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Let us consider the following linear programming problem

Minimize the cost: $5x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3$

Subject to following constraints

$$x_1 \geq 0$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_3 \geq 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 1$$

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(a) To solve the linear programming problem, let us convert the inequality into equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

And use the no-negativity constraints on the variables to get the following possible values.

$$x_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

Or

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 1$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

Or

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 1$$

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Since, it is asked to find the minimum value of the objective function, $5x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3$

The only possible solution is

$$x_1 = 0$$

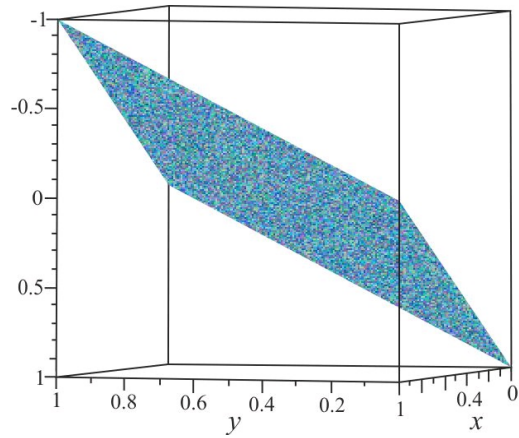
$$x_2 = 1$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

And the minimum cost is $c_{\min} = 3$

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(b) The feasible region for the LPP problem is shown in the following figure.



The feasible region lies in the first quadrant with the tetrahedron in the corner cut off.

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(c) Let us find the dual of the LPP problem by introducing the dual unknown y_1, y_2 and y_3 .

Minimization in the Primal becomes maximization in the dual.

Thus, the dual of the problem is as follows.

Maximize: y_1

Subject to following constraints

$$y_1 \geq 0$$

$$y_2 \geq 0$$

$$y_3 \geq 0$$

$$x_1 \leq 1$$

$$x_2 \leq 3$$

$$x_3 \leq 4$$

Let us solve the dual problem by converting the inequality into equations.

$$x_1^* = 1$$

$$x_2^* = 3$$

$$x_3^* = 4$$

And the maximum value is $\boxed{c_{\max} = 1}$

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Therefore, it is observed that the primal and the corresponding dual have the same solution.