Math 171A Homework Assignment # 5

Due Date: February 19, 2016

1. (10 points) Consider the iLP:

Minimize \[ 3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \]
subject to \[
\begin{align*}
2x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 &\geq 6 \\
-x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 &\geq 5 \\
-2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &\geq 1 \\
2x_1 - 2x_2 &\geq 0 \\
-3x_2 + x_3 &\geq -2 \\
x_1 &\geq 0 \\
x_2 &\geq 0 \\
x_3 &\geq 0
\end{align*}
\]

and the point \( \bar{x} = (1, 1, 1)^T \). Find the active set at \( \bar{x} \) and determine if the point \( \bar{x} \) is optimal. If \( \bar{x} \) is not optimal, find a direction \( p \) such that \( c^T p < 0 \) and \( A_a(\bar{x}) p \geq 0 \).

2. (10 points) Consider the iLP: Minimize \( c^T x \) subject to \( Ax \geq b \), where

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
-1 & -3 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & -3 \\
0 & 1 & -2 \\
-2 & -3 & 1 \\
1 & 5 & 1
\end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix}
-3 \\
-2 \\
-4 \\
-2 \\
-6
\end{bmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{bmatrix}
-5 \\
-5 \\
3
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

(a) Verify that \( x^{(0)} = (1, 1/3, 1)^T \) is a vertex. What is the active set?

(b) Perform one iteration of the simplex method (Algorithm 4.2 in the textbook) to obtain the next iterate \( x^{(1)} \). Verify that \( x^{(1)} \) is feasible and that \( c^T x^{(1)} < c^T x^{(0)} \). What is the active set at \( x^{(1)} \)? Show your work.

(c) Repeat part (b) until a minimizer is found.
3. (10 points) Consider the following five constraints

\[ x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3, \quad x_1 - x_2 \geq 0, \quad 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 3, \quad x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 6, \quad x_1 - 2x_2 \geq -1. \]

(a) Find a degenerate vertex \( x^{(0)} \) (by sketching the feasible region). How many possible working set matrices \( A_0 \) are there at \( x^{(0)} \)?

(b) Suppose that we wish to minimize \( x_1 + x_2 \) subject to these constraints, starting at \( x^{(0)} \) and using the simplex method. Find a working set matrix \( A_0 \) for which the Lagrange multiplier vector \( \lambda \) (the solution of \( A_0^T \lambda = c \)) contains at least one negative component \( \lambda_s \), but the simplex search direction satisfying \( A_0 p = e_s \) is not a feasible descent direction (by inspecting the picture of the feasible region).

(c) Under the same conditions as in part (b), find a working set matrix \( A_0 \) for which the Lagrange multiplier vector contains at least one negative component, but the associated search direction \( p \) is a feasible descent direction (by inspecting the picture of the feasible region).

4. (10 points) Let \( A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \). Suppose \( x \geq 0 \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{R}^n \) satisfying \( Ax \geq 0 \), Show that there exists a matrix \( B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \) such that all entries of \( B \) are nonnegative and \( A^T B = I_n \).

5. (10 points) (i) Assume that \( p \in \text{Null}(A) \). If \( a \) is such that \( a^T p \neq 0 \), show that \( a \) must be linearly independent of the rows of \( A \). (ii) If \( a \) is linearly independent of the rows of \( A \) and \( p \in \text{Null}(A) \), is \( a^T p \neq 0 \)? Justify your answer.