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1. Convexity. Basic concepts

Convex sets and convex functions

Definition of a convex set C

A set $C\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex if, given $x^1,x^2\in C$, the closed segment $\overline{x^1,x^2}$ is contained in C, i.e.: $\overline{x^1,x^2}\subseteq C$,

$$(\overline{x^1, x^2} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x = \alpha x^1 + (1 - \alpha)x^2, \ 0 \le \alpha \le 1\})$$



Figure: A convex set (left). A non-convex set (right)

If C_1, C_2 are convex sets, then $C_1 \cap C_2$, $C_1 \oplus C_2$, $C_1 \ominus C_2$ are also convex sets.

Convex sets and convex functions

Definition of a convex function f on P, convex set

$$f(\alpha x^1 + (1-\alpha)x^2) \le \alpha f(x^1) + (1-\alpha)f(x^2), \ 0 \le \alpha \le 1, \ x^1, x^2 \in P$$

If
$$f$$
 is a convex function $f(x) \ge f(x_1) + (x - x_1)^\top \nabla f(x_1)$.

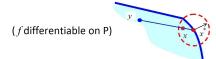
Igualmente, si f convexa sobre P conjunto convexo:

$$f(x) \ge f(x_1) + (x - x_1)^{\top} \nabla f(x_1), \ \forall x, x_1 \in P$$

Si x^* es mínimo local de f convexa sobre P convexo $\Rightarrow x^*$ es mínimo global de f sobre P.

$$\nabla f(x^*)^\top (x - x^*) \ge 0, \ \forall x \in B_\delta(x^*) \cap P$$
Si $y \in P$, $y \notin B_\delta(x^*) \cap P$ $y\bar{x}^* \subset P$

$$f(y) - f(x^*) > \nabla f(x^*)^\top (y - x^*) = \alpha \nabla f(x^*)^\top (x - x^*) > 0$$



Polyhedral Sets and extreme points

Relevant examples of convex sets

- Hyperplane $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | a^\top x = \alpha\}$, where $a \neq 0$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- Half-Space $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | \ a^\top x \leq \alpha \}$, where $a \neq 0$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- Polyhedral Set $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax \leq b\}$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Finite intersection of m half-spaces.
- Polyhedral Cone $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax \leq 0\}$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Finite intersection of m half-spaces, each of them containing $0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Convex Hulls

Convex Hull of a finite set of points $S = \{x^1, ..., x^k\}$ (Polytope)

The convex hull of S, denoted by $\mathit{Hull}\{S\}$ (also as $\mathit{Conv}\{S\}$), is defined as:

$$\mathit{Hull}\{S\} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x = \sum_{\ell=1}^k \lambda_\ell x^\ell, \ \sum_{\ell=1}^k \lambda_\ell = 1, \ \lambda_\ell \geq 0, \ 1 \leq \ell \leq k \right\}$$

$\{Hull\{S\}\}$ for a general subset $S\subset\mathbb{R}^n$.

$$x \in \mathit{Hull}\{S\} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists \{x^1,...,x^k\} \subseteq S, k>0, \ \mathit{and} \ \lambda_1,...\lambda_k \geq 0, \\ \\ \mathit{such that} \sum_{\ell=1}^k \lambda_\ell = 1 \\ \\ x = \sum_{\ell=1}^k \lambda_\ell x^\ell, \end{array} \right.$$

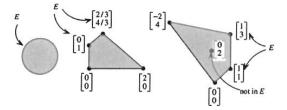
Convex Hulls

Extreme points (vertexes) of a Convex Set

 $\hat{x} \in S$ is a vertex of S iff. for any two points $x^1 \neq x^2 \in S$ so that $\hat{x} = \alpha x^1 + (1 - \alpha) x^2$, $0 < \alpha < 1$ either $\hat{x} = x^1$ or $\hat{x} = x^2$.

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \le 1\},\$$

 $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 + x_2 \le 2, -x_1 + 2x_2 \le 2, x \ge 0\},\$
 $Hull\{(0,0), (1,1), (1,3), (-2,4), (0,2)\}$



2. Useful concepts from the Simplex Algorithm

STANDARD FORM OF AN L.P.

