

Chapter 17 Dual Simplex Method

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Lemma (weak duality)

Suppose that x and λ are feasible solutions to primal and dual LP problems, respectively. Then, $c^\top x \geq \lambda^\top b$.

(Proof: On the blackboard.)

Theorem

Suppose that x_0 and λ_0 are feasible solutions to the primal and dual, respectively. If $c^\top x_0 = \lambda_0^\top b$, then x_0 and λ_0 are optimal feasible solutions to their respective problems.

(Proof: On the blackboard.)



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Theorem (duality theorem)

If primal problem has an optimal solution, then so does the dual. Moreover, the optimal values of their respective objective functions are equal.

proof. Case 1. assume that the dual problem has a feasible solution λ .

Analyze the initial and final simplex of standard LP

initial simplex of standard LP final simplex of standard LP

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ c^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B & D & b \\ c_B^\top & c_D^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I & B^{-1}D & B^{-1}b \\ 0^\top & c_D^\top - c_B^\top B^{-1}D & -c_B^\top B^{-1}b \end{bmatrix}$$

We can observe that:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad r_D^\top = c_D^\top - c_B^\top B^{-1}D \geq 0 \Rightarrow c_B^\top B^{-1}D \leq c_D^\top$$

By denoting $\lambda^\top := c_B^\top B^{-1}$, then $\lambda^\top D \leq c_D^\top$.

$$\therefore \lambda^\top A = \lambda^\top [B, D] = [\lambda^\top B, \lambda^\top D] = [c_B^\top, \lambda^\top D] \leq [c_B^\top, c_D^\top] = c^\top,$$

$\therefore A^\top \lambda \leq c$, which implies $\lambda = B^{-\top} c_B$ is a f.s. of the dual LP.



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- ② we now prove λ is an optimal f.s. of the dual LP.

$$\because \lambda^\top b = c_B^\top B^{-1} b = \text{optimal function value},$$

$\therefore \lambda$ is a optimum of the dual LP.

how to get the dual solution from the final simplex?

initial simplex of standard LP

final simplex of standard LP

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ c^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B & D & b \\ c_B^\top & c_D^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I & B^{-1}D & B^{-1}b \\ 0^\top & c_D^\top - c_B^\top B^{-1}D & -c_B^\top B^{-1}b \end{bmatrix}$$

- case 1: $\text{rank}(D) = m$. Solving linear equations

$$\lambda^\top D = c_B^\top B^{-1}D = c_D^\top - r_D^\top.$$

- case 2: $\text{rank}(D) < m$. Solving linear equations

$$\begin{cases} \lambda^\top B = c_B^\top \\ \lambda^\top D = c_D^\top - r_D^\top \end{cases} \iff \lambda^\top \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_B^\top \\ c_D^\top - r_D^\top \end{bmatrix} \iff \lambda^\top A = c^\top - r^\top$$

Dual Linear Program

Example (write the dual of LP and find the optimum)

$$\begin{array}{ll}\max & 2x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} & 2x_1 - x_2 + 7x_3 \leq 6 \\ & x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 \leq 9 \\ & 3x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \leq 3 \\ & x_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3\end{array}$$



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Example (write the dual of LP and find the optimum)

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 & x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, 3
 \end{array}
 \xrightarrow[\text{form}]{\text{standard}}
 \begin{array}{ll}
 \min & -2x_1 - 5x_2 - x_3 \\
 \text{s.t.} & 2x_1 - x_2 + 7x_3 + x_4 = 6 \\
 & x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 + x_5 = 9 \\
 & 3x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + x_6 = 3 \\
 & x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, 6
 \end{array}$$

initial simplex

a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5	a_6	b
2	-1	7	1	0	0	6
1	3	4	0	1	0	9
3	6	1	0	0	1	3
-2	-5	-1	0	0	0	0

$\Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow$

final simplex

a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5	a_6	b
$\frac{15}{43}$	0	1	$\frac{6}{43}$	0	$\frac{1}{43}$	$\frac{39}{43}$
$-\frac{74}{43}$	0	0	$-\frac{21}{43}$	1	$-\frac{25}{43}$	$\frac{186}{43}$
$\frac{19}{43}$	1	0	$-\frac{1}{43}$	0	$\frac{7}{43}$	$\frac{43}{43}$
$\frac{24}{43}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{43}$	0	$\frac{36}{43}$	$\frac{114}{43}$

$$\therefore \lambda^T D = c_D^T - r_D^T \Rightarrow [\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [-2, 0, 0] - \left[\frac{24}{43}, \frac{1}{43}, \frac{36}{43} \right]$$

$$\therefore \lambda^T = \left[-\frac{1}{43}, 0, -\frac{36}{43} \right]$$



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Theorem (complementary slackness)

The feasible solutions pairs (x, λ) are optimal for primal and dual LPs $\iff (c^\top - \lambda^\top A)x = 0$ and $\lambda^\top (Ax - b) = 0$.

proof. Use complementary relaxation theory for constrained optimization.

Example (write the dual of LP and find the optimum)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & -(2x_1 + x_2 + 7x_3 + 4x_4) \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 26 \\ & x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, 4 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{dual}} \begin{array}{ll} \max & 26\lambda \\ \text{s.t.} & \lambda \leq -2, \lambda \leq -1, \lambda \leq -7, \lambda \leq -4 \end{array}$$

Obviously, the maximizer of dual is $\lambda = -7$.

How to get minimizer of primal by complementary slackness?

