

Optimization Methods for Civil Engineering
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Lecture - 05
Linear Problem: Simplex Method

Welcome back to the course on Optimization Methods for Civil Engineering. So, we will continue our discussion on Linear Problems. So, in the last class I explained how we can solve a linear problem, what are the rules to be followed to go from one feasible solution to another feasible solution so, that we have discussed.

So, today I will introduce Simplex Method ok. So, this is the method for solving a linear problem. So, that we will discuss initially and then we will solve some example problems for different conditions.

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Linear Problem (LP)

LP problem

Minimize $f = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_nx_n$

Subject to

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 + \dots + a_{3n}x_n = b_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + a_{m3}x_3 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \checkmark$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \checkmark$$

$$a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 + \dots + a_{3n}x_n = b_3 \checkmark$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + a_{m3}x_3 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \checkmark$$

$$\rightarrow c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_nx_n - f = -f_0 \checkmark$$

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So, let us see this problem. So, it is a general form of a linear problem. So, here the objective function is a minimization type that is $c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_nx_n$. So, we have total n number of variable up to x_n . So, this is in equality sign we have. So, this is the first constraint that is $a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$. So, total n variable and right hand side is b_1 and already this is an equality constraint. So, we have total m constraint ok and n variable ok. So, this is general form of a linear problem.

Now, I can write in this form ok. So, I am writing the objective function here and that is $c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_nx_n - f = -f_0$ ok. So, I am writing it as a system of linear equations. So, this is your first constraint this is your first constraint, second constraint, third one the m constraint then after that I am writing the objective function.

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Linear Problem (LP)

SIMPLEX METHOD

$\cancel{1}x_1 + \cancel{0}x_2 + \dots + \cancel{0}x_m + a'_{1m+1}\underline{x_{m+1}} + \dots + a'_{1n}\underline{x_n} = b'_1$

$\Rightarrow x_1 = b'_1$

$\cancel{0}x_1 + \cancel{1}x_2 + \dots + \cancel{0}x_m + a'_{2m+1}\underline{x_{m+1}} + \dots + a'_{2n}\underline{x_n} = b'_2$

$\Rightarrow x_2 = b'_2$

$\cancel{0}x_1 + \cancel{0}x_2 + \dots + \cancel{0}x_m + a'_{3m+1}\underline{x_{m+1}} + \dots + a'_{3n}\underline{x_n} = b'_3$

\vdots

$\cancel{0}x_1 + \cancel{0}x_2 + \dots + \cancel{1}x_m + a'_{mm+1}\underline{x_{m+1}} + \dots + a'_{mn}\underline{x_n} = b'_m$

$n > m$

$\cancel{0}x_1 + \cancel{0}x_2 + \dots + \cancel{0}x_m - f + c'_{m+1}\underline{x_{m+1}} + \dots + c'_n\underline{x_n} = -f'_o$

$m \rightarrow \text{basic}$
 $n-m \rightarrow \text{No-basic}$

$x_i = \underline{\cancel{b}'_i}$

For $i = \underline{1}, \underline{2}, \underline{3}, \dots, \underline{m}$

$x_i = \underline{0}$

For $i = \underline{m+1}, \underline{m+2}, \underline{m+3}, \dots, \underline{n}$

$f = \underline{f'_o}$

If the basic solution is feasible , then $\underline{b'_i} \geq 0$ for $\underline{i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m}$

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Now, if you apply the row operation I can apply the row operation here and I can make the coefficient of x_1 as 1 and for other that is 0 ok. So, coefficient of x_1 in other equations are 0 including the objective function. Similarly, coefficient of x_2 in the second equation that is 1 and for other equation including the objective function that is 0.

So, I am taking up to m because in this case the number of variable is greater than number of equation. So, what we are considering here? So, we are considering that up to x_m is a basic variable that is up to number of equations. So, we have m basic variable. So, m basic variable. So, this is your basic variable and n minus m non-basic variable ok. So, we call non-basic basic variable ok.

So, here, so what we are considering that up to m . So, these are basic variable and from $n + 1$ to n non-basic variable. So, here we have arranged in such a way that coefficient of x_1

is 1 and for other equations that is 0. Now what is the initial solution here? So, I can get that x_i equal to b_i there. So, what I will be getting? So, from this equation if I consider that from x_m to x_n . So, these are 0 and this is not these are all non-basic variables if they are 0. So, in that case from the first equation I will get that x_1 equal to b_1 dash.

Similarly, from the second equation I will get that x_2 equal to b_2 dash. So, what I am getting here that x_i equal to b_i dash for i equal to 1, 2, 3 up to m ; m is the number of equation for other non-basic variable that is from $m+1$ to n . So, that x_i equal to 0 ok. So, x_i equal to 0 for non-basic variable and for basic variable x_i equal to b_i .

So, I am getting 1 solution here and f equal to. So, from the last equation that I can write f equal to that is f_{naught} dash ok. So, I am getting the objective function value also from the last equation and because these are non-basic variable and these are equal to 0. So, I am getting f equal to f_{naught} dash. So, if the basic solution is feasible then b_i dash.

So, whatever you are getting this b_i dash must be greater than 0 for i equal to 1 to m . So, i equal to 1 to m that is b_1 2 to b_m this must be greater than 0. Then I will say that the basic whatever basic solution we got actually that is a feasible solution.

