

The Simplex Tableau

Sample problem:

$$\text{maximize } z = 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3$$

$$\text{subject to } 5x_1 + 6x_2 + 7x_3 \leq 8$$

$$9x_1 + 10x_2 + 11x_3 \leq 12$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$$

With slack variables:

$$\text{maximize } z = 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3$$

$$\text{subject to } 5x_1 + 6x_2 + 7x_3 + s_1 = 8$$

$$9x_1 + 10x_2 + 11x_3 + s_2 = 12$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, s_1, s_2 \geq 0$$

Tableau:

z	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	rhs
1	-2	-3	-4	0	0	0 = z
0	5	6	7	1	0	8 = s_1
0	9	10	11	0	1	12 = s_2

Optimal tableau:

z	x_1	x_2	x_3	s_1	s_2	rhs
1	14/11	7/11	0	0	4/11	48/11 = z
0	-8/11	-4/11	0	1	-7/11	4/11 = s_1
0	9/11	10/11	1	0	1/11	12/11 = x_3