

Assignment #3 Solution

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Question 1

(a) Let $\alpha = \beta = 1$, $x = (0, 1)$, $y = (1, 0)$

$$\text{then } f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \max(1, 1) - \min(1, 1) = 0$$

$$\alpha f(x) + \beta f(y) = [\max(0, 1) - \min(0, 1)] + [\max(1, 0) - \min(1, 0)]$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) \neq \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y).$$

(b) Let $a = \text{diag}(-1, \underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_{(n-2) \text{ times}}, 1)$

$$\text{then } f(x) = x_n - x_1 = a^T x.$$

Question 2

 $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} = f(x) + b$, where $f(x)$ is a linear function.

$$\phi(1, 0) = f(1, 0) + b. \quad \phi(1, -2) = f(1, -2) + b.$$

$$^{(1)} \phi(1, -1) = f(1, -1) + b = \frac{1}{2} f(2, -2) + b = \frac{1}{2} [f(2, -2) + 2b]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [f(1, 0) + b + f(1, -2) + b] = 1.5. \Rightarrow f(2, -2) = 3 - 2b.$$

$$^{(2)} \phi(2, -2) = f(2, -2) + b = 3 - 2b + b = 3 - b.$$

while b is unknown, we can't get $\phi(2, -2)$.

Question 3

$$(a) E_{st}(X) = x_{st} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \uparrow & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot X = \langle A, X \rangle = A^T X.$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \uparrow & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(s, t)-entry

(t, s)-entry.

$$(b) H(X) = \sum_{i+j=n+1} x_{ij} = x_{1n} + x_{2n-1} + x_{3n-2} + \dots + x_{n-1,2} + x_{n,1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot X = \langle A, X \rangle = A^T X.$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ only the anti-diagonal entries are 1, others 0.}$$

$$(c) f(x) = |\langle a, x \rangle|^2 = x^T a a^T x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$x^T a a^T x = \text{tr}(x^T a a^T x) = \text{tr}(\underbrace{a a^T}_{n \times n} \underbrace{x x^T}_{n \times n}) \quad (\text{tr}(ABC) = \text{tr}(BCA))$$

$$\text{if } A, B \text{ have same cols and rows, } \text{tr}(A^T B) = \langle A, B \rangle$$

$$\text{tr}(a a^T x x^T) = \langle (a a^T)^T, x x^T \rangle = \langle a a^T, x x^T \rangle$$

$$A = a a^T$$

Question 4

$$(a) S_1 \cap S_2 = \{x \in V \mid \langle a_1, x \rangle = b_1, \langle a_2, x \rangle = b_2\}$$

$$x \in S_1 \cap S_2, \Rightarrow \langle a_1, x \rangle = b_1, \langle a_2, x \rangle = b_2$$

$$z \in S_1 \cap S_2, \Rightarrow \langle a_1, z \rangle = b_1, \langle a_2, z \rangle = b_2$$

$$x \in V \Rightarrow -tx \in V, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad z \in V \Rightarrow (1+t)z \in V, \forall t$$

$$\Rightarrow -tx + (1+t)z \in V.$$

$$\langle a_1, (1+t)z - tx \rangle = (1+t)\langle a_1, z \rangle - t\langle a_1, x \rangle = (1+t)b_1 - tb_1 = b_1.$$

$$\langle a_2, (1+t)z - tx \rangle = (1+t)\langle a_2, z \rangle - t\langle a_2, x \rangle = (1+t)b_2 - tb_2 = b_2$$

$$\text{Thus, } (1+t)z - tx \in S_1 \cap S_2.$$

(b) proof.

