

Plan for today

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Obtaining the dual problem (general case)

Primal LP

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

n variables, m constraints

maximization problem

Dual LP

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

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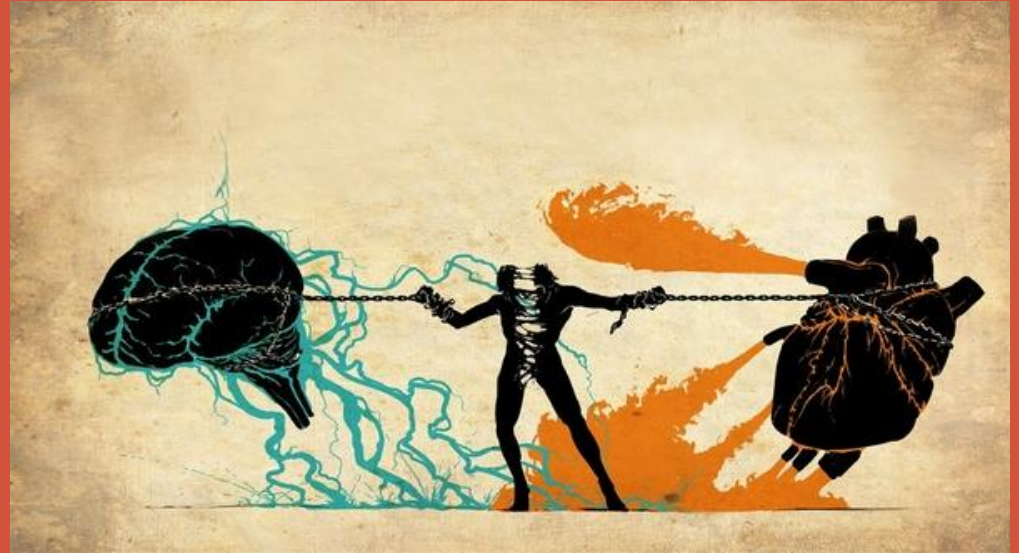
Symmetry Property: The dual of the dual LP is the primal LP



DUALITY THEORY

Motivations:

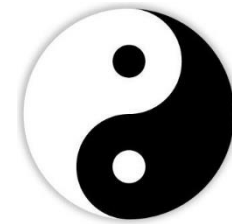
1. Trust thy friend?
2. Convince the st**id boss?



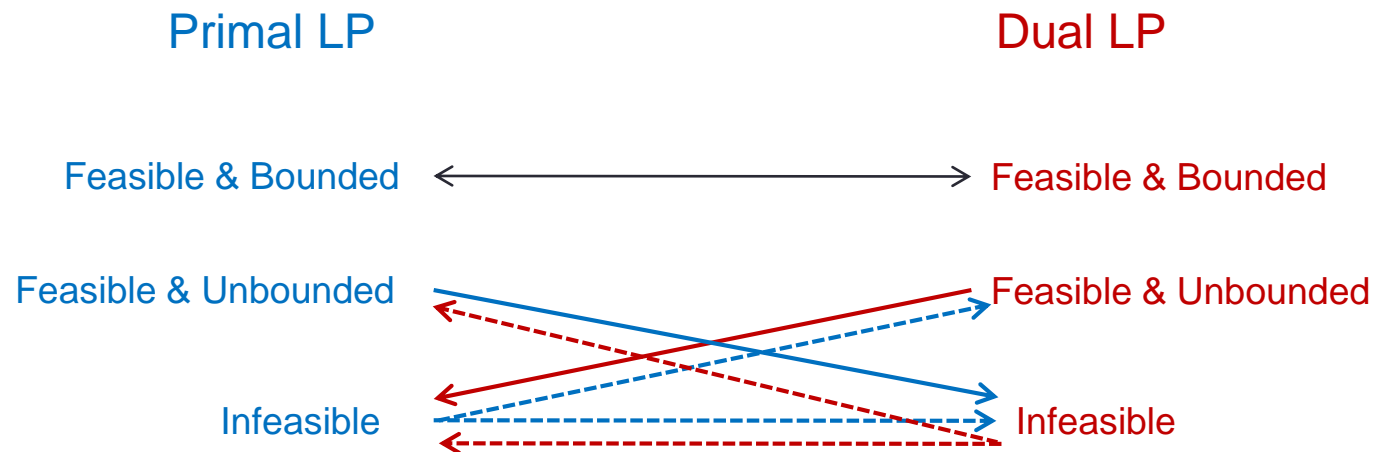
DUALITY THEORY

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1. Duality Theorem



Duality theorem in a figure



1. Duality Theorem



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

2. Weak Duality Theorem

Weak Duality Theorem

Suppose that the objective function of the **primal LP** is

$$\max c_1x_1 + \cdots + c_nx_n$$

and the objective function of the **dual LP** is

$$\min b_1y_1 + \cdots + b_my_m$$

Let $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ be **any feasible** solution of the **primal LP**

Let $(\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_m)$ be **any feasible** solution of the **dual LP**

Then $c_1\bar{x}_1 + \cdots + c_n\bar{x}_n \leq b_1\bar{y}_1 + \cdots + b_m\bar{y}_m$

Recall Example:

Primal Obj: $\max 3x_1 + 5x_2$

Dual Obj: $\min 4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3$

For any primal feasible (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2)
and any dual feasible $(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3)$
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Obj value of
feasible solutions for
the primal max LP

Obj value of
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the dual min LP

