

### 1. Convex Sets

#### 1.1. Combinations

$$z = ax + by \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

linear	$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
conic	$a, b \geq 0$
affine	$a + b = 1$
convex	$a + b = 1, a, b \geq 0$

#### 1.2. Sets

Set	affine	conic	convex	Examples
Linear Space	✓	✓	✓	$\mathbb{R}^n$
Convex Cone	✗	✓	✓	$\{p \mid p^T(x - \bar{x}) \leq 0\}$
Affine Set	✓	✗	✓	$\{x \mid Ax = b\}, \emptyset, \{x_0\}$
Convex Set	✗	✗	✓	$\{x \mid Ax \leq b, b \neq 0\}$

#### 1.3. Cones

##### Polar Cone

$$\mathcal{X}_p = \{p \mid x^T p \leq 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

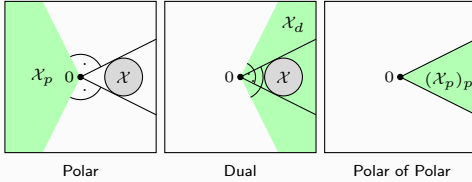
##### Dual Cone

$$\mathcal{X}_d = \{y \mid x^T y \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

##### Conic facts

- $\mathcal{X}_p$  is a closed convex cone
- $\mathcal{X} \subset (\mathcal{X}_p)_p$
- If  $\mathcal{X}$  closed and convex:  $(\mathcal{X}_d)_d = (\mathcal{X}_p)_p = \mathcal{X}$
- Cones can be nonconvex

##### Geometric interpretation



#### 1.4. Important Convex Sets

##### 1.4.1. Levelsets, Epigraph, Hypograph

$f(x)$  convex  $\iff$  epi( $f(x)$ ) convex  
 $f(x)$  concave  $\iff$  hypo( $f(x)$ ) convex  
 $f(x)$  convex  $\rightarrow \{x \mid f(x) \leq \alpha\}$  convex  
 $\{x \mid f(x) \leq \alpha\}$  convex  $\not\rightarrow f(x)$  convex, example:  $f(x) = -e^x$

##### 1.4.2. Convex Hull

$$\text{conv}(\mathcal{X}) = \{x \mid x = \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i x_i, \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i = 1\}$$

##### 1.4.3. Conic Hull

$$\text{cone}(\mathcal{X}) = \{x \mid x = \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i x_i, \lambda_i \geq 0\}$$

##### 1.4.4. Polytopes

$$\mathcal{X} = \{x \mid a_1^T x \leq b_1, a_2^T x \leq b_2, \dots\} = \{x \mid Ax \leq b\}$$

##### 1.4.5. Simplexes

a Polytope in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $n + 1$  inequalities

#### 1.5. Caratheodory Theorem

Any  $\bar{x} \in \text{conv}(\mathcal{X})$  with  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be represented by a convex combination of  $n + 1$  points  $x_i \in \mathcal{X}$  as:

$$\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \lambda_i x_i, x_i \in \mathcal{X}, \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \lambda_i = 1$$

#### 1.6. Closest Point Theorem

If  $\mathcal{X}$  is **convex** then there always exists a **unique**  $x^* \in \mathcal{X}$  with a minimum distance to  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$(y - x^*)^T (x - x^*) \leq 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

#### 1.7. Fundamental Separation Theorem

(follows from Closest Point Theorem)

If  $\mathcal{X}$  is **convex, non-empty and closed**, then there exists a normal vector  $p$  and scalar  $\alpha$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} p^T x &> \alpha \forall x \notin \mathcal{X} \\ p^T x &\leq \alpha \forall x \in \mathcal{X} \end{aligned}$$

##### Corollary:

$\mathcal{X}$  is the intersection of all closed half-spaces containing  $\mathcal{X}$

#### 1.8. Supporting Hyperplane Theorem

If  $\mathcal{X}$  is **convex, non-empty and closed** with  $\bar{x} \in \partial \mathcal{X}$  then there exists a hyperplane  $\mathcal{H}$  defined by a normal vector  $p$  such that:

$$\mathcal{H} = \{x \mid p^T (x - \bar{x}) \leq 0 \forall x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

where  $\mathcal{H}$  supports  $\mathcal{X}$  at  $\bar{x}$

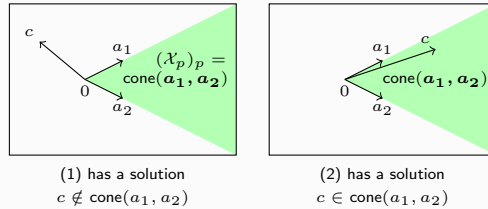
#### 1.9. Farkas Theorem

(follows from Fundamental Separation Theorem)

Exactly one of the following statements is true:

- $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax \leq 0, c^T x > 0$
- $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid A^T y = c, y \leq 0$

##### Geometric interpretation



##### 1.9.1. Gordan's Theorem

Exactly one of the following statements is true:

- $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax < 0$
- $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid A^T y = c, y \geq 0, y \neq 0$

### 2. Convex Functions

#### 2.1. Convexity Preserving Operations

The function  $f(x)$  is convex if it is a...

