

Operations Research, Spring 2015

Pre-lecture Problems for Lecture 6

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Note. The deadline of submitting the pre-lecture problem is **9:10am, April 9, 2015**. Please submit a hard copy of your work in class. Late submissions will not be accepted. Each student must submit her/his individual work. Submit **ONLY** the problem that counts for grades.

1. (0 point) Find the dual for the following LP:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & 4x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 10 \\ & x_2 + x_3 \geq 16 \\ & x_1 + 3x_2 - 3x_3 = 14 \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \leq 0, x_3 \text{ urs.} \end{aligned}$$

2. (0 point) Consider a primal LP

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & 3x_1 + 5x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 \leq 16 \\ & x_2 \leq 8 \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Find a primal optimal solution x^* .
- (b) Formulate the dual LP.
- (c) Solve the dual LP to get a dual optimal solution y^* . Show that $c^T x^* = (y^*)^T b$, where c and b are the primal and dual objective function.
3. (10 points) Consider the primal LP that you just solved in Problem 2.
- (a) Find a primal optimal basis B . Verify that $A_B^{-1}b = x_B^*$, the basic variables of the optimal solution x^* you found in Problem 2a.
- (b) Verify that $c_B^T A_B^{-1} = y^*$, the dual optimal solution you found in Problem 2c.
- (c) Find the shadow prices for the two primal constraints.¹

¹If you are applying the correct concept, you may need no calculation for finding them. But maybe you would like to do a verification by calculating them by solving two modified primal LPs?