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Linear Problem (LP)

From the last row

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + \dots + 0x_m - f + c'_{m+1}x_{m+1} + \dots + c'_n x_n = -f'_0$$

We can write that

$$f = f'_0 + \sum_{i=m+1}^n c'_i x_i$$

If all c'_i are positive, it is not possible to improve (reduce) the objective function value by making a non basic variable as basic variable

Maximum benefit can be obtained by making the non-basic variable with minimum negative coefficient as basic variable

In case of a tie, any one can be selected arbitrarily

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Now, from the last row ok. So, what is this is the last row that is the objective function row. So, coefficient of x_1 to x_m that is 0 and we are getting minus f and these are non-basic variable ok and which is equal to minus f naught dash. So, we can write it that f equal to. So, from the last equation objective function equation I can write f equal to f naught dash plus summation of i equal to $m+1$ to n and this is c_i dash x_i .

So, that is this is the summation of all the component of non-basic variable ok or you can say non-basic variable components ok. So, now if these are equal to 0 then f equal to f naught dash. Now if all c_i dash are positive all c_i are positive as we have explained when we solve the problem in the last class that if all c_i dash are positive, it is not possible to improve or we can say reduce in this case because this is a minimization problem. So, we it is not possible to improve the objective function value by making a non-basic variable as a basic variable.

So, as I said or as I have shown you in the last class. So, if c_i are positive ok in the objective function row all c_i are positive in that case, it is not possible to improve the objective function value by making a non-basic variable as a basic variable. So, maximum benefit can be obtained by making the non-basic variable with minimum negative coefficient as basic variable ok.

So, as I have explained in the last class. So, first condition is that if all are positive; that means, we are not getting any improved solution. We will not be able to reduce the objective function value in this case because we are solving a minimization problem. Now if there is a negative coefficient then what will what maximum benefit we can obtain is that if we consider minimum negative coefficient ok coefficient having minimum value.

So, maximum benefit can be obtained by making the non-basic variable with maximum negative coefficient as basic variable. So, in case of a tie, I also explained that one in the last class any one can be selected. So, if the coefficient of two variables are equal in that case I can take any one of them. So, in case of tie any one can be selected arbitrarily.

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Linear Problem (LP)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 &= b'_1 - a'_{1s}x_s & b'_1 &\geq 0 & \Rightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b'_1/a'_{1s} \\ b'_2/a'_{2s} \\ \vdots \\ b'_m/a'_{ms} \end{array} \right\} \\
 x_2 &= b'_2 - a'_{2s}x_s & b'_2 &\geq 0 & \Rightarrow & \\
 &\vdots & & & & \\
 x_m &= b'_m - a'_{ms}x_s & b'_m &\geq 0 & \Rightarrow &
 \end{aligned}$$

If a'_{is} is positive, the maximum possible value of x_s is b'_i/a'_{is}

If a'_{is} is negative, the maximum possible value of x_s is $+\infty$

In this case, the problem has an unbounded solution

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If I say that this is a variable which is basically I can say that this is a non-basic variable and I would like to make it a basic variable. So, from this equation what I will get that x_1 equal to b_1 dash minus a_{1s} dash x_s ok and here this is b_1 dash is positive because it has to be a feasible solution. So, that is positive b_2 is positive up to b_m dash is positive ok.

So, this is from the first equation I can write x_1 equal to b_1 dash minus a_{1s} dash s . So, that is an x_s similarly from x_2 I can write it and from x_m I can write it like this. Now if a_{is} dash is positive the maximum possible value of x_s is b_i dash by a_{is} dash. So, what is the maximum possible value of x_s ?

Suppose from here suppose the maximum possible value of x_s from the first equation that is b_1 dash divided by a_{1s} ok or you can say a_{1s} dash. Now from the second equation what is the maximum possible value of x_s that is b_2 dash by a_{2s} dash. Similarly, from the last

equation I can write that what is the maximum possible value of x_s is that b_m dash divided by a_{ms} dash ok.

So, now this is the possible values of x_s . Now what we have to do? We have to take minimum of these two otherwise what will happen? The sum variable sum decision variable will be negative ok. So, therefore, we have to take minimum of this particular ratio as I have explained. So, if a_{is} dash is negative. So, again suppose if it is negative then maximum possible value of x_s is infinity if it is negative ok. So, in that case so we can say that is an unbounded solution. So, in this case the problem has an unbounded solution ok.

So, therefore, what are the rules basically? So, rules is that I will calculate the ratio ok and we have to take the minimum of that one in order to avoid the infeasible solution. So, we have to take the minimum one and if any coefficient is negative. So, we have to ignore because if it is negative. So, in that case maximum possible value is x_s is infinity; that means, x_s can go up to infinity.

So, infinity means that is an unbounded solution therefore, we will not calculate or we will ignore the equation having a_{is} dash is negative. So, that will ignore and for other cases. So, we will calculate this ratios that is b_i dash by a_{is} dash. So, that we will calculate and we will we should take the minimum one in order to avoid the infeasible solution otherwise what will happen? You will get some infeasible solution. So, therefore, to avoid that one. So, we will take the minimum one. I hope the rules are clear to you.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Example 1 (Unbounded solution)

Minimize $f = -3x_1 - 2x_2$

Subject to

$x_1 - x_2 \leq 1$

$3x_1 - 2x_2 \leq 6$

$x_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2$

Handwritten notes:

$f = -3x_1 - 2x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4$

$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 0x_4 = 1$

$3x_1 - 2x_2 + 0x_3 + x_4 = 6$

$x_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4$

Basic Variable	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	f	b_i	b_i/a_{ij}
x_3	1	-1	1	0	0	1	1
x_4	3	-2	0	1	0	6	2
f	-3	-2	0	0	-1	0	

Handwritten calculations for b_i/a_{ij} :

$1 = 1/1$

$2 = 6/3$

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Now, let us go to this particular problem. So, first one I will show you a problem having unbounded solution ok. So, here the problem is minimize f equal to minus thrice x_1 minus twice x_2 subject to that x_1 minus x_2 less than equal to 1 thrice x_1 minus twice x_2 less than equal to 6 and all x_i is positive and we have two variables. So, therefore, i equal to 1 to 2. Now what is the first step? The first step is I have to convert this problem to the standard form ok.