If z is the solution of $\min_{x \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|x - y\|$, then $z \in S_1 \cap S_2$.

$$\text{we have: } \begin{cases} \langle a_1, z \rangle = b_1, \langle a_2, z \rangle = b_2 \\ (1+t)z - tx \in S_1 \cap S_2, \forall x \in S_1 \cap S_2, t \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

$$\|z - y\|^2 \leq \|(1+t)z - tx - y\|^2 = \|(z - y) + t(z - x)\|^2$$

$$= \|z - y\|^2 + t^2 \|z - x\|^2 + 2t \langle z - y, z - x \rangle$$

$$\text{i.e. } t \langle z - y, z - x \rangle \geq -\frac{1}{2} t^2 \|z - x\|^2$$

$$\text{if we choose } t > 0: \langle z - y, z - x \rangle \geq -\frac{1}{2} t \|z - x\|^2$$

$$\text{let } t \rightarrow 0^+, \langle z - y, z - x \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\text{if we choose } t < 0: \langle z - y, z - x \rangle \leq -\frac{1}{2} t \|z - x\|^2$$

$$\text{let } t \rightarrow 0^-, \langle z - y, z - x \rangle \leq 0$$

Altogether, z satisfies $\langle z - y, z - x \rangle = 0$.

if $z \in S_1 \cap S_2$ and $\langle z-x, z-y \rangle = 0, \forall x \in S_1 \cap S_2,$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|x-y\| &\Leftrightarrow \min_{x \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|x-y\|^2 = \min_{x \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|x-z+z-y\|^2 \\ &= \min_{x \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|x-z\|^2 + \|z-y\|^2 \geq \|z-y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus z is the solution of $\min_{x \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|x-y\|$

(c) $\left. \begin{array}{l} z \in S_1 \cap S_2 \Rightarrow \langle a_1, z \rangle = b_1, \langle a_2, z \rangle = b_2 \\ x \in S_1 \cap S_2 \Rightarrow \langle a_1, x \rangle = b_1, \langle a_2, x \rangle = b_2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \langle z-x, a_1 \rangle = 0 \quad (1) \\ \langle z-x, a_2 \rangle = 0 \quad (2) \end{array}$

$$z = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|x-y\| \Rightarrow \langle z-x, z-y \rangle = 0 \quad (3)$$

According to (1)(2)(3), we can get: $z-y = \alpha a_1 + \beta a_2 \Rightarrow z = y + \alpha a_1 + \beta a_2.$

$$\langle a_1, z \rangle = b_1 \Rightarrow \langle y + \alpha a_1 + \beta a_2, a_1 \rangle = b_1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a_1, y \rangle + \alpha \langle a_1, a_1 \rangle + \beta \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle &= b_1 \\ \langle a_1, a_1 \rangle \alpha + \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \beta &= b_1 - \langle a_1, y \rangle \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle a_2, z \rangle = b_2 \Rightarrow \langle y + \alpha a_1 + \beta a_2, a_2 \rangle = b_2.$$

$$\langle a_2, y \rangle + \alpha \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle + \beta \langle a_2, a_2 \rangle = b_2$$

$$\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \alpha + \langle a_2, a_2 \rangle \beta = b_2 - \langle a_2, y \rangle \quad (5)$$

According to ④ and ⑤, we have:

$$\begin{cases} \langle a_1, a_1 \rangle \alpha + \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \beta = b_1 - \langle a_1, y \rangle \\ \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \alpha + \langle a_2, a_2 \rangle \beta = b_2 - \langle a_2, y \rangle \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle & b_1 - \langle a_1, y \rangle \\ \langle a_2, a_2 \rangle & b_2 - \langle a_2, y \rangle \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \langle a_1, a_1 \rangle & \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \\ \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle & \langle a_2, a_2 \rangle \end{vmatrix}} \quad \beta = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \langle a_1, a_1 \rangle & b_1 - \langle a_1, y \rangle \\ \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle & b_2 - \langle a_2, y \rangle \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle & \langle a_1, a_1 \rangle \\ \langle a_2, a_2 \rangle & \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \end{vmatrix}}$$

Thus, $z = y + \alpha \cdot a_1 + \beta \cdot a_2$, where α, β is shown above.

(d) Suppose we have z_1, z_2 two solutions,

$$z_1 \text{ is a solution} \Rightarrow \langle z_1 - y, z_1 - z_2 \rangle = 0$$

$$z_2 \text{ is a solution} \Rightarrow \langle z_2 - y, z_2 - z_1 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle z_2 - y, z_1 - z_2 \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{taking difference: } \langle z_1 - z_2, z_1 - z_2 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow z_1 = z_2.$$

Question 5

(a) $y = x^T a + b = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_8 x_8 + b$. if $a_3 > 0, x_3 > 0 \Rightarrow a_3 x_3 > 0$
can't get $y > 0$. FALSE.

