

1. Q 4.11(a,c,e) textbook  
 (a) Minimize  $\|Ax - b\|_\infty$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \max_i |(Ax - b)_i| \\ \text{let } t = & \max_i |(Ax - b)_i| \\ & \min_{x,t} t, \text{ subject to :} \\ & |(Ax - b)_i| \leq t, \forall i \end{aligned}$$

LP Formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} & x \in R^n, t \in R \\ & \min_{x,t} t, \text{ subject to :} \\ & A_{i,:}x - t \leq b_i, \forall i \\ & -A_{i,:}x - t \leq -b_i, \forall i \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Minimize  $\|Ax - b\|_1, \|x\|_\infty \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_x \sum_i |(Ax - b)_i|, \text{ subject to :} \\ & |x_i| \leq 1, \forall i \\ & \text{let } t_i = |(Ax - b)_i| \\ & \min_{x,t} \sum_i t_i, \text{ subject to :} \\ & |(Ax - b)_i| \leq t_i, \forall i \\ & |x_i| \leq 1, \forall i \end{aligned}$$

LP Formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} & x \in R^n, t \in R^n \\ & \min_{x,t} 1^T t, \text{ subject to :} \\ & A_{i,:}x - t_i \leq b_i \\ & -A_{i,:}x - t_i \leq -b_i \\ & x_i \leq 1, \forall i \\ & -x_i \leq 1, \forall i \end{aligned}$$

(e) Minimize  $\|Ax - b\|_1 + \|x\|_\infty$

$$\text{let } t_i = |Ax - b|_i$$

$$\text{let } v = \max |x_i|$$

$$\min_{t,v,x} \sum_i t_i + v, \text{ subject to :}$$

$$|x_i| \leq v, \forall i$$

$$|Ax - b|_i \leq t_i, \forall i$$

LP formulation:

$$x, t \in R^n, v \in R$$

$$\min_{t,v,x} 1^T t + v, \text{ subject to :}$$

$$x_i - v \leq 0, \forall i$$

$$-x_i - v \leq 0, \forall i$$

$$A_{i,:}x - t_i \leq +b_i, \forall i$$

$$-A_{i,:}x - t_i \leq -b_i, \forall i$$

## 2. Q 4.16 textbook

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &\in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in \{0, \dots, N\} \\
 u(t) &\in \mathbb{R}, t \in \{0, \dots, N\} \\
 x(t+1) &= Ax(t) + bu(t), t \in \{0, \dots, N\}
 \end{aligned}$$

given :

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$b \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x(0) = 0$$

problem :

$$\min_u \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} f(u(t)), \text{ subject to :}$$

$$X(N) = x_{des}$$

$$f(a) = \begin{cases} |a|, & |a| \leq 1 \\ 2|a| - 1, & |a| > 1 \end{cases}$$

expanding  $x(t)$ :

$$x(0) = 0$$

$$x(1) = Ax(0) + bu(0) = bu(0)$$

$$x(2) = Ax(1) + bu(1) = A(bu(0)) + bu(1)$$

$$x(i) = A^{i-1}bu(0) + A^{i-2}bu(1) + \dots + A^0bu(i-1) = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} A^jbu(i-1-j)$$

$$x(i) = \begin{bmatrix} A^{i-1}b & A^{i-2}b & \dots & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ \vdots \\ u(i-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_{des} = x(N) = \begin{bmatrix} A^{N-1}b & A^{N-2}b & \dots & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ \vdots \\ u(N-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } v_t = |f(x(t))|$$

$$v_t = \max\{|u(t)|, 2|u(t)| - 1\}$$

$$v_t \geq |u(t)|$$

$$v_t \geq 2|u(t)| - 1$$

$$v_t \geq u_t$$

$$v_t \geq -u_t$$

$$v_t \geq 2u_t - 1$$

$$v_t \geq -2u_t - 1$$

LP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & v_{0,..,N-1}, u_{0,..,N-1} \in \mathbb{R}^N \\
 & \min_{v,u} 1^T v, \text{ subject to :} \\
 & \quad -v_t + u_t \leq 0, \forall t \in 0, \dots, N-1 \\
 & \quad -v_t - u_t \leq 0, \forall t \in 0, \dots, N-1 \\
 & \quad -v_t + 2u_t \leq 1, \forall t \in 0, \dots, N-1 \\
 & \quad -v_t - 2u_t \leq 1, \forall t \in 0, \dots, N-1 \\
 & \quad [A^{N-1}b \quad A^{N-2}b \quad \dots \quad b] \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} = x_{des}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Q 4.21(a) textbook

