

$$\begin{aligned} & \max C^T x \\ & Ax = b \\ & l_i \leq x \leq u_i \end{aligned} \quad n \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline m \\ \hline A \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Currently:  $m^{\omega} \log\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$

each col has  $\geq 2$  non-zero  $\rightarrow m\sqrt{n}$ .

$$m^4 \log\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) \text{ (next lecture)}$$

$$\text{OPT} = \min_{\substack{Ax=b \\ x \geq 0}} C^T x, \quad (\text{min s-t cut : st flow} \leq \text{s-t cut})$$

Q: Can we find a lower bound of OPT.

A: Say we have  $y$  st  $A^T y \leq c$

$$y^T b = y^T A x \leq C^T x \quad \forall x \text{ st } \begin{array}{l} Ax=b \\ x \geq 0 \end{array}$$

↑  
used  $x \geq 0 \forall i$

So, we know

$$y^T b \leq \text{OPT}$$

$$\text{Lem} \quad \max_{\substack{A^T y + s = c \\ s \geq 0}} y^T b \leq \min_{\substack{Ax=b \\ x \geq 0}} C^T x$$

(generalization of  $\max \text{ flow} \leq \min \text{ cut}$ )

Thm If either left or right has finite sol<sup>y</sup>

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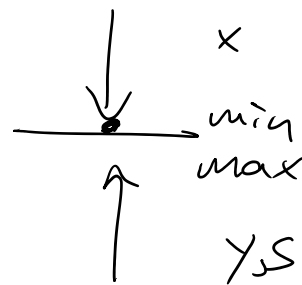
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min It either left or right now value  $> 0$  or  $< 0$

Then  $\max y^T b = \min C^T x$   
 $A^T y + s = c$        $Ax = b$   
 $s \geq 0$                $x \geq 0$   
 (dual)              (primal)



Obs: Given  $(x, s, y)$  st  $Ax = b, A^T y + s = c, x, s \geq 0$

Then  $C^T x - b^T y = (\cancel{A^T y + s})^T x - (\cancel{Ax})^T y$   
 $= x^T s \quad (x_i, s_i \geq 0)$

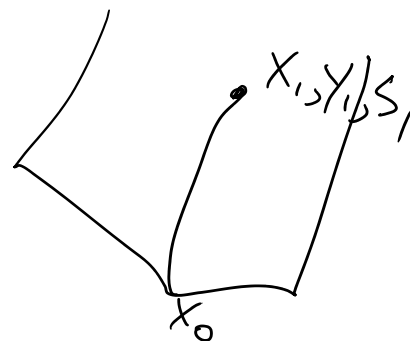
feasible  $(x, s, y)$  is sol'n  $\Leftrightarrow x_i s_i = 0 \quad \forall i$

$\forall t$ , def  $(x_t, s_t, y_t) \leq t$   
 $Ax_t = b, A^T y_t + s_t = c, x_t \geq 0, s_t \geq 0$   
 $(x_t)_i, (s_t)_i = t \quad \forall i$

Interior  
Point  
Method

Then  $x_t, s_t, y_t$  exists

• Q: how find a point  
 $Ax = b, x \geq 0$



$A(x - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}) = b, x - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$