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15. Duality Theory – two linear programs in one tableau, and the strong duality theorem

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Definition (Dual LP Problem)

Given a canonical maximization LP problem (called *primal*)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(P)} \quad & \text{Maximize } f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} - d \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

its *dual LP problem* is a canonical minimization LP problem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(D)} \quad & \text{Minimize } g(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} - d \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{c} \\ & \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Note

Every canonical minimization LP problem also has a dual LP problem which is a canonical maximization problem. We can think of canonical LP problems as a pair (primal and dual) of LP problems which are dual to each other. Most of the time we will assume the primal LP is a maximization problem and the dual LP is a minimization.

Dual Canonical Tableau

Any canonical Tucker tableau can be interpreted both as a canonical maximization LP problem and a canonical minimization LP problem.

| | x_1 | x_2 | \dots | x_n | -1 | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| y_1 | a_{11} | a_{12} | \dots | a_{1n} | b_1 | $= -t_1$ |
| y_2 | a_{21} | a_{22} | \dots | a_{2n} | b_2 | $= -t_2$ |
| \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \ddots | \vdots | \vdots | |
| y_m | a_{m1} | a_{m2} | \dots | a_{mn} | b_m | $= -t_m$ |
| -1 | c_1 | c_2 | \dots | c_n | d | $= f$ |
| | $= s_1$ | $= s_2$ | \dots | $= s_n$ | $= g$ | |

- N and E—maximization
- W and S—minimization

Definition (Dual LP Problems, Dual Canonical Tableau)

Any pair of canonical maximization and canonical minimization LP problems corresponding to the same tableau as above are said to be *dual LP problems* or *duals*. The tableau of dual canonical LP problems is said to be a *dual canonical tableau*.

Definition (Minimum Basic Feasible Tableau)

Let

| | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (ind var's) | a_{11} | a_{12} | \dots | a_{1n} | b_1 |
| | a_{21} | a_{22} | \dots | a_{2n} | b_2 |
| | \vdots | \vdots | \ddots | \vdots | \vdots |
| | a_{m1} | a_{m2} | \dots | a_{mn} | b_m |
| -1 | c_1 | c_2 | \dots | c_n | d |
| | =(dep var's) | | | | = g |

be a tableau of a canonical minimization LP problem. The tableau is said to be *minimum basic feasible* if $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \leq 0$.

... corresponds to a basic feasible solution...

Example: solving dual LPs

(P) Maximize $f(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1 + 3x_2$
subject to

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 20$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 30$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 25$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

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subject to

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|-------|---------|---------|-------|
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Recall: To solve (D) via the Minimization Simplex Algorithm:

Minimize g $\xrightarrow[\text{Tableau}]{\text{Neg. Transpose}}$ Maximize $-g$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Max SA}}$ Minimum $g = -(\text{Maximum } -g)$

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Solving (P) with Maximization SA

| x_1 | x_2 | -1 | | t_3 | x_2 | -1 | |
|-------|-------|------|----------|-------|-------|------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 20 | $= -t_1$ | -1/2 | 3/2 | 15/2 | $= -t_1$ |
| 2 | 2 | 30 | $= -t_2$ | -1 | 1* | 5 | $= -t_2$ |
| 2* | 1 | 25 | $= -t_3$ | 1/2 | 1/2 | 25/2 | $= -x_1$ |
| 4 | 3 | 0 | $= f$ | -2 | 1 | -50 | $= f$ |

| t_3 | t_2 | -1 | |
|-------|-------|------|----------|
| 1 | -3/2 | 0 | $= -t_1$ |
| -1 | 1 | 5 | $= -x_2$ |
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| -1 | 1^* | 5 | $= -t_2$ |
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also solves (D)!

$$(x_1, x_2) = (10, 5), (t_1, t_2, t_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$(s_1, s_2) = (0, 0), (y_1, y_2, y_3) = (0, 1, 1)$$

