

Mathematical Optimization. Problem Set 2. (Chen x)

Problem 1.

(a). The closest distance from Ball to hyperplane is.

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$$d = \frac{|\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{y} - b_i|}{\|\mathbf{a}_i\|_2} - r.$$

$$\text{Because } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{b}.$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{-\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{y} + b_i}{\|\mathbf{a}_i\|_2} - r.$$

The LP problem is then.

$$\max \quad \mathbf{r}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \frac{\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{a}_i\|_2} + \mathbf{r} \leq \frac{b_i}{\|\mathbf{a}_i\|_2},$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{r} \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Let } \tilde{\mathbf{r}} = (\mathbf{y}^T, \mathbf{r}^T)^T, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i = (\mathbf{a}_{i1}, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{in}, \|\mathbf{a}_i\|_2), \quad \mathbf{C} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0}, 1)}_n^T$$

We can rewrite LP problem:

$$\max \quad \mathbf{C}^T \tilde{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \leq \mathbf{b}.$$

This is a standard LP problem. There exist solution as assumed.

(b) No. if P is unbounded, and the \mathbf{c} is in the unbounded direction there is possibilities that solution is unbounded.

If we choose $r=0$, then $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y}$.

So the solution always exists if P itself has element inside ($P \neq \emptyset$).

Problem 2.

(a) Because $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ have full column rank. $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n)$

i.e., $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ are linearly independent.

The distance from the line $L(v, w)$ to a hyperplane $\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x} = b_i$ is.

$$d_{L,\lambda} = \frac{\mathbf{a}_i^T (v + \lambda w) - b_i}{\|\mathbf{a}_i\|_2} = \frac{(\mathbf{a}_i^T w) \cdot \lambda + \mathbf{a}_i^T v - b_i}{\|\mathbf{a}_i\|_2},$$

1) If $\mathbf{a}_i^T w \neq 0$. We have some part off the line: $d_{L,\lambda} > 0$ and the rest $d_{L,\lambda} < 0$

and an intersection with $d_{L,\lambda}=0$, where $\lambda = \frac{-\mathbf{a}_i^T v + b_i}{\mathbf{a}_i^T w}$

in this case. $L(v, w) \not\subseteq P$. as there always some points (∞) which doesn't satisfy $\mathbf{a}_i^T x \leq b_i$ $\forall i \in [k]$.

2) If $\mathbf{a}_i^T w = 0$, the $d_{L,\lambda}$ is fixed for certain hyperplane. We show that at least one hyperplane will intersect with $L(\lambda, w)$ ($\lambda \geq 0$). Otherwise,

there exists two hyperplane whose distances are fixed. say we denote
 these two hyperplane as $a_j^T x = b_j$, $a_k^T x = b_k$.
 they both have,

$$a_j^T w = 0, \quad a_k^T w = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_j - a_k)^T w = 0$$

Continued,

for all $i=1, 2, \dots, n$. we have $a_i^T w = 0$.

Because a_i are linearly independent. so $\text{Span}\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} = \mathbb{R}^n$.

If $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. we can find a combination $\{p_i\}$

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i$$

Let $x = W \in \mathbb{R}^n \neq 0$, assume $w = \sum_{i=1}^n 2i a_i$

$$\|w\|_2 = w^T w = \sum_{i=1}^n 2i a_i^T w = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow w = 0$. which is impossible.

so. we have at least one i , s.t. $a_i^T w \neq 0$. \square

(b). If P is empty, apparently it has no vertex.

If P is not empty, we show that P has at least one vertex.

Because a_i are linearly independent, there is no parallel hyperplanes.

Assume two hyperplane $a_i^T x = b_i$, $a_j^T x = b_j$ has an intersection.

The intersection of two hyperplanes is a line. $(*)$???

According to results from (a), there exists a hyperplane which intersects with this line. Then we get the intersection of this line with the third hyperplane, and it's a point y .

So y is the unique solution to $\bar{A}x = b$. where $\bar{A} = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]$

So y is a vertex of P

Problem 3.

(a). If $\dim(P) = 0$, then P is a point.
then P contains only single points.

Because $\gamma := \sup\{C^T x : x \in P\}$ is finite, we can specify the exact $x^* \in P$.
So that $C^T x^* = \gamma$. \square

(b) If $\text{ker}(A) \neq \{0\}$, i.e. $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq 0, Ax = 0$ $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$.

Then we show that if a $(\dim(P)-1)$ -dimensional polyhedron satisfied the statement, then so does the $\dim(P)$ -dimensional polyhedron.

for $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we can find a basis $\{e_i\}$.

Because $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq 0, Ax = 0$. take $e_i^* = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$, and the ~~then~~
then extend to $\{e_i^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\} = \mathbb{R}^n$

so for $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the representation can be expressed.

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_i$$

Let $B = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* \mid x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_i, x \in P \right\}$.

We have

$$B = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* \mid x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_i, Ax \leq b \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* \mid x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_i, A(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_i) \leq b \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i^* \mid x = \gamma e_i^* + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_i, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}, A(\sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_i) \leq b \right\}$$

We can construct $B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

~~$\therefore \forall x \in P \quad Bx = B_0 x$~~

So the first dimension of x is unrestricted, which means.

P is actually a

so the first axis is undecided. Because $C^T x$ has sup.

$\sup(C^T x : x \in P)$ exists.

$\therefore \sup(C^T(\gamma e_i^* + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_i), x \in P)$ exists.

and e_i^* won't make any difference. So we can eliminate γe_i^* ,
neglect

(c) And to solve the $(\dim(P)-1)$ problem \square

Starting from $y^{(1)}$, according to claim, we can find a $y^{(2)}$ that $C^T y^{(2)} \geq C^T c y^{(1)}$.

And so on, we can find a sequence $\{y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, \dots, y^{(n)}\}$ where

$y^{(1)} \leq y^{(2)} \leq \dots \leq y^{(n)}$. (Here for simplicity, we use $y^{(i)} \leq y^{(j)}$ to denote $C^T y^{(i)} \leq C^T y^{(j)}$)

~~and $C^T y$ is bounded~~ & Because P is a closed set, so the sequence $\{y^{(i)}\}$ converges to some point x^* and $x^* \in P$. \square

(d) Start with a point $y \in P$, we consider the y -tight constraints in the system $Ax \leq b$, $\tilde{A}x \leq \tilde{b}$.

If the subsystem $\tilde{A}x \leq \tilde{b}$ is full-rank, then ~~from (c)~~

then we can solve $\tilde{y} = \tilde{A}^{-1} \tilde{b} \in P$.

the unique solution exists. So it's vertex/extreme point