So, let us convert that one. So, if you convert it what is standard form? I have to make it equality sign. So, it is the first constraint is a less than equally type constraint. So, therefore, what I am doing? I am adding a slack variable here in order to make it equal. So, now, x_1 minus x_2 plus x_3 equal to 1, then the second constraint that is also inequality type. So, this is also inequality type. So, I am putting another slack variable that is x_4 .

So, now it is thrice x_1 minus twice x_2 plus x_4 equal to 6 and x_i should be greater than 0 and i equal to now 1, 2, 3, 4. So, with this I have converted this problem to a standard form. So, I can also write the objective function here. So, now, objective function will be this is minus 3 x_1 minus twice x_2 plus 0 x_3 plus 0 x_4 ok. So, this is my objective function. Now my problem is in standard form.

So, if I put this problem in this particular table ok I can call it a simplex table. So, here this is the variable x_1 x_2 x_3 and x_4 . So, we have total 4 variable then the objective function and that is b_i and I will calculate the b_i by a_{ij} . Now here when we are converting this problem to standard form; that means, I have added the slack variable x_3 and x_4 and if you look at this particular problem you can see that the coefficient of x_3 is 1 here in the first equation, this is 1 and for the second equation it is 0 ok.

Similarly, for x_4 this is 0 x_4 coefficient is 0 here and here it is 1 and in the objective function row also the coefficient of x_3 and x_4 are 0 ok. So, therefore, initially what I can consider that x_3 and x_4 that is the basic variable ok. So, basic variable and others x_1 and x_2 are non-basic variable. So, if I put this equation here. So, I am getting the coefficient of x_1 in the first equation is 1, then this is minus 1 the coefficient of x_2 then for x_3 this is 1 and then 0 and this is 0 f is not there and right hand side is equal to 1.

Similarly, for the second equation that is 3, then this is minus 2 then 0 and for x_4 the coefficient is 1, then 0 the right hand side is 6 ok. And I am also writing the objective function the objective function is coefficient of x_1 is minus 3, then for x_2 this is minus 2, then 0 0 this is minus 1 a right hand side is 0 ok. Now we have to look at the last row that is the objective function row is there any negative coefficient.

So, in this particular problem yes we have negative coefficient for x_1 and x_2 . So, therefore, what I will do? I have to select the minimum values ok. So, here minimum is minus 3. So, we have minus 3 n minus 2 that is we have to select minus 3 ok. So, now, once you are selecting minus 3 ok so this particular column. So, in that case x_1 is the incoming variable is not it. So,

x_1 now x_1 is a non-basic variable, now x_1 will come into basis basically. So, x_1 will be taking the place of either x_3 and x_4 .

So, now we have to decide that whether it will replace x_3 or x_4 . So, now, what we will do? We will calculate the b_i by a_{ij} ratio and here it is for the first equation this is 1 by 1. So, this is 1 by 1. So, I am getting 1 and the second equation this is 6 by 3. So, I am getting 2 ok. So, what is the rule? The rule is you have to select the minimum 1.

So, minimum one is 1 here. So, therefore, this will be your pivoting element ok. So, pivoting element means, now this will I will make it one, but in this case it is already 1 now, I have to make it this particular very coefficient should be 0 and this should be equal to 0.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Basic Variable	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	f	b_i	b_i/a_{is}
x_1	1	-1	1	0	0	1	—
x_4	0	1	-3	1	0	3	3
f	0	-5	3	0	-1	3	

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Basic Variable	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	f	b_i	b_i/a_{is}
x_1	1	0	-2	1	0	4	
x_2	0	1	-3	1	0	3	
f	0	0	-12	5	-1	18	

Handwritten notes:

- $x_1 = 4$
- $x_2 = 3$
- $f = -18$
- All a_{ij} are negative
- Unbounded solution

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So, we can do the row operation and finally, I will get this particular table. So, I have not shown you the calculation part, but once you are implementing that one row operation. So, finally, you will get the coefficient here it is 1 and here it is 0 and here it is 0 and x_1 is coming as a basic variable and x_3 is now leaving the basis. So, it is now non-basic variable. So, now, what is the solution here?

The solution here is that x_1 equal to 1. So, after this iteration the solution is x_1 equal to 1, x_4 equal to 3 and x_2 and x_3 are 0, x_2 and x_3 are non-basic variable. So, therefore, the value of x_2 and x_3 are 0, x_1 equal to 1, x_4 equal to 3 and what is the value of f ? f is equal to minus 3 ok. So, objective function value is now minus 3. Now what you have to do? Again we have to look at the objective function row, is there any negative coefficient? Yes.

So, we have one and that is for x_2 this is minus 5; that means, it is possible to improve the solution. Now x_2 will enter into the basis ok. So, x_2 ; x_2 will enter now whether x_2 will replace x_1 or x_4 . So, what we will do basically, that we will calculate the ratio between b_i by a_{is} . So, here the coefficient of x_2 in the first equation is negative. So, therefore, we will not calculate that one because if we consider that one so, that is actually will be an unbounded solution anyway.

And so, only coefficient of x_2 in the second equation is 1. Now if I calculate the ratio that is your 3 by 1. So, therefore, it is 3. So, we have only one value. So, therefore, we will consider this particular element as a pivoting element. So, if we are if you want to do that; that means, x_4 will leave the basis and in place of x_4 . Now x_2 will enter into the basis ok. So, what you have to do? Now we have to make this particular one it is already one, but this is we have to make it 0 and this we have to make it 0.

