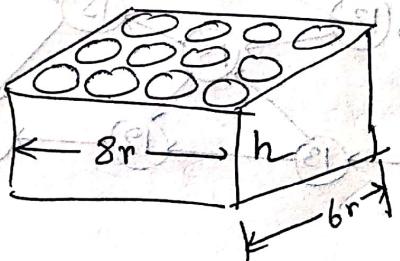


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Optimization problem involves

- Problem data (parameters)
- Decision variable
- Objective function
- Constraints

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$$S_1 = (2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh) \times 12$$

$$= (2\pi r(r+h)) \times 12$$

Surface Area
of 12 cans

$$S_2 = 2 \times 8r \cdot h$$

$$+ 2 \times 6r \cdot h$$

$$+ 2 \times 8r \times 6r$$

min

$$S_1 c_1 + S_2 c_2$$

~~Non-linear~~
optimization

s.t. $\pi r^2 h \geq V_0$

problem

$$h \leq D_0$$

$$6r \leq D_0 \rightarrow \text{Redundant} \therefore 8r \leq D_0$$

$$8r \leq D_0$$

$$h, r \geq 0$$

Reformulation:

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$$\min_{r, h} (24\pi c_1 + 96c_2)r^2 + (24\pi c_1 + 28c_2)rh$$

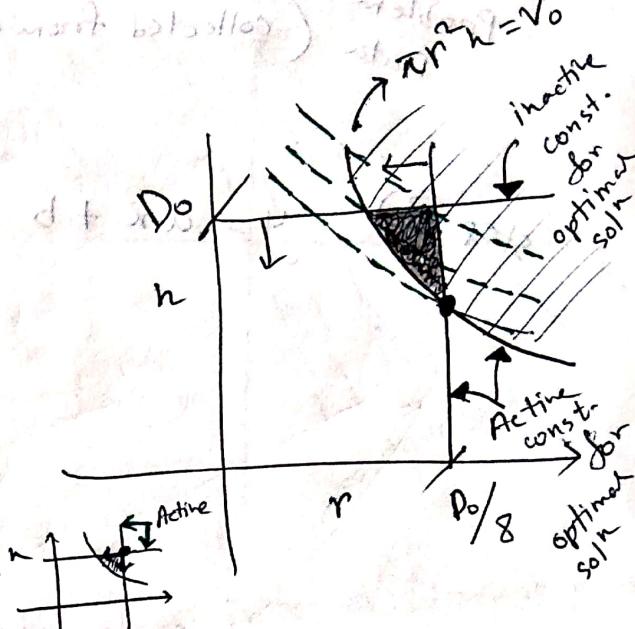
$$\text{s.t. } \pi r^2 h \geq V_0$$

$$r \leq \frac{D_0}{8}$$

$$h \leq D_0$$

* Active constraints are necessary for developing algorithms. $r, h \geq 0$

For example: which direction should be chosen to find a better sol?