After suitable transformations any L.P. can be expressed as:

$$Min_{x}$$
 $c_{1} \cdot x_{1} + ... + c_{n} \cdot x_{n}$
 $s.a:$ $a_{11} \cdot x_{1} + ... + a_{1n} \cdot x_{n} = b_{1}$
 $a_{21} \cdot x_{1} + ... + a_{2n} \cdot x_{n} = b_{2}$
 $...$
 $a_{m1} \cdot x_{1} + ... + a_{mn} \cdot x_{n} = b_{m}$
 $x_{1} \geq 0, ... x_{n} \geq 0$

$$(m \leq n)$$

- All the variables x_i are subject to $x_i \ge 0$, i = 1, 2, ... n
- Any rhs term b_i are non-negative: $b_i \ge 0$, i = 1, 2, ... m
- Matrix A is full rank:

Therea are m columns of A such that when building a squared matrix B with them, B is inversible.

Any LP solver converts automatically to the standard form.

Standard form and bfs

Example:

$$Min -x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3$$

$$s.a: -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 \ge -5$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \ge 6$$

$$x_2, x_3 \ge 0$$

$$x_1 = 5 - 2x_2 - x_3 - x_4$$

$$c^{\top}x = -5 + 2x_2 - x_3 - x_4 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 3x_2 + 5x_2 + 5x_3 + x_4$$

$$2(5 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4) + 3x_2 + x_3 - x_5 = 6$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} Min & 5x_2 + 5x_3 + x_4 \\ s.a: & x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 + x_5 & = 4 \\ & x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \ge 0 \end{array}$$

Standard form and bfs

DEFINITION OF A FEASIBLE BASIS

$$\begin{array}{lllll} x_1-x_2+x_3 & = & 1 \\ -x_1+\frac{1}{3}x_2+x_4 & = & 1 \\ -x_1+\frac{2}{3}x_2+x_5 & = & 4 \\ x_i \geq 0 & (i=1,\ldots 5) & B= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \end{pmatrix}$$
 System $Ax=b, \ x\geq 0$

DEFINITION: B is a feasible basis if

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \ge 0$$

B is a basis assocaoted to the index set {1, 4, 5}

Standard form and bfs

System Ax = b, $x \ge 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 1 \\
 -x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_2 + x_4 &= 1 \\
 -x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_2 + x_5 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

 $x_i \ge 0 \qquad (i = 1, \dots 5)$

$$B$$
 basis associated to $I_B = \{1, 4, 5\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \ge 0$$

$$x_{Reord} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ \hline x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ \hline x_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B^{-1}b \\ \hline 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ \hline 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \ge 0$$

Canonical form of $Ax = b, x \ge 0$

CANONICAL FORM OF Ax=b For the index set $I_B = \{1, 4, 5\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B x_B + N x_N = b$$

$$B^{-1}(B x_B + N x_N) = B^{-1}b$$

$$x_B + B^{-1}N x_N = B^{-1}b$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{array}\right) + \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right)^{-1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right)^{-1} \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{array}\right)$$

$$x_B + Y x_N = v_0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \frac{-2}{3} & 1 \\ \frac{-1}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

1	4	5	2	3	
1	0	0	-1	1	1
0	1	0	$-2/3 \\ -1/3$	1	2
0	0	1	-1/3	1	5

Canonical form of Ax = b, x > 0

CANONICAL FORM OF A LINEAR SYSTEM Ax=b

For the set of indexes associated to a basis $B_1 I_B = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m\}$

$$x_B + y x_N = y_0 \qquad x_B = \begin{pmatrix} x_{i_1} \\ x_{i_2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{i_m} \end{pmatrix}, \ x_N = \begin{pmatrix} x_{j_1} \\ x_{j_2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{j_{n-m}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{i_1 \quad \dots \quad i_m \quad j_1 \quad \dots \quad j_{n-m} \quad 0}_{1 \quad \dots \quad 0 \quad y_{1,1} \quad \dots \quad y_{1,n-m} \quad y_{1,0}$$

$$\vdots \quad \ddots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \ddots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ 0 \quad \dots \quad 1 \quad y_{m,1} \quad \dots \quad y_{m,n-m} \quad y_{m,0}$$

$$\underbrace{basic \, \text{columns}}_{Non-basic \, \text{columns}}$$

3. Geometrical aspects

Vertexes ←→ bfs. Connection between vertices and bfs

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b, x \ge 0 \}$$
 in standard form