So, finally, we are getting this particular table you just see that for x_1 this is 1 and 0 0 and for x_2 this is 0 and this is 0 and this is 1 ok. This is 1 and now here x_1 and x_2 are the basic variable ok. So, what is the solution now?

The solution is x_1 equal to 4 x_2 equal to 3. So, that is the solution that x_1 equal to x_1 equal to 4 and x_2 equal to 3 and what is the objective function value? The objective function value is now minus 18 ok. So, minus 18. So, this is the objective function value here and I am getting a solution that x_1 equal to 4, x_2 equal to 3.

Now, question is that is it the optimal solution? Is it possible to improve the objective function value? That means, can I reduce the objective function value in this case because this is a minimization problem. So, what I have to do? I have to look at the last row that is the objective function row ok.

So, is there any negative coefficient? Yes there is a negative coefficient ok. So, let us see what is this? That means, that minus 12 is there so; that means, it is still possible to reduce the objective function is not it because there is a negative coefficient here.

But question is these coefficients are also negative. So, therefore, that means, if x_3 is entering. So, in that case what will happen that x_1 can go up to infinity x_3 x_2 can go also up to infinity in this case. So, therefore, this is a problem of unbounded solution; that means, this is all a_{ij} are negative in this case.

So, therefore, this is unbounded solution ok so; that means, you can go up to infinity because the coefficients are negative and coefficient in the objective function row is also negative here. So, in that case. So, you can go up to infinity. So, therefore, this is an unbounded problems that unbounded solution.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Example 2 (Alternate optimal solutions)

Minimize $f = -40x_1 - 100x_2$ $f = -40x_1 - 100x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 + 0x_5$

Subject to

$10x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 2500$	\rightarrow	$10x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 2500$
$4x_1 + 10x_2 \leq 2000$		$4x_1 + 10x_2 + x_4 = 2000$
$2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 900$		$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_5 = 900$
$x_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2$		$x_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

$f = 0$

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Now, let us see another example problem. So, in this case we will have alternate optimal solution ok. So, let us solve and then I will explain that this is a minimization function. Minimize f equal to minus 40 x_1 minus 100 x_2 . So, there are three constraints the first one is 10 x_1 plus 5 x_2 less than equal to 2500, 4 x_1 plus 10 x_2 less than equal to 2000, twice x_1 plus thrice x_2 less than equal to 900 and all x_i are positive i equal to 1 to 2.

So, here we have two variables and there are three equations. Now let us convert it to standard form. So, what I will do, I have to put 1 slack variable here in order to make it equal. So, now, the problem or the first constraint is 10 x_1 plus 5 x_2 plus x_3 equal to 2500, then in the second equation also as it is less than equality type. So, I have to put another slack variable that is x_4 and now it is equal to 2000.

And the third one again it is a less than equality type. So, therefore, I have to put another slack variable and just to make it equal to 900. So, now, this is in standard form. So, I can write the objective function here. So, this is minus 40 x 1 minus 100 x 2 plus 0 x 3 plus 0 x 4 plus 0 x 5 now you just see that if you look at.

So, what is the initial basic feasible solution that if I consider, x 1 and x 2 are non-basic variable. So, that will be equal to 0. So, in that case and x 3 x 4 and x 5 are basic variable. So, initial basic feasible solution is that x 3 equal to 2500, x 4 equal to 2000 and x 5 equal to 900 and what will be the objective function value that f equal to 0 ok. So, that is the initial solution I can have.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Basic Variable	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	f	b	bi/ais
x3	10	5	1	0	0	0	2500	500
x4	4	10	0	1	0	0	2000	200
x5	2	3	0	0	1	0	900	300
f	-40	-100	0	0	0	-1	0	

Handwritten calculations for the first table:

- $2500/5 = 500$
- $2000/10 = 200$
- $900/3 = 300$

Handwritten notes for the first table:

- $x_1 = x_2 = 0$
- Solution is $x_3 = 1500$, $x_4 = 200$, $x_5 = 300$
- $x_1 = x_2 = 0$
- $f = -20,000$

Basic Variable	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	f	b	bi/ais
x3	8	0	1	-0.5	0	0	1500	187.5
x2	0.4	1	0	0.1	0	0	200	500
x5	0.8	0	0	-0.3	1	0	300	375
f	0	0	0	10	0	-1	20000	

Handwritten calculations for the second table:

- $1500/8 = 187.5$
- $200/1 = 200$
- $300/0.8 = 375$

Handwritten notes for the second table:

- $x_1 = x_2 = 0$
- $f = -20,000$

All c_j are positive, so no improvement is possible

So, now, let us put in the table here. So, I am putting in this particular table. So, here as I said that x 3 x 4 and x 5. So, they are basic variable. So, they are basic variable and x 1 and x 2 are

non-basic variable. So, now, after putting this. So, what is the first step? The first step is look at the objective function row ok. So, if you look at is there any negative coefficient? Yes for x_1 that is minus 40 and for x_2 this is minus 100.

So, what you have to do? We have to take the minimum 1; minimum 1 is minus 100. So, we will take that so; that means, the x_2 will enter into the basis and x_2 will replace one of these basically one of these variables that is x_3 , x_4 and x_5 . So, what one what it will replace? So, we have to calculate the ratio of b_i by a_{is} .

So, the ratio is the for the first one that is 2500 divided by 5. So, I am getting 500 then the for the second one that is 2000 divided by 10. So, I am getting 200 and for the third one I should get 900 divided by 3. So, therefore, I am getting 300. So, what we have to do now? We have to select the minimum one here also the minimum one is 200.