For Primal Maximization LP, Dual Minimization LP,
Maximization LP's obj value \leq Minimization LP's obj value



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For Primal Maximization LP, Dual Minimization LP,
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3. Strong Duality Theorem

Strong Duality Theorem

Suppose that the objective function of the **primal LP** is

$$\max c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n$$

and the objective function of the **dual LP** is

$$\min b_1y_1 + \dots + b_my_m$$

If (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*) is an **optimal solution** of the **primal LP** and (y_1^*, \dots, y_m^*) is an **optimal solution** of the **dual LP**, then

$$c_1x_1^* + \dots + c_nx_n^* = b_1y_1^* + \dots + b_my_m^*$$

Recall Example:

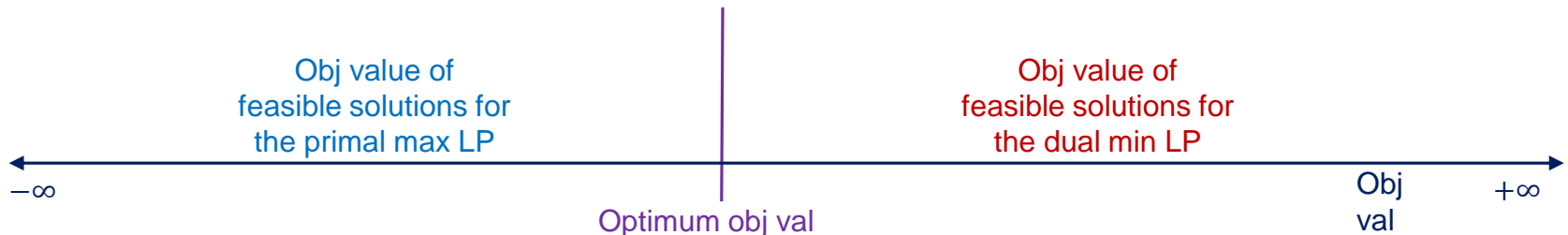
Primal Obj: $\max 3x_1 + 5x_2$

Dual Obj: $\min 4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3$

For primal opt (x_1^*, x_2^*)
and dual opt (y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*)

$$3x_1^* + 5x_2^* = 4y_1^* + 12y_2^* + 18y_3^*$$

When both primal and dual have a feasible solution, their optimum objective values will be the same



Strong Duality Theorem implies Weak Duality Theorem

Suppose that the objective of the **primal LP** is

$$\max c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n$$

and the objective of the **dual LP** is

$$\min b_1y_1 + \dots + b_my_m$$

Let $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ be **any feasible** solution of the **primal LP**

Let (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*) be an **optimal solution** of the **primal LP**

$$c_1\bar{x}_1 + \dots + c_n\bar{x}_n \leq c_1x_1^* + \dots + c_nx_n^*$$

Let $(\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_m)$ be **any feasible** solution of the **dual LP**

Let (y_1^*, \dots, y_m^*) be an **optimal solution** of the **dual LP**

$$b_1y_1^* + \dots + b_my_m^* \leq b_1\bar{y}_1 + \dots + b_m\bar{y}_m$$

By strong duality property $c_1x_1^* + \dots + c_nx_n^* = b_1y_1^* + \dots + b_my_m^*$

So it must be the case that $c_1\bar{x}_1 + \dots + c_n\bar{x}_n \leq b_1\bar{y}_1 + \dots + b_m\bar{y}_m$

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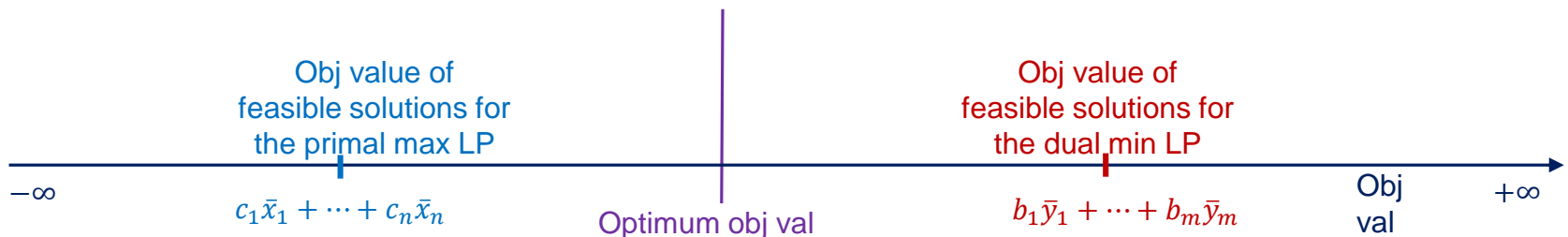
For any primal feasible (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2)

