

Revisiting decomposition algorithms

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Simplest decentralized structure - Separable Problem

$$P^* = \left(\begin{array}{c} \min_{x \in X} \sum_{i=1}^n f_{i,i}(x_i) \\ \text{s.t. } x_i \in X_i \end{array} \right) = \min_{x_1, \dots, x_n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_{i,i}(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n h_i(x_i) \right) = \min_{x_1, \dots, x_n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (f_{i,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i)) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\min_{x_i \in X_i} (f_{i,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i)) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\begin{array}{c} \min_{x_i \in X_i} f_i(x_i) \\ \text{s.t. } x_i \in X_i \end{array} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i^*$$

More interesting case:
- Coupled in the objective: objective is not sum-separable

$$P^* = \left(\begin{array}{c} \min_{x \in X} s_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \text{s.t. } x_i \in X_i \end{array} \right)$$

- Coupled in the constraints:

$$P^* = \left(\begin{array}{c} \min_{x \in X} \sum_{i=1}^n f_{i,i}(x_i) \\ \text{s.t. } x_i \in X_i \end{array} \right)$$

Decomposition methods:

→ Internal decomposition: Local constraints are imposed directly by assigning individual budgets to the LUs.

→ Dual decomposition: Master unit manages resources indirectly by assigning resource prices to the subproblems

Dual Decomposition: Problem Structure

$$P^* = \left(\begin{array}{c} \min_{x \in X} \sum_{i=1}^n f_{i,i}(x_i) \\ \text{s.t. } x_i \in X_i \end{array} \right)$$

This is what we look at only this part, the problem is decomposed.

\Rightarrow $\min_{\lambda} L(\lambda)$ [dual function] $\min_{\lambda} \max_{x \in X} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n f_{i,i}(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n h_i(x_i) - \lambda_i^T x_i \right]$ [in vector form]

\Rightarrow RESOURCE DECOMPOSITION of the block

$$L(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(f_{i,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\lambda_i^T x_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(f_{i,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^T x_i$$

$\min_{\lambda} L(\lambda) = \inf_{\lambda} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \left(f_{i,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^T x_i \right] = \inf_{\lambda} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \left(f_{i,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i) + \lambda_i^T x_i \right) \right]$

\downarrow separate in x_i !

$= \bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n \inf_{x_i} \left(f_{i,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i) + \lambda_i^T x_i \right)$

$= \bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n \inf_{x_i \in X_i} \left(f_{i,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i) + \lambda_i^T x_i \right) = \bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n \inf_{x_i \in X_i} \left(f_i^*(\lambda_i) \right)$

$\Rightarrow \bar{x}_i = \inf_{x_i \in X_i} \left(f_i^*(\lambda_i) \right)$

$= \bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[f_i^*(\lambda_i) + \lambda_i^T \bar{x}_i \right] = \bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^T \bar{x}_i$

These $\bar{x}_i^*(\lambda)$'s are calculated by the LPs in LUs solving the problem $\bar{x}_i^*(\lambda) = \inf_{x_i \in X_i} (f_i^*(\lambda_i) + \lambda_i^T x_i)$, with $f_i^*(\lambda_i)$ and $\lambda_i^T x_i$ as returned value.

* Master unit solves the dual problem

$$\bar{x} \in X, \bar{\lambda}(\bar{x}) = \bar{x}^T (-\bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n h_i(x_i))$$

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② Dual decomposition with coupling variables:

In the problem structure of the previous topic, the coupling was in the constraints (some), objective was separable.

Now consider variable coupling in the objective:

$$P^* = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^V f_{0,i}(x_i) + f_{m,i}(x_i, z_i) \\ \sum_{i=1}^V x_i \in \mathbb{R}, z_i \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^V f_{0,i}(x_i) + f_{m,i}(x_i, z_i) + I_{x_i}(x_i) + I_{z_i}(z_i) \\ \text{3 extra terms at original problem would have been} \\ \text{* w/ artificial equality constraint} \\ \text{separable.} \end{cases}$$

$$P^* = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^V f_{0,i}(x_i, z_i) + f_{m,i}(x_i, z_i) + I_{x_i}(x_i) + I_{z_i}(z_i) \\ \text{if } z_i = x_i \end{cases}$$