- conic combination** of convex functions:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i f_i(x), \lambda_i \geq 0$$

- composite of a **nondecreasing, univariate, convex**  $g(x)$  and a **convex**  $h(x)$ :

$$f(x) = g(h(x))$$

- pointwise maximum** of convex functions:

$$f(x) = \max_{i=1, \dots, K} \{f_1(x), \dots, f_K(x)\}$$

- negative of a concave function**  $g(x)$ :

$$f(x) = -g(x)$$

#### 2.2. Checking for convexity

##### 2.2.1. Definition of a convex function

A function  $f(x)$  is convex if:

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2) \quad \forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

##### 2.2.2. First Order criterion

A  $f(x)$  which is **at least once differentiable** is convex if:

$$f(\bar{x}) + \nabla f^T(\bar{x})(x - \bar{x}) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x, \bar{x}$$

##### 2.2.3. Second Order criterion

A  $f(x)$  which is **at least twice differentiable** is convex if:

$$0 \leq \nabla^2 f(x) \quad \forall x$$

**Remark:** For concavity  $\geq$  must hold

#### 2.3. Quasiconvexity

A function  $f(x)$  is quasiconvex if for a  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ :

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq \max\{f(x_1), f(x_2)\}$$

and strictly quasiconvex if it holds with strict equality.

**Interpretation:**  $f$  remains nondecreasing in an increasing direction.

**Quasiconvex function may not have a unique global minimizer**

#### 2.4. Pseudoconvexity

A function  $f(x)$  is pseudoconvex if for  $x_1, x_2 \in \text{dom}(f)$ :

$$\nabla f^T(x_1)(x_2 - x_1) \geq 0 \rightarrow f(x_2) \geq f(x_1)$$

and strictly pseudoconvex if it holds with strict equality for  $x_1 \neq x_2$ .

**Interpretation:**  $f$  is nondecreasing for all gradient directions.

**Strict pseudoconvex functions have a unique global minimizer**

### 3. Linear Programming

#### 3.1. Extreme Points

$x_{(EP)} \in \mathcal{X}$  can't be represented by  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}$  for any  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ :

$$x_{(EP)} = \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2 \rightarrow x_{(EP)} = x_1 = x_2$$

**Interpretation:** Corner points or curve borders of a convex compact set.

#### 3.2. Extreme Directions

$d_{(ED)}$  can't be represented by a positive linear combination of directions:

$$d_{(ED)} = \lambda_1 d_1 + \lambda_2 d_2 \rightarrow d_1 = \alpha d_2 \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \alpha > 0$$

**Interpretation:** Direction in which the set is unbounded.

#### 3.3. Polyhedral Sets (Polyhedron)

Intersection of half-spaces, **always closed and convex**.

##### Primal Standard Form

$$\mathcal{X} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$$

##### Dual Standard Form

$$\mathcal{X} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax \leq b\}$$

#### 3.4. EPs and EDs of Polyhedra

**Requirements for EPs:**  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\text{rank}(A) = m$  and  $n \geq m$

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} B & N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_B \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}, N \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (n-m)}$$

**Extreme point:**

$$x_{(EP)} = \begin{bmatrix} B^{-1}b \\ 0_{n-m} \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

**Extreme direction:**

$$d_{(ED)} = \begin{bmatrix} -B^{-1}Ne_j \\ e_j \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

**Finding all EPs and EDs:**

There are **at most**  $\binom{n}{m}$  EPs and **at most**  $(n-m)\binom{n}{m}$  EDs.

Permute Problem with  $\Pi$  with  $\Pi^T \Pi = I$ :

$$Ax = A \Pi \Pi^T x = A^{\Pi} x^{\Pi}$$

Example permutation:  $a_i$  is the  $i$ -th column of  $A$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & a_1 & a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 3.5. Linear Programs

##### Standard Form:

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

**LP is bounded if:**

$$c^T d_j^{(ED)} \geq 0 \quad \forall j$$

**Optimizer** of a LP is an EP:

$$x^* = \arg \min \{c^T x_i^{(EP)}\} \quad \forall i$$

LPs are always **convex** OPs.

