

Introduction to Stochastic Programming

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Stochastic Programming

Homeworks: 1-2 problems involving modeling and programming for computation.

No in-class exams. Room 1076 before/after class in Newark.

The existence of RVs in Stochastic Programming results in many different problem formulation, unlike linear/nonlinear prog.

Applications:

1. Linear Regression Model: $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$

$Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$ are the responses (labels),

X is an $n \times p$ feature matrix,

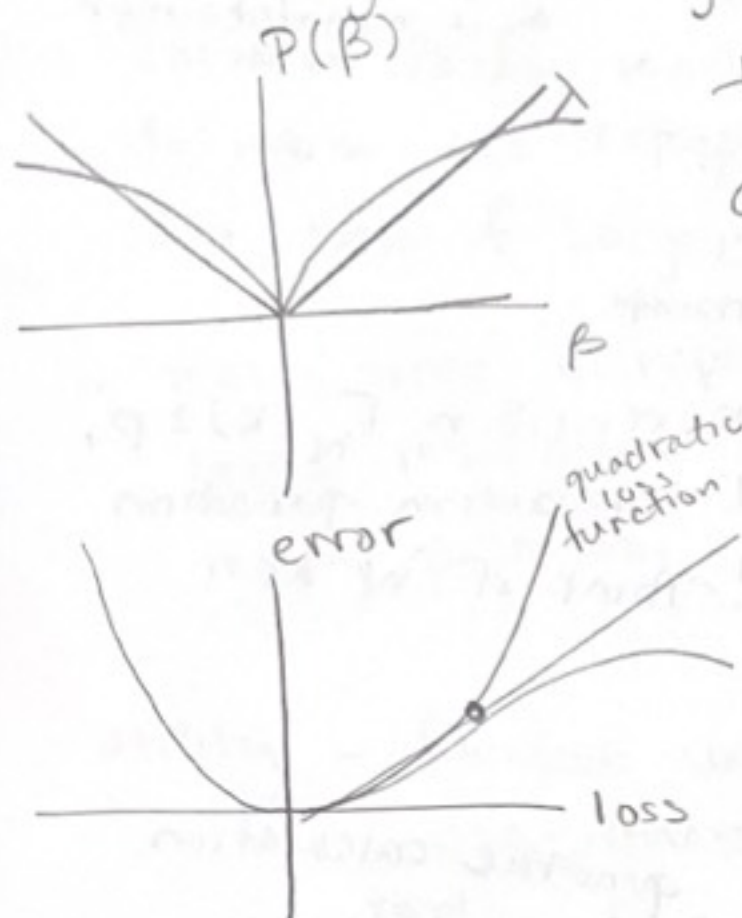
β is vector of p unknown coefficients to be estimated.

Generalized Lasso framework

$$\hat{\beta} = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2n} \|Y - X\beta\| \right\}$$

Stochastic subgradient methods. (Ukrainian)

nonconvex / non differentiable penalty functions are used to bring coefficients close to zero to zero but ignore large coefficients. loss functions also to reduce bias caused by large outliers.



2-stage Production Problem

2nd stage is simple linear programming problem with 2 parameters (Demand and Parts ordered) X and D

$Q(x, D)$ - optimal value of 2nd stage problem is random

$$\min_x C^T x + \sum_{k=1}^K P_k Q(x, d^k)$$

$Q(x, d^k)$ - optimal value of LP, usually will not have a gradient.

To solve as one large problem over all scenarios is computationally intractable except for toy examples.

So we must exploit statistical nature of problem!

Joint - Chance constrained model.

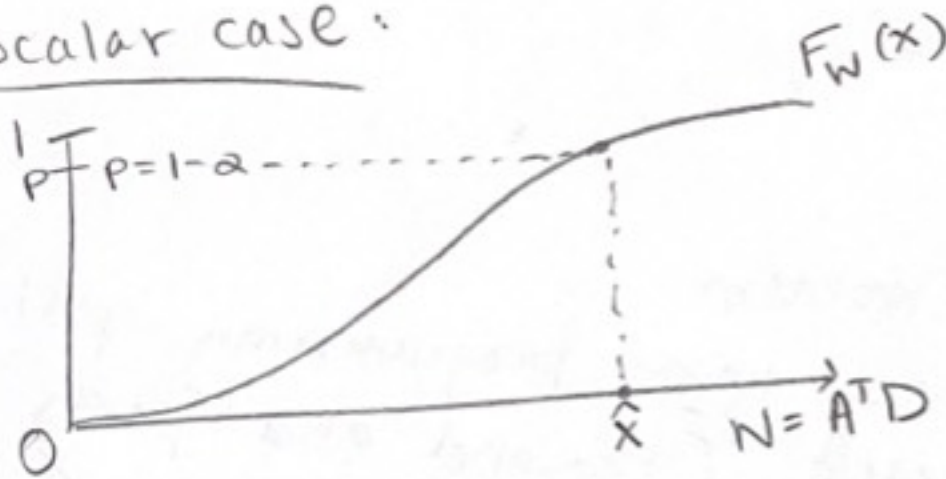
Manufacturer wants to satisfy the demand with some probability level $1-\alpha$ for $\alpha \in (0,1)$. \rightarrow maintaining reputation as a manufacturer.

$$\min c^T x \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \underbrace{\Pr\{A^T D \leq x\}}_{\text{joint chance constraint}} \geq p$$

$$x \geq 0$$

has random vector $W = A^T D$. can be rewritten $F_W(x) \geq p$, where $F_W(\cdot)$ is multidimensional distribution function of W . \rightarrow new kind of constraint! Think of W as parts required by demand.