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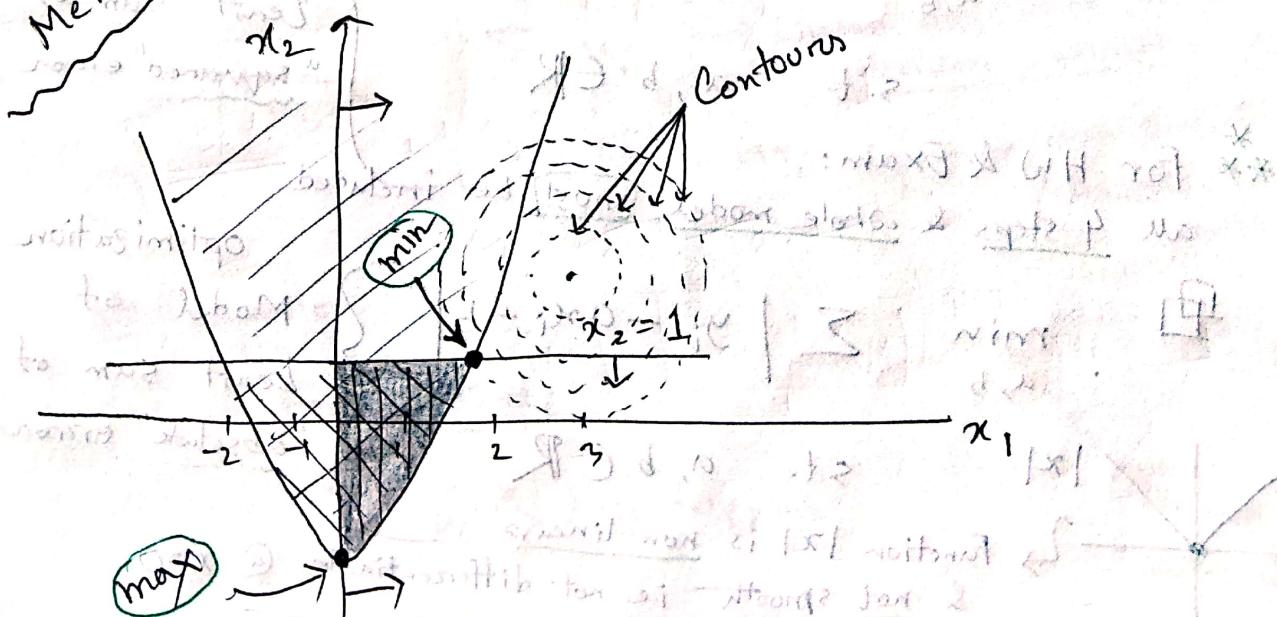
$$\min f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 3)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2$$

$$g_1(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 - x_2 - 3 \leq 0$$

$$g_2(x_1, x_2) = x_2 - 1 \leq 0$$

$$g_3(x_1, x_2) = -x_1 \leq 0$$

** Geometric Method



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Parameter Estimation

step (1) $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$

Problem Data (collected from exp.; These will act like parameters)

step (2)

$$y = ax + b ; \quad \text{Decision variables } a, b$$

[Though seems like Parameter]

$$\hat{y}_i = ax_i + b$$

↳ estimator of y_i

$$\epsilon_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i \quad [\text{Error}]$$

$$\text{step (3)} \min \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - ax_i - b)^2$$

step (4) constraints: N/A (Unconstrained)
 $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Whole Model

$$\min_{a, b} \sum (y_i - ax_i - b)^2$$

s.t. $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

optimization
Model of
Least sum of
"squared" error

** For HW & Exam:

all 4 steps & whole model must be included

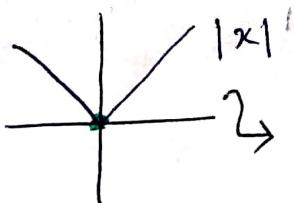


$$\min_{a, b}$$

$$\sum |y_i - ax_i - b|$$

optimization
Model of
Least sum of
"absolute" error

s.t. $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$



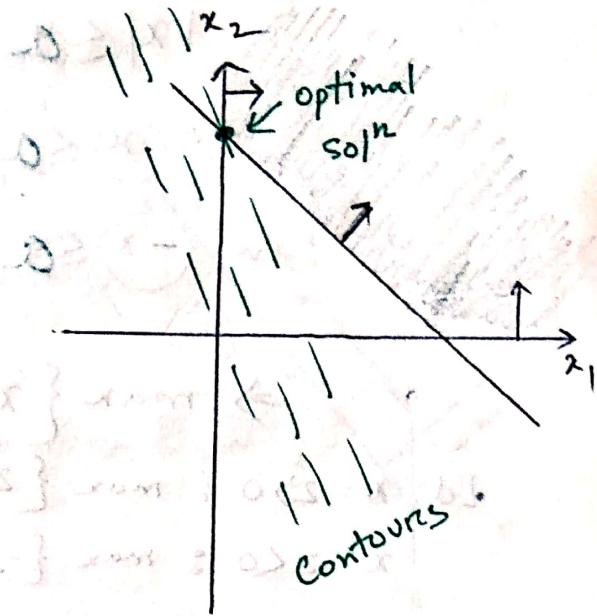
Function $|x|$ is non-linear
& not smooth i.e. not differentiable @ $x=0$

