

## **Section 5: Sensitivity Analysis and the Simplex Tableau**

**Question: What can we get out of the Simplex Tableau:**

**Answer:**

- 1. OPTIMAL BASIC FEASIBLE SOLUTIONS IF THEY EXIST**
- 2. VALUE OF OBJECTIVE FUNCTION AT O.B.F.S.**
- 3. STATUS OF RESOURCES**
- 4. MARGINAL WORTH (SHADOW PRICES)**
- 5. sensitivity of optimum to changes in the parameters of the model (resources, activities, cost coefficients)**
- 6. DUAL SOLUTION AND SIMPLEX MULTIPLIERS (next section)**

**formal proof.**

**We will use the Reddy Mikks Co. for our example throughout.**

**Recall, the LP in standard form:**

**min  $z = -3x_E - 2x_I$  (negative of sales)**

**s.t.**

$$x_E + 2x_I + y_1 = 6 \quad (1) \text{ (mat A)}$$

$$2x_E + x_I + y_2 = 8 \quad (2) \text{ (mat B)}$$

$$-x_E + x_I + y_3 = 1 \quad (3) \text{ (mktng dept -demand)}$$

$$x_I + y_4 = 2 \quad (4) \text{ (mktng dept -demand)}$$

$$x_E \geq 0, x_I \geq 0, y_i \geq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, 4$$

## At obfs:

| <b>Resource</b>                           | <b>Slack</b>                | <b>State of Resource</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Mat (A) (1)</b>                        | <b><math>y_1=0</math></b>   | <b>scarce</b>            |
| <b>Mat (B) (2)</b>                        | <b><math>y_2=0</math></b>   | <b>scarce</b>            |
| <b>Limit on excess interior paint (3)</b> | <b><math>y_3=3</math></b>   | <b>abundant</b>          |
| <b>Limit on demand exterior paint (4)</b> | <b><math>y_4=2/3</math></b> | <b>abundant</b>          |

**Rule: If at the o.b.f.s. the slack in a constraint corresponding to a resource is 0, then the resource is scarce. Otherwise it is abundant.**

## A. Unit Worth of a Resource and Maximum Allowable Change

**Recall:**  $z = z_0 + \sum_{j=m+1}^n r_j x_j$  if the basic variables are  $x_1, \dots, x_m$ .

Increasing  $x_j$  for  $j=m+1, \dots, n$  from 0 to 1 changes  $z$  by  $r_j$  (decreases if  $r_j < 0$ ) and if  $x_j$  is a slack variable, it could be thought of as decreasing the availability of resource (j).

For example, in the Reddy Mikks Co. example, if change the RHS of each of the constraints by  $d_1, d_2, d_3$  and  $d_4$ , then the LP problem becomes

$$\min z = -3x_E - 2x_I \quad (\text{negative of sales})$$

s.t.

$$x_E + 2x_I + y_1 = 6 + d_1 \quad (1) \quad (\text{mat A})$$

$$2x_E + x_I + y_2 = 8 + d_2 \quad (2) \quad (\text{mat B})$$

$$-x_E + x_I + y_3 = 1 + d_3 \quad (3) \quad (\text{mktng dept - demand})$$

$$x_I + y_4 = 2 + d_4 \quad (4) \quad (\text{mktng dept - demand})$$

$$x_E \geq 0, x_I \geq 0, y_i \geq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, 4$$

Adjoining the  $d_i$  columns to the tableau gives, for the initial tableau

| <b>Basic</b>            | <b><math>x_E</math></b> | <b><math>x_I</math></b> | <b><math>y_1</math></b> | <b><math>y_2</math></b> | <b><math>y_3</math></b> | <b><math>y_4</math></b> | <b><math>-z</math></b> | <b>Solution</b> | <b><math>d^1</math></b> | <b><math>d^2</math></b> | <b><math>d^3</math></b> | <b><math>d^4</math></b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b><math>-z</math></b>  | <b>-3</b>               | <b>-2</b>               | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>               | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                |
| <b><math>y_1</math></b> | <b>1</b>                | <b>2</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>               | <b>6</b>        | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                |
| <b><math>y_2</math></b> | <b>2</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>               | <b>8</b>        | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                |
| <b><math>y_3</math></b> | <b>-1</b>               | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>               | <b>1</b>        | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                |
| <b><math>y_4</math></b> | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>               | <b>2</b>        | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                |

and noting the sections in dark blue are the same, the final tableau becomes

Tableau 2:

| Basic | $x_E$    | $x_I$    | $y_1$          | $y_2$          | $y_3$    | $y_4$    | $-z$     | Solution         | $d^1$          | $d^2$          | $d^3$    | $d^4$    |
|-------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| $-z$  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | $\frac{1}{3}$  | $\frac{4}{3}$  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | $+12\frac{2}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$  | $\frac{4}{3}$  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| $x_I$ | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | $\frac{2}{3}$  | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | $\frac{4}{3}$    | $\frac{2}{3}$  | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| $x_E$ | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | $\frac{10}{3}$   | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| $y_3$ | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>-1</b>      | <b>1</b>       | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b>         | <b>-1</b>      | <b>1</b>       | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| $y_4$ | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | $-\frac{2}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$  | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | $\frac{2}{3}$    | $-\frac{2}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$  | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> |

