

Lec. 11 (10/27/2022)

Convex Optimization Problems

Standard form:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f(x) \\ x \in & \mathcal{X} \end{aligned}$$

We say the above standard form is a convex optimization problem if and only if (iff)

- The objective $f(\cdot)$ is a convex function
- The feasible set \mathcal{X} is a convex set

Some standard convex optimization problems :
(standard forms)

Linear program (LP)

Quadratic program (QP)

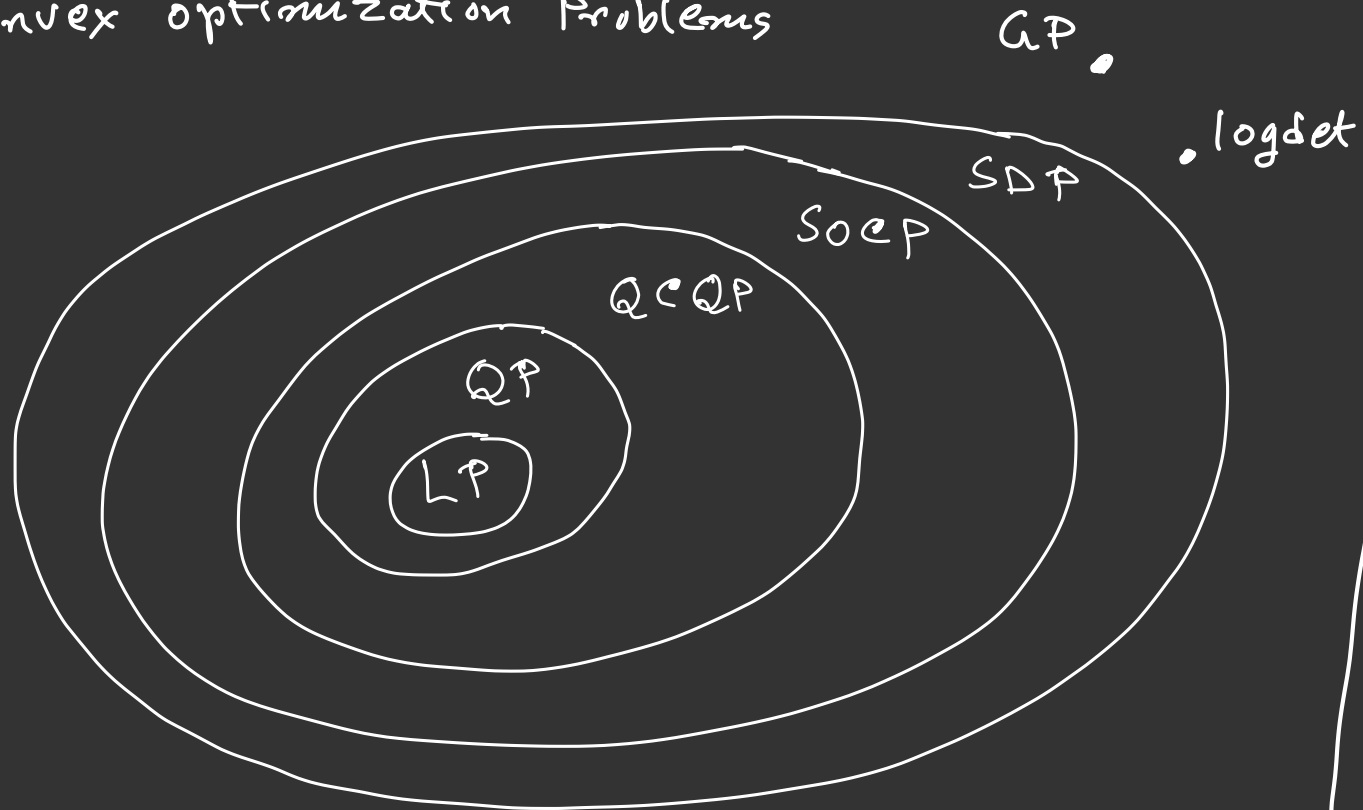
Quadratically constrained quadratic program
(QCQP)

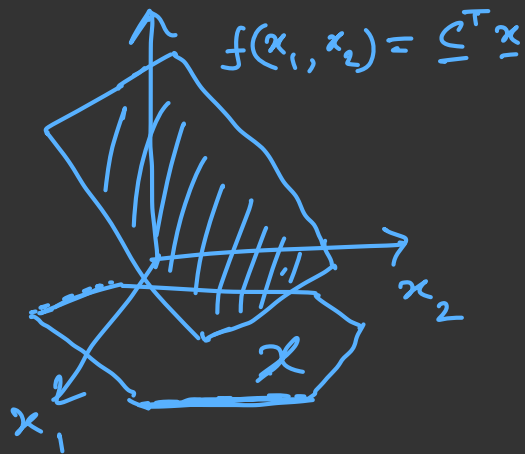
Second order cone program (SOCP)

