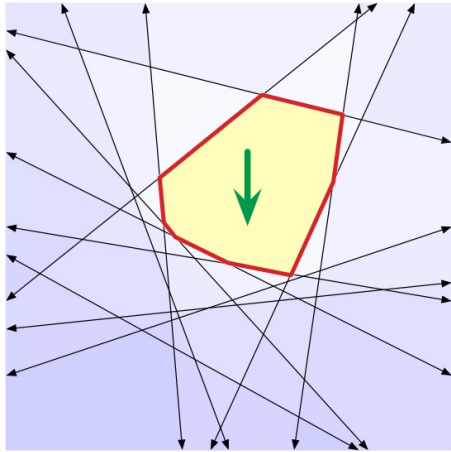
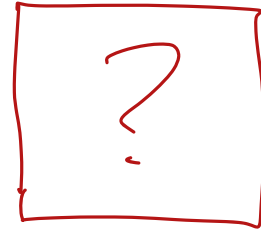


LP = Find lowest point  
in convex polyhedron



2 variables  
 $n+2$  constraints

Dual



$n$  variables  
 $n+2$  const.

Primal (I)

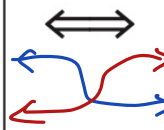
$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & c \cdot x \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax \leq b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{array}$$

$d$  variables  
 $n$  matrix constraints  
 $d$  sign constraints

Dual (I)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & y \cdot b \\ \text{s.t.} & yA \geq c \\ & y \geq 0 \end{array}$$

$n$  variables  
 $d$  matrix constraints  
 $n$  sign constraints



**The Fundamental Theorem of Linear Programming.** A canonical linear program  $\Pi$  has an optimal solution  $x^*$  if and only if the dual linear program  $\Pi$  has an optimal solution  $y^*$  such that  $\underbrace{c \cdot x^*}_{\text{same objective value}} = \underbrace{y^* Ax^*}_{\text{same objective value}} = \underbrace{y^* \cdot b}_{\text{same objective value}}$ .

same objective value

Weak Duality: If  $x$  is feasible for primal LP  
 $y$  is feasible for dual LP

$$\text{Then } c \cdot x \leq yAx \leq y \cdot b$$

Proof:  $x$  is feasible  $\Rightarrow Ax \leq b$   
 $y$  is feasible  $\Rightarrow y \geq 0$   $\Rightarrow yAx \leq y \cdot b$

$$\text{Symmetric} \Rightarrow c \cdot x \leq yAx$$

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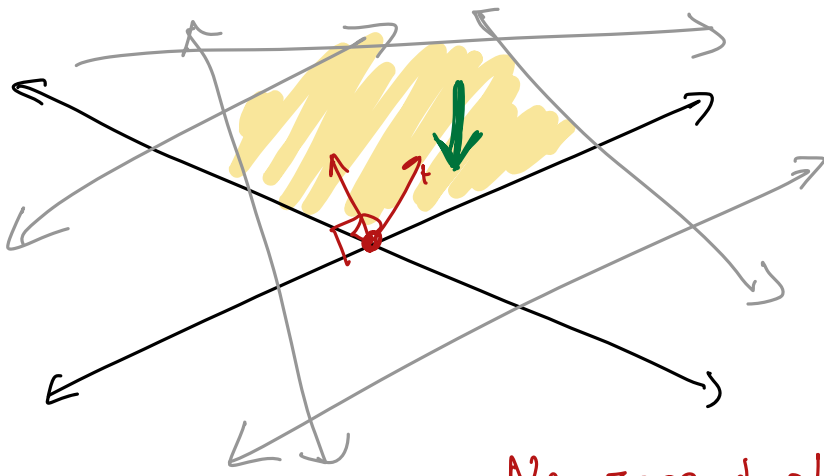
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$y^* \cdot b$   
 $c \cdot x^*$

Strong duality: NO GAP

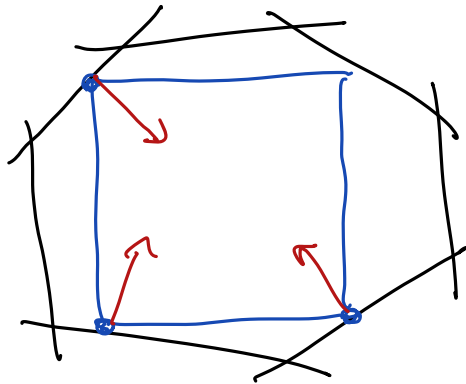
$$\leftarrow \{c \cdot x \mid Ax \leq b, x \geq 0\}$$