$$3\bar{x}_1 + 5\bar{x}_2 \leq 3x_1^* + 5x_2^*$$

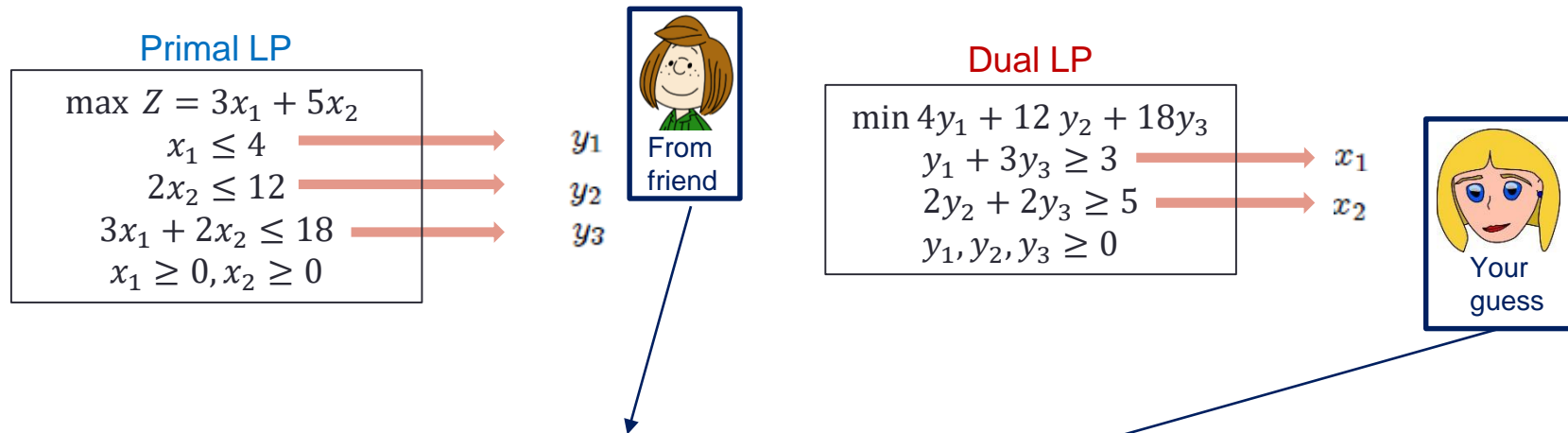
For any dual feasible $(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3)$

$$4y_1^* + 12y_2^* + 18y_3^* \leq 4\bar{y}_1 + 12\bar{y}_2 + 18\bar{y}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\bar{x}_1 + 5\bar{x}_2 \leq 5\bar{y}_1 + 12\bar{y}_2 + 18\bar{y}_3$$



Strong Duality Theorem is useful to verify optimality



Suppose we have primal feasible solution (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) and dual feasible $(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3)$ with the same obj value. Then

$$3\bar{x}_1 + 5\bar{x}_2 \leq 3x_1^* + 5x_2^* = 4y_1^* + 12y_2^* + 18y_3^* \leq 4\bar{y}_1 + 12\bar{y}_2 + 18\bar{y}_3 = 3\bar{x}_1 + 5\bar{x}_2$$

by strong duality

since obj values
are the same

So it must be the case that all inequalities in the sequence are equations

So (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) and $(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3)$ are optimal feasible solutions
for **primal** and **dual** LPs respectively

Primal and **Dual** feasible solutions with the same objective values are optimal solutions to
primal and **dual** problems respectively

Complementary Slackness Conditions

Primal LP

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \max Z = 3x_1 + 5x_2 \\
 x_1 \leq 4 \quad \longrightarrow y_1 \\
 2x_2 \leq 12 \quad \longrightarrow y_2 \\
 3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 18 \quad \longrightarrow y_3 \\
 x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

(x_1^*, x_2^*) : optimal solution of the primal LP

Dual LP

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \min 4y_1 + 12y_2 + 18y_3 \\
 y_1 + 3y_3 \geq 3 \quad \longrightarrow x_1 \\
 2y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 5 \quad \longrightarrow x_2 \\
 y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

(y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*) : optimal solution of the dual LP

Observation 1:

Since (x_1^*, x_2^*) has to satisfy all constraints in the **primal LP** and (y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*) has to satisfy all constraints in the **dual LP**, we have

$$\begin{array}{l}
 y_1^*(4 - x_1^*) \geq 0 \\
 y_2^*(12 - 2x_2^*) \geq 0 \\
 y_3^*(18 - 3x_1^* - 2x_2^*) \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x_1^*(y_1^* + 3y_3^* - 3) \geq 0 \\
 x_2^*(2y_2^* + 2y_3^* - 5) \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

Complementary Slackness Conditions

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 \end{array}$$

(y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*) : optimal solution of the dual LP

Observation 2:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 y_1^*(4 - x_1^*) \\
 + y_2^*(12 - 2x_2^*) \\
 + y_3^*(18 - 3x_1^* - 2x_2^*)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x_1^*(y_1^* + 3y_3^* - 3) \\
 + x_2^*(2y_2^* + 2y_3^* - 5)
 \end{array}$$

$$4y_1^* + 12y_2^* + 18y_3^* - y_1^*x_1^* - 2x_2^*y_2^* - 3x_1^*y_3^* - 2x_2^*y_3^* \quad + \quad y_1^*x_1^* + 2x_2^*y_2^* + 3x_1^*y_3^* + 2x_2^*y_3^* - 3x_1^* - 5x_2^*$$

$$4y_1^* + 12y_2^* + 18y_3^* - 3x_1^* - 5x_2^* = 0$$

Recall that by the strong duality theorem

$$4y_1^* + 12y_2^* + 18y_3^* = 3x_1^* + 5x_2^*$$

Complementary Slackness Conditions

Primal LP

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(y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*) : optimal solution of the dual LP

Observation 1

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1^*(4 - x_1^*) \geq 0 \\ y_2^*(12 - 2x_2^*) \geq 0 \\ y_3^*(18 - 3x_1^* - 2x_2^*) \geq 0 \\ x_1^*(y_1^* + 3y_3^* - 3) \geq 0 \\ x_2^*(2y_2^* + 2y_3^* - 5) \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Observation 3

