

# Plan for today

- Obtaining the Dual Problem
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  - Primal Dual Connections for the example
- Duality Theory
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# SHADOW PRICES

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... How valuable are the resources?

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**(in a maximization problem)**

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... is the rate of objective decrease when the constraint is relaxed

## Summary and a Connection

$$\begin{aligned} \max Z &= 3x_1 + 5x_2 \\ \text{Plant 1: } x_1 &\leq 4 \\ \text{Plant 2: } 2x_2 &\leq 12 \\ \text{Plant 3: } 3x_1 + 2x_2 &\leq 18 \\ x_1 &\geq 0, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

### Optimum

$$Z = 36 - \frac{3}{2}s_2 - s_3$$

Basic variables:  $x_1^* = 2, x_2^* = 6, s_1^* = 2$

Non-basic variables:  $s_2^* = s_3^* = 0$

**Question 2:** What is the minimum price that you should offer to buy the entire operation?

**Answer:** \$36

**Question 3:** How much would the company be willing to pay for an extra working hour at each plant?

**Answer:** \$0 for plant 1,  $\$ \frac{3}{2}$  for plant 2, \$1 for plant 3

$(0, \frac{3}{2}, 1)$  are the **shadow prices** of the three plants

What is the objective function in proper format at the last step of the SIMPLEX Method?

$$Z = 36 - 0s_1 - \frac{3}{2}s_2 - s_3$$

See a connection?

Shadow price of each plant is appearing as the coefficient of the corresponding slack variable in the objective (with a negative sign)





## DIRECT ANSWERS TO Q2 AND Q3

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... where we formulate an LP whose solution gives the shadow prices

## Direct answers to Q2 and Q3

Tesla makes two models  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ :

|                            | $C_1$ | $C_2$ | total hours |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Plant 1 (prepare Frame I)  | 1     |       | 4           |
| Plant 2 (prepare Frame II) |       | 2     | 12          |
| Plant 3 (assembly)         | 3     | 2     | 18          |
| Profit                     | 3\$   | 5\$   |             |

Question 2: What is the minimum price that you should offer to buy the entire operation?

Question 3: What is the price/worth of each working hour at plant 1, or 2, or 3?

Decision variables:

$y_j$  be the price/worth of each working hour at plant  $j$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$

Objective: minimize the total price paid/worth

$$\min 4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3$$

Worth of entire capacity at Plant 1 =  $4y_1$

Worth of entire capacity at Plant 2 =  $12y_2$

Worth of entire capacity at Plant 3 =  $18y_3$

Total worth of entire operation is  $4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3$

$$y_1 + 3y_3 \geq 3$$

$$2y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 5$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$$

Constraints: (Combination worth has to be at least the profit)

The total worth of one hour at plant 1 and three hours at plant 3 is at least 3\$

The total worth of two hours at plant 2 and two hours at plant 3 is at least 5\$

## Compare the two LPs, what do you observe

Q1: what is the optimal product mix that maximizes the total profit?

Primal LP

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LP1

Q2: what is the minimum price that you should offer to buy these three plants?

Dual LP

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LP2

- number of variables in LP1 versus number of constraints (excluding non-negativity constraints) in LP2
- constants on the RHS of constraints in LP1 versus coefficients in the objective function of LP2
- col coefficients in the LHS of constraints of LP1 versus row coefficients in the LHS of constraints of LP2

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we call LP1 as the **Primal** LP, then LP2 is known as the **Dual** of LP1



# Obtaining the **dual** problem of an LP

... where the LP is a maximization LP

Step 1. Associate each constraint (excluding non-negativity constraints) with a variable

## Primal LP

$$\begin{array}{l}
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 \end{array}$$

Step 2. Use the RHS of constraints to define the objective function, with the goal being min

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \min 4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3$$

## Obtaining the **dual** problem of an LP

... where the LP is a maximization LP

Step 3. Define constraints (one constraint for each  $x$  variable)

- coefficients of the variable give coefficients of the constraint on LHS
- coefficient of the variable in the objective function gives the RHS constant
- Constraint:  
 If  $x_i \geq 0$  then the constraint is  $\geq$   
 If  $x_i \leq 0$  then the constraint is  $\leq$   
 If  $x_i$  is unrestricted, then the constraint is  $=$

Step 4. Add (non)-negativity conditions

- If  $a_1x_1 + \dots \leq c \longrightarrow y_j$  then,  $y_j \geq 0$
- If  $a_1x_1 + \dots \geq c \longrightarrow y_j$  then,  $y_j \leq 0$
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$$y_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow y_1 + 3y_3 \geq 3$$

$$y_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow 2y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 5$$

### Dual LP

$$\begin{array}{l} \min 4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3 \\ y_1 + 3y_3 \geq 3 \\ 2y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 5 \\ y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

What is the **dual** of the dual problem?

