

1 Extended fields

Let F be a totally ordered field. Let $F_\infty = F \cup \{\perp, \top\}$. We define operations $+$ and \cdot on F_∞ so that (for all $a \in F_\infty$ and for all $p \in F, p > 0$) from top down:

$$\begin{aligned} \perp &< a < \top \\ \perp + a &= \perp = a + \perp & (\text{includes } \perp + \top = \perp) \\ \top + a &= \top = a + \top \\ \perp \cdot p &= \perp = p \cdot \perp \\ \top \cdot p &= \top = p \cdot \top \\ \perp \cdot 0 &= \perp = 0 \cdot \perp & (\text{the “weird” rule}) \\ \top \cdot 0 &= 0 = 0 \cdot \top \end{aligned}$$

All other cases of all operations and relations preserve their behavior from F . We keep the product between negative numbers and $\{\perp, \top\}$ undefined.

2 Farkas-like conjecture

Let $A \in F_\infty^{m \times n}$ and $b \in F^m$. Exactly one of the following is true:

- $\exists x \in F^n$ such that $0 \leq x$ and $Ax \leq b$
- $\exists y \in F^m$ such that $0 \leq y$ and $(-A^T)y \leq 0$ and $b^Ty < 0$

3 Counterexample

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \perp & \top \\ \top & \perp \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Both are true.

4 Remark

For all other versions of Farkas lemma that I tried to generalize to F_∞ similar counterexample still applies. However, they might work if it was forbidden for a row of A to contain both \perp and \top and alike for a column.

5 New attempt

Let $A \in F_\infty^{m \times n}$ and $b \in F^m$. Assuming that no row and no column of A contains both \perp and \top elements and that A does not have \perp on any row where b has \perp , exactly one of the following is true:

- $\exists x \in F^n$ such that $0 \leq x$ and $Ax \leq b$
- $\exists y \in F^m$ such that $0 \leq y$ and $(-A^T)y \leq 0$ and $b^Ty < 0$

6 Proof sketch

- $A \in F_{\infty}^{I \times J}$
- $b \in F_{\infty}^I$
- if $\perp \in b$ then easy; assume $\perp \notin b$
- $I' := \{i \in I \mid b_i \neq \top \wedge \perp \notin A_{i,\star}\}$
- $J' := \{j \in J \mid \top \notin A_{\star,j}\}$
- $A' := A \upharpoonright (I' \times J')$
- $b' := b \upharpoonright I'$
- $A' \in F^{I' \times J'}$
- $b' \in F^{I'}$
- $(\exists x) \implies (\exists x') \dots$ easy
- $(\exists x') \implies (\exists x) \dots$ easy
- assume $\exists y \in F^I$ such that $0 \leq y$ and $(-A^T) y \leq 0$ and $b^T y < 0$
 - ◆ use $y' := y \upharpoonright I'$
 - ◆ $y' \in F^{I'}$
 - ◆ $0 \leq y'$ from $0 \leq y$
 - ◆ given $j \in J'$ show $\dots ((-A'^T) y')_j = \sum_{i \in I'} y'_i \cdot (-A'^T)_{j,i} \leq 0$
using $\dots ((-A^T) y)_j = \sum_{i \in I'} y'_i \cdot (-A^T)_{j,i} + \sum_{i \in I \setminus I'} y_i \cdot (-A^T)_{j,i} \leq 0$
suffices $\dots \sum_{i \in I \setminus I'} y_i \cdot (-A^T)_{j,i} = 0$
suffices $(\forall i \in I \setminus I') \dots y_i \cdot (-A)_{i,j} = 0$
we know that either $b_i = \top$ or $\perp \in A_{i,\star}$
if $b_i = \top$ then $y_i = 0$ because otherwise $b^T y = \top \geq 0$
(we need $\perp \notin b$ for $b^T y = \top$ above)
if $\perp \in A_{i,\star}$ hence $\top \in (-A^T)_{\star,i}$ then $y_i = 0$ because otherwise TODO
(for the last step we need $\perp \notin (-A^T)_{\star,i}$ that is $\top \notin A_{i,\star}$ which we
know because otherwise $\perp, \top \in A_{i,\star}$ contradicts global assumption)
either way we got $y_i = 0$
suffices $\dots (-A)_{i,j} \neq \perp$
we show $A_{i,j} \neq \top$ by the same arguments as above (first fix i)
 - ◆ we need to show $b'^T y' = \sum_{i \in I'} y'_i \cdot b'_i < 0$
suffices $\dots \sum_{i \in I \setminus I'} y_i \cdot b_i = 0$
show $y_i = 0$ by the same arguments as above
finish using $\perp \notin b$

- assume $\exists y' \in F^{I'}$ such that $0 \leq y'$ and $(-A'^T) y' \leq 0$ and $b'^T y' < 0$
 - ◆ use $y := y'$ extended with 0 on $I \setminus I'$
 - ◆ $y \in F^I$
 - ◆ $0 \leq y$ is trivial
 - ◆ assume $j \in J'$ and calculate... $((-A^T) y)_j =$

$$\sum_{i \in I'} y_i \cdot (-A^T)_{j,i} + \sum_{i \in I \setminus I'} y_i \cdot (-A^T)_{j,i} =$$

$$\sum_{i \in I'} y'_i \cdot (-A'^T)_{j,i} + \sum_{i \in I \setminus I'} 0 \cdot (-A^T)_{j,i} =$$

$$((-A'^T) y')_j + \sum_{i \in I \setminus I'} [0 \text{ or } \perp] \leq ((-A'^T) y')_j \leq 0$$

assume $j \notin J'$ hence $\top \in A_{\star,j}$ hence $\perp \in (-A^T)_{j,\star}$ and calculate...

$$((-A^T) y)_j = \sum_{i \in I} y_i \cdot (-A^T)_{j,i} = [\geq 0] \cdot \perp + (\dots) = \perp \leq 0$$
 - ◆ $b^T y = \sum_{i \in I'} y_i \cdot b_i + \sum_{i \in I \setminus I'} y_i \cdot b_i = \sum_{i \in I'} y'_i \cdot b'_i + \sum_{i \in I \setminus I'} 0 \cdot b_i = b'^T y' < 0$
 (note that we used $\perp \notin b$ for $0 \cdot b_i = 0$ in the last equality)

7 Proof idea

We need to do the following steps in given order:

1. Delete all rows of $(A|b)$ where A has \perp or b has \top (they are tautologies).
2. Delete all columns of A that contain \top (they force respective variables to be zero).
3. If b contains \perp then the $(\exists x)$ part cannot be satisfied, but $y = 0$ satisfies the other part. Stop here.
4. Assume there is no \perp in b . Use the normal Farkas. Whichever solution Farkas outputs, extend it with zeros on all deleted positions.