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1^*(4 - x_1^*) = 0 \\ y_2^*(12 - 2x_2^*) = 0 \\ y_3^*(18 - 3x_1^* - 2x_2^*) = 0 \\ x_1^*(y_1^* + 3y_3^* - 3) = 0 \\ x_2^*(2y_2^* + 2y_3^* - 5) = 0 \end{array}$$

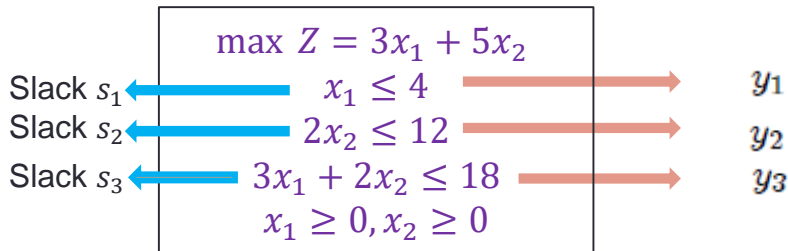
Observation 2

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1^*(4 - x_1^*) \\ + y_2^*(12 - 2x_2^*) \\ + y_3^*(18 - 3x_1^* - 2x_2^*) \\ + x_1^*(y_1^* + 3y_3^* - 3) \\ + x_2^*(2y_2^* + 2y_3^* - 5) \end{array}$$

Complementary Slackness Conditions **0**

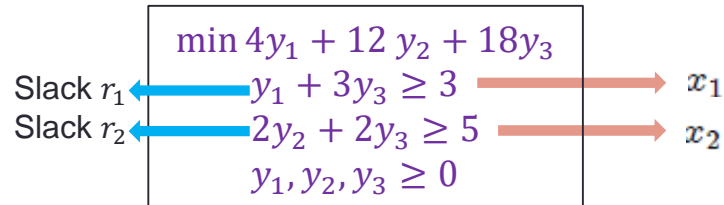
Complementary Slackness Conditions

Primal LP



(x_1^*, x_2^*) : optimal solution of the primal LP

Dual LP



(y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*) : optimal solution of the dual LP

Observation 1

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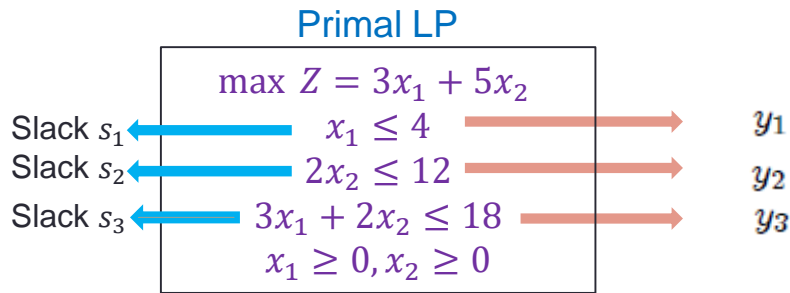
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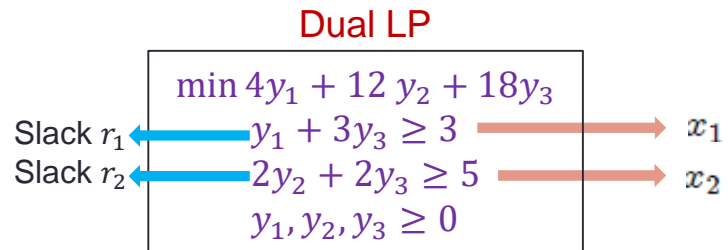
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Complementary Slackness Conditions **0**

Complementary Slackness Conditions



(x_1^*, x_2^*) : optimal solution of the primal LP



(y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*) : optimal solution of the dual LP

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$$y_2^*(12 - 2x_2^*) \geq 0$$

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$$+ x_2^*(2y_2^* + 2y_3^* - 5)$$

Observation 3

$$y_1^*s_1^* = 0$$

$$y_2^*s_2^* = 0$$

$$y_3^*s_3^* = 0$$

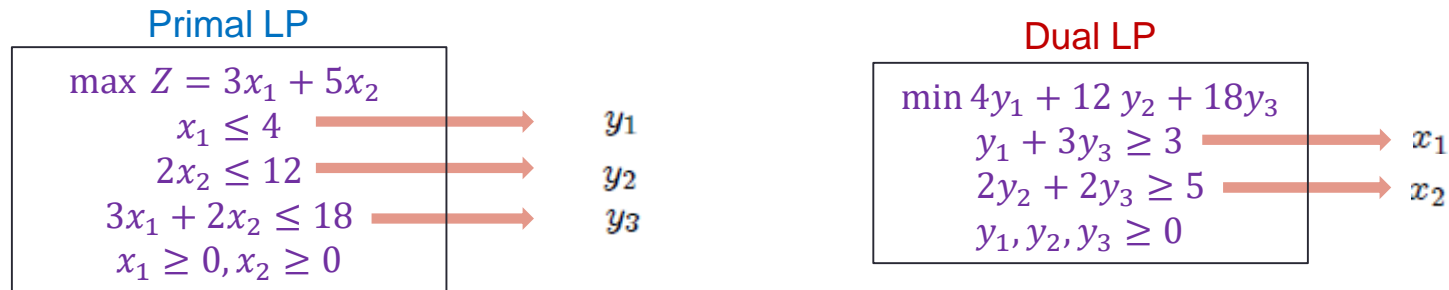
$$x_1^*r_1^* = 0$$

$$x_2^*r_2^* = 0$$

Complementary Slackness Conditions **0**

Complementary slackness conditions:

the value of a variable in the **primal (dual)** optimal solution can be non-zero only if the corresponding constraint in its **dual (primal)** has no slack in a **dual (primal)** optimal solution

