

Additional exercises to Exercise 9 - LP Duality
TMA947 and MMG620 Optimization, first course

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Exercise 1 (easy) Formulate the dual to the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && 3x_1 + 2x_2 \\ & \text{subject to} && x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3 \\ & && x_1 + x_2 \leq 10 \\ & && 5x_1 - x_2 \geq 8 \\ & && x_1 \geq 0, \quad x_2 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2 (easy) Consider the following LP problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && 9x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 \\ & \text{subject to} && \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i \geq 1, \\ & && 3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_4 \geq 1, \\ & && x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0, x_4 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Use LP duality and a graphical solution to obtain the optimal objective value z^* .
- (b) Use complementary slackness to obtain the optimal solution x^* .

Exercise 3 (medium) Assume the following constraint matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cdots & a_1^T & \cdots \\ \cdots & a_2^T & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \cdots & a_n^T & \cdots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Consider the relaxation of a standard LP problem $\min\{c^T x \mid Ax \geq b, x \geq 0\}$, where we allow a violation of the constraints, but bound the sum of violations by epsilon.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && c^T x \\ & \text{subject to} && a_i^T x \geq b_i - v_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n v_i \leq \varepsilon,$$
$$x \geq 0, v \geq 0.$$

Formulate the dual and give it an interpretation.

Exercise 4 (medium)

- (a) If an LP primal is infeasible, what can you say about its LP dual?
- (b) If the LP primal has an optimal solution with reduced costs strictly greater than zero. What can you say about its LP dual?
- (c) If the LP dual is unbounded, what can you say about the LP primal?
- (d) According to theorem 10.12 an optimal primal dual pair must satisfy primal feasibility, dual feasibility and complementarity. Which of these conditions is satisfied during the iteration of the simplex algorithm?