**This is the new optimum tableau and has solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= -12\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}d_1 - \frac{4}{3}d_2 \\
 x_I &= \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}d_1 - \frac{1}{3}d_2 \\
 x_E &= \frac{10}{3} - \frac{1}{3}d_1 + \frac{2}{3}d_2 \\
 y_3 &= 3 - d_1 + d_2 + d_3 \\
 y_4 &= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3}d_1 + \frac{1}{3}d_2 + d_4
 \end{aligned}$$

**We see that a unit change in operation 2 ( $d_1 = \pm 1$ ) yields a change in  $z$  of  $\square \frac{1}{3}$  (thousand) dollars. Note that  $d_1 \leq 1$  in order that  $y_4 \geq 0$ . For that change  $x_E$  and  $y_3$  will still be feasible, while the feasibility of  $x_1$  are not affected by a positive value of  $d_1$  since the coefficients of  $d_1$  in their solutions at the final tableau are positive.) Therefore the largest increase in operation 1 is  $\Delta b = 1$  and the marginal worth is  $\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta b} = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$ .**

**We see that a unit change in operation 2 ( $d_2 = \pm 1$ ) yields a change in  $z$  of  $\square \frac{4}{3}$  (thousand) dollars. Note that  $d_2 \leq 4$  in order that  $x_1 \geq 0$ . (The feasibility of  $x_E, y_3$  and  $y_4$  are not affected by a positive value of  $d_2$  since the coefficients of  $d_2$  in their solutions at the final tableau are positive .) Therefore the**

**largest increase in operation 2 is  $\Delta \mathbf{b} = 4$  and the marginal**

**worth is  $\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\frac{16}{3}}{4} = \frac{4}{3}$ .**

**We see that a unit change in operation 3 ( $d_3 = \pm 1$ ) yields a change in  $z$  of 0 (thousand) dollars. Note that  $d_3 \geq -3$  in order that  $y_3 \geq 0$ . The feasibility of  $x_E, x_I$  and  $y_4$  are unaffected since  $d_3$  does not appear in their solutions. Therefore the largest decrease in operation 3 is  $\Delta \mathbf{b} = -3$  and the marginal worth is**

**$\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta \mathbf{b}} = \frac{0}{-3} = 0$ .**

**We see that a unit change in operation 4 ( $d_4 = \pm 1$ ) yields a change in  $z$  of 0 (thousand) dollars. Note that  $d_4 \geq -\frac{2}{3}$  in order that  $d_4 \geq 0$ . Therefore the largest decrease in operation 4 is**

**$\Delta \mathbf{b} = -\frac{2}{3}$  and the marginal worth is  $\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta \mathbf{b}} = \frac{0}{-\frac{2}{3}} = 0$ .**

**Note that the marginal worth of the four resources (dual prices) is the same as the corresponding reduced costs in the final tableau.**

**Note also that our method of finding changes in resources also allows simultaneous changes which we can confirm as either possible or not.**

**How did we find the change in resource availability for say, resource 1?**

**Adding  $\Delta_1$  to the RHS of (1) in the original tableau and follow the calculations through to the final (easy way – look at what**

**happens to the column  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ) and then, in order to maintain**

**feasibility, we must have**

$$\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\Delta_1 \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{10}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\Delta_1 \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$3 - \Delta_1 \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3}\Delta_1 \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

**Case 1:**  $\Delta_1 > 0$ . Then (1) always holds.

(2) becomes  $\frac{1}{3}\Delta_1 \leq \frac{10}{3}$ ; i.e.  $\Delta_1 \leq 10$ .

(3) becomes  $\Delta_1 \leq 3$

(4) becomes  $\frac{2}{3}\Delta_1 \leq \frac{2}{3}$ ; i.e.  $\Delta_1 \leq 1$

i.e. we can have  $0 < \Delta_1 \leq 1$

**Case 2:**  $\Delta_1 < 0$  Then (2),(3) and (4) hold no matter what value

$\Delta_1 < 0$ .

