

**QuestionPaper-cum-Answer Sheet : Answer only in the space provided**

**Solution** (*Grading Algo. given in italics in each question*)

**Q 1.** Given the LP:- Min.  $-2x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3$  /8  
s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3}x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 &\leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{3}x_1 + \frac{4}{3}x_2 + \frac{7}{3}x_3 &\leq 3 \\ x &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(a) The Dual LP is:- /3

Let  $p = (p_1, p_2)$  be the vector of dual variables. Each primal variable gives rise to a dual constraint.

The Dual LP (DP) is:- Max.  $p_1 + 3p_2$   $(p_1, p_2) \leq 0 \dots 1$   
s.t.  $3 \text{ const.} + 1 \text{ obj.} \dots 4x \frac{1}{2} = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3}p_1 + \frac{1}{3}p_2 &\leq -2 \\ \frac{1}{3}p_1 + \frac{4}{3}p_2 &\leq -3 \\ \frac{1}{3}p_1 + \frac{7}{3}p_2 &\leq -1 \\ (p_1, p_2) &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Using the Weak Duality Theorem, a lower bound to (P) is:  $-9$  (corr. to feasible  $p = (-9, 0)$ ) /1

(c) Verify using CS conditions on (P) and (DP) that  $x = (1, 2, 0)^T$  is optimal. /2

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^* > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}p_1^* + \frac{1}{3}p_2^* &= -2 \Rightarrow p^* = (-5, -1) \quad 2x \frac{1}{2} = 1, c_3 w/cs = 1 \\ x_2^* > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}p_1^* + \frac{4}{3}p_2^* &= -3 \quad \text{Also: } \bar{c}_3 = -1 - (-5/3, -7/3) > 0 \Rightarrow x_3^* = 0 \text{ by CS (holds)} \end{aligned}$$

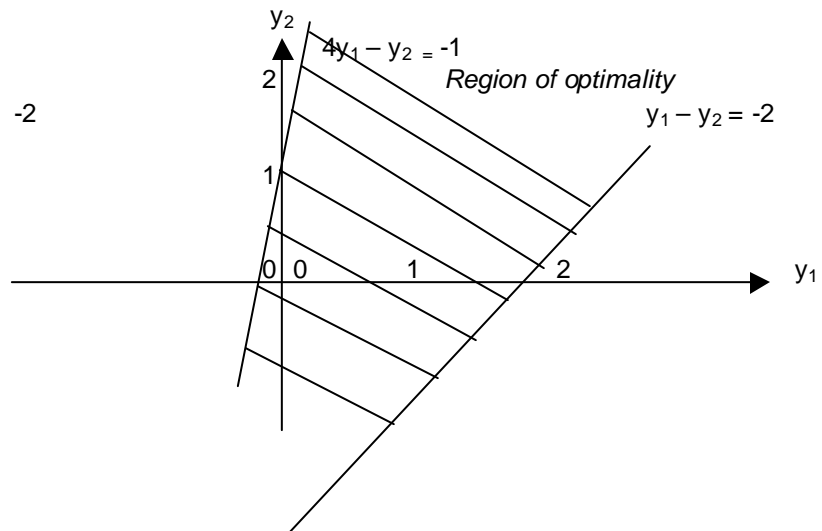
$c x^* = -2 - 6 = -8$ ;  $p^* b = -5 - 3 = -8$ , exhibiting that for this  $(x^*, p^*)$  the resp. optimal values are equal which also demonstrates the use of the Duality Theorem.

