

Quadratic programming (QP)

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QP Problem

The quadratic programming problem is formulated as follows

$$\min q(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \quad (1)$$

$$s.a. : \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x} = b_i, i \in \mathcal{E} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x} \geq b_i, i \in \mathcal{I} \quad (3)$$

where $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is semidefinite positive matrix (convex case)
and $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}, \{\mathbf{a}_i, i \in \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{I}\} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \{b_i, i \in \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{I}\} \in \mathbb{R}$.

QP KKTs

Active set:

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}^*) = \{i \in \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{I} \mid \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x}^* = b_i\} \quad (4)$$

The KKTs conditions at $(\mathbf{x}^*, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*)$ for QP are:

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}^*, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*) = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{c} - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{I}} \lambda_i^* \mathbf{a}_i = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x}^* = b_i, \quad i \in \mathcal{E} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x}^* \geq b_i, \quad i \in \mathcal{I} \quad (7)$$

$$\lambda_i^* \geq 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{I} \quad (8)$$

$$\lambda_i^* (\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x}^* - b_i) = 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{I} \quad (9)$$

The QP problem with equality constraints can be written as follows

$$\min q(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \quad (10)$$

$$s.a. : \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \quad (11)$$

where $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is semidefinite positive matrix and $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is a complete rank matrix.

KKTs

Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}^T - \lambda^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) \quad (12)$$

KKTs

$$\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \mathbf{G} \mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{A}^T \lambda^* = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{b} \quad (14)$$

KKTs

KKTs

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & -\mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^* \\ \lambda^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker system

Let x an estimate of the solution and p is the desired step then
 $x^* = x + p$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & -\mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x + p \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -p \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g \\ h \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

with $g = \mathbf{G}x - c$, $h = \mathbf{A}x - b$ and $x^* = x + p$. The matrix of the previous problem is called the *Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) matrix*.

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker matrix

Lemma

Let \mathbf{A} have full row rank, and assume that the reduced Hessian matrix $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z}$ is positive definite. Then the KKT matrix

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

is nonsingular, and hence there is a unique vector pair $(\mathbf{x}^*, \lambda^*)$ satisfying the KKT conditions.

Here $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-m)}$ is a matrix whose columns are a basis for the null space of \mathbf{A} . That is, \mathbf{Z} has full rank and satisfies $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{Z} = 0$.

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker matrix

Let $[w; v]$ be a vector of the null space of \mathbf{K} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{G}w + \mathbf{A}^T v = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{A}w = 0 \quad (21)$$

From $\mathbf{A}w = 0$ we obtain that w belongs to the null space of \mathbf{A} , ie, we can write $w = \mathbf{Z}u$ for some $u \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker matrix

Then, using $\mathbf{AZ} = 0$ and $w = \mathbf{Z}u$

$$\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} w + \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{A}^T v = 0 \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z} u = 0 \quad (23)$$

as $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z}$ has inverse then $u = 0$ then $w = 0$ and therefore $v = 0$ from $\mathbf{A}^T v = 0$ and the fact that \mathbf{A} is a full rank matrix. Then the null space of \mathbf{K} is the null vector, this implies that \mathbf{K} is invertible.

Theorem

Let \mathbf{A} have full row rank and assume that the reduced-Hessian matrix $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z}$ is positive definite. Then the vector x^* satisfying the KKT conditions is the unique global solution of the optimization problem.

$\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-m)}$ is a matrix whose columns are a basis for the null space of \mathbf{A} .

Let x any feasible point and x^* the optimum, we are going to prove that $q(x) \geq q(x^*)$.

Let's define $p = x^* - x$ then $b = Ax^* = Ax$ and

$0 = A(x^* - x) = Ap$ that is p belongs to the null space of A and we can write $p = Zu$ for some u .

