

THE PRIMAL SIMPLEX ALGORITHM

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Recall the standard form for a linear program:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \\ & && \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

The material here is from Chapter 13 in Nocedal and Wright, but some of the geometry comes from Griva, Sofer, and Nash.

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1  type SimplexState
2      c::Vector
3      A::Matrix
4      b::Vector
5      bset::Vector{Int} # columns of the BFP
6  end
7  type SimplexPoint
8      x::Vector #
9      binds::Vector{Int}
10     ninds::Vector{Int}
11     lam::Vector # equality Lagrange mults
12     sn::Vector # non-basis Lagrange mults
13     B::Matrix # the set of basic cols
14     N::Matrix # the set of non-basic cols
15 end
16
17 function SimplexPoint(T::Type, B::Matrix, N::Matrix)
18     return SimplexPoint(zeros(T,0),zeros(Int,0),zeros(Int,0),
19         zeros(T,0), zeros(T,0), B, N)
20 end
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24 function simplex_point(s::SimplexState)
25     binds = state.bset # basic variable indices
26     ninds = setdiff(1:size(A,1),binds) # non-basic
27     B = state.A[:,binds]
28     N = state.A[:,ninds]
29     cb = state.c[binds]
30     cn = state.c[ninds]
31
32     if rank(B) != m
33         return (:Infeasible, SimplexPoint(eltype(c), B, N))
34     end
35
36     xb = B\b
37     x = zeros(eltype(xb),n)
38     x[binds] = xb
39     x[ninds] = zero(eltype(xb))
40
41     lam = B'\cb
42     sn = cn - N'*lam
43
44     if any(xb .< 0)
45         return (:Infeasible, SimplexPoint(x, binds, ninds, lam, sn, B, N))
46     else
47         if all(sn .>= 0)
48             return (:Solution, SimplexPoint(x, binds, ninds, lam, sn, B, N))
49         else
50             return (:Feasible, SimplexPoint(x, binds, ninds, lam, sn, B, N))
51         end
52     end
53 end
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55 function simplex_step!(state::SimplexState)
56     stat,p::SimplexPoint = simplex_point(state)
57
58     if stat == :Solution
59         return stat, p
60     elseif state == :Infeasible
61         return :Breakdown, p
62     else # we have a BFP
63         #= This is the Simplex Step! =#
64
65         # take the Dantzig index to add to basic
66         qn = indmin(p.sn)
67         q = p.ninds[qn] # translate index
68         # check that nothing went wrong
69         @assert all(state.A[:,q] == p.N[:,qn])
70
71         d = p.B \ state.A[:,q]
72         #@show d
73
74         # TODO, implement an anti-cycling method /
75         # check for stagnation and lack of progress
76         # this checks for unbounded solutions
77         if all(d .<= eps(eltype(d)))
78             return :Unbounded, p
79         end
80
81         # determine the index to remove
82         xq = p.x[p.binds]./d
83         xq[d .< eps(eltype(xq))] = Inf
84         pb = indmin(xq)
85         pind = p.binds[pb] # translate index
86
87         #@show p.binds, pb, pind, state.bset, q
88
89         # remove p and add q
90         @assert state.bset[pb] == pind
91         state.bset[pb] = q
92
93         return stat, p
94     end
95 end
96
97 function runsimplex(state::SimplexState)
98     @show state
99     status, p = simplex_step!(state)
100     iter = 1
101     while status != :Solution
102         @show state.bset
103         @show p.x
104         status, p = simplex_step!(state)
105         iter += 1
106     end
107     return p, state
108 end
109 function simplex_init(c,A,b)
110     # need to get an initial BFP
111     # setup the LP for phase 1
112     m,n = size(A)
113     e = sign.(b)
114     cc = [zeros(n); ones(m)]
115     CA = [A Diagonal(e)]
116     cb = b
117     bset = collect(n+1:n+m) # the last columns of cc
118     phase1 = SimplexState(cc,CA,cb,bset)
119     p, state = runsimplex(phase1)
120 end

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