

# MATH 30210, FALL 2014, HOMEWORK 6 SOLNS

1) Suppose primal problem  $P$  is a maximization problem, and that it is unbounded.

Claim: Dual problem  $D$  has no feasible point

Proof: Suppose  $D$  has a feasible point with objective value  $t$ .

Because  $P$  is unbounded,  $P$  has a feasible point with objective value  $t+1$

Since  $t+1 > t$ , this contradicts the weak duality theorem (Thm 4.4.1) that says that any feasible objective for  $P$  is at most as large as any feasible objective for  $D$

So  $D$  has no feasible point.

If primal problem  $P$  is a minimization problem, and is unbounded, then almost exactly the same proof shows that  $D$  has no feasible points.

2) Problem constraints are equivalent to :

$$x_1 - x_2 \leq 1 \text{ and}$$

$$x_1 - x_2 \geq 2;$$

clearly there is no pair  $(x_1, x_2)$  that simultaneously satisfies both constraints, so problem has no feasible points

Dual problem is to Minimize  $2y_1 - 2y_2$

$$\text{subject to } y_1 - y_2 \geq 1$$

$$-y_1 + y_2 \geq 0$$

$$y_1, y_2 \geq 0$$

Dual constraints are equivalent to :

$$y_1 - y_2 \geq 1 \text{ and}$$

$$y_1 - y_2 \leq 0;$$

clearly no  $(y_1, y_2)$  simultaneously satisfies both constraints, so dual problem has no feasible points.

3) First, check feasibility of  $(0, 5\frac{2}{3}, 8\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ :

$$2(5\frac{2}{3}) - 8\frac{1}{3} - 3(\frac{1}{3}) = 2 \geq 2 \checkmark$$

$$5(5\frac{2}{3}) - 2(8\frac{1}{3}) + (\frac{1}{3}) = 12 \geq 12 \checkmark$$

$$-4(5\frac{2}{3}) + 3(8\frac{1}{3}) + 5(\frac{1}{3}) = 4 \geq 4 \checkmark$$

~~and~~ and each of  $0, 5\frac{2}{3}, 8\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \geq 0$ .

So  $(0, 5\frac{2}{3}, 8\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$  is a feasible point.

Objective value:  $11(5\frac{2}{3}) - 3(8\frac{1}{3}) + (\frac{1}{3}) = 37$

Next, check feasibility of  $(3\frac{1}{2}, 2, 1\frac{1}{2})$  for dual:

$$2(3\frac{1}{2}) - (2) + (1\frac{1}{2}) = 6\frac{1}{2} \leq 7 \checkmark$$

$$2(3\frac{1}{2}) + 5(2) - 4(1\frac{1}{2}) = 11 \leq 11 \checkmark$$

$$-(3\frac{1}{2}) - 2(2) + 3(1\frac{1}{2}) = -3\frac{1}{2} \leq -3 \checkmark$$

$$-3(3\frac{1}{2}) + (2) + 5(1\frac{1}{2}) = -1 \leq -1 \checkmark$$

and each of ~~and~~  $3\frac{1}{2}, 2, 1\frac{1}{2} \geq 0$

So  $(3\frac{1}{2}, 2, 1\frac{1}{2})$  is a feasible point for dual

Objective value:  $2(3\frac{1}{2}) + 12(2) + 4(1\frac{1}{2}) = 37$

Since we have found feasible points for primal and dual w same objective, by weak duality (specifically Cor 4.4.2) these two points are optimal for their respective problems.

$$4) a) 4(9) - 5(2) + 3(2) = 32$$

$$3(9) + 6(2) - (2) = 37 \geq 3$$

So  $(9, 0, 2, 2)$  is feasible

~~$$4(4) + 8(1) - 5(-1) + 3(1) = 32$$

$$3(4) - 2(1) + 6(-1) - 1(1) = 3 \geq 3$$

So  $(4, 1, -1, 1)$  is feasible~~

$-1 \neq 0$ ,  
So  
 $(4, 1, -1, 1)$   
is not  
feasible

$$4(5) + 8(1) - 5(1) + 3(3) = 32$$

$$3(5) - 2(1) + 6(1) - 1(3) = 16 \geq 3$$

So  $(5, 1, 1, 3)$  is feasible

b) At  $(9, 0, 2, 2)$   $z = 13(9) + 12(2) + 8(2)$   
 $= 157$

~~At  $(4, 1, -1, 1)$   $z = 13(4) + 15(1) + 12(-1) + 8(1)$   
 $= 63$~~

At  $(5, 1, 1, 3)$ ,  $z = 13(5) + 15(1) + 12(1) + 8(3)$   
 $= 116$

c) Max  $32y_1 + 3y_2$  subject to

$$4y_1 + 3y_2 \leq 13$$

$$8y_1 - 2y_2 \leq 15$$

$$-5y_1 + 6y_2 \leq 12$$

$$3y_1 - y_2 \leq 8$$

$y_1$  unrestricted,

$$y_2 \geq 0.$$

d) Check  $(-1, 1)$ :  $-4 + 3 \leq 13$   
 $-8 - 2 \leq 15$   
 $5 + 6 \leq 12$   
 $-3 - 1 \leq 8$   
 and  $1(y_2) \geq 0$  ✓  $(-1, 1)$  feasible

Check  $(0, 2)$ :  $6 \leq 13$   
 $-4 \leq 15$   
 $12 \leq 12$   
 $-2 \leq 12$   
 and  $2 \geq 0$   $(0, 2)$  feasible