**(1) becomes  $-\frac{4}{3} \leq \frac{2}{3} \Delta_1$ ; i.e.  $\Delta_1 \geq -2$**

**so we can have  $-2 \leq \Delta_1 < 0$**

**Case 3:  $\Delta_1 = 0$  all inequalities hold**

**Combining the cases yields**

$$\boxed{-2 \leq \Delta_1 \leq 1}$$

## **B. Maximum Allowable Change in Cost Coefficients**

**Note: From an economic standpoint, the cost coefficients can be viewed as either marginal profit/income/cost.**

**1. Reddy Mikks Co. example: Suppose we replace \$3(thousand) per ton for exterior paint by  $\$(3 + \delta_1)$  per ton of exterior paint.**

**What is the allowable range of  $\delta_1$  for which the current obfs remains obfs?**

## Tableau 0:

| <b>Basic</b>            | <b><math>x_E</math></b>           | <b><math>x_I</math></b> | <b><math>y_1</math></b> | <b><math>y_2</math></b> | <b><math>y_3</math></b> | <b><math>y_4</math></b> | <b><math>-z</math></b> | <b>Solution</b>       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b><math>-z</math></b>  | <b><math>-3 - \delta_1</math></b> | <b><math>-2</math></b>  | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>1</math></b>  | <b><math>0</math></b> |
| <b><math>y_1</math></b> | <b><math>1</math></b>             | <b><math>2</math></b>   | <b><math>1</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>  | <b><math>6</math></b> |
| <b><math>y_2</math></b> | <b><math>2</math></b>             | <b><math>1</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>1</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>  | <b><math>8</math></b> |
| <b><math>y_3</math></b> | <b><math>-1</math></b>            | <b><math>1</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>1</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>  | <b><math>1</math></b> |
| <b><math>y_4</math></b> | <b><math>0</math></b>             | <b><math>1</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>   | <b><math>1</math></b>   | <b><math>0</math></b>  | <b><math>2</math></b> |

## Tableau 1:

| <b>Basic</b>            | <b><math>x_E</math></b> | <b><math>x_I</math></b>                      | <b><math>y_1</math></b> | <b><math>y_2</math></b>                  | <b><math>y_3</math></b> | <b><math>y_4</math></b> | <b><math>-z</math></b> | <b>Solution</b>                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b><math>-z</math></b>  | <b>0</b>                | <b><math>-\frac{1}{2}(1-\delta_1)</math></b> | <b>0</b>                | <b><math>\frac{3}{2}+\delta_1</math></b> | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>               | <b><math>+12+4\delta_1</math></b> |
| <b><math>y_1</math></b> | <b>0</b>                | <b><math>\frac{3}{2}</math></b>              | <b>1</b>                | <b><math>-\frac{1}{2}</math></b>         | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>               | <b>2</b>                          |
| <b><math>x_E</math></b> | <b>1</b>                | <b><math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>              | <b>0</b>                | <b><math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>          | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>               | <b>4</b>                          |
| <b><math>y_3</math></b> | <b>0</b>                | <b><math>\frac{3}{2}</math></b>              | <b>0</b>                | <b><math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>          | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>               | <b>5</b>                          |
| <b><math>y_4</math></b> | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                                     | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                                 | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                | <b>0</b>               | <b>2</b>                          |

**Tableau 2:**

| Basic | $x_E$    | $x_I$    | $y_1$                              | $y_2$                               | $y_3$    | $y_4$    | $-z$     | Solution                                |
|-------|----------|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| $-z$  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{\delta_1}{3}$ | $\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\delta_1$ | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | $+12\frac{2}{3} + \frac{10}{3}\delta_1$ |
| $x_I$ | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | $\frac{2}{3}$                      | $-\frac{1}{3}$                      | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | $\frac{4}{3}$                           |
| $x_E$ | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | $-\frac{1}{3}$                     | $\frac{2}{3}$                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | $\frac{10}{3}$                          |
| $y_3$ | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>-1</b>                          | <b>1</b>                            | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b>                                |
| $y_4$ | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | $-\frac{2}{3}$                     | $\frac{1}{3}$                       | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | $\frac{2}{3}$                           |

We could have got this last tableau with a lot less work. We could have ignored our usual rule for entering variables and just used the entering variables that we chose before changing the cost coefficient by  $\delta_1$ . This is always permissible but not necessarily optimal for some choices of  $\delta_1$ . **Then think of not reducing the z-coeff. row until the final step. Our final tableau**

would have been:

| Basic | $x_E$           | $x_I$ | $y_1$          | $y_2$          | $y_3$ | $y_4$ | $-z$ | Solution       |
|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|------|----------------|
| $-z$  | $-3 - \delta_1$ | $-2$  | $0$            | $0$            | $0$   | $0$   | $1$  | $0$            |
| $x_I$ | $0$             | $1$   | $\frac{2}{3}$  | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $0$   | $0$   | $0$  | $\frac{4}{3}$  |
| $x_E$ | $1$             | $0$   | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$  | $0$   | $0$   | $0$  | $\frac{10}{3}$ |
| $y_3$ | $0$             | $0$   | $-1$           | $1$            | $1$   | $0$   | $0$  | $3$            |
| $y_4$ | $0$             | $0$   | $-\frac{2}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$  | $0$   | $1$   | $0$  | $\frac{2}{3}$  |