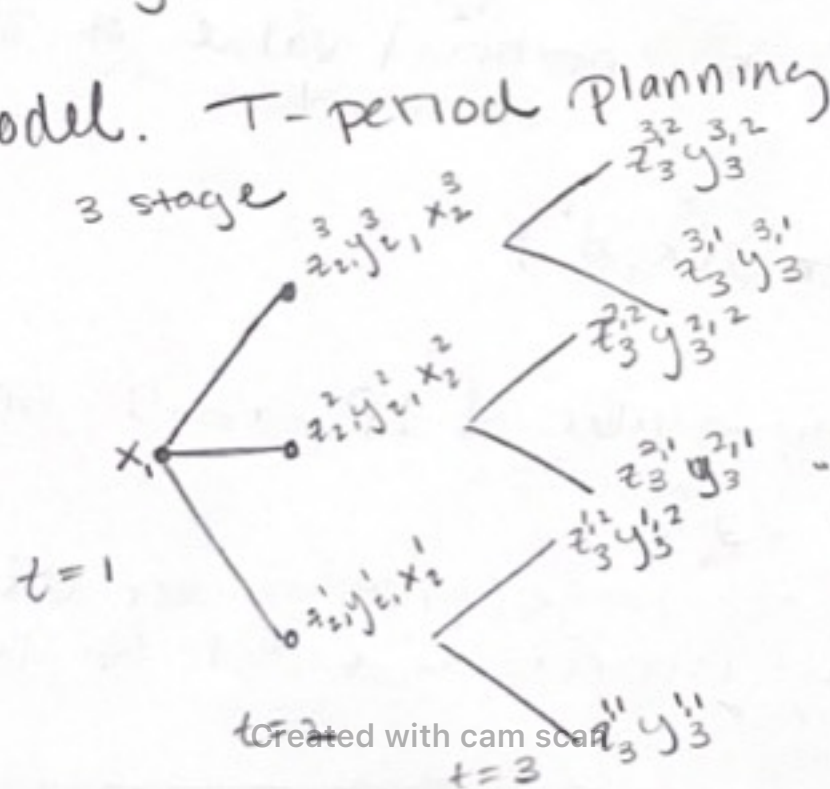
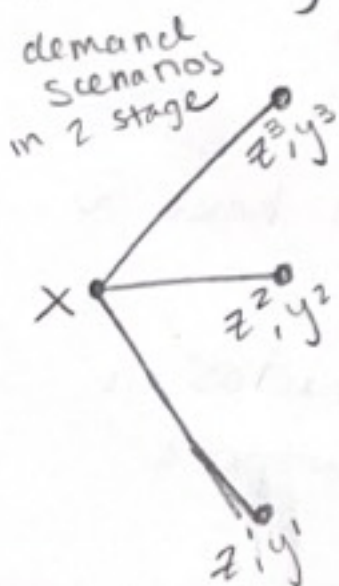
Scalar case:



quantile calculation

When x is high dimensional the calculation is very difficult.

Multistage model. T-period planning horizon.



• demand scenarios for $t=3$ are conditional on demand scenarios for $t=2$.

• number of scenarios grows exponentially with time horizon (number of stages).

Our decisions are functions of the data so we must work w/ functional spaces (group of functions w/ some properties).
eg. / Hilbert spaces \rightarrow need to study this rigorously.

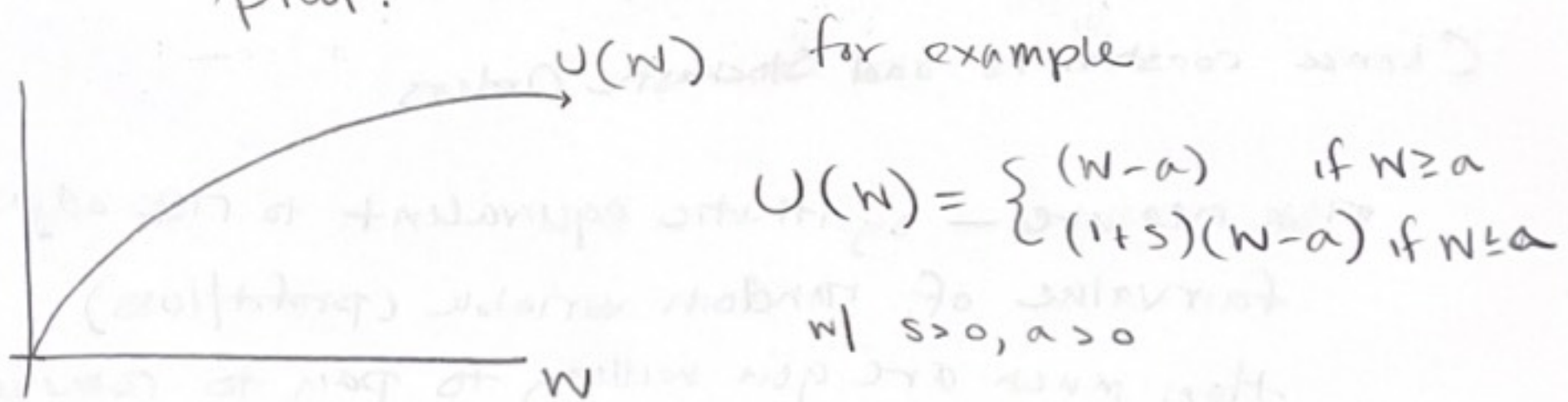
Portfolio Selection -

- Expected Value model will always select a single asset to invest all capital in. This only makes sense when the Law of Large numbers applies, which is not realistic.
- makes sense in repeated manufacturing case or large insurance companies which spread risk across many policies.

utility - function converts results (economic value) to usefulness to the decision maker

\rightarrow new proof of existence of utility function in 2024

Risk book (chapter 1). Simpler than Von Neumann's original proof.



specifying utility function is difficult modeling challenge.

How many good medical treatments are worth one death?

... nature of problem!

mean-Risk Approach - measure result expected value and variability. 2 objectives:

- mean $E[W_i]$ maximize

- risk $\text{Var}[W_i]$ minimize $E[(W_i - \mu)^2]$
 $\text{Isd}[W_i] \quad (E[(\mu - W_i)_+^2])^{1/2}$

- Avoids creating a utility function for decision maker.
- weighting mean vs risk gives range of reasonable policies.