$$\leftarrow \{y \cdot b \mid yA \geq c, y \geq 0\}$$

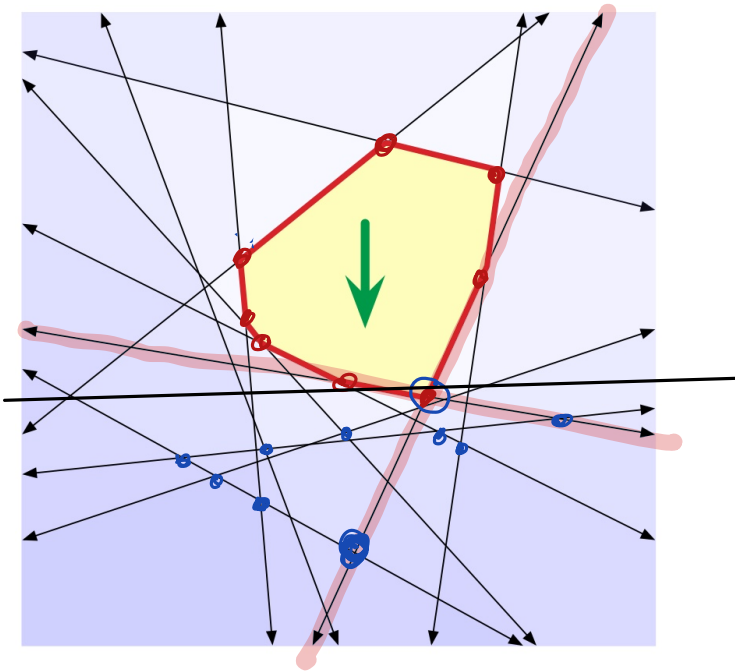


Dual variable for each (matrix) constraint  
 If primal constraint is not tight for  $x^*$   
 then corr dual variable is 0

Non zero dual variables



coefficients of  $-c$  in coord frame defined by normals to tight constraints



basis =  $d$  ~~linearly independent~~ constraints

Assume no degeneracies

location = solution of  $d \times d$  linear system  
 = intersection of  $d$  constraint planes

value =  $c \cdot \text{location}$

There are  $\binom{n+d}{d}$  bases

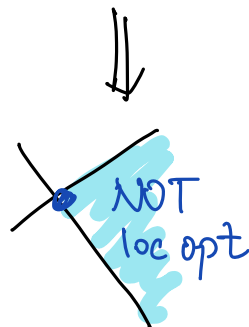
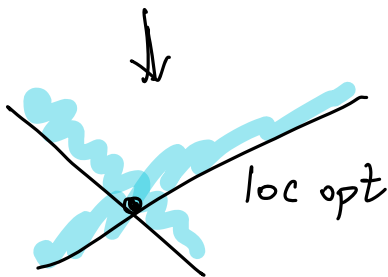
Basis is feasible if

$$Ax \leq b \quad \text{where } x = \text{location}$$

$$x \geq 0$$

Basis is locally optimal if

location is optimal for LP with only the basis constraints and same objective



Primal  
optimal

basis  
value

$(n+d)$   
 $(d)$

Feasible  
loc opt

infeasible  
unbounded

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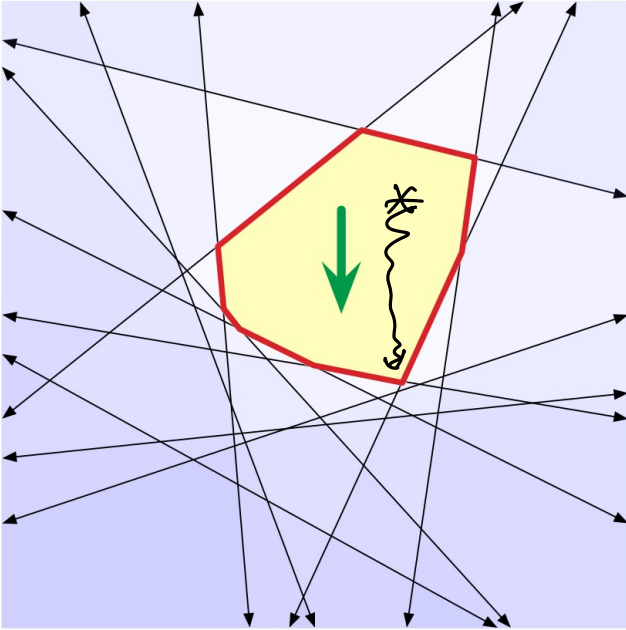
Dual  
optimal

