

## problem 1

when does one halfspace contain another

$$\{x \mid a^T x \leq b\} \subseteq \{x \mid \bar{a}^T x \leq \bar{b}\}$$

 $\downarrow$   
 $H_1$ 
 $\downarrow$   
 $H_2$ 

(u)

if  $H_1$  is contained in  $H_2$ ,  $a$  and  $\bar{a}$  should be parallel, otherwise we could find some vector  $x$  with  $a^T x = 0$  and  $\bar{a}^T x > 0$

Now, for any point  $w$  in  $H_1$ , we have  

$$a^T(w + \lambda x) = a^T w + \lambda a^T x = a^T w \leq b$$

but  $\bar{a}^T(w + \lambda x) = \underbrace{\bar{a}^T w}_{\leq \bar{b}} + \underbrace{\lambda \bar{a}^T x}_{> 0}$  could  $\geq \bar{b}$  when  $\lambda$  is

very large, so  $a$  and  $\bar{a}$  should be parallel  
 $\Rightarrow$  we can find some  $\lambda$   $a = \lambda \bar{a}$

if  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$

$$\forall h \in H_1, h \in H_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \bar{a}^T h \leq \bar{b} \quad \bar{a}^T h \leq \bar{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow b \leq \lambda \bar{b}$$

$\therefore H_1 \subseteq H_2$  if and only if we can find some  $\lambda > 0$ .

such that  $a = \lambda \bar{a}$ ,  $b \leq \lambda \bar{b}$

(2) when are the half space equal?

$$\| \cdot \|_1 = \| \cdot \|_2$$

$\Rightarrow \| \cdot \|_1 \leq \| \cdot \|_2$  and  $\| \cdot \|_2 \leq \| \cdot \|_1$  by observation the above

$\therefore \| \cdot \|_1 = \| \cdot \|_2$  if and only if we can find some  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $a = \lambda \bar{a}$ ,  $b = \lambda \bar{b}$

problem 2

let  $x_0, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$V = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x - x_i\|_2 \quad i=1, \dots, k \right\}$$

show that  $V$  is a polyhedron. Express  $V$  in the form  $V = \{x \mid Ax \leq b\}$

$$\|x - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x - x_i\|_2$$

$$\therefore (x - x_0)^T (x - x_0) \leq (x - x_i)^T (x - x_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^T x - 2x_0^T x + x_0^T x_0 \leq x^T x - 2x_i^T x + x_i^T x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_i^T x - 2x_0^T x \leq x_i^T x_i - x_0^T x_0$$

$$2(x_i - x_0)^T x \leq x_i^T x_i - x_0^T x_0$$

Let

$$A = 2 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_0 \\ x_2 - x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_k - x_0 \end{bmatrix}^T \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^T x_1 - x_0^T x_0 \\ x_1^T x_2 - x_0^T x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_k^T x_k - x_0^T x_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore V$  is a polyhedron with

$$V = \{x \mid Ax \leq b\} \quad A \text{ and } b \text{ are the matrix above}$$

problem 3

Which of the following sets  $S$  are polyhedra?

$$(a) \quad S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \geq 0, \quad 1^T x = 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = b_1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_i^2 = b_2\}$$

$a_i \in \mathbb{R}, i=1, \dots, n, \quad b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  are given

$S$  is a polyhedron,

the conditions can be expressed as inequalities

$$-x_i \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$1^T x \leq 1$$

$$-1^T x \leq -1$$

$$\sum_i a_i x_i \leq b_1$$

$$-\sum_i a_i x_i \leq -b_1$$

$$\sum_i a_i^2 x_i \leq b_2$$

$$-\sum_i a_i^2 x_i \leq -b_2$$

let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ -a_1 & -a_2 & \dots & -a_n \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & \dots & a_n^2 \\ -a_1^2 & -a_2^2 & \dots & -a_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow n \text{ row}$

$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ b_1 \\ -b_1 \\ b_2 \\ -b_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow n \text{ row}$

$\therefore S$  is a polyhedron  
 $S = \{x \mid Ax \leq b\}$

(b)  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x_0\| \leq \|x - x_1\|\}, \quad x_0, x_1 \text{ are given,}$

Same with the problem 2

$$\Leftrightarrow \|x - x_0\|^2 \leq \|x - x_1\|^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(x_1 - x_0)^T x \leq x_1^T x_1 - x_0^T x_0$$

$\therefore S$  is a polyhedron

Problem 4

Is  $\hat{x} = (1, 1, 1, 1)$  an extreme point of the polyhedron  $P$  defined by the linear inequalities