$E[W_i] = \langle P, W \rangle$ linear operator in the probability measure.

$\text{Isd}[W_i] = (\langle P, (\langle P, \mu \rangle - W)_+^2 \rangle)^{1/2}$ nonlinear operator w.r.t. probability measure.

- source of many research problems \rightarrow how to deal with it, models w/ these risk functions

Chance constraints and Stochastic Orders

risk measure - synthetic equivalent to risk adjusted fairvalue of random variable (profit/loss)
How much are you willing to pay to remove this risk? (losses)

Stochastic (Sub) Gradient Methods

Neural Networks

feature

X

labels

Y



$\Phi(X; \beta)$

Some non differentiable
non convex function

Training problem

$$\min_{\beta} E[\ell(\Phi(X; \beta) - Y)]$$

done w/ stochastic subgrad
methods

$$Z = (X, Y)$$

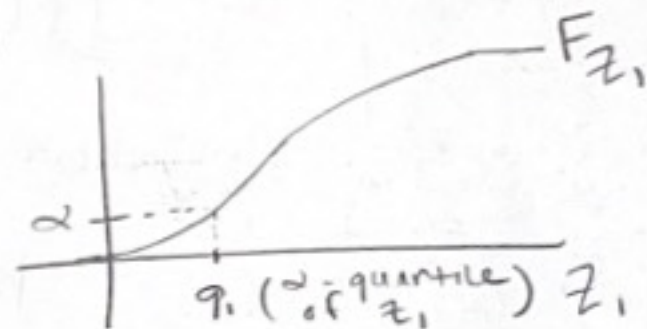
Optimization models w/ Probabilistic Constraints

$$g_j(x, z) \leq 0, j \in J = \{1, \dots, m\}$$

- not useful to ensure constraint is satisfied in worst possible realization of z .
- Examples: finance - Value at Risk, Engineering - water reservoirs will not overflow, Business - meet ^(unknown) demands of customers

Individual constraint $P\{g_1(x, z) \leq 0\} \geq 1 - \alpha$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{Y_1}$



• can rewrite as $g_1(x) \leq z_1$

$$1 - F_{z_1}(g_1(x)) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

$$F_{z_1}(g_1(x)) \leq \alpha$$

Similarly $F_{z_2}(g_2(x)) \leq \alpha$

deterministic inequality \Rightarrow $g_1(x) \leq q_1$ since F_{z_1} is monotonic increasing.
 $g_2(x) \leq q_2$

"I satisfy demand of each individual customer w/ high probability but possible that I have low probability of satisfying all customer demands"

Joint constraint

$$P\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_1(x) \leq z_1 \\ g_2(x) \leq z_2 \end{array} \right\} \geq 1 - \alpha$$

$$1 - F_z(g(x)) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

$$F_z(g(x)) \leq \alpha$$

never convex as F_z is bounded by $[0, 1]$ and is not constant.

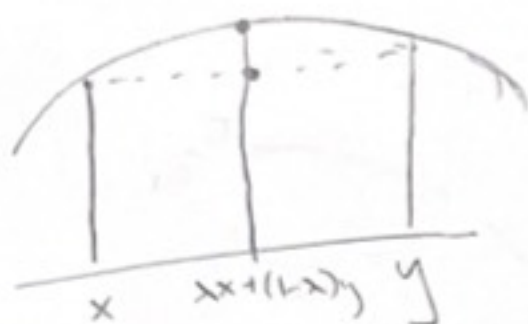
Joint constraints consider "system state".

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prove this!

- GWU student/prof made early career w/ Supply chain problems with probabilistic constraints.

To deal w/ nonconvex constraint we have generalized concavity theorem.

concave $f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$



$$[f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)]^\alpha \geq \lambda [f(x)]^\alpha + (1-\lambda)[f(y)]^\alpha$$

When $\alpha = 0$ we pass to limit and get

$$\ln[f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)] \geq \lambda \ln[f(x)] + (1-\lambda) \ln[f(y)]$$

- if f is α -concave, then it is β -concave $\forall \beta \leq \alpha$.

proof from def:

Ex. / normal distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



$$\ln[f(x)] = -\ln(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}) - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

concave quadratic function
so f is log concave.

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq \left[\lambda [f(x)]^\alpha + (1-\lambda)[f(y)]^\alpha \right]^{1-\alpha}$$

$$\alpha \rightarrow -\infty \quad f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq \min\{f(x), f(y)\}$$

Ex. / Uniform distribution $D \subset \mathbb{R}^S$ convex. $f(x) = 0$ if $x \notin D$.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{V(D)} \text{ if } x \in D.$$

we see f is quasiconcave,
as long as D is convex.

$V(D)$ is volume of D .



Easier to check density is α -concave then transform to get γ -concavity of probability measure.

$$\alpha = \frac{\gamma}{1 - m\gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha - m\alpha\gamma = \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\alpha}{1 + m\alpha}$$

$$F_Z(u) = \mathbb{P}\{Z \leq u\} \quad u, v$$

$$F_Z(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v) = \mathbb{P}\{Z \leq \lambda u + (1-\lambda)v\}$$

$$A = (-\infty, u], \quad B = (-\infty, v]$$

$$\lambda A + (1-\lambda)B = (-\infty, \lambda u + (1-\lambda)v]$$

$$F_Z(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v) = \mathbb{P}\{Z \in \lambda A + (1-\lambda)B\}$$

$$\text{if } \mathbb{P} \text{ is } \alpha\text{-concave} \geq m_\alpha(\mathbb{P}\{A\}, \mathbb{P}\{B\}, \lambda)$$

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\ln F_Z(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v) \geq \lambda \ln F_Z(u) + (1-\lambda) \ln F_Z(v)$$

Examples

uniform distribution



we established density is α -concave with $\alpha = -\infty$

$$\gamma = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\alpha}{1 + m\alpha} = \frac{1}{m}, \text{ where } m \text{ is dimension of } D.$$

So distribution is $\frac{1}{m}$ -concave.

log normal distribution

Z has ^{multivariate} log-normal distribution if vector $Y = (\ln z_1, \dots, \ln z_m)^T$ has multivariate normal distribution.