Complementary Slackness Property

Suppose we have **primal** and **dual feasible** solutions (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) and $(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3)$ respectively
 Suppose they satisfy complementary slackness conditions, i.e.,

$$\bar{y}_1(4 - \bar{x}_1) = 0$$

$$\bar{y}_2(12 - 2\bar{x}_2) = 0$$

$$\bar{y}_3(18 - 3\bar{x}_1 - 2\bar{x}_2) = 0$$

$$\bar{x}_1(\bar{y}_1 + 3\bar{y}_3 - 3) = 0$$

$$\bar{x}_2(2\bar{y}_2 + 2\bar{y}_3 - 5) = 0$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 4\bar{y}_1 + 12\bar{y}_2 + 18\bar{y}_3 &= \bar{y}_1\bar{x}_1 + 2\bar{y}_2\bar{x}_2 + 3\bar{y}_3\bar{x}_1 + 2\bar{y}_3\bar{x}_2 \\ &= \bar{x}_1(\bar{y}_1 + 3\bar{y}_3) + \bar{x}_2(2\bar{y}_2 + 2\bar{y}_3) \\ &= 3\bar{x}_1 + 5\bar{x}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2)$ and $(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3)$ are feasible
 and they have the same objective value
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2)$ and $(\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3)$
 are optimal

Complementary Slackness Property: Feasible solutions satisfying
 complementary slackness conditions are optimal solutions

Complementary Slackness Property

Primal LP

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 a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &\leq b_2 \quad \longrightarrow y_2 \\
 &\vdots \\
 a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + 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}$$

Dual LP

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Min } &b_1y_1 + b_2y_2 + \dots + b_my_m \\
 a_{11}y_1 + a_{21}y_2 + \dots + a_{m1}y_m &\geq c_1 \quad \longrightarrow x_1 \\
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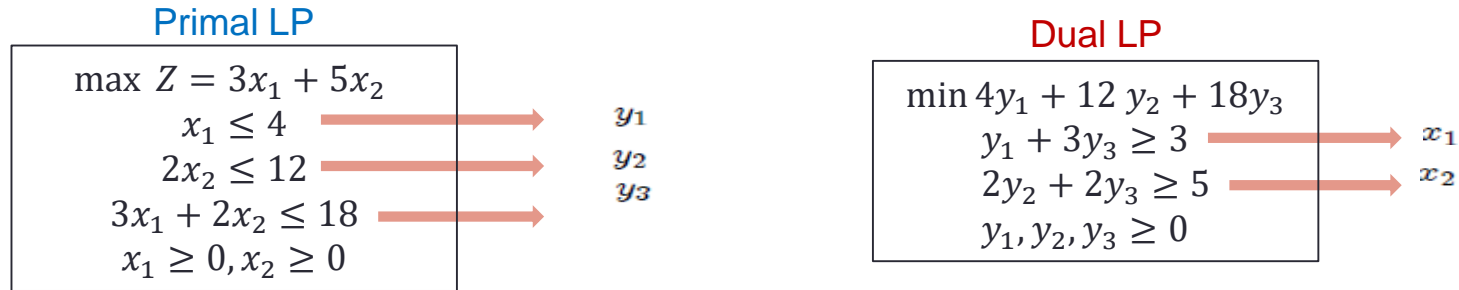
$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{y}_1(b_1 - a_{11}\bar{x}_1 - a_{12}\bar{x}_2 - \dots - a_{1n}\bar{x}_n) &= 0 \\
 \bar{y}_2(b_2 - a_{21}\bar{x}_1 - a_{22}\bar{x}_2 - \dots - a_{2n}\bar{x}_n) &= 0 \\
 &\vdots \\
 \bar{y}_m(b_m - a_{m1}\bar{x}_1 - a_{m2}\bar{x}_2 - \dots - a_{mn}\bar{x}_n) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{x}_1(a_{11}\bar{y}_1 + a_{21}\bar{y}_2 + \dots + a_{m1}\bar{y}_m - c_1) &= 0 \\
 \bar{x}_2(a_{12}\bar{y}_1 + a_{22}\bar{y}_2 + \dots + a_{m2}\bar{y}_m - c_2) &= 0 \\
 &\vdots \\
 \bar{x}_n(a_{1n}\bar{y}_1 + a_{2n}\bar{y}_2 + \dots + a_{mn}\bar{y}_m - c_n) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Then
$$\sum_{j=1}^m b_j \bar{y}_j = \sum_{j=1}^m \bar{y}_j \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} \bar{x}_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ji} \bar{y}_j \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \bar{x}_i \quad \Rightarrow (\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \text{ and } (\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_m) \text{ are optimal}$$

Complementary Slackness Property: Feasible solutions satisfying complementary slackness conditions are optimal solutions

Summary of duality theory



Duality properties for this example: (the primal LP has a finite optimal solution)

1. **Duality Theorem:** **Dual LP** also has finite optimal solution

2. **Weak duality:**

$$3\bar{x}_1 + 5\bar{x}_2 \leq 4y_1^* + 12y_2^* + 18y_3^* = 36 \text{ if } (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) \text{ is feasible for the primal LP}$$

$$4\bar{y}_1 + 12\bar{y}_2 + 18\bar{y}_3 \geq 3x_1^* + 5x_2^* = 36 \text{ if } (\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, \bar{y}_3) \text{ is feasible for the dual LP}$$