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|---------|---------|-------|----|---------|---------|-------|-----|---------|---------|-------|-----|
| y_1 | 1 | 2 | 20 | y_1 | -3 | -2 | -30 | y_1 | -3/2 | 1 | 0 |
| y_2 | 2 | 2 | 30 | y_2 | -2* | -2 | -20 | s_1 | -1/2 | 1 | 10 |
| y_3 | 2 | 1* | 25 | s_2 | 2 | 1 | 25 | s_2 | 1 | -1 | 5 |
| -1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | -1 | -2 | -3 | -75 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -55 |
| $= s_1$ | $= s_2$ | $= g$ | | $= s_1$ | $= y_3$ | $= g$ | | $= y_2$ | $= y_3$ | $= g$ | |

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x, t is (P)-feasible

y, s is (D)-infeasible

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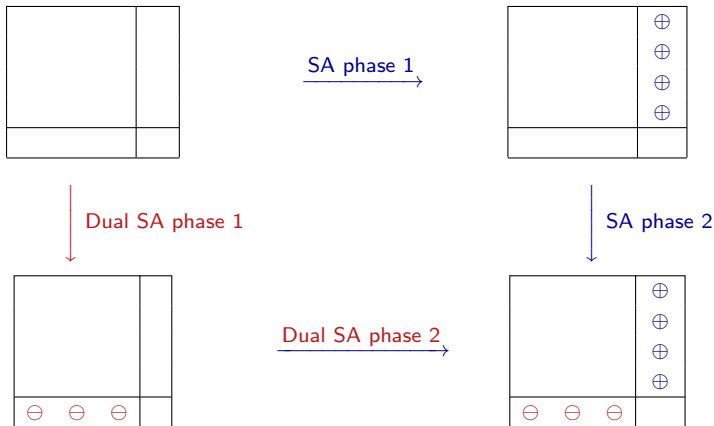
| y_1 | -3/2 | 1 | 0 |
|-------|---------|---------|-------|
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| s_2 | 1 | -1 | 5 |
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SA versus DSA: Different routes to the same goal

Minimum SA and Maximum SA have different sequence of pivots:

- Phase 1 of SA finds a (P)-feasible BFS
- Phase 1 of Dual SA finds a (D)-feasible BFS



The **Dual SA** for Minimum Tableaux

This gives the same sequence of pivots as applying the maximization SA to the negative transpose tableau.

1. We have a minimum Tucker tableau.
2. If $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \leq 0$, go to **Step 6**. since tableau is dual feasible.
3. Choose $c_j > 0$ such that j is maximal.
4. If $a_{1j}, a_{2j}, \dots, a_{mj} \leq 0 \implies$ **STOP**; the minimization problem is infeasible.
5. If $j = n$, choose $a_{in} > 0$, pivot on a_{in} , and go to **Step 1**.
If $j < n$, choose $a_{ij} > 0$, compute

$$\alpha = \min(\{c_j/a_{ij}\} \cup \{c_k/a_{ik} : k > j, a_{ik} < 0\}),$$

and choose any p with $c_p/a_{ip} = \alpha$. Pivot on a_{ip} and go to **Step 1**.

6. The current tableau is minimum BFT ($c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \leq 0$)
7. If $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m \geq 0 \implies$ **STOP**; the current basic feasible solution is optimal.
8. Choose any i with $b_i < 0$
9. If $a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{in} \geq 0 \implies$ **STOP**; the minimization problem is unbounded.
10. Compute

$$\alpha = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{c_j/a_{ij} : a_{ij} < 0\}$$

and choose any p with $c_p/a_{ip} = \alpha$. Pivot on a_{ip} and go to the **Step 6**.

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| y_3 | 2 | 1* | 25 |
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New tableau. The last row is all **nonpositive**, so the BFS is **dually feasible**.

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Phase 2: **Two entries** in last column are < 0 . Choose either one as the pivot row i .

| | | | |
|-------|---------|---------|-------|
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| y_2 | 2 | 2 | 30 |
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Suppose $i = 2$. Both entries in row i are **negative**. Column $j = 1$ has the least ratio $\frac{-2}{-2} < \frac{-3}{-2}$.