• Commonly used in applications

$$F_Z(x) = P\{z_1 \leq x_1, \dots, z_m \leq x_m\}$$

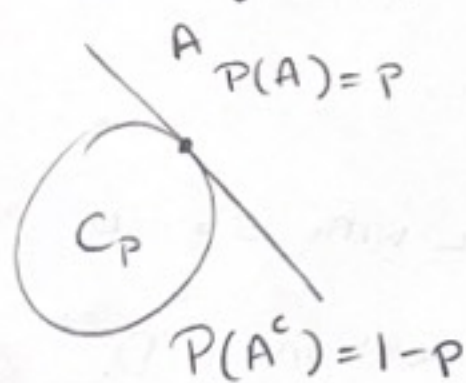
$$= P\left\{ \underbrace{x_1 - e^{Y_1}}_{g_1(x_1, Y_1)} \geq 0, \dots, \underbrace{x_m - e^{Y_m}}_{g_m(x_m, Y_m)} \geq 0 \right\} \quad (1)$$

- linear in x
- concave in Y
- so concave in $(x, Y) \Rightarrow$ quasiconcave in (x, Y)

Y has normal distribution which is log concave

so (1) is logconcave, and $\{x : F_Z(x) \geq p\}$ is convex.

Floating Body

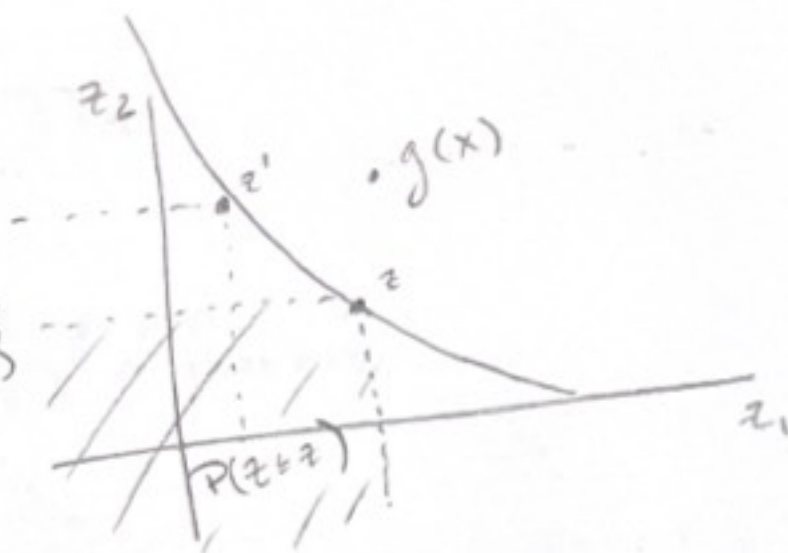


Separable Prob Constraints

$$F_z(z) = \mathbb{P}\{z \leq z\}$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_p = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^m : F_z(z) = \mathbb{P}\{z \leq z\} \geq p\}$$

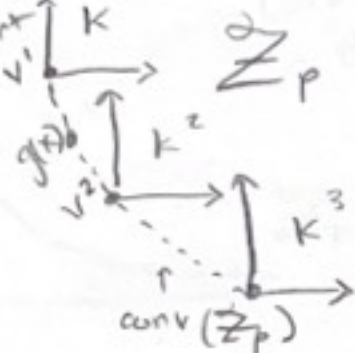
for every $p \in (0,1)$, \mathcal{Z}_p is nonempty and closed



A point v is p -efficient if $F_z(v) \geq p$ and there is no $z \leq v$, $v \neq z$ such that $F_z(z) \geq p$.

Bounded below by quantiles of marginal distribution.

Discrete
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w/ finite
p-efficient
points



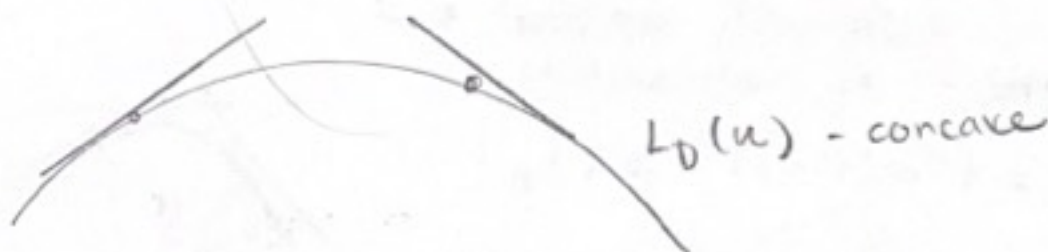
You will recover p efficient points from extreme points of $\text{conv}(\mathcal{Z}_p)$.

\mathcal{Z}_p is convex if z has α -concave distribution function.

How to solve

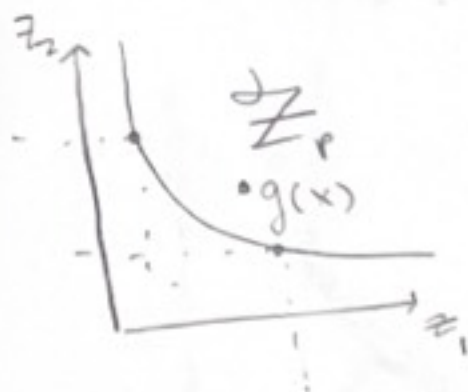
Approx $L_D(\cdot)$ with tangent ^{planes} ~~lines~~ the slope of these planes is $g(x)$ or \hat{z} .