Find explicit solution for the QCQP:

minimize  $c^T x$ , subject to:

$$x^T A x \leq 1$$

$$A \in S_{++}^n, c \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^T A x &= x^T A^{1/2} A^{1/2} x = (A^{1/2} x)^T A^{1/2} x = \|A^{1/2} x\|_2^2 \\
 \|A^{1/2} x\|_2^2 &\leq 1 \\
 \text{let } y &= A^{1/2} x \\
 x &= A^{-1/2} y \\
 c^T x &= c^T A^{-1/2} y \\
 \text{let } b^T &= c^T A^{-1/2} \\
 \min b^T y &\text{ subject to :} \\
 \|y\|_2^2 &\leq 1 \\
 \min b^T y &= \frac{-b^T b}{\|b\|}, \alpha = \max \|y\|_2 = 1 \\
 y^* &= \frac{-b}{\|b\|} \\
 x^* &= A^{-1/2} y^* = A^{-1/2} \frac{-b}{\|b\|} \\
 &= A^{-1/2} \frac{-(c^T A^{-1/2})^T}{\|(c^T A^{-1/2})^T\|} \\
 &= \frac{-A^{-1/2} A^{-1/2} c}{\|A^{-1/2} c\|} = \frac{-A^{-1} c}{(c^T A^{-1} c)^{1/2}} \\
 c^T x^* &= \frac{-c^T A^{-1} c}{(c^T A^{-1} c)^{1/2}} \\
 c^T x^* &= -(c^T A^{-1} c)^{1/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

## 4. Q 4.25 textbook

$$\varepsilon_i = \{P_i u + q_i : \|u\|_2 \leq 1\}, i = 1, \dots, K + L, P_i \in S^n$$

Find a feasible hyperplane strictly separating  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_K$  from  $\varepsilon_{K+1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{K+L}$ .

$$a^T x + b > 0, x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^K \varepsilon_i$$

$$a^T x + b < 0, x \in \bigcup_{i=K+1}^{K+L} \varepsilon_i$$

let  $\epsilon > 0$ , a constant for strict separation

relax inequalities to:

$$a^T x + b \leq -\epsilon, x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^K \varepsilon_i$$

$$a^T x + b \geq \epsilon, x \in \bigcup_{i=K+1}^{K+L} \varepsilon_i$$

$$a^T(P_i u + q_i) + b \leq -\epsilon, \|u\|_2 \leq 1, i \in \{1, \dots, K\} \text{ becomes}$$

$$\sup_{\|u\|_2 \leq 1} a^T P_i u + a^T q_i + b \leq -\epsilon, i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

$$\sup_{\|u\|_2 \leq 1} a^T P_i u = \frac{a^T P_i (a^T P_i)^T}{\|a^T P_i\|_2} = \|a^T P_i\|_2$$

$$\|a^T P_i\|_2 + a^T q_i + b \leq -\epsilon, i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

$$\|a^T P_i\|_2 \leq -a^T q_i - b - \epsilon, i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

$$a^T(P_i u + q_i) + b \geq \epsilon, \|u\|_2 \leq 1, i = \{K + 1, \dots, K + L\} \text{ becomes}$$

$$\inf_{\|u\|_2 \leq 1} a^T P_i u + a^T q_i + b \geq \epsilon, i = \{K + 1, \dots, K + L\}$$

