Operations Research

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We started this last time:

We're buying advertising time for "HIW" and "HIM".
Let x_1, x_2 be the number of ads purchased during a comedy show, and a football game respectively. Comedy ads are \$50,000 and football ads are \$100,000. For the target demos, we want to solve the following LP:

$$\min z = \quad 50x_1 + 100x_2$$
$$\text{st} \quad 7x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 28 \quad \text{(HIW)}$$
$$\quad 2x_1 + 12x_2 \geq 24 \quad \text{(HIM)}$$
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where the unit of money is \$1,000 and the unit of people is in millions.

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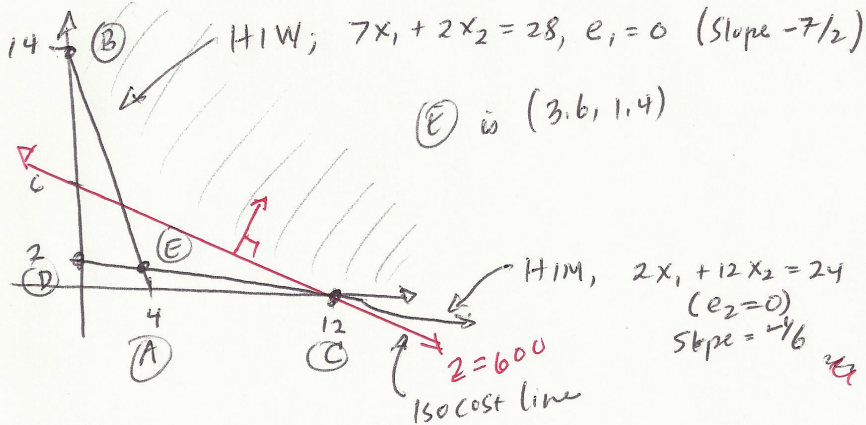
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On the next page, the solution is done graphically.

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ⓔ is $(3.6, 1.4)$

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HIM, $2x_1 + 12x_2 = 24$
$(e_2 = 0)$
slope $= -1/6$

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$z = 600$
Iso cost line

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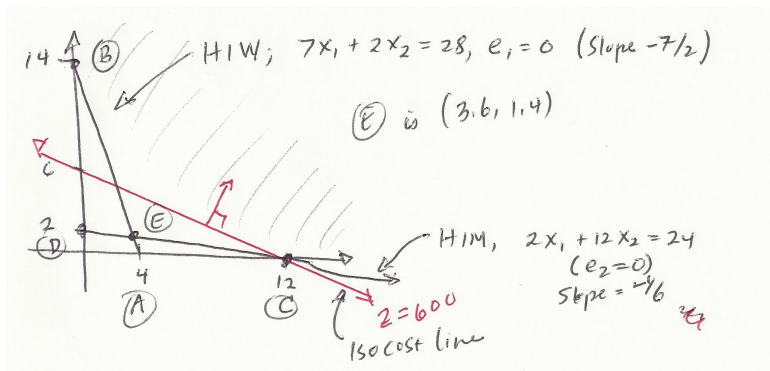
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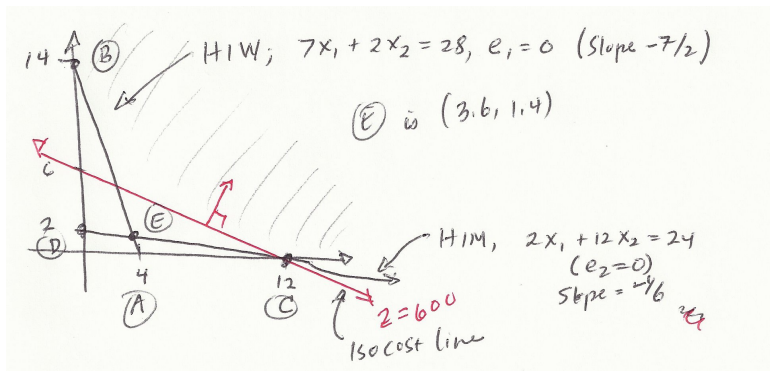Isocost line: $50x_1 + C_2 x_2 = k$, so the slope is $-50/C_2$.