### Dual LP

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We will call this as the Primal LP and obtain the dual now

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \longrightarrow \max 3x_1 + 5x_2$$

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$$y_1 \begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 \leq 4$$

$$y_2 \begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 2x_2 \leq 12$$

$$y_3 \begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 18$$

## Dual LP

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voilà

**Symmetry Property:** The dual of the dual LP is the primal LP

# Obtaining the dual problem (general case)

## Primal LP

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } Z &= c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \cdots + c_nx_n \\ a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &\leq b_1 \quad \longrightarrow y_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &\leq b_2 \quad \longrightarrow y_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n &\leq b_m \quad \longrightarrow y_m \\ x_1 &\geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, \dots, x_n \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$n$  variables,  $m$  constraints

maximization problem

## Dual LP

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min } &b_1y_1 + b_2y_2 + \cdots + b_my_m \\ a_{11}y_1 + a_{21}y_2 + \cdots + a_{m1}y_m &\geq c_1 \quad \longrightarrow x_1 \\ a_{12}y_1 + a_{22}y_2 + \cdots + a_{m2}y_m &\geq c_2 \quad \longrightarrow x_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{1n}y_1 + a_{2n}y_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}y_m &\geq c_n \quad \longrightarrow x_n \\ y_1 &\geq 0, y_2 \geq 0, \dots, y_m \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$m$  variables,  $n$  constraints,

minimization problem

**Symmetry Property:** The dual of the dual LP is the primal LP

# PRIMAL DUAL CONNECTIONS

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Some observations about the example

## Primal → Dual Connection

Primal LP

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profit of the firm

working hour constraint at each plant

At the end of SIMPLEX

$$Z = 36 - \frac{3}{2}s_2 - s_3$$

( $s_2, s_3$  are slack variables of constraints at plants 2 and 3)

36: the total profit, also the min price to sell the firm

0: (shadow) price of a working hour at plant 1

3/2: (shadow) price of a working hour at plant 2

1 : (shadow) price of a working hour at plant 3

Based on the above, can you tell

- what is the optimal objective value for the dual LP below? **Ans: 36**
- what are the optimal values of  $y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*$  for the dual LP below? **Ans:  $y_1^* = 0, y_2^* = \frac{3}{2}, y_3^* = 1$**

Dual LP

$$\begin{aligned} \min & 4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3 \\ & y_1 + 3y_3 \geq 3 \\ & 2y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 5 \\ & y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

min. price to buy the firm

Worth at least profit constraints

**Observation:** Shadow prices of the primal constraints are the dual optimum values

Recall:  $y_j$  ( $j=1,2,3$ ) is the price of each working hour at plant  $j$



## Dual → Primal Connection

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$$Z^* = 36$$

$$x_1^* = 2, x_2^* = 6$$

Optimal product mix is  
2 batches of doors and 6 batches of windows  
and optimal profit is 36

Dual LP

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Using the above solution, can you tell the rate at which the worth of the company increases with respect to

- 1) the profit from a batch of Model I? Ans: 2
- 2) the profit from a batch of Model II? Ans: 6

These are the shadow prices of the constraints in the dual LP



Hint:

**Observation:** Shadow prices of the primal constraints are the dual optimum values



(By symmetry): Shadow prices of the dual constraints should be the primal optimum values

Suppose that the SIMPLEX iteration is applied to solve the dual LP below, at the last iteration, the expression for the objective function is of the form

