

HW5 Problem1

Let $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}$, then the original problem becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} \quad & \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{x}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{y}|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{c} \end{aligned}$$

Now we introduce $\mathbf{v}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and formulate the lagrange function as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2) &= \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{x}|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{y}|_2^2 + \mathbf{v}_1^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{v}_2^T(A\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{v}_2^T A - \mathbf{v}_1)\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{b} \\ &\Rightarrow \\ g(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2) &= \inf_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{v}_2^T A - \mathbf{v}_1)\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{b} \right) \\ &= -\mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{b} + \inf_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{x} \right) + \inf_{\mathbf{y}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{y} \right) + \inf_{\mathbf{z}} ((\mathbf{v}_2^T A - \mathbf{v}_1^T)\mathbf{z}) \end{aligned}$$

Then we can get the following result,

$$g(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{b} & \mathbf{v}_2^T A = \mathbf{v}_1^T \\ -\infty & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the dual problem of the original problem can be formulated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2} \quad & -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_1^T\mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_2^T\mathbf{b} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{v}_2^T A = \mathbf{v}_1^T \end{aligned}$$

Also, we can use the subject condition to eliminate \mathbf{v}_1 and get,

$$\max_{\mathbf{v}_2} -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_2^T A A^T \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_2^T A \mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{b}$$