#### 3.6. Simplex Algorithm

**Solve Linear Program of the form**

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

**0 Find EP:**

$$A^{\Pi} = A \Pi = \begin{bmatrix} B & N \end{bmatrix}, x_{EP}^{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} B^{-1}b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$c^{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} c_B \\ c_N \end{bmatrix}$$

**1 Check criterion for optimality**

$$c_B^T B^{-1} N - c_N^T \leq 0 ?$$

$$\text{yes} \rightarrow x^* = x_{EP} = \Pi x_{EP}^{\Pi}$$

no  $\rightarrow$  continue

**2 Find direction to next EP**

$$j = \arg \max \{[c_B^T B^{-1} N - c_N^T]_i\}$$

$$B^{-1} N e_j \leq 0 ?$$

$$\text{yes} \rightarrow \text{LP unbounded}$$

no  $\rightarrow$  continue

**3 Compute new permuted EP**

$$d^{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} -B^{-1} N e_j \\ e_j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_{EP, \text{new}}^{\Pi} = x_{EP}^{\Pi} + \lambda_{\max} d^{\Pi} \geq 0$$

$$i = \arg \min \{[\lambda_{\max} d^{\Pi}]_j\}$$

(index in  $x_{EP}^{\Pi}$  that limits  $\lambda_{\max}$ )

**4 Compute new Permutation Matrix and go to step 0**

$$x_{EP, \text{new}} = \Pi x_{EP, \text{new}}^{\Pi}$$

Choose  $\Pi_{\text{new}}$  such that  $i$  is nonbasic and  $j$  is basic.

##### 3.6.1. Degeneracy

Theoretical infinite loop (*cycling*) if:

$$[x_B]_i = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_{\max} = 0$$

##### Binominalcoefficient:

$$\binom{n}{m} = \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}$$

## 4. Optimality Conditions

### 4.1. Unconstrained Optimization

**4.1.1. First Order**  
Sufficient if  $f(\mathbf{x}^*)$  **pseudoconvex** at  $\mathbf{x}^*$ .  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is **global** minimizer  
 $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$

**4.1.2. Second Order**  
Always sufficient.  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is **local** minimizer  
 $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$  and  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^*)$  pdf

### 4.2. Geometric Optimality Conditions

**Cone of feasible directions**  
 $\mathcal{G}_0(\mathbf{x}^*) = \{\mathbf{d} \mid \nabla g_i^T(\mathbf{x}^*)\mathbf{d} < 0 \forall i \in \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}^*)\}$

**Cone of improving directions**  
 $\mathcal{F}_0(\mathbf{x}^*) = \{\mathbf{d} \mid \nabla f^T(\mathbf{x}^*)\mathbf{d} < 0\}$   
**Sufficient condition** for a *local* minimizer if  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is pseudoconvex,  $g_i(\mathbf{x})$  strictly pseudoconvex at  $\mathbf{x}^*$   
 $:\mathcal{G}_0(\mathbf{x}^*) \cap \mathcal{F}_0(\mathbf{x}^*) = \emptyset$

#### Generic constrained OP:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, l\}$$

$$h_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

### 4.3. Fritz John Optimality Conditions

$$u_0 \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}^*)} u_i \nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}^*) + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j \nabla h_j(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$$

$$u_0 \geq 0, u_i \geq 0$$

Necessary if:

- $f(\mathbf{x})$  and  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \forall i \in \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}^*)$  differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \forall i \notin \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}^*)$  continuous at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- $h_j(\mathbf{x}) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  continuously differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}^*$

Sufficient if:

- $h_j(\mathbf{x}) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  affine
- $\nabla h_j(\mathbf{x}) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  linearly independent
- $f(\mathbf{x})$  pseudoconvex over  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{x}^*) \cap \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}^*)$
- $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \forall i \notin \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}^*)$  strictly pseudoconvex over  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{x}^*) \cap \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}^*)$

Problems :

- $u_0 = 0$  allowed  $\rightarrow$  ignores objective
- $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x})$  requires determining active constraints  
 $\rightarrow$  KKT resolves these issues with  $u_0 = 1$  and CS

### 4.4. KKT Optimality Conditions

#### Primal Feasibility (PF):

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, l\}$$

$$h_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

#### Dual Feasibility (DF):

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^l u_i \nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j \nabla h_j(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$u_i \geq 0 \forall i \in \{1, \dots, l\}$$

#### Complementary Slackness (CS):

$$u_i g_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \forall i \in \{1, \dots, l\}$$

Necessary if:

- $f(\mathbf{x})$  and  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \forall i \in \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}^*)$  differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \forall i \notin \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}^*)$  continuous at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- $h_j(\mathbf{x}) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  continuously differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- $\nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}^*) \forall i \in \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}^*)$  and  $\nabla h_j(\mathbf{x}^*) \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  linearly independent

Sufficient if:

- $f(\mathbf{x}^*)$  pseudoconvex and active  $g_i(\mathbf{x}^*)$  quasiconvex
- $h_j(\mathbf{x}^*)$  quasiconvex  $\forall j \mid v_j > 0$
- $h_j(\mathbf{x}^*)$  quasiconcave  $\forall j \mid v_j < 0$

