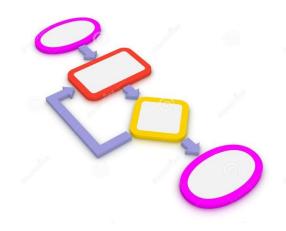




Course 3: Duality Theory and Dual Simplex Method

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Introduction



Introduction

One of the most important discoveries in the early development of linear programming was the concept of duality and its many important specification. This discovery revealed that every linear programming problem has associated with it another linear programming problem called **the dual**. The relationships between the dual problem and the primal problem prove to be extremely useful in a variety of ways. To clarify the subject, consider the model as follow:

$$Max \ Z = \sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{j} x_{j}$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} x_{j} \le b_{i} \quad i = 1, ..., m$$
$$x_{j} \ge 0 \quad j = 1, ..., n.$$

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$$\begin{array}{ll} Max \ Z = \sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{j} x_{j} & Min \ y_{0} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i} y_{j} \\ st. & & & & \\ \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} x_{j} \leq b_{i} & i = 1, ..., m & & & \\ & & & \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_{ij} y_{i} \geq c_{j} & j = 1, ..., n. \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & y_{i} \geq 0 & i = 1, ..., m. \end{array}$$

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Writing the dual problem



Writing the dual problem

The necessary steps to write the dual problem are given below. Whenever the primary problem does not have an equality constraint or a unrestricted variable, it will be as follows:

Step 1) If the objective function of the primal problem is maximization, we make the constraints of the dual problem less or equal.

Step 2) If the constraints of the primary problem are less or equal, then the constraints of the dual problem will be less or equal, too.

Step 3) For each constraint in the primary problem, we consider a variable in the dual problem.

Step 4) The coefficients of the objective function of the dual problem are formed from the numbers on the right hand side of the primary problem.



Step 5) The numbers on the right hand side of the constraints of the dual problem are obtained from the coefficients of the objective function of the primary problem.

Step 6) All the variables of the primary and dual problem are non-negative.

Writing the dual problem

Example: Write the dual model of the following model.

$$Max \quad Z = 4x_{1} + 5x_{2}$$

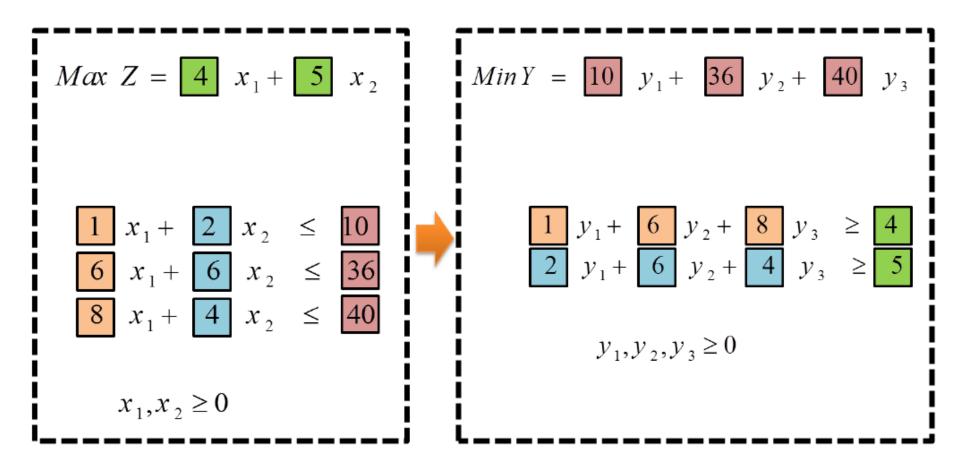
$$x_{1} + 2x_{2} \le 10$$

$$6x_{1} + 6x_{2} \le 36$$

$$8x_{1} + 4x_{2} \le 40$$

$$x_{1}, x_{2} \ge 0$$

Writing the dual problem



Dual problem for other forms

If the initial problem has constraints in the form of equality, each constraint in the form of equality is replaced by two constraints with the same variables and coefficients, one greater or equal and the other smaller or equal. Then by multiplying the greater or equal constraint by minus one, both constraints will be smaller or equal.

