

We use the dual simplex method: x_5 leaves, $(-1, -2, 0, -2) + (-1, 2, -2, 1)t \leq \mathbf{0}$ implies $t \leq 1$ and so x_6 enters.

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x_6 & = & 1/2 & & & & \\ x_2 & = & 1/2 & & * & & \\ x_1 & = & 3/2 & & & & \\ z & = & 7 & -2x_7 & -x_5 & -2x_3 & -x_4 \end{array} \quad \text{optimal solution: } x_6 = 1/2, x_2 = 1/2, x_1 = 3/2$$

e) Determine the range for c_1 so that the basis $\{x_5, x_2, x_1\}$ remains optimal:
solution

$$\begin{aligned} c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} A_N &= \begin{pmatrix} x_3 & x_4 & x_6 & x_7 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x_5 & x_2 & x_1 \\ 0 & 5 & c_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} x_5 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_5 & x_6 & x_7 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} x_3 & x_4 & x_6 & x_7 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \\ x_7 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_3 & x_4 & x_6 & x_7 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_3 & x_4 & x_6 & x_7 \\ 6 - 2c_1 & 1 - c_1 & c_1 - 5 & 5 - 2c_1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We are optimal for $3 \leq c_1 \leq 5$ (check: $3 \in [3, 5]$).

f) Determine an optimal solution if $c_4 = 4$:

solution

$$c_4 - c_B^T B^{-1} A_4 = 4 - (0 \quad 2 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 > 0$$

New dictionary for basis $\{x_5, x_2, x_1\}$ is

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x_5 & = & 0 & -x_7 & +2x_6 & -2x_3 & +x_4 \\ x_2 & = & 1 & +x_7 & -x_6 & +x_3 & \\ x_1 & = & 1 & -2x_7 & +x_6 & -2x_3 & -x_4 \\ z & = & 8 & -x_7 & -2x_6 & & +x_4 \end{array}$$

x_4 enters and x_1 leaves.

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x_5 & = & 1 & & & & \\ x_2 & = & 1 & & * & & \\ x_4 & = & 1 & & & & \\ z & = & 9 & -3x_7 & -x_6 & -2x_3 & -x_1 \end{array} \quad \text{optimal solution: } x_5 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_4 = 1$$

g) Find the optimal solution if we add a variable (product) x_8 with requirements $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and profit of 6 per unit of x_8 :

solution

$$\text{With current basis, coefficient of } x_8 \text{ in final row is } c_8 - c_B^T B^{-1} A_8 = 6 - (0 \quad 2 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \leq 0.$$

Thus the current solution remains optimal (we won't start producing product x_8).