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Instructions: No calculators or other aids allowed.

This test has 3 questions whose values are given immediately after the question numbers. Total marks = 40.

Write solutions in the spaces provided, using the backs of the pages if necessary. (Suggestion: If you have to continue a question, you may use the back of the **previous** page.) Aspects of any question which are indicated in **boldface** will be regarded as crucial during grading. **Show your work.**

The duration of this test is 50 minutes.

1.(a) (7 marks) Find an optimal solution of the problem: Maximize $z = 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 5x_3$

subject to the constraints
$$\begin{array}{r} 2x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 \geq -4 \\ 4x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \leq 1 \end{array}, x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0.$$

1.(b) (6 marks) Find all optimal solutions of the problem of question 1.(a).

1.(a) An equivalent canonical problem with slacks x_4, x_5 is:
 Maximize $z = 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 5x_3$ s.t. $-2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 4$
 $4x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + x_5 = 1$
 $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0, x_4 \geq 0, x_5 \geq 0$

Tableau (1)

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | x_5 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| x_4 | -2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| x_5 | 4 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | -2 | -4 | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Tableau (2)

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | x_5 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| x_4 | -6 | 3 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 3 |
| x_3 | 4 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 18 | -9 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |

Tableau (3)

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | x_5 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|----------------|----|
| x_2 | -2 | 1 | 0 | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 1 |
| x_3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ | 2 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 14 |

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | x_5 | |
|-------|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----|
| x_2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $\frac{2}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 3 |
| x_1 | 1 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 1 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 14 |

1.(b) Noting that if x_1 enters, the objective row will not change, and exiting x_3 , we get Tableau (4).

From Tableaux (3) and (4) (and expressing solutions in \mathbb{R}^3), the optimal solutions consist of the line segment joining $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. That is, $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ 1+2\lambda \\ 2-2\lambda \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \right\}$.

2. (13 marks) Suppose that the simplex solution of a linear programming problem includes the following non-optimal tableau.

| | x_1 | \dots | x_n | |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| x_1 | a_{11} | \dots | a_{1n} | b_1 |
| \vdots | \vdots | | \vdots | \vdots |
| x_m | a_{m1} | \dots | a_{mn} | b_m |
| | r_1 | \dots | r_n | s |

Suppose also, that by following the rules of the simplex method, we enter x_n and exit x_1 , but in doing so, the objective value does not change. **Prove** that the basic solution given by the above tableau is degenerate.

Upon entering x_n and exiting x_1 , the objective row will become:

$$[r_1 \dots r_n | s] - r_n a_{1n}^{-1} [a_{11} \dots a_{1n} | b_1]$$

($a_{1n} \neq 0$ because we have been following the simplex method.) In particular the objective value changes by the amount $-r_n a_{1n}^{-1} b_1$, so by hypothesis, $r_n a_{1n}^{-1} b_1 = 0$. Since the tableau is not optimal and we are following the simplex method, $r_n \neq 0$. (Actually, $r_n < 0$.) Therefore, the factor b_1 in the product $r_n a_{1n}^{-1} b_1 = 0$ must be 0.

3. (14 marks) Solve the problem: Maximize $z = x_1 - 4x_2 - x_3$

subject to the constraints
$$\begin{aligned} -2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &\geq 5, \quad x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Phase 1: x_4 is slack and y_1, y_2 are artificial.

Tableau ①

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | y_1 | y_2 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| y_1 | -2 | ② | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| y_2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| | 1 | -4 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -7 |

Tableau ②

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | y_1 | y_2 | |
|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|----|
| x_2 | -1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 |
| y_2 | ③ | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 3 |
| | -3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | -3 |

Tableau ③

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | y_1 | y_2 | |
|-------|-------|-------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| x_2 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 2 |
| x_1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 1 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Phase 2, Tableau ①

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|----|
| x_2 | 0 | 1 | ④ | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 2 |
| x_1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 1 |
| | 0 | 0 | -1 | 1 | -7 |

Phase 2, Tableau ②

| | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|----|
| x_3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | $-\frac{2}{3}$ | 4 |
| x_1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 1 |
| | 0 | 2 | 0 | $\frac{1}{3}$ | -3 |

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow [-1 \ 4 \ 1 \ 0 \ | \ 0] \\ & + [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ -\frac{1}{3} \ | \ 1] \\ & -4[0 \ 1 \ \frac{1}{2} \ -\frac{1}{3} \ | \ 2] \end{aligned}$$