Example: write the dual model of the following problem.

$$Max \ Z = x_1 + 2x_2$$
$$2x_1 + x_2 = 5$$
$$3x_1 - x_2 \le 6$$
$$x_1, x_2 \ge 0$$

Solution: The first constraint is equivalent to the following two inequality constraints:

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 5 \rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 \le 5 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \ge 5 \rightarrow -2x_1 - x_2 \le -5 \end{cases}$$

Now the problem becomes like this:

$$Max \ Z = x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \le 5$$

$$-2x_1 - x_2 \le -5$$

$$3x_1 - x_2 \le 6$$

$$x_1, x_2 \ge 0$$

If we denote the variable of the dual problem with the above three constraints by y_1 , y_2 , and y_3 ; the dual problem will be as follows.

$$Min Y = 5y_1 - 5y_2 + 6y_3$$
$$2y_1 - 2y_2 + 3y_3 \ge 1$$
$$y_1 - y_2 - y_3 \ge 2$$
$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \ge 0$$

By changing the above problem, $y_4=y_1-y_2$, y_4 becomes a unrestricted variable. Because the result of the difference of two non-negative values y_2 and y_1 can be positive or negative, so we have:

$$Min Y = 5y_4 + 6y_3$$
$$2y_4 + 3y_3 \ge 1$$
$$y_4 - y_3 \ge 2$$
$$y_3 \ge 0, y_4 : Unrestricted$$

So as a rule we can say:

Whenever an equality constraint is established in the primary problem, the variable corresponding to that constraint in the dual problem is unrestriced.

Example: Write the dual model of the following problem.

Max
$$Z = 3x_1 + x_2$$

 $2x_1 + x_2 \le 4$
 $3x_1 - x_2 \le 6$
 $x_2 \ge 0, x_1$:Unrestricted

Solution:

We change the unrestriced x_1 as x_2 - x_3 .

$$Max \ Z = 3x_{3} - 3x_{4} + x_{2}$$

$$2x_{3} - 2x_{4} + x_{2} \le 4$$

$$3x_{3} - 3x_{4} - x_{2} \le 6$$

$$x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \ge 0$$

$$Min Y = 4y_{1} + 6y_{2}$$

$$2y_{1} + 3y_{2} \ge 3$$

$$-2y_{1} - 3y_{2} \ge -3$$

$$y_{1} - y_{2} \ge 1$$

$$y_{1}, y_{2} \ge 0$$

The first constraint can be replaced by the equality constraint. The final form of the problem is as follows:

$$Min Y = 4y_{1} + 6y_{2}$$
$$2y_{1} + 3y_{2} = 3$$
$$y_{1} - y_{2} \ge 1$$
$$y_{1}, y_{2} \ge 0$$

So as a rule we can say:

Whenever a variable is unrestriced in the primary problem, thecontraint of that variable in the dual problem is equality.www.optimizationcity.com14

Example: Consider the following model:

 $Max \ Z = 3x_1 + 5x_2$ s t .(1) $x = \sqrt{4}$ (11)

(1)	$x_1 \leq 4$	(\mathcal{Y}_1)
(2)	$2x_2 \le 12$	(y_2)
(3)	$3x_1 + 2x_2 \le 18$	(y_{3})
	$x_i \ge 0$ $i = 1, 2.$	

Construct the dual problem.

Solution:

$$Min \ y_0 = 4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3$$

st.

(1)
$$y_1 + 3y_3 \ge 3$$

(2) $2y_2 + 2y_2 \ge 5$
 $y_i \ge 0$ $i = 1, 2, 3.$

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Model	Decision variables	Shadow prices
Primal model	$x_1 = 2$ $x_2 = 6$	$y_1 = 0$ $y_2 = 1.5$ $y_3 = 1$
Dual model	$y_1 = 0$ $y_2 = 1.5$ $y_3 = 1$	$s_1 = 2$ $s_2 = 6$

