

# CS532100 Numerical Optimization Homework 2

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1. Consider the linear least square problem:

$$\min_{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} ||A\vec{x} - \vec{b}||^2$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 21/4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) (10%) Write its normal equation.

$$A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 21/4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \quad (4)$$

Then, we can express  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  as

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

- (b) (10%) Express  $\vec{b} = \vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2$  such that  $\vec{b}_1$  is in the subspace spanned by  $A$ 's column vectors, and  $\vec{b}_2$  is orthogonal to  $A$ 's column vectors. From matrix  $A$ , we know that its basis is its first column which is  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . From its basis column, we can express  $\vec{b}$  in  $\vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2$ .  
Let,

$$\vec{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4s \\ 2s \\ s \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Then we can express  $\vec{b}$  such as

$$\vec{b} = \vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2 \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 21/4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4s + t_1 \\ 2s + t_2 \\ s + t_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Since  $\vec{b}_1$  is a column space of A, and  $\vec{b}_2$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{b}_1$ , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4s \\ 2s \\ s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$4s \cdot t_1 + 2s \cdot t_2 + s \cdot t_3 = 0 \quad (10)$$

We can add  $4s \cdot t_1 + 2s \cdot t_2 + s \cdot t_3 = 0$  at the last index of our matrix equality. Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4s + t_1 \\ 2s + t_2 \\ s + t_3 \\ 4s \cdot t_1 + 2s \cdot t_2 + s \cdot t_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21/4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving the equality above, we then have  $s = 1$ ,  $t_1 = 5/4$ ,  $t_2 = -2$ , and  $t_3 = -1$ . Thus,

$$\vec{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4s \\ 2s \\ s \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5/4 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 21/4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5/4 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

- (c) (10%) Show that  $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a least square solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  if and only if  $\vec{z}$  is part of a solution to the larger linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T \\ A & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{z} \\ \vec{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

We are going to show that  $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a least square solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$   $\iff$   $\vec{z}$  is part of a solution to the larger linear system

- i. First, we are going to show that if  $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a least square solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  then  $\vec{z}$  is part of a solution to the larger linear system.

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \quad (13)$$

$$A^T A\vec{x} = A^T \vec{b} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 21/4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \quad (17)$$

Then, we can express  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  as

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

Plugging  $\vec{x}$  into  $\vec{z}$  in the larger linear system, we then have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T \\ A & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{z} \\ \vec{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vec{b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1-2t \\ t \\ \vec{y}_1 \\ \vec{y}_2 \\ \vec{y}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 21/4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

Solving  $\vec{y}$ , we have

$$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/4 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (21)$$

From  $\vec{y}$ , we can tell that  $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a least square solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

Thus, the premise, if  $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a least square solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  then  $\vec{z}$  is part of a solution to the larger linear system, holds.

- ii. Second, we are going to show that if  $\vec{z}$  is a part of the solution to the larger linear system then  $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a least square solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

The larger linear system can be expressed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T \\ A & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{z} \\ \vec{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vec{b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{z}_1 \\ \vec{z}_2 \\ \vec{y}_1 \\ \vec{y}_2 \\ \vec{y}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 21/4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

Solving  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$ , and  $y_3$ , we express them as

$$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/4 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

After acquiring  $\vec{y}$ , we can acquire  $\vec{z}$  with the third, the fourth, and the fifth row in the matrix. Thus,

$$4\vec{z}_1 + 8\vec{z}_2 + \vec{y}_1 = \frac{21}{4} \quad (25)$$

$$2\vec{z}_1 + 4\vec{z}_2 + \vec{y}_2 + 2 = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$\vec{z}_1 + 2\vec{z}_2 + \vec{y}_3 = 0 \quad (27)$$

Solving the equalities above, we have

$$\vec{z}_1 + 2\vec{z}_2 = 1 \quad (28)$$

We can express the equality above in matrix as,

$$\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \quad (29)$$

Clearly,  $\vec{z}$  is a part of the solution to the larger linear system. Thus, the premise, if  $\vec{z}$  is a part of the solution to the larger linear system then  $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a least square solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , holds.