Now do row reduction on the z-row to bring the tableau into canonical form. It becomes:

| Basic | $x_E$ | $x_I$ | $y_1$                       | $y_2$                               | $y_3$ | $y_4$ | $-z$ | Solution       |
|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|----------------|
| $-z$  | 0     | 0     | $\frac{1}{3}(1 - \delta_1)$ | $\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\delta_1$ | 0     | 0     | 1    | 0              |
| $x_I$ | 0     | 1     | $\frac{2}{3}$               | $-\frac{1}{3}$                      | 0     | 0     | 0    | $\frac{4}{3}$  |
| $x_E$ | 1     | 0     | $-\frac{1}{3}$              | $\frac{2}{3}$                       | 0     | 0     | 0    | $\frac{10}{3}$ |
| $y_3$ | 0     | 0     | -1                          | 1                                   | 1     | 0     | 0    | 3              |
| $y_4$ | 0     | 0     | $-\frac{2}{3}$              | $\frac{1}{3}$                       | 0     | 1     | 0    | $\frac{2}{3}$  |

**Note that getting rid of the -2 by using the first row does not affect the coefficients of the  $\delta_1$ . The only time the coefficients were affected was when we needed to get rid of  $3 - \delta_1$  and this used the first row below the objective function row.**

**If this tableau is to remain optimal, we must have all the reduced costs greater than or equal to 0; i.e.**

$$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\delta_1 \geq 0 \quad (1) \Rightarrow \delta_1 \leq 1$$

$$\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\delta_1 \geq 0 \quad (2) \Rightarrow \delta_1 \geq -2$$

so the allowable range of  $\delta_1$  is

$$-2 \leq \delta_1 \leq 1$$

**Matrix approach:** Recall that  $\underline{\mathbf{r}} = \underline{\mathbf{c}}_D - \underline{\mathbf{c}}_B \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{D}$  so suppose  $\underline{\mathbf{c}}$  is replaced by  $\underline{\mathbf{c}} + \Delta \underline{\mathbf{c}}$ . We may write  $\Delta \underline{\mathbf{c}} = \Delta \underline{\mathbf{c}}_B + \Delta \underline{\mathbf{c}}_D$ . In any event, we want

$$\underline{\mathbf{r}} + \Delta \underline{\mathbf{r}} = \underline{\mathbf{c}}_D + \Delta \underline{\mathbf{c}}_D - (\underline{\mathbf{c}}_B + \Delta \underline{\mathbf{c}}_B) \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{D} \geq \underline{\mathbf{0}}$$

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MAT_ A)  xE+2xI<6
MAT_ B)  2xE+xI<8
WKT_DEMD) -xE+xI<1
WKT_DEMD)          xI<2
END
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OBJECTIVE FUNCTION VALUE

1) 12.66667

| VARIABLE | VALUE    | REDUCED COST |
|----------|----------|--------------|
| XE       | 3.333333 | 0.000000     |
| XI       | 1.333333 | 0.000000     |

| ROW       | SLACK OR SURPLUS | DUAL PRICES |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| MAT_ A)   | 0.000000         | 0.333333    |
| MAT_ B)   | 0.000000         | 1.333333    |
| WKT_DEMD) | 3.000000         | 0.000000    |
| WKT_DEMD) | 0.666667         | 0.000000    |

NO. ITERATIONS= 1

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ROW      SLACK OR SURPLUS      DUAL PRICES
MAT_ A)  0.000000            0.333333
MAT_ B)  0.000000            1.333333
WKT_DEMD) 3.000000            0.000000
WKT_DEMD) 0.666667            0.000000

NO. ITERATIONS=      1

RANGES IN WHICH THE BASIS IS UNCHANGED:

VARIABLE      CURRENT      OBJ COEFFICIENT RANGES      ALLOWABLE
              COEF          ALLOWABLE      ALLOWABLE
              XE          INCREASE      DECREASE
              XI          INCREASE      DECREASE
              XE          3.000000      1.000000      2.000000
              XI          2.000000      4.000000      0.500000

ROW      CURRENT      RIGHTHAND SIDE RANGES      ALLOWABLE
              RHS          ALLOWABLE      ALLOWABLE
              XE          INCREASE      DECREASE
              XI          INCREASE      DECREASE
              XE          6.000000      1.000000      2.000000
              XI          8.000000      4.000000      2.000000
              WKT_DEMD 1.000000      INFINITY      3.000000
              WKT_DEMD 2.000000      INFINITY      0.666667

OBJECTIVE FUNCTION VALUE
1)      12.66667

VARIABLE      VALUE      REDUCED COST
              XE          3.333333      0.000000
              XI          1.333333      0.000000

