

First-order Potential Reduction Method

Project Notes

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1 Dimension-reduced Method for Potential Reduction

In this section, we discuss the application of dimension-reduced method to potential reduction. For brevity, we for now only consider the primal potential reduction and focus on the simplex-constrained QP.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 =: f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{x} = 1 \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

and we adopt the potential function

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) := \rho \log(f(\mathbf{x})) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i,$$

whose gradient is given by

$$\nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x})}{f(\mathbf{x})} - \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{e}.$$

At each iteration, we evaluate the gradient $\nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k)$, let $\Delta := \mathbf{x}^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}^k$ and solve following subproblem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\Delta} \quad & \langle \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k), \Delta \rangle \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{e}^\top \Delta = 0 \\ & \|(\mathbf{X}^k)^{-1} \Delta\| \leq \beta. \end{aligned}$$

Starting from the basic potential reduction, we extend it by incorporating momentum term for faster convergence.

1.1 Two directions

In this section, we consider two direction extension of the potential reduction framework. In a word, by keeping track of one recent history iterate, we update

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}^k & \leftarrow \alpha^g \mathbf{P}_\Delta [\nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k)] + \alpha^m (\mathbf{x}^k - \mathbf{x}^{k-1}) \\ \mathbf{x}^k & \leftarrow \mathbf{x}^k + \mathbf{d}^k \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{P}_\Delta[\cdot]$ is the orthogonal projection onto $\mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0$. Note that we compute α^g, α^d through the following model

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{d}, \alpha^g, \alpha^m} \quad \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d} + \mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{d} \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{d}\| \leq \Delta \\ & \quad \mathbf{d} = \alpha^g \mathbf{g}^k + \alpha^m \mathbf{m}^k \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{g}^k := \mathbf{P}_\Delta[\nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k)]$, $\mathbf{m}^k := \mathbf{x}^k - \mathbf{x}^{k-1}$. Alternatively, we define $\mathbf{G} := \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ \mathbf{g}^k & \mathbf{m}^k \\ | & | \end{pmatrix}$, $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^g \\ \alpha^m \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{G}\alpha$, giving

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\alpha} \quad \frac{1}{2} \alpha^\top \mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{H} \mathbf{G} \alpha + \mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{G} \alpha \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \alpha\| \leq \Delta, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\alpha} \quad \frac{1}{2} \alpha^\top \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \alpha + \tilde{\mathbf{h}}^\top \alpha =: m(\alpha) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{M} \alpha\| \leq \Delta \end{aligned}$$

for

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} &:= \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathbf{g}^k, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{g}^k \rangle & \langle \mathbf{g}^k, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{m}^k \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{m}^k, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{g}^k \rangle & \langle \mathbf{m}^k, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{m}^k \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{h}} &:= \begin{pmatrix} \|\mathbf{g}^k\|^2 \\ \langle \mathbf{g}^k, \mathbf{m}^k \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{M} &:= \begin{pmatrix} \|(\mathbf{X}^k)^{-1} \mathbf{g}^k\|^2 & \langle \mathbf{g}^k, (\mathbf{X}^k)^{-2} \mathbf{m}^k \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{m}^k, (\mathbf{X}^k)^{-2} \mathbf{g}^k \rangle & \|(\mathbf{X}^k)^{-1} \mathbf{m}^k\|^2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k) = -\frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k) \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)^\top}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)^2} + \rho \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)} + (\mathbf{X}^k)^{-2}$ and we evaluate the above relations via

