

## Linear Programming

Note:- Since the convex combination of two points are infinite in number so from the above theorem we conclude that if a given L.P.P. has two feasible solutions, then it has infinite number of feasible solutions.

Theorem 5:- Every basic feasible solution of the system  $Ax = b$   $x \geq 0$  is an extreme point of the convex set of feasible solutions and conversely.

Proof:- To prove that every B.F.S. is an extreme point of the convex set of feasible solutions.

Let  $x$  be a B.F.S. of  $Ax = b$  which is a  $n$ -component vector containing both zero (non-basic) and non-zero (basic) variables.

Let  $x_B$  and  $B$  be the vector of  $m$  basic variables and the matrix of vectors associated to basic variables in the B.F.S.  $x$  respectively then

$$x = \{x_B, 0\} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $0$  is a null vector of  $(n-m)$  components.

$$\text{and } Ax = b \Rightarrow B \cdot x_B = b \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now we have to prove that  $x$  is an extreme point.

we shall prove this by using contradiction.

If  $x$  is not an extreme point then there exist two distinct points

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Theorem 4:- The set of all feasible solutions of a L.P.P. is a Convex set.

Proof:- Let  $X$  be the set of all feasible solutions of a L.P.P.

$$Ax = b, x \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Case I If the set  $X$  has only one element, then  $X$  is convex set. Hence the theorem is true in this case.

Case II If the set  $X$  has at least two elements

Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two distinct elements in  $X$ .

$$\therefore Ax_1 = b, \quad x_1 \geq 0$$

$$\text{and } Ax_2 = b, \quad x_2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{If } x_3 = \lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2, \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } Ax_3 &= A(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \\ &= \lambda b + (1-\lambda)b = b \end{aligned}$$

Also since  $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, \lambda \geq 0, 1-\lambda \geq 0,$   
as  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ .

$$\therefore x_3 = \lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2 \geq 0$$

i.e.  $x_3$  satisfy (1). Thus  $x_3 = \lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2$  is also a F.S. and so belongs to set  $X$ .

But  $x_3$  is a Convex Combination of any two distinct points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $X$ . Hence by definition the set  $X$  is a Convex set.