$$\inf_{\|u\|_2 \leq 1} a^T P_i u = \frac{a^T P_i (-a^T P_i)^T}{\|a^T P_i\|_2} = -\|a^T P_i\|_2$$

$$-\|a^T P_i\|_2 + a^T q_i + b \geq \epsilon, i = \{K + 1, \dots, K + L\}$$

$$\|a^T P_i\|_2 \leq a^T q_i + b - \epsilon, i = \{K + 1, \dots, K + L\}$$

Second Order Cone Programming formulation:

$$\min_{a, b} 0$$

$$\|a^T P_i\|_2 \leq -q_i^T a - b - \epsilon, i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

$$\|a^T P_i\|_2 \leq q_i^T a + b - \epsilon, i \in \{K + 1, \dots, K + L\}$$

where  $\epsilon > 0$

5. Q 4.30 textbook

Express as Geometric Programming:

$$\begin{aligned}
& T \in [T_{min}, T_{max}], T_{min}, T_{max} > 0 \\
& r \in [r_{min}, r_{max}], r_{min}, r_{max} > 0 \\
& w \in [w_{min}, w_{max}], w_{min}, w_{max} > 0 \\
& w \leq 0.1r \\
& T > 0, r > 0, w > 0, c_{max} > 0 \\
& \max \alpha_4 T r^2, \text{ subject to :} \\
& \alpha_1 \frac{T r}{w} + \alpha_2 r + \alpha_3 r w \leq c_{max} \\
& \alpha_i > 0, \forall i \\
& \max \alpha_4 T r^2 = \min \frac{1}{\alpha_4 T r^2} = \min \frac{1}{\alpha_4} T^{-1} r^{-2} \\
& \frac{\alpha_1}{c_{max}} T r w^{-1} + \frac{\alpha_2}{c_{max}} r + \frac{\alpha_3}{c_{max}} r w \leq 1 \\
& T \leq T_{max} \iff \frac{T}{T_{max}} \leq 1 \\
& T \geq T_{min} \iff \frac{T_{min}}{T} \leq 1 \\
& r \leq r_{max} \iff \frac{r}{r_{max}} \leq 1 \\
& r \geq r_{min} \iff \frac{r_{min}}{r} \leq 1 \\
& w \leq w_{max} \iff \frac{w}{w_{max}} \leq 1 \\
& w \geq w_{min} \iff \frac{w_{min}}{w} \leq 1 \\
& w \leq 0.1r \iff \frac{10w}{r} \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

GP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{T, r, w} \frac{1}{\alpha_4} T^{-1} r^{-2}, \text{ subject to :} \\
& \frac{T}{T_{max}} \leq 1, \frac{T_{min}}{T} \leq 1 \\
& \frac{r}{r_{max}} \leq 1, \frac{r_{min}}{r} \leq 1 \\
& \frac{w}{w_{max}} \leq 1, \frac{w_{min}}{w} \leq 1 \\
& \frac{10w}{r} \leq 1 \\
& \frac{\alpha_1}{c_{max}} T r w^{-1} + \frac{\alpha_2}{c_{max}} r + \frac{\alpha_3}{c_{max}} r w \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

6. Q 4.43(a-b) textbook

$$A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^m, A(x) = A_0 + x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n$$

Let  $\lambda_1(x) \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m(x)$  denote the eigenvalues of  $A(x)$ .

Formulate problems as SDP.

- (a) Minimize the maximum eigenvalue  
SDP formulation:

$$\min_{a,x} a, \text{ subject to :}$$

$$A(x) \leq_{\mathbb{S}_+^m} aI$$

- (b) Minimize the spread of the eigenvalues

$$\text{let } t = \lambda_1(x) - \lambda_m(x)$$

$$\min_{t,x,a,b} t, \text{ subject to :}$$

$$A(x) \leq_{\mathbb{S}_+^m} bI$$

$$A(x) \geq_{\mathbb{S}_+^m} aI$$

$$t - b + a = 0$$

7. Formulate  $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, z \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{m=1}^M \max(a_m^T x, z) + \tau \|x\|_2^2$  as LP/QP/SOCP/SDP.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{let } t_m = \max(a_m^T x, z) \\ & \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, z \in \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}^m} 1_{m \times 1}^T t_m + \tau \|x\|_2^2, \text{ subject to :} \\ & a_m^T x \leq t_m, \forall m \\ & z \leq t_m, \forall m \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic Programming formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} X & \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n+1} = [t_{1:m}, x_{1:n}, z] \\ \min_X X^T & \begin{bmatrix} 0_{m \times (m+n+1)} \\ 0_{n \times m} & \tau I_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times 1} \\ 0_{m \times (m+n+1)} \end{bmatrix} X + [1_{1 \times m} \ 0_{1 \times (n+1)}] X, \text{ subject to :} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} -I_{m \times m} & A & 0_{m \times 1} \\ -I_{m \times m} & 0_{m \times 5} & 1_{m \times 1} \end{bmatrix} X \leq 0_{2m \times 1}, A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



## 8. Portfolio Design

$$\begin{aligned}
E[x^T p] &= \bar{x}^T p \\
E[(x^T p - \bar{x}^T p)(x^T p - \bar{x}^T p)^T] &= E[(p^T (x - \bar{x}))(p^T (x - \bar{x}))^T] \\
&= p^T E[(x - \bar{x})(x - \bar{x})^T] p \\
&= p^T \Sigma p
\end{aligned}$$

Quadratic Programming formulation:

