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Homework Sheet 4  
Model Solutions

Each multiple choice question is worth one mark, other questions are worth two marks.

1. A business makes 3 kinds of product. These products require 4 different kinds of components. The number of each type of component required to make each product is represented by the table

	Component A	Component B	Component C	Component D
Product 1	1	2	0	3
Product 2	3	0	4	0
Product 3	2	2	1	1

These 4 components are made from 3 different kinds of raw materials. The matrix that gives the quantity of each raw material needed for each component is given by the table

	Raw material X	Raw material Y	Raw material Z
Component A	0	2	3
Component B	1	5	1
Component C	2	2	0
Component D	1	1	1

The cost per unit for each raw material is given by the table

Raw material X	20
Raw material Y	50
Raw material Z	5

The cost for raw materials for producing products 1, 2, and 3 are respectively:

- (A) 525, 1085, and 655
- (B) 720, 635 and 990
- (C) 930, 855, and 890
- (D) 890, 905, and 995**
- (E) 795, 910, and 840

2. For the system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x & & +3y & & -z & = & 4 \\ 2x & & -y & & +z & = & 3 \\ 5x & & +y & & +z & = & 8 \end{array}$$

- (A) The solution includes  $x = 3$
- (B) The solution includes  $y = 4$
- (C) The solution includes  $z = 7$
- (D) There is no solution.**
- (E) There are infinitely many solutions.

3. An economy with 3 sectors has Leontief matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.4 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The production required to meet external demand  $\begin{pmatrix} 30 \\ 20 \\ 40 \end{pmatrix}$  is:

- (A) (-700 -800 -700)
  - (B) (700 800 700)
  - (C) (300 200 400)
  - (D) (45 -5 0)
  - (E) It is not possible to satisfy this external demand**
4. The first row of the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is:

- (A) (3 -4 -1)**
  - (B) (3 -3 1)
  - (C)  $(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{4})$
  - (D) (1 1 0)
  - (E) The matrix is not invertible
5. The maximum value of  $2x + 4y$  subject to the constraints:

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
x & +2y & \leq & 4 \\
2x & -y & \geq & 1 \\
5x & +y & \leq & 15 \\
x, y & \geq & 0 &
\end{array}$$

is:

- (A) 8 and there is only one value of  $x, y$  where it is attained
- (B) 6 and there is only one value of  $x, y$  where it is attained
- (C) 8 and it is attained by infinitely many values of  $x, y$ .**
- (D) 6 and it is attained by infinitely many values of  $x, y$ .
- (E) There is no maximum value

6. (a) Write out an initial simplex tableau for the problem  
maximise  $x + 2y + 4z$   
subject to

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
x & +3y & +z & \leq & 7 \\
2x & -y & +3z & \leq & 8 \\
5x & +y & -z & \leq & 15 \\
x & +y & +5z & \leq & 10 \\
x, y, z & \geq & 0 & &
\end{array}$$

starting at the BFS  $x = y = z = 0$ .

Let  $P = x + 2y + 4z$

$x$	$y$	$z$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	$s_4$	$P$	
1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
2	-1	3	0	1	0	0	0	8
5	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	15
1	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	10
-1	-2	-4	0	0	0	0	1	0

- (b) Use the simplex method to find the maximum value and the values of  $x, y$  and  $z$  where it is attained.

From the initial tableau, we choose  $z$  as the entering model [we could choose  $x$  or  $y$  instead, but we choose  $z$  because its entry in the bottom row is most negative.]

From the four rows, the maximum amounts by which we can increase  $z$  are 7,  $\frac{8}{3}$ , unlimited and 2 respectively. Therefore, the most we can increase  $x$  by is 2, and the departing variable is  $s_4$ . We now use row operations to get a new simplex tableau. We divide row 4 by 5, subtract the new row 4 from row 1, subtract 3 times the new row 4 from row 2, add the new row 4 to row 3, and add 4 times the new row 4 to row 5 to get:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc|c}
 x & y & z & s_1 & s_2 & s_3 & s_4 & P & \\
 0.8 & 2.8 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -0.2 & 0 & 5 \\
 1.4 & -1.6 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -0.6 & 0 & 2 \\
 5.2 & 1.2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.2 & 0 & 17 \\
 0.2 & 0.2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0 & 2 \\
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 -0.2 & -1.2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.8 & 1 & 8
 \end{array}$$

From this, we decide that the next entering variable should be  $y$ . [ $x$  is also possible, but the entry for  $y$  is more negative, so we choose  $y$ .]

From the four rows, the maximum amounts by which we can increase  $y$  are  $\frac{5}{2.8}$ , unlimited,  $\frac{17}{1.2}$  and 10 respectively. Therefore, the most we can increase  $y$  by is  $\frac{5}{2.8}$ , and the departing variable is  $s_1$ .

We now use row operations to get a new simplex tableau. We divide row 1 by 2.8, add 1.6 times the new row 1 to row 2, subtract 1.2 times the new row 1 from row 3, subtract 0.2 times the new row 1 to row 4, and add 1.2 times the new row 1 to row 5 to get:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc|c}
 x & y & z & s_1 & s_2 & s_3 & s_4 & P & \\
 \frac{2}{7} & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2.8} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{0.2}{2.8} & 0 & \frac{5}{2.8} \\
 1.4 + \frac{3.2}{7} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1.6}{2.8} & 1 & 0 & -0.6 - \frac{0.32}{2.8} & 0 & 2 + \frac{8}{2.8} \\
 5.2 - \frac{1.2}{2.8} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1.2}{2.8} & 0 & 1 & \frac{0.24}{2.8} + 0.2 & 0 & 17 - \frac{6}{2.8} \\
 \frac{1}{7} & 0 & 1 & -\frac{0.2}{2.8} & 0 & 0 & 0.2 - \frac{0.04}{2.8} & 0 & 2 - \frac{1}{2.8} \\
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 \frac{2.4}{7} - 0.2 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1.2}{2.8} & 0 & 0 & 0.8 - \frac{0.24}{2.8} & 1 & 8 + \frac{6}{2.8}
 \end{array}$$

We can check that the entries on the bottom row are all non-negative, ( $\geq 0$ ) so this BFS is the optimal solution.

The solution is:

$$x = 0, y = \frac{5}{2.8} = \frac{25}{14}, z = 2 - \frac{1}{2.8} = \frac{4.6}{2.8} = \frac{23}{14} \text{ and } P = 8 + \frac{6}{2.8} = \frac{28.4}{2.8} = \frac{71}{7}.$$

[or to two decimal places,  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 1.79$ ,  $z = 1.64$  and  $P = 10.14$ .]