### 4.5. Constraint Qualifications

KKT conditions are necessary if at least one CQ is satisfied

#### 4.5.1. Linear Independence Constraint Qualification

- inactive  $g_i$  are continuous at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- $h_j \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are continuously differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- active  $\nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}^*)$  and  $\nabla h_j(\mathbf{x}^*)$  are linearly independent

#### 4.5.2. Slater's Constraint Qualification

- active  $g_i$  are pseudoconvex at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- inactive  $g_i$  are continuous at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- $h_j$  are pseudoconvex, pseudoconcave and continuously differentiable at  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- $\nabla h_j$  are linearly independent
- $\mathcal{X}$  has an interior point

KKT conditions are **sufficient** if:

... the **OP is convex** (e.g. LPs)  
... OR Slater CQs +  $f(\mathbf{x})$  **pseudoconvex**

## 5. Lagrangian Duality

### 5.1. Lagrangian Dual Problem

$$\text{Lagrangian function}$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{Dual function}$$

$$\theta(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}} \{\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})\}$$

$$\text{Dual Problem}$$

$$\max_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \theta(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{u} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

The D-OP is **always convex and not unique**.

The dual function  $\theta$  is always concave and may not be differentiable.

### 5.2. Geometric Interpretation of the D-OP

D-OP for Problem with single IEQ:

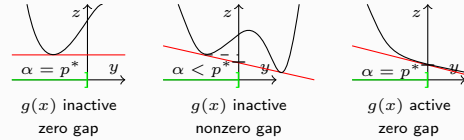
$$\max_{\mathbf{u} \leq 0} \inf_{\mathbf{x}} \{f(\mathbf{x}) + u g(\mathbf{x})\}$$

Reformulate to get a linear expression:

$$\alpha := f(\mathbf{x}) + u g(\mathbf{x}) := z + u y$$

$$z = \alpha - u y$$

where  $-u$  defines the slope which is always  $\leq 0$ .



### 5.3. Weak and Strong Duality

#### Weak Duality

$$d^* \leq p^*$$

Weak duality always holds

#### Strong Duality

$$d^* = p^*$$

Strong duality holds if:

- OP is linear
- or OP is convex and QC hold

### 5.4. Saddle Point Property

Fulfilled by  $(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{u}^*, \mathbf{v}^*)$  if strong duality holds:

$$\sup_{\mathbf{x}} \inf_{\mathbf{y}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leq \inf_{\mathbf{y}} \sup_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

### 5.5. Boundedness of D-OPs

P-OP is never unbounded from above

D-OP is never unbounded from below

Dual \ Primal	finite	unbounded	infeasible
finite	✓	✗	✗
unbounded	✗	✗	✓
infeasible	✗	✓	✓

## 6. Concepts of Algorithms

### 6.1. Algorithmic Map

A point-to-point or point-to-set map to generate a new iterate  $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)}$  from  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$

$$\mathbf{A} : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

### 6.2. Solution Sets

The algorithm terminates if  $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} \in \Omega \subset \mathcal{S}$ . Possible solution sets  $\Omega$ :

$$\Omega = \{\bar{\mathbf{x}} \mid \bar{\mathbf{x}} \text{ is a local minimizer}\}$$

$$\Omega = \{\bar{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathcal{X} \mid f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \leq c\} \text{ with threshold } c$$

$$\Omega = \{\bar{\mathbf{x}} \mid \bar{\mathbf{x}} \text{ is a KKT point}\}$$

### 6.3. Stopping Criteria

Error-based:

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\| < \epsilon$$

Residual-based:

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) - \alpha(\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)}) < \epsilon$$

with descent function  $\alpha$

### 6.4. Convergence Analysis

Order of Convergence

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(\infty)}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(\infty)}\|_2^p} = \beta < \infty$$

with convergence ratio  $\beta$  and order of convergence  $\sup p$ .

- $p = 1$  and  $\beta = 1$ : sublinear convergence
- $p = 1$  and  $\beta \in (0, 1)$ : linear convergence
- $p = 1$  and  $\beta = 0$ : superlinear convergence
- $p = 2$  and  $\beta < \inf$ : superlinear convergence with quadratic order

## 7. Unconstrained Optimization

### 7.1. Bisection Algorithm

- The function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  **must be pseudoconvex** and once differentiable
- Requires initial guess for interval  $\mathbf{x}^* \in [a^{(1)}, b^{(1)}]$
- Requires  $n$  steps for accuracy  $\epsilon$  such that:

$$2^n \leq \frac{b^{(1)} - a^{(1)}}{\epsilon}$$

0 Initialization:

$$\mathcal{I}^{(k)} = [a^{(k)}, b^{(k)}] \leftarrow a, b \mid \mathbf{x}^* \in [a, b], \quad a < b$$