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{a}, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{a} \rangle &= \left\langle \mathbf{a}, -\frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k) \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)^\top \mathbf{a}}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)^2} \right\rangle + \frac{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{a}\|^2}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)} + \|(\mathbf{X}^k)^{-1} \mathbf{a}\|^2 \\ &= -\rho \left(\frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)^\top \mathbf{a}}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)} \right)^2 + \frac{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{a}\|^2}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)} + \|(\mathbf{X}^k)^{-1} \mathbf{a}\|^2 \\ \langle \mathbf{a}, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{b} \rangle &= \left\langle \mathbf{a}, -\frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k) \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)^\top \mathbf{b}}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)^2} \right\rangle + \frac{\langle \mathbf{A} \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b} \rangle}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)} + \langle \mathbf{a}, (\mathbf{X}^k)^{-2} \mathbf{b} \rangle \\ &= -\rho \left(\frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)^\top \mathbf{a}}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)} \right) \left(\frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k)^\top \mathbf{b}}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)} \right) + \frac{\langle \mathbf{A} \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b} \rangle}{f(\mathbf{x}^k)} + \langle \mathbf{a}, (\mathbf{X}^k)^{-2} \mathbf{b} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

To ensure feasibility, we always choose $\Delta \leq 1$ and adjust it based on the trust-region rule.

2 Potential Reduction for LP

In this section, we discuss the potential reduction method on LP HSD model.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} && \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \\
& \text{subject to} && \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\
& && \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \\
\\
& \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m} && \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{y} \\
& \text{subject to} && \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{c} \\
& && \mathbf{s} \geq \mathbf{0}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\tau &= \mathbf{0} \\
-\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{c}\tau &= \mathbf{0} \\
\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} - \kappa &= 0 \\
\mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{s} + \kappa + \tau &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

2.1 Potential Reduction for HSD

In this section we consider the original HSD formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\tau &= \mathbf{0} \\
-\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{c}\tau &= \mathbf{0} \\
\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} - \kappa &= 0 \\
\mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{s} + \kappa + \tau &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{m \times m} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0}_{m \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{m \times 1} & -\mathbf{b} \\ -\mathbf{A}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{n \times n} & -\mathbf{I}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1} & \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b}^\top & -\mathbf{c}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n} & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{s} \\ \kappa \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{s} + \kappa + \tau = 1.$$

In this method, the dual variable \mathbf{y} is free and needs special treatment. First we consider the potential function

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s}, \kappa, \tau) &:= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{u} \right\|^2 \\
\varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s}, \kappa, \tau) &:= \rho \log(f(\mathbf{u})) - B(\mathbf{x}) - B(\mathbf{s}) - \log \kappa - \log \tau
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \nabla f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s}, \kappa, \tau) \\
&= \tilde{\mathbf{A}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{u} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{m \times m} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0}_{m \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{m \times 1} & -\mathbf{b} \\ -\mathbf{A}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{n \times n} & -\mathbf{I}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1} & \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b}^\top & -\mathbf{c}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n} & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\tau & =: \mathbf{r}_1 \\ -\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{c}\tau & =: \mathbf{r}_2 \\ \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} - \kappa & =: r_3 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{m \times m} & -\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{A}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{n \times n} & -\mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{0}_{n \times m} & -\mathbf{I}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times m} & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n} & -1 \\ -\mathbf{b}^\top & \mathbf{c}^\top & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \\ r_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{b}r_3 \\ \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}r_3 \\ -\mathbf{r}_2 \\ -r_3 \\ -\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{r}_2 \end{pmatrix}. \\
\\
& \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{u})}{f(\mathbf{u})} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m \\ \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{e} \\ \kappa^{-1} \\ \tau^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
& \nabla_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}}^2 \varphi(\mathbf{u}) = -\frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{u}) \nabla f(\mathbf{u})^\top}{f(\mathbf{u})^2} + \rho \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{A}}}{f(\mathbf{u})} + \text{diag} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m \\ \mathbf{X}^{-2} \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{S}^{-2} \mathbf{e} \\ \kappa^{-2} \\ \tau^{-2} \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

2.2 Acceleration by negative curvature

In this section, we discuss how to find the negative curvature of the Hessian to help accelerate algorithm convergence. More specifically, we consider the following problem

$$\lambda_{\min} \left\{ \nabla^2 \varphi(\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) = \frac{2\rho \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|^2} - \frac{4\rho \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|^4} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X}^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