$$\min_p p^T \Sigma p, \text{ subject to :}$$

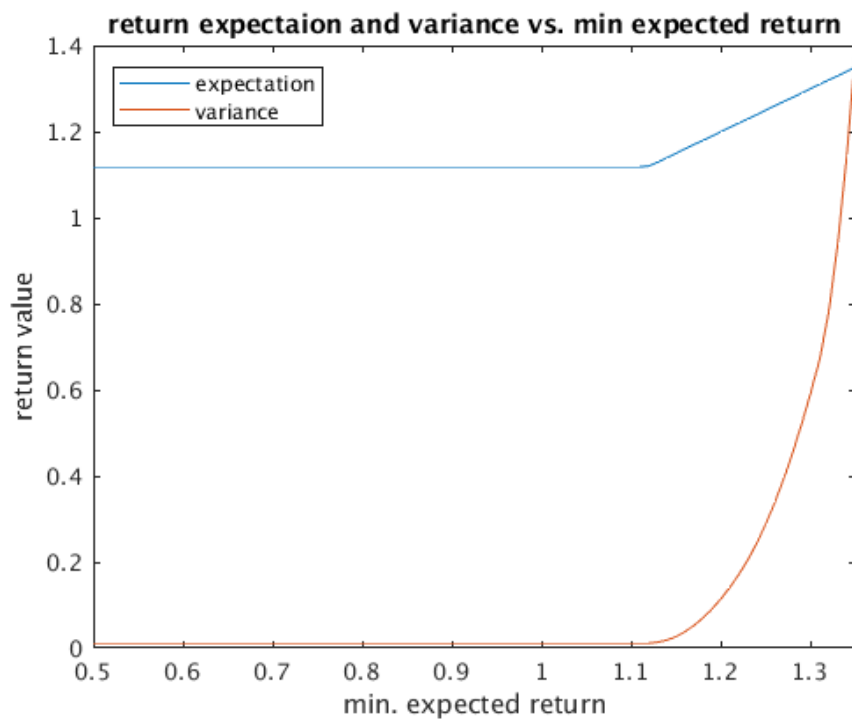
$$1^T p = 1$$

$$-x^T p \leq -r$$

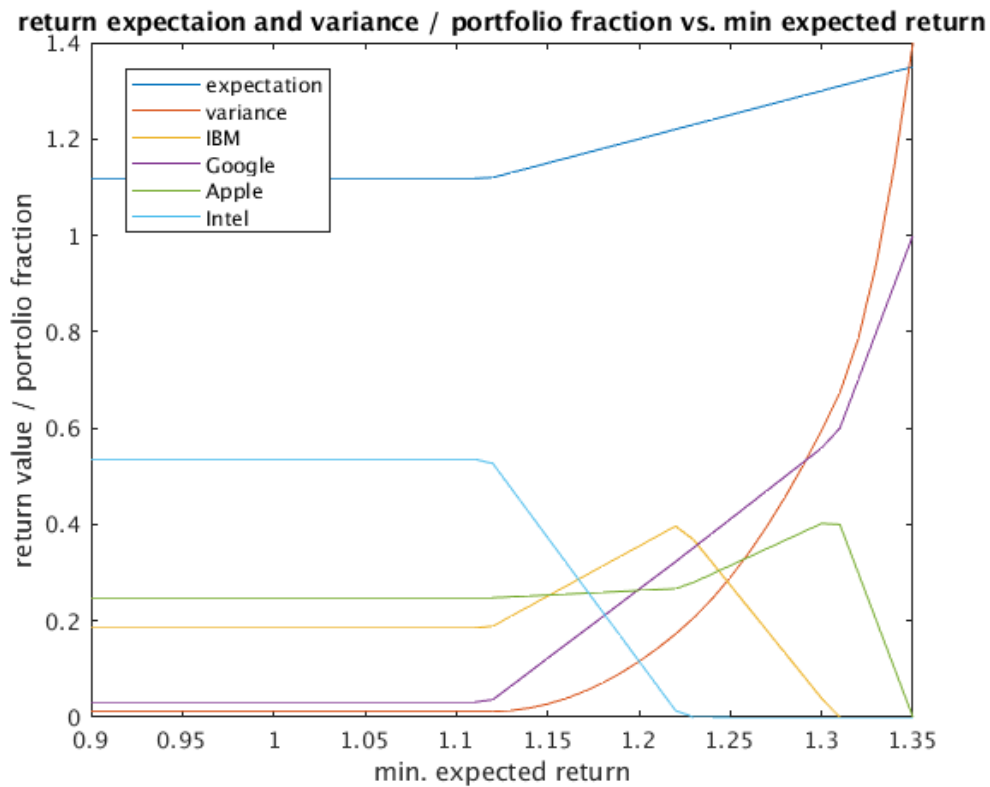
$$\text{Diag}(1_{4 \times 1}) p \leq 1$$

$$-\text{Diag}(1_{4 \times 1}) p \leq 0$$

Solving for a range of  $r$  yields:



Portfolio for a range of  $r$ :



