

## Review: The simplex algorithm

Starts with a basic feasible solution  $x^T = (x_B^T \ x_N^T)$ , where  $x_B = B^{-1}b = \hat{b} > 0$ ,  $x_N = 0$ . Matrices  $B$  and  $N$  contain the columns of  $A$ , and the columns of  $B$  is a basis in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Also, let  $c^T = (c_B^T \ c_N^T)$ .

1. (optimality) Compute the *simplex multipliers*  $y = B^{-T}c_B$  (solve  $B^T y = c_B$ ) and the *reduced costs*  $\hat{c}_N^T = c_N^T - y^T N$ . If  $\hat{c}_N^T \geq 0$  **stop** (optimality found), else select some component  $p$  of  $x_N$  where  $\hat{c}_{p,N}^T < 0$ . (Corresponding column  $a_p$  of  $N$  will be brought into  $B$ .)
2. (step) Compute  $\hat{a}_p = B^{-1}a_p$  (solve  $B\hat{a}_p = a_p$ ). If  $\hat{a}_p \leq 0$  **stop** (unbounded). Else, find the  $i^*$  that attains  $\min \left\{ \frac{\hat{b}_i}{\hat{a}_{i,p}} : \hat{a}_{i,p} > 0 \right\}$ .
3. (update) Interchange column  $i^*$  in  $B$  and column  $p$  in  $N$ . Reorder  $x_B$ ,  $x_N$ ,  $c_B$  and  $c_N$ .