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## Question 2

Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimize} \quad & z = 3x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 4 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \geq 1 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \leq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- (a) Is the point  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (\frac{6}{5}, \frac{7}{5}, 0)$  an optimal solution?
- (b) Is the point  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0)$  an optimal solution?

## Question 3

Study the following LP problem using duality concept.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize} \quad & z = z = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 \\ & -x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & 2x_1 + x_2 \geq 0 \\ & 2x_1 - 2x_2 \leq 1 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

- (a) Determine the primal solution where the dual variables are given by the vector  $v = (0, 1/3, 0, 2/3)^T$   
By using Complementary Slackness (3)

$$\bar{W}^T(B - A\bar{X}) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{X}^T(A^T\bar{W} - C) = 0 \tag{3}$$

Therefore,  $\bar{W}^T(B - A\bar{X}) = 0$  is solved as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0(1 - (-x_1 + x_2)) &= 0 \\ \frac{1}{3}(2 - (x_1 + 2x_2)) &= 0 \\ 0(0 - (2x_1 + x_2)) &= 0 \\ \frac{2}{3}(1 - (2x_1 - 2x_2)) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We therefore, get the following system of simultaneous equations as stated below.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 &= 2 \\ 2x_1 - 2x_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solving the above simultaneous equation where  $x_1 = 1$  and  $x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ ; the solution for the primal is thus:  $\bar{X}^T = (1, \frac{1}{2})^T$

- (b) Determine the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  for which the primal solution is optimal.

New  $\bar{X}^T(A^T\bar{W} - C) = 0$

To solve for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , we first determine the dual to the Linear Programming Problem in (2) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimize} \quad & v = w_1 + 2w_2 + 0w_3 + w_4 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & -w_1 + w_2 + 2w_3 + 2w_4 \geq c_1 \\ & w_1 + 2w_2 + w_3 - 2w_4 \geq c_2 \\ & w_1, w_2 \geq 0, w_3 \leq 0, w_4 \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\bar{X}^T(A^T\bar{W} - C) = 0$$

From (4), where therefore solve for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) 1(-w_1 + w_2 + 3w_3 + 2w_4 - c_1) &= 0 \\ (0 + \frac{1}{3} + 0 + \frac{4}{3} - c_1) &= 0 \\ c_1 &= \frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \frac{1}{2}(w_1 + 2w_2 + w_3 - 2w_4 - c_2) &= 0 \\ (0 + \frac{2}{3} + 0 - \frac{4}{3} - c_2) &= 0 \\ c_2 &= \frac{-2}{3} \end{aligned}$$