

Subgradient method for Constrained Problems

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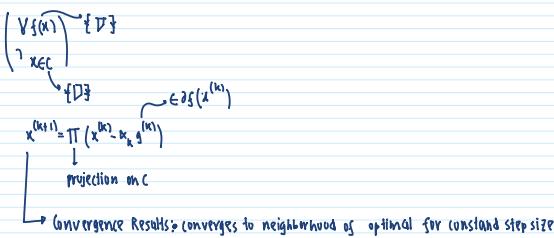
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Linear equality constraints:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla f(x) \\ Ax = b \end{pmatrix} \in \partial f(x) \quad (\text{for full rank})$$

$$x^{(k+1)} = P_D(x^{(k)} - \mu_k g^{(k)})$$

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$$\forall x \in X \quad \forall z \in X \quad f_0(z) \geq f_0(x) + g_0^T(z-x) \quad \# \text{ assumption } x \in \text{int dom } f$$

$$z = x^* \quad g_0 \in \text{subgradient}$$

$$\forall x \in X \quad f_0(x^*) \geq f_0(x) + g_0^T(x^*-x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -g_0^T(x^*-x) = g_0^T(x^*) \geq f_0(x) - f_0(x^*) \geq 0$$

because of optimality of x^*

$$\forall x \in X \quad g_0^T(x^*) \geq f_0(x) - f_0(x^*) \geq 0 \quad (12-73)$$

$$H_{++} = \{z : g_0^T(z-x) > 0\}, H_- = \{z : g_0^T(z-x) \leq 0\}$$

$$\forall z \in H_{++} \quad f_0(z) \geq f_0(x) + g_0^T(z-x) > f_0(x)$$

$\rightarrow \forall z \in H_{++} \quad f_0(z) > f_0(x) : \text{We don't need to look in } H_{++}$

Similarly

$$\forall z \in H_- \quad f_0(z) \leq f_0(x) : \text{need to look only in } H_-$$

* Subgradient algorithm for $\nabla f(x)$ simple closed convex set: easy to take Euclidean projection

$$\forall k=0, 1, \dots \quad x_{k+1} = [x_k - \mu_k g_k]_X \quad \text{subgradient of } f_0 \text{ at } x_k$$

$[x]_X := \text{Euclidean projection onto } X$

$\mu_k \in X$ suitable stepsize

Proposition 12-1:

$$\forall x \in X \quad \forall x^* \in X \quad \forall g \in \partial f_0(x) \quad \|x - x^*\|_2 \leq \|x - x^* - g\|_2 \Rightarrow \|x - x^* - p^k\|_2 \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \|g_i\|_2 \quad // \text{Clearly for square summable}$$

Proof: $z_{k+1} = x_k - \mu_k g_k$ // update in the direction of the negative subgradient before taking projection on X is max

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z_{k+1} - x^*\|_2^2 \\ &= \|x_k - x_k - x^* + \mu_k g_k\|_2^2 = ((x_k - x^*) - \mu_k g_k)^T ((x_k - x^*) - \mu_k g_k) = \|x_k - x^*\|_2^2 + \mu_k^2 \|g_k\|_2^2 - 2\mu_k g_k^T (x_k - x^*) \\ &= \|x_k - x^*\|_2^2 + \mu_k^2 \|g_k\|_2^2 - 2\mu_k g_k^T (x_k - x^*) \\ &\quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_k^T (x_k - x^*) \geq f_0(x_k) - f_0(x^*) \quad (\text{from 12-73}) \\ \Leftrightarrow g_k^T (x_k - x^*) \geq f_0(x_k) - f_0(x^*) \geq g_k^T (x^* - x_k) \end{array} \right. \\ &\leq \|x_k - x^*\|_2^2 + \mu_k^2 \|g_k\|_2^2 + 2\mu_k (f_0(x_k) - f_0(x^*)) \\ &\quad // p^k = g_k^T (x^*) ; \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{k+1} = [z_{k+1}]_X$$

Now note that $\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|_2$ didn't change $\forall k$. At first see,

