

MATH 210 FINITE MATHEMATICS

Chapter 4.3 Non Standard Problems

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1. THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

Minimize the cost $C = -3x - 2y + 375$
subject to the constraints

- $x \leq 25, y \leq 30$
- $x + y \geq 15$
- $x + y \leq 45$
- $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

This is an example of a non-standard problem.
Some inequalities are \leq and some are \geq .

3. APPLYING THE TWO TRICKS

To convert the transportation problem into standard form we utilize these tricks:

Instead of minimizing $C = -3x - 2y + 375$,
maximize the negative $F = -C = 3x + 2y - 375$

All but one constraining inequality has the correct direction for maximization (\leq): $x + y \geq 15$

Multiplying this inequality by -1 gives
 $-x + -y \leq -15$

2. TWO TRICKS

To convert a problem in non-standard form into standard form we utilize two tricks:

- Minimizing F is equivalent to maximizing $-F$
- and vice-versa
- You can change an inequality from \geq to \leq by multiplying both sides by -1
- A similarly trick changes from \leq to \geq

4. REVISED TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

Maximize the function $F = 3x + 2y - 375$
subject to the constraints

- $x \leq 25, y \leq 30$
- $x + y \leq 45$
- $-x + -y \leq -15$
- $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

Using slack variables u, v, w , and t :

- $x + u = 25, y + v = 30$
- $x + y + w = 45$
- $-x + -y + t = -15$
- $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

5. SIMPLEX TABLEAU

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
-1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Setting the non-basic variables (x and y) to zero gives the following values for the basic variables:

$$u = 25 \quad v = 30 \quad w = 45 \quad t = -15$$

OOPS! One of our slack variables is negative. This means that the initial point $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ is not in the feasible set.

7. FINDING PIVOT COLUMN

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
-1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Since -15 is the only negative entry in the constant column (**We do not count -375 at the bottom**)

we scan this row looking for another negative entry.

We find two: in columns 1 and column 2.

Flipping a coin, we choose column 1 to be the pivot column.

6. FIXING A NON-STANDARD TABLEAU

When an entry in the constant row (not at the bottom) is negative, we can fix it by the following procedure:

- Select one of the negative entries in its row. The column containing this entry will be the pivot column.
- Select the pivot row by computing the **positive** ratio of elements in the constant column and elements in the pivot column (except at the bottom). The smallest positive ratio determines the pivot row.
- Pivot
- Repeat until no negative entries are found in the constant column of the resulting tableau.

8. FINDING THE PIVOT ROW

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const	ratio
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	$\frac{25}{1} = 25$
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30	none
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	$\frac{45}{1} = 45$
-1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-15	$\frac{-15}{-1} = 15$
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375	

Since the smallest positive ratio 15 occurs in row 4, the pivot row is 4.

Pivot at row 4, col 1.

9. PIVOT AT ROW 4, COL 1

Step 1. The Initial Tableau.

1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
-1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Step 2.

1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
-1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Pivot at row 4 col 1

Step 3.

1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
-1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Step 4.

1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Multiply row 4 by -1

Step 5.

1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Add $-1 \times$ row 4 to row 1

$$-1 \times 1 + 1 = 0$$

$$-1 \times 1 + 0 = -1$$

$$-1 \times -1 + 0 = 1$$

$$-1 \times 15 + 25 = 10$$

Step 7.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Add $-1 \times$ row 4 to row 3

$$-1 \times 1 + 1 = 0$$

$$-1 \times 1 + 1 = 0$$

$$-1 \times -1 + 0 = 1$$

$$-1 \times 15 + 45 = 30$$

Step 6.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Step 8.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Step 9.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

Step 10.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Add $3 \times$ row 4 to row 5

$$3 \times 1 + -3 = 0$$

$$3 \times 1 + -2 = 1$$

$$3 \times -1 + 0 = -3$$

$$3 \times 15 + -375 = -330$$

10. SECOND SIMPLEX TABLEAU

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Since the only negative entry in the bottom row (we don't count -330) is the -3 in column 6, the pivot column is 6.

11. FINDING PIVOT ROW

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const	ratio
0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10	$\frac{10}{1} = 10$
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30	none
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30	$\frac{30}{1} = 30$
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15	none
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330	

Since the minimum ratio of 10 occurs in row 1, the pivot row is 1.

Pivot at row 1, column 6.

