MVE165/MMG630, Applied Optimization
Lecture 4b
Sensitivity analysis

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Sensitivity analysis (Ch. 5)

- How does the optimum change when the right hand sides (resources, e.g.) change?

- When the objective coefficients (prices, e.g.) change?

- Assume that the basis B is optimal:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{maximize} \quad & z = \mathbf{c}_B^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{b} + [\mathbf{c}_N^{\mathrm{T}} - \mathbf{c}_B^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{N}]\mathbf{x}_N \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_N \geq \mathbf{0}^m, \\ & \mathbf{x}_N \geq \mathbf{0}^{n-m} \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{x}_B = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}_N$

Changes in the right hand side coefficients

- Suppose $\mathbf{b}$ changes to $\mathbf{b} + \Delta\mathbf{b}$

$\Rightarrow$ New optimal value:

$$z^{\text{new}} = \mathbf{c}_B^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{b} + \Delta\mathbf{b}) = z + \mathbf{c}_B^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\Delta\mathbf{b}$$

- The current basis is feasible if $\mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{b} + \Delta\mathbf{b}) \geq 0$
- If not: negative values will occur in the right hand side
- The reduced costs are unchanged (negative, at optimum) $\Rightarrow$ this can be resolved using the *dual simplex method*

Changes in the right hand side coefficients

- Consider the linear program

$$\begin{array}{rrrrl} \text{minimize} & z = & -x_1 & -2x_2 & \\ \text{subject to} & & -2x_1 & +x_2 & \leq 2 \\ & & -x_1 & +2x_2 & \leq 7 \\ & & x_1 & & \leq 3 \\ & & & x_1, x_2 & \geq 0 \end{array}$$

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- The optimal solution is given by

basis	$-z$	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$-z$	1	0	0	0	1	2	13
x_2	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5
x_1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
s_1	0	0	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	3

Changes in the right hand side coefficients

- Change the right hand side according to

$$\begin{array}{rrrl} \text{minimize} & z = & -x_1 & -2x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & & -2x_1 & +x_2 & \leq 2 \\ & & -x_1 & +2x_2 & \leq 7+\delta \\ & & x_1 & & \leq 3 \\ & & x_1, x_2 & \geq 0 \end{array}$$

- The change in the right hand side is given by $\mathbf{B}^{-1}(0,\delta,0)^{\mathrm{T}} = (\frac{1}{2}\delta, 0, -\frac{1}{2}\delta)^{\mathrm{T}} \Rightarrow$ new optimal tableau:

basis	$-z$	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$-z$	1	0	0	0	1	2	$13+\delta$
x_2	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$5+\frac{1}{2}\delta$
x_1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
s_1	0	0	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$3-\frac{1}{2}\delta$

- The current basis is feasible if $-10 \leq \delta \leq 6$

Changes in the right hand side coefficients

- Suppose $\delta = 8$:

basis	$-z$	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$-z$	1	0	0	0	1	2	21
x_2	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	9
x_1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
s_1	0	0	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	-1

- Dual simplex iteration:
- $s_1 = -1$ has to leave the basis
- Find the smallest ratio between reduced costs (for non-basic columns) and (negative) elements in the "s_1-row" (to stay optimal)
- s_2 will enter the basis — **New optimal** tableau:

basis	$-z$	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$-z$	1	0	0	2	0	5	19
x_2	0	0	1	1	0	2	8
x_1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
s_2	0	0	0	-2	1	-3	2

Changes in the objective coefficients

- Suppose $\mathbf{c}$ changes to $\mathbf{c} + \Delta\mathbf{c}$

- The new optimal value:

$$z^{\text{new}} = (\mathbf{c}_B + \Delta\mathbf{c}_B)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{b} = z + \Delta\mathbf{c}_B^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

- The current basis is optimal if $(\mathbf{c}_N + \Delta\mathbf{c}_N)^{\mathrm{T}} - (\mathbf{c}_B + \Delta\mathbf{c}_B)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{N} \leq \mathbf{0}$

- If not: more simplex iterations to find the optimal solution

Changes in the objective coefficients

- Change the objective according to

$$\begin{array}{llrrl} \text{minimize} & z = & -x_1 & +(-2+\delta)x_2 & \\ \text{subject to} & & -2x_1 & +x_2 & \leq 2 \\ & & -x_1 & +2x_2 & \leq 7 \\ & & x_1 & & \leq 3 \\ & & x_1, x_2 & \geq 0 & \end{array}$$

- The changes in the reduced costs are given by $-(\delta, 0, 0)\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{N} = (-\frac{1}{2}\delta, -\frac{1}{2}\delta) \Rightarrow$ new optimal tableau:

basis	$-z$	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$-z$	1	0	0	0	$1-\frac{1}{2}\delta$	$2-\frac{1}{2}\delta$	$13-5\delta$
x_2	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5
x_1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
s_1	0	0	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	3

- The current basis is optimal if $\delta \leq 2$

Changes in the objective coefficients

- Suppose $\delta = 4$: new tableau:

basis	$-z$	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$-z$	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-7
x_2	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5
x_1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
s_1	0	0	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	3

- Let s_2 enter and x_2 leave the basis. New optimal tableau:

basis	$-z$	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	RHS
$-z$	1	0	2	0	0	1	3
s_2	0	0	2	0	1	1	10
x_1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
s_1	0	0	1	1	0	2	8