

**Assignment 8 For MAT3210 – Linear Programming:5.2, 5.3**  
**No need to hand in**

1. Consider the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && x_0 = c^T x \\ &\text{subject to} && Ax = b \\ &&& \ell_i \leq x_i \leq u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Find the dual problem.  
(b) Show that the dual always possesses a FS.  
(c) What can you say about the primal objective function value?
2. Consider the following LPP,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && z = x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 3 \\ &&& 2x_1 - x_2 = 4 \\ &&& x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Given that the optimal basic variables are  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ , determine the associated optimal dual solution.

3. Consider the following LP.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && z = 5x_1 + 2x_2 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1 - x_2 \geq 3 \\ &&& 2x_1 + 3x_2 \geq 5 \\ &&& x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Without solving the LP, estimate a range for the optimal objective value.  
(b) Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be the dual variables. Determine whether the following pair of prime-dual solutions are optimal:  $(x_1, x_2) = (3, 1), (y_1, y_2) = (4, 1)$ .
4. Consider the following LPP.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && 3x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 - 4x_5 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 \leq 6 \\ &&& -x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 - x_5 \geq 3 \\ &&& x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Write down the dual problem.  
(b) Given that  $(-3, 1)$  is an optimal solution to the dual, find an optimal solution to the primal problem.  
(Hint: use complementary slackness properties)

5. Consider the following LPP

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && 6x_1 + 7x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 + x_5 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 6 \\ &&& 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 + x_5 = 14 \\ &&& x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The reduced cost row of the optimal tableau is given by

$$x_0 \quad \begin{array}{|cccccc} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & b \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & 0 & 38 \end{array}$$

- (a) Write down the dual problem.
  - (b) Making use of the given reduced cost row, find an optimal dual solution. Note that:  $(u_1^*, u_2^*) \neq (2, 0)$ .
6. True or False
- (a) If the dual problem is infeasible, then the primal problem is infeasible
  - (b) If the dual problem has a finite optimal solution, then the primal has a final optimal solution
  - (c) If the dual problem has no feasible solution, the primal has an unbounded maximum
  - (d) If the primal has an unbounded maximum, the dual problem has no feasible solution
  - (e) If the primal problem has a feasible solution, the dual problem has a finite optimal solution
  - (f) If the dual problem has an unbounded minimum, the primal problem has no feasible solution