basis  
value

$(d+n)$   
 $(n)$

loc. opt.  
Feasible

unbounded  
infeasible

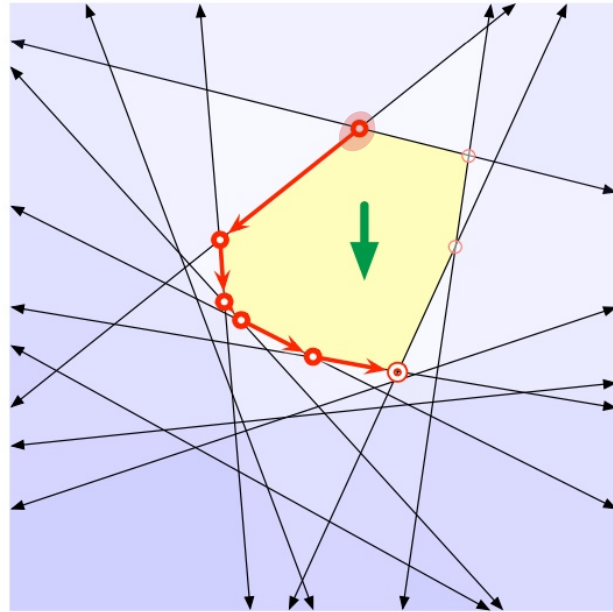


Magic  
For  
now

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PRIMALSIMPLEX(H):  
  if  $\cap H = \emptyset$   
    return INFEASIBLE  
   $x \leftarrow$  any feasible vertex basis location  
  while  $x$  is not locally optimal  
    ⟨⟨pivot downward, maintaining feasibility⟩⟩  
    if every feasible neighbor of  $x$  is higher than  $x$   
      return UNBOUNDED  
    else  
       $x \leftarrow$  any feasible neighbor of  $x$  that is lower than  $x$   
  return  $x$ 
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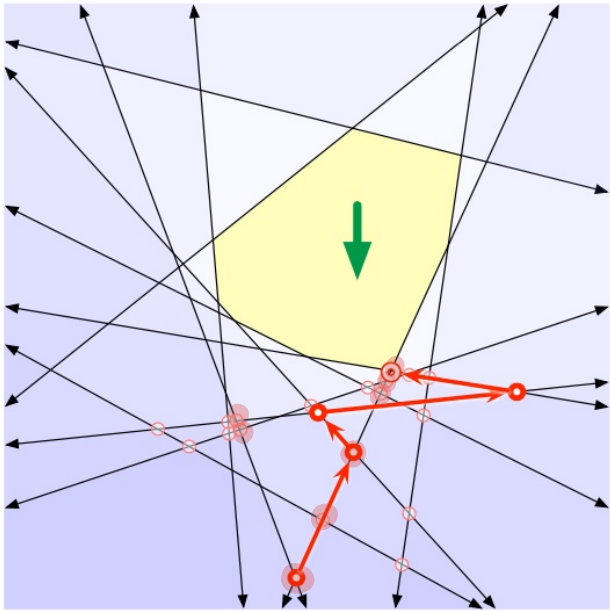
pivot

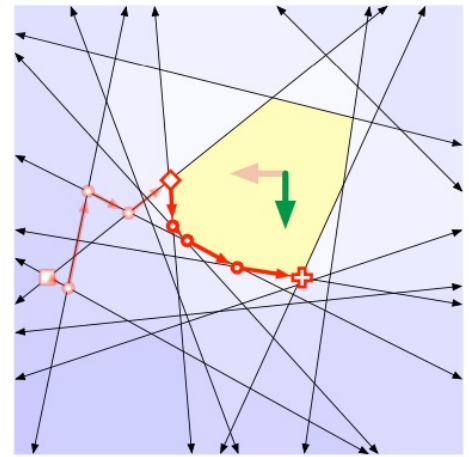
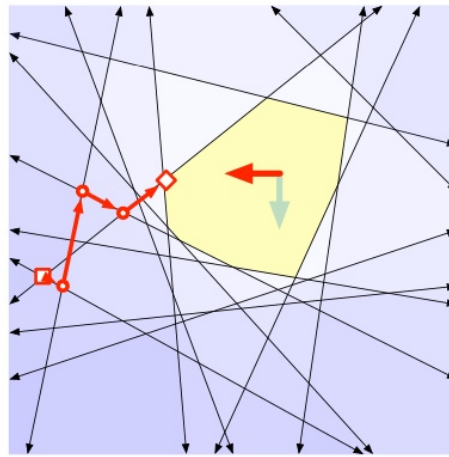
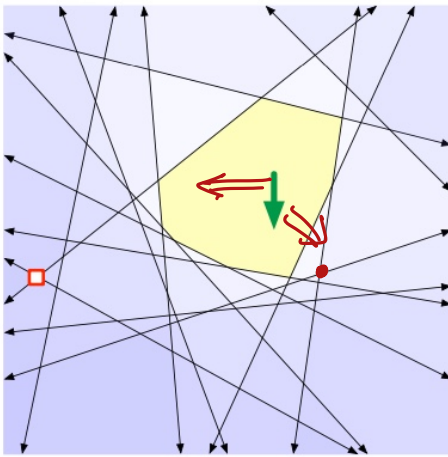
replace one  
constraint  
with another



