# Homework 4 - Continuous Optimization

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holà les gus ce devoir, Sam'enchante pas, vous? (un peu cass-é comme blague je l'avoue, mais gardez ez-poir en moi please)

## Question 1

NOTE/TODO je suis pas du tout sure que cette notation est très belle ducoup dites si vous voulez changer. Aussi c'est très moche les produit scalaires "horizontaux" mais plus lisible? jsp

The feasible set is  $S = \{x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n | h(x, y) = 0\} = \{x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n | 1 - x^\top x = 0, 1 - y^\top y = 0, x^\top y = 0\}$ . It is not convex. Indeed, we will give two points  $z_1$  and  $z_2 \in S$ , but such that  $z = \lambda z_1 + (1 - \lambda)z_2 \notin S$  for a given  $\lambda$ . We will work with these  $z_i \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$  i.e. n = 2.

We will take  $z_1 = (x_1, y_1) = ((1, 0), (0, 1))$ . First we check that  $z_1 \in S$ .

• 
$$1 - x_1^{\mathsf{T}} x_1 = 1 - \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 1 - 1 = 0$$

• 
$$1 - y_1^\top y_1 = 1 - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

• 
$$x_1 \top y_1 = \langle (1,0), (0,1) \rangle = 0$$

And we will take  $z_2 = (x_2, y_2) = ((0, 1), (1, 0))$ . we also check that  $z_2 \in S$ .

• 
$$1 - x_2^{\top} x_2 = 1 - \langle (0, 1), (0, 1) \rangle = 1 - 1 = 0$$

• 
$$1 - y_2^{\mathsf{T}} y_2 = 1 - \langle (1,0), (1,0) \rangle = 1 - 1 = 0$$

• 
$$x_2 \top y_2 = \langle (0,1), (1,0) \rangle = 0$$

Lastly, we will take  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ . Now we can compute our  $z = \lambda z_1 + (1 - \lambda)z_2$ 

$$z = \lambda z_1 + (1 - \lambda)z_2 = \frac{1}{2}((1, 0), (0, 1)) + \frac{1}{2}((0, 1), (1, 0)) = ((\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})) = (x, y)$$

But if we compute  $x^{\top}y = \langle (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \rangle = (\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$ , so the third condition of our function h does not hold on this point, hence our set is not convex.

### Question 2

#### Question 3

Let's find an expression for the Lagrangian function  $L(x, y, \mu)$ . We denote  $I_n$  for the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

$$L(x, y, \mu) = f(x, y) + \mu^{\top} h(x, y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^{\top} A x + \frac{1}{2} y^{\top} B y + \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \mu_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - x^{\top} x \\ 1 - y^{\top} y \\ x^{\top} y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^{\top} A x + \frac{1}{2} y^{\top} B y + \mu_1 (1 - x^{\top} x) + \mu_2 (1 - y^{\top} y) + \mu_3 x^{\top} y$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x^{\top} A x - 2\mu_1 x^{\top} x + y^{\top} B y - 2\mu_2 y^{\top} y + 2\mu_3 x^{\top} y) + \mu_1 + \mu_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [x^{\top} \quad y^{\top}] \begin{bmatrix} A - 2\mu_1 I_n & \mu_3 I_n \\ \mu_3 I_n & B - 2\mu_2 I_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \mu_1 + \mu_2$$

As A and B are symmetric by assumptions, we see that the above matrix is symmetric.

#### Question 4

By definition,  $L_D(\mu) = \inf_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(x,y,\mu)$ . Using the previous question, and denoting  $M_{\mu} := \begin{bmatrix} A - 2\mu_1 I_n & \mu_3 I_n \\ \mu_3 I_n & B - 2\mu_2 I_n \end{bmatrix}$ , we find:

$$\begin{split} L_D(\mu) &= \inf_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(x,y,\mu) \\ &= \inf_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x^\top & y^\top \end{bmatrix} M_\mu \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \mu_1 + \mu_2 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{x,y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x^\top & y^\top \end{bmatrix} M_\mu \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right\} + \mu_1 + \mu_2 \\ &= \begin{cases} \mu_1 + \mu_2 & \text{if } M_\mu \succeq 0 \\ -\infty & \text{else} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Hence we can write the dual as:

$$\max_{\mu \in \mathbb{R}^3} \mu_1 + \mu_2 \text{ subject to } \begin{bmatrix} A - 2\mu_1 I_n & \mu_3 I_n \\ \mu_3 I_n & B - 2\mu_2 I_n \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$
 (D)

# Question 5

We know that  $M_{\mu}$  is symmetric for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . If  $\mu$  is a solution of the dual problem, then the matrix  $M_{\mu}$  associated with the values of  $\mu$  should be positive semidefinite. This implies in particular that the diagonal blocks would be positive semidefinite too, i.e.  $A - \mu_1 I_n \succeq 0$  and  $B - \mu_2 I_n \succeq 0$ . The two latter conditions are equivalent to  $\mu_1 \leq \lambda_{\min}(A)$  and  $\mu_2 \leq \lambda_{\min}(B)$ , where  $\lambda_{\min}(A)$  and  $\lambda_{\min}(B)$  are the smallest eigenvalues of A and B respectively.

Hence, if we focus only on satisfying the conditions  $A - \mu_1 I_n \succeq 0$  and  $B - \mu_2 I_n \succeq 0$ , the optimal value for (D) is  $\lambda_{\min}(A) + \lambda_{\min}(B)$ .

In fact, this is the optimal value even for the whole condition  $M_{\mu} \succeq 0$ . Indeed, by question 2,

- Question 6
- Question 7
- Question 8