CS 573: Algorithms, Fall 2014

# **Linear Programming**

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### Part I

# Linear Programming

### Economic planning

Guns/nuclear-bombs/napkins/star-wars/professors/butter/mice problem

- Penguina: a country.
- 2 Ruler need to decide how to allocate resources.
- Maximize benefit.
- Budget allocation
  - (i) Nuclear bomb has a tremendous positive effect on security while being expensive.
  - (ii) Guns, on the other hand, have a weaker effect.
- Penguina need to prove a certain level of security:

$$x_{gun}+1000*x_{nuclear-bomb}\geq 1000,$$
 where  $x_{guns}$ :  $\#$  guns  $x_{nuclear-bomb}$ :  $\#$  nuclear-bombs constructed.

 $oldsymbol{100} 100 * x_{gun} + 1000000 * x_{nuclear-bomb} \leq x_{security} \ x_{security}$ : total amount spent on security. 100/1,000,000: price of producing a single gun/nuclear bomb.

## Linear programming

An instance of *linear programming* (LP):

- $\mathbf{0}$   $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ : variables.
- $oldsymbol{0}$  For  $j=1,\ldots,m$ :  $a_{j1}x_1+\ldots+a_{jn}x_n\leq b_j$ : linear inequality.
- i.e., constraint.
- **3** Q:  $\exists$  s an assignment of values to  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  such that all inequalities are satisfied.
- Many possible solutions... Want solution that maximizes some linear quantity.
- objective function: linear inequality being maximized.

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### Linear programming – example

$$a_{11}x_1 + \ldots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1 \ a_{21}x_1 + \ldots + a_{2n}x_n \leq b_2 \ \ldots \ a_{m1}x_1 + \ldots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m \ \max c_1x_1 + \ldots + c_nx_n.$$

### History

- 1939: L. V. Kantorovich noticed the importance of certain type of Linear Programming problems for resource allocation.
- 2 1947: Dantzig invented the simplex method for solving LP problems for the US Air force planning problems.
- 1947: T. C. Koopmans showed LP provide the right model for the analysis of classical economic theories.
- 1975: Koopmans and Kantorovich got the Nobel prize of economics.
- Santorovich the only the Russian economist that got the Nobel prize

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### Network flow via linear programming

Input:  $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$  with source  $\mathbf{s}$  and sink  $\mathbf{t}$ , and capacities  $\mathbf{c}(\cdot)$  on the edges. Compute max flow in  $\mathbf{G}$ .

The edges. Compute max now in 
$$\mathbf{G}$$
. 
$$orall (u o v) \in E \quad 0 \le x_{u o v} \\ x_{u o v} \le \mathbf{c}(u o v)$$
 
$$orall v \in V \setminus \{\mathsf{s}, \mathsf{t}\} \quad \sum_{(u o v) \in E} x_{u o v} - \sum_{(v o w) \in E} x_{v o w} \le 0$$
 
$$\sum_{(u o v) \in E} x_{u o v} - \sum_{(v o w) \in E} x_{v o w} \ge 0$$
 maximizing 
$$\sum_{(\mathsf{s} o u) \in E} x_{\mathsf{s} o u}$$

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### Part II

# The Simplex Algorithm

### Rewriting an LP

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### Standard form of LP

Because everything is clearer when you use matrices. Not.

#### LP in standard form.

(Matrix notation.)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax \leq b. \\ & x > 0. \end{array}$$

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## Slack form formally

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The slack form is defined by a tuple (N, B, A, b, c, v).

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B - Set of indices of basic variables N - Set of indices of nonbasic variables n=|N| - number of original variables b,c - two vectors of constants m=|B| - number of basic variables (i.e., number of inequalities) A=\{a_{ij}\} - The matrix of coefficients N\cup B=\{1,\ldots,n+m\} v - objective function constant.
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#### Final form

Max 
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# Example

Consider the following LP which is in slack form.

$$\max z = 29 - \frac{1}{9}x_3 - \frac{1}{9}x_5 - \frac{2}{9}x_6$$

$$x_1 = 8 + \frac{1}{6}x_3 + \frac{1}{6}x_5 - \frac{1}{3}x_6$$

$$x_2 = 4 - \frac{8}{3}x_3 - \frac{2}{3}x_5 + \frac{1}{3}x_6$$

$$x_4 = 18 - \frac{1}{2}x_3 + \frac{1}{2}x_5$$

# Example

...translated into tuple form (N, B, A, b, c, v).

$$B = \{1, 2, 4\}, N = \{3, 5, 6\}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{13} & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ a_{23} & a_{25} & a_{26} \\ a_{43} & a_{45} & a_{46} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/6 & -1/6 & 1/3 \\ 8/3 & 2/3 & -1/3 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} \qquad c = \begin{pmatrix} c_3 \\ c_5 \\ c_6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/9 \\ -1/9 \\ -2/9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = 29.$$

Note that indices depend on the sets N and B, and also that the entries in A are negation of what they appear in the slack form.

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### Another example...

$$egin{array}{ll} \max & 5x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 \ s.t. & 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 5 \ 4x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 11 \ 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 8 \ x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Transform into slack form...

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Next, we introduce slack variables, for example, rewriting  $2x_1+3x_2+x_3\leq 5$  as the constraints:  $w_1\geq 0$  and  $w_1=5-2x_1-3x_2-x_3$ . The resulting LP in slack form is

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## Pivoting changes nothing

#### Observation

Every pivoting step just rewrites the LP into EQUIVALENT LP.

When  $\overline{LP}$  objective can no longer be improved because of rewrite, it implies that the original  $\overline{LP}$  objective function can not be increased any further.

## Simplex algorithm – summary

- This was an informal description of the simplex algorithm.
- At each step pivot on a nonbasic variable that improves objective function.
- Till reach optimal solution.
- Problem: Assumed that the starting (trivial) solution (all zero nonbasic vars) is feasible.

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#### Proof.

A feasible solution to L is immediately an optimal solution to L' with  $x_0 = 0$ , and vice versa. Namely, given a solution to L' with  $x_0 = 0$  we can transform it to a feasible solution to L by removing  $x_0$ .

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