

As taken from section 19.3 of [1], the interior point method obtains step direction p by solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{xx}^2 \mathcal{L} & 0 & A_E^T(x) & A_I^T(x) \\ 0 & \Sigma & 0 & -I \\ A_E(x) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_I(x) & -I & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_s \\ -p_y \\ -p_z \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f(x) - A_E^T(x)y - A_I^T(x)z \\ z - \mu S^{-1}e \\ c_E(x) \\ c_I(x) - s \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

This equation can be simplified by removing p_s and then p_z . The reduced system is then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{xx}^2 \mathcal{L} + A_I^T(x)\Sigma A_I^T(x) & A_E^T(x) \\ A_E(x) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ -p_y \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f(x) - A_E^T(x)y - A_I(x)(z - \Sigma c_I(x) + \mu S^{-1}e) \\ c_E(x) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

where

$$p_s = A_I(x)p_x + c_I(x) - s \quad (3)$$

$$p_z = -\Sigma A_I(x)p_x - \Sigma c_I(x) + \mu S^{-1}e \quad (4)$$

We can focus the problem by only considering simple bound inequality constraints $l \leq x \leq u$, and affine equality constraints $Ax - b = 0$. Then our problem is written down as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla^2 f(x) + \Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1 & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ -p_y \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f(x) - A^T y + (-z_0 + \Sigma_0(x - l) - \mu S_0^{-1}e) + (z_1 - \Sigma_1(u - x) + \mu S_1^{-1}e) \\ Ax - b \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

where

$$p_{s_0} = p_x + (x - l) - s_0 \quad (6)$$

$$p_{z_0} = -\Sigma_0 p_x - \Sigma_0(x - l) + \mu S_0^{-1}e \quad (7)$$

$$p_{s_1} = -p_x + (u - x) - s_1 \quad (8)$$

$$p_{z_1} = \Sigma_1 p_x - \Sigma_1(u - x) + \mu S_1^{-1}e \quad (9)$$

References

- [1] Nocedal and Wright, Numerical Optimization, Second Edition (Cambridge 2004)