

# optimizer

**optimizer** Container for optimization problem

`OPT = optimizer(Constraints,Objective,options,x,u)` exports an object that contains precompiled numerical data to be solved for varying arguments `x`, returning the optimal value of the expression `u`.

**optimizer** typically only works efficiently if the varying data `x` enters the optimization problem affinely. If not, the precompiled problems will be nonconvex, despite the problem being simple for a fixed value of the parameter (see Wiki for beta support of a much more general optimizer)

In principle, if an optimization problem has a parameter `x`, and we repeatedly want to solve the problem for varying `x` to compute a variable `u`, we can, instead of repeatedly constructing optimization problems for fixed values of `x`, introduce a symbolic `x`, and then simply add an equality

```
solvesdp([Constraints,x == value],Objective);
uopt = double(u)
```

There will still be overhead from the `SOLVESDP` call, so we can precompile the whole structure, and let `YALMIP` handle the addition of the equality constraint for the fixed value, and automatically extract the solution variables we are interested in

```
OPT = optimizer(Constraints,Objective,options,x,u)
uopt1 = OPT{value1}
uopt2 = OPT{value2}
uopt3 = OPT{value3}
```

By default, display is turned off (since `optimizer` is used in situations where many problems are solved repeatedly. To turn on display, set the `verbose` option in `sdpssetting` to 2.

## Example

The following problem creates an LP with varying upper and lower bounds on the decision variable.

The optimizing argument is obtained by indexing (with `{}`) the optimizer object with the point of interest. The argument should be a column vector (if the argument has a width larger than 1, `YALMIP` assumes that the optimal solution should be computed in several points)

```
A = randn(10,3);
b = rand(10,1)*19;
c = randn(3,1);

z = sdpvar(3,1);
sdpvar UB LB

Constraints = [A*z <= b, LB <= z <= UB];
Objective = c'*z
% We want the optimal z as a function of [LB;UB]
optZ = optimizer(Constraints,Objective,[],[LB; UB],z);
```

```
% Compute the optimal z when LB=1, UB = 3;
zopt = optZ{[1; 3]}

% Compute two solutions, one for (LB,UB) [1;3] and one for (LB,UB) [2;6]
zopt = optZ{[1; 3], [2;6]}

% A second output argument can be used to catch infeasibility
[zopt,infeasible] = optZ{[1; 3]}

% To avoid the need to vectorize in order to handle multiple
  parameters, a cell-based format can be used, both for inputs and
  outputs. Note that the optimizer object now is called with a cell
  and returns a cell

optZ = optimizer(Constraints,Objective,[],{LB,UB},{z,sum(z)})
[zopt,infeasible] = optZ{{1,3}};
zopt{1}
zopt{2}
```

## Overloaded methods:

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