

§6.5: INTRO TO THE DUAL PROBLEM

- 1.] DAKOTA FURNITURE COMPANY: A furniture company manufactures desks, tables, and chairs. The manufacture of each type of furniture requires lumber and two types of skilled labor: finishing and carpentry. The amount of each resource needed to create each product, the selling price of each product, and the available amounts of each resource are provided in the table below:

Resource	<u>Product</u>			Available Resources
	<i>Desk</i>	<i>Table</i>	<i>Chair</i>	
Lumber (board ft)	8	6	1	48
Finishing (hours)	4	2	1.5	20
Carpentry (hours)	2	1.5	0.5	8
Selling Price (\$)	60	30	20	

- a.) Your objective is to maximize revenue for the Dakota Furniture company. Formulate the *maximization* LP.
- b.) You're an entrepreneur willing to purchase all of Dakota Furniture company's resources. Formulate a *minimization* LP for the minimum purchasing price w that you'll offer to Dakota after considering the value of each unit of resource. Define y_i as the price paid for one unit of resource i .