

1. Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be given. Suppose that  $A$  has full row rank.

Consider the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} v^* &= \min c^T x \\ \text{st. } & Ax = 0 \\ & \|x\|_2^2 \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

a) (P:15pts, S:15pts). Write down the KKT conditions for Problem (1) and explain why they are necessary and sufficient for optimality.

$$\begin{aligned} c + 2ux + A^T w &= 0 \quad \checkmark \\ Ax &= 0 \quad \checkmark \\ x^T x &\leq 1 \quad \checkmark \\ u(x^T x - 1) &= 0 \quad \checkmark \\ u &\geq 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Since all the rows in  $A$  are independent, and we have  $Ax=0$ . That implies  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^T x - 1) = x$  is independent to the rows of  $A$ , so it satisfy the linear independence CQ.

$c^T x$  is convex, thus its sufficient too.

b) (P:15pts, S:15pts). Using the result in (a), or otherwise, express the optimal solution  $x^*$  to Problem (1) in terms of  $A$  and  $c$ .

If  $u=0$ ,  $A^T w = -c$ , then all feasible  $x$  is optimal.

If  $u>0$ ,  $x^T x = 1$

$$w = -(AA^T)^{-1} Ac$$

$$c + 2ux - A(AA^T)^{-1} Ac = 0.$$