• If \bar{x} is a bfs of P with basic indexes $I_B \Rightarrow$ is a vertex of P:

$$\begin{split} \bar{x}_{Reord} &= \left(\frac{\bar{x}_B}{0}\right) = \left(\frac{B^{-1}b}{0}\right). \quad \textit{Assume that it is} \\ \textit{not a vertex P. Then, } \exists x^1, x^2 \in F, \, x^1 \neq x^2, \\ \bar{x} &= \alpha x^1 + (1-\alpha)x^2, \, 0 < \alpha < 1. \\ \left(\frac{\bar{x}_B}{0}\right) &= \alpha \left(\frac{x_B^1}{x_N^1}\right) + (1-\alpha) \left(\frac{x_B^2}{x_N^2}\right) \Rightarrow \, x_N^1 = \\ x_N^2 &= 0, \, \textit{but, as } x^1, x^2 \, \textit{are feasible:} \\ Bx_B^1 &= b, \, Bx_B^2 = b \Rightarrow \, x_B^1 = x_B^2 = \bar{x}_B \Rightarrow \, x^1 = \\ x^2 &= \bar{x}. \end{split}$$

- For each vertex $\bar{x} \in F$ exists at least a basic set I_B and a basis B such that: $\bar{x}_B = B^{-1}b, \ \bar{x}_N = 0.$
- Different vertices are represented by different basis.

Vertexes \longleftrightarrow bfs

Existence of vertices and Fundamental Theorem in LP

Consider $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0 \}$ in standard form.

Theorem. (2.6.5 in Bazaraa's text) If $P \neq \emptyset$, then it has at least always a vertex.

Fundamental Theorem in LP (Section 2.4 in Luenberger's text). If the feasible region of the LP is not empty, there exists always at least a basic feasible solution. Moreover, if LP has solutions, then at least one of them is a vertex.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Min}_x & c^\top x \\ & s.t.: & Ax = b & \text{(standard form)} \\ & & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Extreme directions

Concept of feasible direction at $x \in S$

A vector d is called a **feasible direction** at a point $x \in S$ if $x + \alpha d \in S$, for any $\alpha > 0$. (S an arbitrary set)

Definition of a Cone C with vertex 0^n

C is a cone with vertex 0^n iff. $\forall x \in C$ there follows that $\mu x \in C$, $\forall \mu > 0$.

Polarity

Definition of Polar Cone. Given an arbitrary set S, the polar cone of S is denoted by S^* (it has vertex at 0^n) and it is defined by:

$$S^* \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{ v \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid v^\top x < 0, \ \forall \, x \in S \}$$

 S^* is closed and convex, $S \subseteq S^{**}$; $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \Rightarrow S_2^* \subseteq S_1^*$. If C is a closed and convex cone, then $C = C^{**}$

Extreme directions

Positive Hull of a finite set of directions $D = \{d^1, ..., d^q\}$ (Closed, convex cone)

The positive hull of D, denoted by $Pos\{D\}$ (also as $Cone\{D\}$), is defined as:

$$\operatorname{Pos}\{S\} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ d \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid d = \sum_{\ell=1}^q \mu_j d^j, \ \mu_j \geq 0, \ 1 \leq j \leq q \right\}$$

$Pos\{D\}$ for a general subset $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$d \in \mathit{Pos}\{D\} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists \{d^1,...,d^q\} \subseteq D, q>0, \ \mathit{and} \ \mu_1,...\mu_q \geq 0, \\ \\ d = \sum_{\ell=1}^k \mu_j d^j, \end{array} \right.$$

As it happened with vertices (or extreme points) in a convex set, a convex cone may have directions which may not be expressed using other directions of the convex cone. These are referred to as extreme directions.

Extreme direction \vec{d} of a convex cone D

 $\vec{d} \in S$ is an extreme direction of D iff. for any two directions $d^1 \neq d^2 \in D$ so that $\vec{d} = \alpha d^1 + (1 - \alpha)d^2$, $0 < \alpha < 1$, either $\vec{d} = d^1$ or $\vec{d} = d^2$.

Characterization of vertices and extreme directions

Directions in a Polyhedron P

d is a feasible direction of the polyhedron P iff. $\forall x \in P$, $x + \mu d \in P, \forall \mu > 0$.

- Clearly, the existence of feasible directions in a Polyhedron implies its unboundedness.
- If they exist, the set of feasible directions D of a Polyhedron is a closed and convex Cone
- If $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b, x \ge 0\}$ (standard form), then its cone D of feasible directions must verify: $Ad = 0, d \ge 0$

Characterization of vertices and extreme directions

(Theorem 2.6.6 in Bazaraa's text) Characterization of Extreme directions of a Polyhedron using a canonical form of $Ax = b, x \ge 0$.