$g(x)$ - Nonlinear opt.
 \hat{z} - subgradient method

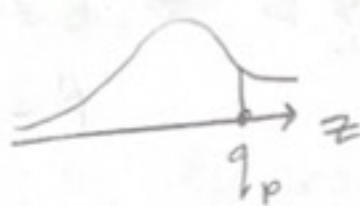


Recall previous problem

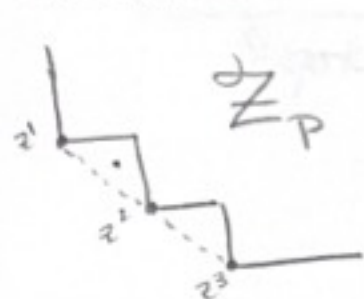
$$\min f(x) \text{ s.t. } P[g(x) \geq z] \geq p \\ x \in D$$



In one dimension
it is just a quantile

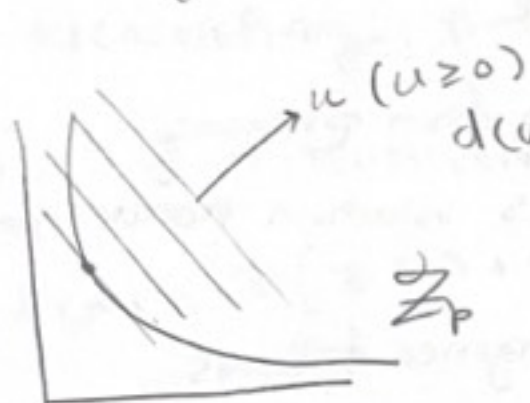


Possible situation \rightarrow we take convex hull of Z_p



$z^1, z^2, z^3 \in Z_p$ (not necessarily convex)

In practice we can recover a feasible solution by finding nearest feasible point.



$$d(u) = \inf \{ \langle u, z \rangle \mid z \in Z_p \} \quad \text{we'll recover a } p\text{-efficient point.}$$

for every fixed $x \in D$, $z \in Z_p$ the Lagrangian $L(x, z, u) = f(x) + \langle u, z - g(x) \rangle$

is a linear function of u . Then $L_D(u)$ is the minimum of infinitely many linear functions

\hookrightarrow concave function
(intersection of hypographs)

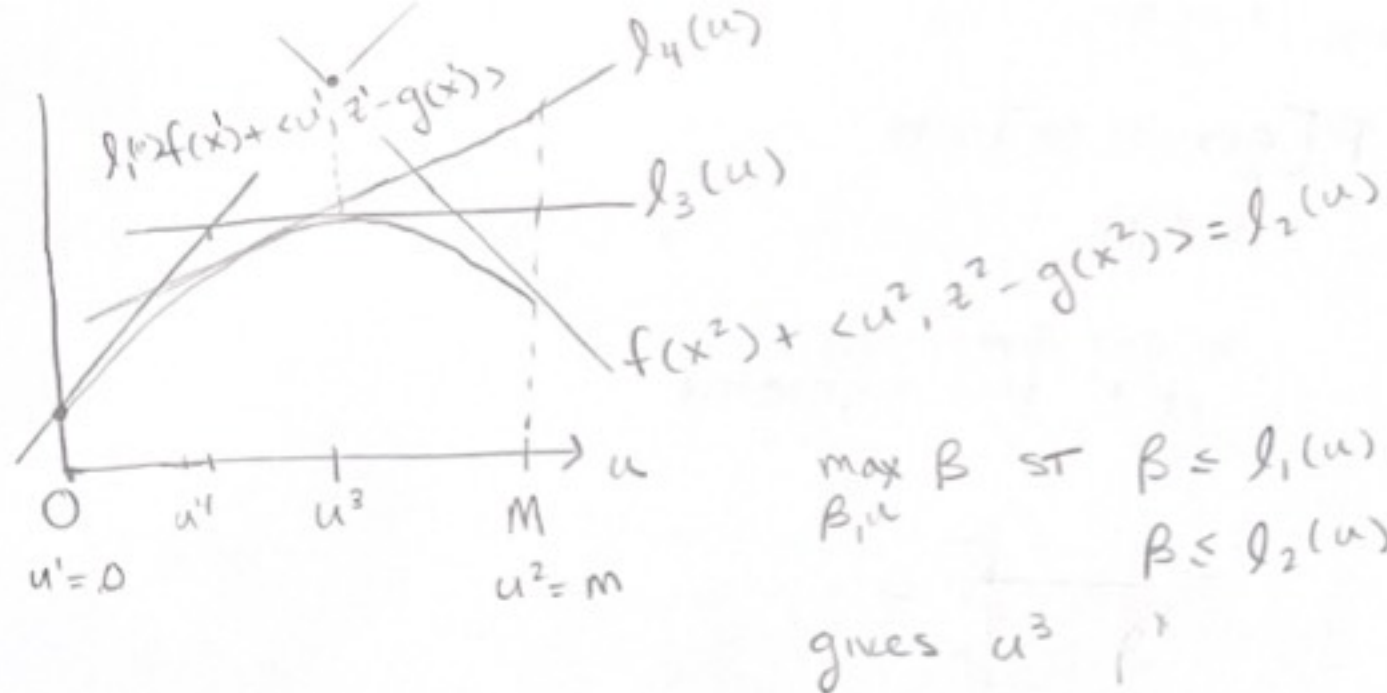


$$L_D(\lambda u^1 + (1-\lambda)u^2) = \min_{z \in A} l_z(\lambda u^1 + (1-\lambda)u^2)$$

$$= \min_{z \in A} [\lambda l_z(u^1) + (1-\lambda)l_z(u^2)] \quad \text{since } l_z \text{ is linear w.r.t } u.$$

$$\geq \lambda \min_{z \in A} l_z(u^1) + (1-\lambda) \min_{z \in A} l_z(u^2) \\ \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{L_D(u^1)} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{L_D(u^2)}$$

