

**Problem set 4**

**1. Answer True or False.**

- A convex programming problem always has a unique global minimum point.
- If the Hessian of the Lagrange function at  $x^*$ ,  $-2L(x^*)$ , is positive definite, the optimum design problem is convex.
- For a constrained problem, the sufficient condition at  $x^*$  is satisfied if there are no feasible directions in a neighborhood of  $x^*$  along which the cost function reduces.

**2. Solve the following LP problems by the Simplex method.**

$$\begin{aligned} z &= 2x_1 + 5x_2 - 4.5x_3 + 1.5x_4 \\ 5x_1 + 3x_2 + 1.5x_3 &\leq 8 \\ 1.8x_1 - 6x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 &\geq 3 \\ -3.6x_1 + 8.2x_2 + 7.5x_3 + 5x_4 &= 15 \\ x_i &\geq 0; i = 1 \text{ to } 4 \end{aligned}$$

**3. Solve the “saw mill” problem formulated in Section 2.4. Investigate the effect on the optimum solution of the following changes:**

1. The transportation cost for the logs increases to \$0.16 per kilometer per log.
2. The capacity of Mill A decreases to 200 logs/day.
3. The capacity of Mill B decreases to 270 logs/day.

**(Optional) 4. Obtain solutions for the three formulations of the “cabinet design” problem given in Section 2.6. Compare the three formulations. Investigate the effect on the optimum solution of the following changes:**

1. Bolting capacity is decreased to 5500/day.
2. The cost of riveting the CI component increases to \$0.70.
3. The company must manufacture only 95 devices per day.

**Hint:** It will be the best if you try to prepare a MATLAB code to solve all of problems.

*"Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought."*

*Albert Szent-Gyorgi*