Semidefinite program (SDP)

Geometric program (GP), det/logdet maximization
(logdet)

Convex optimization Problems





Linear Program (LP)

$$\min \underbrace{\langle \underline{c}, \underline{x} \rangle}_{\text{vector inner product } \underline{c}^T \underline{x}}$$

$$\text{s.t. } A \underline{x} \leq \underline{b}$$

(elementwise vector inequalities)

- Objective function : $f(\underline{x}) = \underbrace{\langle \underline{c}, \underline{x} \rangle}_{\text{linear function in } \underline{x}}$

- Constraint set : $X = \text{Polyhedron}$ (intersection of finite number of linear inequalities and equalities)
- halfspaces
hyperplanes

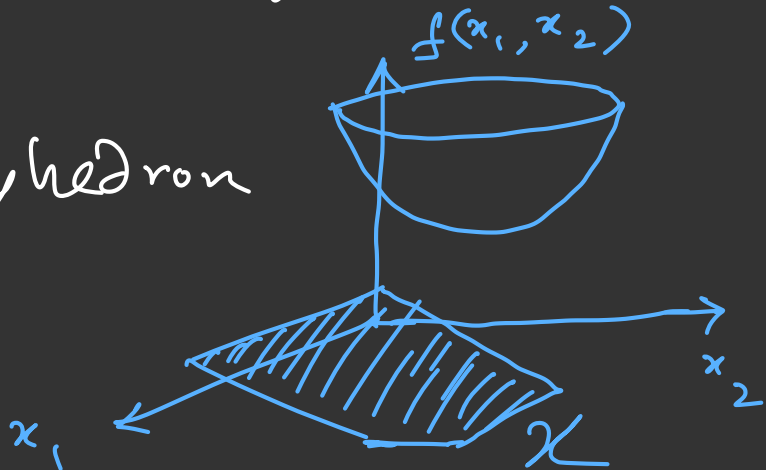
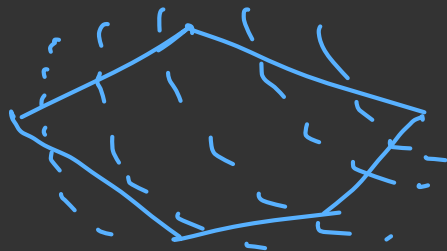
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Quadratic Program (QP)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} & \frac{1}{2} \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} + \langle \underline{b}, \underline{x} \rangle + c \\ \text{s.t.} & P \underline{x} \leq \underline{q} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{where} \\ A \in S_+^n \\ \Leftrightarrow A \succcurlyeq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

- Objective: $f(\underline{x})$ is a convex quadratic function

- Constraint set: $\mathcal{X} = \text{Polyhedron}$



Quadratically Constrained (QCQP) Quadratic Program

$$\min_{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} + \langle \underline{b}, \underline{x} \rangle + c, \quad A \succeq 0$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \frac{1}{2} \underline{x}^T M_i \underline{x} + \langle \underline{n}_i, \underline{x} \rangle + r_i \leq 0 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, m$$

