

Consider solving the linear program

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax = b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or its dual

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & b^T y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A^T y + s = c \\ & s \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The Augmented Lagrangian function would be

$$L^p(x, y) = c^T x - y^T (Ax - b) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax - b\|^2$$

where β is a positive parameter, for the primal; and

$$L^d(y, s, x) = -b^T y - x^T (A^T y + s - c) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|A^T y + s - c\|^2$$

for the dual.

1. ADMM for the Primal

1) Theoretical Analysis

We reformulate the LP problem as

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax_1 = b \\ & x_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ & x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and consider the split augmented Lagrangian function:

$$L^p(x_1, x_2, y, s) = c^T x_1 - y^T (Ax_1 - b) - s^T (x_1 - x_2) + \frac{\beta}{2} (\|Ax_1 - b\|^2 + \|x_1 - x_2\|^2)$$

Then the **Alternating Direction Method with Multipliers (ADMM)** would be:

starting from any $x_1^0, x_2^0 \geq 0$, and multiplier (y^0, s^0) , do the iterative update:

- Update variable x_1 :

$$x_1^{k+1} = \arg \min_{x_1} L^p(x_1, x_2^k, y^k, s^k)$$

$$\nabla_{x_1} L^p(x_1, x_2^k, y^k, s^k) = (\beta A^T A + \beta)x_1 + c - A^T y^k - s^k - \beta A^T b - \beta x_2^k$$

$$\Delta_{x_1} L^p(x_1, x_2^k, y^k, s^k) = A^T A \beta^T + \beta^T \geq 0 \quad \text{since } \beta > 0$$

Thus, for fixed x_2^k, y^k, s^k , $L^p(x_1, x_2^k, y^k, s^k)$ is a convex function with respect to x_1 . Furthermore, this subproblem is an unconstrained convex problem, so we know that x_1^{k+1} is an optimal solution if and only if $\nabla_{x_1} L^p(x_1^{k+1}, x_2^k, y^k, s^k) = 0$. We assume that A has full rank, then $A^T A + I$ is positive definite and we obtain:

$$x_1^{k+1} = \frac{1}{\beta} (A^T A + I)^{-1} (\beta x_2^k + \beta A^T b + s^k + A^T y^k - c)$$

- Update variable x_2 :

$$x_2^{k+1} = \arg \min_{x_2 \geq 0} L^p(x_1^{k+1}, x_2, y^k, s^k)$$

$$\nabla_{x_2} L^p(x_1^{k+1}, x_2, y^k, s^k) = \beta x_2 + s^k - \beta x_1^{k+1}$$

$$\Delta_{x_2} L^p(x_1^{k+1}, x_2, y^k, s^k) = \beta > 0$$

Thus, for fixed x_1^{k+1}, y^k, s^k , $L^p(x_1^{k+1}, x_2, y^k, s^k)$ is a convex function with respect to x_2 . Furthermore, this subproblem is a linearly constrained convex problem, so we know that the KKT point is an optimal point. We can write this subproblem with respect to x_2 as

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \frac{\beta}{2} \|x_2 - x_1^{k+1}\|^2 + s^{kT} x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

And the KKT conditions for this problem are

$$s^k + \beta x_2^{k+1} - \beta x_1^{k+1} - \lambda = 0$$

$$x_2^{k+1} \geq 0$$

$$\lambda \geq 0$$

$$\lambda^T x_2^{k+1} = 0$$

We know consider the following two situations:

$$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow x_2^{k+1} = x_1^{k+1} - \frac{1}{\beta} s^k \Rightarrow L^p = s^{kT} x_1^{k+1} + 1 - \frac{1}{2\beta} \|s^k\|^2$$

$$\lambda > 0 \Rightarrow x_2^{k+1} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = s^k - \beta x_1^{k+1} \Rightarrow L^p = \frac{\beta}{2} \|x_1^{k+1}\|^2$$

Since

$$\frac{\beta}{2} \|x_1^{k+1}\|^2 - s^{kT} x_1^{k+1} + 1 + \frac{1}{2\beta} \|s^k\|^2 = \frac{\beta}{2} \|x_1^{k+1} - \frac{1}{\beta} s^k\|^2 \geq 0$$

