

# On equiangular descent directions

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Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}} \quad & -\mathbf{c} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{g}_i^T \mathbf{d} = c \quad i = 1, \dots, T \\ & \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{d} = 1 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $\|\mathbf{g}_i\| = 1$ . The Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L}(c, \mathbf{d}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mu) = -c + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (G\mathbf{d} - c\mathbf{1}) + \mu(\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{d} - 1), \tag{2}$$

where

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}_1^T \\ \mathbf{g}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{g}_T^T \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}$$

We find the solution of 1 imposing

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}_c = -1 - \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{1} = 0 \tag{4}$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}_d = G^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} + 2\mu \mathbf{d} = 0 \tag{5}$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}_\lambda = G\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{1}c = 0 \tag{6}$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}_\mu = \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{d} - 1 = 0. \tag{7}$$

From (5) and 6 we get

$$GG^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} = -2\mu c \mathbf{1}, \tag{8}$$

hence, supposing  $\mathbf{g}_i$ 's linearly independent we write

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (-2\mu c)(GG^T)^{-1} \mathbf{1} \tag{9}$$

From 5 we have

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^T GG^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} = 4\mu^2, \tag{10}$$

which, combined with (8) and (4) yields

$$c = 2\mu \tag{11}$$

Again from (4) and (10) we get

$$\mathbf{1}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} = -2uc \mathbf{1} (GG^T)^{-1} \mathbf{1}, \quad (12)$$

hence

$$\mu \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\mathbf{1}(GG^T)^{-1}\mathbf{1}}}. \quad (13)$$

Since we are interested in a positive value for  $c$  the solution is

$$c = 2\mu \quad (14)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (-4\mu^2)(GG^T)^{-1} \mathbf{1} \quad (15)$$

$$\boldsymbol{d} = -\frac{G^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}}{2\mu} \quad (16)$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\mathbf{1}(GG^T)^{-1}\mathbf{1}}} \quad (17)$$