

Linear Programming

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Outerlude



Lego Furniture Industries, Inc.

LFI, Inc., Production Problem

LFI, Inc., makes tables and chairs (*competing activities*) using a limited amount of large and small Legos (*limited resources*). Profit for each table is \$100 while profit for each chair is \$45. We need to identify the number of tables and chairs to produce to maximize profit while not using more Legos than are available.

Decision Variables: Factors controlled by the decision maker:

x_1 = the number of tables produced per day

x_2 = the number of chairs produced per day

Objective function: The objective is to maximize profit P

$$P = 100x_1 + 45x_2$$

Constraints: Restrictions limiting availability of resources.

1. It takes 1 large & 2 medium Legos to produce a table; 1 medium & 2 smalls to produce a chair.
2. We have 6 large, 16 medium, & 10 small Legos available each day.

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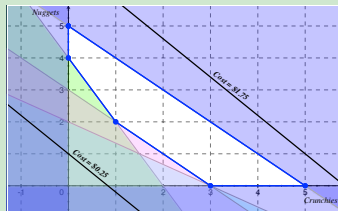
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$$\text{Cost} = 0.30c + 0.25n$$

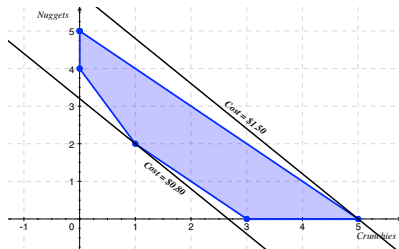
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2c + 1n \geq 4 \\ 8c + 12n \geq 24 \\ 12c + 12n \geq 36 \\ c + n \leq 5 \\ c, n \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$



LP Eg 1, Graphical Solution

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| 0 oz | 5 oz | \$1.25 |
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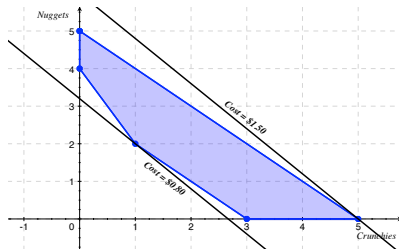


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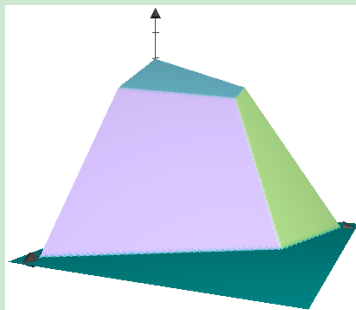
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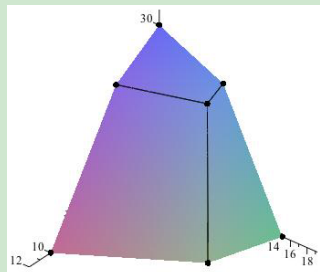
$$x, y, z \geq 0$$



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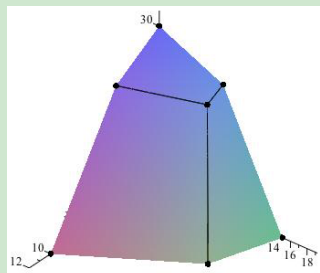
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Max $P = 96.44$ at vertex $[1.4, 7.7, 22.2]$.

(min $P = 0$ at $[0, 0, 0]$.)

“Big” LP

Project

TriCity PowerCo has three power plants supplying the electric needs of four cities. The associated supply of each plant and demand of each city is given in the table. The cost of sending 1 million kwh of electricity from a generating plant to a city depends on the distance.

| | | To | | | | Supply (M kwh) |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| | | City 1 | City 2 | City 3 | City 4 | |
| From | Plant 1 | \$8 | \$6 | \$10 | \$9 | 35 |
| | Plant 2 | \$9 | \$12 | \$13 | \$7 | 50 |
| | Plant 3 | \$14 | \$9 | \$16 | \$5 | 40 |
| Demand (M kwh) | | 45 | 20 | 30 | 30 | |

There are: 12 decision variables and 7 constraints (3 supply & 4 demand)!

“Big” LP Vertices

How Many Potential Vertices?

2-D: We had $4 + 2$ constraints in 2 dimensions (variables) for $\binom{6}{2} = 15$ potential vertices; only 5 were corner points.

3-D: We had $3 + 3$ constraints in 3 dimensions for $\binom{6}{3} = 20$ potential vertices; only 8 were corner points.

