

56:171 Operations Research
Homework #4 - Due Friday, September 27, 2002

1. Ken & Larry's Ice Cream, continued. Refer to the problem description in last week's homework (HW#3). The optimal LP tableau provided by LINDO is as shown below.

THE TABLEAU

ROW	(BASIS)		C	V	B	SLK 2	SLK 3
1	ART		0.038	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.875
2	SLK 2	2	-0.350	0.000	0.000	1.000	-2.000
3	V		3.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	10.000
4	B		-1.750	0.000	1.000	0.000	-7.500

ROW	SLK 4			
1	1.000		341.250	
2	2.000		20.000	
3	-20.000		300.000	
4	20.000		75.000	

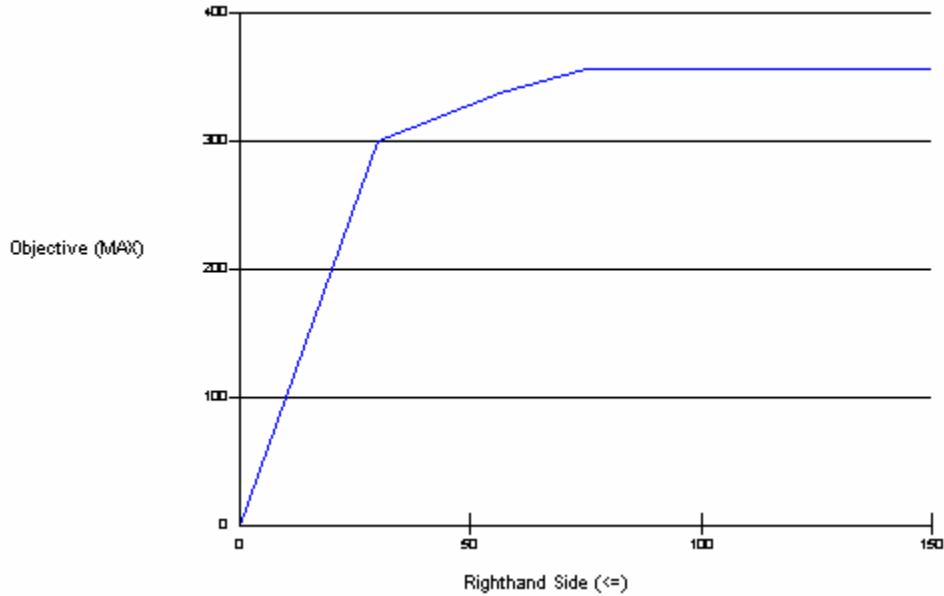
- a. Chocolate ice cream is not included in the optimal production plan. If one gallon of chocolate ice cream were to be produced, how would it change the quantity
 - ...of vanilla ice cream produced?
 - ...of banana ice cream produced?
 - ...of milk used?
 - ...of sugar used?
 - ...of cream used?
- b. In last week's homework, you were asked about the effect on profit of a reduction in the quantity of available cream due to spoilage. That is, the effect of an increase in the unused cream (slack in the available cream constraint). According to the substitution rates in the tableau, what would be the effect of this spoilage on the quantity
 - ...of vanilla ice cream produced?
 - ...of banana ice cream produced?
 - ...of milk used?
 - ...of sugar used?

The right-hand-side of row #4 (available cream) was changed to zero, and then parametric analysis performed with the right-hand-side increasing to 150 gallons, with the results below.

RIGHTHANDSIDE PARAMETRICS REPORT FOR ROW: 4

VAR	VAR	PIVOT	RHS	DUAL PRICE	OBJ
OUT	IN	ROW	VAL	BEFORE PIVOT	VAL
			0.0000	10.0000	0.000
SLK 3	V	4	30.0000	10.0000	300.000
C	B	3	56.2500	1.42857	337.500
V	SLK 4	4	75.0000	1.00000	356.250
			150.000	0.0000	356.250

The plot of optimal value vs gallons of cream available was also prepared by LINDO:



c. Using LINDO's report, indicate on the graph above the slope of each linear segment and the coordinates of each break-point (profit & gallons of cream).



2. LP model formulation. Buster Sod's younger brother, Marky Dee, operates three ranches in Texas. the acreage and irrigation water available for the three farms are shown below:

FARM	ACREAGE	WATER AVAILABLE (ACRE-FT)
1	400	1500
2	600	2000
3	300	900

Three crops can be grown. However, the maximum acreage that can be grown of each crop is limited by the amount of appropriate harvesting equipment available. The three crops are described below. Any combination of crops may be grown on a farm.

CROP	TOTAL HARVESTING CAPACITY (IN ACRES)	WATER REQMTS (ACRE-FT PER ACRE)	EXPECTED PROFIT (\$/ACRE)
Milo	700	6	400
Cotton	800	4	300
Wheat	300	2	100

Using **LINGO**, the following sets were defined, with decision variables:

$$X_{ij} = \# \text{ acres of crop } j \text{ planted on farm } i.$$

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MODEL:      ! MARKY DEE SOD'S RANCHES;

SETS:
    FARM/1..3/:ACREAGE, H2O_AVAIL;
    CROP/MILO, COTTON, WHEAT/:CAPACITY, H2O_RQMT, PROFIT;
    COMBO(FARM,CROP):X;
ENDSETS

DATA:
    ACREAGE    =   400   600   300;
    H2O_AVAIL  =  1500  2000   900;
    CAPACITY   =    700   800   300;
    H2O_RQMT   =     6     4     2;
    PROFIT     =    400   300  100;
ENDDATA

!   INSERT OBJECTIVE & CONSTRAINTS HERE ;

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- a. Using LINGO, formulate the LP model to maximize the total expected profit of the three ranches.
- b. Add the statements to the accompanying file (HW4_2.lg4) , and solve.