



Complementary slackness conditions

Weak duality proof in one line

$$\sum_i \mathbf{c}_i \mathbf{x}_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y})_i \mathbf{x}_i = \sum_{j=1}^m (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x})_j \mathbf{y}_j \leq \sum_j \mathbf{b}_j \mathbf{y}_j$$

for optimal solutions: \mathbf{x} opt for (P), \mathbf{y} opt for (D):

$$\sum_i \mathbf{c}_i \mathbf{x}_i = \sum_j \mathbf{b}_j \mathbf{y}_j$$

So in above proof, all inequalities are equalities

$$\forall i : \mathbf{c}_i \mathbf{x}_i = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y})_i \mathbf{x}_i$$

$$\forall j : \mathbf{b}_j \mathbf{y}_j = (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x})_j \mathbf{y}_j$$

$$c_i x_i = \left(\sum_j a_{ij} y_j \right) x_i$$

$$c_i \leq \left(\sum_j a_{ij} y_j \right) \text{ (constraint of (D))}$$

so: either $c_i = \sum_j a_{ij} y_j$
or $x_i = 0$

$$b_j y_j = \left(\sum_i a_{ij} x_i \right) y_j$$

$$b_j \leq \left(\sum_i a_{ij} x_i \right) \text{ (constraint of (P))}$$

so: either $b_j = \sum_i a_{ij} x_i$
or $y_j = 0$

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If x is optimal for (P) and y optimal for (D)

then for every i :

$$c_i = \sum_j a_{ij}y_j \text{ or } x_i = 0$$

and for every j :

$$b_j = \sum_i a_{ij}x_i \text{ or } y_j = 0$$

