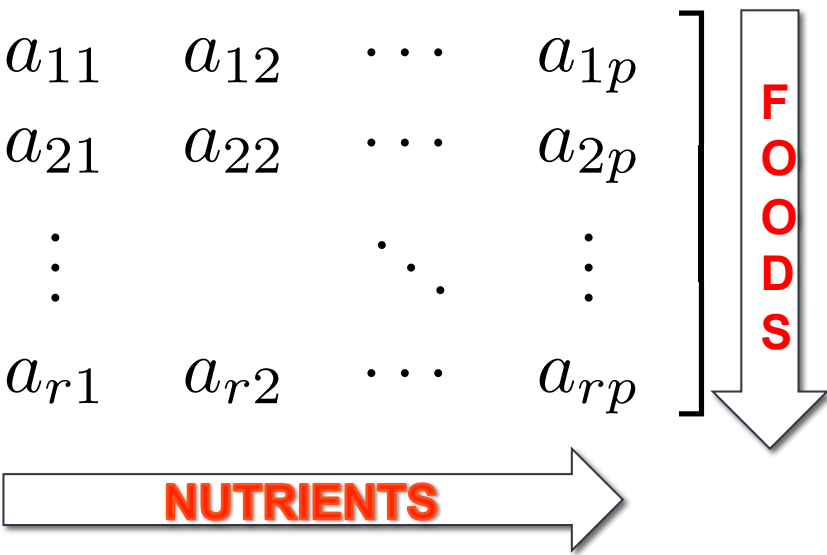# INTERPRETING DUAL VARIABLES: DUAL OF THE DIET PROBLEM

Diet Problem Data

$$F : \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2p} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{r1} & a_{r2} & \cdots & a_{rp} \end{bmatrix}$$

FOODS

NUTRIENTS

$$\ell : \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 \\ \vdots \\ \ell_p \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{u} : \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_p \end{pmatrix}$$

Diet Problem Data

Food	Calories	Total_Fat	Protein	Vit_A	Vit_C	Calcium	Price
Peppers	20	0.1	0.7	467.7	66.1	6.7	0.8
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Tofu	88.2	5.5	9.4	98.6	0.1	121.8	1.1
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$$\ell \; \leq \; F^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} \; \leq \; \mathbf{u}$$

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

$$\max \quad -\mathbf{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \, \mathbf{x}$$

$$F^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} \; \leq \; \mathbf{u}$$

$$-F^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} \; \leq \; -\ell$$

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

Diet Problem Dual

$$\max \quad -\mathbf{c}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x}$$
$$F^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{u}$$
$$-F^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} \leq -\ell$$
$$\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\min \quad \mathbf{u}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y_u} - \ell^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y_\ell}$$
$$F(\mathbf{y_u} - \mathbf{y_\ell}) \geq -\mathbf{c}$$
$$\mathbf{y_u}, \mathbf{y_\ell} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

What does the dual mean?

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Optimal Solutions

Food	Opt. Amt.
Peppers	9.55
Potatoes, Baked	0.95
Tofu	5.39
Couscous	0.00
White Rice	0.00
Macaroni,Ckd	11.86
Peanut Butter	0.00

Nutrient	Dual (yU)	Dual (yL)
Calories	0.000	0.002
Total_Fat	0.000	0.000
Protein	0.021	0.000
Vit A	0.000	0.002
Vit C	0.000	0.000
Calcium	0.000	0.008