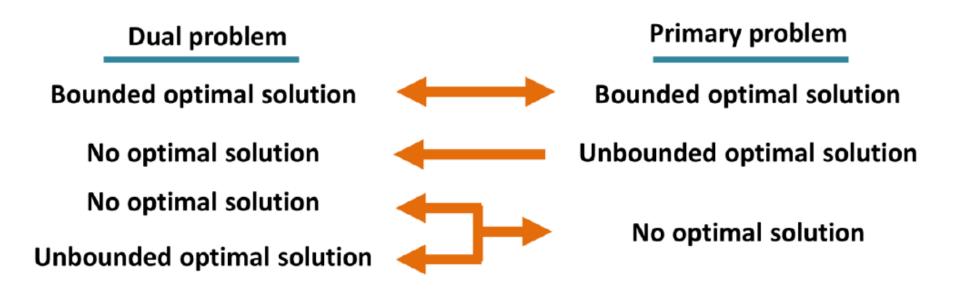
Observation



	Primal n	nodel		Dual m	odel
Row	Basic solution Feasible?		Objective function	Basic solution	Feasible?
1	(0,0,4,12,18)	Yes	0	(0,0,0,-3,-5)	No
2	(4,0,0,12,6)	Yes	12	(3,0,0,0,-5)	No
3	(6,0,-2,12,0)	No	18	(0,0,1,0,-3)	No
4	(4,3,0,6,0)	Yes	27	(-4.5,0,2.5,0,0)	No
5	(0,6,4,0,6)	Yes	30	(0,2.5,0,-3,0)	No
6	(2,6,2,0,0)	Yes	36	(0,1.5,1,0,0)	Yes
7	(4,6,0,0,-6)	No	42	(3,2.5,0,0,0)	Yes
8	(0,9,4,-6,0)	No	45	(0,0,2.5,4.5,0)	Yes



Relationships between the solutions of the primal and dual problems



Example: Construct and graph a primal problem with two decision variables and two functional constraints that has feasible solutions and an unbounded objective function. Then construct the dual problem and demonstrate graphically that it has no feasible solutions.

Solution:

The model is as follows:

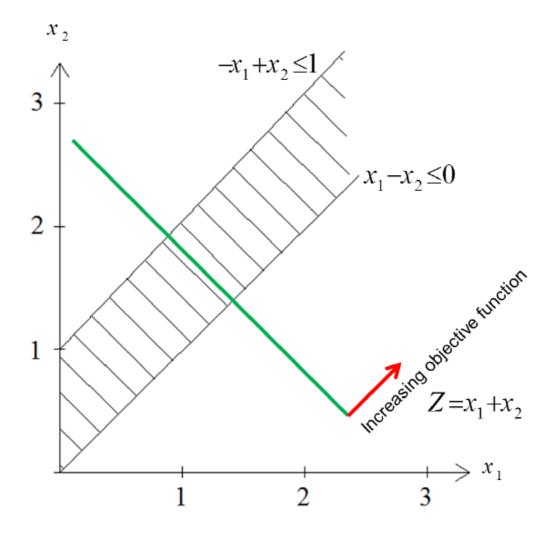
$$Max \ Z = x_1 + x_2$$

st.
(1) $-x_1 + x_2 \le 1$ (v.)

(2)
$$x_1 - x_2 \le 0$$
 (y_2)
 $x_i \ge 0$ $i = 1, 2.$

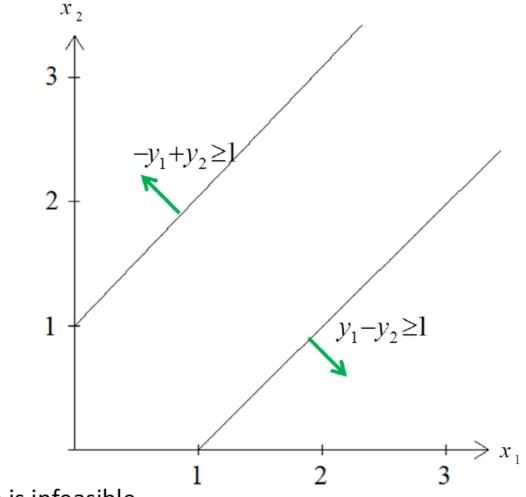
If $x_1 = x_2 = c$ and c approaches to infinity, then Z = 2c and therefore the objective function approaches to infinity. The Dual problem is as follows.

Min $y_0 = y_1$ st. (1) $-y_1 + y_2 \ge 1$ (2) $y_1 - y_2 \ge 1$ $y_i \ge 0$ i = 1, 2.



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The dual problem is infeasible.