ROW      SLACK OR SURPLUS      DUAL PRICES
MAT_ A)  0.000000            0.333333
MAT_ B)  0.000000            1.333333
WKT_DEMD) 3.000000            0.000000
WKT_DEMD) 0.666667            0.000000

NO. ITERATIONS=      1

RANGES IN WHICH THE BASIS IS UNCHANGED:

VARIABLE      CURRENT      OBJ COEFFICIENT RANGES      ALLOWABLE
              COEF          ALLOWABLE      ALLOWABLE
              XE          INCREASE      DECREASE
              XI          INCREASE      DECREASE
              XE          3.000000      1.000000      2.000000
              XI          2.000000      4.000000      0.500000

ROW      CURRENT      RIGHTHAND SIDE RANGES      ALLOWABLE
              RHS          ALLOWABLE      ALLOWABLE
              XE          INCREASE      DECREASE
              XI          INCREASE      DECREASE
              XE          6.000000      1.000000      2.000000
              XI          8.000000      4.000000      2.000000
              WKT_DEMD 1.000000      INFINITY      3.000000
              WKT_DEMD 2.000000      INFINITY      0.666667

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### Example 5.1:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } z &= 2x_2 + x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} \\ x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 &\leq 7 \quad (1) \\ -3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &\leq 3 \quad (2) \\ x_i &\geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \end{aligned}$$

Your first reaction might be that  $x_1$  does not play an active role since it is not in the objective function but that would be incorrect. Through the constraints (1) and (2),  $x_1$  plays a role in the size of  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  so it is an important "player".

In standard form the LP becomes:

$$\text{Min } z = -2x_2 - x_3$$

s.t.

$$x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 + y_1 = 7 \quad (1)$$

$$-3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + y_2 = 3 \quad (2)$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad y_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2$$

**Apply the primal simplex method:**

| Basic | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$         | $y_1$         | $y_2$          | Solution |                   |
|-------|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| $-z$  | 0     | -2    | -1            | 0             | 0              | 0        | "0"               |
| $y_1$ | 1     | 1     | 4             | 1             | 0              | 7        | $\frac{7}{1} = 7$ |
| $y_2$ | -3    | 1     | 2             | 0             | 1              | 3        | $\frac{3}{1} = 3$ |
| $-z$  | -6    | 0     | 3             | 0             | 2              | 6        | "1"               |
| $y_1$ | 4     | 0     | 2             | 1             | -1             | 4        |                   |
| $x_2$ | -3    | 1     | 2             | 0             | 1              | 3        |                   |
| $-z$  | 0     | 0     | 6             | $\frac{3}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$  | 12       |                   |
| $x_1$ | 1     | 0     | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $-\frac{1}{4}$ | 1        |                   |
| $x_2$ | 0     | 1     | $\frac{7}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$  | 6        |                   |

**Resources (1) and (2) are both scarce since  $y_1 = y_2 = 0$ .**

**Unit Worth:**

**optimal**

| <b>Basic</b> | <b><math>X_1</math></b> | <b><math>X_2</math></b> | <b><math>X_3</math></b> | <b><math>y_1</math></b>         | <b><math>y_2</math></b>         |           |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>--z</b>   | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>6</b>                | <b><math>\frac{3}{2}</math></b> | <b><math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b> | <b>12</b> |

**Unit worth of resource (1) =  $\frac{3}{2}$**

**Unit worth of resource (2) =  $\frac{1}{2}$**

**Max change in resource availability:**

**Resource (1):**

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} \Delta_1 \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$6 + \frac{3}{4} \Delta_1 \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

**Case1:  $\Delta_1 \geq 0$ , (1) and (2) always true.**

**Case 2:  $\Delta_1 < 0$  then**

$$\frac{1}{4}\Delta_1 \geq -1 \quad (1) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \Delta_1 \geq -4$$
$$\frac{3}{4}\Delta_1 \geq -6 \quad (2) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \Delta_1 \geq -8$$

**Hence**

$$-4 \leq \Delta_1 < +\infty$$

**and so Resource (1) ranges between +3 and  $+\infty$  .**

**Resource (2):**

$$1 - \frac{1}{4}\Delta_2 \geq 0 \quad (1)$$
$$6 + \frac{1}{4}\Delta_2 \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

**Case1:  $\Delta_2 \geq 0$  Then (2) is always satisfied.**

**(1) becomes  $\frac{1}{4}\Delta_2 \leq 1$  (1) i.e.  $\Delta_2 \leq 4$**

**Case2:  $\Delta_2 < 0$  Then (1) is always satisfied.**

**(2) becomes**  $\frac{1}{4}\Delta_2 \geq -6$  **(2) i.e.**  $\Delta_2 \geq -24$

**Hence**

$$-24 \leq \Delta_2 \leq 4$$

**so**

$$-24 + 3 \leq \Delta_2 + 3 \leq 4 + 3$$

**and so Resource (1) ranges between -21 and 7.**

**Maximum allowable change in cost coefficients:**

**e.g. cost coefficient of  $x_2$  (in max becomes  $2 + \delta_2$  in std LP with min becomes  $-2 - \delta_2$ ). We look at the min version.**

