

# Math 407A: Linear Optimization

## Lecture 11: The Dual Simplex Algorithm

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## 1 The Dual Simplex Algorithm

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Dual feasible!  
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Can we design a pivot for this tableau that tries to move it toward primal feasibility while retaining dual feasibility?

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Optimal value =  $-17/2$ .

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Apply the dual simplex algorithm to the following problem.

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The primal is necessarily infeasible by the Weak Duality Theorem.

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Solve the following LP using the dual simplex algorithm.

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