Discrete Optimization

Linear Programming: Part III

Goals of the Lecture

- Linear programming
  - the Simplex algorithm

BFS and the Naive Algorithm

1. An optimal solution is located at a vertex.
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- Naive algorithm
  - generate all basic feasible solutions
    - select m basic basic variables and perform Gaussian elimination
    - test whether it is feasible
  - select the BFS with the best cost
- How many basic solutions?

$$\frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}$$

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- Key idea: how to move fro BFS to BFS.

From BFS to BFS

$$
\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcrcrcl}
3x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & & & & & & & = & 1 \\
2x_1 & & & & & + & x_4 & & & + & x_6 & = & 2 \\
x_1 & & & & & & & + & x_5 & + & x_6 & = & 3
\end{array}
$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$
\boxed{
\begin{array}{rcrcrcrcr}
x_3 & = & 1 & - & 3x_1 & - & 2x_2 & & \\
x_4 & = & 2 & - & 2x_1 & & & + & x_6 \\
x_5 & = & 3 & - & x_1 & & & + & x_6
\end{array}
}
$$

From BFS to BFS

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\end{array}
$$

- How to move to another BFS
  - select a non-basic variable with a negative coefficient: *entering variable*
  - introduce this variable in the basis by removing a basic variable: *leaving variable*
  - perform Gaussian elimination
- Local move: swap a basic and a non-basic variables

From BFS to BFS

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= 1 - 3x_1 \boxed{- 2x_2} \\ x_4 &= 2 - 2x_1 + x_6 \\ x_5 &= 3 - x_1 + x_6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{x_2 = \tfrac{1}{2} - \tfrac{3}{2}x_1 - \tfrac{1}{2}x_3}$$

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From BFS to BFS

$$\begin{array}{rcrl}
x_3 & = & 1 & \boxed{\begin{array}{rr} - & 3x_1 \\ - & 2x_1 \\ - & x_1 \end{array}} \begin{array}{rrrr} - & 2x_2 & & \\ & & + & x_6 \\ & & + & x_6 \end{array} \\
x_4 & = & 2 & \\
x_5 & = & 3 &
\end{array}$$

From BFS to BFS

$$
\begin{aligned}
x_3 &= 1 - \boxed{3x_1} - 2x_2 \\
x_4 &= 2 - \boxed{2x_1} + x_6 \\
\boxed{x_5} &\boxed{= 3 - x_1 + x_6}
\end{aligned}
$$

From BFS to BFS

$$
\begin{array}{rclcrcrcr}
x_3 & = & 1 & - & 3x_1 & - & 2x_2 & & \\
x_4 & = & 2 & - & 2x_1 & & & + & x_6 \\
x_5 & = & 3 & - & x_1 & & & + & x_6
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{rclcrcrcr}
x_3 & = & -8 & - & 2x_2 & + & 3x_5 & - & 3x_6 \\
x_4 & = & -4 & & & + & 2x_5 & - & x_6 \\
x_1 & = & 3 & & & - & x_5 & + & x_6
\end{array}
$$

From BFS to BFS

$$\begin{aligned}
x_3 &= 1 - 3x_1 - 2x_2 \\
x_4 &= 2 - 2x_1 + x_6 \\
x_5 &= 3 - x_1 + x_6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_3 &= \boxed{-8} - 2x_2 + 3x_5 - 3x_6 \\
x_4 &= \boxed{-4} + 2x_5 - x_6 \\
x_1 &= 3 - x_5 + x_6
\end{aligned}$$

Not a BFS: I cannot select the leaving variable arbitrarily!

From BFS to BFS

$$\begin{array}{rclcccc}
x_3 & = & 1 & \boxed{-\ 3x_1} & - & 2x_2 & & \\
x_4 & = & 2 & \boxed{-\ 2x_1} & & & + & x_6 \\
x_5 & = & 3 & \boxed{-\ \ x_1} & & & + & x_6
\end{array}
\qquad
\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{array}}$$

- How to choose the leaving variable?
  - we must maintain feasibility

$$l = \underset{i:a_{ie}<0}{\text{arg-min}} \frac{b_i}{-a_{ie}}$$

From BFS to BFS

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= 1 - 3x_1 - 2x_2 \\ x_4 &= 2 - 2x_1 + x_6 \\ x_5 &= 3 - x_1 + x_6 \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \tfrac{1}{3} - \tfrac{2}{3}x_2 - \tfrac{1}{3}x_3 \\ x_4 &= \tfrac{4}{3} + \tfrac{4}{3}x_2 + \tfrac{2}{3}x_3 + x_6 \\ x_5 &= \tfrac{8}{3} + \tfrac{2}{3}x_2 + \tfrac{1}{3}x_3 + x_6 \end{aligned}$$

The Local Move

- Moving from BFS to BFS
  - select the entering variable x_e
    - non-basic variable with negative coefficients in the right-hand side
  - select the leaving variable x_l to maintain feasibility

$$l = \underset{i:a_{ie}<0}{\text{arg-min}} \frac{b_i}{-a_{ie}}$$

  - apply Gaussian elimination
    - eliminate x_e from the right-hand side
- This operation is called pivoting in linear programming
  - pivot(e,l)

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The Simplex Algorithm

A BFS is optimal if its objective function, after having eliminated all the basic variables, is of the form

$$c_0 + c_1 x_1 + \ldots + c_n x_n$$

with

$$c_i \geq 0 \ \ (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

From BFS to BFS

$$
\begin{array}{lrcrcrcrcrcl}
\min & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & + & x_5 & & \\
\text{subject to} & & & & & & & & & & & \\
 & 3x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & & & & & = & 1 \\
 & 5x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & & & = & 3 \\
 & 2x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & x_3 & & & + & x_5 & = & 4
\end{array}
$$

