IE426 – Optimization models and applications

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You have 75 minutes. There are two problems. This quiz accounts for 10% of the final grade. There are 40 points available. Please write clear and concise statements. Use a **readable** handwriting: it will be hard to grade your answers if they are not readable — let alone give them full points. Use the back of each sheet if you need more space, for example to draw graphs. Do not use calculators.

1 Convexity and relaxations (16 pts.)

For each of the following problems, determine if they are convex or not, and why (8 pts.):

$$(1)\ \min\ xy \quad x^2+y^2 \le 1 \quad x+y=1$$

$$(2)\ \max\ x^2 \quad x^2+y^2 \le 1 \quad x+y=1$$

$$(3)\ \min\ x^2 \quad x^2+y^2 \le 1 \quad x+y=1$$

$$(4)\ \min\ x^2 \quad x^2+y^2 \ge 1 \quad x+y=1$$

$$(5)\ \min\ z^2 \quad x^2+y^2 \le 1 \quad x+y=1$$

$$(6)\ \max\ x^2+5y^2-5yx \quad x-y=1 \quad e^{x+y} \le 5$$

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For each of the nonconvex problems, find a feasible solution. For each problem explain whether the objective value at a feasible solution provides an upper bound or a lower bound on the optimal solution for this problems? (4 pts.).

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For ONE of the nonconvex problems (your choice) create a convex relaxation whose optimal solution is the same as the optimal solution of the original nonconvex problem. NOTE: if the objective function is not convex then a convex relaxation should have a convex objective which is guaranteed to be at least as good as (that is ”not greater than” in the minimization case and ”not smaller than” in the maximization case) the original objective on the feasible set. Explain your results. (4 pts.)

2 Linear Programming Model (24 pts.)

Sophia is visiting Universal Studios park in Orlando and she has only 2 hours left of the day. She wants to enjoy herself as much as possible in the remaining time. There are eight rides she can go on: The Hulk, Forbidden Journey, Rock It, E.T. , Mummy, Jurassic River Adventure, MIB and Dragon Challenge. She will go on each at most once and she will have to wait in line. Below is the table of rides with their waiting times and the level of fun Sophia expects from these rides.

Ride	Hulk	Forb. Jrn.	Rock It	E.T.	Mummy	Jur. Riv. Adv.	MIB	Drag. Chall.
fun	5	5	3	2	4	3	3	2
time	50	90	40	30	20	10	20	10

(a) Formulate an optimization problem to choose the rides that will maximize Sophia's fun within two hours. Is this a convex problems? If not, create a linear programming relaxation and solve it (by applying greedy method used in homework and in class for knapsack problems). What does the solution of the relaxation give you? Can you use this solution to generate a feasible solution of the original problem? Can you generate an optimal solution to the original problem? Justify your answers - prove that the solution you obtain is optimal by using the optimal value obtained from the relaxation. (10pts)

(b) There is an additional constraint, which says that Sophia can go on at most two of the following four rides: The Hulk, Forbidden Journey, Rock It, Dragon Challenge, because they a fast roller coasters and she will get dizzy if she if she goes on more than two. Add this constraint to your formulation. What is the optimal solution of the new problem? Can you prove that it is an optimal solution? (2pts)

(c) Consider the problem defined in part (a) (that is without the additional constraint). On her way to the Dragon Challenge ride Sophia has spent 10 minutes getting some butterbeer, will she still be able go to all the rides that she planned? Will those rides present an optimal solution for the problem? Justify your answers. (2pts)

(d) Consider the LP relaxation of the problem defined in part (a). Write down the dual of the linear programming relaxation. (Hint: do not forget the upper bounds on the primal variables). Compute the dual optimal solution from complementary slackness conditions and show that this solution is feasible (hence the primal solution you computed by hand is optimal). (8 pts)

(e) Consider the LP relaxation in part (a). How much shorter the line to Forbidden Journey should be for Sophia to consider going on that ride. Derive your answer from complementarity conditions and feasibility of the dual solution. (2 pts)