On the other hand, and using the KKT $-Gx^* + c = A^T \lambda^*$

$$\begin{aligned} q(x) &= q(x^* - p) = \frac{1}{2}(x^* - p)^T G(x^* - p) - c^T(x^* - p) \\ &= q(x^*) + \frac{1}{2}p^T Gp + p^T(-Gx^* + c) \\ &= q(x^*) + \frac{1}{2}p^T Gp + (Ap)^T \lambda^* \\ &= q(x^*) + \frac{1}{2}u^T Z^T GZu \end{aligned}$$

$$q(\mathbf{x}) = q(\mathbf{x}^*) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{u}$$

Using the hypothesis that $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z} \succeq 0$ we conclude that $q(\mathbf{x}) \geq q(\mathbf{x}^*)$ and $q(\mathbf{x}) = q(\mathbf{x}^*)$ iff $\mathbf{u} = 0$ otherwise $q(\mathbf{x}) > q(\mathbf{x}^*)$ and \mathbf{x}^* is the unique global maximum.

Factoring the full KKT system

A general symmetric matrix \mathbf{K} can be factorized (symmetric indefinite factorization, see Appendix Nocedal) as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{L} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{L}^T \\ \mathbf{K} &= \mathbf{P} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{P}^T\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{P} is a permutation matrix that introduce stability, \mathbf{L} is unit lower triangular, and \mathbf{B} is block-diagonal with either 1×1 or 2×2 blocks.

We want to solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{p} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g} \\ \mathbf{h} \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

Factoring the full KKT system

For solving $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$, we can group

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{L} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{L}^T \\ \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{P} \mathbf{L} ((\mathbf{B}) \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{P}^T) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}\end{aligned}$$

- First let us define $\mathbf{z} = ((\mathbf{B}) \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{P}^T) \mathbf{u}$ then we can solve $\mathbf{P} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{v}$ or more specifically

$$\mathbf{L} \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{v}$$

- After obtaining \mathbf{z} we have to solve the new system $((\mathbf{B}) \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{P}^T) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{z}$

Factoring the full KKT system

- Now, let us define $\hat{z} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{u}$ then we can solve

$$\mathbf{B} \hat{z} = z$$

- After obtaining \hat{z} we have the system $\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{u} = \hat{z}$
- Defining $\bar{z} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{u}$ we can solve the system

$$\mathbf{L}^T \bar{z} = \hat{z}$$

- From $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{u} = \bar{z}$ we can compute the solution by

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{P} \bar{z}$$

Factoring the full KKT system: summary

- For solving the KKT system we need to perform the following sequence of operations

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{L}z &= \mathbf{P}^T v \\ \mathbf{B}\hat{z} &= z \\ \mathbf{L}^T \bar{z} &= \hat{z} \\ u &= \mathbf{P}\bar{z}\end{aligned}$$

where $v = [\mathbf{g}; \mathbf{h}]$ and $[-p; \lambda] = u$ and $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{G}x + c$,
 $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{A}x - b$ and $x^* = x + p$

Schur-complement method

Assuming that G is positive definite and from

$$-Gp + A^T \lambda = g \quad (25)$$

$$-Ap = h \quad (26)$$

we obtain

$$AG^{-1}A^T \lambda = AG^{-1}g - h \quad (27)$$

$$Gp = A^T \lambda - g \quad (28)$$

that requires the computation of the inverse of $AG^{-1}A^T$ and G . This is useful when G^{-1} is well conditioned and easy to invert or it is known explicitly through a quasi-Newton updating formula.

Schur-complement method

The name Schur-Complement method by applying block Gaussian elimination to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (29)$$

and using \mathbf{G} as the pivot to obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ 0 & -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (30)$$

following this procedure (block Gaussian elimination) we obtain the schur complement $-\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T$ of \mathbf{G}

Schur-complement method

Using the same strategy (block Gaussian elimination) for obtaining the schur complement, we can obtain the inverse of the matrix, ie

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{p} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g} \\ \mathbf{h} \end{bmatrix} \quad (31)$$

then

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T\lambda = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{h} \quad (32)$$

$$\mathbf{G}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A}^T\lambda - \mathbf{g} \quad (33)$$

Schur-complement method

$$\lambda = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{h}) \quad (34)$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{h}) - \mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{g} \quad (35)$$

Schur-complement method

$$-p = Cg + Eh \quad (36)$$

$$\lambda = E^T g + Fh \quad (37)$$

with

$$C = G^{-1} - G^{-1} A^T (A G^{-1} A^T)^{-1} A G^{-1} \quad (38)$$

$$E = G^{-1} A^T (A G^{-1} A^T)^{-1} \quad (39)$$

$$F = -(A G^{-1} A^T)^{-1} \quad (40)$$

Schur-complement method

Finally

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{E}^T & \mathbf{F} \end{bmatrix} \quad (41)$$

with

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} - \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{G}^{-1} \quad (42)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \quad (43)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = -(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \quad (44)$$