3. **Strong duality:** (x_1^*, x_2^*) : optimal for the **primal LP**
 (y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*) : optimal for the **dual LP**

$$\Rightarrow 4y_1^* + 12y_2^* + 18y_3^* = 3x_1^* + 5x_2^* = 36$$

4. **Complementary Slackness Conditions:** $y_1^*(4 - x_1^*) = 0$

$$y_2^*(12 - 2x_2^*) = 0$$

$$y_3^*(18 - 3x_1^* - 2x_2^*) = 0$$

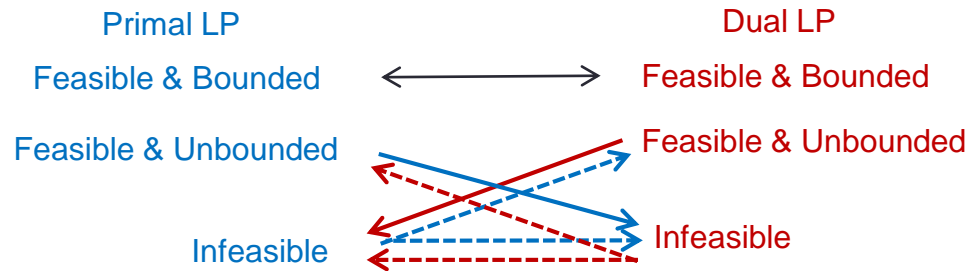
$$x_1^*(y_1^* + 3y_3^* - 3) = 0$$

$$x_2^*(2y_2^* + 2y_3^* - 5) = 0$$

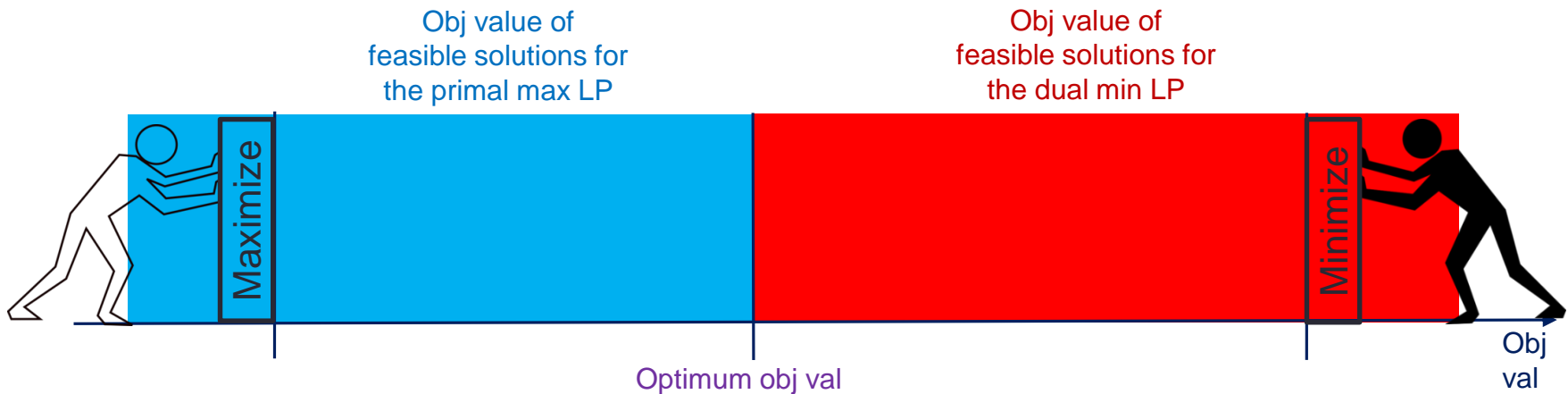
5. **Complementary Slackness Property:** Feasibility and Complementary Slackness Conditions imply optimality

Summary of duality theory

- Duality Theorem



- Weak and Strong duality properties (For a LP with an optimal solution)



Summary of duality theory

- **Complementary Slackness Conditions:**

The value of a variable in the **primal** (**dual**) optimal solution can be non-zero only if the corresponding constraint in the **dual** (**primal**) has no slack in a **dual** (**primal**) optimal solution

- **Complementary Slackness Property:**

Feasible **primal** and **dual** solutions that satisfy complementary slackness conditions are optimal **primal** and optimal **dual** solutions respectively

To optimize ...



Simplex Method (Tabular Form)



- Good friends (good employees) will bring the dual optimal solution that will help check optimality



- How to be a good friend (good employee)?
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SIMPLEX METHOD IN TABULAR FORM

Dual Optimal Values (Shadow Prices): Where are they?