We obtain

$$x_2^{k+1} = \max\{0, x_1^{k+1} - \frac{1}{\beta} s^k\}$$

- Update multipliers y and s :

$$y^{k+1} = y^k - \beta(Ax_1^{k+1} - b)$$

$$s^{k+1} = s^k - \beta(x_1^{k+1} - x_2^{k+1})$$

2) Algorithm Implementation

- ADMM function for LP

```
#define function Max
Max <- function(X) {
  n <- length(X)
  for(i in 1:n){
    if(X[i] >= 0){
      X[i] <- X[i]
    }
    else{
      X[i] <- 0
    }
  }
  return(X)
}

#admm solver for LP
admm_lp <- function(A, b, c, beta){
  #global
  m <- nrow(A)
  n <- ncol(A)

  eps <- 0.0001
  maxiter <- 100

  #initialization
  objval <- vector()
  x_1 <- x_2 <- s <- rep(0,n)
  dim(x_1) <- dim(x_2) <- dim(s) <- c(n,1)
  y <- rep(0,m)
  dim(y) <- c(m,1)

  #ADMM
  for(k in 1:maxiter){
    #update x_1
    x_1 <- (1/beta) * solve(t(A)%*%A + diag(n), beta*x_2 + beta*t(A)%*%b + s + t(A)%*%y - c)
    #update x_2
    x_2 <- Max(x_1 - (1/beta) * s)
    #update y
    y <- y - beta * (A%*%x_1 - b)
    #update s
    s <- s - beta * (x_1 - x_2)

    #store objective value
    objval[k] <- t(c)%*%x_1

    #show iteration
    cat(k, objval[k], fill=T)

    #termination
    if(norm(as.matrix(x_1 - x_2)) < eps & norm(as.matrix(A%*%x_1 - b)) < eps){
      break;
    }
  }

  #plot
  K <- length(objval)
  mydata <- data.frame(iter = 1:K, objective = objval)
  ggplot(mydata, aes(x = iter, y = objective)) + geom_line(size = 1, col = 'red')
}
```