1 Interval Center:

$$x^{(k)} \leftarrow \frac{a^{(k)} + b^{(k)}}{2}$$

2 Derivative at Center:

$$f'(x^{(k)}) \leftarrow \left. \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x^{(k)}}$$

3 Check derivative sign:

$$f'(x^{(k)}) < 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^{(k+1)} = [x^k, b^k]$$

$$f'(x^{(k)}) > 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^{(k+1)} = [a^k, x^k]$$

$$f'(x^{(k)}) = 0 \rightarrow x^* = x^{(k)}$$

4 Repeat until  $b^{(k)} - a^{(k)} < \epsilon$

### 7.2. Newton Algorithm

- The function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  must be **twice differentiable**
- Convergence not guaranteed** for arbitrary  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$
- Good convergence if  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  close to  $\mathbf{x}^*$
- Numerical problems if  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) = 0$  (no inverse of hessian)
- Convergence Independent of linear transformations**
- Finds  $\mathbf{x}^*$  in one step if  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is quadratic

#### Newton Update:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$$

Newton Step:

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}^{(k)} = -\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$$

with

$$\nabla f^T(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) \Delta \mathbf{x}^{(k)} < 0 \rightarrow \text{descent direction}$$

**Newton Decrement:** Useful as termination criterion

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) = (\Delta \mathbf{x}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) \Delta \mathbf{x}^{(k)}$$

### 7.3. Armijo's Stepsize Rule

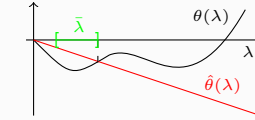
- Choose stepsize  $\lambda^{(k)}$  not too small or too large
- Tuning parameters  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $\alpha > 1$

**Line Search Function:**

$$\theta(\lambda) = f(\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \lambda \mathbf{d})$$

**First Order Approximation** at  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$\hat{\theta}(\lambda) = \theta(0) + \lambda \epsilon \theta'(0)$$



Not too large:

$$\theta(\bar{\lambda}) \leq \hat{\theta}(\bar{\lambda})$$

Not too small:

$$\theta(\alpha \bar{\lambda}) > \hat{\theta}(\alpha \bar{\lambda})$$

## 8. Solution Methods for Dual Problems

### 8.1. Possible Advantages

- reduction in problem complexity
- decoupling into smaller problems

### 8.2. Subgradients

Subgradient  $\xi$  of convex  $f(x)$  at  $\bar{x}$ :  
 $f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \xi^T(x - \bar{x})$

Subgradient  $\xi$  of concave  $\theta(u)$  at  $\bar{u}$ :  
 $\theta(u) \leq \theta(\bar{u}) + \xi^T(u - \bar{u})$

### 8.3. Subdifferential

Convex set of all subgradients for concave  $\theta(\bar{u})$ :

$\partial\theta(\bar{u}) = \text{conv}(\{\xi \mid \theta(u) \leq \theta(\bar{u}) + \xi^T(u - \bar{u}) \forall u \in \mathcal{U}\})$   
 is a singleton if  $\theta(u)$  is differentiable at  $\bar{u}$ .

### 8.4. Subgradient Methods

- $\theta(u, v)$  not always differentiable  $\rightarrow$  use subgradients
- subgradients not always ascent directions
- Stepsize control necessary

0 Start with Candidate Point  $u^{(k)}$

1 Get primal variables  $x^{(k)}$

$$x^{(k)} = \arg \min_x \phi(x, u^{(k)})$$

2 Calculate subgradient  $\xi^{(k)}$

$$\xi^{(k)} = g(x^{(k)})$$

3 Update dual variables

$$u^{(k+1)} = P_{\mathcal{U}}(u^{(k)} \pm s^{(k)}\xi^{(k)})$$

with  $+$  for concave and  $-$  for convex  
 and  $P_{\mathcal{U}}$  projects new iterate into feasible set  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Optimal Stepsize (practically unknown, requires  $u^*$ ):

$$s^{(k)} = \frac{\theta(u^*) - \theta(u^{(k)})}{\|\xi^{(k)}\|_2^2}$$

Constant Stepsize

$$s^{(k)} = s > 0 \quad \forall k$$

Bounded norm of subgradient  $\|g(x^{(k)})\|_2 < C$

$$\text{At best, } \theta(u^{(k)}) \leq \theta(u^*) - s \frac{C^2}{2} = d^* - s \frac{C^2}{2}$$

Diminishing Stepsize

$$s^{(k)} > 0, \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s^{(k)} = 0, \quad \sum_k s^{(k)} = \infty$$

Convergence of  $u^{(k)} \rightarrow u^*$  only guaranteed if  $g(x^{(k)})$  bounded and additionally:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (s^{(k)})^2 < \infty$$