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|_2 = \|[z_{k+1}]_X - x^*\|_2 \leq \|[z_{k+1}]_X - x\|_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & x^* = x \Rightarrow \\ & \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|_2^2 \leq \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|_2^2 + \mu_k^2 \|g_k\|_2^2 + 2\mu_k (f_0(x_k) - f_0(x^*)) \\ & \rightarrow \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|_2^2 \leq \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|_2^2 + \mu_k^2 \|g_k\|_2^2 + 2\mu_k (f_0(x_k) - f_0(x^*)) \end{aligned}$$

Note after this stage the convergence proof is exactly similar to Basic Subgradient method in [\[Convergence Proof: Subgradient Method\]](#)

$x^k = x \Rightarrow$
 $\|x_{k+1} - x\|^2 \leq \|x_k - x\|^2 + s_k^2 \|g_k\|^2 + 2s_k (\bar{f}_k - f^*)$
 $\Rightarrow \|x_{k+1} - x\|^2 \leq \|x_k - x\|^2 + s_k^2 \|g_k\|^2 - 2s_k (\bar{f}_k - f^*)$
 Similarly:
 $\|x_{k+1} - x\|^2 \leq \|x_k - x\|^2 + s_k^2 \|g_k\|^2 - 2s_k (\bar{f}_k - f^*)$
 \vdots
 $\|x_0 - x\|^2 \leq \|x_k - x\|^2 + s_k^2 \|g_k\|^2 - 2s_k (\bar{f}_k - f^*)$
 $\Rightarrow \|x_{k+1} - x\|^2 \leq \|x_0 - x\|^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 \|g_i\|^2 - 2 \sum_{i=0}^k s_i (\bar{f}_i - f^*)$
 $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k s_i (\bar{f}_i - f^*) \leq \|x_0 - x\|^2 - \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 \|g_i\|^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 \|g_i\|^2$
 L.R. so all area
 $\leq \|x_0 - x\|^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 \|g_i\|^2$
 $\leq R^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 \|g_i\|^2 \quad \because \|x_0 - x\| \leq R \text{ given}$
 E.g. $\forall i \in \{0, \dots, k\} \quad \bar{f}_i = \min_{j \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f_j(x^{(i)}) \leq f(x^{(i)})$
 $\Rightarrow \bar{f}_k - f^* \leq f(x^{(k)}) - f^*$
 $\Rightarrow \forall i \in \{0, \dots, k\} \quad s_i (\bar{f}_i - f^*) \leq s_i (f(x^{(i)}) - f^*) \quad \{s_i > 0\}$
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k s_i (\bar{f}_i - f^*) \leq \sum_{i=0}^k s_i (f(x^{(i)}) - f^*)$
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k s_i (\bar{f}_{i+1} - f^*) \leq \sum_{i=0}^k s_i (\bar{f}_i - f^*) \leq R^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 \|g_i\|^2$
 R.L index free
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{f}_k - f^*) \left(\sum_{i=0}^k s_i \right) \leq R^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 \|g_i\|^2 \leq R^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 R^2 \quad \forall i, \forall j \in \{0, \dots, k\}$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{f}_k - f^*) \leq \frac{R^2 + \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 R^2}{\sum_{i=0}^k s_i}$
 Clearly $s_i = \frac{y}{i+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=0}^k s_i^2 = 0, \quad k \rightarrow \infty$

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The optimality bound for different step sizes can be found at:
[Optimality bound for different step sizes](#)

Alt. Subgradient Method

$$p^* = \begin{cases} V_{\bar{f}_k}(x) & \text{if } h(x) \leq 0 \\ \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f_i(x) & \text{if } h(x) > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{f}(x) = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f_i(x)$$

$$p^* = \begin{cases} \bar{f}(x) & \text{if } h(x) \leq 0 \\ \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f_i(x) & \text{if } h(x) > 0 \end{cases}$$

Algorithm:

$$x_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \bar{f}_k(x_k) & \text{if } h(x_k) \leq 0 \\ \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f_i(x_k) & \text{if } h(x_k) > 0 \end{cases}$$

Given x_k , if $h(x_k) \leq 0$: normal subgradient alg for unconstrained optimization
 If $h(x_k) > 0$: constraint set is active current iterate x_k is not feasible
 $\therefore \exists i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ such that $h(x_k) > 0$ and $h(x_k) > 0$ for all other $j \neq i$. Now
 subgradient, gradient is generalization and intuitively logic follows.