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Suppose $i = 2$. Both entries in row i are negative. Column $j = 1$ has the least ratio $\frac{-2}{-2} < \frac{-3}{-2}$.

Pivot on cell (i, j) . New tableau.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 y_1 \\
 y_2 \\
 y_3 \\
 -1
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|}
 \hline
 1 & 2 & 20 \\
 \hline
 2 & 2 & 30 \\
 \hline
 2 & 1^* & 25 \\
 \hline
 4 & 3 & 0 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 = s_1 \\
 = s_2 \\
 = g
 \end{array}
 \rightarrow
 \begin{array}{c}
 y_1 \\
 y_2 \\
 s_2 \\
 -1
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|}
 \hline
 -3 & -2 & -30 \\
 \hline
 -2^* & -2 & -20 \\
 \hline
 2 & 1 & 25 \\
 \hline
 -2 & -3 & -75 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 = s_1 \\
 = y_3 \\
 = g
 \end{array}
 \rightarrow
 \begin{array}{c}
 y_1 \\
 s_1 \\
 s_2 \\
 -1
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|}
 \hline
 -3/2 & 1 & 0 \\
 \hline
 -1/2 & 1 & 10 \\
 \hline
 1 & -1 & 5 \\
 \hline
 -1 & -1 & -55 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 = y_2 \\
 = y_3 \\
 = g
 \end{array}$$

Solve by using the dual SA

Minimize $g(y_1, y_2, y_3) = 20y_1 + 30y_2 + 25y_3$, subject to

$$y_1 + 2y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 4$$

$$2y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3 \geq 3$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

Phase 1: Tableau is dual infeasible: Here $c_2 = 3$ is the rightmost positive entry so $j = 2$. This is the last column, so the pivot column is $j = 2$.

All three entries in column 2 are > 0 , so we are free to choose i . Suppose we pick $i = 3$.

New tableau. The last row is all nonpositive, so the BFS is **dually feasible**.

Phase 2: Two entries in last column are < 0 . Choose either one as the pivot row i .

Suppose $i = 2$. Both entries in row i are negative. Column $j = 1$ has the least ratio $\frac{-2}{-2} < \frac{-3}{-2}$.

Pivot on cell (i, j) . New tableau.

Last column is **non-negative**. Tableau is both **feasible** and **dual feasible**, so it is optimal.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---------|---------|-------|--|-------|---------|---------|-------|--|-------|---------|---------|-------|
| y_1 | 1 | 2 | 20 | | y_1 | -3 | -2 | -30 | | y_1 | -3/2 | 1 | 0 |
| y_2 | 2 | 2 | 30 | | y_2 | -2* | -2 | -20 | | s_1 | -1/2 | 1 | 10 |
| y_3 | 2 | 1* | 25 | | s_2 | 2 | 1 | 25 | | s_2 | 1 | -1 | 5 |
| -1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | -1 | -2 | -3 | -75 | | -1 | -1 | -1 | -55 |
| | $= s_1$ | $= s_2$ | $= g$ | | | $= s_1$ | $= y_3$ | $= g$ | | | $= y_2$ | $= y_3$ | $= g$ |

Strong Duality Theorem

Theorem

If either one of the two dual linear programs

$$\begin{array}{ll} (P) & \text{Maximize } f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} - d \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \\ (D) & \text{Minimize } g(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{y} - d \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{c} \\ & \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

has an optimum solution, then its dual linear program also has an optimum solution. Moreover, such optimal solutions \mathbf{x}^ , \mathbf{y}^* satisfy $f(\mathbf{x}^*) = g(\mathbf{y}^*)$*

Proof.

If we execute either SA or DSA to their dual canonical tableau, then it will find optimal solutions for both (P) and (D), say \mathbf{x}^* , \mathbf{y}^* . The South-East cell of the final tableau shows that

$$f(\mathbf{x}^*) = g(\mathbf{y}^*).$$