Simplex Method (Tabular Form): Initialization

Original LP

$$\begin{aligned} \max Z &= 6x_1 + 5x_2 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 &\leq 4 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 &\leq 5 \\ x_1, x_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



Augmented LP

$$\begin{aligned} \max Z &= 6x_1 + 5x_2 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + s_1 &= 4 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 + s_2 &= 5 \\ x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



Initialization

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= 6x_1 + 5x_2 \\ s_1 &= 4 - 2x_1 - x_2 \\ s_2 &= 5 - 3x_1 - x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Basic variables: $s_1 = 4, s_2 = 5$
 Non-basic variables: $x_1 = x_2 = 0$
 $Z = 0$

Slack Variables



Basic Var.	Z	x_1	x_2	s_1	s_2	RHS
Z	1	-6	-5	0	0	0
s_1	0	2	1	1	0	4
s_2	0	3	1	0	1	5



$$\begin{aligned} Z - 6x_1 - 5x_2 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + s_1 &= 4 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 + s_2 &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Simplex Method (Tabular Form): Terminating tableau

Slack Variables

Iteration	Basic Var.	Z	x_1	x_2	s_1 y_1^*	s_2 y_2^*	RHS	ratio
3	Z	1	4	0	5	0	20	
	x_2	0	2	1	1	0	4	
	s_2	0	1	0	-1	1	1	



$$\begin{aligned} Z + 4x_1 + 5s_1 &= 20 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + s_1 &= 4 \\ x_1 - s_1 + s_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Basic variables: $x_2 = 4, s_2 = 1$
 Non-basic variables: $x_1 = s_1 = 0$
 $Z = 20$



$$\begin{aligned} Z &= 20 - 4x_1 - 5s_1 \\ x_2 &= 4 - 2x_1 - s_1 \\ s_2 &= 1 - x_1 + s_1 \end{aligned}$$

Shadow price for constraint 1: Coefficient of slack variable s_1 in optimum Z which is 5
 Shadow price for constraint 2: Coefficient of slack variable s_2 in optimum Z which is 0

Simplex Method (Tabular Form): Terminating tableau

Basic Var.	Z	Original Variables	Slack Variables	RHS
Z				
Constraint 1				
\vdots				
Constraint m				

Shadow prices are here
i.e.,
Dual opt values are here

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SIMPLEX METHOD

Complementary Solutions Property

Simplex Method (Tabular Form): Terminating tableau

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Constraint 1				
\vdots				
Constraint m				

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Qn: What is there in previous iterations before termination?



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Initialization

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= 6x_1 + 5x_2 \\ s_1 &= 4 - 2x_1 - x_2 \\ s_2 &= 5 - 3x_1 - x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Basic variables: $s_1 = 4, s_2 = 5$
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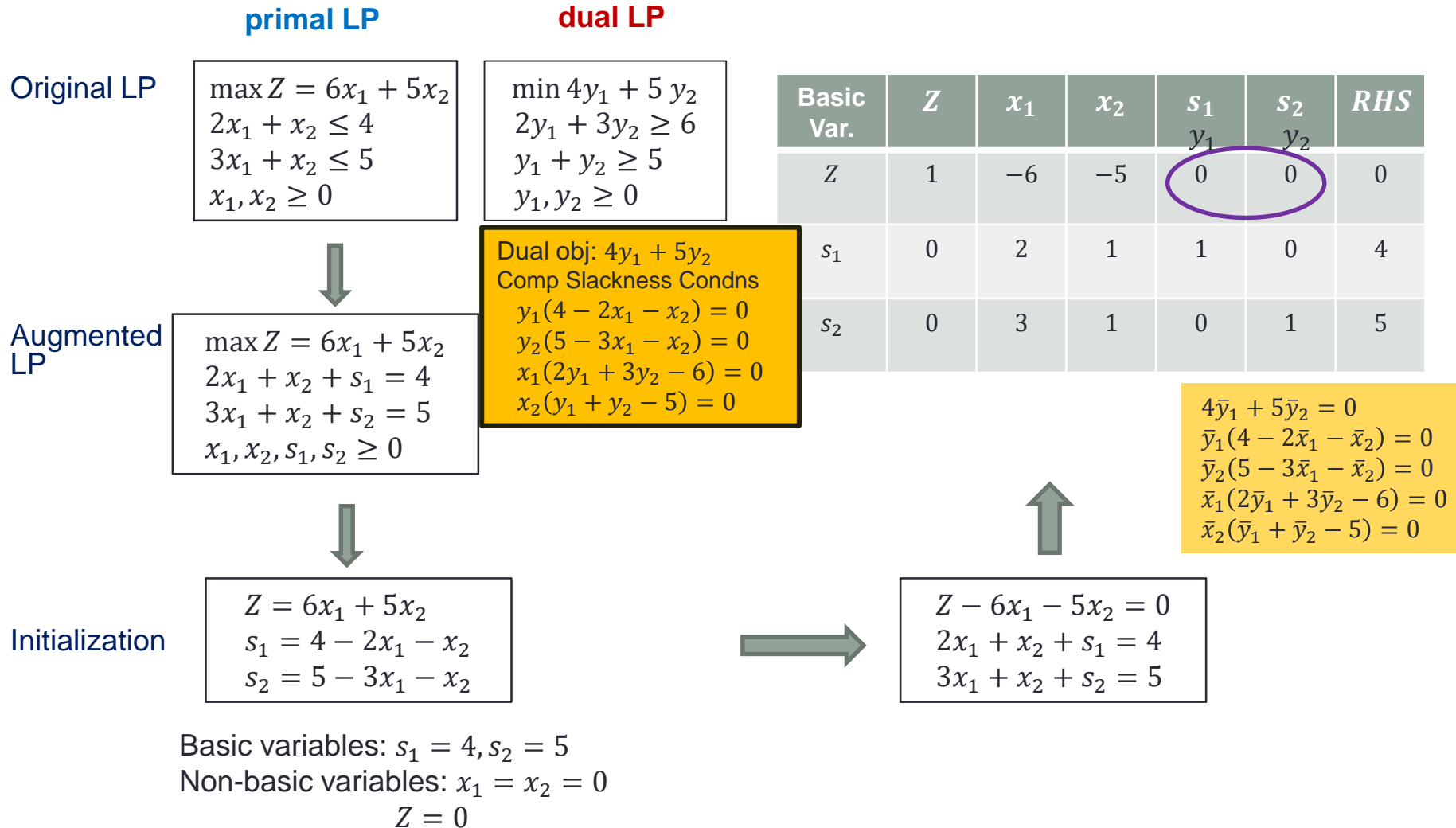
$$\begin{aligned} Z - 6x_1 - 5x_2 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + s_1 &= 4 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 + s_2 &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Simplex Method (Tabular Form): Iterations