$\bar{f}(x_k) = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f_i(x_k)$ max rule subgradient calculus

one subgradient (e.g. $i=1$): $p^* = \nabla f_1(x_k)$

$$\bar{f}_k^* = \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f_i(x_k) \quad x_{sf} : \text{a strictly feasible point} \Rightarrow h(x_{sf}) < 0$$

Convergence of alternate subgradient:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{f}(x_{sf}) \leq 0, \quad \exists x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \exists s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{such that} \quad \|x_k - x^*\|_2 \leq s \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\bar{f}_k^* - p^*) \end{array} \right.$$

Proof: By contradiction, let

Given $\epsilon > 0$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \bar{f}_k^* - p^* > \epsilon \\ \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \end{array} \right) \quad \text{by defn, } p^* \text{ is the subgrad of } \bar{f}(x_k) \text{ at } x_k$$

$$\therefore \bar{f}_k^* - p^* > \epsilon \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\therefore \exists k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \bar{f}_k^* - p^* > \epsilon \quad \text{if } \bar{f}_k^* - p^* \leq \epsilon \quad \therefore \bar{f}_k^* - p^* > \epsilon \quad \text{min} \{ \bar{f}_k^* - p^* \} > \epsilon$$

$$\therefore \exists k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \bar{f}_k^* - p^* > \epsilon \quad \text{min} \{ \bar{f}_k^* - p^* \} > \epsilon$$

$$\therefore \exists k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \bar{f}_k^* - p^* > \epsilon \quad \text{min} \{ \bar{f}_k^* - p^* \} > \epsilon \quad \text{(per absurdum statement)}$$

$$\therefore \text{Given } \epsilon > 0 \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \bar{f}_k^* - p^* > \epsilon$$

Let $\bar{x} = (1-\theta)x^* + \theta x_{sf}$

$\bar{f}(\bar{x}) = \bar{f}((1-\theta)x^* + \theta x_{sf}) \leq (1-\theta)\bar{f}(x^*) + \theta \bar{f}(x_{sf}) = \bar{f}(x^*) + \theta(\bar{f}(x_{sf}) - \bar{f}(x^*))$

$\theta = \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \frac{1}{\|\bar{f}'(x^*) - p^*\|} \right\}$ note that how cleverly this is chosen

If $\bar{f}'(x^*) = p^*$, then finite, even if $\bar{f}'(x^*) \neq p^*$ then it is infinite, $\min \{ \cdot \} \leq 0$ still finite, $\min \{ \cdot \} \geq 0$ still finite

$\bar{f}(\bar{x}) \leq \bar{f}(x^*) + \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \frac{1}{\|\bar{f}'(x^*) - p^*\|} \right\} (\bar{f}(x_{sf}) - \bar{f}(x^*))$

$$\leq p + \min\{f(x_{\text{sf}}) - p, \frac{\epsilon}{2}\} \quad // \text{using } \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} \min\{a, b\} = \min\{ab, ac\}$$

$$\rightarrow f_0(\tilde{x}) \leq p + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad // \because x \in \min\{a, b\} \Leftrightarrow x \leq a \wedge x \leq b$$

$$\rightarrow f_0(\tilde{x}) - p \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$\therefore 0 \leq f_0(\tilde{x}) - p \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \Leftrightarrow \tilde{x} \text{ is } \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ suboptimal (eq:suboptimality)}$

again:

$$\begin{aligned} h(\tilde{x}) &= h((1-\theta)x^* + \theta x_{\text{sf}}) \leq (1-\theta)h(x^*) + \theta h(x_{\text{sf}}) \leq \theta h(x_{\text{sf}}) \geq -\mu < 0 \\ &\quad // \text{PE}(0,1) \quad // \text{ER} \text{ fails for eq:strict_feasibility} \\ &\quad // \text{ER fails for eq:fractional} \\ &\rightarrow h(\tilde{x}) \leq -\mu \quad (\text{eq:strict_feasibility}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\} (h(x_i) \leq 0 \vee h(x_i) > 0)$$