- Example

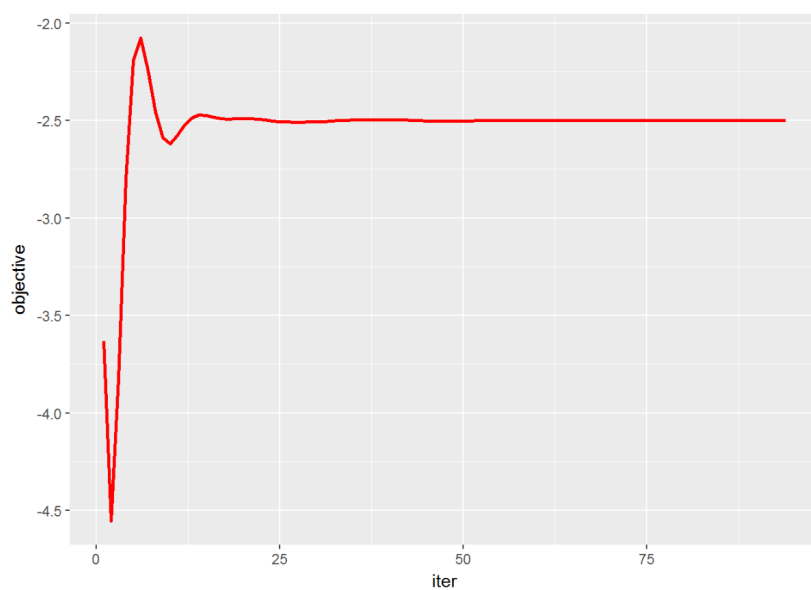
```
#egl-lp
A <- matrix(nrow = 3, ncol = 5)
b <- matrix(nrow = 3, ncol = 1)
c <- matrix(nrow = 5, ncol = 1)

A[1,] <- c(1, 0, 1, 0, 0)
A[2,] <- c(0, 1, 0, 1, 0)
A[3,] <- c(1, 1, 0, 0, 1)

b[, 1] <- c(1, 1, 1.5)
c[, 1] <- c(-1, -2, 0, 0, 0)

admm_lp(A, b, c, 1)
```

```
## 80 -2.499433
## 81 -2.499556
## 82 -2.499708
## 83 -2.499874
## 84 -2.500036
## 85 -2.50018
## 86 -2.500293
## 87 -2.500367
## 88 -2.5004
## 89 -2.500392
## 90 -2.500347
## 91 -2.500274
## 92 -2.500182
## 93 -2.500082
## 94 -2.499983
```



```

#eg2-1p
A <- matrix(nrow = 3, ncol = 5)
b <- matrix(nrow = 3, ncol = 1)
c <- matrix(nrow = 5, ncol = 1)

A <- matrix(c(1, 4, 0, 2, 0, 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1), nrow = 3)
b[, 1] <- c(8, 16, 12)
c[, 1] <- c(-2, -3, 0, 0, 0)

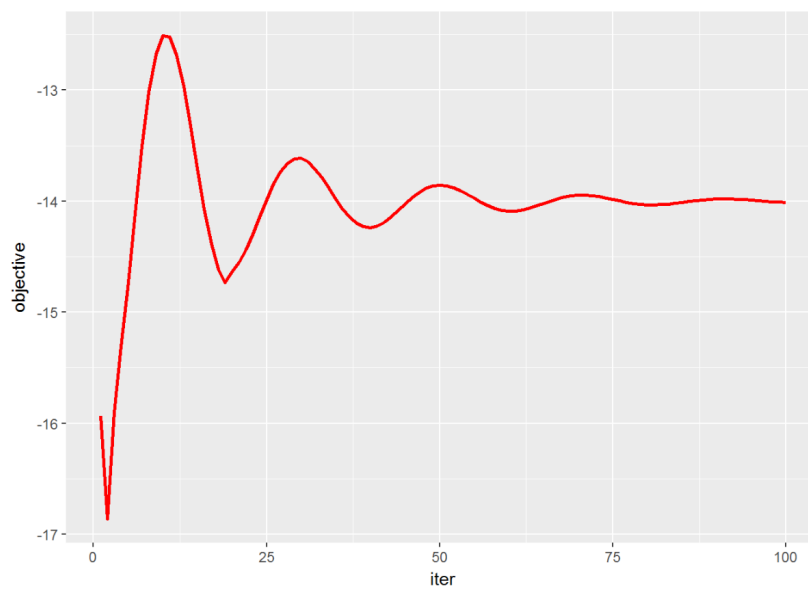
admm_1p(A, b, c, 1)

```

```

## 80 -14.03253
## 81 -14.03355
## 82 -14.03143
## 83 -14.02664
## 84 -14.01986
## 85 -14.01188
## 86 -14.00356
## 87 -13.99566
## 88 -13.98888
## 89 -13.98373
## 90 -13.98053
## 91 -13.9794
## 92 -13.98024
## 93 -13.9828
## 94 -13.9867
## 95 -13.99145
## 96 -13.99655
## 97 -14.0015
## 98 -14.00586
## 99 -14.00929
## 100 -14.01156

