

Example: BFS and Vertices

Original example:

$$\begin{array}{llll} \min_x & 3x_1 - & 4x_2 & \\ \text{s.t.} & -2x_1 + & x_2 & \leq 1 \\ & -x_1 + & 2x_2 & \geq 5 \\ & x_1 + & x_2 & \leq 7 \end{array}$$

with $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$.

This was translated into standard form:

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \min_x & 3x_1 - & 4x_2 & +0s_1 & +0e_2 & +0s_3 \\ \text{s.t.} & -2x_1 & +x_2 & +s_1 & & = 1 \\ & -x_1 & +2x_2 & & -e_2 & = 5 \\ & x_1 & +x_2 & & +s_3 & = 7 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ s_1 \\ e_2 \\ s_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

A summary of all the basic solutions:

Basic Variables	Solution	Feasible?	Objective
1, 2, 3	3, 4, 3	Yes	-7
1, 2, 4	2, 5, 3	Yes	-14
1, 2, 5	1, 3, 3	Yes	-9
1, 3, 4	7, 15, -12	No	
1, 3, 5	-5, -9, 12	No	
1, 4, 5	-0.5, -4.5, 7.5	No	
2, 3, 4	7, -6, 9	No	
2, 3, 5	2.5, -1.5, 4.5	No	
2, 4, 5	1, -3, 6	No	
3, 4, 5	1, -5, 7	No	

The original feasible set (Can you tell which BFS corresponds to which vertex?)