### 8.5. Cutting Plane Algorithm

- approximate  $\theta(u, v)$  by finite number of hyperplanes
- Outer approximation:  $\theta(u^*, v^*) = d^* \leq z^{(k)}$
- First MP may be unbounded if  $x^{(0)}$  is not strictly feasible

$$y^{(k)} = \max_{j=1, \dots, k} \theta(u^{(j)}) \leq d^*$$

Smallest value among all current supporting points  $u^{(j)}$

Upper Bound on  $d^*$

$$z^{(k)} \geq d^*$$

Solution to current master program, outer approximation

0 Initialization:

$$\text{Interior point } x^{(0)} \iff g(x^{(0)}) < 0 \quad (\rightarrow u^{(0)} = 0)$$

1 Master Program (MP): Add new constraint at  $x^{(k-1)}$

$$\max_{z, u} \quad z \quad \text{s.t.} \quad z \leq f(x^j) + u^T g(x^{(j)}) \quad \forall j \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$$

$$u \geq 0$$

Is a LP which approximates the D-OP

2 Solve MP with Simplex: Get  $(z^{(k)}, u^{(k)})$   
 $\rightarrow$  See Section 3.6

3 Evaluate Dual Function:

$$x^{(k)} = \arg \min_x \{\phi(x, u^{(k)})\}$$

4 Check termination Criterion:

$$z^{(k)} - \theta(u^{(k)}) < \epsilon$$

Disadvantages:

- only linear convergence
- larger MP in each iteration
- initial MP must be bounded  $\rightarrow$  bounded solution set

### 8.6. Primal Reconstruction

- $u^*$  not unique if  $\theta(u^*)$  not differentiable
- $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u^k \rightarrow u^* \not\rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^{(k)} \rightarrow x^*$
- Sequence  $\{x^{(k)}\}$  may even converge to infeasibility

strong duality must hold for primal reconstruction

#### 8.6.1. Reconstruction for Subgradient Methods

Create weighted averaged solution sequence  $\{\hat{x}^{(k)}\}$  to avoid oscillations (only for diminishing stepsize rule):

$$c^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^k s^{(j)}, \quad \hat{x}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{c^{(k)}} \sum_{j=1}^k s^{(j)} x^{(j)}$$

#### 8.6.2. Reconstruction for Cutting Plane Algorithm

Primal feasible point  $\hat{x}^{(k)}$  must lie in convex hull of iterates  $x^{(k-1)}$  which is obtained from the dual of the MP

Dual of MP: Yields factors  $\lambda_j$  for convex combination of  $x^{(k-1)}$

$$\min_{\lambda} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \lambda_j f(x^{(j)}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \lambda_j g(x^{(j)}) \leq 0, \quad \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \lambda_j = 1$$

$$\lambda_j \geq 0$$

Then  $\hat{x}^{(k)}$  is a feasible solution:

$$\hat{x}^{(k)} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \lambda_j x^{(j)}$$

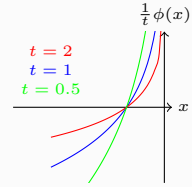
With optimality gap:

$$z^{(k)} - \theta(u) \leq \epsilon \quad \rightarrow \quad f(\hat{x}^{(k)}) - p^* \leq \epsilon$$

When the MP is solved with a primal-dual solver,  $\hat{x}^{(k)}$  is obtained for free.

## 9. Interior-Point Methods

### 9.1. Log Barrier Function

$$\phi(x) = - \sum_{i=1}^l \log(-g_i(x))$$


Approximated P-OP:

$$\min_x f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^l -\frac{1}{t} \log(-g_i(x)) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad Ax = b$$

Central Path:  $\hat{x}(t)$ ,  $t > 0$  that satisfy DF

$$0 = t \nabla f(\hat{x}(t)) + \nabla \phi(\hat{x}(t)) + A^T \hat{v}$$

Duality Gap:

$$f(\hat{x}(t)) - p^* \leq \frac{1}{t}$$

### 9.2. KKT Interpretation of P-OP

Primal Feasibility:

$$Ax = b, \quad g_i(x) < 0$$

Dual Feasibility:

$$\nabla f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^l u_i \nabla g_i(x) + A^T v = 0$$

$$u \geq 0$$

Complementary Slackness:

$$-u_i g_i(x) = \frac{1}{t}$$

$\rightarrow$  CS is relaxed such that no  $g_i$  are active

### 9.3. Primal Interior Point Algorithm

P-OP:

$$\min_x c^T x - \tau \sum_{j=1}^n \log(x_j) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad Ax = b, x \geq 0$$

PF:

$$Ax = b, \quad x \geq 0$$

DF:

$$c - \tau \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{x_j} e_j - A^T y = 0$$

Resulting System:

$$c - \tau X^{-1} 1 - A^T y = 0$$

$$Ax - b = 0 \quad \iff \quad F(x, y) = 0, x \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 0$$

Newton Step:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix} = (\nabla_{x,y} F(x, y))^{-1} F(x, y)$$

Newton Update:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}^{(k+1)} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}^{(k)} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix}$$

With  $\alpha$  such that  $x \geq 0$  is not violated!