```



```

#eg3-1d
A <- matrix(nrow = 4, ncol = 5)
b <- matrix(nrow = 4, ncol = 1)
c <- matrix(nrow = 5, ncol = 1)
x_0 <- matrix(nrow = 5, ncol = 1)

set.seed(2015080086)
A[, ] <- abs(rnorm(4*5, 0, 1))
x_0[, 1] <- abs(rnorm(5, 0, 1))
b[, 1] <- A%%x_0
c[, 1] <- rnorm(5, 0, 1) + 0.5

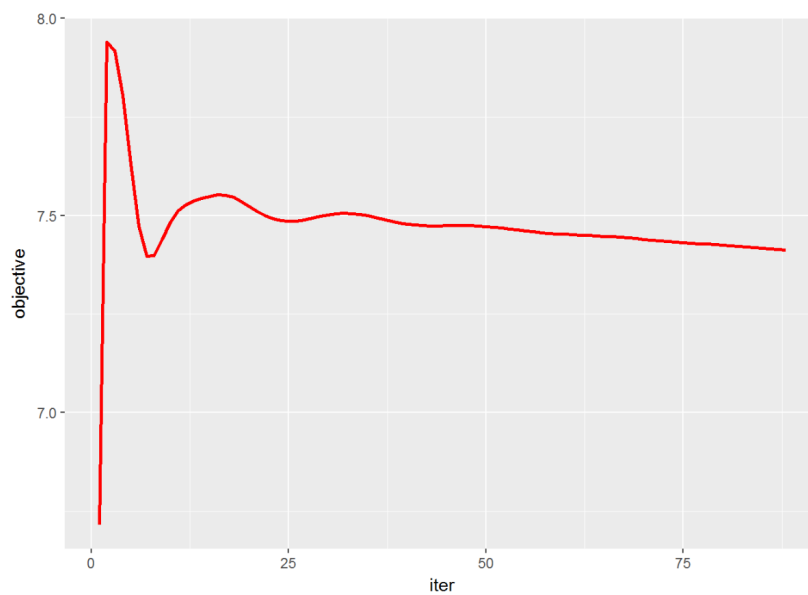
admm_lp(A, b, c, 100)

```

```

## 70 7.439679
## 71 7.437918
## 72 7.436184
## 73 7.43451
## 74 7.432914
## 75 7.431403
## 76 7.429972
## 77 7.428603
## 78 7.427275
## 79 7.425965
## 80 7.424647
## 81 7.423303
## 82 7.421919
## 83 7.420489
## 84 7.419014
## 85 7.4175
## 86 7.415959
## 87 7.414404
## 88 7.412847

```



2. ADMM for the Dual

1) Theoretical Analysis

The augmented Lagrangian function for the dual problem can be written as:

$$L^d(y, s, x) = -b^T y - x^T (A^T y + s - c) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|A^T y + s - c\|^2$$

- Update variable y :

$$y^{k+1} = \arg \min_y L^d(y, s^k, x^k)$$

$$\nabla_y L^d = -b - Ax^k + \beta AA^T y + \beta A(s^k - c)$$

$$\Delta_y L^d = \beta AA^T \geq 0$$

Thus, for fixed s^k, x^k , $L^d(y, s^k, x^k)$ is a convex function with respect to y . Furthermore, this subproblem is an unconstrained convex problem, so we know that y^{k+1} is an optimal solution if and only if $\nabla_y L^d(y^{k+1}, s^k, x^k) = 0$. We assume that A has full rank, then AA^T is positive definite and we obtain:

$$y^{k+1} = \frac{1}{\beta} (AA^T)^{-1} (b + Ax^k + \beta A(c - s^k))$$

- Update slack variable s :

$$s^{k+1} = \arg \min_{s \geq 0} L^d(y^{k+1}, s, x^k)$$

$$\nabla_s L^d = -x^k + \frac{\beta}{2} (2s + 2(A^T y^{k+1} - c)) - x^k + \beta s + \beta (A^T y^{k+1} - c)$$

$$\Delta_s L^d = 2\beta > 0$$

Thus, for fixed y^{k+1}, x^k , $L^d(y^{k+1}, s, x^k)$ is a convex function with respect to s . Furthermore, this subproblem is a linearly constrained convex problem, so we know that the KKT point is an optimal point. Similar to the process in primal problem, we obtain:

$$s^{k+1} = \max\{0, \frac{1}{\beta} x^k + c - A^T y^{k+1}\}$$

- Update multipliers x :

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \beta (A^T y^{k+1} + s^{k+1} - c)$$

