

## CO 250 Intro to Optimization, Solutions to Assignment 3

1: Consider an LP with constraints  $Ax = b$ ,  $x \geq 0$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and } b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the first ordered triple in the list

$$(1, 2, 3), (1, 2, 4), (1, 2, 5), (1, 3, 4), (1, 3, 5), (1, 4, 5), (2, 3, 4), (2, 3, 5), (2, 4, 5), (3, 4, 5)$$

which is a feasible basis for the LP.

Solution: We begin by row-reducing the augmented matrix  $(A|b)$  in the standard way, putting the pivots in position 1, 2 and 3.

$$\begin{aligned} (A|b) &= \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -6 & -3 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 5 & -8 & -4 \end{array} \right) \\ &\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We see that the basis solution for the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  is  $\bar{x} = (-4, 6, 5, 0, 0)$  which is not feasible. To find the basic solution for the second basis  $\mathcal{B}' = \{1, 2, 4\}$  we pivot at position  $(3, 4)$ , performing the row-operations  $R_1 \mapsto R_1 - 2R_3$ ,  $R_2 \mapsto R_2 + 3R_3$  and  $R_3 \mapsto -R_3$  to get

$$(A|b) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -7 & -14 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 7 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 & -5 \end{array} \right).$$

The corresponding basic solution is  $\bar{x}' = (-14, 21, 0, -5, 0)^T$ , which is again unfeasible. To find the basic solution for the third basis  $\mathcal{B}'' = \{1, 2, 5\}$  we then pivot at position  $(3, 5)$ , performing the row operations  $R_1 \mapsto R_1 - \frac{7}{3}R_3$ ,  $R_2 \mapsto R_2 + \frac{7}{3}R_3$  and  $R_3 \mapsto -\frac{1}{3}R_3$ , to get

$$(A|b) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{7}{3} & 0 & -\frac{7}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{7}{3} & 0 & \frac{28}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & \frac{5}{3} \end{array} \right).$$

The corresponding basic point  $\bar{x}'' = (-\frac{7}{3}, \frac{28}{3}, 0, 0, \frac{5}{3})^T$  is again unfeasible. To find the basic point for the fourth basis  $\mathcal{B}''' = \{1, 3, 4\}$ , we go back to the reduced matrix that we used to find the basic point for  $\mathcal{B}' = \{1, 2, 4\}$  and we pivot at position  $(2, 3)$  to get

$$(A|b) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -7 & -14 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 7 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 & -5 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{7}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 & \frac{7}{3} & 7 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & 2 \end{array} \right).$$

This time the corresponding basic point is  $\bar{x}''' = (0, 0, 7, 2, 0)^T$ , which is feasible. Thus the first feasible basis is  $\mathcal{B}''' = \{1, 3, 4\}$ .

We also remark that it is possible to solve this problem graphically.

**2:** Consider the LP in which we maximize  $z = c_0 + c^T x$  subject to  $Ax = b$  and  $x \geq 0$  where

$$c_0 = 4, \quad c^T = (1, 1, 2, 1, -1, 3), \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 4 & -1 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Put this LP into canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{3, 4, 6\}$  in the following two ways.

(a) Perform row operations on the tableau  $\begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix}$  to obtain  $\begin{pmatrix} -\tilde{c}^T & \tilde{c}_0 \\ \tilde{A} & \tilde{b} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -2 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 4 & -1 & 7 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 5 & -1 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 5 & -2 & 8 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -3 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -6 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 2 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -3 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{3}{2} & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Calculate  $A_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$  then find  $\tilde{A}$ ,  $\tilde{b}$ ,  $\tilde{c}_0$  and  $\tilde{c}$  using the formulas  $\tilde{A} = A_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}A$ ,  $\tilde{b} = A_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}b$ , and  $\tilde{c}_0 = c_0 - y^T b$  and  $\tilde{c} = c + A^T y$  where  $y = -A_{\mathcal{B}}^{-T} c_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