And we wish to solve the eigen-problem

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\|\mathbf{v}\|=1} \mathbf{v}^\top \left\{ \frac{2\rho \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|^2} - \frac{4\rho \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|^4} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X}^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \mathbf{v} \\
& \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{x}} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

In general there are two ways to compute a valid direction. The first method approaches the problem directly and uses Lanczos iteration to find the negative eigen-value of $\nabla^2 \varphi$. As for the second approach, we apply the scaling matrix $\mathbf{S} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix}$ and solve

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{v}\|=1} \mathbf{v}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \frac{2\rho \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|^2} - \frac{4\rho \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|^4} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X}^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\
& \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{x}} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

To improve the conditioning of the Hessian, we replace $\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{v}\| = 1$ by $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$ and arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\|\mathbf{v}\|=1} \quad & \mathbf{v}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \frac{2\rho\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{Au}\|^2} - \frac{4\rho\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{Auu}^\top\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{Au}\|^4} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X}^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{v}_\mathbf{x} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Another trick we apply is to ignore the variables which are predicted to be nonbasic in the optimal solution so that the Hessian computation can be greatly simplified.

2.3 Direct computation

When evaluating the Hessian, it is possible that the matrix is ill-conditioned. Hence we need to consider the following relation

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top / n \end{pmatrix} \left[\frac{2\rho\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{Au}\|^2} - \frac{4\rho\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{Auu}^\top\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{Au}\|^4} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X}^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top / n \end{pmatrix} \\ & (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top / n) \mathbf{X}^{-2} (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top / n) = \mathbf{X}^{-2} \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{e}_n^\top}{n} \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top}{n} \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{v} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top}{n^2} \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{X}^{-2} \mathbf{e}_n \\ & \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{v}_\mathbf{x} - (\mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} / n \end{pmatrix} \\ & \mathbf{u}_1 \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{v}_\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top / n \end{pmatrix} \\ & \mathbf{u}_2 \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top / n \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} \\ & \mathbf{u}_3 \leftarrow (\mathbf{g}^\top \mathbf{v}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top / n \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{g} \\ & \frac{1}{4} \|\mathbf{Au}\|^4 \mathbf{M} \mathbf{v} \leftarrow f^2 \mathbf{u}_1 + 2\rho f \mathbf{u}_2 - 4\rho \mathbf{u}_3 \end{aligned}$$

2.4 Scaled Hessian

$$\mathbf{M} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{xx}^\top / \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \end{pmatrix} \left[\frac{2\rho\mathbf{SA}^\top\mathbf{AS}}{\|\mathbf{Au}\|^2} - \frac{4\rho\mathbf{SA}^\top\mathbf{Auu}^\top\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{AS}}{\|\mathbf{Au}\|^4} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{xx}^\top / \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the computation of scaled Hessian, we implement matrix-vector product $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{v}$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{x}' &\leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \\
\mathbf{v} &\leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_y \\ \mathbf{v}_x - (\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{v}_x) \mathbf{x}' \end{pmatrix} \\
\mathbf{u}_1 &\leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{v}_x - (\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{v}_x) \mathbf{x}' \end{pmatrix} \\
\mathbf{u}_2 &\leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{x}'^\top \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\
\mathbf{u}_3 &\leftarrow \mathbf{g}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{x}'^\top \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \\ & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{g} \\
\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|^4 \mathbf{M}\mathbf{v} &\leftarrow f^2 \mathbf{u}_1 + \rho f \mathbf{u}_2 - \rho \mathbf{u}_3
\end{aligned}$$

2.5 Further simplification

There are some basic operations to implement

Residual setup

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{r}_1 &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\tau \\
\mathbf{r}_2 &= -\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{c}\tau \\
r_3 &= \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} - \kappa.
\end{aligned}$$

