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We'll put this system into “normal form”:

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- Multiply Constraints 2 and 4 by -1 .
- Change $=$ into inequalities.
- Find substitutions for x_2, x_3 .

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Let p_1, \dots, p_5 be the new vars:

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- Variables p_1, p_2 can be combined: $p_6 = p_1 - p_2$ (now is URS).
- Constraints 2 and 3 can be combined into equality.
- Multiply first constraint by -1 to get positive b .

$$\begin{array}{rclcl}
 \min w = & 12p_6 & -9p_3 & +10p_4 & -7p_5 \\
 & -4p_6 & +7p_3 & -8p_4 & +3p_5 & \leq 8 \\
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with p_6 URS, and $p_3, p_4, p_5 \geq 0$.

- Let $p_7 = -p_6$ and $p_8 = -p_4$
- p_7 is URS, $p_8 \leq 0$, $p_3, p_5 \geq 0$.

Changing notation slightly:

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URS variable		

Summary:

Primal:	Dual:	
max	min	normal
\leq constraint	≥ 0 variable	normal
\geq constraint	≤ 0 variable	
Equality constraint	URS variable	
≥ 0 variable	\geq constraint	normal
≤ 0 variable	\leq constraint	
URS variable	Equality constraint	

Primal-Dual Table

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \max z = & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\
 \text{st} & A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \\
 & \mathbf{x} \geq 0
 \end{array}
 \iff
 \begin{array}{ll}
 \min w = & \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} \\
 \text{st} & A^T \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{c} \\
 & \mathbf{y} \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

Main concerns:

If the inequalities in the primal are not normal, what happens in the dual?

If the variables are not normal in the primal, what happens in the dual?
(and vice-versa)

	$x_1?$	$x_2?$	\dots	$x_n?$	
$y_1?$	A				$b_1?$
$y_2?$					$b_2?$
\vdots					\vdots
$y_m?$					$b_m?$
	$c_1?$	$c_2?$	\dots	$c_n?$	

Using a table

Starting problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min w &= 8y_1 + 5y_2 + 4y_3 \\
 \text{s.t. } &4y_1 + 2y_2 + 8y_3 = 12 \\
 &7y_1 + 5y_2 + 6y_3 \geq 9 \quad \text{with } y_1 \geq 0, y_2 \text{ URS}, y_3 \leq 0 \\
 &8y_1 + 5y_2 + 4y_3 \leq 10 \\
 &3y_1 + 7y_2 + 9y_3 \geq 7
 \end{aligned}$$

(Asterisks mark things that are different than “normal”)

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Using a table- Here are Primal and Dual

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$$\max z = 12x_1 + 9x_2 + 10x_3 + 7x_4$$

$$\text{s.t. } 4x_1 + 7x_2 + 8x_3 + 3x_4 \leq 8$$

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 + 5x_3 + 7x_4 = 5$$

$$8x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + 9x_4 \geq 4$$

$$x_1 \text{ URS}, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \leq 0, x_4 \geq 0$$

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Use a table to write the dual:

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 \text{st} & y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3 \geq 2 \\
 & y_1 - y_2 - y_3 = 1 \\
 & y_1 \text{ urs}, y_2 \leq 0, y_3 \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

Last Example

Find the dual associated with the following primal:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\max & z = 3x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{st} & 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 4 \\ & 3x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 6 \\ & 4x_1 + 2x_2 = 7 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0\end{array}$$

Solution:

	$x_1 \geq 0$	$x_2 \geq 0$	
$y_1 \geq 0$	2	1	≤ 4
$y_2 \leq 0$	3	2	$\geq 6(*)$
y_3 URS	4	2	$= 7(*)$
	≥ 3	≥ 1	

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 \text{st} & 2y_1 + 3y_2 + 4y_3 \geq 3 \\
 & y_1 + 2y_2 + 2y_3 \geq 1 \\
 & y_1 \geq 0, y_2 \leq 0, y_3 \text{ URS}
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