Ans: primal minimizer x of satisfies

$$\begin{cases} (c^\top - \lambda^\top A)x = 0 \\ \lambda^\top (Ax - b) = 0 \end{cases} \xRightarrow{\text{i.e.,}} \begin{cases} (-[2, 1, 7, 4] - (-7)[1, 1, 1, 1])x = 0 \\ [1, 1, 1, 1]x - 26 = 0 \end{cases}$$
$$\therefore x = [0, 0, 26, 0]^\top.$$



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$$\therefore \begin{array}{ll} \min & [c^\top, 0^\top]x \\ \text{s.t.} & [A, I]x = b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{array} \xRightarrow{\text{dual}} \begin{array}{ll} \max & \lambda^\top b \\ \text{s.t.} & \lambda^\top [A, I] \leq [c^\top, 0^\top] \\ & \lambda \geq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{By defining } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, c = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use the two-phase method to solve the dual LP.



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Motivation: For a standard LP, when A has no identity matrix, we should use two-phase method or big M method.

Tip: solve a standard LP by using the properties its dual, find the optima without introducing artificial variables ($b \geq 0$ can be unnecessary).



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standard LP

$$\min \quad \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

\Rightarrow

x_1					x_{m+1}	\cdots	x_l	\cdots	x_n	\mathbf{b}
1					$a_{1,m+1}$	\cdots	a_{1l}	\cdots	a_{1n}	b_1
	\ddots				\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
		1			$a_{k,m+1}$	\cdots	a_{kl}	\cdots	a_{kn}	b_k
			\ddots		\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
				1	$a_{m,m+1}$	\cdots	a_{ml}	\cdots	a_{mn}	b_m
0	\cdots	0	\cdots	0	σ_{m+1}	\cdots	σ_l	\cdots	σ_n	f_0

If $b_k < 0$ and update the simplex with pivot element a_{kl} , then we have

$$b'_k = \frac{b_k}{a_{kl}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma'_j = \sigma_j - \frac{a_{kj}}{a_{kl}} \sigma_l, j = m+1, \cdots, n. \quad (1)$$

Thus, the pivot element a_{kl} should satisfy

$$a_{kl} < 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\sigma_l}{a_{kl}} = \max \left\{ \frac{\sigma_j}{a_{kj}} \mid a_{kj} < 0 \right\}.$$



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Example (solve LP by dual simplex method)

original LP

$$\min x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 4$$

$$x_1 \leq 5$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 \geq 6$$

$$x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2$$



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$\xrightarrow{\text{standard form}}$

standard form LP (P0)

$$\begin{array}{llllll}\min & x_1 + 2x_2 & & & & \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 & & & & = 4 \\ & x_1 & & + x_4 & & = 5 \\ & 3x_1 + x_2 & & & - x_5 & = 6 \\ & x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, 5\end{array}$$

Note: the above LP can not be solved by simplex, should be applied two-phase method or big M method. Now, we solve it by dual simplex method.

Ans:

matrix form of (P0)

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	b
1	2	-1	0	0	4
1	0	0	1	0	5
3	1	0	0	-1	6
1	2	0	0	0	0



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3	1	0	0	-1	6
1	2	0	0	0	0

\Rightarrow

scaling 1st and 3rd rows

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	b
-1	-2	1	0	0	-4
1	0	0	1	0	5
-3	-1	0	0	1	-6
1	2	0	0	0	0

$\because r_D \geq 0$ and some $b < 0$
 \therefore operate on $b_i < 0$.
e.g., operate 1st row.



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$$\Rightarrow$$

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0	-2	1	1	0	1
0	5	-3	0	1	6
0	0	1	0	0	-4

$\because r_D \geq 0$ and $b \geq 0$,

\therefore (P0) is solved.

optimal f.s is $(x_1, x_2) = (4, 0)$.

Example (solve LP by dual simplex method)

original LP

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & 12x_1 + 8x_2 + 16x_3 + 12x_4 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 2x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 \geq 2 \\ & 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_4 \geq 3 \\ & x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, 4 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

standard form LP (P0)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & 12x_1 + 8x_2 + 16x_3 + 12x_4 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 2x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 - x_5 = 2 \\ & 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_4 - x_6 = 3 \\ & x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, 6 \end{aligned}$$



Dual Simplex Method

matrix form of (P0)

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	b
2	1	4	0	-1	0	2
2	2	0	4	0	-1	3
12	8	16	12	0	0	0

scaling 1st and 2nd rows

⇒

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	b
-2	-1	-4	0	1	0	-2
-2	-2	0	-4	0	1	-3
12	8	16	12	0	0	0

$\because r_D \geq 0$ and some $b < 0$

\therefore operate on $b_i < 0$.

e.g., operate 2nd row.

⇒

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	b
-2	-1	-4	0	1	0	-2
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$
6	2	16	0	0	3	-9

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$$\Rightarrow$$

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2	1	4	0	-1	0	2
$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	-2	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$
2	0	8	0	2	3	-13

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$$\Rightarrow$$

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	b
0	1	-4	4	1	-1	1
1	0	4	-2	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	0	0	4	4	2	-14

$\because r_D \geq 0$ and some $b < 0$

\therefore operate on $b_i < 0$.

e.g., operate 2nd row.

Thus, the optimal solution is $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1/2, 1, 0, 0)$.

Note: We can also get the optimal solution of the dual as $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = (4, 2)$.



Homework

Exercise in the text book: 17.5,17.10,17.15,17.24.

