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- II** If  $v_i \geq 0$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then the dual LP is unbounded and the primal LP is infeasible.

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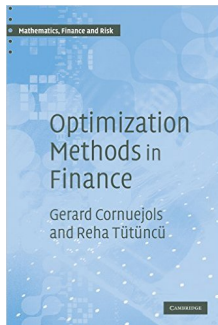
## Remarks on the Dual Simplex Method

- ▶ Dual simplex method terminates if lexicographic pivoting rule is used:
  - ▶ Choose any row  $\ell$  with  $x_{B(\ell)} < 0$  to be the pivot row.
  - ▶ Among all columns  $j$  with  $v_j < 0$  choose the one which is lexicographically minimal when divided by  $|v_j|$ .
- ▶ Dual simplex method is useful if, e. g., dual basic solution is readily available.
- ▶ Example: Resolve LP after right-hand-side  $b$  has changed.

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Chapter 5:  
Optimisation in Finance: Cash-Flow

(Cornuejols & Tütüncü, Chapter 3)



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**Task:** We want to maximise the companies wealth in June, while fulfilling all payments.

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cashflow.lp

Maximize

wealth: v

Subject To

Jan:  $x_1 + y_1 - z_1 = 150$

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Apr:  $x_4 - 1.02 y_1 - 1.01 x_3 + 1.003 z_3 - z_4 = 200$

May:  $x_5 - 1.02 y_2 - 1.01 x_4 + 1.003 z_4 - z_5 = -50$

Jun:  $-1.02 y_3 - 1.01 x_5 + 1.003 z_5 - v = -300$

Bounds

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$-\text{Inf} \leq v \leq \text{Inf}$

End