

1. Consider the transportation problem corresponding to the following tableau.

	1	2	3	4	s_i	
1	4	3	6	5	20	c_{ij} matrix
2	7	10	5	6	30	
3	8	9	7	7	50	
d_j	15	35	20	30		

- (a) Solve the problem by the transportation algorithm.
- (b) Suppose that c_{24} is replaced by 4. Without resolving the problem, find the new optimal solution.
- (c) How large should c_{12} be made before some optimality condition of the solution in part (a) is violated.
2. Use the *dual simplex method* to solve the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \geq 15 \\
 & 2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \geq 20 \\
 & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Consider a linear programming in its standard form with $P = \{\mathbf{x} \in R^n \mid \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}\}$.
- (a) Let $\mathbf{d} \in R^n$. Show that a necessary condition for \mathbf{d} to be a feasible direction is that $\mathbf{Ad} = \mathbf{0}$.
- (b) Suppose $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T \in P$ with $x_i > 0$ when $d_i \neq 0$. Show that there exist a scalar $\alpha > 0$ such that $\mathbf{x} + \alpha\mathbf{d} \geq \mathbf{0}$.
4. Show that the following two systems:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(I)} \quad & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \\
 \text{(II)} \quad & \mathbf{wA} \leq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{wb} > \mathbf{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

either system (I) or (II) is solvable, but not both, where \mathbf{A} is an $m \times n$ matrix with full rank; \mathbf{x} is an n -dimensional column vector; \mathbf{w} is an m -dimensional column vector; and $m \leq n$. (Hint: Let $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ then uses duality theorem.)

5. Suppose that the one-step transition matrix of a Markov chain is as follows:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) For each absorbing state, find the probability of absorption into that state.
 - (b) For each transient state, find the mean amount of time spent occupying that state.
 - (c) The mean amount of time spent before absorption.
6. An appliance store can place orders for refrigerators at the beginning of each month for immediate delivery. A fixed cost of \$100 is incurred every time an order is placed. The storage cost per refrigerator per month is \$5. The penalty for running out of stock is estimated at \$150 per refrigerator per month. The month demand is given by the following pdf:

Demand x	0	1	2
$p(x)$	0.2	0.5	0.3

The store policy is that the maximum stock level should not exceed two refrigerators in any single month. Determine the following:

- (a) The transition probabilities for the different decision alternatives of the problem.
- (b) The expected inventory cost per month as a function of the state of the system and the decision alternative.
- (c) The optimal ordering policy over the next 3 months.