

1. Find necessary and sufficient conditions on the reals a and b under which the linear program

$$\text{minimize } ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3$$

subject to

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 \geq 4$$

$$x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, 3.$$

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2. Write the dual of the problem in the question above. For what values of a and b is the dual

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3. Solve using the simplex tableau:

$$\max x_1 + 4x_2$$

$$\text{subject to } 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$$

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 9$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 5$$

$$x \geq 0.$$

4. Question 15.11 in textbook.

5. State and prove the *if and only if* cases of the complementary slackness condition.

6. Derive the dual of the problem:

$$\min c^\top x \text{ subject to } Ax \leq b.$$

You may use the standard definition of dual.

7. Let $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix with the property that each element is in the real interval $[0, 1]$, and the sum of the elements of each row is equal to 1; such a matrix is called a *stochastic matrix*. Now consider a vector $x > 0$ such that $x^\top e = 1$, where $e = [1 \dots 1]^\top$; call such a vector x a *probability vector*.

- i. Consider the primal LP:

$$\max x^\top e \text{ subject to } x^\top P = x^\top, x \geq 0.$$

Write down the dual of this problem.

- ii. Show that the dual is infeasible.

- iii. Is the primal feasible/unbounded?

- iv. Use iii. to deduce the result: \exists a vector $x > 0$ such that $x^\top P = x^\top$ and $x^\top e = 1$.

8. Consider the LP:

$$\min c^\top x$$

$$\text{subject to } Ax \geq b,$$

$$x \geq 0.$$

Recall that we convert this LP into standard form by introducing slack variables. Are the two minimums the same? Prove.