Review of last class:

$$\min 3x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 1$$

$$x_1 \geq 0; x_2 \geq 0$$



Formulation of a non-linear Problem into a Linear problem

Optimization model of Least sum of absolute errors \rightarrow

$$\min_{a, b} \sum |y_i - ax_i - b| \rightarrow \text{non-Linear obj. func.}$$

s.t. $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Using Reformulation —

Let's convert it into a Linear problem

Prove that they give the same opt. result ***

Approach ①

$$\min_{u_i, a, b}$$

\equiv (equivalent)

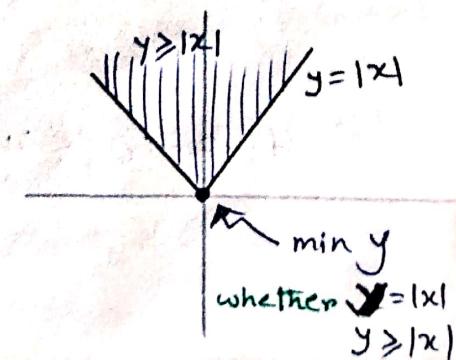
Approach ②

$$\min \sum u_i$$

$$u_i^* \geq |y_i - ax_i - b|$$

$\sum u_i \rightarrow$ Linear obj. func. with new decision variables (u_i)

$u_i^* = |y_i - ax_i - b| \rightarrow$ non-linear (Additional constraint)



Optimization Problem Formulation Steps:

1. Problem data i.e., parameters
2. Decision variables
3. Objective function
4. Constraints
5. Optimization model

Optimization Problem

$\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(x) \rightarrow \text{objective function}$

subject to $g(x) \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{Inequality constraint}$

$h(x) = 0 \rightarrow \text{Equality constraint}$

} Can be
Linear / Non-linear

Reformulation Techniques for 'Non-linear and Non-differentiable' functions:

Case 1: $a \geq |x|$, $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$ e.g., $a=3$

Case 2: $\min_x |x|$

Case 3: $a \leq \min \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

Case 4: $a \geq \max \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

Case 5: $a \leq |x|$

Case 6: $\max_x |x|$

Case 7: $a \geq \min \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

Case 8: $a \leq \max \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

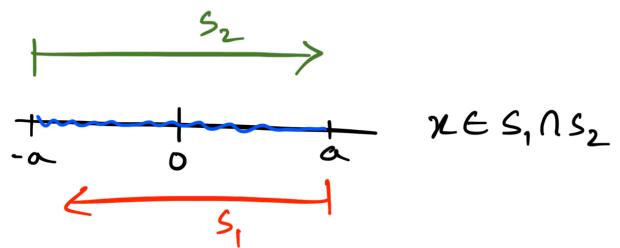
Easy
to
Handle

Difficult
to
Handle

Easy to Handle Cases:

Case 1: $a \geq |x| \Rightarrow$

(constraint)

$$\begin{cases} a \geq x^*; x \geq 0 \\ a \geq -x; x \leq 0 \\ -a \leq x^* \end{cases}$$


Example:

$$\min_x 2x + 3$$

$$\text{s.t. } 3 \geq |x|$$

$$\min_x 2x + 3$$

$$\text{s.t. } 3 \geq x$$

$$3 \geq -x$$

Case 2: $\min |x|$ (obj. function)