### 9.4. Primal-Dual Interior Point Algorithm

P-OP:

$$\min_x c^T x - \tau \sum_{j=1}^n \log(x_j) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad Ax = b, x \geq 0$$

D-OP:

$$\max_y b^T y \quad \text{s.t.} \quad A^T y + u = 0, u \geq 0$$

PF:

$$Ax = b, \quad x \geq 0$$

DF:

$$c^T - A^T y - u = 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad u \geq 0$$

CS: Is relaxed for better numerical behaviour

$$XU1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad XU1 = \tau 1 \iff u = X^{-1} \tau 1$$

Resulting System:

$$A^T y + \tau X^{-1} 1 - c = 0$$

$$Ax - b = 0 \quad \iff \quad F(x, y, u) = 0, \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

Solve for Newton Step:

$$F(x, y, u) + \nabla_{x,y,u} F(x, y, u) \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta u \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Newton Update:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ u \end{bmatrix}^{(k+1)} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ u \end{bmatrix}^{(k)} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta u \end{bmatrix}$$

With  $\alpha$  such that  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$  is not violated!

## 10. Matrix Calculus

Denominator layout convention

$$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{a}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^\top \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{u} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^\top) \mathbf{x} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|_2 = \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|_2} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|_2} = \frac{\mathbf{I}}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|_2} - \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})^\top}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|_2^3} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \|\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 2\mathbf{x} \quad (7)$$

## 11. Polyhedral Set Conversions

Primal Standard Form  $\rightarrow$  Dual Standard Form

$$\mathcal{S}_p = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}\}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}, \quad -\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq -\mathbf{b}, \quad -\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_d = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ -\mathbf{A} \\ -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \leq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}\}$$

Dual Standard Form  $\rightarrow$  Primal Standard Form

$$\mathcal{S}_d = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}^+ - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}^- + \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{x}^+, \mathbf{x}^-, \mathbf{s} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_p =$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^+ \\ \mathbf{x}^- \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n+m} \mid \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^+ \\ \mathbf{x}^- \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^+ \\ \mathbf{x}^- \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} \geq \mathbf{0} \right\}$$

## 12. Properties of some Sets

The following assumptions are made for the statements below:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ \mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \quad \mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, \quad \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \text{ is closed and convex}$$

Set	linear	affine	conic	convex
$\{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\}$		✓		✓
$\{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$		✓		✓
$\{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0\}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\{\mathbf{Q} \mid \mathbf{y}^H \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{y} \geq 0, \forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n\}$			✓	✓
$\{\mathbf{P} \mid \text{tr}(\mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^H) \leq 1\}$				✓
$\{\mathbf{P} \mid \det(\mathbf{P}^{-1}) \neq 0\}$			✓	
$\{\mathbf{p} \mid \mathbf{p}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \leq 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}\}$			✓	✓
$\{\emptyset\}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\{\mathbf{x}_0\}$		✓		✓
$\{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_0 \neq \mathbf{x}_1\}$				

## 13. Properties of a Norm

- $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0, \|\mathbf{x}\| = 0 \iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
- $\|\alpha \mathbf{x}\| = |\alpha| \|\mathbf{x}\|$
- $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$

Every Norm is a convex function!

## 14. Infeasible OP Example

P-OP and D-OP are infeasible simultaneously for this example.

P-OP:

$$\inf_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

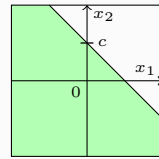
D-OP:

$$\sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{y} \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

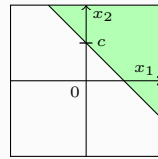
## 15. Deriving IEQs graphically

Green Area is feasible area

$\alpha$  is slope of line

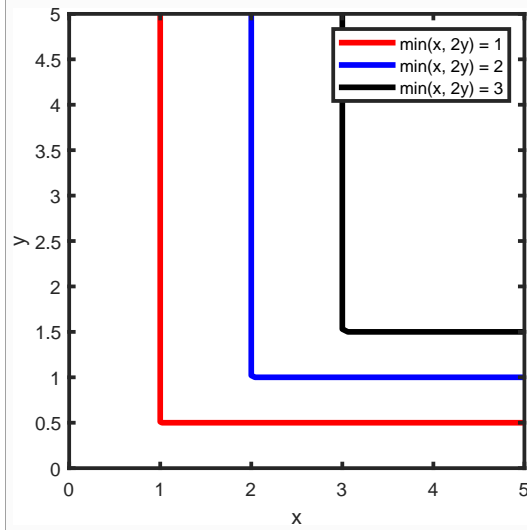


$$x_2 \leq \alpha x_1 + c \\ g(\mathbf{x}) = x_2 - \alpha x_1 - c \leq 0 \\ \text{All } x_2 \text{ below line}$$



$$x_2 \geq \alpha x_1 + c \\ g(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha x_1 + c - x_2 \leq 0 \\ \text{All } x_2 \text{ above line}$$