Objective value

$$f = \frac{1}{2} [\|\mathbf{r}_1\|^2 + \|\mathbf{r}_2\|^2 + r_3^2]$$

Gradient setup

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla f &= \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{b}r_3 \\ \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{c}r_3 \\ -\mathbf{r}_2 \\ -r_3 \\ -\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{r}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
\nabla \varphi &= \frac{\rho \nabla f}{f} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{0}_m \\ \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{e} \\ \kappa^{-1} \\ \tau^{-1} \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Hessian (no actual setup)

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{A}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{m \times m} & -\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{A}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{n \times n} & -\mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{0}_{n \times m} & -\mathbf{I}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times m} & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n} & -1 \\ -\mathbf{b}^\top & \mathbf{c}^\top & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{m \times m} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0}_{m \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{m \times 1} & -\mathbf{b} \\ -\mathbf{A}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{n \times n} & -\mathbf{I}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1} & \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b}^\top & -\mathbf{c}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n} & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}^\top & -\mathbf{b}\mathbf{c}^\top & \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{b} & -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} \\ -\mathbf{c}\mathbf{b}^\top & \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{c} & -\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{A}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{I}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1} & -\mathbf{c} \\ -\mathbf{b}^\top & \mathbf{c}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 1} & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 1} \\ -\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top & -\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{c}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 1} & \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{c}\|^2 \end{pmatrix} \\
\nabla^2 \varphi &= -\frac{\rho \nabla f \nabla f^\top}{f^2} + \frac{\rho \tilde{\mathbf{A}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{A}}}{f} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{-2} & & & & \\ & \mathbf{0}_m & & & \\ & & \mathbf{S}^{-2} & & \\ & & & \kappa^{-2} & \\ & & & & \tau^{-2} \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hessian-vector (with projection)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{x}}{n} \cdot \mathbf{e} \\
\nabla^2 \varphi \mathbf{u} &= -\frac{\rho (\nabla f^\top \mathbf{u})}{f^2} \nabla f + \frac{\rho}{f} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}^\top (\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{u}) + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{-2} & & & & \\ & \mathbf{0}_{m \times m} & & & \\ & & \mathbf{S}^{-2} & & \\ & & & \kappa^{-2} & \\ & & & & \tau^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}.
\end{aligned}$$

Minimal eigenvalue

To evaluate the minimum eigen-value of $\mathbf{P}_\Delta \nabla^2 \varphi \mathbf{P}_\Delta$ and the corresponding eigen-vector

$$\mathbf{X} \nabla^2 \varphi \mathbf{X} = -\frac{4\rho \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}}{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}\|^4} + \frac{2\rho \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}}{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}\|^2} + \mathbf{I}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbf{X} \nabla^2 \varphi(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{X} \\
&= -\frac{\rho \mathbf{X} \nabla f(\mathbf{u}) \nabla f(\mathbf{u})^\top \mathbf{X}}{f(\mathbf{u})^2} + \frac{\rho \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}}{f(\mathbf{u})} + \mathbf{D}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\min_{\mathbf{v}} \quad \langle \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v}, \nabla^2 \varphi(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v} \rangle \\
&\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v} = 0 \\
&\quad \quad \quad \|\mathbf{X} \mathbf{v}\| = 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\min_{\mathbf{v}} \quad \left\langle \mathbf{v}, \left(\mathbf{I} - \frac{\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^\top}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \right) (\mathbf{X} \nabla^2 \varphi(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{X}) \left(\mathbf{I} - \frac{\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^\top}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{v} \right\rangle \\
&\text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{X} \mathbf{v}\| = 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\mathbf{I} - \frac{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{H} \left(\mathbf{I} - \frac{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \right) \\
&= \mathbf{H} - \frac{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H} \frac{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} + \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} \frac{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^4}
\end{aligned}$$