- First, find a BFS and eliminate the basic variable from the objective function

From BFS to BFS

$$\begin{array}{lrcrcrcrcrcl}
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\end{array}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{lrcrcrcr}
\min & & & \boxed{6} & \boxed{-} & \boxed{3x_1} & \boxed{-} & \boxed{3x_2} \\
\text{subject to} & & & & & & & \\
& x_3 & = & 1 & - & 3x_1 & - & 2x_2 \\
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\end{array}$$

From BFS to BFS

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\end{array}
$$

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$$
\begin{array}{lrcrcrcr}
\text{min} & & & \frac{9}{2} & + & \frac{3}{2}x_1 & + & \frac{3}{2}x_3 \\
\text{subject to} & & & & & & & \\
& x_2 & = & \frac{1}{2} & - & \frac{3}{2}x_1 & - & \frac{1}{2}x_3 \\
& x_4 & = & \frac{5}{2} & - & \frac{7}{2}x_1 & - & \frac{1}{2}x_3 \\
& x_5 & = & \frac{3}{2} & + & \frac{11}{2}x_1 & + & \frac{3}{2}x_3
\end{array}
$$

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Look Ma, My Local Move is Improving

- Assume that, in the BFS,
  - $b_1>0$, ... , $b_m>0$
  - there exists an entering variable e with $c_e < 0$
  - there exists a leaving variable l
- then the move pivot(e,l) is improving

The Simplex Algorithm

while $\exists 1 \leq i \leq n : c_i < 0$ do

choose e such that $c_e < 0$;

$$l = \operatorname*{arg\text{-}min}_{i : a_{ie} < 0} \frac{b_i}{-a_{ie}};$$

pivot(e,l);

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&\qquad \text{pivot}(e,l);
\end{aligned}
$$

- Assume that during the execution
  - $b_1, \ldots, b_m$ are always strictly positive
  - the objective function is bounded by below
- then the simplex algorithm terminates with an optimal solution

Where is My Leaving Variable?

- Selecting the leaving variable

$$l = \operatorname*{arg-min}_{i:a_{ie}<0} \frac{b_i}{-a_{ie}}$$

$$\begin{array}{lccccccc}
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\end{array}
$$

- What is the basic solution?

$$\{x_1 = 0; x_2 = 0; x_3 = 1; x_4 = 2; x_5 = 3\}$$

- What happens if I increase the value of x_1
  - the solution remains feasible
  - the value of the objective can decrease arbitrarily

Where is My Leaving Variable?

- What if some b_i becomes zero?

$$\begin{array}{llcrcrcr}
\min & & & 5 & - & 3x_1 & - & 3x_2 \\
\text{subject to} & & & & & & & \\
& x_3 & = & 0 & - & 3x_1 & - & 2x_2 \\
& x_4 & = & 2 & - & 2x_1 & + & x_2 \\
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\end{array}$$

- What is the leaving variable?

$$\begin{array}{llcrcrcr}
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We need to find a new way to guarantee termination

Termination of the Simplex Algorithm

- Many approaches
  - Bland rule
    - select always the first entering variable lexicographically
  - Lexicographic pivoting rule
    - break ties when selecting the leaving variable by using a lexicographic rule

$$l = \underset{i:a_{ie}<0}{\text{arg-lex-min}} \frac{b_i}{-a_{ie}}$$

  - Perturbation methods

Where is My BFS?

$$
\begin{array}{lrcrcrcrcrcl}
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$$

- How do I find my first BFS?

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$$
\begin{array}{lrcccccc}
\min & c_1x_1 & + & \ldots & + & c_nx_n & & \\
\text{subject to} & & & & & & & \\
& a_{11}x_1 & + & \ldots & + & a_{1n}x_n & = & b_1 \\
& \ldots & & & & & & \\
& a_{m1}x_1 & + & \ldots & + & a_{mn}x_n & = & b_m
\end{array}
$$

- Introduce artificial variables

Where is My BFS?

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$$
\begin{array}{lrcccccccccccc}
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\text{subject to} & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\
& a_{11}x_1 & + & \ldots & + & a_{1n}x_n & + & y_1 & & & & & = & b_1 \\
& \ldots & & & & & & & & & & & & \\
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\end{array}
$$

- I have an easy BFS

- But to another problem

Where is My BFS?

- Introduce artificial variables

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\begin{array}{llllllllll}
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\text{subject to} & & & & & & & & & \\
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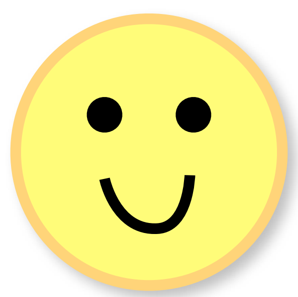
- I have an easy BFS 

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& \ldots & & & & & & & & \\
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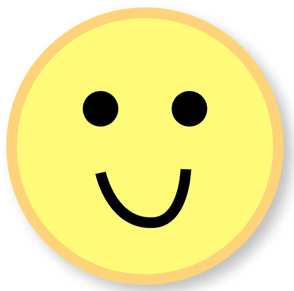
- I have an easy BFS 
- But to another problem 

Two-Phase Method

- First find a BFS
  - if there is one
- Then find an optimal BFS

Two-Phase Method

- First find a BFS

$$
\begin{array}{lccccccccccccc}
\boxed{\min} & & & & & & y_1 & + & \ldots & + & y_m & & \\
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\end{array}
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- Feasible if the objective value reaches 0
  - all the y_i are thus zeros
    - I have a BFS without the y_i
    - really? always?

Until Next Time