

Recap

Definition of LP problem: (Pg 9)

minimizing or maximizing a linear function subject to finite number of linear equalities and/or linear inequalities.

Examples

maximize $2x_1 + 3x_2$

subject to

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 10$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 6$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 \leq 4$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

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

subject to $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$

$$x_j \geq 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

More examples of LP: See page 9 of notes.

Terminology (Pg 10)

Example: The Orange Factory Problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{maximize} & \boxed{2x_1 + 3x_2} \quad \Longleftarrow \text{Objective function} \\
 \text{subject to} & \boxed{
 \begin{array}{rcl}
 2x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 10 \\
 x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 6 \\
 -x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 4 \\
 x_1, x_2 & \geq & 0
 \end{array}
 } \quad \Longleftarrow \text{Constraints}
 \end{array}$$

(Defn) **Feasible solution**

Assignment of values to x_j 's that satisfies ALL constraints.

E.g., $[4, 1]^T$, $[2.1, 3]^T$, $[1, 5]^T$.

(Defn) **Feasible region**: Set of feasible solutions.

(Defn) **Objective value**

Value of objective function at given solution.

E.g., obj. value of $[4, 1]^T$ is 11.

(Defn) **Optimal solution**

Feasible solution with best objective value.

(Defn) **Optimal value**

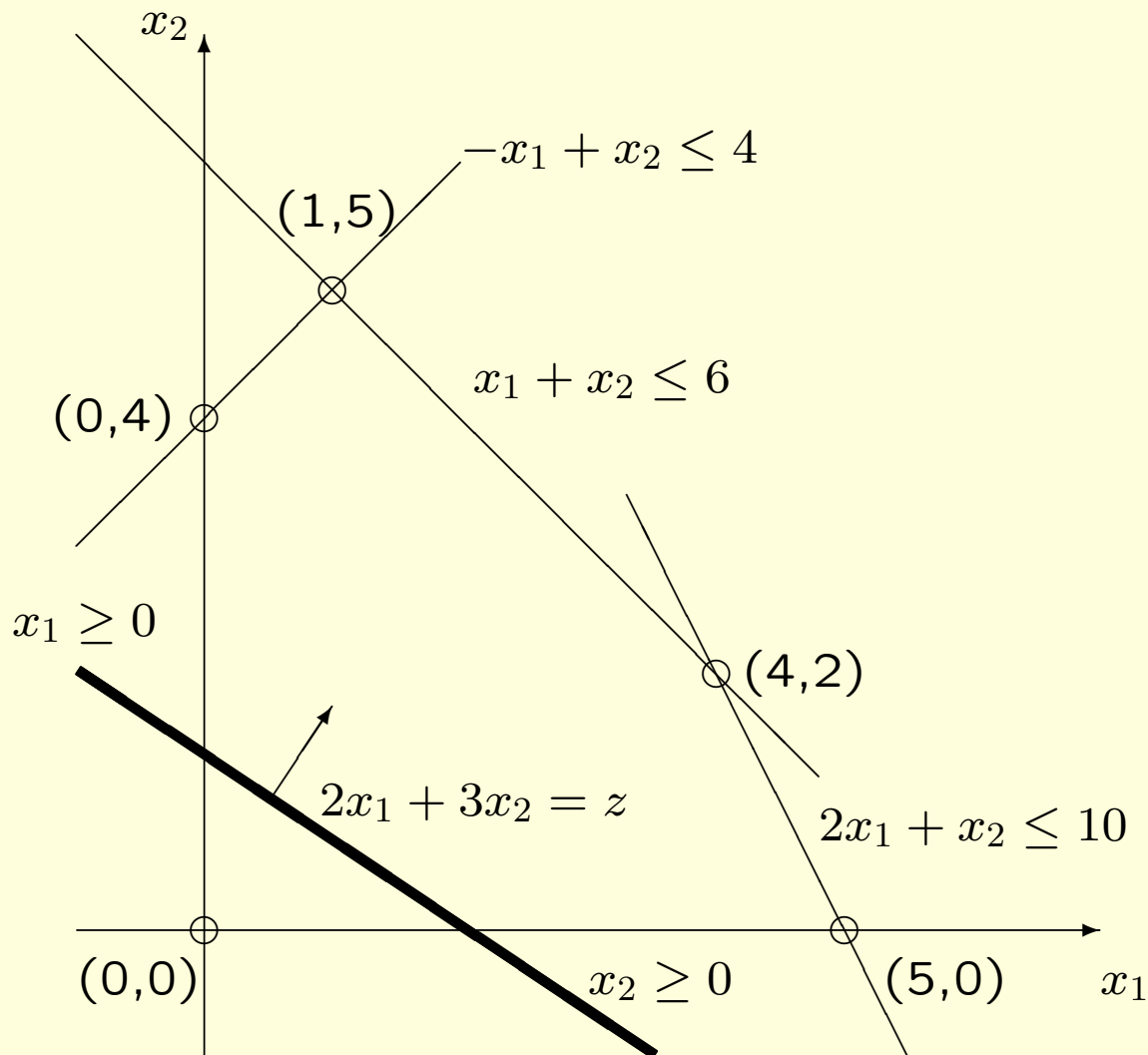
Objective value of an optimal solution (if exists).