We can create a piecewise linear approximation by computing l_z for various values of u . Cutting plane method



$$\max_{\beta, u} \beta \text{ s.t. } \beta \leq l_1(u) \\ \beta \leq l_2(u) \\ \text{gives } u^3$$

$$u'' = \arg \max_{\beta, u} \beta \text{ s.t. } \beta \leq l_1(u) \\ \beta \leq l_2(u) \quad \text{and so on. when to stop?} \\ \beta \leq l_3(u)$$

when $L_D(u^k) \leq L_D^k(u^k) - \delta$ we stop, where

L_D^k is the binding linear inequality from previous maximization (usually l_{k-1} , unless solution nonunique)

$\|u^k - u^j\| \geq \frac{\delta}{B}$ for all $j < k$. Then proof of convergence follows. (Thm 4.1)

$$L_D(u) = \underbrace{\min_{x \in D} \{f(x) - \langle u, g(x) \rangle\}}_{d(u)} + \underbrace{\min_{z \in Z_P} \{\langle u, z \rangle\}}_{h(u)}$$

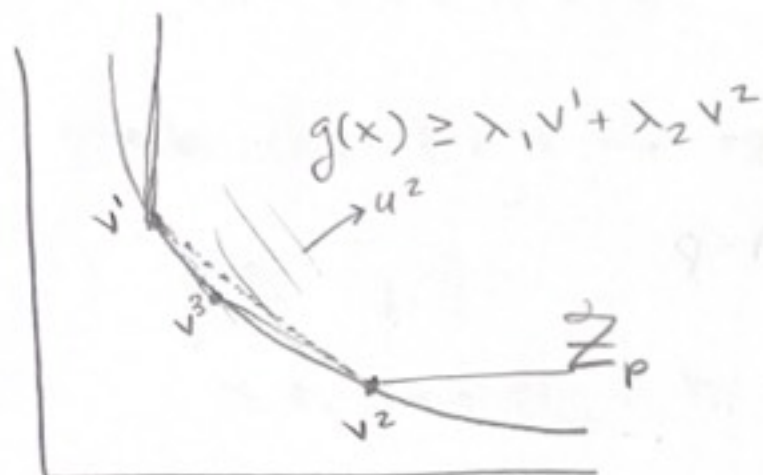
primal recovery

$$\max_{x, u} \beta \text{ s.t. } \beta \leq l_1(u) \quad \alpha_1 \geq 0 \\ \beta \leq l_2(u) \quad \alpha_2 \geq 0 \\ \beta \leq l_3(u) \quad \alpha_3 \geq 0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta \leq l_j(u) \quad \alpha_j \geq 0 \\ u \geq 0$$

$\sum_{i=1}^j \alpha_i = 1$ $J = \{j : l_j \text{ is binding}\}$
we take convex combination to get (x, z)

Primal-Dual method

there we treat $d(u)$ directly since it is a deterministic NLP and approx $h(u)$.



Then next master problem has constraint $g(x) \geq \lambda_1 v^1 + \lambda_2 v^2 + \lambda_3 v^3$ which is a better approximation of z_p .

Generating p-efficient points

- $Z \sim$ multivariate normal

$$f(a) = P[Z \in A+a] \quad \text{where } A \text{ is a polyhedron}$$

(Ganz U of Washington)

- mixed integer techniques

$$\min f(x) \quad \text{st} \quad P[g(x, Z) \geq 0] \geq p$$

$x \in D$

nonseparable constraints

Assume Z has discrete distribution

↳ discrete means nonconvex!

$$P[Z = z_k] = p_k \quad k=1, \dots, N$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^N p_k = 1$$



$$P[\langle z, x \rangle \leq b] \geq p$$

floating body \rightarrow implicit object from distribution

z -random

x -decision



$$P[z \text{ here}] = p$$

$$P[z \text{ here}] = 1 - p$$

$$\langle z, x \rangle = b$$

I Two-Stage Problems

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \langle c, x \rangle + E[Q(x, \xi)]$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax = b, x \geq 0$$

where $Q(x, \xi)$ is the optimal value of 2nd stage problem:

$$\min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^m} \langle q, y \rangle$$

$$\text{s.t. } Tx + Wy = h, y \geq 0$$

where $\xi = (q, h, T, W)$ are the data of 2nd stage problem
 $\Xi \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ denotes the support of the probability distribution of ξ .

if for some x and $\xi \in \Xi$ the second stage problem is infeasible
 then by definition $Q(x, \xi) = +\infty$.

To get dual of 2nd stage problem:

$$\min q^T y$$

s.t.

$$\pi \rightarrow Wy = h - Tx$$

(multipliers)

$$y \geq 0$$

$$(DP) \max_{\pi} \pi^T (h - Tx) \text{ s.t. } W^T \pi \leq q$$

convex function (maximum of linear functions)

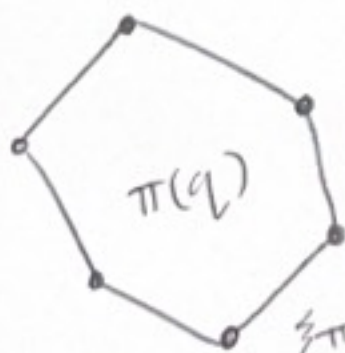
$$\text{Define } \Pi(q) \doteq \{\pi : W^T \pi \leq q\}$$

$$\sigma_q(x) \doteq \sup_{\pi \in \Pi(q)} \{\pi^T x\}$$

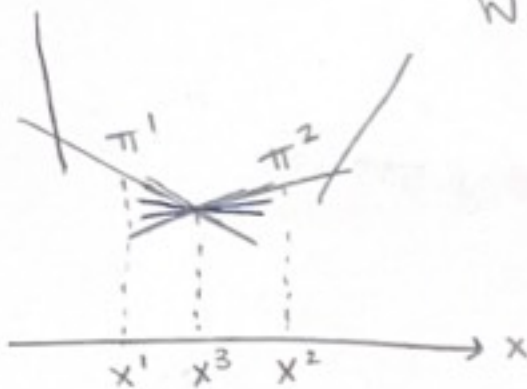
→ polyhedral function

maximized at vertices of the set or its unbounded.