**$x_2$  row from optimal tableau**

|                         |          |          |                                 |                                 |                                 |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| <b><math>x_2</math></b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b><math>\frac{7}{2}</math></b> | <b><math>\frac{3}{4}</math></b> | <b><math>\frac{1}{4}</math></b> | <b>6</b> |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|

$$6 + \frac{7}{2}\delta_2 \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\delta_2 \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\delta_2 \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

**Case 1:**  $\delta_2 < 0$  Then

$$\frac{7}{2}\delta_2 \geq -6 \Rightarrow \delta_2 \geq \frac{-12}{7} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{3}{4}\delta_2 \geq \frac{-3}{2} \Rightarrow \delta_2 \geq -2 \quad (2) \quad \text{so } -\frac{12}{7} \leq \delta_2 < 0$$

$$\frac{1}{4}\delta_2 \geq \frac{-1}{2} \Rightarrow \delta_2 \geq -2 \quad (3)$$

**Case 2:**  $\delta_2 = 0$  all satisfied

**Case 3:**  $\delta_2 > 0$  all satisfied

**Hence**

$$-\frac{12}{7} \leq \delta_2 < +\infty$$

so the original cost coefficient of  $x_2$  (in the max problem) can range from

$$2 - \frac{12}{7} \leq 2 + \delta_2 < 2 + \infty$$

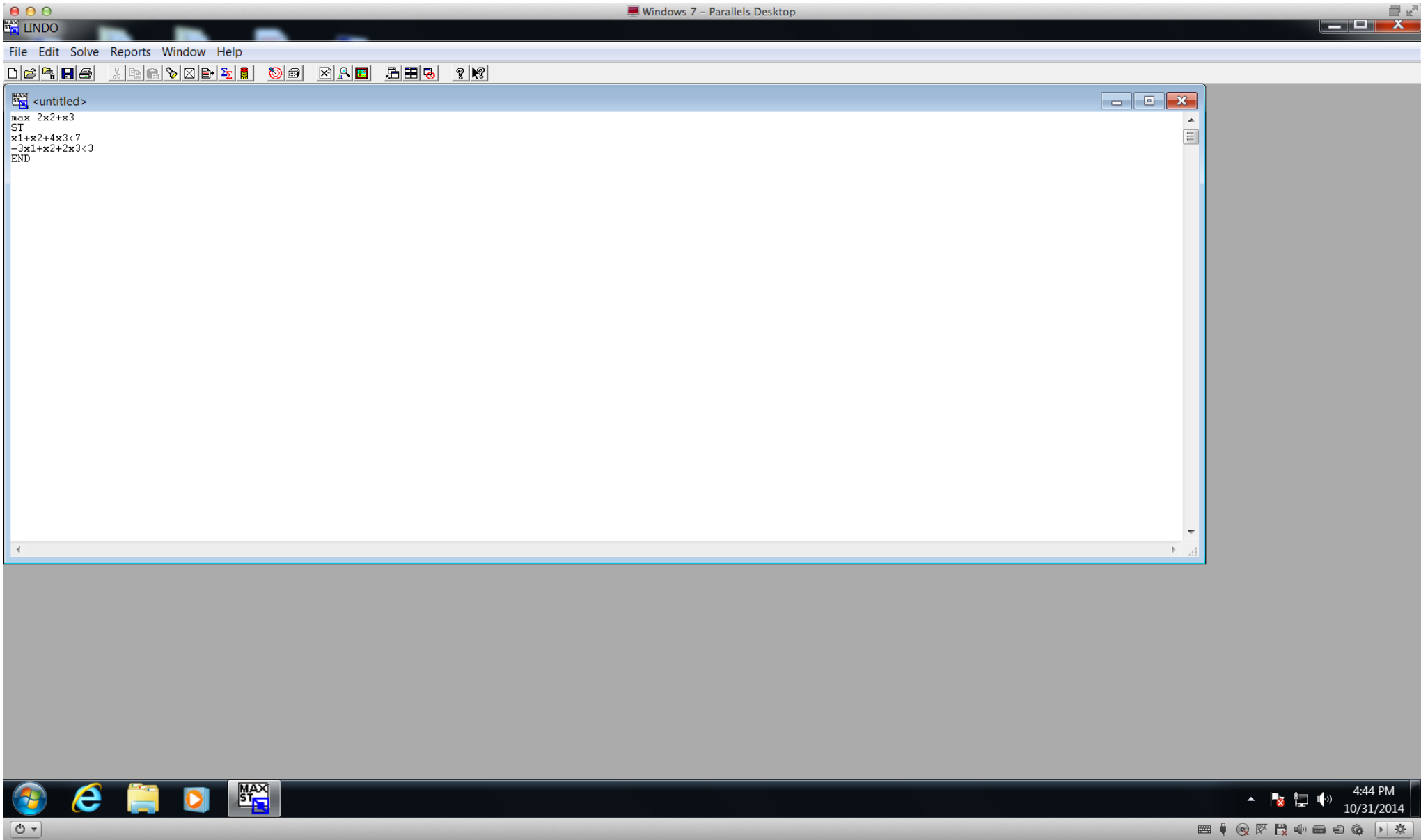
that is

$$2 - \frac{12}{7} \leq c_2 < +\infty$$

As for the cost coefficient of  $x_3$ , we note that  $x_3$  is not a basic variable in the final tableau so that the cost coefficient of  $x_3$  changed by  $\delta_3$  is just  $6 - \delta_3$ . Hence, the condition on  $\delta_3$  is just

$$6 - \delta_3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow -\infty < \delta_3 \leq 6$$

Hence, for the max LP, the cost coefficient of  $x_3$ , namely  $c_3$ , can range from  $-\infty + 1 < c_3 = 1 + \delta_3 \leq 1 + 6$  i.e.  $-\infty < c_3 \leq 7$ .



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OBJECTIVE FUNCTION VALUE

1) 12.00000

| VARIABLE | VALUE    | REDUCED COST |
|----------|----------|--------------|
| X2       | 6.000000 | 0.000000     |
| X3       | 0.000000 | 6.000000     |
| X1       | 1.000000 | 0.000000     |

| ROW | SLACK OR SURPLUS | DUAL PRICES |
|-----|------------------|-------------|
| 2)  | 0.000000         | 1.500000    |
| 3)  | 0.000000         | 0.500000    |

NO. ITERATIONS= 2

LP OPTIMUM FOUND AT STEP 2

OBJECTIVE FUNCTION VALUE

1) 12.00000

| VARIABLE | VALUE    | REDUCED COST |
|----------|----------|--------------|
| X2       | 6.000000 | 0.000000     |
| X3       | 0.000000 | 6.000000     |
| X1       | 1.000000 | 0.000000     |

| ROW | SLACK OR SURPLUS | DUAL PRICES |
|-----|------------------|-------------|
