

CONVEX OPTIMISATION ASSIGNMENT

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Question 1

(a)

Problem (2), (3) and (4) are always convex but Problem (3) are not always convex because hessian of objective for problem (1) is,

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{I}$$

Positive definiteness of hessian is dependent on the value α .

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \text{Objective} &= \left(\frac{\bar{x}^T (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{I}) \bar{x} - \bar{y}^T \mathbf{A} \bar{x} + \bar{y}^T \bar{y}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right)^T \\ \implies \Delta \text{Objective} &= 2(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{I}) \bar{x} - \bar{y}^T \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \text{Objective} &= 0 \\ \implies \bar{x}^* &= 0.5(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \bar{y} \end{aligned}$$

(d)

(e)

Question 2

Question 3

(a)

To prove that the objective function is quasi-convex we need to show that all α level subsets are convex.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\bar{\mu}^T \bar{x}}{\|\mathbf{V} \bar{x}\|_2} \leq \alpha &\implies \frac{\bar{x}^T \bar{\mu} \bar{\mu}^T \bar{x}}{\bar{x}^T \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} \bar{x}} \leq \alpha^2 \\ \implies \bar{x}^T (\alpha^2 \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} + \bar{\mu} \bar{\mu}^T) \bar{x} &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Given that \mathbf{V} is symmetric which means $\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V}$ and outer product of matrices is positive definite matrix. Therefore sum of positive semidefinite matrices is positive semidefinite. Thus the given objective function is quasi-convex.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{z} &= \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{\mu}^T \bar{x}} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{1}^T \bar{z}} &= \frac{\frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{\mu}^T \bar{x}}}{\frac{\bar{1}^T \bar{x}}{\bar{\mu}^T \bar{x}}} \\
\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{1}^T \bar{z}}} \\
\frac{\bar{\mu}^T \bar{x}}{\|\mathbf{V}\bar{x}\|_2} &= \frac{\bar{\mu}^T \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{1}^T \bar{z}}}{\|\mathbf{V} \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{1}^T \bar{z}}\|_2} = \frac{\text{sgn}(\bar{1}^T \bar{z})}{\|\mathbf{V}\bar{z}\|_2}
\end{aligned}$$

Given $\bar{\mu}^T \bar{x} \geq 0$ and $\bar{1}^T \bar{x} = 1$ which means $\bar{1}^T \bar{z} = \frac{1}{\bar{\mu}^T \bar{x}} > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\bar{\mu}^T \bar{x}}{\|\mathbf{V}\bar{x}\|_2} &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{V}\bar{z}\|_2}} \\
\|\bar{x}\|_1 \leq L &\Rightarrow \left\| \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{1}^T \bar{z}} \right\|_1 \leq L \\
\|\bar{z}\|_1 &\leq L \bar{1}^T \bar{z}
\end{aligned}$$

Now transformed problem is,

$$\begin{aligned}
\min \quad & \|\mathbf{V}\bar{z}\|_2 \\
\text{s.t} \quad & \|\bar{z}\|_1 \leq L \bar{1}^T \bar{z}
\end{aligned}$$

The above transformed problem has both convex objective and constraints thus it is convex optimisation problem.

Question 4

Question 5

Question 6

Primal is

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
\min \quad & \bar{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x} + [-1 \quad 0] \bar{x} \\
\text{s.t} \quad & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 5 & -76 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x} \leq \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Dual is

(a)

The above objective is in quadratic form and eigen decomposition of the hessian is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.92387953 & 0.38268343 \\ -0.38268343 & -0.92387953 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.79289322 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.20710678 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.92387953 & -0.38268343 \\ 0.38268343 & -0.92387953 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here both eigen values are positive, which implies that hessian is positive semidefnite. With linear constraints, The problem is convex and is a QP.

(b)

After solving the problem with *CVXPY* we get,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^* &= -3; x_2^* = 0 \\ \lambda_1^* &= 5.167; \lambda_2^* = 1.834; \lambda_3^* = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

KKT Conditions

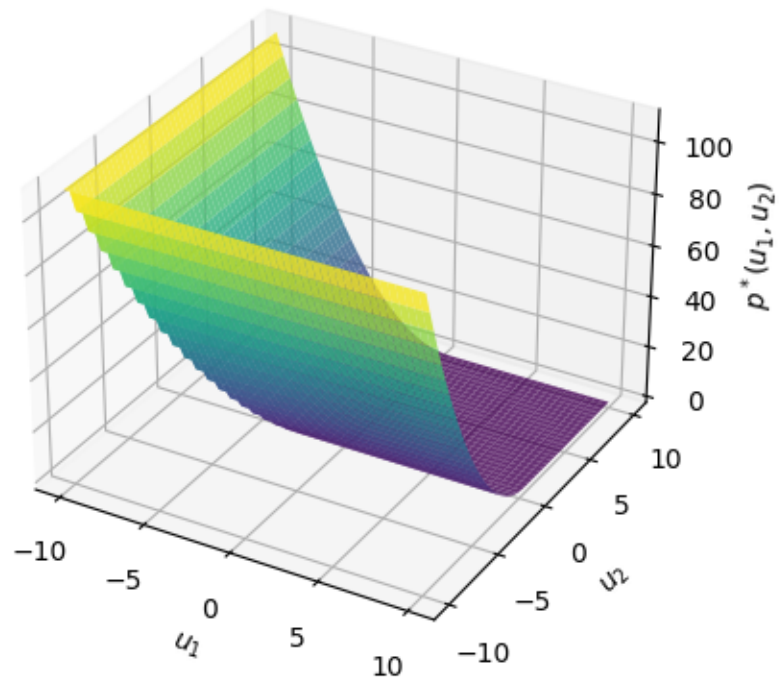
1. $f_i(x^*) \leq 0$, Satisfied.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 5 & -76 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. $\lambda_i^* \geq 0$, Satisfied.
3. $\lambda_i^* f_i(x^*) = 0$, Satisfied.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5.167 & 1.834 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

(d)



(e)

From above graph it seems like $p^*(u_1, u_2)$ is a convex function.

(f)

Numerically derivated at the given point is 0.

