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Important in LP duality.

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Important as input to Simplex Algorithm.

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$\Leftrightarrow$

$$x_2 = x_2' - x_2''$$

$$x_1 = -x_1'$$

$$\text{Maximize } 2x_1' + 3x_2' - 3x_2'' - x_3$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1' - x_2' + x_2'' + x_3 \leq 0$$

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$$\text{s.t. } y_1 = 0 - x_1' + x_2' - x_2'' - x_3$$

$$y_2 = 4 + 2x_1' + x_2' - x_2'' - 5x_3$$

$$y_3 = -4 - 2x_1' - x_2' + x_2'' + 5x_3$$

$$y_4 = 7 - x_3$$

$$x_1', x_2', x_2'', x_3 \geq 0$$

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An Alternative Standard Form

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$$y_3 \quad + 2x_1' + x_2' - x_2'' - 5x_3 = -4$$

$$y_4 \quad + x_3 = 7$$

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$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{Maximize} & 2z_5 + 3z_6 - 3z_7 - z_8 & & \\ \text{s.t.} & z_1 & + z_5 - z_6 + z_7 + z_8 = 0 & \\ & z_2 & - 2z_5 - z_6 + z_7 + 5z_8 = 4 & \\ & z_3 & + 2z_5 + z_6 - z_7 - 5z_8 = -4 & \\ & z_4 & & + z_8 = 7 & \\ & & & & z_i \geq 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq 8 \end{array}$$

Basis: $\{z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4\}$

Non-basic variables: z_5, z_6, z_7, z_8

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Every basic variable:

$$z_i \geq 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq 8$$

- Has coefficient 1 in exactly one constraint.
- Has coefficient 0 in objective function.

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Basic feasible solution (BFS):

What we call the basic solution if it is feasible — i.e., $z_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j$.

Tableau

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$$z_4 \quad + x_3 = 7$$

$$z_i \geq 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq 8$$

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	Basic variables				Non-basic vars			
	z_1	z_2	z_3	z_4	z_5	z_6	z_7	z_8
0	1				1	-1	1	1
4		1			-2	-1	1	5
-4			1		2	1	-1	-5
7				1				1
0	0	0	0	0	2	3	-3	-1

Constraints

Objective function

Negated objective $\rightarrow$

function value of basic solution