| 2)  | 0.000000         | 1.500000    |
| 3)  | 0.000000         | 0.500000    |

NO. ITERATIONS= 2

RANGES IN WHICH THE BASIS IS UNCHANGED:

| VARIABLE | CURRENT COEF | OBJ COEFFICIENT RANGES |                    |
|----------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|          |              | ALLOWABLE INCREASE     | ALLOWABLE DECREASE |
| X2       | 2.000000     | INFINITY               | 1.714286           |
| X3       | 1.000000     | 6.000000               | INFINITY           |
| X1       | 0.000000     | 2.000000               | 6.000000           |

| ROW | CURRENT RHS | RIGHTHAND SIDE RANGES |                    |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|     |             | ALLOWABLE INCREASE    | ALLOWABLE DECREASE |
| 2   | 7.000000    | INFINITY              | 4.000000           |
| 3   | 3.000000    | 4.000000              | 24.000000          |

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## C. Matrix Form of Simplex Algorithm

### 1. Recall: Matrix form of LP problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & z = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \\ & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{b}$  is an  $m$ -vector  $\mathbf{b} \geq \mathbf{0}$

$\mathbf{c}$  is an  $n$ -vector of constants

$\mathbf{x}$  is an  $n$ -vector of variables

$\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix of constants  $r(\mathbf{A})=m$

Write  $\mathbf{A} = \left[ \mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{D} \right]$ , that is, as a partitioned matrix, where

$\mathbf{B}$  is an  $m \times m$  matrix,  $r(\mathbf{B})=m$ ;  $\mathbf{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{R}^m$

Write  $\mathbf{c} = \left[ \mathbf{c}_B \mid \mathbf{c}_D \right]$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_B \\ \mathbf{x}_D \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Note:**  $B$  need not be the *first m* columns; however,  $\underline{c}_B$  corresponds to cost coefficients over the columns of  $B$  and  $\underline{x}_B$  correspond to the  $x$ -variates over the columns of  $B$ .

$$\text{Now } z = \underline{c} \cdot \underline{x} = \left[ \underline{c}_B \mid \underline{c}_D \right] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_B \\ \underline{x}_D \end{bmatrix} = \underline{c}_B \cdot \underline{x}_B + \underline{c}_D \cdot \underline{x}_D$$

$$\left[ \underline{B} \mid \underline{D} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_B \\ \underline{x}_D \end{bmatrix} = \underline{b} \text{ so } \underline{B}\underline{x}_B + \underline{D}\underline{x}_D = \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{x}_B = \underline{B}^{-1}\underline{b} - \underline{B}^{-1}\underline{D}\underline{x}_D$$