By showing the premises above, we can conclude that the statement,  $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a least square solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  if and only if  $\vec{z}$  is part of a solution to the larger linear system, holds.

2. In Note05 (Page 16), memoryless BFGS iteration matrix  $H_{k+1}$  can be derived from considering the Hestenes–Stiefel form of the nonlinear conjugate gradient method. Recalling that  $\vec{s}_k = \alpha_k \vec{p}_k$ , we have that the search direction for this method is given by

$$\vec{p}_{k+1} = -\nabla f_{k+1} + \frac{\nabla f_{k+1}^T \vec{y}_k}{\vec{y}_k^T \vec{p}_k} \vec{p}_k \quad (30)$$

$$= -\nabla f_{k+1} + \frac{\nabla f_{k+1}^T \vec{y}_k}{\vec{y}_k^T \vec{s}_k} \vec{s}_k \quad (31)$$

$$= -(I - \frac{\vec{s}_k \vec{y}_k^T}{\vec{y}_k^T \vec{s}_k}) \nabla f_{k+1} \quad (32)$$

$$= -\hat{H}_{k+1} \nabla f_{k+1} \quad (33)$$

However, the matrix  $\hat{H}_{k+1}$  is neither symmetric nor positive definite.

- (a) (10%) Please show that the matrix  $\hat{H}_{k+1}$  is singular.  
(You can only prove it for the case  $\nabla f_k, \vec{p}_k, \vec{y}_k, \vec{s}_k \in \mathbb{R}^2$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .)  
[Your answer here!](#)
- (b) (0%) Please read the reference book (Page 180) to understand the derivation of the inverse hessian formula in Note05 (Page 16).  
(you don't need to write anything in this subproblem.)

$$H_{k+1} = (I - \frac{\vec{s}_k \vec{y}_k^T}{\vec{y}_k^T \vec{s}_k})(I - \frac{\vec{y}_k \vec{s}_k^T}{\vec{y}_k^T \vec{s}_k}) + \frac{\vec{s}_k \vec{s}_k^T}{\vec{y}_k^T \vec{s}_k}$$

3. (10%) The total least square problem is to solve the following problem

$$\min_{\vec{x}, \|\vec{x}\|=1} \vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x}$$

where  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix. Here we assume  $m > n$ . Let  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  be the SVD of  $A$ , where  $U$  is the matrix of left singular vectors,  $V$  is the matrix of right singular vectors, and  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix with diagonal elements  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ . Moreover,  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices, and  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n$ . Show the solution of the above problem is the  $\sigma^2$ .

[Your answer here!](#)

4. Consider the following linear programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{x_1, x_2} \quad & z = x_1 + x_2 \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 4 \\
 & 4x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 12 \\
 & -x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \\
 & x_1, x_2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

(a) (10%) Please refer Note08 (Page 2) to draw the figure of the constraints by any means, and use that to solve the problem.

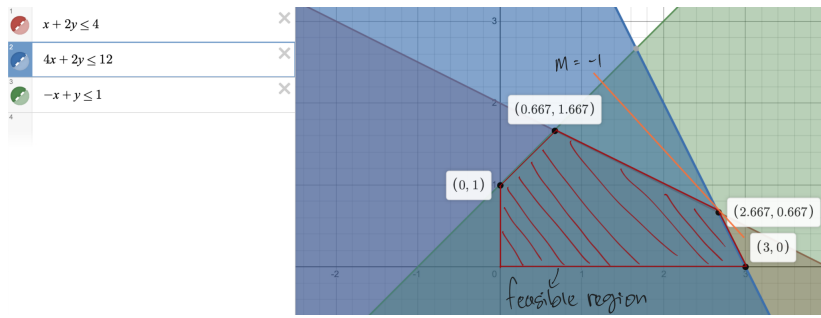


Figure 1: Feasible region of  $z$ .