12. PIVOT AT ROW 1, COL 6

Step 1. The Initial Tableau.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Step 2.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Pivot at row 1 col 6

Step 3.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Step 4.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Add $0 \times$ row 1 to row 2

$$0 \times -1 + 1 = 1$$

$$0 \times 1 + 0 = 0$$

$$0 \times 1 + 0 = 0$$

$$0 \times 10 + 30 = 30$$

Step 5.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Step 6.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Add $-1 \times$ row 1 to row 3

$$-1 \times -1 + 0 = 1$$

$$-1 \times 1 + 0 = -1$$

$$-1 \times 1 + 1 = 0$$

$$-1 \times 10 + 30 = 20$$

Step 7.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Step 8.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Add $1 \times$ row 1 to row 4

$$1 \times -1 + 1 = 0$$

$$1 \times 1 + 0 = 1$$

$$1 \times 1 + -1 = 0$$

$$1 \times 10 + 15 = 25$$

Step 9.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

Step 10.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Add $3 \times$ row 1 to row 5

$$3 \times -1 + 1 = -2$$

$$3 \times 1 + 0 = 3$$

$$3 \times 1 + -3 = 0$$

$$3 \times 10 + -330 = -300$$

13. THIRD SIMPLEX TABLEAU

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Setting the non-basic variables y and u to zero, the values of the basic variables are:

$$x = 25, v = 30, w = 20, t = 10, F = -300$$

Since the only negative entry in the bottom row (to the left of -330) is the -2 in column 2, the pivot column is 2.

14. FIND PIVOT ROW

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const	ratio
0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10	none
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30	$\frac{30}{1} = 30$
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20	$\frac{20}{1} = 20$
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	none
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300	

Since the minimum ratio is 20 occurs in row 3, the pivot row is 3.

Pivot at row 3, column 2.

15. PIVOT AT ROW 3, COL 2

Step 1. The Initial Tableau.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Step 2.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Pivot at row 3 col 2

Step 3.

0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Step 4.

0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Add $1 \times$ row 3 to row 1

$$1 \times 1 + -1 = 0$$

$$1 \times -1 + 1 = 0$$

$$1 \times 1 + 0 = 1$$

$$1 \times 20 + 10 = 30$$

Step 5.

0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Add $-1 \times$ row 3 to row 2

$$-1 \times 1 + 1 = 0$$

$$-1 \times -1 + 0 = 1$$

$$-1 \times 1 + 0 = -1$$

$$-1 \times 20 + 30 = 10$$

Step 7.

0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
0	0	1	1	-1	0	0	10
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Add $2 \times$ row 3 to row 5

$$2 \times 1 + -2 = 0$$

$$2 \times -1 + 3 = 1$$

$$2 \times 1 + 0 = 2$$

$$2 \times 20 + -300 = -260$$

Step 6.

0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
0	0	1	1	-1	0	0	10
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

Step 8.

0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
0	0	1	1	-1	0	0	10
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	0	1	0	2	0	1	-260

16. FINAL SIMPLEX TABLEAU

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
0	0	1	1	-1	0	0	10
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	0	1	0	2	0	1	-260

Setting the non-basic variables u and w to zero, the values of the basic variables are:

$$x = 25, y = 20, v = 10, t = 30, F = -260$$

Since there are no negative entries in the bottom row (before the constant column), we are done.

Since the cost function C of the original transportation problem is the negative of F ,

Minimum cost is \$260 at the point $(x, y) = (25, 20)$

18. STANDARD FORM PROBLEM

Construction Problem

Maximize profit $P = 2400x + 3400y$ subject to

$$x + y \leq 150$$

$$3x + 8y \leq 720$$

$$3x + 4y \leq 480$$

$$x, y \geq 0$$

This problem is in standard form: it is a maximization problem and all inequalities are \leq .

20. CONSTRUCTION TABLEAU #2

x	y	u	v	w	P	const
5	0	1	$-\frac{1}{8}$	0	0	60
1	0	$\frac{1}{8}$	0	0	0	90
2	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	120
-1125	0	0	425	0	1	306K

$$x = 0 \quad y = 90 \quad P = 306K$$

Pivot at row 3, col 1.

