

Last time

- weak duality
- strong duality
- Duality Theorem
- complementary slackness

Today

- Reinterpretation of Simplex based on Duality
- Dual Simplex

Recall the Simplex tableau of current basis B in terms of original data:

Basic var.	X_B	X_N	RHS
Z	0	$C_B^T B^{-1} A - C_N^T$	$C_B^T B^{-1} b$
X_B	I	$B^{-1} N$	$B^{-1} b$

Q: Can we get a complementary dual sol-n to the current primal BFS from this tableau?

- For complementarity need $C^T x = b^T y$.
- Obj. f-n value at current BFS X is $C_B^T B^{-1} b$.

Obj. f-n value at $y^* = C_B^T B^{-1} b$ is $y^T b = C_B^T B^{-1} b$ too.

Thus, $y^T = C_B^T B^{-1}$ is a dual complementary sol-n to current primal BFS. Can we read that sol-n from current tableau?

• If X_j is slack and nonbasic then $C_j = 0$, $A_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ← row of X_j

So the coefficient of X_j in row 0: $C_B^T B^{-1} A_j - C_j = C_B^T B^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (C_B^T B^{-1})_j$

• If X_j is slack and basic then based on fundamental insight

$B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & x_j & \dots \\ \vdots & 0 & \vdots \\ \dots & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$ Also $C_B^T = (\dots 0 \dots)$

So $(C_B^T B^{-1})_j = (\dots 0 \dots) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 =$
 = coefficient of X_j in row 0

Summarizing, the coefficients of slack variables in row 0 give a complementary dual sol-n to the current primal BFS.

Similarly, we can get that the coefficients of original variables in row 0 give the surplus variables of the complementary dual sol-n.

Example:

max $X_1 + X_2$ min $6y_1 + 12y_2$
 st $2X_1 + X_2 \leq 6$ $2y_1 + 2y_2 \geq 1$ (2)
 $2X_1 + 4X_2 \leq 12$ $y_1 + 4y_2 \geq 1$
 $X_1, X_2 \geq 0$ $y_1, y_2 \geq 0$

First Tableau:

	X_1	X_2	X_3	X_4	RHS
Z	-1	-1	0	0	0
X_3	2	1	1	0	6
X_4	2	4*	0	1	12

primal BFS = $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$, complementary dual sol-n = $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ← infeasible

$Z=0$ for both

Second Tableau:

	X_1	X_2	X_3	X_4	RHS
Z	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	3
X_3	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	1	$-\frac{1}{4}$	3
X_2	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	3

primal BFS = $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, complementary dual sol-n = $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ← infeasible

$Z=3$ for both

Third Tableau:

	X_1	X_2	X_3	X_4	RHS
Z	0	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	4
X_1	1	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	2
X_2	0	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	2

primal BFS = $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, complem. dual sol-n = $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $Z=4$

primal and dual feasible \Rightarrow both of them are optimal

Reinterpretation of Simplex Method

- At each iteration we have primal and dual complementary solutions.
- Keep the primal feasibility and work towards dual feasibility

Dual Simplex Algorithm

- Suppose we have a pair of complementary solutions such that
 - dual is feasible
 - primal is infeasible.

E.g., this situation might arise when RHS is changed (recall sensitivity analysis)

- How to proceed?

Idea: Maintain dual feasibility and complementarity, while striving for primal feasibility.

- How to implement this?

Apply (implicitly) primal simplex algorithm to the dual problem, while working with the primal tableau.

Ex: $\min 4y_1 + 7y_2$
 st $2y_1 + y_2 \geq 5$
 $3y_1 + 2y_2 \geq 2$
 $y_1 + 3y_2 \geq 5$ $y_1, y_2 \geq 0$ (P)

Standard form: $\max -4y_1 - 7y_2$
 st $-2y_1 - y_2 \leq -5$
 $-3y_1 - 2y_2 \leq -2$
 $-y_1 - 3y_2 \leq -5$ $y_1, y_2 \geq 0$

B.V.	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	RHS
Z	4	7	0	0	0	0
y_3	-2*	-1	1	0	0	-5
y_4	-3	-2	0	1	0	-2
y_5	-1	-3	0	0	1	-5

ratios: $\frac{4}{-2}, \frac{7}{-1}$
 ← closest to 0

	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	RHS
Z	0	5	2	0	0	-10
y_1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{5}{2}$
y_4	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{11}{2}$
y_5	0	$-\frac{5}{2}$ *	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$-\frac{5}{2}$

ratios: $\frac{5}{-\frac{5}{2}}, \frac{2}{-\frac{1}{2}}$
 ← closest to 0

	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	RHS
Z	0	0	1	0	2	-15
y_1	1	0	$-\frac{3}{5}$	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	2
y_4	0	0	$-\frac{7}{5}$	1	$-\frac{1}{5}$	6
y_2	0	1	$\frac{1}{5}$	0	$-\frac{3}{5}$	1

primal feasible
 → done

$y^* = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, with obj. f-n value -15

Outline of Dual Simplex

Step 1: Optimality test (= feasibility test):

If primal feasible stop.

Step 2: Choice of leaving variable: if not primal feasible then choose basic variable with most negative value to leave basis.

Step 3: Infeasibility test: if coefficients of all nonbasic variables in the row of leaving variable are ≥ 0 , stop. (pivot row)

Primal problem is infeasible.

Step 4: Choice of entering variable: choose as entering variable that with the ratio (row 0 coeff)/(coeff. in pivot row) closest to zero, considering only nonbasic variables with (coeff. in pivot row) negative.

Step 5: As in primal simplex method, use row operations to get in proper form for new basic variables. Go to Step 1.

- Notes:
- pivot number negative
 - value of entering variable will be positive
 - obj. f-n value will go down (if no dual degeneracy)

Ex. (cont.):

To get more insight how dual simplex works let's solve the dual problem by primal simplex and draw parallels between corresponding iterations:

(D) $\max 5x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3$
 $2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 4$
 $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 7$ $x_i \geq 0 \forall i$

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	RHS
Z	-5	-2	-5	0	0	0
x_4	2*	3	1	1	0	4
x_5	1	2	3	0	1	7

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	RHS
Z	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{5}{2}$	0	10
x_1	1	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	2
x_5	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{5}{2}$ *	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	5

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	RHS
Z	0	6	0	2	1	15
x_1	1	$\frac{7}{5}$	0	$\frac{3}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	1
x_3	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	1	$-\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	2