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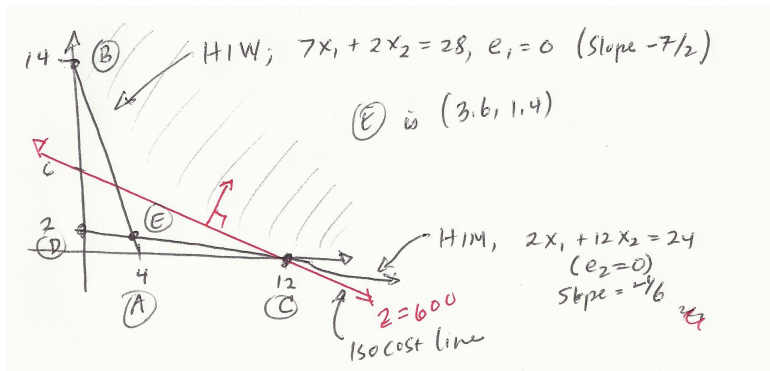
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Current basis is optimal if E remains at the optimum. As b_1 decreases, point E slides into point D. The b_1 value there is

$$7(0) + 2(2) = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_1 > 4$$

Similarly, if b_1 moves up, then E slides into C. This occurs when

$$7(12) + 2(0) = 84 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_1 < 84$$

Or, if $b_1 = 28 + \Delta_1$, then we could say that

$$4 < 28 + \Delta_1 < 84 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -24 < \Delta_1 < 56$$

We solve for the point of intersection of the system below using Cramer's Rule. Using the current basis, x_1 and x_2 are basic and e_1, e_2 are set to zero.

$$7x_1 + 2x_2 = 28 + \Delta_1$$
$$2x_1 + 12x_2 = 24$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 28 + \Delta_1 & 2 \\ 24 & 12 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 2 & 12 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{336 + 12\Delta_1 - 48}{7 \cdot 12 - 4} = 3.6 + 0.15\Delta_1$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 7 & 28 + \Delta_1 \\ 2 & 24 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 2 & 12 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{168 - 56 - 2\Delta_1}{7 \cdot 12 - 4} = 1.4 - 0.025\Delta_1$$

Similarly, for the HIM constraint, $2x_1 + 12x_2 = b_2$:

- As b_2 increases, point E slides toward $B(0, 14)$.

$$2(0) + 12(14) = b_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_2 = 168$$

- As b_2 decreases, point E slides toward $A(4, 0)$.

$$2(4) + 12(0) = b_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_2 = 8$$

Therefore,

$$8 \leq b_2 \leq 168$$

So, in terms of Δ_2, we could compute the range directly:

$$8 \leq 24 + \Delta_2 \leq 168 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -16 \leq \Delta_2 \leq 144$$

And for the point of intersection between the constraints (note the basis)

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Definition: Shadow Price

The shadow price (of a constraint) is the amount by which the value of the objective function *is improved* (increased in a maximum, decreased in a minimum) when the RHS of the constraint is *increased by 1 unit*. This is done *under the assumption that the current basis is unchanged*.

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SOLUTION: Just set $\Delta = -2$ (which is in the allowable range). Then the optimal solution changes slightly:

$$x_1 = 3.6 + 0.15(-2) = 3.30 \qquad x_2 = 1.4 - 0.025(-2) = 1.45$$

and $z = 320 + 5(-2) = 310$ (double-check: $50(3.3) + 100(1.45) = 310$)

Solving this problem in LINDO: Choose "yes" when LINDO asks you if you want to do sensitivity analysis:

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min 50x1+100x2
st
(HIW) 7x1+2x2>=28
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LP OPTIMUM FOUND AT STEP        2

        OBJECTIVE FUNCTION VALUE

        1)      320.0000

  VARIABLE          VALUE           REDUCED COST
        X1         3.600000             0.000000
        X2         1.400000             0.000000


     ROW     SLACK OR SURPLUS        DUAL PRICES
    (HIW)         0.000000            -5.000000
    (HIM)         0.000000            -7.500000
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NO. ITERATIONS=          2
RANGES IN WHICH THE BASIS IS UNCHANGED:
                            OBJ COEFFICIENT RANGES
VARIABLE          CURRENT          ALLOWABLE          ALLOWABLE
                    COEF            INCREASE           DECREASE
     X1          50.000000        300.000000         33.333332
     X2         100.000000        200.000000         85.714287

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    ROW           CURRENT          ALLOWABLE          ALLOWABLE
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   (HIW          28.000000         56.000000         23.999998
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