(b) $a_2 = 0, y = a_1 x_1 + a_3 x_3 + \dots + a_8 x_8 + b$. doesn't depend on x_2
TRUE.

(c) $a_6 = -0.8, y = M - 0.8 x_6$, where $M = a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_5 x_5 + a_7 x_7 + a_8 x_8 + b$.

$$y_1 = M - 0.8 x_6$$

$$y_1 - y_2 = a > 0 \Rightarrow y_1 > y_2$$

$$y_2 = M - 0.8 (x_6 + a), a > 0$$

TRUE.

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Question 6

(a) Let $a = a_s + \sum_{i=1}^N c_i x_i$, where $C = [c_1, \dots, c_N]^T \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $\langle a_s, x_i \rangle = 0$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, N$.

proof of the decomposition:

① For $N=1$, $S = \{v \mid \langle v, x_1 \rangle = 0\}$ is a hyperplane, $\text{co-dim}=1$.

For any a , $a = P_S a + (a - P_S a)$, where $P_S a$ is a projection of a onto S .

$$\langle a - P_S a, P_S a - v \rangle = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{let } v=0} \langle a - P_S a, P_S a \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow a - P_S a \perp P_S a.$$

Also, $a - P_S a = \frac{\langle a, x_1 \rangle - 0}{\|a\|^2} x_1$, define $c_1 \equiv \frac{\langle a, x_1 \rangle}{\|a\|^2}$, then

$$a - P_S a = c_1 x_1, \quad a = P_S a + c_1 x_1. \quad \text{define } a_s \equiv P_S a, \quad a = a_s + c_1 x_1.$$

② For $N \geq 2$, $S = \{v \mid \langle v, x_i \rangle = 0, i=1, 2, \dots, N\}$ is a hyperplane, $\text{co-dim}=N$.
similarly, we can get $a - P_S a = \sum_{i=1}^N c_i x_i$.

(The calculation for $N=2$ is the same as Question 4(c).)

$$\text{Thus } a = a_s + \sum_{i=1}^N c_i x_i.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } & \sum_{i=1}^N (\langle a, x_i \rangle - y_i)^2 + \lambda \|a\|_2^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\langle a_s + \sum_{j=1}^N c_j x_j, x_i \rangle - y_i \right)^2 + \lambda \left\| a_s + \sum_{j=1}^N c_j x_j \right\|_2^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\sum_{j=1}^N c_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle - y_i \right)^2 + \lambda \left(\|a_s\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N c_i c_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle \right) \\ &= \|K^T C - y\|^2 + \lambda C^T K C + \lambda \|a_s\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_1, x_N \rangle \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \langle x_N, x_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_N, x_N \rangle \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}.$$

$$\text{Let } F_1(C) = \|K^T C - y\|^2 + \lambda C^T K C, \quad F_2(a_s) = \lambda \|a_s\|^2.$$

$$\min_{\substack{C \in \mathbb{R}^N \\ \langle a_s, x_i \rangle = 0 \\ i=1, \dots, N}} F_1(C) + F_2(a_s) \Leftrightarrow \min_{C \in \mathbb{R}^N} F_1(C) \quad \text{and} \quad \min_{\substack{\langle a_s, x_i \rangle = 0 \\ i=1, \dots, N}} F_2(a_s).$$

$\min_{\substack{\langle a_s, x_i \rangle = 0 \\ i=1, \dots, N}} F_2(a_s)$ can be solved as $a_s = 0$.

SO the solution must be in the form of $a = \sum_{i=1}^N C_i x_i$,

where $C = [C_1, \dots, C_N] \in \mathbb{R}^N = \underset{C \in \mathbb{R}^N}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|K^T C - y\|^2 + \lambda C^T K C$.

(b)

$$\min_{a \in \mathbb{R}^N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\langle a, x_i \rangle - y_i)^2 + \lambda \|a\|_2^2 \Leftrightarrow \min_{C \in \mathbb{R}^N} \|K^T C - y\|^2 + \lambda C^T K C.$$

$$\text{where } K = \begin{bmatrix} \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_1, x_N \rangle \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \langle x_N, x_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_N, x_N \rangle \end{bmatrix}.$$