

# A Focus on Duality



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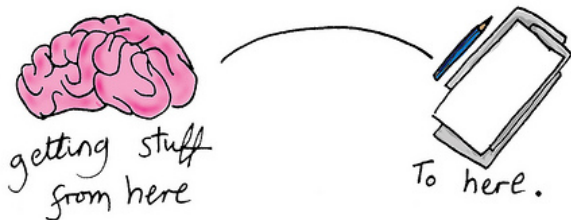
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# Introduction To Duality

## Notes on Problem Set 4

# Announcements

The eternal struggle.



**Exam 1: Wednesday at 7 PM  
Warner 101**

## Exam 1 Details

No Time Limit

Show All Work

Double Check Your Answers

Justify Claims

Closed Book

No Calculator

## Fundamental Insight:

## Green Numbers Record Row Operations

Initial Tableau

	Z	x	y	u	v	w	
Z	1	-4.5	-4	0	0	0	0
u	0	30	12	1	0	0	6000
v	0	10	8	0	1	0	2600
w	0	4	8	0	0	1	2000

Final Tableau

	Z	x	y	u	v	w	
Z	1	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>1/12</b>	1250
x	0	1	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1/6</b>	<b>-1/6</b>	100
y	0	0	1	<b>0</b>	<b>-1/12</b>	<b>5/24</b>	200
u	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>5/2</b>	600

$$(0, \frac{5}{12}, \frac{1}{12}) \cdot (6000, 2600, 2000) = \frac{0+13000+2000}{12} = \frac{15000}{12} = 1250$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/6 & -1/6 \\ 0 & -1/12 & 5/24 \\ 1 & -4 & 5/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6000 \\ 2600 \\ 2000 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 100 \\ 200 \\ 600 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{5}{12} & \frac{1}{12} \\ 0 & 1/6 & -1/6 \\ 0 & -1/12 & 5/24 \\ 1 & -4 & 5/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ S \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{12}S + \frac{1}{12}B \\ \frac{S-B}{6} \\ \frac{1}{12}S + \frac{5}{24}B \\ C - 4S + \frac{5}{2}B \end{pmatrix}$$

# Introduction To Duality Part II

### *Fromage Cheese Problem*

Maximize  $4.5x + 4y$

subject to

$$30x + 12y \leq 6000 \text{ (Cheddar)}$$

$$10x + 8y \leq 2600 \text{ (Swiss)}$$

$$4x + 8y \leq 2000 \text{ (Brie)}$$

$$x, y \geq 0$$

$x$  and  $y$  are number of packages of each assortment to prepare

### *Dual Problem*

Minimize  $6000C + 2600S + 2000B$

subject to

$$30C + 10S + 4B \geq 4.5$$

$$12C + 8S + 8B \geq 4$$

$$C, S, B \geq 0$$

$C, S, B$  are the price per ounce to offer for the cheeses



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Dimensions:  $\mathbf{x} : 2 \times 1, \mathbf{y} : 1 \times 3, \mathbf{A} : 3 \times 2, \mathbf{c} : 1 \times 2, \mathbf{b} : 3 \times 1.$

General:  $\mathbf{x} : n \times 1, \mathbf{y} : 1 \times m, \mathbf{A} : m \times n, \mathbf{c} : 1 \times n, \mathbf{b} : m \times 1.$

*Primal Problem*

Maximize  $Z = \mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}$

subject to

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

$$\text{and } \mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

*Dual Problem*

Minimize  $W = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{b}$

subject to

$$\mathbf{y}\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{c}$$

$$\text{and } \mathbf{y} \geq 0.$$

<i>Primal Problem</i>	<i>Dual Problem</i>
Maximize $Z = \mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}$	Minimize $W = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{b}$
subject to	subject to
$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{y}\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{c}$
and $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$	and $\mathbf{y} \geq 0$ .

Note: If you like to write decision variables (unknowns) on the right, then you can write

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}^T \geq \mathbf{c}^T \text{ instead of } \mathbf{y}\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{c}$$

*Primal Problem*

Maximize  $Z = \mathbf{c}x$   
subject to  
 $Ax \leq \mathbf{b}$   
and  $x \geq 0$

*Dual Problem*

Minimize  $W = y\mathbf{b}$   
subject to  
 $yA \geq \mathbf{c}$   
and  $y \geq 0$ .

*Alternative 1 for Dual*

Minimize  $W = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{w}$   
subject to  
 $A^T \mathbf{w} \geq \mathbf{c}^T$   
and  $\mathbf{w} \geq 0$   
 $\mathbf{w}$  : column vector

*Alternative 2 for Dual*

Maximize  $W = -\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{w}$   
subject to  
 $-A^T \mathbf{w} \leq -\mathbf{c}^T$   
and  $\mathbf{w} \geq 0$ .  
 $\mathbf{w}$ : column vector

**Theorem:** The dual of the dual is the primal.

## Dual of the Dual is the Primal

<i>Primal</i>	<i>Alternative 2 for Dual</i>
Maximize $Z = \mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}$ subject to $A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}^T$ and $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$ $\mathbf{x}$ : column vector	Maximize $W = -\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{w}$ subject to $-A^T \mathbf{w} \leq -\mathbf{c}^T$ and $\mathbf{w} \geq 0$ . $\mathbf{w}$ : column vector

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Maximize } V = -(-\mathbf{c}^T)^T \mathbf{u} \\ &\text{subject to} \\ &-( -A^T)^T \mathbf{u} \leq -( -\mathbf{b}^T)^T \\ &\text{and } \mathbf{u} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Weak Duality Theorem

If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a feasible solution to the primal problem and  $\mathbf{y}$  is a feasible solution of the dual problem, then  $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{y}\mathbf{b}$ .