So, therefore, this will be the pivoting element. So, if it is pivoting element. So, what we have to do? We have to make this one and for others the coefficient of x_2 will be equal to 0. So, if I do that. So, finally, I am getting this one that coefficient of x_2 . In the second equation is 1 now and for other equation they are 0 including the objective function ok. So, now, what is the solution I am getting? The solution I am getting here that x_3 equal to x_3 equal to 1500 is not it. So, x_3 equal to 1500, then x_2 equal to 200 ok.

Then x_5 equal to I am getting 300 ok and what is the value of f ? That f is equal to minus 20,000 ok minus 20,000 I am getting this. Now what we have to look? We have to look at the objective function row is there any negative coefficient? No. All c_j are positive there is no negative coefficient. So, no improvement is possible. That means, I will not get any improved solution so; that means, I got the solution. So, here that x_3 equal to 1500, x_2 equal to 200, x_5 equal to 300, x_1 equal to 0 and x_4 is also equal to 0 ok.

So, x_1 equal to x_4 equal to 0 ok. So, this is the solution I am getting. Now question is that now if I consider x_1 ok. So, if I consider x_1 . So, here you just see the coefficient is 0 so; that means, you are not getting any improved solution by converting x_1 as a basic variable is not

it, but let us do that, but what we will get? Objective function value will not sense because the coefficient is 0, but let us do that.

So, if I consider that this particular column. So, here I would like to make x 1 as a basic variable. And I if I take the ratio. So, this is 187.5 now and that is the minimum one and therefore, this will be the pivoting element so; that means, x 3 will now be replaced by x 1 ok.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Basic Variable	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	f	b	bi/a _{is}
x1	1	0	0.125	-0.0625	0	0	187.5	
x2	0	1	-0.05	0.125	0	0	125	
x5	0	0	-0.1	-0.25	1	0	150	
f	0	0	0	10	0	-1	20000	

Solution is

$x_1 = 187.5$

$x_2 = 125$

$x_5 = 150$

$x_3 = x_4 = 0$

$f = -20000$

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The problem has infinite number of optimal solutions, which can be obtained using the following equation

$$X(\lambda) = \lambda X^1 + (1 - \lambda)X^2$$

$x_1 = 187.5$

$x_2 = 125$

$x_5 = 150$

$x_3 = x_4 = 0$

$f = -20,000$

So, this is the pivoting element and if I do that. So, x 1 is now in as a basic variable then x 2 is already there a x 5 is there. Now I am getting a different solution, but if you look at what is the solution? The solution is x 1 equal to 187.5 ok. And x 2 equal to 125 and x 5 equal to 150 and x 3, x 4 equal to 0 and f equal to minus 20,000 ok. So, there is no improvement in the objective function value.

So, I am getting the same solution, but this is an alternate solution. So, what you are getting? x_1 equal to 187.5, x_2 equal to 125, x_5 equal to 150, then x_3 and x_4 equal to 0 and objective function value is minus 20,000. So, this problem has infinite number of optimal solution which can be obtained using the following equation that is x_{λ} equal to λx_1 plus 1 minus λx_2 .

So, I will get infinite number of optimal or you can say alternate optimal solution. Objective function value will be same, but the value of the variable may be different or will be different.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Example 3 (Artificial variable)

Minimize $f = 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 + x_5$

Subject to

$$3x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 = 2$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$$

Artificial variables y_1 and y_2 are added to the constraints to convert them into equality form:

$$3x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 + y_1 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 + y_2 = 2$$

Non-negativity constraints for artificial variables:

$$y_1, y_2 \geq 0$$

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Now, let us see a problem with artificial variable. I have not discussed what is artificial variable, but in this problem I will discuss what is artificial variable. The objective function here is a minimization type objective function that is f equal to twice x_1 plus thrice x_2 plus twice x_3 minus x_4 plus x_5 and subject to there are two constraint the constraints are 3 x_1

minus $3x_2$ plus $4x_3$ plus twice x_4 minus x_5 equal to 0 ok and the second one is x_1 plus x_2 plus x_3 plus thrice x_4 plus x_5 equal to 2.

So, in this particular problem the constraints are equality type constraint ok and all x_i should be positive greater than 0 i equal to 1 to 5. Now question is that I have to make it standard form. So, already this is an equality sign, but what I need basically. So, I need the initial basic feasible solution. So, what is initial basic feasible solution? That for a particular constraint there must be a variable whose coefficient is 1 for that particular constraint and for other constraint that is 0.

So, in order to do that what I have to do? We have to take we have to add two variables y_1 and y_2 . Now once you are putting y_1 y_2 . So, this equality sign is not actually valid and basically you have disturbed the equality sign. So, earlier we added a slack variable in order to make it equal, but in this case what you are doing? It is already equal, but you are adding a variable and this variable will disturb this equality sign.

So, you cannot actually write this is equal to 0, but in order to get a initial basic feasible solution. So, we are putting these two variable y_1 and y_2 . So, we have put here two variables that is y_1 and y_2 as I said. So, that will disturb the equality sign ok. So, equality condition. So, therefore, these two variables has to be eliminated ok initially it has to be eliminated because I do not want this variable because these two variable y_1 and y_2 has disturbed the equality conditions ok. So, therefore, you have to eliminate these two variable and this y_1 and y_2 is known as artificial variable.

