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Lecture 8: Large Scale Optimization

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Today's Lecture

Outline

- Large scale optimization:
 - Column generation methods
 - Example: The cutting stock problem
 - Cutting plane methods
- Multi-stage optimization

Large-Scale Problems

- Consider a linear optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0\end{array}$$

- When is such a problem “large scale”?
 - the number of variables n is too large to represent explicitly; and/or
 - the number of constraints m is too large to store in system memory.
- What to do?

Large-Scale Problems

Large number of variables. Column generation

Consider the linear optimization problem with n large as the **master** problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0\end{array}$$

Column generation idea:

- consider I a subset of $1, \dots, n$.
- find optimal basis \mathbf{B} (with simplex method) for **restricted** problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \sum_{i \in I} c_i x_i \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{i \in I} \mathbf{A}_i x_i = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0\end{array}$$

- find a new column \mathbf{A}_j , $j \notin I$ with negative reduced cost $\bar{c}_j < 0$. If not possible \mathbf{B} is optimal in the master problem.
- update $I := I \cup \{j\}$.

Large-Scale Problems

Meta algorithm: Column generation

A column generation iteration has two main computational tasks

- ① solving the restricted problems
- ② **dual feasibility problem:** verifying dual feasibility; finding a negative reduced cost
- **task 1:** done using primal simplex method since basis \mathbf{B} remains primal feasible in the new restricted problem

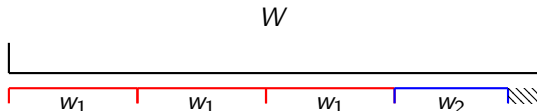
$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i \in I} \mathbf{A}_i x_i + \mathbf{A}_j x_j = \mathbf{b}, \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- **task 2:** more critical, the master problem needs to possess some structure which enables us to find negative reduced cost efficiently (without enumerating all columns).

The Cutting Stock Problem

- Company has a supply of large rolls of paper, each of width W .
- b_i rolls of width w_i , $i = 1, \dots, m$ need to be produced.
- Example: $W = 70$ can be cut in 3 rolls of width $w_1 = 17$ and 1 roll of width $w_2 = 15$, with a waste of

$$70 - (3 \times 17 + 1 \times 15) = 4$$



The Cutting Stock Problem

- Given w_1, \dots, w_m and W there are many cutting patterns:

in our previous example $W = 70$, $w_1 = 17$, $w_2 = 15$, here are two patterns:
 $(3, 1)$ and $(2, 2)$

$$3 \times 17 + 1 \times 15 = 66 \leq 70$$

$$2 \times 17 + 2 \times 15 = 64 \leq 70$$

- In general a pattern is defined as m integers (a_1, \dots, a_m) such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i w_i \leq W$$

- But ... there can be a huge number of such patterns. Too many to enumerate.

The Cutting Stock Problem

Problem definition

- Input: Given w_i , b_i , $i = 1, \dots, m$ (b_i number of rolls of width w_i demanded by customers), and W (width of large rolls available to the company):
- Problem: Find how to minimize the number of large rolls in order to meet the customers demand.

The Cutting Stock Problem

A concrete example

- $W = 70, w_1 = 20, w_2 = 11, b_1 = 12, b_2 = 17$
- There are 15 feasible patterns:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $x_1, \dots, x_{15} = \#$ of patterns of type $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$, respectively

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1 + \dots + x_{15} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + x_{15} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \geq \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix} \\ & x_1, \dots, x_{15} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- rounding or other ad hoc method may be necessary to get integer solution.

The Cutting Stock Problem

A concrete example

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & x_1 + \cdots + x_{15} \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \cdots + x_{15} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \geq \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix} \\ & x_1, \dots, x_{15} \geq 0\end{array}$$

Example:

$$2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix} \quad 7 \text{ rolls used}$$

$$4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix} \quad 9 \text{ rolls used}$$

The Cutting Stock Problem

Formulation

Decision variables:

x_j = number of rolls cut by pattern j characterized by vector \mathbf{A}_j .

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{A}_j \cdot x_j \geq \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b} \\ & x_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j \quad (\text{integer}) \end{aligned}$$

- Huge number of variables.
- Let us consider the linear optimization problem relaxation (removing the integrality restriction).
- Can we apply [column generation](#), that is generate the patterns \mathbf{A}_j on the fly?