First, consider $h(x_i) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow x_i \text{ feasible so: eq:per absurdum statement (via } f_i(x_i) > p + \epsilon_k \rightarrow f_i(x_i) - p \geq \epsilon_k \text{)}$

// algorithm 7.9 definition (via $0 \leq f_i(x_i) \leq p + \epsilon_k$)

(eq:suboptimality) \rightarrow $f_i(x_i) - p \geq \epsilon_k$

$\rightarrow -\epsilon_k \leq f_i(x_i) - p \leq 0$

$\rightarrow -f_i(\tilde{x}) + p \geq -\epsilon_k$

$\rightarrow f_i(x_i) - f_i(\tilde{x}) \geq \frac{\epsilon_k}{2}$ eq:difference_btwn_fx_i_and_fxTilde

$$\begin{aligned} &\because x_{ii} = x_i - s_i \quad // x_i \text{ feasible} \\ &\|x_{ii} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 = \|x_i - s_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (x_i - \tilde{x} - s_i)^T (x_i - \tilde{x} - s_i)$$

$$= \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T (s_i - \tilde{x})^T (x_i - \tilde{x}) = \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 + s_i^T (\tilde{x} - x_i) // \text{this is just matrix algebra}$$

$$\# \text{ now: } 0 \leq f_i(x_i) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \quad f_i(x) \geq f_i(x_i) + g_i^T (x - x_i) // \text{so far, so will hold for infeasible } x_i \text{ too}$$

$$\# \quad \therefore x = \tilde{x} \text{ yields } f_i(\tilde{x}) \geq f_i(x_i) + g_i^T (\tilde{x} - x_i)$$

$$\# \quad \therefore f_i(\tilde{x}) - f_i(x_i) \geq g_i^T (\tilde{x} - x_i)$$

$$\leq \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 + s_i^T (\tilde{x} - x_i)$$

$$\# \text{ now: eq:difference_btwn_fx_i_and_fxTilde (from eq:suboptimality): } f_i(\tilde{x}) - f_i(x_i) \geq -\epsilon_k$$

$$\leq \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 - \epsilon_k \quad \therefore \|x_{ii} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 - \epsilon_k$$

Now consider:

$$x_i \notin \text{infeasible} \Leftrightarrow h(x_i) > 0$$

$$\text{eq:strict_feasibility } x \in \mathbb{R}^n : -h(\tilde{x}) \geq M$$

$$(+) \quad h(x_i) - h(\tilde{x}) \geq M \Leftrightarrow h(\tilde{x}) - h(x_i) \leq -M$$

In this case:

$$\|x_{ii} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 = \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T (x_i - \tilde{x}) \quad \text{eq:norm_difference (eq)}$$

$$\# \quad 0 \leq h(x_i) \Rightarrow h(\tilde{x}) \geq h(x_i) + g_i^T (\tilde{x} - x_i) \Leftrightarrow h(\tilde{x}) - h(x_i) \geq g_i^T (\tilde{x} - x_i)$$

$$\leq \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 + 2s_i^T (h(\tilde{x}) - h(x_i))$$

$$\leq \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 - 2s_i^T M$$

$$\boxed{\|x_{ii} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 - 2s_i^T M}$$

so x_i feasible \Leftrightarrow infeasible (eq:strict_feasibility)

$$\|x_{ii} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 - s_i^T M$$

$$\# \quad \forall i \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\} \quad \|x_{ii} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|x_i - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 - s_i^T M$$

$$\# \quad i=k: \quad \|x_{kk} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|x_k - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_k^T \|s_k\|_2^2 - s_k^T M$$

$$\# \quad i=k-1: \quad \|x_{k-1} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|x_{k-1} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_{k-1}^T \|s_{k-1}\|_2^2 - s_{k-1}^T M$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\# \quad i=0: \quad \|x_0 - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|x_0 - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + s_0^T \|s_0\|_2^2 - s_0^T M$$

Backward substitution (eq:strict_feasibility):

$$\|x_{kk} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|x_k - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i^T \|s_i\|_2^2 - \beta \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i^T$$

// By assumption, $\|x_k - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq R$, $\forall i$, $|s_i|_2 \leq K$

$$\rightarrow 0 \leq \|x_{kk} - \tilde{x}\|_2^2 \leq R + K^2 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i^T - \beta \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i^T$$

$$\rightarrow \beta \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i^T \leq R + K^2 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i^T$$

→ this is a contradiction as $k \rightarrow \infty$, for a square-summable just non-summable sequence $\{s_i\}_{i=0}^k$, as $k \rightarrow \infty$, the LHS becomes $+\infty$, but RHS becomes R which is finite.