Solution: First we calculate  $A_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (A_{\mathcal{B}}|I) &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 8 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right) \\ &\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \end{array} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A} &= A_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 4 & -1 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 2 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -3 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{3}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \tilde{b} &= A_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}b = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ y &= -A_{\mathcal{B}}^{-T} c_{\mathcal{B}} = -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ \tilde{c}_0 &= c_0 - y^T b = 4 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 6 \\ \tilde{c} &= c + A^T y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**3:** Consider the LP in which we maximize  $z = c^T x$  subject to  $Ax = b$  and  $x \geq 0$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad c = (2, 1, 3, 0, -4)^T.$$

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}' = \{1, 2, 4\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}'' = \{1, 3, 4\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}''' = \{1, 4, 5\}$ . Find the basic points  $\bar{x}$ ,  $\bar{x}'$ ,  $\bar{x}''$  and  $\bar{x}'''$  corresponding to these bases, then find the values  $z(\bar{x})$ ,  $z(\bar{x}')$ ,  $z(\bar{x}'')$  and  $z(\bar{x}''')$ , and determine the optimal solution to the given LP.

Solution: We put the tableau for this LP into canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -3 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -6 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We see that the basic point for  $\mathcal{B}$  is  $\bar{x} = (-3, 5, 2, 0, 0)$  and that  $z(\bar{x}) = 5$ . Next we put the LP into canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B}' = \{1, 2, 4\}$  by pivoting at position  $(3, 4)$  to get

$$\begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We see that the basic solution for  $\mathcal{B}'$  is the point  $\bar{x}' = (3, 3, 0, 2, 0)$  and that  $z(\bar{x}') = 9$ . Now we put the LP into canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B}'' = \{1, 3, 4\}$  by pivoting at position  $(2, 3)$ . We obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 15 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The basic solution for  $\mathcal{B}''$  is the point  $\bar{x}'' = (12, 0, -3, 5, 0)$  and  $z(\bar{x}'') = 15$ . Finally, we put the LP into canonical form for  $\mathcal{B}''' = \{1, 4, 5\}$  by pivoting at  $(2, 5)$  to get

$$\begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 1 & \frac{5}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We see that the basic solution for  $\mathcal{B}'''$  is the point  $\bar{x}''' = (8, 0, 0, 4, 1)$  and that  $z(\bar{x}''') = 12$ . We also note that  $\bar{x}''' \geq 0$  and that all the entries on the top row in this final tableau are non-negative, so  $\bar{x}'''$  is the optimal solution for the LP. (Note that  $\bar{x}''$  is not feasible).

4: Consider the LP with tableau

$$\begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c_2 & -c_3 & 0 & -c_5 & 0 & c_0 \\ 1 & a_{12} & a_{13} & 0 & a_{15} & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & 1 & a_{25} & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} & 0 & a_{35} & 1 & b_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that this LP is in canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, 4, 6\}$ . Suppose that  $a_{33} \neq 0$  and let  $\mathcal{B}' = \{1, 3, 4\}$ .

(a) Find the  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $E$  such that when this LP is put into canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$ , it has tableau  $E \begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix}$ .

Solution: We can put this LP into canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B}' = \{1, 3, 4\}$  by pivoting at position  $(3, 3)$ . To do this, we perform the row operations  $R_0 \mapsto R_0 + \frac{c_3}{a_{33}} R_3$ ,  $R_1 \mapsto R_1 - \frac{a_{13}}{a_{33}} R_3$ ,  $R_2 \mapsto R_2 - \frac{a_{23}}{a_{33}} R_3$  and  $R_3 \mapsto \frac{1}{a_{33}} R_3$ . Performing these row operations is equivalent to multiplying on the left by the product of the corresponding elementary matrices, so we can take

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{a_{33}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{a_{23}}{a_{33}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{a_{13}}{a_{33}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{c_3}{a_{33}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{c_3}{a_{33}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{a_{13}}{a_{33}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{a_{23}}{a_{33}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{a_{33}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Find necessary and sufficient conditions on  $a_{ij}$ ,  $b_i$  and  $c_i$  in order that  $\mathcal{B}'$  is feasible.

