

Here is a brief list of materials covered.

- Introduction of linear programming (LP) problems. Formulation of LP.
- The geometry of LP.
 - Corner points and basic feasible solution
 - Neighboring corner points and neighboring basic feasible solutions.
- Simplex algorithm.
 - Standard Simplex algorithm in tabular form.
 - Potential break-down of the algorithm.
 - Degenerate LP and cycling.
- Variants of Simplex algorithm: Big-M method and two-phase method.
- Duality theory
 - The formulation of dual LP
 - The weak and strong dual principle
 - The complete slackness theorem
 - The economic interpretation of dual LP.
 - Applications of dual method: Farkas theorem, Markov chains.
- Sensitivity analysis.
- Game theory
 - Two-person zero sum game
 - The definition of pure strategy and mixed-strategy
 - The minimax condition
 - The existence of value and mixed-strategy saddle point
 - Extensions to two-person non-zero sum games, n -person games.
- Dynamic Programming
 - Why dynamic programming (DP)? Examples of shortest path, heaviest coin, and American option pricing.
 - The general formulation of deterministic dynamic programming.
 - The dynamic programming equation (DPE). The interpretation of DPE.
 - Shortest path problems for general network.
 - Knapsack problem, Turnpike theorem, and general Resource allocation problem.
 - Introduction to probabilistic dynamic programming, and its applications to Decision Analysis.

- Integer programming.
 - Formulation of an integer programming problem.
 - The Brach-and-Bound method.
- Quadratic programming.