

**Figure 7.11** In the most general case of linear programming, we have a set  $I$  of inequalities and a set  $E$  of equalities (a total of  $m = |I| + |E|$  constraints) over  $n$  variables, of which a subset  $N$  are constrained to be nonnegative. The dual has  $m = |I| + |E|$  variables, of which only those corresponding to  $I$  have nonnegativity constraints.

Primal LP:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & c_1x_1 + \cdots + c_nx_n \\ & a_{i1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{in}x_n \leq b_i \quad \text{for } i \in I \\ & a_{i1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{in}x_n = b_i \quad \text{for } i \in E \\ & x_j \geq 0 \quad \text{for } j \in N \end{aligned}$$

Dual LP:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & b_1y_1 + \cdots + b_my_m \\ & a_{1j}y_1 + \cdots + a_{mj}y_m \geq c_j \quad \text{for } j \in N \\ & a_{1j}y_1 + \cdots + a_{mj}y_m = c_j \quad \text{for } j \notin N \\ & y_i \geq 0 \quad \text{for } i \in I \end{aligned}$$

Two examples of duals for the given primal LPs:

(P) Maximize  $z_P = 2x_1 + 3x_2$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 + x_2 &\leq 5 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 &\leq 35 \\ x_1 &\leq 20 \\ x_1 \geq 0, x_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(D) Minimize  $z_D = 5\pi_1 + 35\pi_2 + 20\pi_3$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} -\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 &\geq 2 \\ \pi_1 + 3\pi_2 &\geq 3 \\ \pi_1 \geq 0, \pi_2 \geq 0, \pi_3 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(P) Maximize  $z_P = -3x_1 - 2x_2$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 - x_2 &= 8 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 &\geq 13 \\ x_1 \geq 0, x_2 &\text{ unrestricted} \end{aligned}$$

(D) Minimize  $z_D = 8\pi_1 + 13\pi_2$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} -\pi_1 + \pi_2 &\geq -3 \\ -\pi_1 + 2\pi_2 &= -2 \\ \pi_1 \text{ unrestricted, } \pi_2 &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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