

Dual problem

⇒ When primal is in standard form

Consider the following LPP is in standard form

$$\text{Max } z = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j = b_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$x_j \geq 0, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n$$

The dual becomes

$$\text{Min } z^* = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i y_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} y_i \geq c_j, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n$$

y_i unrestricted in sign for all i .

ues) Find the dual of the primal problem

$$\text{Max } z = 5x_1 + 6x_2$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1 + 9x_2 \leq 60$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 45$$

$$5x_1 - 2x_2 \leq 20$$

$$x_2 \leq 30$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

Let y_1, y_2, y_3 and y_4 be the dual variables

$$\text{Min } z^* = 60y_1 + 45y_2 + 20y_3 + 30y_4$$

$$\text{s.t. } y_1 + 2y_2 + 5y_3 \geq 5$$

$$9y_1 + 3y_2 - 2y_3 + y_4 \geq 6$$

$$y_j \geq 0, \quad j=1, 2, 3, 4$$

On other hand consider the primal problem

$$\text{Max } z = \sum_{j=1}^n C_j x_j$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

x_j unrestricted in sign

Then dual problem becomes

$$\text{Min } z^* = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i y_i$$

s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} y_i = C_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$y_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

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Q find the dual of the problem

$$\text{Max } z = 5x_1 + 12x_2 + 4x_3$$

s.t.

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \leq 5$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

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

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 2$$

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$$2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 2$$

$$-2x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 \leq -2$$

$$\text{Min } z^* = 5y_1 + 2y_2' - 2y_2''$$

s.t

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 + 2y_2' - 2y_2'' &\geq 5 \\ 2y_1 - y_2' + y_2'' &\geq 12 \\ y_1 + 3y_2' - 3y_2'' &\geq 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1, y_2', y_2'' \geq 0$$

$$\text{Min } z^* = 5y_1 + 2(y_2' - y_2'')$$

s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 + 2(y_2' - y_2'') &\geq 5 \\ 2y_1 - (y_2' - y_2'') &\geq 12 \\ y_1 + 3(y_2' - y_2'') &\geq 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Min } z^* = 5y_1 + 2y_2$$

s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 + 2y_2 &\geq 5 \\ 2y_1 - y_2 &\geq 12 \\ y_1 + 3y_2 &\geq 4 \end{aligned}$$

$y_1 \geq 0$ & y_2 is unrestricted in sign.

ues Write the dual for the LPP

$$\text{Max } z = 3x_1 + 5x_2 + 7x_3$$

s.t

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 &\leq 10 \\ 4x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 &\geq 15 \end{aligned}$$

$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$ & x_3 is unrestricted

Since x_3 is unrestricted so it is replaced by $(x_3' - x_3'')$ where x_3' & x_3'' both are non-negative

Then the given problem becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } z &= 3x_1 + 5x_2 + 7(x_3' - x_3'') \\ \text{st. } \quad &x_1 + x_2 + 3(x_3' - x_3'') \leq 10 \\ &-4x_1 + x_2 - 2(x_3' - x_3'') \leq -15 \end{aligned}$$

The dual of the problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min } z^* &= 10y_1 - 15y_2 \\ \text{st. } \quad &y_1 - 4y_2 \geq 3 \\ &y_1 + y_2 \geq 5 \\ &3y_1 - 2y_2 \geq 7 \\ &-3y_1 + 2y_2 \geq -7 \\ &y_1, y_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min } z^* &= 10y_1 - 15y_2 \\ \text{st } \quad &y_1 - 4y_2 \geq 3 \\ &y_1 + y_2 \geq 5 \\ &3y_1 - 2y_2 = 7 \\ &y_1, y_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note The two problems primal and the dual are related to each other in the following manner :

- If one is a maximization problem then the other is a minimization problem.
- If one of them has an optimum solution then the other also has an optimum solution.

The solⁿ of the other problem can be read from the net evaluation $Z_j - C_j$ row below the column of slack variables. Both will have the same optimum value. i.e. $\text{Max } Z = \text{Min } Z^*$

- If the primal problem has an advantage unbounded solⁿ then the dual has either no solⁿ or an unbounded solⁿ.
- If i th dual constraint is multiplied by -1 then the i th prime variable computed from $Z_j - C_j$ row of the dual problem must be multiplied by -1 .
- If dual has no feasible solⁿ then the primal also admit no feasible solⁿ.

⇒ Dual Simplex Method.

$$\text{Max } \left\{ \frac{Z_j - C_j}{y_{ij}} ; y_{ij} < 0 \right\}$$