12-D: We had $7 + 12$ constraints in 12 dimensions for $\binom{19}{12} = 50,388$ potential vertices. How many corner points?

n -D: We have $c + n$ constraints in n dimensions for $\binom{c+n}{n} = \frac{(n+c)!}{n!c!}$ potential vertices.

"Big" LP Solution

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|-------|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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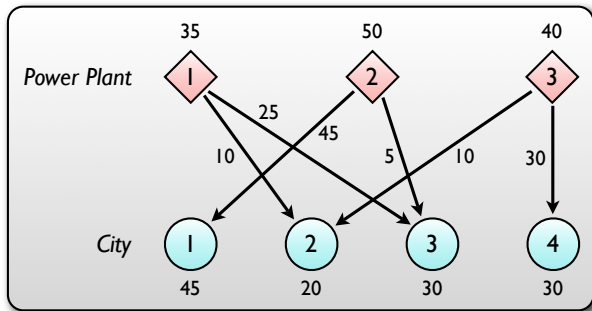
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"Big" LP Solution Chart

The Solution

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| Ineq 1 | 75 | 150 | 45 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2250 |
| Ineq 2 | 120 | 60 | 80 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2400 |
| Ineq 3 | 100 | 40 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1000 |
| Obj Fcn | -5 | -3 | -3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| 0 | 120 | 35.25 | 1 | 0 | -0.75 | 0 | 1500 |
| 0 | 12 | 50.00 | 0 | 1 | -1.20 | 0 | 1200 |
| 1 | 0.4 | 0.25 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0 | 10 |
| 0 | -1 | -1.75 | 0 | 0 | 0.05 | 1 | 50 |

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|-----|-------|-----|-------|--------|--------|-----|-----|
| 0 | 111.5 | 0 | 1 | -0.705 | 0.096 | 0 | 654 |
| 0 | 0.24 | 1 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.024 | 0 | 24 |
| 1 | 0.34 | 0 | 0 | -0.005 | 0.016 | 0 | 4 |
| 0 | -0.58 | 0 | 0 | 0.035 | 0.008 | 1 | 92 |

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| 0 | 111.5 | 0 | 1 | -0.705 | 0.096 | 0 | 654 |
| 0 | 0.24 | 1 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.024 | 0 | 24 |
| 1 | 0.34 | 0 | 0 | -0.005 | 0.016 | 0 | 4 |
| 0 | -0.58 | 0 | 0 | 0.035 | 0.008 | 1 | 92 |

Tableau 4

| x | y | z | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | p | |
|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|-----|------|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.009 | -0.006 | -0.001 | 0 | 5.86 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | -0.002 | 0.022 | -0.024 | 0 | 22.6 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | -0.003 | -0.003 | 0.016 | 0 | 2.01 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.005 | 0.031 | 0.008 | 1 | 95.4 |

The Simplex Method: The Solution

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There is no negative value in the objective function row, so there is no pivot element: 95.4 is the optimal value of p .

Set s_1 , s_2 , and $s_3 = 0$. Then

$$x = 2.01, y = 5.86, \text{ and } z = 22.6 \text{ yielding maximum } p = 95.4$$

The Simplex Method: The LFI, Inc., Initial Tableau

Let $(x_1, x_2) = (\# \text{ of tables}, \# \text{ of chairs})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \$100x_1 + \$45x_2 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + \quad \quad + s_1 \quad \quad = 6 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \quad \quad + s_2 \quad = 16 \\ \quad \quad + 2x_2 \quad \quad \quad + s_3 = 10 \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | x_1 | x_2 | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | p | <i>const</i> | |
| <i>Large</i> | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | s_1 |
| <i>Medium</i> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | s_2 |
| <i>Small</i> | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | s_3 |
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The Simplex Method: The LFI, Inc., Final Tableau

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| <i>Large</i> | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | x_1 |
| <i>Medium</i> | 0 | 1 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | x_2 |
| <i>Small</i> | 0 | 0 | 4 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | s_3 |
| <i>Obj fcn</i> | 0 | 0 | 10 | 45 | 0 | 1 | 780 | |

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Large: 10 Adding one additional Large increases profit by \$10.

Medium: 45 Adding one additional Medium increases profit by \$45.

Small: 0 Adding one additional Small doesn't affect profit.