E.g., $[1, 5]^T$ is an opt. solution.

Opt. value of the LP is 17.

Geometry

Example (The Orange Factory Problem, Pg 11)



Geometrically the problem is

find the largest value of z so that the line $2x_1 + 3x_2 = z$ intersects the feasible region, and find a point of intersection.

Some More Examples

A transportation problem

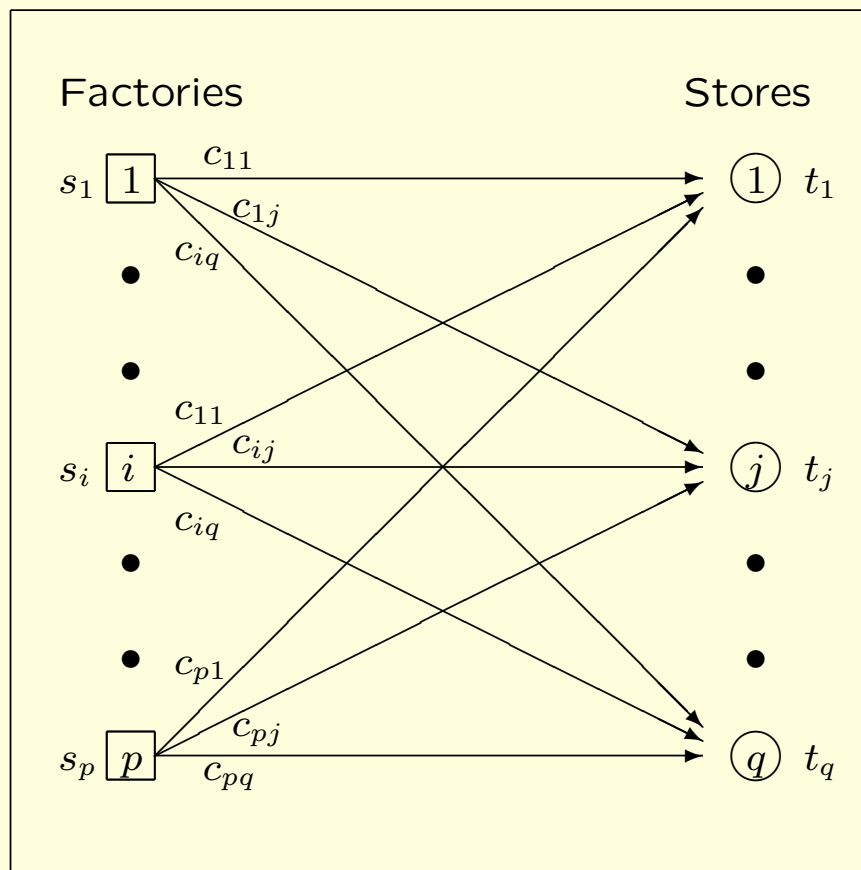
One product is made in p factories and sold in q stores.

Factory i produces s_i units/month.

Store j orders t_j units/month.

Cost c_{ij} dollars to ship a unit from factory i to store j .

Problem: Find least expensive way to transport product.



Picture NOT in notes

Decision variables:

x_{ij} = amount to ship from factory i to store j

Objective: minimize $\text{cost} = \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q c_{ij} x_{ij}$

Constraints:

$$(\text{Factory } i) \quad \sum_{j=1}^q x_{ij} = s_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, p)$$

$$(\text{Store } j) \quad \sum_{i=1}^p x_{ij} = t_j \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, q)$$

$$(\text{Route } (i, j)) \quad x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} i = 1, 2, \dots, p, \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, q \end{array} \right)$$

Mathematical model

$$\text{minimize} \quad \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{subject to} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^q x_{ij} = s_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, p) \\ & \sum_{i=1}^p x_{ij} = t_j \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, q) \\ & x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} i = 1, 2, \dots, p, \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, q \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This LP problem does not have any feasible solution unless

$$\sum_{i=1}^p s_i = \sum_{j=1}^q t_j$$

Exercise: Show that the LP problem has a feasible solution when the above equation holds.