2) Algorithm Implementation

- ADMM function for LD

```
admm_ld <- function(A, b, c, ep, beta) {  
  ep=0.0001  
  beta=10  
  
  Y=matrix(0,nrow=nrow(A),ncol=100)  
  X=matrix(0,nrow=ncol(A),ncol=100)  
  S=matrix(0,nrow=ncol(A),ncol=100)  
  
  X[,1]=rep(0,ncol(A))  
  Y[,1]=rep(0,nrow(A))  
  S[,1]=rep(1,ncol(A))  
  
  objval=vector()  
  index=0  
  a=FALSE  
  for (i in 1:99)  
  {  
    Y[,i+1]=(1/beta)*solve(A%%t(A))%%(b+A%%X[,i]+beta*A%%(c-S[,i]))  
    vec=(1/beta)*X[,i]+c-t(A)%%Y[,i+1]  
    for(k in 1:length(vec))  
    {  
      if(vec[k]<0)  
      {  
        S[,i+1]=0  
      }  
      else  
      {  
        S[,i+1]=vec[k]  
      }  
    }  
    #if(min(0,vec)<0)  
    #{  
    # S[,i+1]=0  
    #}  
    #else  
    #{  
    # S[,i+1]=vec  
    #}  
    X[,i+1]=X[,i]-beta*(t(A)%%Y[,i+1]+S[,i+1]-c)  
    objval[i]=Y[,i]%%b  
    if(norm(as.matrix((Y[,i+1]-Y[,i])))<ep)  
    {  
      a=TRUE  
      index=i  
    }  
    if(a==TRUE)  
      break  
  }  
  
  print(index)  
  print(Y[,index])  
  print(objval[index])  
  
  K <- index  
  mydata <- data.frame(iter = 1:K, objective = objval[1:K])  
  ggplot(mydata, aes(x = iter, y = objective)) + geom_line(size = 1, col = 'red')  
}
```

(The algorithms for LP and LD are from two different teammates, so there are some slight differences.)

- Example

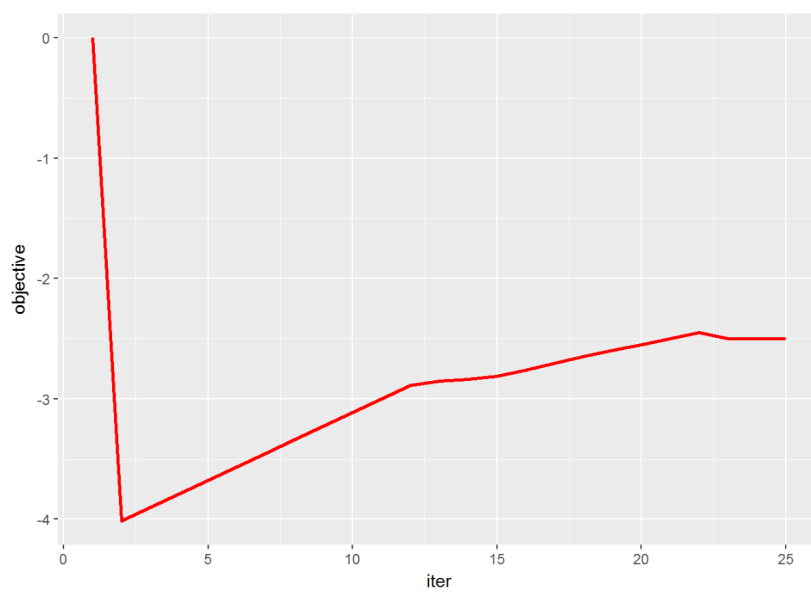
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c <- matrix(nrow = 5, ncol = 1)

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A[2,] <- c(0, 1, 0, 1, 0)
A[3,] <- c(1, 1, 0, 0, 1)

b[, 1] <- c(1, 1, 1.5)
c[, 1] <- c(-1, -2, 0, 0, 0)

admm_1d(A, b, c, 0.0001, 10)
```

```
## [1] 25
## [1] -5.920306e-05 -1.000102e+00 -9.998816e-01
## [1] -2.499984
```



```

#eg2-1d
A <- matrix(nrow = 3, ncol = 5)
b <- matrix(nrow = 3, ncol = 1)
c <- matrix(nrow = 5, ncol = 1)