Null-space method

- The null-space method does not require nonsingularity of G and therefore has wider applicability than the Schur-complement method. If that A has full row rank and that $Z^T G Z$ is positive definite.
- Let us decompose p as

$$p = Y p_Y + Z p_Z \quad (45)$$

where $[Y, Z]$ is a nonsingular matrix and $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-m)}$ is a base of the null space of A and therefore $A Z = 0$

Null-space method

- From $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{p} = -\mathbf{h}$, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Z} = 0$ and $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}$ has inverse (see previous class)

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{p}_Y + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{p}_Z = -\mathbf{h} \quad (46)$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{p}_Y = -\mathbf{h} \quad (47)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_Y = -(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y})^{-1}\mathbf{h} \quad (48)$$

- Then, from $-\mathbf{G}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{A}^T\lambda = \mathbf{g}$ and $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Z} = 0$

$$-\mathbf{G}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{p}_Y + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{p}_Z + \mathbf{A}^T\lambda = \mathbf{g}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{G}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{p}_Z + \mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{A}^T\lambda = \mathbf{Z}^T(\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{p}_Y)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_Z = (\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{G}\mathbf{Z})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}^T(\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{p}_Y)$$

Null-space method

- Finally

$$\mathbf{p}_Y = -(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y})^{-1}\mathbf{h} \quad (49)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_Z = (\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{G}\mathbf{Z})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}^T(\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{p}_Y) \quad (50)$$

- The Lagrange multiplier can be calculated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathbf{G}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{A}^T\lambda &= \mathbf{g} \\ \mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{A}^T\lambda &= \mathbf{Y}^T(\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{p}) \\ \lambda &= (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y})^{-T}\mathbf{Y}^T(\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{p}) \end{aligned}$$

Preconditioned CG for Reduced Systems

Let us express the solution of the quadratic program as

$$x = Yx_Y + Zx_Z$$

Preconditioned CG for Reduced Systems

The general idea is to use elimination method followed of CG.

- Elimination

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}x &= \mathbf{A}Yx_Y + \mathbf{A}Zx_Z = b \\ \mathbf{A}Yx_Y &= b \\ x_Y &= (\mathbf{A}Y)^{-1}b\end{aligned}$$

Preconditioned CG for Reduced Systems

Then

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y})^{-1}\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{x}_Z$$

and

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}_Z} \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}_Z^T \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{x}_Z + \mathbf{x}_Z^T \mathbf{c}_Z$$

with

$$\mathbf{c}_Z = \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{x}_Y + \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{c}$$

Preconditioned CG for Reduced Systems

We need to solve the following system

$$\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{x}_Z = -\mathbf{c}_Z$$

Now, we can use GC to solve the previous system, due to $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{Z}$ is positive definite.

Preconditioned CG for Reduced Systems

Require: x_0

$$g_0 = Qx_0 - b,$$

Solve $Mz_0 = g_0$ for z_0

$$d_0 = -z_0, k = 0$$

while $\|g_k\| \neq 0$ **do**

$$\alpha_k = \frac{g_k^T z_k}{d_k^T Q d_k}$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k$$

$$g_{k+1} = g_k + \alpha_k Q d_k$$

Solve $Mz_{k+1} = g_{k+1}$ for z_{k+1}

$$\beta_{k+1} = \frac{g_{k+1}^T z_{k+1}}{g_k^T z_k}$$

$$d_{k+1} = -z_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} d_k.$$

$$k = k + 1$$

end while

Preconditioned CG for Reduced Systems

- In the Previous algorithm we use the reduce Hessian, ie $Q = Z^T G Z$, and $b = -c_Z$
- This preconditioner M can be selected based on

$$M^{-1/2}(Z^T G Z)M^{-1/2} = I$$

with $M = Z^T G Z$

- As a preconditioner we can use $M = Z^T H Z$ where H is a positive definite matrix.
- For the selection of H we can use
 - 1 $H = G$
 - 2 $H = I$
 - 3 $H = \text{diag}(|G|)$

Projected CG Method