∴ Alternate subgradient method converges!

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Linear inequality constraints problem using projected subgradient:

$$\begin{cases} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax \leq b \end{cases}$$

The iteration will be: $x^{(k+1)} = \prod_{i: A_i x^{(k)} \leq b_i} (x^{(k)} - \alpha_i g_i^{(k)})$

Projection on $Ax=b$: (eqs TAFA)

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$$\text{In } x \in \text{extreme point set} \quad L = \bigcup_{\{x: Ax=b\}} \{x - \kappa_K b\}$$

Projection on $Ax=b$: (CPG ATFA)

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{\{0: Ax=b\}}(z) &= ((I - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}A)z + A^T(AA^T)^{-1}b) \\ &= (I - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}A)z + A^T(AA^T)^{-1}b \\ x^{(k+1)} &= \Pi_{\{0: Ax=b\}}(x^{(k)} - \kappa_K g^{(k)}) \\ &= (I - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}A)(x^{(k)} - \kappa_K g^{(k)}) + A^T(AA^T)^{-1}b \\ &= x^{(k)} - \kappa_K g^{(k)} - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}Ax^{(k)} + A^T(AA^T)^{-1}b \\ &\stackrel{\text{# PGP X}^{(k)} = \Pi_{\{0: Ax=b\}}(0) \text{ so } x^{(k)} \in \{0: Ax=b\}}{=} x^{(k)} - \kappa_K g^{(k)} - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}Ax^{(k)} + A^T(AA^T)^{-1}b \\ &= x^{(k)} - \kappa_K g^{(k)} - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}Ax^{(k)} + A^T(AA^T)^{-1}b \\ &\stackrel{\text{# Note } \Pi_{\{0: A \cdot 0=0\}}(z) = (I - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}A)z + A^T(AA^T)^{-1}b = (I - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}A)z = \Pi_{\{0: A \cdot z=0\}}(z)}{=} x^{(k)} - \kappa_K g^{(k)} \\ &= x^{(k)} - \kappa_K \prod_{\mathcal{N}(A)}(g^{(k)}) \end{aligned}$$

Numerical Example: $\forall \|x\|_1 \leq 1 \quad Ax=b$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Subgradient of l1 norm: (CPG ATFA)} \quad \partial f(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\begin{array}{ll} c_i \operatorname{sgn}(x_i) & \{x_i \neq 0\} \\ 1 & \{x_i = 0\} \end{array} \right) \\ \text{so } g(x) &= \operatorname{sgn}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{sgn}(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \operatorname{sgn}(x_n) \end{bmatrix} \in \partial f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Now the projected subgradient alg:

$$\begin{aligned} x^{(k+1)} &= x^{(k)} - \kappa_K \prod_{\mathcal{N}(A)}(g^{(k)}) \\ &= x^{(k)} - \kappa_K \prod_{\mathcal{N}(A)}(\operatorname{sgn}(x)) \quad \text{①} \end{aligned}$$

*Projected subgradient for dual problem: [Projected Subgradient for dual problem] [Contents of the page]

//Famous application of projected subgradient method, in general there is no reason to solve dual instead of primal, but

for specific problems, there can be advantage.

Consider:

$$\begin{cases} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} f_0(x) \\ \text{subject to } \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) \leq 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i = 1 \end{cases} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{#: convex} \\ \text{# An interpretation of this } f_i(x) \leq 0 \text{ is if the consumption of resource } i. \\ \text{# for within budget } f_i(x) \leq 0. \\ \text{# for over budget } f_i(x) > 0. \end{array}$$