The Cutting Stock Problem

Algorithm

Idea: Generate feasible patterns as needed.

- 1 Start with initial patterns (m of them):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lfloor \frac{W}{w_1} \rfloor \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \lfloor \frac{W}{w_2} \rfloor \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \lfloor \frac{W}{w_3} \rfloor \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lfloor \frac{W}{w_m} \rfloor \end{pmatrix}$$

- 2 Solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1 + \dots + x_m \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 \mathbf{A}_1 + \dots + x_m \mathbf{A}_m = \mathbf{b} \\ & x_i \geq 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m \end{aligned}$$

- 3 Compute reduced costs $\bar{c}_j = 1 - \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{A}_j$ for **all** patterns j

If $\bar{c}_j \geq 0$ current set of patterns optimal

If $\bar{c}_s < 0 \Rightarrow x_s$ needs to enter basis

Question: How to compute $\bar{c}_j = 1 - \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{A}_j$ for all j ? (huge number !!)

The Cutting Stock Problem

Algorithm - computing reduced costs $\bar{c}_j = 1 - \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{A}_j$ for all j

Key idea: Solve the following problem (integer knapsack) problem:

$$\begin{aligned} z^* = \max \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m p_i a_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m w_i a_i \leq W \\ & a_i \geq 0, \text{ integer} \end{aligned}$$

- If $z^* \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1 - \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{A}_j > 0 \ \forall j \Rightarrow$ current solution optimal
- If $z^* > 1 \Rightarrow \exists s: 1 - \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{A}_s < 0 \Rightarrow$ Variable x_s becomes basic, i.e., a new pattern \mathbf{A}_s will enter the basis.
- Perform min-ratio test and update the basis (revised simplex method)

The Cutting Stock Problem

Solving the integer knapsack problem

Using dynamic programming:

$$\begin{aligned} F(u) = \max \quad & p_1 a_1 + \cdots + p_m a_m \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & w_1 a_1 + \cdots + w_m a_m \leq u \\ & a_i \geq 0, \text{ integer} \end{aligned}$$

- For $u \leq w_{\min}$, $F(u) = 0$.
- For $u \geq w_{\min}$

$$F(u) = \max_{i=1, \dots, m} \{p_i + F(u - w_i)\}$$

why ?

The Cutting Stock Problem

Solving the integer knapsack problem - example

$$\begin{array}{ll}\max & 11x_1 + 7x_2 + 5x_3 + x_4 \\ \text{s.t.} & 6x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 \leq 25 \\ & x_i \geq 0, \quad x_i \text{ integer}\end{array}$$

- $F(0) = 0$
- $F(1) = 1$
- $F(2) = 1 + F(1) = 2$
- $F(3) = \max(5 + F(0), 1 + F(2)) = 5$
- $F(4) = \max(7 + F(0), 5 + F(1), 1 + F(3)) = 7$
- $F(5) = \max(7 + F(1), 5 + F(2), 1 + F(4)) = 8$
- $F(6) = \max(11 + F(0), 7 + F(2), 5 + F(3), 1 + F(5)) = 11$
- $F(7) = \max(11 + F(1), 7 + F(3), 5 + F(4), 1 + F(6)) = 12$
- $F(8) = \max(11 + F(2), 7 + F(4), 5 + F(5), 1 + F(7)) = 14$
- $F(9) = \max(11 + F(3), 7 + F(5), 5 + F(6), 1 + F(8)) = 16$
- $F(10) = \max(11 + F(4), 7 + F(6), 5 + F(7), 1 + F(9)) = 18$
- $F(u) = 11 + F(u - 6) = 16 \quad u \geq 11$

(There is nothing to cut)
(Only w_4 can be cut)
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(Best cut w_3)
(Best cut w_2)
(Cut w_2 or w_4)
(Best cut off w_1)
(All w_i are equal)
(Best cut off w_2)
(Cut w_1 or w_3)
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$$\Rightarrow F(25) = 11 + F(19) = 11 + 11 + F(13) = 11 + 11 + 11 + F(7) = 33 + 12 = 45$$

$$x^* = (4, 0, 0, 1)$$

Cutting Plane Methods

- Consider the dual of a primal in standard form:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max & \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{b} \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{c}^T \end{array}$$