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -6 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -10 & -1 \\ -6 & -11 & -2 & 12 \\ 1 & 6 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ -8 \\ -7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -6 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -10 & -1 \\ -6 & -11 & -2 & 12 \\ 1 & 6 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ -8 \\ -7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ -8 \\ -7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ -8 \\ -7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  The set of active constraints at  $\hat{x}$  is  $J = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$\therefore$  we have to check the rank of matrix

$$A_J = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -6 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -10 & -1 \\ -6 & -11 & -2 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

The rank is 4  $\therefore \hat{x} = (1, 1, 1, 1)$  is indeed an extreme point

$$\text{let } c = -A_j^T 1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 & 6 \\ -6 & -2 & 3 & -11 \\ 1 & 7 & -10 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 4 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } c = [8, 16, 4, -15]^T$$

$$c^T \tilde{x} = -1^T A_j \tilde{x} = -\sum_i b_i$$

$$\because Ax \leq b \quad \therefore -1^T A_j x \geq -\sum_i b_i$$

$\therefore$  with this  $c$ ,  $\tilde{x}$  is the unique minimizer of  $c^T x$  over  $P$

Problem 5

Consider the polyhedron

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid Ax \leq b, \quad Cx = d\}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -3 & -4 \\ -4 & -2 & -2 & -9 \\ -8 & -2 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & -6 & -7 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ -17 \\ -15 \\ -17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 11 & 12 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad d = 48$$

Prove  $\hat{x} = (1, 1, 1, 1)$  is an extreme point of  $P$

$$c^T \hat{x} = 13 + 11 + 12 + 12 = 48 \quad c^T \bar{x} = d$$

$$b - A\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ -17 \\ -15 \\ -17 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -3 & -4 \\ -4 & -2 & -2 & -9 \\ -8 & -2 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & -6 & -7 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The first one is not active, others are active

We then have to examine the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & -2 & -9 \\ -8 & -2 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & -6 & -7 & -4 \\ 13 & 11 & 12 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

rank is 4

$\therefore \hat{x}$  is an extreme point

Problem 6

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^5 \mid Ax \leq b, -1 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(a) \quad \hat{x} = (1, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, -1)$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\therefore \text{check } \begin{bmatrix} A \\ I \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} \leq \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_J(\hat{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank} [A_J(\hat{x})] \neq 5$$

$\therefore$  not an extreme point

$$(b) \quad \hat{x} = (0, 0, 1, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{check } \begin{bmatrix} A \\ I \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} \leq \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_J(\hat{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank} [A_J(\hat{x})] \neq 5$$

$\therefore \Rightarrow$  not an extreme point

$$(c) \quad \hat{x} = (0, 1, 1, -1, 0)$$

$$\text{Also check } \begin{bmatrix} A \\ I \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} \leq \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A_J(\hat{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(A_J(\hat{x})) = 5$$

$\therefore \hat{x}$  is an extreme point

we can take

$$c = A^T [1 \quad -A^T] + e_2 + e_3 - e_4 = (0, 1, 1, -1, 0)$$

The  $c^T x$  is maximized with

$$x = \hat{x}$$

## Problem 7

Formulate the following problem as an LP.

$$\text{maximize } R$$

$$\text{s.t. } B(x_c, R) \subseteq P$$

$$B(x_c, R) = \{x \mid \|x - x_c\| \leq R\}$$

$$P = \{x \mid a_i^T x \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$$

$P$  is a polyhedron with  $m$  inequalities.

$$a_i^T x \leq b_i$$

$x$  in  $B$  could be express as  $x_c + y \cdot R$   $\|y\| \leq 1$

$$\therefore B(x_c, R) \subseteq P$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i^T (x_c + yR) \leq b_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i^T x_c + R \cdot \max_{\|y\| \leq 1} a_i^T y \leq b_i$$

$$\therefore \|y\| \leq 1 \quad \therefore \max a_i^T y = \|a_i\|$$

The value of  $y$  that achieves the maximum  
is  $y = a_i / \|a_i\|$

$$\|y\| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_i^T y = a_i^T \cdot a_i / \|a_i\| = \|a_i\|$$

$$\therefore a_i^T x_c + R \cdot \|a_i\| \leq h_i$$

$$\therefore \text{if } B(x_c, R) \leq R$$

$$\Downarrow a_i^T x_c + R \cdot \|a_i\| \leq h_i \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, m$$

The formulated CP is:

$$\text{maximize } R$$

$$\text{s.t. } a_i^T x_c + R \|a_i\| \leq h_i$$

$$\text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, m$$