

1. Let  $z^*$  be the optimal objective function value of

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, m) \\ & x_j \geq 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

and let  $y_1^* \cdots y_m^*$  be any optimal solution of the dual problem. Prove that

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

for every feasible solution  $x_1^* \cdots x_n^*$  of

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i + t_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, m) \\ & x_j \geq 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} y_i^* \right) x_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \right) y_i^* \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m (b_i + t_i) y_i^* = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i y_i^* + \sum_{i=1}^m t_i y_i^* \end{aligned}$$

Since  $y_1^* \cdots y_m^*$  are the optimal solution of the dual problem, the strong duality holds.

$$\begin{aligned} &\implies z^* = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i y_i^* \\ \implies \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m b_i y_i^* + \sum_{i=1}^m t_i y_i^* = z^* + \sum_{i=1}^m t_i y_i^* \end{aligned}$$

2. For each of the two problems below, use the complementary slackness in the preview section to check the optimality of the proposed solution.

(a)

$$\begin{array}{llllllll} \max & 7x_1 & + & 6x_2 & + & 5x_3 & - & 2x_4 & + & 3x_5 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 & + & 3x_2 & + & 5x_3 & - & 2x_4 & + & 2x_5 & \leq & 4 \\ & 4x_1 & + & 2x_2 & - & 2x_3 & + & x_4 & + & x_5 & \leq & 3 \\ & 2x_1 & + & 4x_2 & + & 4x_3 & - & 2x_4 & + & 5x_5 & \leq & 5 \\ & 3x_1 & + & x_2 & + & 2x_3 & - & x_4 & - & 2x_5 & \leq & 1 \\ & & & & & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 & & & & & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$

Proposed solution:  $x_1^* = 0, x_2^* = \frac{4}{3}, x_3^* = \frac{2}{3}, x_4^* = \frac{5}{3}, x_5^* = 0$

(b)

$$\begin{array}{llllllllll} \max & 4x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & x_3 & + & 3x_4 & - & 5x_5 & + & 8x_6 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 & & & & - & 4x_3 & + & 3x_4 & + & x_5 & + & x_6 & \leq & 1 \\ & 5x_1 & + & 3x_2 & + & x_3 & & & - & 5x_5 & + & 3x_6 & \leq & 4 \\ & 4x_1 & + & 5x_2 & - & 3x_3 & + & 3x_4 & - & 4x_5 & + & x_6 & \leq & 4 \\ & & & - & x_2 & & & + & 2x_4 & + & x_5 & - & 5x_6 & \leq & 5 \\ & -2x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & + & 2x_5 & + & 2x_6 & \leq & 7 \\ & 2x_1 & - & 3x_2 & + & 2x_3 & - & x_4 & + & 4x_5 & + & 5x_6 & \leq & 5 \\ & & & & & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6 & & & & & & \geq & 0 \end{array}$$

Proposed solution:  $x_1^* = 0, x_2^* = 0, x_3^* = \frac{5}{2}, x_4^* = \frac{7}{2}, x_5^* = 0, x_6^* = \frac{1}{2}$

(a)  $x_1^* = 0, x_2^* = \frac{4}{3}, x_3^* = \frac{2}{3}, x_4^* = \frac{5}{3}, x_5^* = 0 \implies y_6 = 0, y_7 = 0, y_8 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} (0) & + & 3(\frac{4}{3}) & + & 5(\frac{2}{3}) & - & 2(\frac{5}{3}) & + & 2(0) & = & 4 \\ 4(0) & + & 2(\frac{4}{3}) & - & 2(\frac{2}{3}) & + & (0) & + & 2(0) & = & 3 \\ 2(0) & + & 4(\frac{4}{3}) & + & 4(\frac{2}{3}) & - & 2(\frac{5}{3}) & + & 2(0) & = & 2 \leq 5 \\ 3(0) & + & (\frac{4}{3}) & + & 2(\frac{2}{3}) & - & (\frac{5}{3}) & + & 2(0) & = & 0 \leq 2 \end{array} \implies y_3 = 0$$

Then consider the dual form:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} 1y_1 & + & 4y_2 & + & 2y_3 & + & 3y_4 & \geq & 7 & (1) \\ 3y_1 & + & 2y_2 & + & 4y_3 & + & y_4 & = & 6 & (2) \\ 5y_1 & - & 2y_2 & + & 4y_3 & + & 2y_4 & = & 5 & (3) \\ -2y_1 & + & y_2 & - & 2y_3 & - & y_4 & = & -2 & (4) \\ 2y_1 & + & y_2 & + & 5y_3 & - & 2y_4 & \geq & 3 & (5) \end{array}$$

We can obtain  $y_1 = 1, y_2 = 1$  and  $y_4 = 1$  from equation (2)(3)(4). Since the solution could not match equation (5), the proposed solution is not the optimal solution.

(b)  $x_1^* = 0, x_2^* = 0, x_3^* = \frac{5}{2}, x_4^* = \frac{7}{2}, x_5^* = 0, x_6^* = \frac{1}{2} \implies y_9 = 0, y_{10} = 0, y_{12} = 0$

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} (0) & & & - & 4(\frac{5}{2}) & + & 3(\frac{7}{2}) & + & (0) & + & 4(\frac{1}{2}) & = & 1 \\ 5(0) & + & 3(0) & + & (\frac{5}{2}) & + & & - & 5(0) & + & 3(\frac{1}{2}) & = & 4 \\ 4(0) & + & 5(0) & - & 3(\frac{5}{2}) & + & 3(\frac{7}{2}) & - & 4(0) & + & 2(\frac{1}{2}) & = & \frac{7}{2} \leq 4 \\ & & & - & (0) & + & 2(\frac{7}{2}) & + & (0) & - & 0(\frac{1}{2}) & = & \frac{9}{2} \leq 5 \\ -2(0) & + & (0) & + & (\frac{5}{2}) & + & (\frac{7}{2}) & + & 2(0) & + & 0(\frac{1}{2}) & = & 7 \\ 2(0) & - & 3(0) & + & 2(\frac{5}{2}) & - & (\frac{7}{2}) & + & 4(0) & + & 0(\frac{1}{2}) & = & 4 \leq 5 \end{array} \implies y_3 = 0, y_4 = 0, y_6 = 0$$

Then consider the dual form:

$$1y_1 + 5y_2 + \cancel{4y_3} - 2y_5 + \cancel{2y_6} \geq 4 \quad (1)$$

$$3y_2 + \cancel{5y_3} - \cancel{y_4} + y_5 - \cancel{3y_6} \geq 5 \quad (2)$$

$$-4y_1 + y_2 - \cancel{3y_3} + y_5 + \cancel{2y_6} = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$3y_1 + \cancel{3y_3} + \cancel{2y_4} + y_5 - \cancel{y_6} = 3 \quad (4)$$

$$-y_1 - 5y_2 - \cancel{4y_3} + \cancel{y_4} + 2y_5 + \cancel{4y_6} \geq -5 \quad (5)$$

$$1y_1 + 3y_2 + \cancel{y_3} + \cancel{2y_4} + 2y_5 + \cancel{5y_6} = 8 \quad (6)$$

We can obtain  $y_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y_2 = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $y_3 = \frac{3}{2}$  from equation (3)(4)(6). After back substitution and check in another equation. The proposed solution  $x_1^* = 0$ ,  $x_2^* = 0$ ,  $x_3^* = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  $x_4^* = \frac{7}{2}$ ,  $x_5^* = 0$  and  $x_6^* = \frac{1}{2}$  is the optimal solution.