Example: Consider the following problem.

$$Max \quad Z = 6x_1 + 8x_2$$

$$s t \quad (1) \quad 5x_2 + 2x_3 \quad (2)$$

(1) $5x_1 + 2x_2 \le 20$ (2) $x_1 + 2x_2 \le 10$ $x_i \ge 0$ i = 1, 2.

a) Construct the dual problem for this primal problem.

b) Solve both the primal problem and the dual problem graphically.

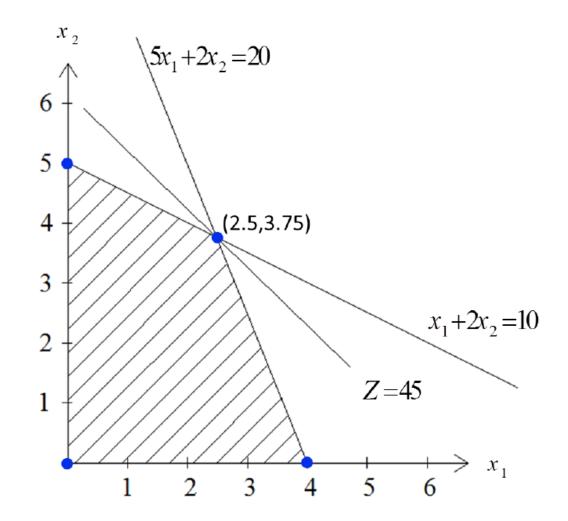
c) Use the information obtained in part (b) to construct a table listing the complementary basic solutions for these problems.

d) Work through the simplex method step by step to solve the primal problem. After each iteration (including iteration 0), identify the basic feasible solution for this problem and the complementary basic solution for the dual problem.

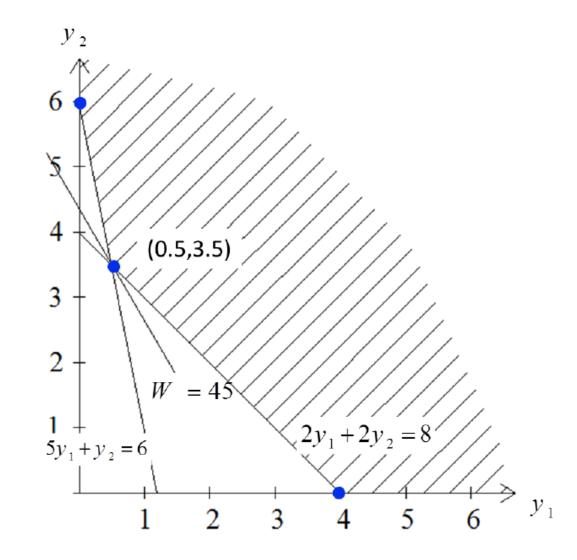
Solution:

a)

- Min $W = 20y_1 + 10y_2$ st.
 - (1) $5y_1 + y_2 \ge 6$ (2) $2y_1 + 2y_2 \ge 8$ $y_i \ge 0 \quad i = 1, 2.$



The optimal solution is $(x_1^*, x_2^*) = (2.5, 3.75)$ and $Z^* = 45$.



The optimal solution is $(y_1^*, y_2^*) = (0.5, 3.5)$ and W = 45.

c)

	Primal n	nodel		Dual model		
Row	Basic solution Feasible?		Objective function	Basic solution	Feasible?	
1	(0,5,10,0)	Yes	40	(0,4,-2,0)	No	
2	(0,0,20,10)	Yes	0	(0,0,-6,-8)	No	
3	(4,0,0,6)	Yes	24	(1.2,0,0,-28/5)	No	
4	(2.5,3.75,0,0)	Yes	45	(0.5,3.5,0,0)	Yes	
5	(0,10,0,-10)	No	80	(4,0,14,0)	Yes	
6	(10,0,-3,0)	No	60	(0,6,0,4)	Yes	

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d)

Basic variable	Row	z	X 1	X₂	X ₃	X 4	Right Hand Side	
Z	0	1	-6	-8	0	0	0	Non optimal
Хз	1	0	5	2	1	0	20	20/2
X 4	2	0	1	2	0	1	10	Min 10/2

Primal: (0,0,20,10)

Dual: (0, 0, -6, -8)

	Basic variable	Row	z	X1	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	Right Hand Side	
	Z	0	1	-2	0	0	4	40	Non optimal
-	Хз	1	0	4	0	1	-1	10	Min 10/4
	X2	2	0	0.5	1	0	0.5	5	5/0.5

