



Putting a linear program in form
appropriate for taking dual

$$\max \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{x} :$$

$$\mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

Proof by example

$$\min 2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 :$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 4$$

$$x_2 - 4x_3 \geq 5$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

1. Transform min into max

$$\max \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{x} :$$

$$\mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

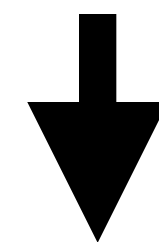
$$\mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

$$\min 2\mathbf{x}_1 - 3\mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{x}_3 :$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 = 4$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 - 4\mathbf{x}_3 \geq 5$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 \geq 0$$



$$\max -2\mathbf{x}_1 + 3\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_3 :$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 = 4$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 - 4\mathbf{x}_3 \geq 5$$

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2. Transform equalities into inequalities

$$\max \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{x} :$$

$$\mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

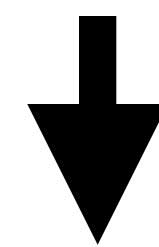
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3. Make inequalities in the correct direction

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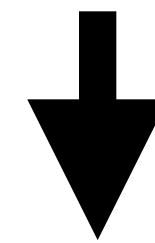
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$$\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 \geq 4$$

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$$\max -2\mathbf{x}_1 + 3\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_3 :$$

$$-\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 \leq -4$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 \leq 4$$

$$-\mathbf{x}_2 + 4\mathbf{x}_3 \leq -5$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 \geq 0$$

4. Reduce to non-negative variables

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$$\mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

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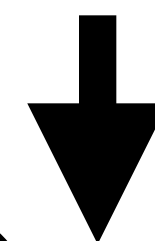
$$\max -2\mathbf{x}_1 + 3\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_3 :$$

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$$-\mathbf{x}_2 + 4\mathbf{x}_3 \leq -5$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 \geq 0$$



$$\max -2(\mathbf{x}_1^+ - \mathbf{x}_1^-) + 3\mathbf{x}_2 - (\mathbf{x}_3^+ - \mathbf{x}_3^-) :$$

$$-(\mathbf{x}_1^+ - \mathbf{x}_1^-) - \mathbf{x}_2 \leq -4$$

$$(\mathbf{x}_1^+ - \mathbf{x}_1^-) + \mathbf{x}_2 \leq 4$$

$$-\mathbf{x}_2 + 4(\mathbf{x}_3^+ - \mathbf{x}_3^-) \leq -5$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1^+, \mathbf{x}_1^-, \mathbf{x}_3^+, \mathbf{x}_3^- \geq 0$$

Done!

