

Problem 1

$$\min_x c^T x \quad \text{s.t.} \quad Ax = b, \quad x \geq 0$$

$$c, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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

KKT conditions: $L(x, \lambda, s) = c^T x - \lambda^T (Ax - b) - s^T x$

- $\nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*, s^*) = c - A^T \lambda^* - s^* = 0$
- $Ax^* = b \quad \hookrightarrow A^T \lambda^* + s^* = c$
- $x^* \geq 0$
- $s^* \geq 0$
- $s^{*T} x^* = 0$

a) The Newton direction may not be defined because $\nabla^2(c^T x) = 0 \neq 0$, i.e. $\nabla^2(c^T x)$ is not positive definite.

b) Definition of convex function

$$f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y) \quad \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

In LP: $f(x) = c^T x$

• Objective function convex: ✓

$$\begin{aligned} c^T(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) &= c^T(\alpha x) + c^T((1-\alpha)y) \\ &= \alpha c^T x + (1-\alpha)c^T y \end{aligned}$$

To have a convex optimization problem, we need

- convex objective function ✓
- linear equality constraints: $Ax = b$ ✓
- concave inequality constraints: ✓
 $x \geq 0 : f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \geq \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$
 $(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \geq \alpha x + (1-\alpha)y$

\Rightarrow The linear program is convex.

c) Dual problem: $\max_{\lambda} b^T \lambda \quad \text{s.t.} \quad A^T \lambda \leq c$

Write dual to standard form:

$$\min_{\lambda} -b^T \lambda \quad \text{s.t.} \quad c - A^T \lambda \geq 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda, x) = -b^T \lambda - x^T (c - A^T \lambda)$$

KKT conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \quad \nabla_{\lambda} \mathcal{L}(\lambda^*, x^*) &= -b + A x^* = 0 \\ &\rightarrow A x^* = b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \quad x^* &\geq 0 \\ \cdot \quad s^* &\triangleq (c - A^T \lambda^*) \Rightarrow s^* \geq 0 \\ \cdot \quad s^{*T} x^* &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$d) \quad c^T x^* = (A^T \lambda^* + s^*)^T x^* = \lambda^{*T} \underbrace{A x^*}_{b} + \underbrace{s^{*T} x^*}_{=0}$$

$$= \lambda^{*T} b = b^T \lambda^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{c^T x^* = b^T \lambda^*}$$

e) Basic feasible point:

- The possible point that can be optimal points.
- In LP, this is the vertices of the feasible region.
- $B \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ with exactly m indices s.t. if $i \notin B \Rightarrow x_i = 0$ and $B = [A_i]_{i \in B}$ is a $m \times m$ matrix with columns from A .

f) LICQ: All $\nabla c_i, i \in A(x)$ are linearly independent.

A is full rank \Leftrightarrow all rows of A linearly independent.

This means all constraints are linearly independent, hence ∇c_i are also linearly independent.

Problem 2

a) $R_I: 2A + 1B \leq 8$

AB: loading product.

$R_{II}: 1A + 3B \leq 15$

$\rightarrow 2A + 1B + x_3 = 8$

$x_3, x_4 \geq 0$

$1A + 3B + x_4 = 15$

\rightarrow slack variables

$x = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}; A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} b = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$

$C^T = [3/2 \ -1]$ if price of AB: 1.

\Rightarrow LP: $\min_{x} C^T x \text{ s.t. } Ax = b, x \geq 0$

c) Yes, x^* is at the intersection of both constraints, making them both active.

b,d) see figure below.

e) The plot only shows A and B, but we see the iterations move along the constraints $Ax = b$ and $x = 0$. This fits the theory well.

Problem 3

$$\min_x q(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T G x + x^T c$$

 $G: n \times n, \text{ sym.}$

$$\text{s.t. } a_i^T x = b_i \quad i \in E$$

 $c, x, a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$a_i^T x \geq b_i \quad i \in I$$

$$a) \quad A(x^*) = \{ i \in I / a_i^T x^* = b_i \}$$

where x^* is the optimal point.

$$b) \quad \mathcal{L}(x^*, \lambda^*) = \frac{1}{2} x^{*T} G x^* + x^{*T} c - \sum_{i \in A(x^*)} \lambda_i (a_i^T x^* - b_i)$$

$$\cdot \quad \nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x^*, \lambda^*) = G x^* + c - \sum_{i \in A(x^*)} a_i \lambda_i = 0$$

$$\cdot \quad a_i^T x^* = b_i \quad i \in A(x^*)$$

$$\cdot \quad a_i^T x^* \geq b_i \quad i \in I \setminus A(x^*)$$

$$\cdot \quad \lambda_i^* \geq 0 \quad i \in I \cap A(x^*)$$