17. THREE TYPES OF PROBLEMS

(1) **Standard Form Maximization**

- Objective Function is maximized
- All inequalities are \leq (except $x, y \geq 0$)
- Use Standard Simplex Method
- Prototype: **Construction Problem**

(2) **Standard Form Minimization**

- Objective Function is minimized
- All inequalities are \geq
- Reverse rows and columns of the data table to obtain the dual Problem
- Use Simplex Method on Dual Problem
- Prototype: **Nutrition Problem**

(3) **Non-Standard Form**

- Inequalities are mixed (some \leq , some \geq)
- Convert the problem to standard form
- Pivot to remove negative entries in the constant column
- Prototype: **Transportation Problem**

19. CONSTRUCTION TABLEAU #1

x	y	u	v	w	P	const
1	1	1	0	0	0	150
3	8	0	1	0	0	720
3	4	0	0	1	0	480
-2400	-3400	0	0	0	1	0

$$x = 0 \quad y = 0 \quad P = 0$$

Pivot at row 2, col 2.

21. CONSTRUCTION TABLEAU #3

x	y	u	v	w	P	const
0	0	1	$\frac{1}{12}$	$-\frac{5}{12}$	0	10
0	1	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	0	60
1	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	80
0	0	0	50	750	1	396K

$$x = 80 \quad y = 60$$

$P = 396,000$ (maximum)

22. DUAL PROBLEM

The Nutrition Problem

Minimize $C = 21x + 14y$ subject to

$$2x + 3y \geq 12$$

$$3x + y \geq 6$$

$$x + 3y \geq 9$$

$$x, y \geq 0$$

Dual:

Maximize $F = 12u + 6v + 9w$ subject to

$$2u + 3v + w \leq 21$$

$$3u + v + 3w \leq 14$$

$$u, v, w \geq 0$$

24. NUTRITION TABLEAU #2

u	v	w	x	y	F	const
0	$\frac{7}{3}$	-1	1	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{35}{3}$
1	$\frac{1}{3}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{14}{3}$
0	-2	3	10	4	1	56

$$x = 10 \quad y = 4$$

26. NON STANDARD PROBLEM

Original Transportation Problem:

Minimize the cost $C = -3x - 2y + 375$ subject to

$$x \leq 25, y \leq 30$$

$$x + y \geq 15$$

$$x + y \leq 45$$

$$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

Non-standard because some inequalities are \leq and some are \geq .

Revised Transportation Problem:

Maximize the function $F = 3x + 2y - 375$ subject to

$$x \leq 25, y \leq 30$$

$$-x + -y \leq -15$$

$$x + y \leq 45$$

$$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

23. NUTRITION TABLEAU #1

u	v	w	x	y	F	const
2	3	1	1	0	0	21
3	1	3	0	1	0	14
-12	-6	-9	0	0	1	0

Value of the variables for the original minimization are read from the **bottom** of the tableau:

$$x = 0 \quad y = 0$$

25. NUTRITION TABLEAU #3

u	v	w	x	y	F	const
0	1	$-\frac{3}{7}$	$\frac{3}{7}$	$-\frac{2}{7}$	0	5
1	0	$\frac{8}{7}$	$-\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{3}{7}$	0	3
0	0	$\frac{15}{7}$	$\frac{6}{7}$	$\frac{24}{7}$	1	66

$$x = \frac{6}{7}, \quad y = \frac{24}{7}$$

By principal of duality,
minimum $C =$ maximum $F = 66$

27. TRANSPORTATION TABLEAU #1

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
-1	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-15
-3	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-375

$$x = 0 \quad y = 0 \quad F = -375$$

Conflict: -15 in constant column

Resolve conflict by pivoting at row 4, col 1.

28. TRANSPORTATION TABLEAU #2

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	15
0	1	0	0	0	-3	1	-330

$$x = 15 \quad y = 0 \quad F = -330$$

no negatives in constant column
(above bottom row)

Pivot at row 1, col 6.

30. TRANSPORTATION TABLEAU #4

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
0	0	1	1	-1	0	0	10
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	0	1	0	2	0	1	-260

$$x = 25 \quad y = 20 \quad F = -260$$

Solution: Since $C = -F$,

Minimum cost is \$260

29. TRANSPORTATION TABLEAU #3

x	y	u	v	w	t	F	const
0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	10
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30
0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	20
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
0	-2	3	0	0	0	1	-300

$$x = 25 \quad y = 0 \quad F = -300$$

Pivot at row 3, col 2.