So, what we are doing here? We are just putting two artificial variables that is y_1 in the first equation y_2 in the second equation just to have a initial basic feasible solution. So, idea is that you eliminate as early as possible you eliminate this y_1 and y_2 from this equation.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Example 3 (Artificial variable)

Minimize $f = 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 + x_5$

Subject to

$$3x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 = 0$$
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 = 2$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$

$x_i \geq 0$

$y_1, y_2 \geq 0$

y_1 and y_2 Artificial variable

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Linear Problem (LP)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &3x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 + y_1 = 0 \\
 &x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 + y_2 = 2 \\
 &2x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 + x_5 - f = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

- The Artificial variables have to be removed from the basis initially (Phase I)
- This can be removed using the following formulation
- Minimize $w = y_1 + y_2$
- Now the problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\checkmark 3x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 + y_1 = 0 \\
 &\checkmark x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 + y_2 = 2 \\
 &\checkmark 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 + x_5 - f = 0 \\
 &\quad \quad \quad y_1 + y_2 - w = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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So, y_1 and y_2 are artificial variable. So, now, if I write this equations. So, this is my first constraint, this is second constraint and I have these two variables that is y_1 and y_2 and these two variable are basically I can consider the initial basic feasible solution ok. So, x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 and x_5 are 0 they are non-basic variable and y_1 and y_2 are basic variable. So, the artificial variables have to be removed from the basis initially, this can be removed by using the following formulation.

So, we will have one formulation initially. So, we call it the phase 1 ok. So, phase 1 what is the objective? The objective is I would like to remove this y_1 and y_2 . So, therefore, I am writing a different optimization mode problem or different optimization formulation where initially I would like to minimize w which is equal to y_1 plus y_2 . So, this is the objective function.

So, if I put it here. So, this is my first equation, this is second equation, the third one is the objective function the original objective function and fourth one the phase 1 objective function that is $y_1 + y_2 - w = 0$. So, what I am doing here? I would like to minimize this particular function initially objective function initially that w equal to $y_1 + y_2$. I would like to minimize it ok to remove y_1 and y_2 from the basis ok.

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Linear Problem (LP)

$$3x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 + y_1 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 + y_2 = 2$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 + x_5 - f = 0$$

$$\rightarrow -4x_1 + 2x_2 - 5x_3 - 5x_4 + 0x_5 - w = -2$$

$w = y_1 + y_2$

Basic Variable	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	y_1	y_2	f	w	b	b_i/a_{is}
y_1	3	-3	4	2	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
y_2	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	0.67
f	2	3	2	-1	1	0	0	-1	0	0	
w	-4	2	-5	-5	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	

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The last equation that is the objective function w equal to; w equal to $y_1 + y_2$. So, what we are doing that we are writing this y_1 in terms of x_1 ok. So, what I can do? So, from the equation 1 that is the first constraint. So, I can write what is y_1 . So, y_1 I can take on the other side of the equation.

So, y_1 equal to minus thrice x_1 plus thrice x_2 minus 4 x_3 minus 4 x_4 plus x_5 . So, that is y_1 and similarly I can take what is y_2 and this y_1 and y_2 I am writing in terms of x_1, x_2, x_3

and x_4 and that I am putting in the last equation. So, if I do that. So, I will be getting the this w equal to y_1 plus y_2 which is equal to I am getting minus $4x_1$ plus twice x_2 minus $5x_3$ minus $5x_4$ plus $0x_5$ minus w equal to minus 2.

So, if I put on the simplex table. So, I am getting this particular table here y_1 and y_2 are basic variable. So, therefore, it is here and x_1 x_2 x_3 and x_4 and x_5 they are non-basic variable. So, now, what we have to do? We are minimizing this w function. So, we have to look is there any negative values. Yes there are negative values here it is minus 4 minus 5 minus 5, but what we have to consider?

We have to consider the minimum one. So, minimum one is here minus 5 and minus 5. So, therefore, you just take it arbitrarily any one either x_4 you can take or x_3 you can take ok. So, next is I will calculate the ratio. So, here ratio is 0 and it is 0.67. So, you have to take the minimum one and minimum one is the first equation. So, therefore, this will be your pivoting element. So, what I will do? So, I will make it 1 and for others. So, I have to make it 0 and 0 and this must be equal to 1.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Basic	Variable										
Variable	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	y1	y2	f	w	b	bi/ais
x4	1.5	-1.5	2	1	-0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	
y2	-3.5	5.5	-5	0	2.5	-1.5	1	0	0	2	0.36
f	3.5	1.5	4	0	0.5	0.5	0	-1	0	0	
w	3.5	-5.5	5	0	-2.5	2.5	0	0	-1	-2	

Basic	Variable										
Variable	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	y1	y2	f	w	b	bi/ais
x4	0.55	0	0.64	1	0.18	0.09	0.27	0	0	0.55	
x2	0.64	1	-0.91	0	0.45	-0.27	0.18	0	0	0.36	
f	4.45	0	5.36	0	-0.18	0.91	-0.27	-1	0	-0.55	
w	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	-1	0	

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All c_j are positive, so no improvement is possible

So, after implementing the row operation. So, finally, I am getting this particular table here now you just see that x 4 is now basic variable, but y 2 is still there ok. So, we have to look at in this row again is there any negative one yes. So, this is the negative value we have this is also the negative value, but this is the minimum one. So, therefore, x 2 will now enter into the basis and let us look at the ratio.

So, we have. So, first one is negative ok. So, first one is negative. So, therefore, we are not considering for the second one that is 2 divided by 5.5. So, we are getting 0.36 and that is the only one and therefore, this is the your pivoting element ok. So, this will be the pivoting element.

So, we will apply the row operation now we will make it 1 and for others that will be 0. So, what we are doing here? Now you just see this is your 1 and this is 0 and this is 0 and you just

see now x_2 is here now and already x_4 here x_4 is already there. So, y_1 and y_2 are not there and if you look at the objective function row that is the phase 1 objective function that w equal to y_1 plus y_2 and there is no negative coefficient all coefficients are positive.