Primal: (0,5,10,0)

Dual: (0, 4, -2, 0)

Basic variable	Row	z	X 1	X ₂	X ₃	X 4	Right Hand Side	
Z	0	1	0	0	0.5	3.5	45	Optimal
X1	1	0	1	0	0.25	-0.25	2.5	
X2	2	0	0	1	-0.13	0.625	3.75	

Primal: (2.5, 3.75, 0, 0)

Dual: (0.5, 3.5, 0, 0)

Dual simplex method



Dual Simplex Method

The dual simplex method can be thought of as the mirror image of the simplex method. The simplex method deals directly with basic solutions in the primal problem that are primal feasible but not primal optimal or not dual feasible. It then moves toward an optimal solution to achieve dual feasibility as well (the optimality test for the simplex method). By contrast, the dual simplex method deals with basic solutions in the primal problem that are dual feasible(primal optimal) but not primal feasible. It then moves toward an optimal solution to achieve an optimal optimal optimal) but not primal feasible. It then moves toward an optimal feasible. It then moves toward an optimal feasible primal problem that are dual feasible primal optimal optimal) but not primal feasible. It then moves toward an optimal solution to achieve primal feasibility as well.

Dual simplex method

In maximization form, the problem to be solved is

$$\begin{array}{ll} Max \ Z = \sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{j} x_{j} & Max \ Z = \sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{j} x_{j} \\ st. & st. \\ \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} x_{j} \leq b_{i} \quad i = 1, ..., m \\ x_{j} \geq 0 \quad j = 1, ..., n. \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ll} Max \ Z = \sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{j} x_{j} \\ st. \\ \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} x_{j} + S_{i} = b_{i} \quad i = 1, ..., m \\ x_{j} \geq 0 \quad j = 1, ..., n. \end{array}$$



Step 0: After converting any functional constraints in \geq form to \leq form (by multiplying through both sides by -1), introduce slack variables (if needed) to construct a set of equations in equal form. Find a basic solution such that the coefficients in row 0 (objective function) are zero for basic variables and nonnegative for nonbasic variables (so the solution is optimal if it is feasible). Go to the **step 1**.

Step 1: Check to see all the basic variables are nonnegative ($b_i \ge 0 \forall i = 1, ..., m$). If they are, then this solution is feasible, and therefore optimal, so stop. Otherwise ($b_i < 0 \exists i$), go to an step 2.

Dual simplex method

Step 2: Follow the steps below:

Step 2-1: Determine the leaving basic variable. Select the negative basic variable, r, that has the largest absolute right hand side, meaning:

 $\overline{b_r} = M_{ax} \left\{ \left| b_i \right| \mid b_i < 0 \right\}$

If all the coefficients of the variables in the r-th row are Non-negative $a_{ij} \ge 0 \quad \forall j = 1, ..., n$), stop because the problem is infeasible. If $a_{ij} < 0 \exists j$ holds, go to step 2-2.

Step 2-2: Determine the entering basic variable. Select the nonbasic variable being made by checking the nonbasic variables with negative coefficients ($a_{ij} < 0$) in that equation and selecting the one with the smallest absolute value of the ratio of the row 0 coefficient to the coefficient in that equation, Meaning:

$$\frac{c_s}{a_{rs}} = M_{jn} \left\{ \left| \frac{c_j}{a_{rj}} \right| |a_{rj}| < 0 \right\}$$

Dual simplex method



In above rule, we enter variable s to the basis and leave variable r from basis. Put a box around the row front of variable x_r , and call this the pivot row. Put a box around the column below of variable x_s , and call this the pivot column. Also call the number that is in both boxes the pivot number.

Step 2-3: Determine the new basic solution by using elementary row operations as follows:

1- Divide the pivot row by the pivot number.

2- For each other row (including row 0) that has a negative coefficient in the pivot column, add to this row the product of the absolute value of this coefficient and the new pivot row.

3- For each other row that has a positive coefficient in the pivot column, subtract from this row the product of this coefficient and the new pivot row.

Go to step 1.



Example: Consider the following problem.

$$Max \quad Z = -4x_1 - 12x_2 - 18x_3$$

st.