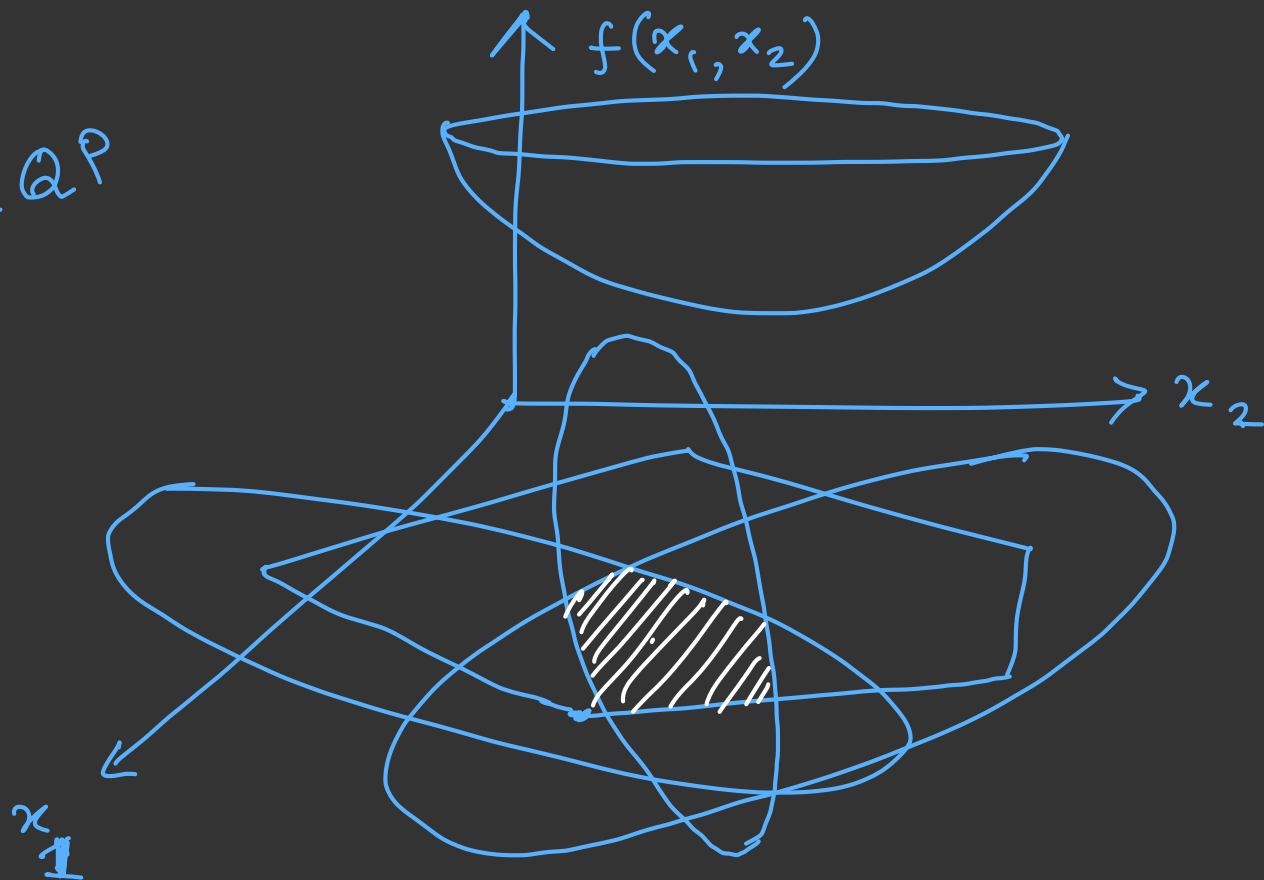
$$\text{where } M_i \succeq 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$P \underline{x} \leq \underline{q}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M_i \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^n$$

- Objective function: $f(\underline{x})$ is a convex quadratic function
- Constraint set: \mathcal{X} = Intersection of m ellipsoids with polyhedron

QCQP



Second Order Cone Programs (SOCP)

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \langle \underline{f}, \underline{x} \rangle \quad \left(\text{Sometimes can consider} \right. \\ & \left. \text{convex quadratic in the objective} \right) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|A_i \underline{x} + \underline{b}_i\|_2 \leq \langle \underline{c}_i, \underline{x} \rangle + d_i \\ & \forall i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

$$F \underline{x} \preceq \underline{g} \quad \text{where } A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i \times n}$$

$$F \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$$

• Objective function: linear

• Constraint set: \mathcal{K} = Intersection of polyhedron with ...

second order cone

where $(A_i \underline{x} + \underline{b}_i, \langle \underline{c}_i, \underline{x} \rangle + d_i)$ $n_i + 1$
defines the i^{th} second order cone in \mathbb{R}

Lec. 5 (p. 14)

Lec. 6 (p. 1)

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- If $A_i = 0 \ \forall i=1, \dots, m$, then $\text{SOCP} \rightsquigarrow \text{LP}$
 - If $\underline{c}_i = 0 \ \forall i=1, \dots, m$ then $\text{SOCP} \rightsquigarrow \text{QCP}$

Semidefinite Programs (SDP)

Two different standard forms

Form (*) :

$$\min \operatorname{tr}(C^T X)$$

$$X \succeq 0$$

$$\text{s.t. } \operatorname{tr}(A_k^T X) \leq b_k$$

$$\forall k=1, \dots, m$$

$$\min \langle C, X \rangle$$

$$X \succeq 0$$

$$\text{s.t. } \langle A_k, X \rangle \leq b_k$$

$$\forall k=1, \dots, m$$

Looks like LP

- Objective function : linear
- Constraint set : \mathcal{X} is intersection of pos. semi definite cone with half spaces and hyperplanes
affine slice of pos. semi definite cone