Solver:

```
function [rs, s] = solve()
    x = [1.1, 1.35, 1.25, 1.05];
    H = [ 0.2 -0.2 -0.12 0.02;...
          -0.2 1.4 0.02 0.0;...
          -0.12 0.02 1 -0.4;...
          0.02 0 -0.4 0.2];

    Aeq = ones(1,4);
    beq = 1;
    A = -x;
    rs = 0.5:0.01:1.35
    lb = zeros(4,1);
    ub = ones(4,1);
    s = arrayfun(@(b) quadprog(H, [], A, -b, Aeq, beq, lb, ub), rs, ...
        'UniformOutput', false);
end
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[rs, ret] = solve();

ps = cell2mat(ret)';
x = [1.1, 1.35, 1.25, 1.05]';
H = [ 0.2 -0.2 -0.12 0.02;...
      -0.2 1.4 0.02 0.0;...
      -0.12 0.02 1 -0.4;...
      0.02 0 -0.4 0.2];
ms = ps * x;
vs = diag(ps * H * ps');

plot(rs,ms);
hold on;
plot(rs,vs);
title('return expectaion and variance vs. min expected return');
legend('expectation','variance');
xlabel('min. expected return');
ylabel('return value');
hold off;

%% additional plot for part b
plot(rs,ms);
hold on;
plot(rs,vs);
title('return expectaion and variance / portfolio fraction vs. min expected return');
xlabel('min. expected return');
ylabel('return value / portolio fraction');
plot(rs,ps(:,1));
plot(rs,ps(:,2));
plot(rs,ps(:,3));
plot(rs,ps(:,4));
legend('expectation','variance', 'IBM', 'Google', 'Apple', 'Intel');
hold off;

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## 9. Optimal Control of a Unit Mass

- a) given:

$$x(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 0$$

$$f(t) = p_i, i - 1 < t \leq i, i = 1, \dots, 10$$

$$x(10) = 1$$

$$\dot{x}(10) = 0$$

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{i=1}^{10} p_i^2$$

$$\text{let } v = \dot{x}$$

$$v(i) = v(0) + \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{f(j)}{m} = v(0) + \sum_{j=1}^i p_j, m = 1$$

$$v(i) = \sum_{j=1}^i p_j = 1^T p, p \in \mathbb{R}^i$$

$$v(1) = p_1$$

$$v(2) = p_1 + p_2$$

...

$$v(10) = 1^T p = v_{des} = 0,$$

$$x(i) = x(0) + \sum_{j=0}^i v(j)$$

$$x(i) = \sum_{j=1}^i v(j) = 1^T v, v \in \mathbb{R}^i$$

$$x(i) = \sum_{j=1}^i \sum_{k=1}^j p_k$$

$$x(i) = \sum_{j=1}^i (i - j + 1) p_j$$

$$x(1) = p_1$$

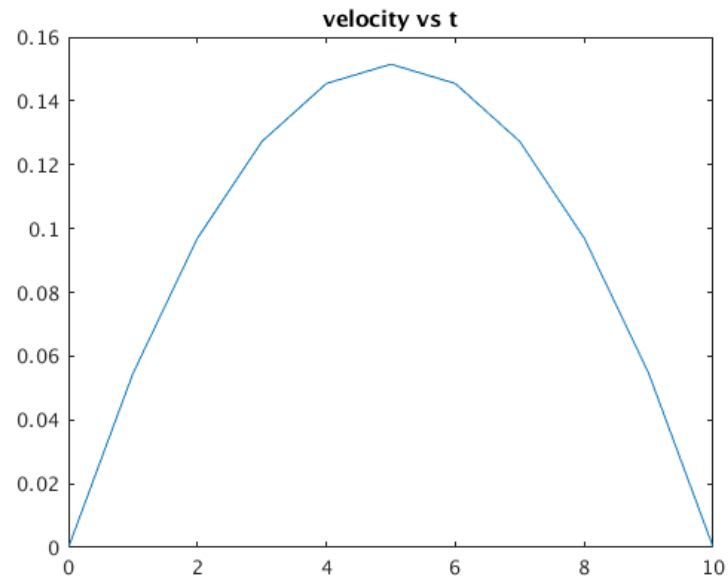
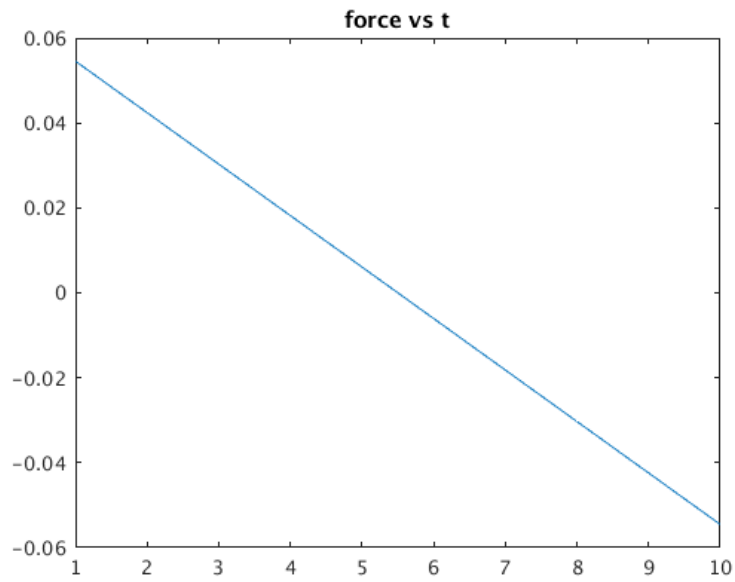
$$x(2) = 2p_1 + 1p_2$$

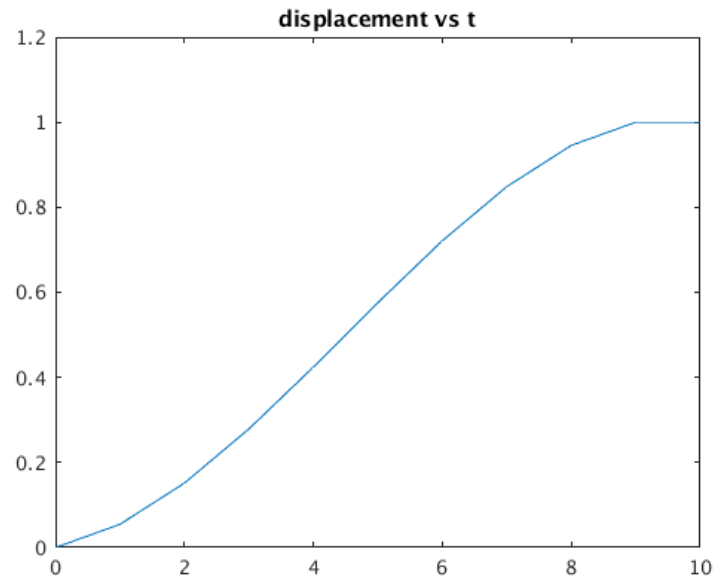
$$x(10) = 10p_1 + 9p_2 + \dots + 1p_{10}$$

QP formulation:

$$\min_f f^T I f, \text{ subject to :}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 9 & \dots & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





Optimal strategy in this case is to apply a smooth symmetrical force around  $t = 5$ , so that velocity is always non-negative and displacement is always towards the destination.

Solver:

```
H = diag(ones(10,1))
f = []
A = []
b = []
Aeq = [ones(1,10); 10:-1:1]
beq = [0;1]
f = quadprog(H,f,A,b,Aeq,beq)
```

```
plot(1:10,f)
title('force vs t')
```

```
v = zeros(11,1)
for i=2:1:11
    v(i) = v(i-1) + f(i-1)
end
```

```
plot(0:1:10,v)
title('velocity vs t')
```

```
x = zeros(11,1)
for i=1:1:11
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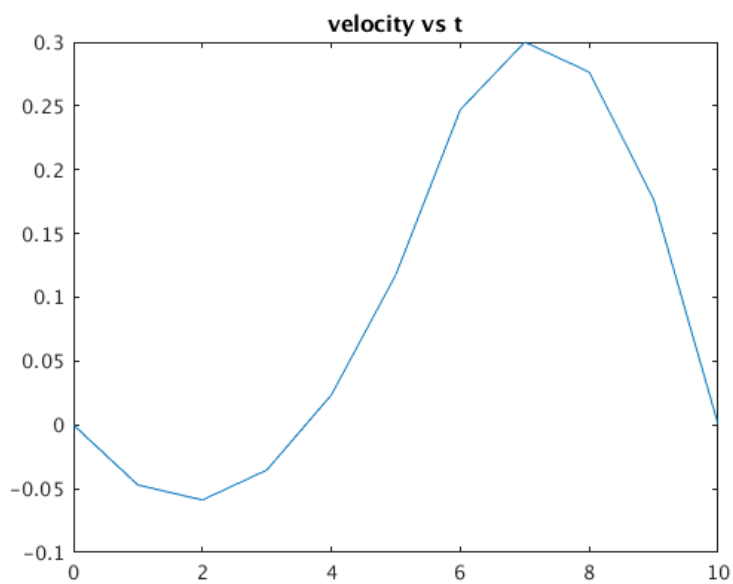
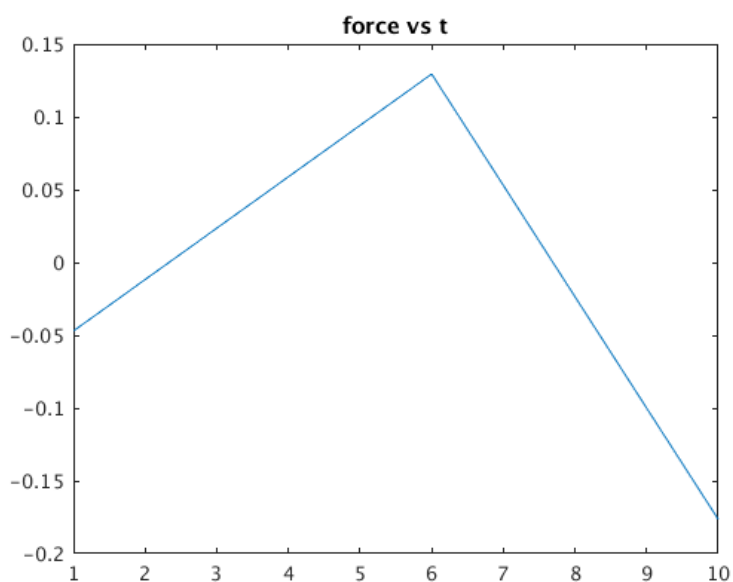
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        if i > 1
            x(i) = x(i-1) + v(i)
        else
            x(i) = v(i)
        end
    end