(1)
$$x_1 + 3x_3 \ge 3$$

(2) $2x_2 + 2x_3 \ge 5$
 $x_i \ge 0$ $i = 1, 2, 3.$

Use the dual simplex method to solve this problem.

Solution:

$$Max \quad Z = -4x_1 - 12x_2 - 18x_3$$

st.

(1)
$$-x_1 - 3x_3 + x_4 = -3$$

(2) $-2x_2 - 2x_3 + x_5 = -5$
 $x_i \ge 0 \quad i = 1, ..., 5.$

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The initial basic solution (0,0,0,-3,-5) with Z = 0 which is not feasible because x_4 and x_5 are the negative values. Dual simplex method is applied in the following table.

Iteration	Basic variable	Row	z	X 1	X ₂	X ₃	X4	X 5	Right Hand Side	
0	Z	0	1	4	12	18	0	0	0	Non optimal
	X 4	1	0	-1	0	-3	1	0	-3	
	X 5	2	0	0	-2	▼ -2	0	1	-5	→
	Z	0	1	4	0	6	0	6	-30	Non optimal
1	X 4	1	0	-1	0	-3	1	0	-3	→
	X 2	2	0	0	1	1	0	-0.5	2.5	
	Z	0	1	2	0	0	2	6	-36	Optimal
2	X 3	1	0	0.33	0	1	-0.33	0	1	
	X2	2	0	-0.33	1	0	0.33	-0.5	1.5	

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Example: Consider the following model:

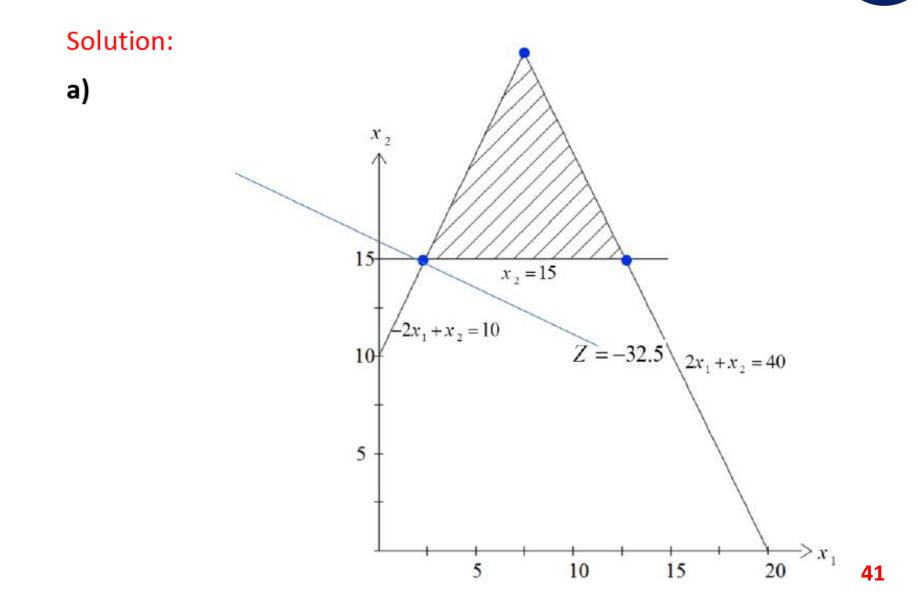
Max $Z = -5x_1 - 10x_2$ st. (1) $2x_1 + x_2 \le 40$ (2) $x_2 \ge 15$

(3)
$$-2x_1 + x_2 \le 10$$

 $x_i \ge 0 \quad i = 1, 2.$

- a) Solve the problem graphically.
- b) Use the dual simplex method manually to solve this problem.
- c) Draw the path connecting the basic solutions.