Solution: When we perform these operations to put the LP into canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$ , we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -\tilde{c}^T & \tilde{c}_0 \\ \tilde{A} & \tilde{b} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 - \frac{a_{13}b_3}{a_{33}} \\ b_2 - \frac{a_{23}b_3}{a_{33}} \\ \frac{b_3}{a_{33}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  is feasible if and only if  $\tilde{b} \geq 0$ , that is if and only if  $b_1 \geq \frac{a_{13}b_3}{a_{33}}$ ,  $b_2 \geq \frac{a_{23}b_3}{a_{33}}$  and  $\frac{b_3}{a_{33}} \geq 0$ .

5: Consider the LP with tableau

$$\begin{pmatrix} -c^T & c_0 \\ A & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 & -5 & 0 & -4 & 6 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 4 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that, up to a permutation of the rows, the LP is in canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{2, 5, 8, 9\}$ .

(a) For which choices of  $k \notin \mathcal{B}$  and  $l \in \mathcal{B}$  is  $\mathcal{B}' = (\mathcal{B} \cup \{k\}) \setminus \{l\}$  a basis for the given LP?

Solution: Let  $A_j$  denote the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of the matrix  $A$  and let  $a_{i,j}$  denote the entry in position  $(i, j)$ . Note that  $A_2 = e_2$ ,  $A_5 = e_4$ ,  $A_8 = e_1$  and  $A_9 = e_3$  where the  $e_i$  are the standard basis vectors for  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Let  $i_2 = 2$ ,  $i_5 = 4$ ,  $i_8 = 1$  and  $i_9 = 3$  so that we have  $A_l = e_{i_l}$  for all  $l \in \mathcal{B}$ . For  $l \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $k \notin \mathcal{B}$ , if we remove  $A_l$  from the set  $\{A_2, A_5, A_8, A_9\}$  and replace it by the column  $A_k$ , then the resulting set of vectors  $(\{A_2, A_5, A_8, A_9\} \cup \{A_k\}) \setminus \{A_l\}$  will be linearly independent if and only if  $a_{i_l,k} \neq 0$ . In other words, the set  $\mathcal{B}' = (\mathcal{B} \cup \{k\}) \setminus \{l\}$  is a basis for the LP if and only if  $a_{i_l,k} \neq 0$ . The pairs  $(i, k)$  with  $k \notin \mathcal{B}$  and  $a_{i,k} = 0$  are

$$(i, k) = (2, 1), (4, 6), (2, 7)$$

(these are the positions where we *cannot* pivot to change to a new basis). These correspond to the pairs

$$(k, l) = (1, 2), (6, 5), (7, 2)$$

respectively, where  $(i, k) = (i_l, k)$  corresponds to  $(k, l)$ . There are 28 pairs  $(k, l)$ , with  $k \notin \mathcal{B}$  and  $l \in \mathcal{B}$ . For all of these pairs except for the 3 pairs listed above, the set  $\mathcal{B}' = (\mathcal{B} \cup \{k\}) \setminus \{l\}$  is a basis for the given LP.

(b) For which of the choices in part (a) is the new basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  feasible?

Solution: When we pivot at position  $(i, k)$ , with  $k \notin \mathcal{B}$  and  $a_{ik} \neq 0$ , to put the LP into canonical form for the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  obtaining the tableau  $\begin{pmatrix} -\tilde{c}^T & \tilde{c}_0 \\ \tilde{A} & \tilde{b} \end{pmatrix}$ , the new basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  is feasible if and only if  $\tilde{b} \geq 0$ . The vector  $\tilde{b}$  is given by  $\tilde{b}_i = \frac{b_i}{a_{ik}}$  and  $\tilde{b}_j = b_j - \frac{a_{jk}b_i}{a_{ik}}$  for  $j \neq i$ . Thus the new basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  is feasible when  $\frac{b_i}{a_{ik}} \geq 0$  and  $b_j \geq \frac{a_{jk}b_i}{a_{ik}}$  for all  $j \neq i$ . When  $b_i = 0$  both conditions are satisfied, so we obtain a feasible basis when we pivot at any of the positions

$$(i, k) = (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 6), (2, 10), (2, 11), (4, 1), (4, 3), (4, 4), (4, 7), (4, 10), (4, 11).$$