$$\text{clearly } Q(x, \xi) = \sigma_q(h - Tx)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{DP}) \quad & \max \pi^T (h - Tx) = \pi^T h - \langle T^T \pi, x \rangle \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \pi \in \Pi(q) \\
 & W^T \pi \leq q
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial Q(x^1, \xi) &= \{-T^T \pi^1\} \\
 \partial Q(x^2, \xi) &= \{-T^T \pi^2\} \\
 \partial Q(x^3, \xi) &= \left\{ \text{infinite collection of } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \right\} \leftarrow \text{convex set!}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Q(x, \xi) \geq Q(x^0, \xi)$$

$$= -\langle T^T \pi^0, x - x^0 \rangle$$

any solution of dual problem

x^0, π^0 is an optimizer of $\pi^T (h - Tx^0), \pi \in \Pi(q)$

$$\text{At any other } x, \quad Q(x, \xi) = \max_{\pi \in \Pi(q)} \pi^T (h - Tx) \geq \underbrace{(\pi^0)^T (h - Tx)}_{\text{subgradient}}$$

$$= (\pi^0)^T (h - Tx^0) - (\pi^0)^T (Tx - Tx^0)$$

$$= Q(x^0, \xi) - \underbrace{(\pi^0)^T T (x - x^0)}_{\text{subgradient}}$$

subgradient

Solve the dual problem by any method, which obtains the subgradient of dual function. which can be use to optimize the dual function with a subgradient method.

Discrete Distributions

$$\xi_s = (q_s, h_s, T_s, W_s)$$

with probabilities p_s

$$\phi(x) \doteq E[Q(x, \xi)] \text{ expected value function}$$

Suppose finite scenarios $1, \dots, S$

$$E[Q(x, \xi)] = \sum_{s=1}^S p_s Q(x, \xi_s)$$

Assume $Q(x, \xi_s) = +\infty$ if x is not feasible.

Then 2 stage problem is equivalent to LP problem
(minima of minima is overall minima)

$$\min_{x, y_1, \dots, y_S} c^T x + \sum_{s=1}^S p_s q_s^T y_s$$

$$\text{s.t. } T_s x + W_s y_s = h_s, \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

$$Ax = b,$$

$$x \geq 0, y_s \geq 0, \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

	x	y_1	y_2	\dots	y_S
A					
T_1		W_1			
T_2			W_2		
\vdots					
T_S					W_S

Constraint dimension
(decision variables in 1st stage
+ decision variables in
2nd stage) \times (# scenarios)

$$(S+1)(S)$$

when S grows exponentially with #
of R.Vs in problem
this can be huge
dimension.

↓
need another method

Suppose $\phi(\cdot)$ has a finite value in at least one point $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 Then $\phi(\cdot)$ is polyhedral and for any $x_0 \in \text{dom } \phi$

$$\partial \phi(x_0) = \sum_{s=1}^S p_s \partial Q(x_0, \xi_s)$$

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{s=1}^S p_s Q(x, \xi_s)$$

x^0 : find $g^0 \in \partial \phi(x^0)$

1 Calculate $g_s \in \partial Q(x^0, \xi_s) \quad s=1, \dots, S$

$$g_s = -T^T \pi_s$$

$$\pi_s = \arg \max_{\pi \in \Pi(q_s)} \pi^T (h_s - T_s x^0)$$

2 Set $g^0 = \sum_{s=1}^S p_s g_s$

Done

we have subgrad ineq.

$$Q(x, \xi_s) \geq Q(x^0, \xi_s) + \langle g_s, x - x^0 \rangle$$

← multiply by p_s
and for all $s=1, \dots, S$

$$\sum_{s=1}^S p_s Q(x, \xi_s) \geq \sum_{s=1}^S p_s Q(x^0, \xi_s) + \left\langle \sum_{s=1}^S p_s g_s, x - x^0 \right\rangle$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{s=1}^S p_s Q(x, \xi_s)}_{\phi(x)} \geq \underbrace{\sum_{s=1}^S p_s Q(x^0, \xi_s)}_{\phi(x^0)} + \underbrace{\left\langle \sum_{s=1}^S p_s g_s, x - x^0 \right\rangle}_{\langle g^0, x - x^0 \rangle}$$

2nd stage problem

$$\min q^T y$$

$$\text{s.t. } Wy = h - Tx$$

$$y \geq 0$$

- if W is deterministic, this is a fixed recourse problem (RHS is random)

Ex. / T - random accessibility of facilities

x - location of facilities

h - random demand

W - recourse

- if system $Wy = \chi$ and $y \geq 0$ has a solution for every χ then recourse is complete
- if every $x \in \{x: Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$ the feasible set of second stage problem is nonempty a.s., the recourse is relatively complete.

$$(\text{DP}) \quad \max \pi^T (h - Tx)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \pi \in \Pi(q) = \{\pi: W^T \pi \leq q\}$$

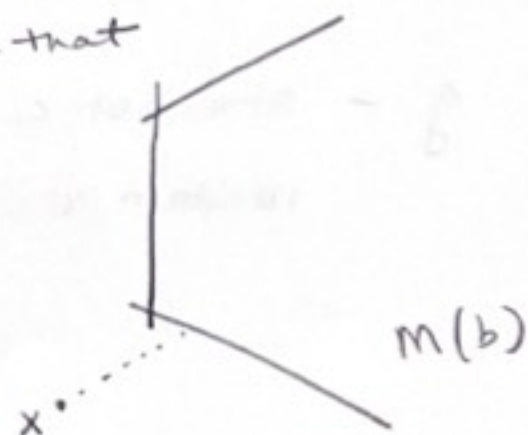
we need to check if expected value of this problem exists!