**In tableau form:**

| Basic             | $\underline{x}_B$ | $\underline{x}_D$  | Solution  |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| $-z$              | $0$               | $\underline{c}_D - \underline{c}_B \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{D}$ | $-\underline{c}_B \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}$ |
| $\underline{x}_B$ | $\underline{I}_m$ | $\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{D}$                                   | $\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}$                  |

**2. entering and leaving conditions:**

**a. entering: look for most negative reduced cost in**

$$\underline{c}_D - \underline{c}_B \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{D}; \text{ say } j_0$$

**b. leaving:**

$$\min_i \left\{ \frac{(\mathbf{B}^{-1} \underline{b})_i}{(\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{D})_{ij_0}} \right\}$$

s.t.

$$(\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{D})_{ij_0} > 0$$

**3. sensitivity analysis:**  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}(\underline{b} + \Delta) \geq \underline{0}$  . If  $y_1$  is a slack variable,

the column of  $\mathbf{D}$  corresponding to it is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  so  $\mathbf{B}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  gives

the coefficient of  $B^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Example 5.2:**

$$\min z = -5x_1 - 12x_2 - 4x_3$$

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$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \leq 10 \quad (1)$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 8 \quad (2)$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

| Basic | $x_1$         | $x_2$          | $x_3$ | $y_1$ | $r_2$          | Solution       | Phase 1             |
|-------|---------------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| $-z$  | 0             | 0              | 0     | 0     | 1              | 0              |                     |
| $y_1$ | 1             | 2              | 1     | 1     | 0              | 10             |                     |
| $r_2$ | 2             | -1             | 3     | 0     | 1              | 8              |                     |
| $-z$  | -2            | 1              | -3    | 0     | 0              | -8             | "0"                 |
| $y_1$ | 1             | 2              | 1     | 1     | 0              | 10             | $\frac{10}{1} = 10$ |
| $r_2$ | 2             | -1             | 3     | 0     | 1              | 8              | $\frac{8}{3}$       |
| $-z$  | -5            | -12            | -4    | 0     | 0              | 0              | end of Phase 1      |
| $y_1$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{7}{3}$  | 0     | 1     | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{22}{3}$ |                     |
| $x_3$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 1     | 0     | $\frac{1}{3}$  | $\frac{8}{3}$  |                     |

|       |                |                 |                |                |                |                 |  |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|
| $-z$  | $-\frac{7}{3}$ | $-\frac{40}{3}$ | $0$            | $0$            | $\frac{4}{3}$  | $\frac{32}{3}$  | <b>Phase 2</b>                                 |
| $y_1$ | $\frac{1}{3}$  | $\frac{7}{3}$   | $0$            | $1$            | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{22}{3}$  | <b>"0"</b>                                     |
| $x_3$ | $\frac{2}{3}$  | $-\frac{1}{3}$  | $1$            | $0$            | $\frac{1}{3}$  | $\frac{8}{3}$   |  |
| $-z$  | $-\frac{3}{7}$ | $0$             | $0$            | $\frac{40}{7}$ | $-\frac{4}{7}$ | $\frac{368}{7}$ | <b>"1"</b>                                     |
| $x_2$ | $\frac{1}{7}$  | $1$             | $0$            | $\frac{3}{7}$  | $-\frac{1}{7}$ | $\frac{22}{7}$  | $\frac{22}{7} \div \frac{1}{7} = 22$           |
| $x_3$ | $\frac{5}{7}$  | $0$             | $1$            | $\frac{1}{7}$  | $\frac{2}{7}$  | $\frac{26}{7}$  | $\frac{26}{7} \div \frac{5}{7} = \frac{26}{5}$ |
| $-z$  | $0$            | $0$             | $\frac{3}{5}$  | $\frac{29}{5}$ | $-\frac{2}{5}$ | $\frac{274}{5}$ | <b>"2"</b>                                     |
| $x_2$ | $0$            | $1$             | $-\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{2}{5}$  | $-\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{12}{5}$  | <b>optimal</b>                                 |
| $x_1$ | $1$            | $0$             | $\frac{7}{5}$  | $\frac{1}{5}$  | $\frac{2}{5}$  | $\frac{26}{5}$  |  |

**B at optimal tableau (basis is  $x_2, x_1$  in that order) is**

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{-1} & \mathbf{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ while from the final tableau } \mathbf{B}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{2}} & \mathbf{-\frac{1}{5}} \\ \mathbf{5} & \underline{\mathbf{5}} \\ \underline{\mathbf{1}} & \underline{\mathbf{2}} \\ \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

**END OF SECTION 5**