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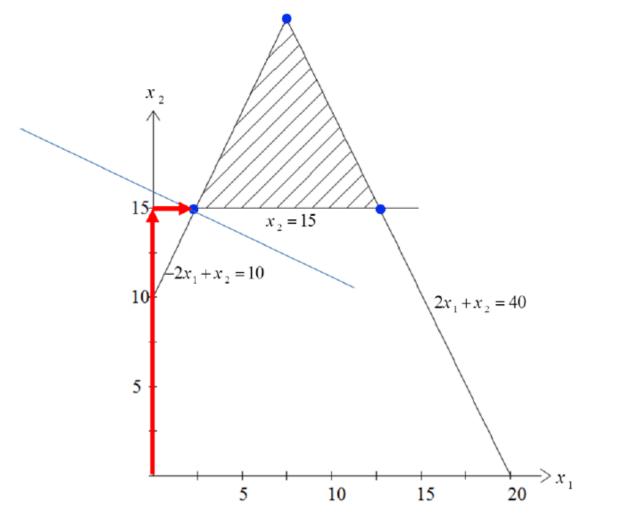


b)

	Basic solution	Row	Z	X1	X 2	Хз	X 4	X 5	RHS	
	Z	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	Non optimal
	X3	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	40	
ł	X4	2	0	0	-1	0	1	0	-15	
	X5	3	0	-2	1	0	0	1	10	
	Z	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	-30	Non-optimal
	X3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	25	
	X_2	2	0	0	1	0	-1	0	15	
ł	X5	3	0	-2	0	0	1	1	-5	
	Z	0	1	0	0	0	2.5	0.5	-32.5	Optimal
	X3	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	20	
	\mathbf{X}_2	2	0	0	1	0	-1	0	15	
	\mathbf{X}_1	3	0	1	0	0	-0.5	-0.5	2.5	

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c) we draw the path of basic solutions for the dual model $(0,0) \rightarrow (0,15) \rightarrow (2.5,15)$



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The prime-dual simplex algorithm

This algorithm is used for problems that are infeasible (due to the presence of negative numbers on the right hand side of the constraints) and non-optimal (due to the presence of negative numbers in the row 0). The advantage of this algorithm compared to the previous methods is that there is no need to add an artificial variable. The prime-dual algorithm is based on the concepts of the prime simplex and the dual simplex algorithm.

Note:



Steps of the prime-dual simplex algorithm

Step 1. Like the standard form of the simplex method, transform all the constraints of the problem into a smaller or equal form and the objective function into a maximum.

Step 2. After adding auxiliary variables to the constraints, enter the problem into the simplex table.

Step 3. Calculate the amount of change in the objective function by calculating the effect of using the prime simplex or the dual simplex as follows:

A) prime simplex effect: This effect is checked when there is a variable with a negative coefficient in the row 0 and the number of the pivot column and the value on the right hand side opposite this number are non-negative. This effect is calculated as follows.

$$\frac{b_i \times c_j}{a_{ij}}$$

b) Dual simplex effect: This effect can be calculated when there is a variable in the zero row with a non-negative coefficient and the number of the pivot column and the value on the right hand side opposite this number are negative. This effect is similar to part A and is calculated as follows.

$$\frac{b_i \times c_j}{a_{ij}}$$

Step 4. We select the largest calculated absolute value related to the effect of the prime and dual simplex and act according to the prime or dual algorithms. If it is not possible to use a prime or a dual simplex, you have reached the end of the operation, otherwise go to step 3.

Example: Consider the following problem.

$$Max \ Z = -3x_1 + 6x_2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \ge 6$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 \ge 9$$

$$7x_1 + 5x_2 \le 35$$

$$x_1, x_2 \ge 0$$

Solution:

Based on steps 1 and 2, we transform the problem as follows.

$$Max \quad Z = -3x_{1} + 6x_{2}$$

$$-x_{1} - 2x_{2} + s_{1} = -6$$

$$-3x_{1} - x_{2} + s_{2} = -9$$

$$7x_{1} + 5x_{2} + s_{3} = 35$$

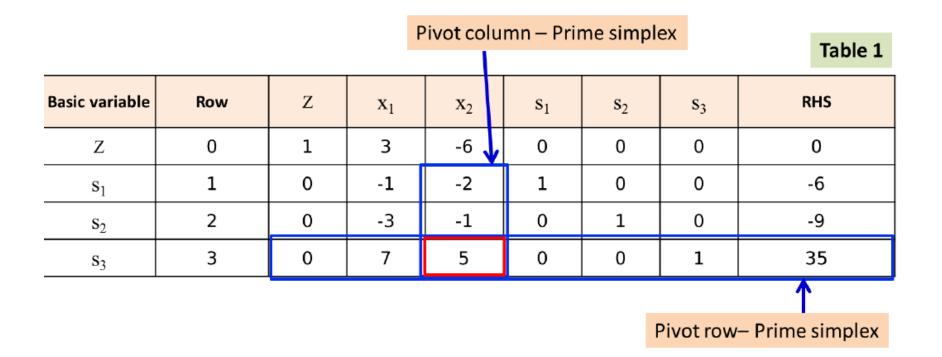
$$x_{1}, x_{2}, s_{1}, s_{2}, s_{3} \ge 0$$