- Large n in primal \Rightarrow large number of constraints in dual
- Let I a subset of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ and solve the relaxed dual problem:

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- If optimal solution of relaxed problem \mathbf{p}^* satisfies **all** constraints of the original problem, then it is optimal for the original problem
- If optimal solution of relaxed problem is infeasible for the original problem, bring a violated constraint into I
- Method needs:
 - a way to check feasibility
 - a way to identify violated constraints (the “separation problem”)
(one possibility is to solve $\min_i \{c_i - \mathbf{p}^{*T} \mathbf{A}_i\}$ over all i .)
- Cutting planes for dual = Column generation for primal

Multi-Stage Optimization

Example

Problem:

	Wrenches	Pliers	Cap.
Steel (lbs)	1.5	1.0	27,000
Molding machine (hrs)	1.0	1.0	21,000
Assembly machine (hrs)	0.3	0.5	9,000
Demand limit (tools/day)	15,000	16,000	
Contribution to earnings (\$/1000 units)	\$125	\$100	

Formulation:

W : # wrenches; P # pliers ($\times 1000$)

$$\max \quad 125W + 100P$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad W \leq 15$$

$$P \leq 16$$

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$$W, P \geq 0$$

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Random data:

- Assembly capacity:
$$\begin{cases} 8000 & \text{with probability } 0.5 \\ 10,000 & \text{with probability } 0.5 \end{cases}$$
- Contribution from wrenches:
$$\begin{cases} 160 & \text{with probability } 0.5 \\ 90 & \text{with probability } 0.5 \end{cases}$$

Multi-Stage Optimization

Time dynamics: A two-stage problem

Decisions

- **Stage 1:** Need to decide steel capacity in the current quarter. Cost \$58/1000lbs.
Soon after uncertainty (assembly cap. and wrenches contrib.) will be resolved.
- **Stage 2:** Next quarter, company will decide production quantities.

Possible states in the second stage

State	Cap.	W. contr.	Prob.
1	8,000	160	0.25
2	10,000	160	0.25
3	8,000	90	0.25
4	10,000	90	0.25

Decision variables: S : steel capacity,

$P_i, W_i : i = 1, \dots, 4$ production plan under state i .

Multi-Stage Optimization

Formulation of the two-stage problem

Formulation

$$\begin{array}{ll}\max & -58S + 0.25Z_1 + 0.25Z_2 + 0.25Z_3 + 0.25Z_4 \\ \text{s.t.} & \text{Ass. 1 } 0.3W_1 + 0.5P_1 \leq 8 \\ & \text{Mol. 1 } W_1 + P_1 \leq 21 \\ & \text{Ste. 1 } -S + 1.5W_1 + P_1 \leq 0 \\ & \text{W.d. 1 } W_1 \leq 15 \\ & \text{P.d. 1 } P_1 \leq 16 \\ & \text{Obj. 1 } -Z_1 + 160W_1 + 100P_1 = 0\end{array}$$

Multi-Stage Optimization

Formulation of the two-stage problem

and

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{s.t.} & \text{Ass. 2} & 0.3W_2 + 0.5P_2 \leq 10 \\ & \text{Mol. 2} & W_2 + P_2 \leq 21 \\ & \text{Ste. 2} & -S + 1.5W_2 + P_2 \leq 0 \\ & \text{W.d. 2} & W_2 \leq 15 \\ & \text{P.d. 2} & P_2 \leq 16 \\ & \text{Obj. 2} & -Z_2 + 160W_2 + 100P_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

Multi-Stage Optimization

Formulation of the two-stage problem

and

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{s.t.} & \text{Ass. 3} & 0.3W_3 + 0.5P_3 \leq 8 \\ & \text{Mol. 3} & W_3 + P_3 \leq 21 \\ & \text{Ste. 3} & -S + 1.5W_3 + P_3 \leq 0 \\ & \text{W.d. 3} & W_3 \leq 15 \\ & \text{P.d. 3} & P_3 \leq 16 \\ & \text{Obj. 3} & -Z_3 + 90W_3 + 100P_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