When  $b_i > 0$ , the two conditions are equivalent to the conditions  $a_{ik} > 0$  and  $\frac{b_i}{a_{ik}} = \min \left\{ \frac{b_j}{a_{jk}} \mid a_{jk} > 0 \right\}$ . For each  $k \notin \mathcal{B}$ , the value(s) of  $i$  which yield the minimum ratio are as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} k & 1 & 3 & 4 & 6 & 7 & 10 & 11 \\ i & 1 & 4 & 1, 3 & 3 & 1 & 2, 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and so in addition to the 11 pairs  $(i, k)$  already listed above, we can also pivot at positions

$$(i, k) = (1, 1), (1, 4), (3, 4), (3, 6), (1, 7), (1, 11).$$

The corresponding choices for  $(k, l)$  are

$$(k, l) = (3, 2), (4, 2), (6, 2), (10, 2), (11, 2), (1, 5), (3, 5), (4, 5), (7, 5), (10, 5), (11, 5), \\ (1, 8), (4, 8), (4, 9), (6, 9), (7, 8), (11, 8).$$

(c) For which of the choices in part (b) do we have  $z(\bar{x}) = z(\bar{x}')$  (where  $\bar{x}$  is the basic point for  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\bar{x}'$  is the basic point for  $\mathcal{B}'$ )?

Solution: We have  $z(\bar{x}) = c_0 = 3$ , and when we pivot at position  $(i, k)$  we have  $z(\bar{x}') = \tilde{c}_0 = 3 + \frac{c_k b_i}{a_{ik}}$ , and so  $z(\bar{x}) = z(\bar{x}')$  if and only if  $c_k b_i = 0$ , or equivalently, if and only if  $c_k = 0$  or  $b_i = 0$ , that is  $k = 11$  or  $i \in \{2, 4\}$ . The suitable pairs  $(i, k)$  from part (b) are

$$(i, k) = (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 6), (2, 10), (2, 11), (4, 1), (4, 3), (4, 4), (4, 7), (4, 10), (4, 11), (1, 11)$$

and the corresponding pairs  $(k, l)$  are

$$(k, l) = (3, 2), (4, 2), (6, 2), (10, 2), (11, 2), (1, 5), (3, 5), (4, 5), (7, 5), (10, 5), (11, 5), (11, 8).$$

(d) For which of the choices in part (b) do we have  $z(\bar{x}') > z(\bar{x})$ ?

Solution: We have  $z(\bar{x}) = c_0 = 3$ , and when we pivot at position  $(i, k)$  we have  $z(\bar{x}') = \tilde{c}_0 = 3 + \frac{c_k b_i}{a_{ik}}$ , and so  $z(\bar{x}') > z(\bar{x})$  if and only if  $\frac{c_k b_i}{a_{ik}} > 0$ . To get  $\frac{c_k b_i}{a_{ik}} > 0$ , we cannot have  $b_i = 0$  so we cannot have  $i = 2, 4$ , and the remaining possible pivot positions  $(i, k)$  from part (b) are  $(i, k) = (1, 1), (1, 4), (3, 4), (3, 6), (1, 7)$ . At each of these positions we have  $a_{ik} > 0$  and  $b_i > 0$  and so to get  $\frac{c_k b_i}{a_{ik}} > 0$  we must have  $c_k > 0$ . Thus the acceptable pivot positions are  $(i, k) = (1, 1), (1, 4), (3, 4), (3, 6)$  corresponding to

$$(k, l) = (1, 8), (4, 8), (4, 9), (6, 9).$$

(e) Which of the choices in part (d) gives the maximum increase  $\Delta z = z(\bar{x}') - z(\bar{x})$ .

Solution: We have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (i, k) & (1, 1) & (1, 4) & (3, 4) & (3, 6) \\ \Delta z = \frac{c_k b_i}{a_{ik}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{8}{3} \end{array}$$

so the maximum possible increase is  $\Delta z = \frac{8}{3}$ , and this occurs when  $(i, k) = (3, 6)$ , that is when  $(k, l) = (6, 9)$ .