$$L(x, \lambda) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{# then this might happen? say if } f_i(x) : D \text{ strongly } \Rightarrow (f_i(x) - \frac{m}{2} \|x\|_2^2) : D \text{ strongly} \\ \text{as } D \text{ strongly } + D = D \text{ strongly} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{1) } \underset{\lambda \geq 0}{\text{argmin}} \quad L(x, \lambda) : ! \quad \text{// then this might happen? say if } f_i(x) : D \text{ strongly } \Rightarrow (f_i(x) - \frac{m}{2} \|x\|_2^2) : D \text{ strongly} \\ \text{as } D \text{ strongly } + D = D \text{ strongly} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{2) Slater's condition holds, } \lambda \neq 0^m, \text{ so we can find optimal solution to primal problem by solving the dual problem (find } \lambda^* \text{) and} \\ \text{then set } x^* = x^*(\lambda^*) \end{array}$$

$$g(\lambda) = \inf_x L(x, \lambda) = f_0(x^*(\lambda)) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x^*) \quad \therefore -g(\lambda) = -\inf_x L(x, \lambda) = -\left(\sup_x (-L(x, \lambda)) \right) = \sup_x (-L(x, \lambda))$$

The dual problem is:

$$\begin{cases} \max_{\lambda \geq 0} g(\lambda) \\ \text{convex optimization problem (problem 1)} \end{cases}$$

So, by projected subgradient

problem can be solved as:

$$\lambda^{(k+1)} = \prod_{\lambda \geq 0} (\lambda^{(k)} - \kappa_K h^{(k)}) = (\lambda^{(k)} - \kappa_K h^{(k)})_+ \quad \text{if } x_+ = \left(\max\{x_i, 0\} \right)_{i=1}^n \quad (x^*(\lambda) = \arg \min_x L(x, \lambda);)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h^{(k)} &= (-f_i(x^*(\lambda^{(k)})))_{i=1}^m \quad \text{if } x^*(\lambda^{(k)}) = \arg \min_x (f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^{(k)} f_i(x)) = x^{(k)} \quad (\text{to avoid all the } *, \lambda^{(k)} \text{ etc in the notation}) \\ &= (-f_i(x^{(k)}))_{i=1}^m \end{aligned}$$

(Our assumptions imply that $-g$ has only one element in its subdifferential, which means g is differentiable. Differentiability means that a small enough constant step size will yield convergence. In any case, the projected subgradient method can be used in cases where the dual is nondifferentiable.)

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^{(k+1)} &= (\lambda^{(k)} - \kappa_K h^{(k)})_+ = \left(\lambda^{(k)} - \kappa_K \left(-f_i(x^{(k)}) \right) \right)_{i=1}^m \\ &\downarrow \\ x^{(k)} &= \arg \min_x \left(f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^{(k)} f_i(x) \right) \quad \text{Obviously, } x^{(k)} \text{ after calculate 880720} \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the equations in order of calculation we arrive at the projected subgradient method:

$$x^{(k)} = \arg \min_x (f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^{(k)} f_i(x))$$

Note that primal iterates do not necessarily satisfy $f_i(x_i) \leq 0 \Big|_{i=1}^n$, whether

Subgradient method:

Algorithm: Projected subgradient for dual problem

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{(k)} &= \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(f_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^{(k)} f_i(\mathbf{x}) \right) \\ \lambda^{(k+1)} &= \left(\lambda^{(k)} - \kappa_k \left(-f_i'(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) \right) \right)_+ \end{aligned}$$

elementwise
 $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \quad \lambda_i^{(k+1)} = (\lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k f_i(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}))_+$

- # Note that primal iterates do not necessarily satisfy $f_i(x_i) \leq 0 \Big|_{i=1}^m$ whether the dual iterates are always ≥ 0 as they are projection on \mathbb{R}_+^n .
- # Primal iterates become feasible in $k \rightarrow \infty$

by defn

$$\# \text{ if resource } i \text{ over utilized } (f_i(x_i) > 0, x_i > 0 \therefore \kappa_k f_i(x_i) > 0)$$

$$\lambda_i^{(k+1)} = (\underbrace{\lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k f_i(x^{(k)})}_{\geq 0})_+ = (\underbrace{\lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k f_i(x^{(k)})}_{\geq 0})_+ > \lambda_i^{(k)}, \text{ so price update increases the price for over consumption}$$