(b) (10%) Derive its dual problem and solve the dual problem by any means. Compare the solutions of the primal and the dual problems.

i. The primal problem is as follow:

Let  $z$  be the optimal value,  $x_i$  be the variables that we are planning to maximize, and  $\omega_i$  be the slack variables.

To solve the primal problem, we then convert it into a table.

The initial state

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta &= x_1 + x_2 \\
 \omega_1 &= 4 - x_1 - 2x_2 \\
 \omega_2 &= 12 - 4x_1 - 2x_2 \\
 \omega_3 &= 1 + x_1 - x_2
 \end{aligned}$$

The first iteration

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta &= 3 + \frac{1}{2}x_2 - \frac{1}{4}\omega_2 \\
 \omega_1 &= 1 - \frac{3}{2}x_2 + \frac{1}{4}\omega_2 \\
 x_1 &= 3 - \frac{1}{2}x_2 - \frac{1}{4}\omega_2 \\
 \omega_3 &= 4 - \frac{3}{2}x_2 - \frac{1}{4}\omega_2
 \end{aligned}$$

The second iteration

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta &= \frac{10}{3} - \frac{1}{6}\omega_2 - \frac{1}{3}\omega_1 \\
 x_2 &= \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{6}\omega_2 - \frac{2}{3}\omega_1 \\
 x_1 &= \frac{8}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\omega_2 + \frac{1}{3}\omega_1 \\
 \omega_3 &= 3 - \frac{1}{2}\omega_2 + \omega_1
 \end{aligned}$$

From the table above, we can see that the values of  $x_1, x_2$ , and  $z$  to be

$$x_1 = \frac{8}{3}, x_2 = \frac{2}{3}, z = x_1 + x_2 = \frac{10}{3}$$

The values of the slack variables are

$$\omega_1 = 0, \omega_2 = 0, \omega_3 = 3 \quad (35)$$

ii. The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{y_1, y_2, y_3} \quad & z = 4y_1 + 12y_2 + y_3 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_1 + 4y_2 - y_3 \geq 1 \\ & 2y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3 \geq 1 \\ & y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Let  $s_i$  be the surplus variables and  $a_i$  be the artificial variables. Including these variables in the dual problem, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & z = 4y_1 + 12y_2 + y_3 + 0s_1 + 0s_2 + Ma_1 + Ma_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_1 + 4y_2 - y_3 - s_1 + a_1 = 1 \\ & 2y_1 + 2y_2 + y_3 - s_2 + a_2 = 1 \\ & y_1, y_2, y_3, s_1, s_2, a_1, a_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Since we want to solve the dual problem above, we then convert the equations above into a table and 5 iterations are needed to find the optimal solution.

		$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$a_1$	$a_2$		$b_i$
Basis	$C_B$	-4	-12	-1	0	0	-M	-M	$b_i$	$a_{s1}$
$a_1$	-M	1	4	-1	-1	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \text{leave}$
$a_2$	-M	2	2	1	0	-1	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
$Z_j$		-3M	-6M	0	M	M	-M	-M	-2M	
$C_j - Z_j$		$-4+3M$	$-12+6M$	-1	-M	-M	0	0		

Figure 2: The initial state.

		$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$a_2$	
Basis	$C_B$	-4	-12	-1	0	0	-M	
$y_2$	-12	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$
$a_2$	-M	2	2	1	0	-1	1	1

Figure 3: The first iteration.

		$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$a_2$		
Basis	$C_B$	-4	-12	-1	0	0	-M	$b_i$	$\frac{b_i}{a_{i1}}$
$y_2$	-12	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	1
$a_2$	-M	$2\frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$	0	$4\frac{1}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{4} \rightarrow \text{leave}$
$Z_j$		$-3 - \frac{3}{2}M$	-12	$3 - \frac{3}{2}M$	$3 - \frac{3}{2}M$	M	-M		
$C_j - Z_j$		$-1 + \frac{3}{2}M$	0	$-4 + \frac{3}{2}M$	$-3 + \frac{3}{2}M$	-M	0		

Figure 4: The second iteration.

