

Duality of LPP

- Associated with every LPP there always exists another LPP which is based on the same data and has the same solution. The original problem is called the primal, the associated one is called dual.
- It is important to note that either of the two LPPs can be considered as the primal and the other one as the dual.

Primal	<i>it's all the decision variables</i>	Dual	<i>it's all the decision variables</i>
max $Z = CX$		min $W = b^T V$	
$= C_1 x_1 + \dots + C_n x_n$		$= b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_m v_m$	<i>transposed</i>
st		st.	
$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1$		$a_{11}v_1 + \dots + a_{1m}v_m \geq C_1$	<i>if x_1 was $<$ then it can be $>$</i>
\vdots		\vdots	
$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m$		$a_{m1}v_1 + \dots + a_{mn}v_m \geq C_m$	
$AX \leq b$		$A^T V \geq C^T$	
$x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0$			

- Cost parameters become the requirement parameters and the requirement parameters become the cost/price parameters.
- The number of variables in the primal is the number of constraints in the dual and vice versa.
- The requirement vector in the primal is the price vector in the dual and vice versa.
- The transpose of the coefficient matrix of the primal is the coefficient matrix of the dual.
- If the primal is a maximization problem then its dual is a minimization problem and vice versa.
- If any primal constraint is an equality, then the corresponding dual variable is unrestricted in sign and vice versa.

Q. Find the dual of the following LPP:

$$\text{max } Z = 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3$$

s.t.

$$x_1 - 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 7$$

$$2x_1 - 5x_2 \leq 3$$

$$3x_2 - x_3 \geq 5$$

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

$$x_1 - 5x_2 + 3x_3 \geq 7 \Rightarrow -x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 \leq -7$$

$$x_1 - 5x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 7$$

$$2x_1 - 5x_2 \leq 3$$

$$-3x_2 + x_3 \leq -5$$

converted all to \leq as it is a maximization problem.

Dual:

as they are coming from the same constraint

$$\text{min } w = 7v_1' - 7v_1'' + 3v_2 - 5v_3$$

s.t.

coeff of x_i from primal constraints

$$v_1' - v_1'' + 2v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3 \geq 2$$

$$-5v_1' + 5v_1'' - 5v_2 - 3v_3 \geq 3$$

$$3v_1' - 3v_1'' + v_2 \geq 4$$

$$v_1', v_1'', v_2, v_3 \geq 0$$

$$v_1 = v_1' - v_1'' \rightarrow \text{unrestricted in sign}$$

\Downarrow

$$\text{min } w = 7v_1 + 3v_2 - 5v_3$$

s.t.

$$v_1 + 2v_2 \geq 2$$

$$-5v_1 - 5v_2 - 3v_3 \geq 3$$

$$3v_1 + v_2 \geq 4$$

$$v_2, v_3 \geq 0 \quad \text{as } v_1 \text{ is unrestricted in sign}$$

Duality theorems

Theorem 1:

If LPP has a finite optimal solution iff there exists feasible solutions to both the primal and dual problems.

Theorem 2:

If an LPP has an unbounded objective function for the primal, then the dual has no feasible solution.

Theorem 3:

If the dual of an LPP has no feasible solution and the primal problem has a feasible solⁿ then the primal objective funcⁿ is unbounded.

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$$2 = 873 + 374$$

$$= 24 + 20$$

920

$a_1 = 8$
 $a_2 = 5/3$
 $z = 92/3$

1st
2nd
3rd

$x_1 = 8$
 $x_2 = 5/3$
 $x_3 = 92/3$

22 92/5

$$2 \times 4 + 7 = 15$$

$$= 9\frac{2}{3}$$

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