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- ▶ Corollary 1: Any feasible solution of the dual gives a bound for the primal.
- ▶ Corollary 2: Any feasible solution of the primal gives a bound for the dual.
- ▶ Corollary 3: If the primal is unbounded, then the dual is infeasible.
- ▶ Corollary 4: If primal and dual both have feasible solutions, then both have optimal solutions.
- ▶ Corollary 5: Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is feasible for primal and  $\mathbf{y}$  is feasible for dual. If  $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{b}$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are optimal solutions.

### Strong Duality Property:

If  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is an optimal solution for the primal problem and  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is an optimal solution for the dual problem, then  $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{y}^*\mathbf{b}$ .

## Complementary Solutions Property

At each iteration, the simplex method simultaneously identifies a CPF solution  $\mathbf{x}$  for the primal problem and a complementary solution  $\mathbf{y}$  for the dual problem (in objective function row as the coefficients of the slack variables) where  $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{b}$ . If  $\mathbf{x}$  is not optimal for the primary problem, then  $\mathbf{y}$  is not feasible for the dual problem.



**Complementary Optimal Solutions Property:** At the final iteration, the simplex method simultaneously identifies an optimal solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$  for the primal problem and a complementary optimal solution  $\mathbf{y}^*$  for the dual problem where  $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{y}^*\mathbf{b}$ .

The components of  $\mathbf{y}$  are the shadow prices for the primal problem.

**Symmetry Property:** For any primal problem and its dual problem, all relationships between them must be symmetric because the dual of this dual problem is the primal problem.

# Duality Theorem

The following are the only possible relationships between the primal and dual problems:

- ▶ If one problem has feasible solutions and a bounded objective function (and therefore has an optimal solution), then so does the other problem, so both the weak and strong duality properties are applicable.
- ▶ If one problem has feasible solutions and an unbounded objective function (and hence no optimal solution), then the other problem has no feasible solutions.
- ▶ If one problem has no feasible solutions, then the other problem has no feasible solutions or an unbounded objective function.

## Fromage Cheese Company

*Primal (P)*

Maximize  $4.5x_1 + 4x_2$

subject to

$30x_1 + 12x_2 \leq 6000$  (Cheddar)

$10x_1 + 8x_2 \leq 2600$  (Swiss)

$4x_1 + 8x_2 \leq 2000$  (Brie)

$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

*Dual (D)*

Minimize  $6000y_1 + 2600y_2 + 2000y_3$

subject to

$30y_1 + 10y_2 + 4y_3 \geq 4.5$

$12y_1 + 8y_2 + 8y_3 \geq 4$

$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0$

### Initial Tableau for P

	Z	$x_1$	$x_2$	u	v	w	
Z	1	-4.5	-4	0	0	0	0
u	0	30	12	1	0	0	6000
v	0	10	8	0	1	0	2600
w	0	4	8	0	0	1	2000

### Constraints for Primal:

$$30(0) + 12(0) = 0 \leq 6000$$

$$10(0) + 8(0) = 0 \leq 2600$$

$$4(0) + 8(0) = 0 \leq 2000$$

Solution for Dual is  $y_1 = 0, y_2 = 0, y_3 = 0$

Value of Objective function is  $6000(0) + 2600(0) + 2000(0) = 0$

Nonnegativity is satisfied.

### Neither constraint of dual is satisfied:

$$30(0) + 10(0) + 4(0) = 0 < 4.5 \text{ (need } \geq)$$

$$12(0) + 8(0) + 8(0) = 0 < 4 \text{ (need } \geq)$$

After First Iteration:

	Z	$x_1$	$x_2$	u	v	w	
Z	1	0	$-11/5$	$3/20$	0	0	900
$x_1$	0	1	$2/5$	$1/30$	0	0	200
v	0	0	4	$-1/3$	1	0	600
w	0	0	$32/5$	$-2/15$	0	1	1200

Constraints for Primal:

$$30(200) + 12(0) = 6000 \leq 6000 \text{ (tight)}$$

$$10(200) + 8(0) = 2000 \leq 2600$$

$$4(200) + 8(0) = 800 \leq 2000$$

Solution for Dual is  $y_1 = 3/20, y_2 = 0, y_3 = 0$

Objective function's value:  $6000(3/20) + 2600(0) + 2000(0) = 900$

Nonnegativity is satisfied.

