

Problem 1

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

KKT conditions:  $L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda, \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} - \lambda^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) - \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{x}$

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

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

b) Definition of convex function

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

In LP:  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$

• Objective function convex: ✓

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

To have a convex optimization problem, we need

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

⇒ The linear program is convex.

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

Make dual to standard form:

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

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

KKT conditions:

- $\nabla_{\lambda} L(\lambda^*, x^*) = -b + A x^* = 0$   
 $\rightarrow A x^* = b$
- $x^* \geq 0 \quad \rightarrow A^T \lambda^* + s^* = c$
- $s^* \triangleq (c - A^T \lambda^*) \Rightarrow s^* \geq 0$
- $s^{*T} x^* = 0$

$$\text{d) } c^T x^* = (A^T \lambda^* + s^*)^T x^* = \lambda^T \underbrace{A x^*}_b + \underbrace{s^T x^*}_0 = \lambda^T b = b^T \lambda^*$$

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

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  $\nabla c_i$  are also linearly independent.

Problem 2

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

$A, B$ : loading product.

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

$$\rightarrow 2A + 1B + x_3 = 8 \quad x_3, x_4 \geq 0$$

$$1A + 3B + x_4 = 15 \quad \hookrightarrow \text{slack variables}$$

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

$$c^T = [3/2 \ -1] \quad \text{if price of } 1B: -1$$

$$\Rightarrow LP: \min_{\mathbf{x}} c^T \mathbf{x} \quad \text{s.t. } A\mathbf{x} = b, \quad \mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

c) Yes,  $\mathbf{x}^*$  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  $A\mathbf{x} = b$  and  $\mathbf{x} = 0$ . This fits the theory well.

Problem 3

$$\min_x \quad q(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T G x + x^T c \quad G: n \times n, \text{ sym.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t.} \quad & a_i^T x = b_i \quad i \in E \\ & a_i^T x \geq b_i \quad i \in I \end{aligned} \quad c, x, a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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

where  $x^*$  is the optimal point.

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

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

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

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

- $\lambda_i^* \geq 0 \quad i \in I \setminus A(x^*)$