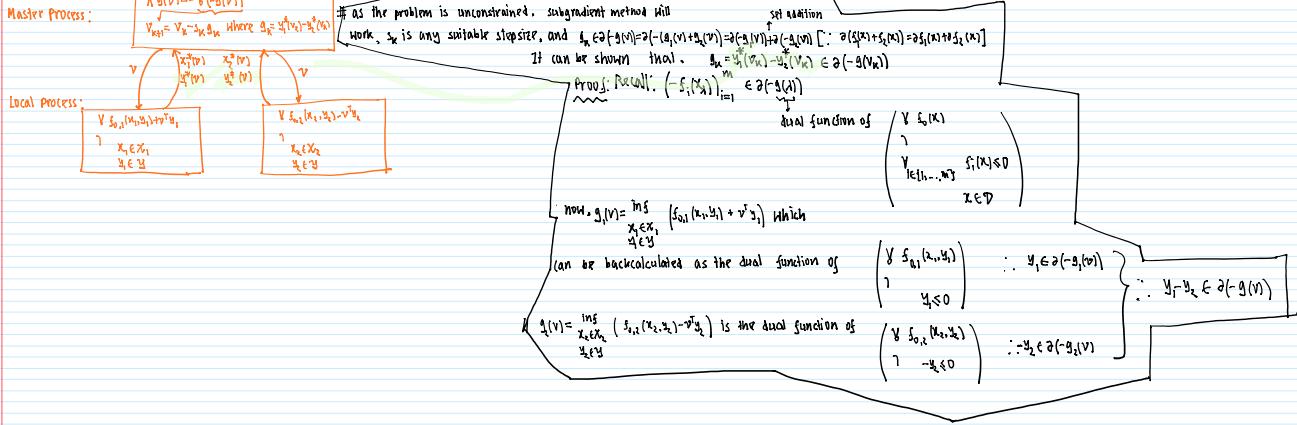
$$\begin{aligned} L(x_1, x_2, b_1, b_2, y) &= f_{0,1}(x_1, z_1) + I_{x_1}(x_1) + f_{0,2}(x_2, z_2) + I_{x_2}(x_2) + y^T(b_1, b_2) + I_y(y) \\ &= [f_{0,1}(x_1, z_1) + I_{x_1}(x_1) + y^T b_1] + [f_{0,2}(x_2, z_2) + I_{x_2}(x_2) + y^T b_2 + I_y(y)] \end{aligned} \quad \text{// now these are separable}$$

$$D(V) = \inf_{x_1, x_2, z_1, z_2, y} [f_{0,1}(x_1, z_1) + I_{x_1}(x_1) + y^T b_1 + I_y(y) + f_{0,2}(x_2, z_2) + I_{x_2}(x_2) + y^T b_2 + I_y(y)]$$

$$= \inf_{x_1, x_2} (f_{0,1}(x_1, z_1) + I_{x_1}(x_1) + y^T b_1 + I_y(y)) + \inf_{x_2, z_2} (f_{0,2}(x_2, z_2) + I_{x_2}(x_2) + y^T b_2 + I_y(y))$$

$$= \inf_{\substack{x_1 \in \mathbb{R} \\ x_2 \in \mathbb{R}}} (f_{0,1}(x_1, z_1) + y^T b_1) + \inf_{\substack{x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \\ z_2 \in \mathbb{R}}} (f_{0,2}(x_2, z_2) + y^T b_2)$$

$$\underline{g}_1(v) \quad \underline{g}_2(v)$$



• Primal Decomposition:

Problem:

$$P^* = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^V f_{0,i}(x_i) \\ \sum_{i=1}^V x_i \in \mathbb{R} \\ \sum_{i=1}^V k_i(x_i) \leq C \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^V f_{0,i}(x_i) \\ \sum_{i=1}^V x_i \in \mathbb{R} \\ \sum_{i=1}^V k_i(x_i) \leq C \\ \sum_{i=1}^V h_i(x_i) \leq z_i \end{cases} \quad \# \text{remember each of the } t_i \text{ blocks are vectors with same dimension as } \text{length}(C)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + \sum_{j=1}^V I_{x_i}(x_i) + \sum_{j=1}^V I_{k_i(B_i) \leq B_i}(x_i) + I_{\sum_{i=1}^V h_i(x_i) \leq z_i}(x_i) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left[\left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + I_{x_i}(x_i) + I_{(k_i(B_i) \leq B_i)}(x_i) \right) + \sum_{j=1}^V I_{B_j \leq C_j}(x_i) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left[\left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + I_{x_i}(x_i) + I_{(k_i(B_i) \leq B_i)}(x_i) \right) + \sum_{j=1}^V I_{B_j \leq C_j}(x_i) \right] \quad \# \text{at this problem}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left[\left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + I_{x_i}(x_i) + I_{(k_i(B_i) \leq B_i)}(x_i) \right) + \sum_{j=1}^V I_{B_j \leq C_j}(x_i) \right] \quad \# \text{is written in single objective}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left[\left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + I_{x_i}(x_i) + I_{(k_i(B_i) \leq B_i)}(x_i) \right) + \sum_{j=1}^V I_{B_j \leq C_j}(x_i) \right] \quad \# \text{form, so } x_i \text{ after minimization}$$