Magrc  
(Fornaw)

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DUALSIMPLEX(H):  
if there is no locally optimal vertex  
  return UNBOUNDED  
 $x \leftarrow$  any locally optimal vertex  
while  $x$  is not feasible  
  ⟨pivot upward, maintaining local optimality⟩  
  if every locally optimal neighbor of  $x$  is lower than  $x$   
    return INFEASIBLE  
  else  
     $x \leftarrow$  any locally-optimal neighbor of  $x$  that is higher than  $x$   
return  $x$ 
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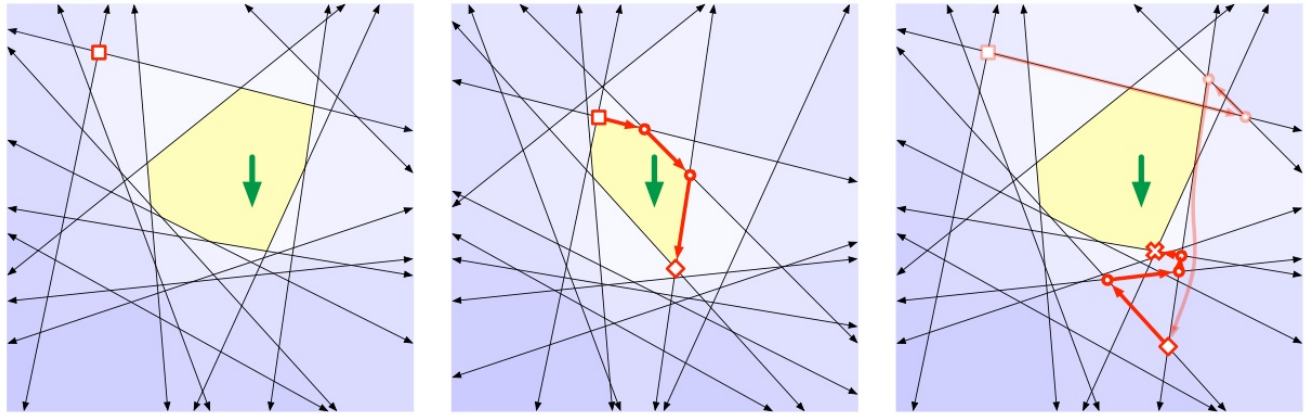




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DUALPRIMALSIMPLEX(H):
  x ← any vertex
   $\tilde{H}$  ← any rotation of H that makes x locally optimal ← change c
  while x is not feasible
    if every locally optimal neighbor of x is lower (wrt  $\tilde{H}$ ) than x
      return INFEASIBLE
    else
      x ← any locally optimal neighbor of x that is higher (wrt  $\tilde{H}$ ) than x
  while x is not locally optimal
    if every feasible neighbor of x is higher than x
      return UNBOUNDED
    else
      x ← any feasible neighbor of x that is lower than x
  return x

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PRIMALDUALSIMPLEX( $H$ ):

$x \leftarrow$  any vertex

$\tilde{H} \leftarrow$  any translation of  $H$  that makes  $x$  feasible

*← change b*

while  $x$  is not locally optimal

if every feasible neighbor of  $x$  is higher (wrt  $\tilde{H}$ ) than  $x$

return UNBOUNDED

else

$x \leftarrow$  any feasible neighbor of  $x$  that is lower (wrt  $\tilde{H}$ ) than  $x$

while  $x$  is not feasible

if every locally optimal neighbor of  $x$  is lower than  $x$

return INFEASIBLE

else

$x \leftarrow$  any locally-optimal neighbor of  $x$  that is higher than  $x$

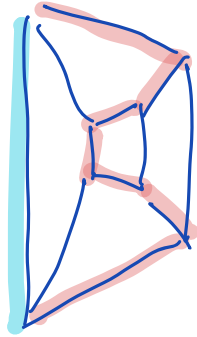
return  $x$



Running time?  $O(n^d)$  bleah.

$O(n^{Ld/2d})$  primal simplex

Worst case for primal simplex is  $\Theta(n^{Ld/2d})$



klee minty cubes

Every known deterministic pivot rule: exponential

randomized

sub exp  
super poly

Dear Victor,

Please post this offer of \$1000 to the first person who can find a counterexample to the least entered rule or prove it to be polynomial. The least entered rule enters the improving variable which has been entered least often.

Sincerely,

Norman Zadeh

Random LP  $\rightarrow E[\text{time}]$  polynomial

Any LP + noise  $\rightarrow E[\text{time}]$  polynomial  
 $O(d^3 \log^2 n / \sigma^2)$