

6. (10 points) Considering the following linear programming problem (LP)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize } z &= \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{Subject to } \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j &= b_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (1) \\ x_j &\leq u_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (2) \\ x_j &\geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

where $u_j > 0$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Let y_i and z_j be dual variables associated with constraints (1) and (2) respectively.

Let

$$R_j = c_j - \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} y_i.$$

Show that $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ is an optimal solution to this LP if and only if

$$\begin{cases} R_j \leq 0, & \text{if } x_j = 0, \\ R_j = 0, & \text{if } 0 < x_j < u_j, \\ R_j \geq 0, & \text{if } x_j = u_j. \end{cases}$$

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