

Quadratic Programming - a special case of Optimization

$$\text{minimise } x^T P x + q^T x + r$$

$$\text{Sub to } \begin{array}{l} Cx \leq b \\ Ax = b \end{array} \quad \text{where } P \in S_n^+, q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}, A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$$

The feasible set is a polyhedron.



Quadratically constrained quadratic program (QCQP)

The QCQP can be written as

$$\text{minimise } \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) x^T P x + q_0^T x + r_0$$

$$\text{Subject to } \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) x^T P_i x + q_i^T x + r_i \leq 0$$

$$Ax = b$$

feasible sets are the intersection of ellipsoids.

Least squares :-

$$\text{minimise } \|Ax - b\|_2^2 = (Ax - b)^T (Ax - b)$$

$$f(x) = x^T A^T x - 2b^T A x + b^T b$$

$$S'(x) = 0$$

$$= 2A^T A x - 2b^T A = 0$$

$$= A^T A x = A^T b$$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= A^T (A^T)^{-1} A^T b \\ &= A^T (I_n) b \\ &= A^T b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f: \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1} \end{aligned}$$

Constrained Least Squares (Ref Pg-182)

$$\text{minimise } \|Ax - b\|_2^2$$

$$\text{subject to } l_i \leq x_i \leq u_i$$

Example :- 2

let us consider Optimization variable as probability distribution $P \in \mathbb{R}^p$

Assume: we have some know knowledge about ϕ (constraints)

let us consider a random variable 'f'.

Derive variance of f

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(f) &= E[f^2] - (E(f))^2 \\ &= \sum f_i^2 p_i - \left(\sum f_i p_i\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

(where $f(u_i) = f_i$)

\Rightarrow $\text{Var}(f)$ is a concave function of P .

Suppose we want to maximise the $\text{Var}(f)$ Subject to prior infoⁿ.

QP becomes maximise $\sum f_i^2 p_i - \left(\sum f_i p_i\right)^2$

Subject to $P \geq 0$, $\mathbf{1}^T P = 1 \rightarrow \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_1^T P \leq \beta_1$,
where $P = 1(1)m$