Hoffman's Thm Consider $M(b) \doteq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n: Ax \leq b\}$

\exists a positive constant K , depending on A , such that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $b \in \text{dom } M$

$$\text{dist}(x, M(b)) \leq K \| (Ax - b)_+ \|$$

"distance is bounded by violation of constraints to set"



According to Hoffman's Thm, $\exists k$, depending on N , such that if for some q_0 the set $\Pi(q_0)$ is nonempty, then for every q

$$\Pi(q) \subset \Pi(q_0) + k \|q - q_0\| B \quad \text{with } B = \{\pi : \|\pi\| \leq 1\}$$

Thm Suppose the recourse (N) is fixed, $E[\|q\| \cdot \|h\|] < +\infty$
 $E[\|q\| \cdot \|\pi\|] < +\infty$

Then for a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $E[Q(x, \xi)_+]$ is finite if and only if $h - Tx \in \text{pos } N$ holds with probability 1.

$$\phi(x) = E[Q(x, \xi)] = \int Q(x, \xi) P(d\xi)$$

Fix x^0 : $g^\xi \in \partial_x Q(x^0, \xi)$ for all ξ , $g^\xi = -T^T \pi^\xi$

calculate $g = \int g^\xi P(d\xi)$

$$Q(x, \xi) \geq Q(x^0, \xi) + \langle g^\xi, x - x^0 \rangle \quad \text{integrate both sides}$$

$$\underbrace{\int Q(x, \xi) P(d\xi)}_{\phi(x)} \geq \underbrace{\int Q(x^0, \xi) P(d\xi)}_{\phi(x^0)} + \underbrace{\langle \int g^\xi P(d\xi), x - x^0 \rangle}_{\langle g, x - x^0 \rangle}$$

g - stochastic subgradient

random vector whose expectation is the real subgradient.

Strassen Thm if $g \in \partial \phi(x^0) \Leftrightarrow g = \int g^\xi P(d\xi)$

disintegration formula $\rightarrow g$ must be expressed as the integral of random vectors

Optimality Conditions

in discrete case, Let $\mathcal{X} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$

we need necessary + sufficient conditions to minimize $c^T x + \phi(x)$ over $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

\bar{x} is optimal, then we can write problem as

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} c^T x + g^T x$$

where $g \in \partial \phi(\bar{x})$

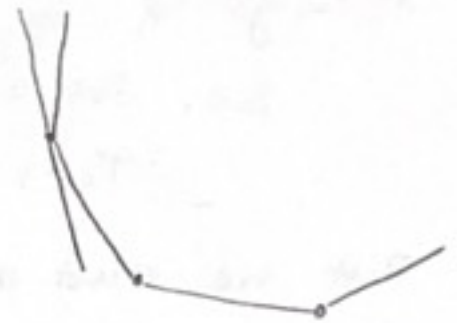
So conditions are $0 \in c + \partial \phi(\bar{x}) + N_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})$

$g = -\sum p_s T_s^T \pi_s$. Then conditions are:

$$\sum_{s=1}^S p_s T_s^T \pi_s + A^T \mu \leq c,$$

$$\bar{x}^T \left(c - \sum_{s=1}^S p_s T_s^T \pi_s - A^T \mu \right) = 0$$

We see this is equivalent to conditions from Large LP equivalent form.



Nonanticipativity: Scenario Formulation

one x_s for each scenario

$$\min_{x_1, y_1, \dots, y_S} C^T x_s + \sum_{s=1}^S p_s q_s^T y_s$$

$$\text{s.t. } T_s x_s + W_s y_s = h_s \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

$$A x_s = b$$

$$x_s \geq 0, y_s \geq 0 \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

is separable $\rightarrow S$ problems

$$\min_{x_s \geq 0, y_s \geq 0} C^T x_s + q_s^T y_s$$

$$\text{s.t. } A x_s = b$$

$$T_s x_s + W_s y_s = h_s$$

But we must introduce an additional ^{linear} constraint (nonanticipativity)

$$(x_1, \dots, x_S) \in \mathcal{L} = \left\{ x = (x_1, \dots, x_S) \in \mathbb{R}^{nS} : x_1 = \dots = x_S \right\}$$

Each should equal to the average of all:

$$x_s = \sum_{i=1}^S p_i x_i, \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

which is equivalent.

we see \mathcal{L} is a linear subspace of $\mathcal{X} = \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^n \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^n}_{S \text{ times}}$

we equip with scalar product:

$$\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^S p_i x_i^T y_i$$

and define linear operator

$$\mathbb{P}x = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^S p_i x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^S p_i x_i \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbb{P}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbb{P}x = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and we can write constraint as $x = Px$.

P is the orthogonal projection operator of $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ onto the subspace L . Clearly $P(P(x)) = P(x)$ and

$$\langle Px, y \rangle = \left(\sum_{i=1}^S p_i x_i \right)^T \left(\sum_{s=1}^S p_s y_s \right) = \langle x, Py \rangle$$

So P is self adjoint, and P is a projection.

L is called the nonanticipativity subspace of X .

With this constraint:

$$\min_{x, y_1, \dots, y_S} C^T x_s + \sum_{s=1}^S p_s q_s^T y$$

$$\text{s.t. } T_s x_s + W_s y_s = h \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

$$Ax_s = b$$

$$x_s = \sum_{i=1}^S p_i x_i \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

$$x_s \geq 0, y_s \geq 0 \quad s=1, \dots, S$$

$$L(x, \lambda) = \sum_{s=1}^S p_s (C^T x_s + q_s^T y_s) + \sum_{s=1}^S p_s \lambda_s^T \left(x_s - \sum_{i=1}^S p_i x_i \right)$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} Px = Px \\ \langle Px, y \rangle = \langle x, Py \rangle \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} (I-P)(I-P)x = x - Px - Px + PPx \\ = x - Px = (I-P)x \\ \langle (I-P)x, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle - \langle Px, y \rangle \\ = \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, Py \rangle \\ = \langle x, (I-P)y \rangle \end{array}$$

So if P is a projection
then $I-P$ is a projection