So; that means, that you cannot minimize this one further. So, you got the solution of fast space. So, what I can do, I can remove this particular row along with the variable y_1 and y_2 ok. So, all c_j are positive. So, no improvement is possible.

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Linear Problem (LP)								
Phase II								
Basic	Variable							bi/ais
Variable	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	f	b	
x_4	0.55	0	0.64	1	0.18	0	0.55	3
x_2	-0.64	1	-0.91	0	0.45	0	0.36	0.8
f	4.45	0	5.36	0	-0.18	-1	-0.55	

Basic	Variable							bi/ais
Variable	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	f	b	
x_4	0.8	-0.4	1	1	0	0	0.4	
x_5	-1.4	2.2	-2	0	1	0	0.8	
f	4.2	0.4	5	0	0	-1	-0.4	

Solution is
 $x_4 = 0.4$
 $x_5 = 0.8$
 $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$
 $f = 0.4$
Optimal solution

All c_j are positive, so no improvement is possible

So, what will be the phase II now? The phase II I will remove the object that last objective function that phase I objective function w equal to y_1 and y_2 and now I will consider the original objective function ok. So, from the last table of the phase 1 ok. So, now, if you look at that the objective function row is there any negative value? There is 1 yes x_5 for x_5 the c_j equal to minus 0.18 ok.

So, therefore, x_5 will be an incoming variable. So, x_5 will enter into the basis. So, now you calculate the ratios. So, here it is 0.08 and here it is 3. So, therefore, we will take the minimum one and now this will be the pivoting element. So, if you do that. So, finally, you are getting this 1 and this equal to 0 and the solution is now x_4 equal to 0.4, x_5 equal to 0.8 and f we are getting f equal to 0.4 ok.

So, you just see if you look at all c_j are positive and so, no improvement is possible; that means, you got the optimal solution ok. So, this is the optimal solution we got in this case we have considered two artificial variables that is y_1 and y_2 and we call it 2 phase problem in the first phase the idea is to remove the artificial variable.

So, we have an objective function that is w equal to y_1 plus y_2 and I would like to minimize this objective function in order to remove the variable y_1 and y_2 . So, these two are artificial variable and once we are removing that one once we are getting the optimal solution of that particular objective function then we will consider the original objective function ok.

And we got the solution and this is basically an example of your LP problem with artificial variable. So, this is the final solution that x_4 equal to 0.4 x_5 equal to 0.8 and x_1 x_2 and x_3 equal to 0 and objective function value is 0.4 and we got the optimal solution as there is no negative coefficient the objective function row.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Example 4 (Unrestricted in sign)

Minimize $f = 4x_1 + 2x_2$

Subject to

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 \geq 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 = 8 \\ x_1 - x_2 \leq 11 \\ x_1 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

x_2 is unrestricted in sign

Consider $x_2 = x_3 - x_4$ $\Rightarrow 4 - 5 = -1$

Where, $x_3, x_4 \geq 0$

Now, the problem can be written as

Minimize $f = 4x_1 + 2x_3 - 2x_4$

Subject to

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 \geq 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 = 8 \\ x_1 - x_3 + x_4 \leq 11 \\ x_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 3, 4 \end{cases}$$

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Let us take another example problem and the problem is a variable with unrestricted in sign. So, whatever problem we have discussed all variables are positive ok. So, sometime what may happen the variable value may be negative; that means, unrestricted in sign. So, it can take a negative value also ok let us see an example problem with a variable that is unrestricted in sign.

So, let us consider this particular problem. So, this is a minimization problem which is equal to plus 4 x 1 plus twice x 2 there are three constraints. So, x 1 minus twice x 2 greater or equal to 2, then x 1 plus twice x 2 equal to 8, x 1 minus x 2 less than equal to 11, x 1 is positive here, but x 2 is unrestricted in sign; that means, x 2 can be negative also.

So, what you have to do basically that I am considering x 2 is equal to x 3 minus x 4 what I am doing? I am writing x 2 in terms of x 3 and x 4. Now x 3 and x 4 are positive here. So,

what I am doing? Because when you are considering the lp problem all the variables should be positive.

So, you cannot have a negative your variable ok. So, the variable value should be positive so, but in this case the x_2 can be negative also. So, therefore, I am writing x_2 in terms of x_3 and x_4 and x_3 and x_4 are positive suppose what I can do? Suppose if I want to have a negative value; that means, I can write $4 - 5$. So, this is your x_3 and this is your x_4 . So, $4 - 5$ equal to minus 1, but x_3 and x_4 are positive ok now the problem can be written as.

So, if I replace x_2 equal to $x_3 - x_4$. So, in that case I can write f equal to $4x_1$ plus twice x_3 minus twice x_4 similarly constraints can be written x_1 minus twice x_3 plus twice x_4 greater than equal to 2, then x_1 plus twice x_3 minus twice x_4 equal to 8 x_1 minus x_3 plus x_4 less than equal to 11 ok and here now x_i are greater than equal to 0 i equal to 1 3 4. So, 2 is not there. So, now, we have variable 1 x_1 the variable x_3 and variable x_4 .

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Linear Problem (LP)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 + y_1 & = & 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 + y_2 & = & 8 \\ x_1 - x_3 + x_4 + x_6 & = & 11 \\ 4x_1 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 - f & = & 0 \end{array}$$

Phase I

Minimize $w = y_1 + y_2$

Or, Minimize $w = -2x_1 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 + x_5 = -10$

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Now, let us convert this to a standard form. So, therefore, I am putting a artificial variable here in order to get initial basic feasible solution and here also I am putting an artificial variable and here I am putting a slack variable to make it equal. So, y_1 and y_2 are artificial variable just in order to get the initial basic feasible solution.