Multi-Stage Optimization

Formulation of the two-stage problem

and finally

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t.} \quad & \text{Ass. 4} \quad 0.3W_4 + 0.5P_4 \leq 10 \\ & \text{Mol. 4} \quad W_4 + P_4 \leq 21 \\ & \text{Ste. 4} \quad -S + 1.5W_4 + P_4 \leq 0 \\ & \text{W.d. 4} \quad W_4 \leq 15 \\ & \text{P.d. 4} \quad P_4 \leq 16 \\ & \text{Obj. 4} \quad -Z_4 + 90W_4 + 100P_4 = 0 \\ & S \geq 0; W_i, P_i \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq 4 \end{aligned}$$

Multi-Stage Optimization

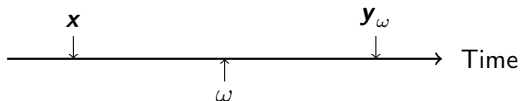
Formulation of the two-stage problem

Solution: $S = 27,250\text{lb.}$

	W_i	P_i
1	15,000	4,750
2	15,000	4,750
3	12,500	8,500
4	5,000	16,000

Multi-Stage Optimization

Two-stage optimization problems



- First stage decisions: x :

$$Ax = b, \quad x \geq 0$$

- Random scenarios indexed by $\omega = 1, \dots, K$.

scenario ω has probability α_ω

- Second stage decisions: y_ω : $\omega = 1, \dots, K$.

$$B_\omega x + D_\omega y_\omega = d_\omega, \quad y_\omega \geq 0$$

Multi-Stage Optimization

Two-stage optimization problems

- Objective: Find $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_K$ so as to minimize the “expected cost”:
- Formulation

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \min & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + & \alpha_1 \mathbf{f}_1^T \mathbf{y}_1 + & \cdots + & \alpha_K \mathbf{f}_K^T \mathbf{y}_K & \\ & \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} & & & & = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{x} + & \mathbf{D}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 & & & = \mathbf{d}_1 \\ & \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{x} + & & \mathbf{D}_2 \mathbf{y}_2 & & = \mathbf{d}_2 \\ & \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & \mathbf{B}_K \mathbf{x} + & & & \mathbf{D}_K \mathbf{y}_K & = \mathbf{d}_K \\ & \mathbf{x}, & \mathbf{y}_1, & \mathbf{y}_2, \dots & \mathbf{y}_K & \geq 0. \end{array}$$

- Note that even if the number of scenarios K is moderate, this formulation can have a lot of variables, but it has a nice structure ...

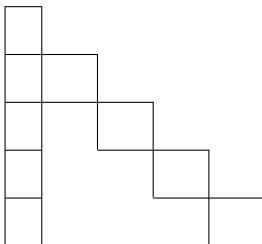
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Two-stage optimization problems

Structure of the formulation

$x \quad y_1 \quad y_2 \quad \cdots \quad y_K$

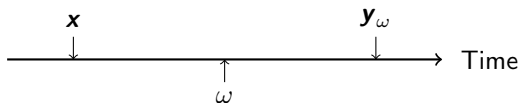
objective



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Multi-Stage Optimization

Two-stage optimization problems - how to solve?



Observation:

- Given a first-stage decision \mathbf{x} , the second-stage problems can all be solved separately.
- Given \mathbf{x} and a realization ω , the optimal second-stage cost is

$$\begin{aligned} z_{\omega}(\mathbf{x}) := \min \quad & \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{y}_{\omega} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{D}_{\omega} \mathbf{y}_{\omega} = \mathbf{d}_{\omega} - \mathbf{B}_{\omega} \mathbf{x} \\ & \mathbf{y}_{\omega} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- To find the optimal first-stage decision \mathbf{x} we need to solve

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + \sum_{\omega=1}^K \alpha_{\omega} z_{\omega}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Multi-Stage Optimization

Two-stage optimization problems - Idea

Use the dual formulation of the second-stage problems:

- Strong duality

$$\begin{aligned} z_\omega(\mathbf{x}) = \max \quad & \mathbf{p}_\omega^T (\mathbf{d}_\omega - \mathbf{B}_\omega \mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{p}_\omega^T \mathbf{D}_\omega \leq \mathbf{f}^T \end{aligned}$$

holds when dual feasible set $\mathcal{P}_\omega := \{\mathbf{p} : \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{D}_\omega \leq \mathbf{f}^T\}$ is nonempty and bounded.