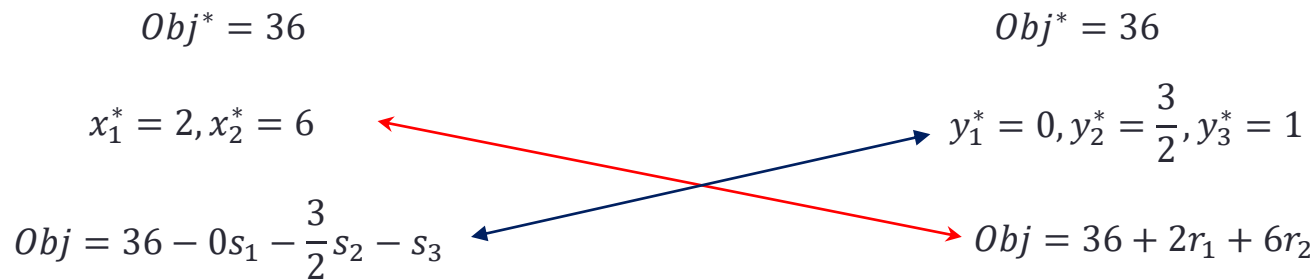
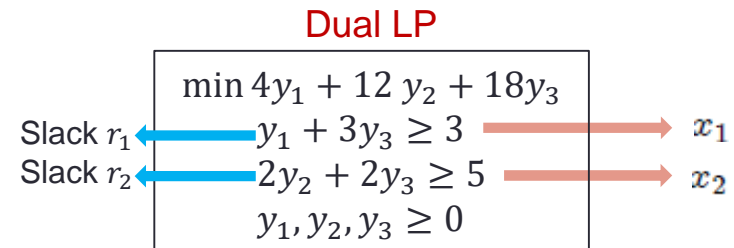
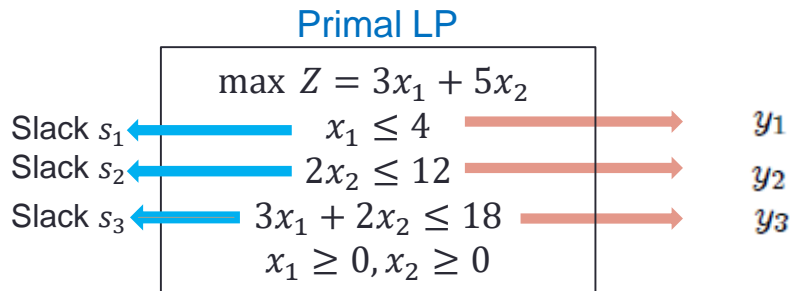
$$obj = \theta + \alpha r_1 + \beta r_2 \quad \text{where } r_1, r_2 \text{ are slack variables for the 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ and 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ constraints,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 + 3y_3 - r_1 &= 3 \\ 2y_2 + 2y_3 - r_2 &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Can you tell the values of these Greek symbols? Ans:  $\theta = 36, \alpha = 2, \beta = 6$

Hint: Stare at the primal solution

# Primal-Dual Connection: optimal solutions



# Primal-Dual Connection

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Objective function:

1. If **primal LP** has an optimal objective value (36 in this case), the **dual LP** also has the same opt obj value



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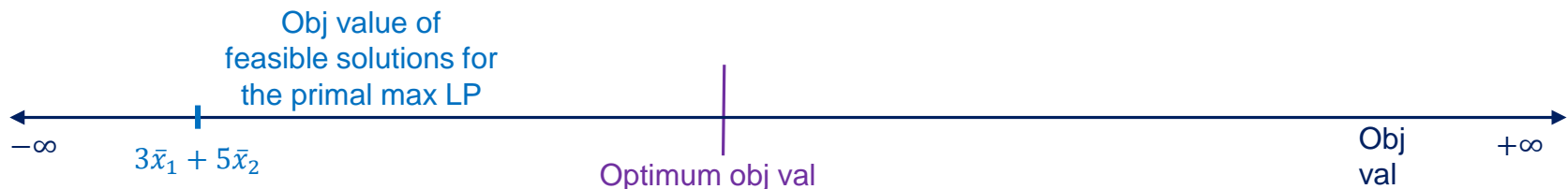
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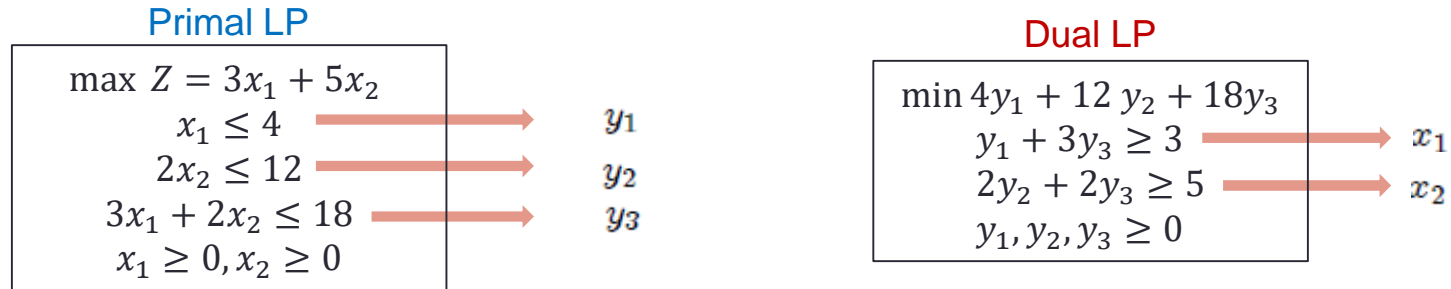
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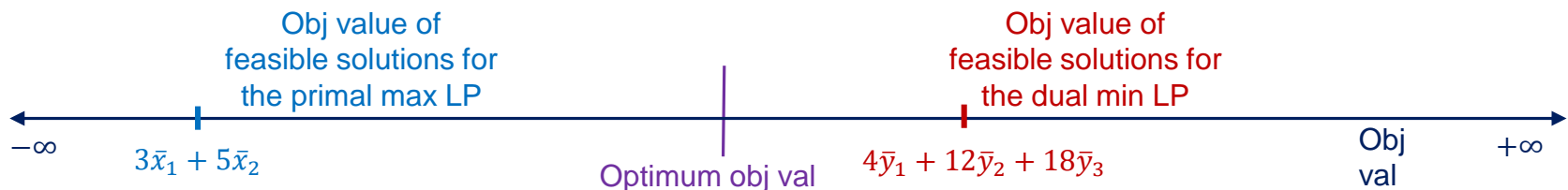
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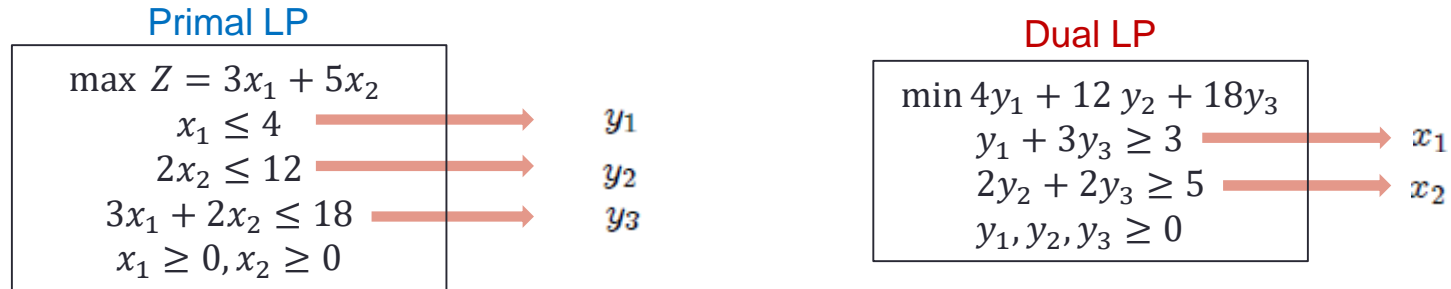
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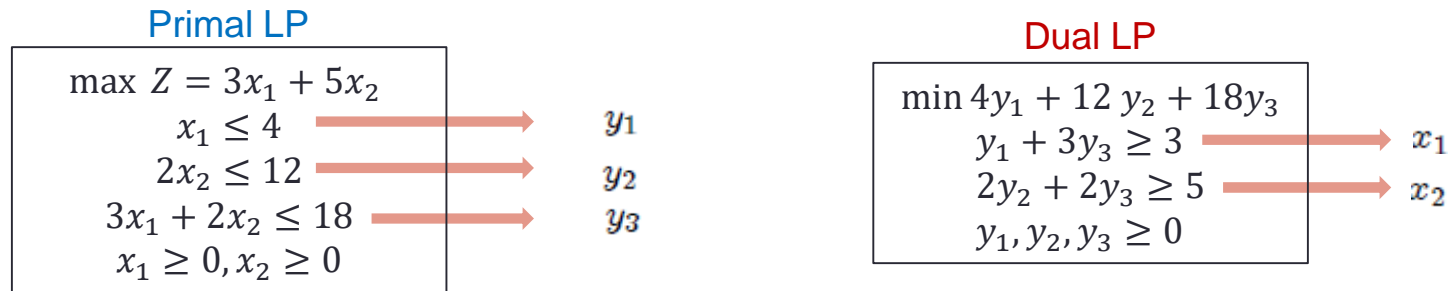
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5. If one LP is unbounded, the other LP is infeasible
6. If one LP is infeasible, the other LP is either infeasible or unbounded