LP: Resource Allocation

Problem (Allocating Resources)

A developer has 60 acres for a new subdivision of townhouses, single-story houses, and two-story houses. On one acre he can put 6 townhouses, 4 single-story houses, or 2 two-story houses. It costs \$40,000 to build a townhouse, \$50,000 for a single-story house, and \$60,000 for a two-story house. He makes a profit of \$15,000 on a townhouse, \$18,000 on a single-story house, and \$20,000 on a two-story house. He has \$2,880,000 of capital available. Townhouses require 2,500 hours of labor, single-story houses require 3,000 hours of labor, and two-story houses require 4,000 hours of labor. He has 240,000 hours of labor available. How many houses of each type should he build to maximize profit?

The Simplex Method: The Initial Tableau

Let $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (\text{Townhouse, One story, Two story})$. Then

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|----------------|-------------|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
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| <i>acres</i> | 0 | 1/24 | 1/4 | 1 | -1/240 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| <i>cost</i> | 1 | 5/4 | 3/2 | 0 | 1/40 | 0 | 0 | 72 |
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The Simplex Method: The Big LP's Program

Minimize

$$w = 8x_{11} + 6x_{12} + 10x_{13} + 9x_{14} + 9x_{21} + 12x_{22} + 13x_{23} + 7x_{24} + 14x_{31} + 9x_{32} + 16x_{33} + 5x_{34}$$

subject to

$$x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} \leq 35$$

$$x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} \leq 50$$

$$x_{31} + x_{32} + x_{33} + x_{34} \leq 40$$

$$x_{11} + x_{21} + x_{31} \geq 45$$

$$x_{12} + x_{22} + x_{32} \geq 20$$

$$x_{13} + x_{23} + x_{33} \geq 30$$

$$x_{14} + x_{24} + x_{34} \geq 30$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0$$

The Simplex Method: The Big LP's Final Tableau

The Final Tableau (#13) appears below.

| x_{11} | x_{12} | x_{13} | x_{14} | x_{21} | x_{22} | x_{23} | x_{24} | x_{31} | x_{32} | x_{33} | x_{34} | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | s_4 | s_5 | s_6 | s_7 | $-z$ | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 30 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 1 | -1020 |

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| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
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| 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
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Optimum: Cost = 1020 for $x_{12} = 10$, $x_{13} = 25$, $x_{21} = 45$, $x_{23} = 5$, $x_{32} = 10$, $x_{34} = 30$

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| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
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Shadow prices: $s_1 = 3$, $s_4 = 9$, $s_5 = 9$, $s_6 = 13$, $s_7 = 5$ (s_2 and s_3 constraints are *nonbinding*)

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| x_{11} | x_{12} | x_{13} | x_{14} | x_{21} | x_{22} | x_{23} | x_{24} | x_{31} | x_{32} | x_{33} | x_{34} | s_1 | s_2 | s_3 | s_4 | s_5 | s_6 | s_7 | $-z$ | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 30 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 1 | -1020 |

Optimum: Cost = 1020 for $x_{12} = 10$, $x_{13} = 25$, $x_{21} = 45$, $x_{23} = 5$, $x_{32} = 10$, $x_{34} = 30$

Shadow prices: $s_1 = 3$, $s_4 = 9$, $s_5 = 9$, $s_6 = 13$, $s_7 = 5$ (s_2 and s_3 constraints are *nonbinding*)

Reduced costs: $x_{11} = 2$, $x_{14} = 7$, $x_{22} = 3$, $x_{24} = 2$, $x_{31} = 5$, $x_{33} = 3$

The Simplex Method: The Dual LP

Definition (Primal & Dual Linear Programs)

A linear program has two forms:

Primal: maximize: $z = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \cdots + c_nx_n$

subject to:
$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n \leq b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m \end{cases}$$

Dual: minimize: $w = b_1y_1 + b_2y_2 + \cdots + b_my_m$

subject to:
$$\begin{cases} a_{11}y_1 + a_{21}y_2 + \cdots + a_{m1}y_m \leq c_1 \\ a_{12}y_1 + a_{22}y_2 + \cdots + a_{m2}y_m \leq c_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{1n}y_1 + a_{2n}y_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}y_m \leq c_n \end{cases}$$

i.e., $\left\{ \max: z = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{x} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{A}\vec{x} \leq \vec{b} \right\} \iff \left\{ \min: w = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{y} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{A}^T\vec{y} \geq \vec{c} \right\}$