- In that case, we also know that

$$z_\omega(\mathbf{x}) = \max_i \mathbf{p}_{\omega,i}^T (\mathbf{d}_\omega - \mathbf{B}_\omega \mathbf{x})$$

where $\mathbf{p}_{\omega,i}$ are the corners of the dual polytope \mathcal{P}_ω .

Multi-Stage Optimization

Two-stage optimization problems - Reformulation

Reformulation of the first-stage problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + \sum_{\omega=1}^K \alpha_{\omega} z_{\omega} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{p}_{\omega,i}^T (\mathbf{d}_{\omega} - \mathbf{B}_{\omega} \mathbf{x}) \leq z_{\omega} \quad \forall i, \omega \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Observation:

- In this reformulation the number of variables has been reduced significantly.
- Potential huge number of constraints \Rightarrow cutting plane methods.

Multi-Stage Optimization

Two-stage optimization problems - Feasibility check and row generation

We can check feasibility $(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$ very easily by computing the second stage costs

$$\begin{aligned} z_{\omega}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) &:= \min \quad \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{y}_{\omega} &= \max \quad \mathbf{p}_{\omega}^T (\mathbf{d}_{\omega} - \mathbf{B}_{\omega} \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{D}_{\omega} \mathbf{y}_{\omega} &= \mathbf{d}_{\omega} - \mathbf{B}_{\omega} \bar{\mathbf{x}} &\text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{p}_{\omega} \text{ free} \\ \mathbf{y}_{\omega} &\geq 0 &\mathbf{p}_{\omega}^T \mathbf{D}_{\omega} &\leq \mathbf{f}^T \end{aligned}$$

to get $z_{\omega}(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$ and corresponding optimal dual \mathbf{p}_{ω}^* for all ω .

Possibilities:

- $\bar{z}_{\omega} \geq z_{\omega}(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$ for all ω ; $(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$ is feasible.
- $\bar{z}_{\omega} < z_{\omega}(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$ for some ω ; We add a violating constraint by demanding

$$z_{\omega} \geq (\mathbf{p}_{\omega}^*)^T (\mathbf{d}_{\omega} - \mathbf{B}_{\omega} \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \quad \ell$$

Multi-Stage Optimization

Two-stage optimization problems - A complete iteration

- 1 Solve relaxed master problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + \sum_{\omega=1}^K \alpha_{\omega} z_{\omega} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{p}_{\omega,i}^T (\mathbf{d}_{\omega} - \mathbf{B}_{\omega} \mathbf{x}) \leq z_{\omega} \quad \forall (i, \omega) \in \mathcal{C}_{\ell} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The sets \mathcal{C}_{ℓ} contain some but not all constraints. Primal solution $(\mathbf{x}_{\ell}, \mathbf{z}_{\ell})$.

Multi-Stage Optimization

Two-stage optimization problems - A complete iteration

- 2 Check feasibility $(\mathbf{x}_\ell, \mathbf{z}_\ell)$ by checking for all ω that

$$\begin{aligned} z_{\ell,\omega} \geq z_\omega(\mathbf{x}_\ell) &:= \min \quad \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{y}_\omega \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\mathbf{D}_\omega \mathbf{y}_\omega = \mathbf{d}_\omega - \mathbf{B}_\omega \mathbf{x}_\ell \\ &\mathbf{y}_\omega \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

with dual optimal basic solution $\mathbf{p}_{\ell,\omega}$.

- 3 If so then solution $(\mathbf{x}_\ell, \mathbf{z}_\ell)$ is optimal
- 4 Otherwise select a violating ω_ℓ .
- 5 Optimal dual solution $\mathbf{p}_{\omega_\ell}^* = \mathbf{p}_{\omega_\ell, i_\ell}$ is a corner of the dual feasible set.
 \Rightarrow Add constraint : $\mathcal{C}_{\ell+1} = \mathcal{C}_\ell \cup \{(\omega_\ell, i_\ell)\}$.
- 6 Resolve updated relaxed master problem