    plot(0:1:10,x)
    title('displacement vs t')
```

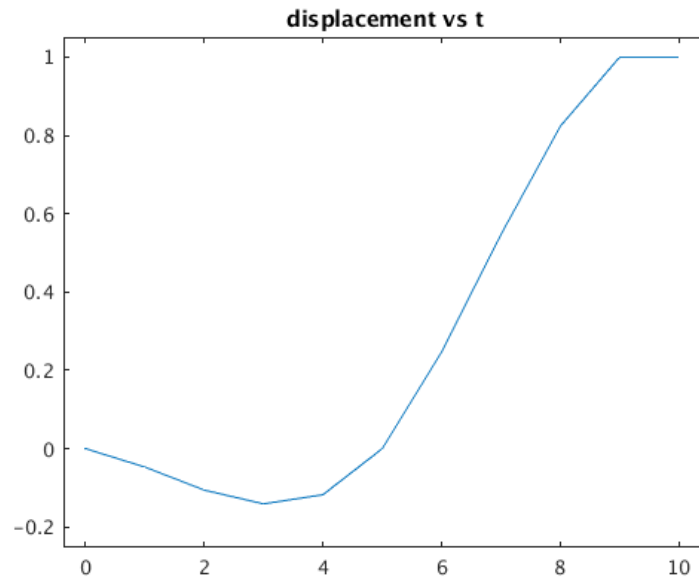
- b) additional constraint:  $x(5) = 0$

$$\min_f f^T I f, \text{ subject to :}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & 1^T & & & & \\ 10 & 9 & .. & & & & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & .. & 0 \end{bmatrix} f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$







Optimal strategy in this case is to reverse direction and then go forward again to gain enough velocity timed so that the displacement at  $t=5$  is 0.

Solver:

```
H = diag(ones(10,1))
f = []
A = []
b = []
Aeq = [ones(1,10); 10:-1:1; 5 4 3 2 1 0 0 0 0 0]
beq = [0;1;0]
f = quadprog(H,f,A,b,Aeq,beq)
```

```
plot(1:10,f)
title('force vs t')
v = zeros(11,1)
for i=2:1:11
    v(i) = v(i-1) + f(i-1)
end
plot(0:1:10,v)
title('velocity vs t')
```

```
x = zeros(11,1)
for i=1:1:11
    if i > 1
        x(i) = x(i-1) + v(i)
    else
        x(i) = 0
    end
end
```

```
        x(i) = v(i)
    end
end
plot(0:1:10,x)
title('displacement vs t')
```