Iteration	Basic Var.	Z	x_1	x_2	s_1 y_1	s_2 y_2	RHS	ratio
1	Z	1	0	-3	0	2	10	
	s_1	0	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	1	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	2
	x_1	0	1	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{5}{3}$	5
2	Z	1	0	0	9	-4	16	
	x_2	0	0	1	3	-2	2	
	x_1	0	1	0	-1	1	1	1
3	Z	1	4	0	5	0	20	
	x_2	0	2	1	1	0	4	
	s_2	0	1	0	-1	1	1	

No pivot col, so optimal solution has been found
Terminate!

Simplex Method (Tabular Form): Initialization



Simplex Method (Tabular Form): Iterations

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	x_1	0	1	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{5}{3}$	5
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	x_2	0	0	1	3	-2	2	
	x_1	0	1	0	-1	1	1	1
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	x_2	0	2	1	1	0	4	
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dual LP

$$\begin{aligned} \min & 4y_1 + 5y_2 \\ & 2y_1 + 3y_2 \geq 6 \\ & y_1 + y_2 \geq 5 \\ & y_1, y_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4\bar{y}_1 + 5\bar{y}_2 &= 10 \\ \bar{y}_1(4 - 2\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) &= 0 \\ \bar{y}_2(5 - 3\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) &= 0 \\ \bar{x}_1(2\bar{y}_1 + 3\bar{y}_2 - 6) &= 0 \\ \bar{x}_2(\bar{y}_1 + \bar{y}_2 - 5) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4\bar{y}_1 + 5\bar{y}_2 &= 16 \\ \bar{y}_1(4 - 2\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) &= 0 \\ \bar{y}_2(5 - 3\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) &= 0 \\ \bar{x}_1(2\bar{y}_1 + 3\bar{y}_2 - 6) &= 0 \\ \bar{x}_2(\bar{y}_1 + \bar{y}_2 - 5) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4\bar{y}_1 + 5\bar{y}_2 &= 20 \\ \bar{y}_1(4 - 2\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) &= 0 \\ \bar{y}_2(5 - 3\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) &= 0 \\ \bar{x}_1(2\bar{y}_1 + 3\bar{y}_2 - 6) &= 0 \\ \bar{x}_2(\bar{y}_1 + \bar{y}_2 - 5) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Dual obj: } & 4y_1 + 5y_2 \\ \text{Comp Slackness Conds} & \\ & y_1(4 - 2x_1 - x_2) = 0 \\ & y_2(5 - 3x_1 - x_2) = 0 \\ & x_1(2y_1 + 3y_2 - 6) = 0 \\ & x_2(y_1 + y_2 - 5) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

No pivot col, so optimal solution has been found
Terminate!

Observation: Each iteration of simplex identifies a complementary solution y for the dual LP with same objective value as x , however y is infeasible for the dual LP until termination

Simplex: Complementary Solutions Property

Complementary Solutions Property:

- At each iteration, the simplex algorithm simultaneously maintains a primal feasible solution x and a solution y such that
 - x, y satisfy complementary slackness conditions
- If y is feasible to the dual LP, then by complementary slackness property, x and y are optimal primal-dual solutions

Simplex: An alternative viewpoint

- Simplex Algorithm begins at a primal basic feasible solution
- Explores adjacent basic feasible solutions until all Z -row coefficients are non-negative

The Z -row coefficients give the complementary dual solution!

- The complementary dual solution becomes feasible when all Z -row coefficients are non-negative
- At that point, the algorithm has achieved an optimal solution due to the complementary slackness property and so it terminates

Another way to view Simplex

- Begin at a primal basic feasible solution, continue until the complementary dual solution becomes feasible

Can we do the opposite?

- **Dual Simplex Method**: Begin at a dual basic feasible solution, continue until the complementary primal solution becomes feasible

DUAL SIMPLEX METHOD

... where we see a variant of the simplex method motivated by Duality Theory

Dual Simplex Method

- Starting tableau should have the following properties:
 - All Z -row entries are non-negative
 - Equations corresponding to all rows have: exactly one basic var, rest of the vars being non-basic and the coefficient of the basic var is one
 - (Some RHS entries could be negative)
- Iteration:
 1. Determine the leaving basic variable: variable with the most negative RHS (should be strictly negative)
 2. Determine the entering variable (new min-ratio test):
 - Choices:** non-basic variables with a negative entry in the row of the leaving basic variable
 - Selection:** pick the one with the smallest absolute value of the ratio between its Z -row entry and its entry in the row of the leaving basic variable
 3. Update tableau similar to simplex method
- Termination: Feasibility test
 - If all RHS values are non-negative, STOP
 - The basic solution in this tableau is primal feasible and hence optimal