

Linear Programming

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● Introduction

In this file, we would give the coding fulfillment of D-W Decomposition.

● Dantzig-Wolfe Decomposition MATLAB Code

A MATLAB function DantzigWolfeDecomp

function [x, fval, bound, exit_flag] = DantzigWolfeDecomp(mast, sub, K)

is given below that implements the Dantzig-Wolfe decomposition. The argument **mast** is a struct that contains the coefficients of the linking constraints L_i and **sub** is a struct that contains the coefficients of subproblems, i.e., c^i , A_i and b^i as well as the initial extreme points for each subproblem. **K** is the number of subproblems.

Consider the linear program in Example 5.1:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{Minimize} & -2x_1 - 3x_2 - 5x_3 - 4x_4 \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 4 \\ & x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \leq 3 \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 4 \\ & x_1 + x_2 \leq 2 \\ & x_3 + x_4 \leq 2 \\ & 3x_3 + 2x_4 \leq 5 \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0, x_4 \geq 0\end{array}$$

The LP is in the form

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{Minimize} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}\end{array}$$

where that data \mathbf{c} , \mathbf{A} , and \mathbf{b} are entered in MATLAB as

```
c=[-2;-3;-5;-4];  
A=[1,1,2,0;  
    0,1,1,1;  
    2,1,0,0;  
    1,1,0,0;  
    0,0,1,1;  
    0,0,3,2];  
b=[4;3;4;2;2;5];
```

There are two subproblems, and so \mathbf{K} is set equal to 2, in MATLAB we have

```
K=2; %number of subproblems
```

Now, the first two constraints of the LP are the linking constraints and the submatrices and corresponding right-hand-side values are

$$L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, L_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and are written in MATLAB as

```
mast.L{1}=A(1:2,1:2);  
mast.L{2}=A(1:2,3:4);  
mast.b=b(1:2);
```

The cost coefficient vector, constraint matrix, and right-hand coefficient vector of the first subproblem are given as

$$\mathbf{c}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the corresponding MATLAB statements to represent these matrices are

```
sub.c{1}=c(1:2);  
sub.A{1}=A(3:4,1:2);  
sub.b{1}=b(3:4);
```

The cost coefficient vector, constraint matrix and right hand coefficient vector of the second subproblem are given as

$$\mathbf{c}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the corresponding MATLAB statements to represent these matrices are

```
sub.c{2}=c(3:4);  
sub.A{2}=A(5:6,3:4);  
sub.b{2}=b(5:6);
```

The initial extreme points for each subproblem are set to the origin in the feasible set for each subproblem and in MATLAB are written as

```
sub.v{1}=zeros(length(sub.c{1}),1);  
sub.v{2}=zeros(length(sub.c{2}),1);
```

Finally, once the data is entered as above, the function DantzigWolfeDecomp can be called by the following MATLAB statement

```
[x_DanWof, fval_DanWof, iter, exitflag_DanWof] =  
DantzigWolfeDecomp(mast,sub,K)
```

The optimal solution and the optimal objective function can be accessed in MATLAB by entering x_DanWof at the prompt.