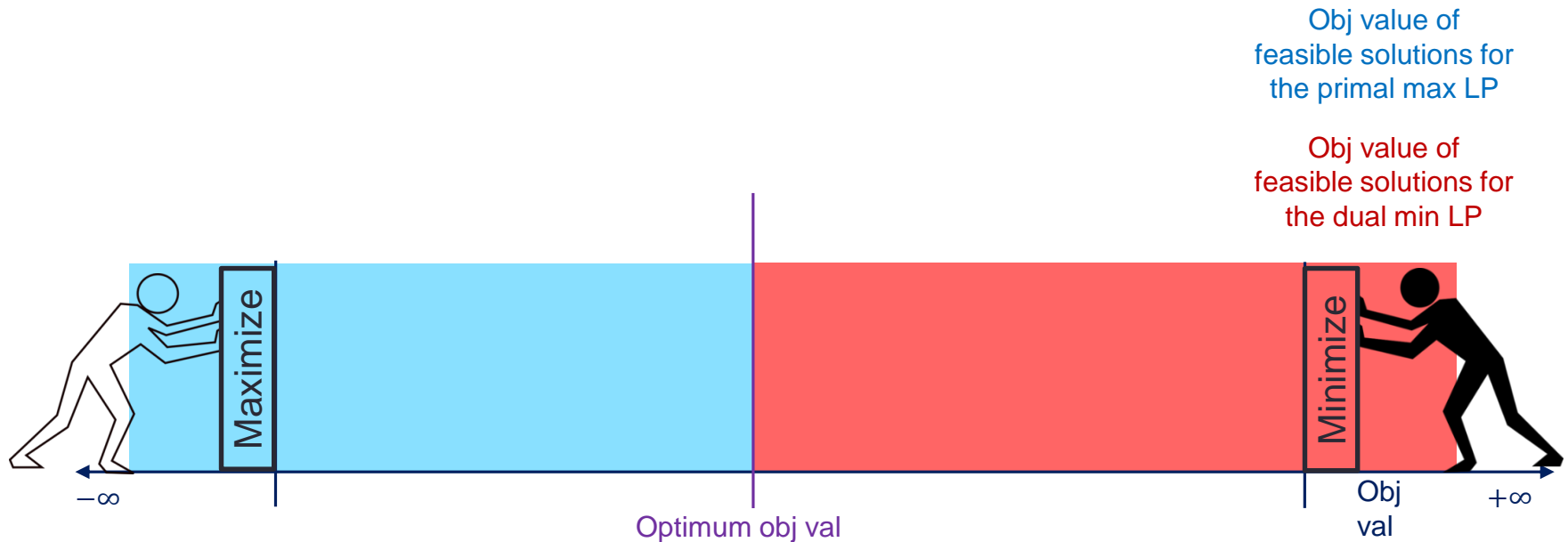
# Summary of duality theory

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# DUALITY THEORY

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Motivations:

1. Trust thy friend?
2. Convince the st\*\*id boss?



# DUALITY THEORY

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1. Duality Theorem
2. Weak Duality Theorem
3. Strong Duality Theorem
4. Complementary Slackness Conditions
5. Complementary Slackness Property



## Case 2. primal is unbounded and dual is infeasible

## Primal LP

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & 2x_1 - x_2 - 0.5x_3 \\ & x_1 - x_2 \leq 2 \\ & x_1 - x_3 \leq 3 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Unbounded!