So, initial solution is now y_1 equal to 2, y_2 equal to 8 and x_6 equal to 11. So, therefore, this is a 2 phase problem. So, we will solve it using 2 phase method. So, what we are doing here that we have a new objective function the w equal to y_1 plus y_2 . I would like to eliminate this y_1 and y_2 or I can write y_1 in terms of x_1 , x_3 and x_4 , x_5 . So, if I write w equal to minus twice x_1 plus 0 x_3 plus 0 x_4 plus x_5 equal to minus 10.

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Linear Problem (LP)

Phase I problem can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 + y_1 &= 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 + y_2 &= 8 \\ x_1 - x_3 + x_4 + x_6 &= 11 \\ 4x_1 + 2x_3 - 2x_4 - f &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 + x_5 - w &= -10 \text{ --- Min} \end{aligned}$$

Basic Variable	x1	x3	x4	x5	x6	y1	y2	w	f	bi	bi/aij
y1	1	-2	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2
y2	1	2	-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	8
x6	1	-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	11
f	4	2	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	
w	-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-10	

Let us put in the simplex table. So, here this is the original objective function and this is the phase I objective function. So, initially we will try to we will minimize this objective function ok. So, if I do that, I have to look at the last row, is there any negative coefficient? Yes, this is the negative coefficient. So, therefore, x 1 is the entering variable. So, x 1 will enter into the basis, I then I look at the ratio of b i by a i j. So, this is the minimum one. So, therefore, this will be the pivoting element ok.

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Linear Problem (LP)												
Basic Variable	x1	x3	x4	x5	x6	y1	y2	w	f	bi	bi/aij	
x1	1	-2	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	2		
y2	0	4	-4	1	0	-1	1	0	0	6	1.5	
x6	0	1	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	9	9	
f	0	10	-10	4	0	-4	0	0	-1	-8		
w	0	-4	4	-1	0	2	0	-1	0	-6		

Basic Variable	x1	x3	x4	x5	x6	y1	y2	w	f	bi	bi/aij	
x1	1	0	0	-0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	5		
x3	0	1	-1	0.25	0	-0.25	0.25	0	0	1.5		
x6	0	0	0	0.75	1	-0.75	-0.25	0	0	7.5		
f	0	0	0	1.5	0	-1.5	-2.5	0	-1	-23		
w	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1	0	0		

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All c_j are positive, so no improvement is possible

So, if it is pivoting element. So, then this will be equal to 1 and for others this will be equal to 0. Now x 1 is x 1 has enter into the basis now y 2 is still there. Now, next question is that can we improve the solution? Yes because there is a negative coefficient here there is a negative coefficient here.

So, this is the minimum one so; that means, x 3 will enter into the basis and we will calculate the ratio and this ratio is 1.5 and this is 9 and so, that is the minimum one. So, therefore, this is your pivoting element now. So, if it is pivoting element then y 2 will be replaced by x 3.

So, if I do that. So, what I am getting? So, now, x 1 is there x 3 is there and x 6 is there and y 1 and y 2 are not there. So, in the basis so and if I look at the last row that is the of phase 1 objective function here there is no coefficient with negative value; that means, I cannot

improve this solution and y_1 and y_2 are not there. So, therefore, I will eliminate this particular column ok and this particular row also. So, I will remove this one.

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Linear Problem (LP) Phase II

Handwritten notes: y_1, y_2

Basic Variable	x1	x3	x4	x5	x6	f	b _i	b _i /a _{ij}
x1	1	0	0	-0.50	0	0	5	
x3	0	1	-1	0.25	0	0	1.5	
x6	0	0	0	0.75	1	0	7.5	
f	0	0	0	1.5	0	-1	-23	

Handwritten note: $\rightarrow x$

It can be noted that all the coefficients of the cost function is positive, hence it is not possible to improve the objective function value

This the optimal solution of the problem is

$x_1 = 5$ $x_3 = 1.5$ $x_6 = 7.5$ $x_4 = x_5 = 0$ $f = 23$
 $x_2 = x_3 - x_4 = 1.5$

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So, if I do that. So, I am getting this particular table here. Here now x_1 is a basic variable, x_3 is the basic variable, x_6 is a basic variable and whatever row was there that we have eliminated and we have also eliminated the value of the row having y_1 and y_2 . So, that is not there.

Now, question is that, can we improve this solution? So, there is no negative coefficient in the objective function row. So, all are positive ok. So, all are positive. So, therefore, you cannot improve this solution and so, I can say that whatever solution you are getting that is the optimal solution. So, what I have written here? It can be noted that all the coefficients of the

cost function that is the objective function is positive hence, it is not possible to improve the objective function value.

So, you will not get any improvement because all of them are positive. So, therefore, the solution is now the x_1 equal to 5, x_3 equal to 1.5, x_6 equal to 7.5, x_4 and x_5 that is non-basic variable ok, so non-basic variable. So, therefore, it is 0 and what is x_2 ? x_2 is x_3 minus x_4 ok. So, x_3 is 1.5 x_4 is 0. So, therefore, x_2 value is 1.5 and objective function value is 23. So, that is the objective function value.

So, we got the solution and we are not getting any improved solution because all the coefficient at the objective function row are positive. So, in this class we have mainly discussed the simplex method. So, we have applied simplex method for solving different types of a linear problem. So, in the next class I will show you how you can solve a linear problem with using your excel solver ok.

Thank you.