Check  $(1, 3)$ :  $4 + 9 \leq 13$   
 $8 - 6 \leq 15$   
 $-5 + 18 = 13 \not\leq 12$   
 So  $(1, 3)$  is not feasible

e) At  $(-1, 1)$ ,  $w = 32(-1) + 3(1) = -29$   
 At  $(0, 2)$ ,  $w = 32(0) + 3(2) = 6$

f) We can say that the minimum lies somewhere between 6 [the largest known dual feasible value] and 116 [the smallest known primal feasible value]

5) Dual: Maximize  $2y_1 + 4y_2 - y_3 + 0y_4 - 2y_5$

subject to:  $3y_1 + y_2 - 2y_4 + 4y_5 \leq 8$

$2y_1 - y_2 + 2y_3 + 3y_4 \leq 13$

$y_1 + 2y_2 + 2y_3 - y_5 \leq 20$

$y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5 \geq 0$

Initial Simplex table: slack vars

basis	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$	$y_5$	$y_6$	$y_7$	$y_8$	rhs
$y_6$	3	1	0	-2	4	1	0	0	8
$y_7$	2	-1	2	3	0	0	1	0	13
$y_8$	1	2	2	0	-1	0	0	1	20
obj	-2	-4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0

dual is max problem:

flip objective so simplex can solve a min problem

Final simplex table:

basis	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$	$y_5$	$y_6$	$y_7$	$y_8$	rhs
<del><math>y_2</math></del>	IRRELEVANT								—
$y_7$									—
$y_4$									—
obj	NONSENSE					0	0	2	40

From final tableau, we see that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \lambda_3 = 2 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{(objective row coefficients} \\ \text{of slack variables associated} \\ \text{with constraints 1, 2, 3 of} \\ \text{primal)} \end{array}$$

is an optimal solution for the primal, with  
Optimum objective value 40

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$$6) a) \text{ Dual} = \text{Maximize } 13y_1 + 2y_2 + 5y_3$$

$$\text{subject to } 2y_1 + 6y_2 + 7y_3 \leq 100$$

$$y_1 + 9y_2 - 8y_3 \leq 150$$

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

Solution to dual:

$$y_1 = 75 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{negative of obj row coefficient} \\ \text{of artificial variable} \\ \text{associated with constraint 1} \end{array} \right]$$

$$y_2 = \frac{25}{3} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{obj row coefficient of} \\ \text{slack variable associated} \\ \text{with constraint 2} \end{array} \right]$$

$$y_3 = 0 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{neg of obj row coeff. of} \\ \text{arti. var. associated w} \\ \text{constraint 3} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{Check feasibility: } 2(75) - 6\left(\frac{25}{3}\right) = 100 \checkmark$$

$$75 + 9\left(\frac{25}{3}\right) = 150 \checkmark$$

$$75, \frac{25}{3}, 0 \geq 0 \checkmark$$

$$\text{Check optimality: } 13(75) - 2\left(\frac{25}{3}\right) = \frac{2875}{3},$$

which is exactly optimum (from tableau) of the original minimization problem; so by duality theorem,  $(75, \frac{25}{3}, 0)$  is optimal for dual.



c) Dual: Max  $y_1 - 6y_2 + 3y_3$   
 subject to  $-3y_2 + 2y_3 \leq -2$   
 $2y_1 + y_2 - 4y_3 \leq 5$   
 $5y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \leq 9$   
 $y_1, y_2 \geq 0, y_3$  unrestricted

Dual solution:  $y_1 = \frac{7}{4}$   
 $y_2 = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $y_3 = -\frac{1}{4}$

Check feasibility:  ~~$2(\frac{7}{4}) + (\frac{1}{2}) - 4(-\frac{1}{4}) = 5$~~   $-3(\frac{1}{2}) + 2(-\frac{1}{4}) = -2 \checkmark$   
 $2(\frac{7}{4}) + (\frac{1}{2}) - 4(-\frac{1}{4}) = 5 \checkmark$   
 $5(\frac{7}{4}) + (\frac{1}{2}) + (-\frac{1}{4}) = 9 \checkmark$   
 $\frac{7}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \geq 0 \checkmark$

Check optimality:  $(\frac{7}{4}) - 6(\frac{1}{2}) + 3(-\frac{1}{4}) = -2,$   
 which is optimal value of primal  $\checkmark$

e) Dual: Minimize  $90y_1 - 42y_2$   
 subject to  $6y_1 + y_2 \geq 10$   
 $-7y_1 \geq -12$   
 $8y_1 - 3y_2 \geq 11$   
 $y_1$  unrestricted,  $y_2 \geq 0$

Dual solution:  $y_1 = \frac{12}{7}$   
 $y_2 = \frac{19}{21}$

Check feasibility:  $6\left(\frac{12}{7}\right) + \left(\frac{19}{21}\right) = \frac{235}{21} \geq 10 \checkmark$   
 $-7\left(\frac{12}{7}\right) = -12 \geq -12 \checkmark$   
 $8\left(\frac{12}{7}\right) - 3\left(\frac{19}{21}\right) = 11 \checkmark$   
 $\frac{19}{21} \geq 0 \checkmark$

Check optimality:  $90\left(\frac{12}{7}\right) - 42\left(\frac{19}{21}\right) = \frac{814}{7}$ ,  
 which is the optimum value of  
 the primal  $\checkmark$ .