A <- matrix(c(1, 4, 0, 2, 0, 0, 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1), nrow = 3)
b[, 1] <- c(8, 16, 12)
c[, 1] <- c(-2, -3, 0, 0, 0)

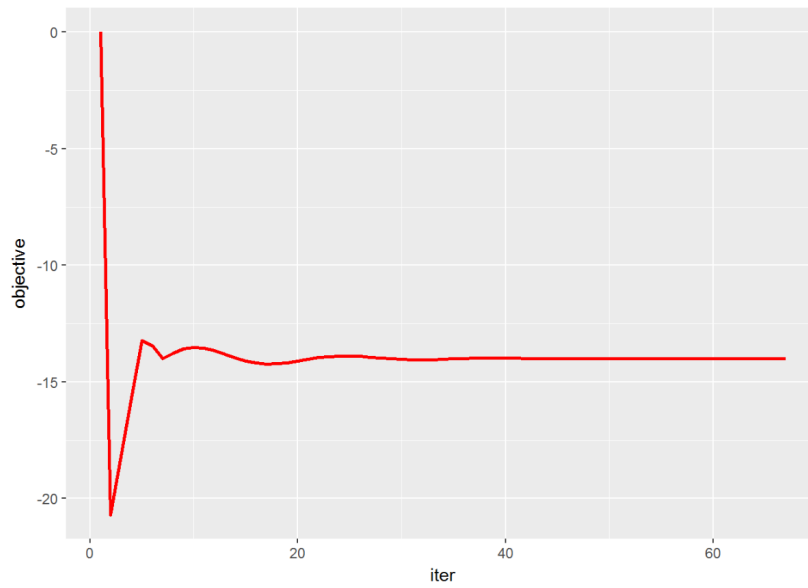
admm_1d(A, b, c, 0.0001, 10)

```

```

## [1] 67
## [1] -1.5009239417 -0.1247657754 0.0004347961
## [1] -13.99843

```



```

#eg3-ld
A <- matrix(nrow = 4, ncol = 5)
b <- matrix(nrow = 4, ncol = 1)
c <- matrix(nrow = 5, ncol = 1)
x_0 <- matrix(nrow = 5, ncol = 1)

set.seed(2015080086)
A[, ] <- abs(rnorm(4*5, 0, 1))
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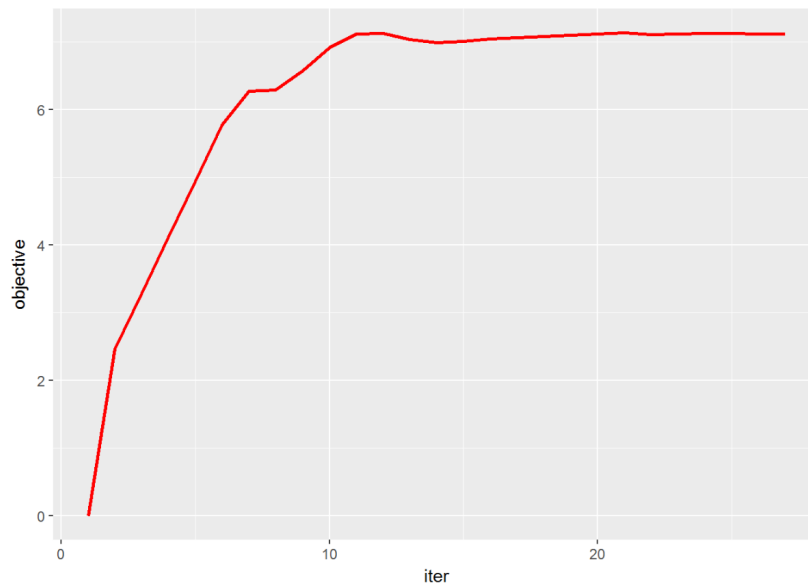
admm_ld(A, b, c, 0.0001, 100)

```

```

## [1] 27
## [1] 0.2944572 1.2514484 1.0566257 -0.4196678
## [1] 7.118049

```



可见收敛速度较快，且相应例子的LP和LD问题所得最优目标函数值十分接近。