## Dual LP

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & 2y_1 + 3y_2 \\ & y_1 + y_2 \geq 2 \\ & -y_1 \geq -1 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad y_1 \leq 1 \\ & -y_2 \geq -0.5 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad y_2 \leq 0.5 \\ & y_1, y_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Infeasible!

- A pear and an apple can be used to make a plate of Pear-Apple salad that sells for \$2
- Initially you have 2 Pears and 3 Apples, but you can always buy more
  - The supply of Pears and Apples is unlimited
- Pear costs \$1 and Apple costs \$0.5
- **Decide how many plates to make ( $x_1$ ), how many pears ( $x_2$ ) and apples ( $x_3$ ) to buy to maximize the profit**

Do you see why the primal LP is unbounded?

Do you now see why the dual LP is infeasible?

## Case 3. both primal and dual are infeasible

## Primal LP

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & 2x_1 - x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 - x_2 \leq 1 \\ & -x_1 + x_2 \leq -2 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

To satisfy all constraints of the primal LP:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 &\leq 1 \\ x_1 - x_2 &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

**Infeasible!**

## Dual LP

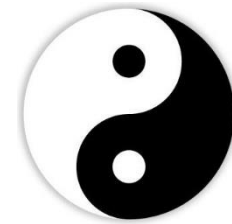
$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & y_1 - 2y_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_1 - y_2 \geq 2 \\ & -y_1 + y_2 \geq -1 \\ & y_1, y_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

To satisfy all constraints of the dual LP:

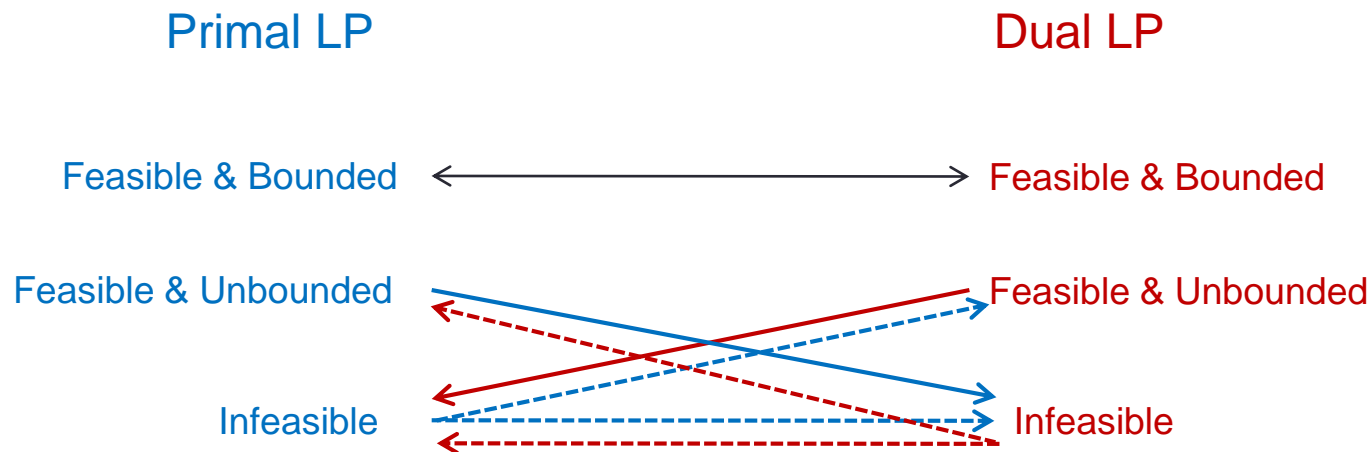
$$\begin{aligned} y_1 - y_2 &\geq 2 \\ y_1 - y_2 &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Infeasible!**

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## Duality theorem in a figure





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## Duality Theorem (in words)

The following are the only possible relationships between the primal and the dual problems

Case 1: If primal (dual) problem has a feasible solution and a bounded objective value (and so has an optimal solution), then so does the dual (primal) problem

Case 2: If primal (dual) problem has feasible solutions but unbounded objective value (and so no optimal solution), then the dual (primal) problem has no feasible solution

Case 3: If primal (dual) problem has no feasible solutions, then the dual (primal) problem has either no feasible solutions or unbounded objective value