		$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$s_1$	$s_2$	
Basis	$C_B$	-4	-12	-1	0	0	
$y_2$	-12	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	0	$\frac{1}{4}$
$y_1$	-4	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$

Figure 5: The third iteration.

		$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$s_1$	$s_2$	
Basis	$C_B$	-4	-12	-1	0	0	
$y_2$	-12	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6} \rightarrow y_2 = \frac{1}{6}$
$y_1$	-4	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3} \rightarrow y_1 = \frac{1}{3}$
$Z_j$		-4	-12	2	$\frac{8}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	
$C_j - Z_j$		0	0	-3	$-\frac{8}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	

$\downarrow$   
 $\therefore$  All  $C_j - Z_j$  are less or equal to 0  
 $\therefore$  Reach optimal solution

Figure 6: The last iteration.

(c) (10%) Verify the complementarity slackness condition. [Answer here!](#)

(d) (10%) Transform the problem to the standard form.

$$\begin{aligned}
\max_{x_1, x_2} \quad & z = x_1 + x_2 \\
\text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 4 \\
& 4x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = 12 \\
& -x_1 + x_2 + x_5 = 1 \\
& x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \geq 0
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

(e) (10%) Solve it by the simplex method, as provided in Figure 1, using  $\vec{x}_0 = (0, 0)$ . Indicate  $B_k, N_k, \vec{s}_k, \vec{d}_k, p_k, q_k, \gamma_k$  in each step. [Answer here!](#)

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- (1) Given a basic feasible point  $\vec{x}_0$  and the corresponding index set  $\mathcal{B}_0$  and  $\mathcal{N}_0$ .
  - (2) For  $k = 0, 1, \dots$
  - (3) Let  $B_k = A(:, \mathcal{B}_k), N_k = A(:, \mathcal{N}_k), \vec{x}_B = \vec{x}_k(\mathcal{B}_k), \vec{x}_N = \vec{x}_k(\mathcal{N}_k)$ , and  $\vec{c}_B = \vec{c}_k(\mathcal{B}_k), \vec{c}_N = \vec{c}_k(\mathcal{N}_k)$ .
  - (4) Compute  $\vec{s}_k = \vec{c}_N - N_k^T (B_k^{-1})^T \vec{c}_B$  (pricing)
  - (5) If  $\vec{s}_k \geq 0$ , return the solution  $\vec{x}_k$ . (found optimal solution)
  - (6) Select  $q_k \in \mathcal{N}_k$  such that  $\vec{s}_k(i_{q_k}) < 0$ , where  $i_{q_k}$  is the index of  $q_k$  in  $\mathcal{N}_k$
  - (7) Compute  $\vec{d}_k = B_k^{-1} A_k(:, q_k)$ . (search direction)
  - (8) If  $\vec{d}_k \leq 0$ , return **unbounded**. (unbounded case)
  - (9) Compute  $[\gamma_k, i_p] = \min_{i, \vec{d}_k(i) > 0} \frac{\vec{x}_B(i)}{\vec{d}_k(i)}$  (ratio test)  
(The first return value is the minimum ratio;  
the second return value is the index of the minimum ratio.)
  - (10)  $x_{k+1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B} \\ \mathcal{N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x}_B \\ \vec{x}_N \end{pmatrix} + \gamma_k \begin{pmatrix} -\vec{d}_k \\ \vec{e}_{i_{q_k}} \end{pmatrix}$   
( $\vec{e}_{i_{q_k}} = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)^T$  is a unit vector with  $i_{q_k}$ th element 1.)
  - (11) Let the  $i_p$ th element in  $\mathcal{B}$  be  $p_k$ . (pivoting)  
 $\mathcal{B}_{k+1} = (\mathcal{B}_k - \{p_k\}) \cup \{q_k\}, \mathcal{N}_{k+1} = (\mathcal{N}_k - \{q_k\}) \cup \{p_k\}$
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Figure 7: The simplex method for solving (minimization) linear programming