KARUSH-KUHN-TUCKER (KKT) CONDITIONS FOR LP

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker Conditions

Very important for many optimization problems.

Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for optimal solution

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x_s}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y_s})$$

KKT conditions for Linear Programs

The primal-dual solution $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x_s}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y_s})$ is optimal iff it satisfies the following conditions:

$$A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x_s} = \mathbf{b}$$

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

(x,x_s) is primal feasible

$$A^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y_s} = \mathbf{c}$$

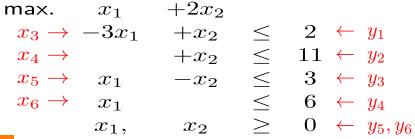
 $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y_s} \geq \mathbf{0}$

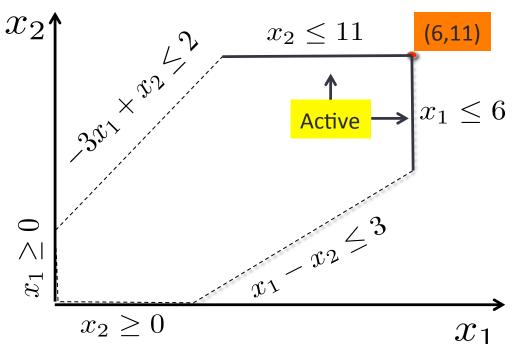
(y,y_s) is dual feasible

 $\begin{aligned}
x_j y_{s,j} &= 0 \\
y_j x_{s,j} &= 0
\end{aligned}$

Product of all complementary pairs is zero.

An Example





Primal	Dual
$x_1: 6$	$y_5: 0$
$x_2: 11$	$y_6: 0$
$x_3: 9$	$y_1: 0$
$x_4: 0$	$y_2: 2$
$x_5: 8$	$y_3: 0$
$x_6: 0$	$y_4: 1$

Final Dictionary and KKT conditions

$$egin{array}{c|cccc} \mathbf{x_B} & \mathbf{b} & +A\mathbf{x_I} \\ \hline z & z_0 & +\mathbf{c^\intercal x_I} \\ \hline \end{array} & egin{array}{c|cccc} \mathbf{x_I}^c & -\mathbf{c} & -A^\intercal \mathbf{x_B}^c \\ \hline d & -z_0 & -\mathbf{b^\intercal x_B}^c \\ \hline \end{array} \\ x_I = \mathbf{0}, x_B = \mathbf{b} & x_B^c = \mathbf{0}, x_I^c = -\mathbf{c} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Claim: The solutions represented by final primal and dual dictionaries satisfy the KKT condition!