

9. Consider the following linear programming problem.

$$\text{Minimize } z = -x_1 + 3x_2 + x_4 + x_5$$

subject to

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + \frac{3}{4}x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 1$$

$$-2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \geq 0$$

At a certain step in solving this problem by the simplex method, the basis is $\{x_2, x_4\}$. Determine the next basis according to the rules of the simplex method, showing your work in detail.

$$x_4 = 1 + 2x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + \frac{3}{4}x_3 + (1 + 2x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3) + x_5 = 1$$

$$x_1 - x_2 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + x_5 = 0 \quad x_2 = x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + x_5$$

$$x_4 = 1 + 2x_1 - 3(x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + x_5) - x_3 = 1 - x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 - 3x_5$$

$$z = -x_1 + 3(x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + x_5) + (1 - x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 - 3x_5) + x_5$$

$$= x_1 - x_3 + x_5 \quad \text{so } x_3 \text{ enters the basis}$$

$$\text{Setting } x_1 = x_5 = 0$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{1}{4}x_3 \geq 0 \quad \text{only if } x_3 = 0$$

$$x_4 = 1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 \geq 0 \quad \text{if } x_3 \leq 4$$

so x_2 must leave the basis and the new basis is $\{x_3, x_4\}$