \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{7}{3}\lambda, \frac{14}{3} - \frac{14}{3}\lambda \right) \right\}$$

Special cases

IV. The linear programming problem – an infinite number of optimal solutions belonging to the finite set.

This case will be, when in a simplex table an optimal, basic solution will be calculated,

such that: $y_{i_0} \geq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$ and $y_{0j} \geq 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$

And there exists index $j_0 \implies y_{0j_0} = 0$ and

for all indexes „ j “ two cases can appear:

- $y_{i_0j_0} = 0$ (degeneration) or
- $y_{0j_0} \leq 0$

IV. The linear programming problem – an infinite number of optimal solutions belonging to the infinite set.

- The optimal solution of LP problem takes the parametric form:
 - for $n=2$ the parametric equation for a straight line,
 - for $n=3$ the parametric equation for a surface etc.

Example:

$$\max_{x \in X} x_0 = -2x_1 + 4x_2 \quad X = \left\{ x : \begin{array}{l} -2x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \\ -1x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 4, x \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

	x_1	x_2	
x_0	0	2	-4
x_1	1	-2	1
x_2	4	-1	2

	x_1	x_2	
x_0	4	-8	4
x_1	1	-2	1
x_2	2	3	-2

	x_1	x_2	
x_0	8	2	0
x_1	2.33	0.66	-0.33
x_2	0.66	0.33	-0.66

The basic, optimal solution: $x = \left[\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{3} \right]^T$

The set of optimal solutions is related to the ray: $\hat{X} = \left\{ x \in R^2 : x = x^1 + \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{3} t, t \geq 0 \right\}$

V. The linear programming problem – the set of admissible solutions is empty – there is no solution.

$$X = \emptyset$$

Example:

$$\max_{x \in X} x_0 = x_1 + 4x_2$$

$$X = \left\{ x : \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 \geq 4 \\ x_1 + x_2 \leq 2, x \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

	x_1	x_2
x_0	0	-4
x_1	-4	-1
x_2	2	1

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ +2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The admissible condition is not fulfilled. It is impossible to recognize the case.

Step 1. (start). Let us find first basic, admissible solution.

The admissible condition: if $y_{i,0} \geq 0$ dla $i = 1, \dots, m$

Yes – go to Step 2. No – STOP.