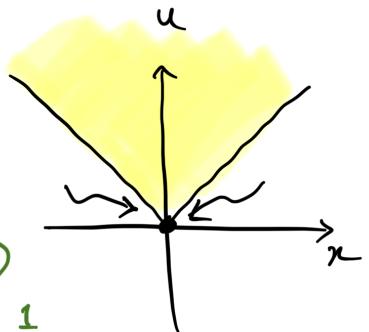
$$\Leftrightarrow \min_{x,u} u$$

$$\text{s.t. } u = |x|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \min_{x,u} u$$

$$\text{s.t. } u \geq |x|$$

Case 1



$$\min_{x,u} u$$

$$\text{s.t. } u \geq x \\ u \geq -x$$

Case 3: $u \leq \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow 1 \text{ const.} \Rightarrow u \text{ is smaller than all the } x_i \text{'s.}$

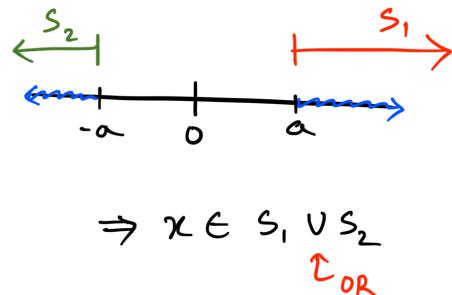
$$\Leftrightarrow u \leq x_i; i = 1, 2, \dots, n \rightarrow n \text{ const.}$$

Case 4: $u \geq \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow 1 \text{ const.} \Rightarrow u \text{ is greater than all the } x_i \text{'s.}$

$$\Leftrightarrow u \geq x_i; i = 1, 2, \dots, n \rightarrow n \text{ const.}$$

Case 5: $a \leq |x| \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} a \leq x^*; x \geq 0 \\ a \leq -x^*; x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow -a \geq x^*$$


We need a binary variable $d \in \{0, 1\}$ to deal with above 'OR' situation

$$\text{Let, } d = \begin{cases} 1 &; x \geq 0 \\ 0 &; \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore a - M(1-d) \leq x$$

$$a - Md \leq -x$$

$$\text{Case 6: } \max_x |x| \Leftrightarrow \max_{x,u} u \Leftrightarrow \max_{x,u} u$$

$$\text{s.t. } u = |x|$$

$$\text{s.t. } u \leq |x|$$

Case 5



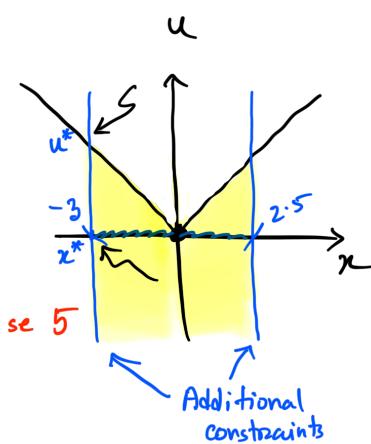
$$\max_{x,u} u$$

$$\text{s.t. } u - M(1-d) \leq x$$

$$u - Md \leq -x$$

$$d \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$d = \begin{cases} 1 &; x \geq 0 \\ 0 &; \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\max_x |x| \\ \text{s.t. } &x \leq 2.5 \\ &x \geq -3 \end{aligned}$$



$$\max_{x,u} u$$

$$\text{s.t. } u - M(1-d) \leq x$$

$$u - Md \leq -x$$

$$d \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$d = \begin{cases} 1 &; x \geq 0 \\ 0 &; \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$x \leq 2.5$$

$$x \geq -3$$

Case 7: $a \geq \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \Rightarrow u$ is greater than some of the x_i 's.

$$\Rightarrow z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & ; x_i = \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \\ 0 & ; \text{o/w} \end{cases} \quad \hookrightarrow \text{we need binary variable } z_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for each of } x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow a + M(1-z_i) \geq x_i ; \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n z_i = 1$$

Final formulation: $a \geq \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$



$$a + M(1-z_i) \geq x_i ; \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n z_i = 1$$

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & ; x_i = \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \\ 0 & ; \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$z_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

Case 8: $a \leq \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \Rightarrow u$ is smaller than some of the x_i 's.