construct w.r.t x so x is after

$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left(\sum_{j=1}^V \left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + I_{x_i}(x_i) + I_{(k_i(B_i) \leq B_i)}(x_i) \right) \right) + \sum_{j=1}^V \left(\sum_{i=1}^V I_{B_j \leq C_j}(x_i) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left(\sum_{j=1}^V \left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + I_{x_i}(x_i) + I_{(k_i(B_i) \leq B_i)}(x_i) \right) \right)$$

$$\# \sum_{i=1}^V x_i \leq C$$

Fix the value of $\tilde{x} = (\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_V)$ such that $\sum_i \tilde{x}_i \leq C$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \tilde{x} \in \sum_{i=1}^V x_i \leq C \quad P^*(\tilde{x}) &= \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^V f_{0,i}(x_i) \\ \sum_{i=1}^V x_i \in \mathbb{R} \\ \sum_{i=1}^V k_i(x_i) \leq C \\ \sum_{i=1}^V h_i(x_i) \leq z_i \end{cases} = \sum_{i=1}^V \left(f_{0,i}(\tilde{x}_i) + I_{\tilde{x}_i}(\tilde{x}_i) + \dots + I_{x_i}(\tilde{x}_i) + I_{\{x_i: k_i(x_i) \leq B_i\}}(\tilde{x}_i) + \dots + I_{\{x_i: h_i(x_i) \leq z_i\}}(\tilde{x}_i) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^V f_{0,i}(\tilde{x}_i) + \sum_{i=1}^V I_{\tilde{x}_i}(\tilde{x}_i) + \sum_{i=1}^V I_{\{x_i: k_i(x_i) \leq B_i\}}(\tilde{x}_i) \end{aligned}$$

the master process then solves:

$$\sum_{t_1, \dots, t_n} \sum_{\{T\}} \sum_{\{Y\}} D_{\{T\}, \{Y\}} = \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_n} \sum_{\{T\}} D_{\{T\}, \{T\}}$$

Now this can be solved using projected gradient method:

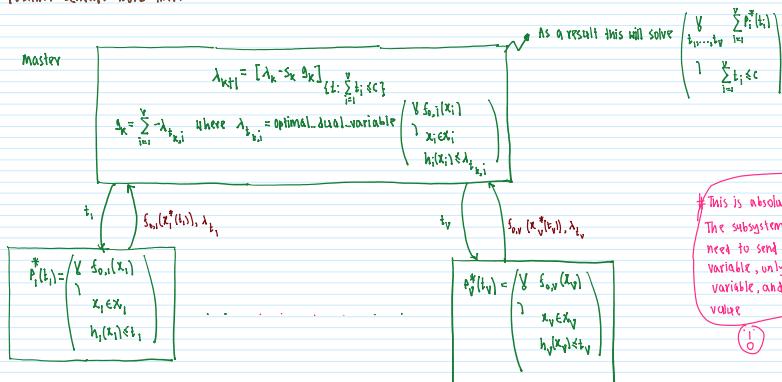
Now to find the optimum using subgradient

$t_1 \dots t_n$

optimal value function)

$\hat{z}_{t_i} = -\lambda_{t_i}$ where λ_{t_i} is
 the optimal dual variable of the problem

so, the decomposition scheme looks like:



* Primal decomposition with coupling variables:

$$P^* = \begin{pmatrix} y & f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2, y) \\ 1 & x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_k, y, y \end{pmatrix} \text{ // say } (x_1^*, x_2^*, y^*) \text{ be the optimal solution}$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{c} \forall_{x_1, x_2} (f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{1,1}(x_1)) + (f_{0,2}(x_2, y) + f_{1,2}(x_2)) \\ x_1 \neq x_2 \\ \text{? yes} \end{array} \right) ; \text{ First we show: } \left(\begin{array}{c} \forall_{x_1, x_2} (f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{1,1}(x_1, y)) \\ \forall_{x_1, x_2} (f_{0,2}(x_2, y) + f_{1,2}(x_2, y)) \\ x_1 \neq x_1, x_2 \neq x_2, y \neq y \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \forall_{x_1} (f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{1,1}(x_1)) \\ \forall_{x_2} (f_{0,2}(x_2, y) + f_{1,2}(x_2)) \end{array} \right) \quad \text{[Separation principle for coupling variables]}$$

By definition:

$$f_{0,1}(x_1^{\frac{1}{2}}, y_1^{\frac{1}{2}}) + f_{1,y}(x_1^{\frac{1}{2}}) + f_{1,y}(x_1^{\frac{1}{2}}, y^{\frac{1}{2}}) + f_{1,y}(x_1^{\frac{1}{2}}) \leq f_{0,1}(x_1, y_1) + f_{1,y}(x_1) + f_{1,y}(x_2, y) + f_{1,y}(x_2)$$

$$\min_{x_1 \in X_1} f_{0,1}(x_1, y^*) + f_{0,2}(x_2, y^*) \leq \min_{x_1} \left(f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{y_1}(x_1) \right) + \min_{x_2} \left(f_{0,2}(x_2, y) + f_{y_2}(x_2) \right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} y_{0,1}(x_1, y_1) \\ 1 \\ x_1 \epsilon x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_{0,2}(x_1, y_1) \\ 1 \\ x_2 \epsilon x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow f_{0,1}(x_1^*, y^*) + f_{0,2}(x_2^*, y^*) \leq \min_{y \in Y} (p_1^*(y) + p_2^*(y))$$

$$\min \quad p^*(y) + p^*(y) \leq p^*(y^*) + p^*(y) \quad [By def]$$

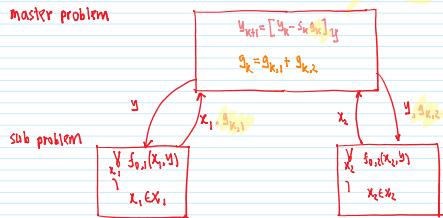
Again,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{P}_1^*(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{P}_2^*(\mathbf{y}) &\leq \mathbf{P}_1^*(\mathbf{y}^*) + \mathbf{P}_2^*(\mathbf{y}) \quad [\text{By defn}] \\ \text{yes} &= \min_{\mathbf{x}_1} \left(\mathbf{f}_{0,1}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}^*) + \mathbf{g}_{0,1}(\mathbf{x}_1) \right) + \min_{\mathbf{x}_2} \left(\mathbf{f}_{0,2}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}^*) + \mathbf{g}_{0,2}(\mathbf{x}_2) \right) \\ &= \min_{\substack{\mathbf{x}_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2}} \left(\mathbf{f}_{0,1}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}^*) + \mathbf{f}_{0,2}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}^*) \right) \leq \mathbf{f}_{0,1}(\mathbf{x}_1^*, \mathbf{y}^*) + \mathbf{f}_{0,2}(\mathbf{x}_2^*, \mathbf{y}^*) \quad [\text{By defn}] \end{aligned}$$

def

$$\therefore \mathbf{f}_{0,1}(\mathbf{x}_1^*, \mathbf{y}^*) + \mathbf{f}_{0,2}(\mathbf{x}_2^*, \mathbf{y}^*) = \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}} (\mathbf{P}_1^*(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{P}_2^*(\mathbf{y})) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}^* \\ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1^*(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{P}_2^*(\mathbf{y})$$

The decomposition scheme is as follows:



suitable stepsize

$$g_k \in \partial(\mathbf{P}_1^*(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{P}_2^*(\mathbf{y})) = \partial \mathbf{P}_1^*(\mathbf{y}) + \partial \mathbf{P}_2^*(\mathbf{y})$$

$$\text{now } \mathbf{P}_1^*(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x}_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{0,1}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{P}_2^*(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{0,2}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y})$$

for a particular problem $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ structure $\mathbf{f}_{0,1}, \mathbf{f}_{0,2}$. so $\partial \mathbf{P}_1^*(\mathbf{y}), \partial \mathbf{P}_2^*(\mathbf{y})$ is optimal value function, so

(eg. subgradient of optimal value function)

(IRL subgradient)

$$\therefore g_k = g_{k,1} + g_{k,2}$$