3 Numerical Experiments

Problem	PIfeas	DInfeas.	Compl.	Problem	PIfeas	DInfeas.	Compl.
DLITTLE	1.347e-10	2.308e-10	2.960e-09	KB2	5.455e-11	6.417e-10	7.562e-11
AFIRO	7.641e-11	7.375e-11	3.130e-10	LOTFI	2.164e-09	4.155e-09	8.663e-08
AGG2	3.374e-08	4.859e-08	6.286e-07	MODSZK1	1.527e-06	5.415e-05	2.597e-04
AGG3	2.248e-05	1.151e-06	1.518e-05	RECIPELP	5.868e-08	6.300e-08	1.285e-07
BANDM	2.444e-09	4.886e-09	3.769e-08	SC105	7.315e-11	5.970e-11	2.435e-10
BEACONFD	5.765e-12	9.853e-12	1.022e-10	SC205	6.392e-11	5.710e-11	2.650e-10
BLEND	2.018e-10	3.729e-10	1.179e-09	SC50A	1.078e-05	6.098e-06	4.279e-05
BOEING2	1.144e-07	1.110e-08	2.307e-07	SC50B	4.647e-11	3.269e-11	1.747e-10
BORE3D	2.389e-08	5.013e-08	1.165e-07	SCAGR25	1.048e-07	5.298e-08	1.289e-06
BRANDY	2.702e-05	7.818e-06	1.849e-05	SCAGR7	1.087e-07	1.173e-08	2.601e-07
CAPRI	7.575e-05	4.488e-05	4.880e-05	SCFXM1	4.323e-06	5.244e-06	8.681e-06
E226	2.656e-06	4.742e-06	2.512e-05	SCORPION	1.674e-09	1.892e-09	1.737e-08
FINNIS	8.577e-07	8.367e-07	1.001e-05	SCTAP1	5.567e-07	8.430e-07	5.081e-06
FORPLAN	5.874e-07	2.084e-07	4.979e-06	SEBA	2.919e-11	5.729e-11	1.448e-10
GFRD-PNC	4.558e-05	1.052e-05	4.363e-05	SHARE1B	3.367e-07	1.339e-06	3.578e-06
GROW7	1.276e-04	4.906e-06	1.024e-04	SHARE2B	2.142e-04	2.014e-05	6.146e-05
ISRAEL	1.422e-06	1.336e-06	1.404e-05	STAIR	5.549e-04	8.566e-06	2.861e-05
STANDATA	5.645e-08	2.735e-07	5.130e-06	STANDGUB	2.934e-08	1.467e-07	2.753e-06
STOCFOR1	6.633e-09	9.701e-09	4.811e-08	VTP-BASE	1.349e-10	5.098e-11	2.342e-10

Table 1: Solving NETLIB LPs in **1000** iterations

4 Analysis

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^\top}{f(\mathbf{x})^2} + \rho \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{f(\mathbf{x})} + \mathbf{X}^{-2} \\
\nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x})}{f(\mathbf{x})} - \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{e}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{m \times m} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0}_{m \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{m \times 1} & -\mathbf{b} \\ -\mathbf{A}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{n \times n} & -\mathbf{I}_{n \times n} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1} & \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b}^\top & -\mathbf{c}^\top & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n} & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{s} \\ \kappa \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{s} + \kappa + \tau = 1.$$

$$\nabla^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{4\rho \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}\|^4} + \frac{2\rho \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}\|^2} + \mathbf{X}^{-2}$$

$$\mathbf{X} \nabla^2 \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{X} = -\frac{4\rho \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}}{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}\|^4} + \frac{2\rho \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}}{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}\|^2} + \mathbf{I}$$

5 General Potential Method

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{x} = 1 \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\mathbf{x}) &= \log(f(\mathbf{x})) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i \\ \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x})}{f(\mathbf{x})} - \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{e} \\ \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{\rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^\top}{f(\mathbf{x})^2} + \rho \frac{\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})}{f(\mathbf{x})} + \mathbf{X}^{-2} \\ f(\mathbf{x}) &\leq f(\mathbf{y}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle + \frac{L_1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 \\ f(\mathbf{x}) &\leq f(\mathbf{y}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{y}) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \rangle + \frac{L_2}{6} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^3 \\ f(\mathbf{x}) &\geq f(\mathbf{y}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