Prime simplex effect =
$$= \frac{35 \times 6}{5} = 42$$

Dual simplex effect =
$$\left|\frac{(-6) \times 3}{(-1)}\right| = 18$$

Dual simplex effect = $\left|\frac{(-9) \times 3}{(-3)}\right| = 9$

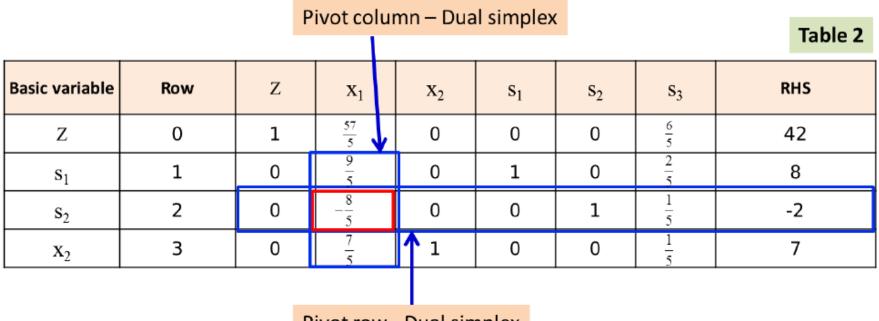
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In Table 2, since there is no negative number in the zero row, it is not possible to calculate the initial simplex effect. But since the only negative number related to the basic variable s₂ is -2, the only negative number is -1.6 in row 2, and $\frac{57}{5} > 0$, it is possible to calculate the dual simplex effect. This effect, which is also the only effect, is calculated as follows:

$$= \left| \frac{(-2) \times (\frac{57}{5})}{(-\frac{8}{5})} \right| = 14.25$$

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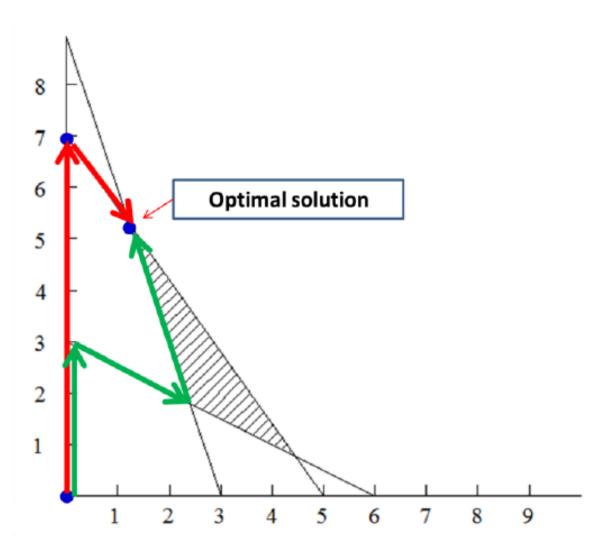


Pivot row- Dual simplex

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Basic variable	Row	Z	x ₁	x ₂	\mathbf{s}_1	s ₂	s ₃	RHS
Z	0	1	0	0	0	$\frac{57}{8}$	$\frac{21}{8}$	$\frac{111}{4}$
s ₁	1	0	0	0	1	$\frac{9}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{23}{4}$
x ₁	2	0	1	0	0	$-\frac{5}{8}$	$-\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{4}$
x ₂	3	0	0	1	0	7 8	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{21}{4}$



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Two important theorems in dual theory

Weak duality theorem

if $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ is a feasible solution of the prime problem and $(y_1, y_2, ..., y_m)$ is a feasible solution of the dual problem, then we have:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} c_j x_j \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_i y_i$$

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Important theorems in duality

Strong duality theorem

if the prime problem has an optimal solution $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$, its dual problem also has an optimal solution $(y_1, y_2, ..., y_m)$ so that:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{j} x_{j} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i} y_{i}$$





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