- * Resource i usage is under utilized ($f_i(x_i) < 0, x_i > 0$, then $\kappa_k f_i(x_i) < 0$)

$$\therefore \lambda_i^{(k+1)} = (\underbrace{\lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k f_i(x^{(k)})}_{\geq 0})_+ = \max \{ \lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k f_i(x^{(k)}), 0 \} \leq \lambda_i^{(k)}$$

e.g. $\lambda_1^{(k)} = 3, \kappa_k f_1(x^{(k)}) = -5$
 $\lambda_1^{(k+1)} = (3 - 5)_+ = (-2)_+ = 0 < \lambda_1^{(k)}$

$\lambda_1^{(k)} = 3, \kappa_k f_1(x^{(k)}) = -7$
 $\lambda_1^{(k+1)} = (3 - 7)_+ = (-4)_+ = 0 < \lambda_1^{(k)}$

$\lambda_1^{(k+1)} = 0, \kappa_k f_1(x^{(k)}) = -3 \quad \} \text{ once } \lambda_1^{(k)} \text{ hits } 0, \lambda_1^{(k+1)} = (0 - 3)_+ = (-3)_+ = 0 \quad \} \text{ it stays } 0$

Example: $\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) \Rightarrow$ strongly convex

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} x^T P x - q^T x \\ 1 & \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad x_i^2 \leq 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) &= \frac{1}{2} x^T P x - q^T x + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (x_i^2 - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^T P x - q^T x + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \\ &\# x^T \text{ diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) x = \frac{1}{2} x^T \underbrace{\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)}_{\text{diag}(\lambda)} x = \frac{1}{2} x^T \text{diag}(\lambda) x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^T P x - q^T x + \frac{1}{2} x^T \text{diag}(\lambda) x - \frac{1}{2} \lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^T (P + \text{diag}(\lambda)) x - q^T x - \frac{1}{2} \lambda \xrightarrow{\substack{\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x) = 0 \\ \text{to find } x^* \\ x \neq 0}} (P + \text{diag}(\lambda)) x - q = 0 \rightarrow x = (P + \text{diag}(\lambda))^{-1} q \\ &\quad \because P \succ 0, \text{diag}(\lambda) \succ 0 \quad \therefore x^*(\lambda) = (P + \text{diag}(\lambda))^{-1} q \\ &\quad \rightarrow P + \text{diag}(\lambda) \succ 0 \end{aligned}$$

Projected subgradient algorithm will be: (Algorithm: Projected subgradient for dual problem. QPS)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{(k)} &= (P + \text{diag}(\lambda^{(k)}))^{-1} q \\ \lambda_i^{(k+1)} &= (\lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k f_i(x^{(k)}))_+ = \lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k \left(x_i^{(k)2} - 1 \right)_+ \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda_i^{(k+1)}$ can be determined by subgradient rates or line search/backtracking as the dual function $g(\lambda) = \left. \frac{1}{2} x^T (P + \text{diag}(\lambda)) x - q^T x - \frac{1}{2} \lambda \right|_{x=x^*(\lambda)}$ is affine in λ hence differentiable.

primal iterates are not feasible, might violate $x_i \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow x_i \in [-1, 1]$
an nearly feasible construction is:

$$\tilde{x}_i^{(k)} = \begin{cases} 1, & x_i^{(k)} > 1 \\ -1, & x_i^{(k)} < -1 \\ x_i^{(k)}, & -1 \leq x_i^{(k)} \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

and then in $\lambda_i^{(k+1)}$ replace $x_i^{(k)}$ with $\tilde{x}_i^{(k)}$, so modified projected subgradient algorithm

will be:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{(k)} &= (P + \text{diag}(\lambda^{(k)}))^{-1} q \\ \tilde{x}_i^{(k)} &= \begin{cases} 1, & x_i^{(k)} > 1 \\ -1, & x_i^{(k)} < -1 \\ x_i^{(k)}, & -1 \leq x_i^{(k)} \leq 1 \end{cases} \\ \lambda_i^{(k+1)} &= (\lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k f_i(\tilde{x}_i^{(k)}))_+ = \lambda_i^{(k)} + \kappa_k \left(\tilde{x}_i^{(k)2} - 1 \right)_+ \end{aligned}$$