(d) Let  $b_1 = 1 + y_1$  and  $b_2 = 3 + y_2$ . Plot in 2 dimensions the values for which the basis optimal in part (c) is still optimal. /2

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 1/3 & 4/3 \end{pmatrix} \quad B_{inv} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B_{inv} b = \begin{pmatrix} 4 + 4y_1 - 3 - y_2 \\ -1 - y_1 + 3 + y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 4y_1 - y_2 \\ 2 - y_1 + y_2 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

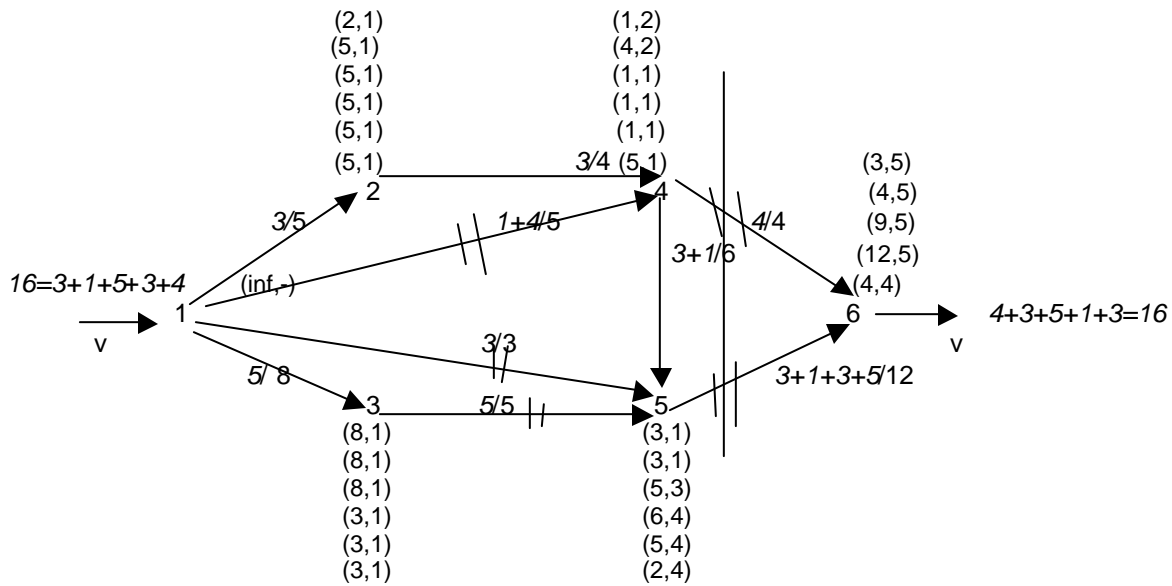
$$4y_1 - y_2 \geq -1 \quad \text{and} \quad y_1 - y_2 \geq -2$$

$B_{inv} \dots 1/2, B_{inv} b \dots 1, \text{plot} \dots 1/2$



**Q 2** Given the following network  $\langle N, A | 0, k \rangle$  where node 1 is the source and 6 the sink, all arc lower bounds are zero and their respective upper bounds given adjacent to the arcs, and  $v$  the flow through the network:-

$/7[4+(1+2)]$   
 (a)  $6 \times 1/2 \dots 3 + v^* \dots 1/2 + \text{mincut} \dots 1/2$ ; (b) (i)  $2 \times 1/2 \dots 1$ ; (ii)  $2 \times 1 = 2$



(a) Find the max flow through the network using the labeling algorithm. Show the successive labels on the above diagram itself, as well as a min-cut set.

(b) Now we are permitted to increase the upper bound of (only) *one* arc by any amount so as to *increase max v the most*. (i) identify the subset of arcs and why?  $\{(4,6), (5,6)\}$ , because this is the saturated min cut-set  
 (ii) which arc and by how much? Note: You can start from the final set of labels obtained under (a).  
 $v^*(k_{46} = \text{inf}) - v^*(k_{46} = 4) = 1$  (Note that the min cut-set is:  $\{(2,4), (1,4), (1,5), (3,5)\}$ )  
 $v^*(k_{56} = \text{inf}) - v^*(k_{56} = 12) = 1$  (Note that the min cut-set is again:  $\{(2,4), (1,4), (1,5), (3,5)\}$ )  
 Hence, we can increase either of the two arcs (4,6) or (5,6) by 1 unit.