

Problem Set #9

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All problems are of equal value.

1. Consider the polyhedra defined by

$$P = \{(x, y) \mid \begin{array}{l} x + 2y \leq 12, \\ -x + 3y \leq 9, \\ 2x - 3y \leq 8, \\ x, y \geq 0 \end{array}\}$$

- Prove that P is a *polytope*, in that P is contained in a finite volume bounding box $P \subseteq [-B, B]^2$ for some sufficiently large $B > 0$.
 - Give a list of all vertices of the polytope P . Prove that the list is correct.
 - Draw P as a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 .
 - Solve the linear program $\Pi = \max_{(x,y) \in P} 2x + y$. Give a proof of correctness, assuming facts stated in lecture.
 - Derive the canonical form dual Π to Π .
2. Consider (again) the polyhedra P defined above. **Showing your work**, use Fourier-Motzkin elimination to compute the following quantities.
- Compute the projection $\pi_x(P)$ of P onto the x -axis.
 - Compute the projection $\pi_y(P)$ of P onto the y -axis.
 - Solve the linear program $\Pi = \max_{(x,y) \in P} 2x + y$.
3. Alice and Bob play the following game. Alice chooses a number $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, while Bob *simultaneously* chooses a number $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. The game is governed by the payoff-matrix $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times m}$, so that Alice wins $A_{i,j}$ and Bob wins $-A_{i,j}$ (hence this is a *zero sum* game).

- Suppose that Alice has a probabilistic strategy, where $i \in [n]$ is played with probability p_i . Thus, $p_i \geq 0$ and $\sum_{i \in [n]} p_i = 1$. Suppose further that Bob knows this strategy. Write a linear program to determine the probabilities $(q_j)_{1 \leq j \leq m}$ that Bob should play to maximize his expected payoff.
- Write the dual of the above LP.
- Suppose now that while Bob is playing against Alice, Bob is also playing the same game against Charlie. However, the payoff matrix against Charlie is now $C \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times m}$, so that if Charlie plays $k \in [n]$ and Bob plays $j \in [m]$ that Charlie wins $C_{k,j}$ and Bob wins $-C_{k,j}$. Suppose that Bob is constrained to play the *same* strategy in both games. Supposing that Alice plays the probabilistic strategy $(p_i)_{i \in [n]}$, Charlie plays the probabilistic strategy $(r_k)_{k \in [n]}$, write an LP to determine the best probabilistic strategy for Bob that maximizes the minimum of the expected payoffs in the two games.