## 16. Weighted Min Function Contour Lines



## 17. Proofs

### 17.1. Proof of the Saddle Point Property

$$\sup_x \inf_y f(x, y) \leq \inf_y \sup_x f(x, y)$$

$$\sup_x \inf_y f(x, y) = \inf_y f(\bar{x}, y) \leq f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \quad \forall y \text{ (including } \bar{y})$$

$$\inf_y \sup_x f(x, y) = \sup_x f(x, \bar{y}) \geq f(x, \bar{y}) \quad \forall x \text{ (including } \bar{x})$$

### 17.2. Proof of Farkas Theorem

Farkas: Only one system can be true at a time:

- $\exists \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} > 0$
- $\exists \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0}$

If (2) has a solution: Then there exists  $\mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0}$  that fulfills  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$ . If (1) would also be true, then  $\mathbf{x}$  has to satisfy  $\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$  which is a contradiction.

If (2) has no solution: Then  $\mathbf{c}$  is not in the cone  $\mathcal{A}$  spanned by the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Since the cone is closed and convex, there must exist a separating hyperplane that separates all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , which is defined by the normal vector  $\mathbf{p}$ . We then have  $\mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{c} > 0$  and  $\mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{x} \leq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{A}$  since  $\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{A}$ . Define  $\mathbf{x} := \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$  yields  $\mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p} \leq 0$  for  $\mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0}$  which implies  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{0}$  with  $\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{p} > 0$ . This is equal to (1).

### 17.3. Proof of Gordons Theorem via Farkas Theorem

F1 and F2 are System 1 and 2 of Farkas, G1 and G2 are system 1 and 2 of Gordon.

$$\mathbf{G1: A} \mathbf{x} < \mathbf{0} \iff \mathbf{F1:} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ s \end{bmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}^\top & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ s \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

$$\mathbf{F2:} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \\ \mathbf{1}^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \iff \mathbf{G2: A}^\top \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{y} = 1, \quad \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

### 17.4. Proof that the epigraph of a convex function is convex

Given two points of the epigraph of a convex function  $f$ :

$$[x_1, y_1]^\top, [x_2, y_2]^\top \in \text{epi}(f)$$

The definition of convexity yields:

$$\lambda y_1 + (1 - \lambda) y_2 \geq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda) f(x_2) \geq f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda) x_2)$$

This implies:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda) x_2 \\ \lambda y_1 + (1 - \lambda) y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + (1 - \lambda) \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{epi}(f)$$

### 17.5. Proof that the set of subgradients is convex

Given two subgradients of  $f$  at  $\bar{x}$ :

$$f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \xi_1^\top (x - \bar{x}) \\ f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \xi_2^\top (x - \bar{x})$$

The definition of convexity yields:

$$\lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda) f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + (\lambda \xi_1^\top + (1 - \lambda) \xi_2^\top) (x - \bar{x})$$

Hence the convex combination of two subgradients is also a subgradient

### 17.6. Proof of Weak Duality

$$d^* = \sup_{v, u \geq 0} \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \{f(x) + u^\top g(x) + v^\top h(x)\} \\ \leq \sup_{v, u \geq 0} \inf_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \{f(x) + u^\top g(x) + v^\top h(x)\} \\ \leq \sup_{v, u \geq 0} \{f(x) + u^\top g(x) + v^\top h(x)\} \\ \leq \sup_{v, u \geq 0} f(x) \\ \leq f(x) \\ \leq p^*$$

with  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{X}$

**17.7. Proof that the optimizer of a LP is an extremal point**  
From representation theorem, we know that every point  $\mathbf{x}$  in a polyhedron can be represented by the EPs  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and EDs  $\mathbf{d}_j$ :

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^L \mu_j \mathbf{d}_j, \quad \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i = 1 \\ \lambda_i \geq 0, \mu_j \geq 0$$

A LP can thus be written as:

$$\min_{\lambda, \mu} \mathbf{c}^\top \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^L \mu_j \mathbf{d}_j \right), \quad \text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i = 1 \\ \lambda_i \geq 0, \mu_j \geq 0$$

where the polyhedral constraint set is enforced by the representation with EPs and EDs. Due to the boundedness requirement for LPs, we have  $\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{d}_j \geq 0$  which leads to  $\mu = \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore, the minimizer is the EP  $\mathbf{x}_i$  with the smallest inner product with  $\mathbf{c}$ :

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}_i} \{\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}_i\} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$