**Second constraint is not satisfied:**

$$30(3/20) + 10(0) + 4(0) = 9/2 = 4.5 \text{ (need } \geq)$$

$$12(3/20) + 8(0) + 8(0) = 9/5 = 1.8 < 4 \text{ (need } \geq)$$

After Second Iteration:

	Z	$x_1$	$x_2$	u	v	w	
Z	1	0	0	-1/30	11/20	0	1230
$x_1$	0	1	0	1/15	-1/10	0	140
$x_2$	0	0	1	-1/12	1/4	0	150
w	0	0	0	2/5	-8/3	1	240

Constraints for Primal:

$$30(140) + 12(150) = 4200 + 1800 = 6000 \text{ (tight)}$$

$$10(140) + 8(150) = 1400 + 1200 = 2600 \text{ (tight)}$$

$$4(140) + 8(150) = 560 + 1200 = 1760 \leq 2000$$

Solution for Dual is  $y_1 = -1/30, y_2 = 11/20, y_3 = 0$

Value of Objective function is

$$6000(-1/30) + 2600(11/20) + 2000(0) = -200 + 1430 = 1230.$$

**Nonnegativity is not satisfied.**

Other constraints are satisfied:

$$30(-1/30) + 10(11/20) + 4(0) = 9/2 = 4.5 \text{ (need } \geq)$$

$$12((-1/30) + 8(11/20) + 8(0)) = 20/5 = 4 \text{ (need } \geq)$$

After Third Iteration

	Z	$x_1$	$x_2$	u	v	w	
Z	1	0	0	0	5/12	1/12	1250
$x_1$	0	1	0	0	1/6	-1/6	100
$x_2$	0	0	1	0	-1/12	5/24	200
u	0	0	0	1	-4	5/2	600

Constraints for Primal:

$$30(100) + 12(200) = 3000 + 2400 = 5400 < 6000$$

$$10(100) + 8(200) = 1000 + 1600 = 2600 \text{ (tight)}$$

$$4(100) + 8(200) = 400 + 1600 = 2000 \text{ (tight)}$$

Solution for Dual is  $y_1 = 0, y_2 = 5/12, y_3 = 1/12$

Value of Objective function is  $6000(0) + 2600(5/12) + 2000(1/12) = 1250$

Nonnegativity is satisfied.

Other constraints are satisfied:

$$30(0) + 10(5/12) + 4(1/12) = 54/12 = 9/2 = 4.5 \text{ (need } \geq \text{)}$$

$$12(0) + 8(5/12) + 8(1/12) = 48/12 = 4 \text{ (need } \geq \text{)}$$

Complementary Slackness Property

Tight or binding constraints (scarce goods) have positive shadow

prices



## Shadow Prices

At each iteration the value of the objective function is given by

$$Z = \mathbf{cx} = \mathbf{yb} = b_1y_1 + b_2y_2 + \dots + b_my_m$$

We can interpret  $y_i b_i$  as the current contribution to the objective function by having  $b_i$  units of resource  $i$  available for the primal.

Thus  $y_i$  is the contribution to objective function per unit of resource  $i$  when current set of basic variables is used to obtain the primal solution.

# Final Tableaux

Tableau for the Optimal Basic Feasible Solution of Primal

	Z	x	y	u	v	w	
Z	1	0	0	0	5/12	1/12	1250
x	0	1	0	0	1/6	-1/6	100
y	0	0	1	0	-1/12	5/24	200
u	0	0	0	1	-4	5/2	600

Tableau for the Optimal Basic Feasible Solution of the Dual

	Z	C	S	B	S1	S2	
Z	1	600	0	0	100	200	-1250
S	0	4	1	0	-1/6	1/12	5/12
B	0	-5/2	0	1	1/6	-5/24	1/12

## Fundamental Insight:

## Green Numbers Record Row Operations

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u	0	30	12	1	0	0	6000
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	Z	x	y	u	v	w	
Z	1	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>1/12</b>	1250
x	0	1	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1/6</b>	<b>-1/6</b>	100
y	0	0	1	<b>0</b>	<b>-1/12</b>	<b>5/24</b>	200
u	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>5/2</b>	600

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## Another Way To Look at Duality

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$4x + 8y \leq 2000$  (Brie)

$x, y \geq 0$

Suppose we want to find an upper bound for  $Z$

Multiply Cheddar constraint by  $\frac{1}{6}$  :  $5x + 2y \leq 1000$

Multiply Brie constraint by  $\frac{1}{4}$  :  $x + 2y \leq 500$

Now Add:  $6x + 4y \leq 1500$

Then  $Z = 4.5x + 4y \leq 6x + 4y \leq 1500$

Is there a **best** set of multipliers (C,S,B)?

## Best Multipliers for Best Upper Bound

We want non-negative numbers  $C, S, B$  so that

$$30Cx + 12Cy \leq 6000C$$

$$10Sx + 8Sy \leq 2600S$$

$$4Bx + 8By \leq 2000B$$

Add:

$$(30C + 10S + 4B)x + (12C + 8S + 8B)y \leq 6000C + 2600S + 2000B$$

We need:

$$4.5x \leq (30C + 10S + 4B)x$$

$$4y \leq (12C + 8S + 8B)y$$

and

$6000C + 2600S + 2000B$  as small as possible.