Assume that the canonical form (below) of the system $Ax = b, x \ge 0$ associated to a feasible basis B is known and that columns of A are reordered such that A = (B|N).

$$x_B + Yx_N = Y_0, Y = B^{-1}N$$

Then, the Polyhedron P has a non-null cone of feasible directions iff. for some feasible basis, the corresponding matrix Y of the canonical form has at least a non-positive column ℓ , $1 \le \ell \le n-m$. Furthermore, in that case, associated to the base B (and to the corresponding vertex of the Polyhedron), extreme directions are of the form:

$$\vec{d} = \left(\frac{-B^{-1}a_{j_{\ell}}}{e_{\ell}}\right) = \left(\frac{-Y_{\ell}}{e_{\ell}}\right), \text{ with } Y_{\ell} \leq 0, \ j_{\ell} \in I_{N}$$

Can you write the components of the extreme direction?

CANONICAL FORM OF Ax=b For the index set $I_B = \{1, 4, 5\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B x_B + N x_N = b$$

 $B^{-1}(B x_B + N x_N) = B^{-1}b$

$$x_R + B^{-1}N x_N = B^{-1}h$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_B + Y x_N = y_0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \frac{-2}{3} & 1 \\ \frac{-1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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L	0	0	1	-1/3	1	5

4. Relevant theorems

Minkowsky-Weyl's Representation Theorem for Polyhedrons

Theorem 2.6.7 in Bazaraa's text

Let $V=\{\hat{v}^1,...,\hat{v}^k\}$, the set of vertexes of a polyhedron P, $(k>0,i.e.,V\neq\emptyset)$, and let $D=\{\vec{d}^1,...,\vec{d}^q\}$ its (possibly empty) set of extreme directions $(q\geq 0)$.

Then P can be written in the form:

$$P = \operatorname{Hull}(V) \oplus \operatorname{Pos}(D) \; \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in P \Leftrightarrow x = \displaystyle \sum_{\ell=1}^k \lambda_\ell \hat{v}^\ell + \displaystyle \sum_{j=1}^q \mu_j \vec{d}^j \\ \\ (\displaystyle \sum_{\ell=1}^k \lambda_\ell = 1, \;\; \lambda_\ell \geq 0, \;\; \mu_j \geq 0 \;) \end{array} \right.$$

Results related to LP duality

Farkas-Minkowsky's lemma. Theorem 2.4.5 in Bazaraa's text

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ 1) and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Then, 1) is equivalent to 2)

Gale's theorem

Either 1) or 2) holds but not both:

- \bullet $A^{\top}u \leq c$ has a solution u.
- Ad = 0, $c^{\top}d = -1$, $d \ge 0$ has a solution d.

5. A worked example

5. Calculate the basic feasible solutions for the set of constraints:

$$x_{1} - x_{2} + x_{3} = 1$$

$$-x_{1} + \frac{1}{3}x_{2} + x_{4} = 1$$

$$-x_{1} + \frac{3}{3}x_{2} + x_{5} = 4$$

$$x_{i} \ge 0 \qquad (i = 1, \dots 5)$$

basis

starting from the
$$I_B = \{3,4,5\}.$$

$$I_2^+ = \{i_4 = 2, i_5 = 3\}$$

$$\hat{\varepsilon} = Min_{i \in I_2^+} \left\{ \frac{y_{i,0}}{y_{i,2}} \right\} = Min \left\{ \frac{1}{1/3} , \frac{4}{2/3} \right\} = \frac{1}{1/3} = 3 \Rightarrow i_p = 2 \Rightarrow p = 4$$

exiting variable x_4 .

New basis $I_B = \{3, 2, 5\}$

$$I_1^+ = \{i_5 = 3\}$$

$$\hat{\varepsilon} \, = \, Min_{\ i \, \in \, I_{1}^{+}} \, \, \left\{ \, \frac{y_{i,0}}{y_{i,2}} \, \right\} \, = \, Min \{ \, \frac{2}{1} \, \, \} \, = 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$I_B = \{3, 2, 1\}$$

	3	4	5	1	2	
9	1	-1	2	0	0	8
	0	-3	3	0	1	9
	\circ	Ω	1	1	0	0

$$x_1$$
 x_1
 x_2
 x_2
 x_3
 x_2

$$d^{\top} = (d_3, d_2, d_1, d_4, d_5) = (1, 3, 2, 1, 0)$$

Could you apply Minkowsky-Weyl's theorem ?

1	2	3	4	5				1	2	3	4	5	
1	-1	1	0	0	1	Enters $x_1 \Rightarrow Exits$	$x_2 \Rightarrow$	1	-1	1	0	0	1
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-1	2/3	0	0	1	4			0	-1/3	1	0	1	5

$$d^{\top} = (d_1, d_4, d_5, d_2, d_3) = (1, 2/3, 1/3, 1, 0)$$