5.1 Second-order Potential Reduction

In this section, we consider the second order potential reduction method, where we update the iterates by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}^k &= \arg \min_{\|\mathbf{d}\| \leq \beta, \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{d} = 0} \left\{ \langle \mathbf{X}^k \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}^k), \mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d} \rangle \right\} \\ \mathbf{x}^{k+1} &= \mathbf{x}^k + \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d}^k \end{aligned}$$

First, by the optimality condition of the trust region subproblem, we have, for some $\lambda^k \geq 0, \mu^k$ that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k + \lambda^k \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{d}^k - \mu^k \mathbf{x}^k &= -\mathbf{X}^k \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \\ \mu^k (\|\mathbf{d}^k\| - \beta) &= 0 \\ \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{d}^k &= 0 \\ \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k + \lambda^k \mathbf{I} &\succeq_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $\|\mathbf{d}^k\| = \beta$ and define

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mu) := \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d}^k + \mathbf{X}^k \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) - \mu^k \mathbf{x}^k.$$

Then it follows that

$$\lambda^k \mathbf{d}^k = -p(\mathbf{x}^k, \mu^k)$$

and we successively deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \mathbf{X}^k \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}^k), \mathbf{d}^k \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{d}^k, \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d}^k \rangle \\ &= \langle -\lambda^k \mathbf{d}^k - \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d}^k + \mu^k \mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{d}^k \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{d}^k, \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d}^k \rangle \\ &= -\lambda^k \|\mathbf{d}^k\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d}^k, \mathbf{d}^k \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \succeq_{\mathbf{x}} -\lambda^k \mathbf{I}$, we have

$$\langle \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d}^k, \mathbf{d}^k \rangle \geq -\|\mathbf{d}^k\|^2$$

and that

$$\langle \mathbf{X}^k \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}^k), \mathbf{d}^k \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{d}^k, \mathbf{X}^k \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{d}^k \rangle \leq -\frac{\lambda^k}{2} \|\mathbf{d}^k\|^2 = -\frac{\lambda^k \beta^2}{2}.$$

Next we derive the reduction of the potential function. It follows naturally that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i + x_i d_i) \leq -\langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{\beta^2}{2(1-\beta)}$$

First we bound the reduction in $\rho \log(f(\mathbf{x}))$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \log\left(\frac{f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d})}{f(\mathbf{x})}\right) &\leq \log\left(1 + \frac{\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{L_1}{2} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\|^2}{f(\mathbf{x})}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{L_1}{2} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\|^2}{f(\mathbf{x})} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{L_1}{6} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\|^2}{f(\mathbf{x})} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{L_1}{6} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\|^2}{f(\mathbf{x})} \right)^3, \end{aligned}$$

or, alternatively,

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho \log \left(\frac{f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d})}{f(\mathbf{x})} \right) &\leq \rho \log \left(1 + \frac{\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{X} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{L_2}{6} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\|^3}{f(\mathbf{x})} \right) \\
&\leq \rho \frac{\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{X} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{L_2}{6} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\|^3}{f(\mathbf{x})} \\
&= \langle \mathbf{X} \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{X} \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{d} \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{d} \rangle - \|\mathbf{d}\|^2 + \frac{\rho \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{X} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{d}}{2f(\mathbf{x})^2} + \frac{\rho L_2}{6f(\mathbf{x})} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\|^3.
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\phi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}) - \phi(\mathbf{x}) \\
&= \rho \log \left(\frac{f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d})}{f(\mathbf{x})} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i + x_i d_i) \\
&= \langle \mathbf{X} \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{X} \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{d} \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{d} \rangle - \|\mathbf{d}\|^2 - \langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{d} \rangle + \frac{\beta^2}{2(1-\beta)} + \frac{\rho \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{X} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{d}}{2f(\mathbf{x})^2} \\
&\leq -\frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{d}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{d}\|^2 + \frac{\beta^2}{2(1-\beta)} + \frac{2\rho\gamma\beta^2}{n}
\end{aligned}$$