\hookrightarrow we need binary variable

$$\Rightarrow z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & ; x_i = \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \\ 0 & ; \text{o/w} \end{cases} \quad z_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for each of } x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow a - M(1-z_i) \leq x_i ; \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n z_i = 1$$

Final formulation: $a \leq \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$



$$a - M(1-z_i) \leq x_i ; \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$z_i \in \{0, 1\} ; \sum_{i=1}^n z_i = 1 ; z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & ; x_i = \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \\ 0 & ; \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

Composite Cases:

• $u = |x| \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} u \geq |x| & [\text{Case 1}] \\ u \leq |x| & [\text{Case 5}] \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} u - M(1-d) \leq x \leq u \\ u - Md \leq -x \leq u \\ d \in \{0, 1\} \\ d = \begin{cases} 1 & ; x \geq 0 \\ 0 & ; 0/w \end{cases} \end{cases}$

• $u = \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} u \leq \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} & [\text{case 3}] \\ u \geq \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} & [\text{case 7}] \end{cases} \Updownarrow$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u \leq x_i ; \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ u + M(1-z_i) \geq x_i ; \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \sum_{i=1}^n z_i = 1 \\ z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & ; x_i = \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \\ 0 & ; 0/w \end{cases} \\ z_i \in \{0, 1\} \end{array} \right.$

• $u = \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} u \geq \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} & [\text{case 4}] \\ u \leq \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} & [\text{case 8}] \end{cases} \Updownarrow$

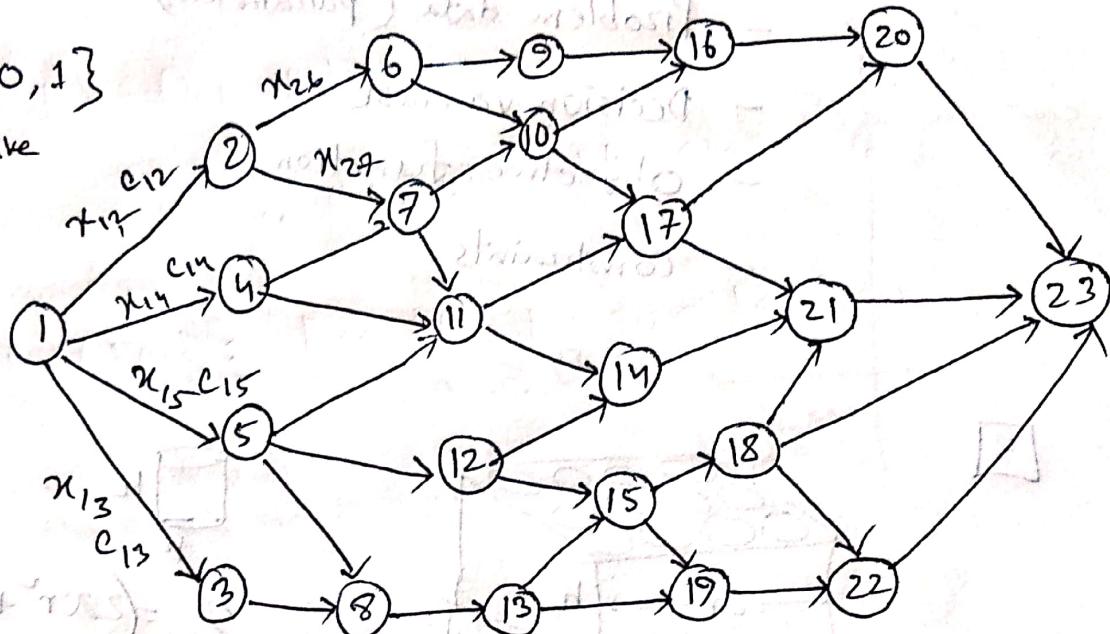
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Problem data \rightarrow Transportation Network.

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$$

whether take
the
path or
not



c_{ij} \rightarrow Distance values
from i to j

min

$$\sum x_{ij} c_{ij}$$

$$(i, j) \in E \text{ (Edges)}$$

s.t. $x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} + x_{15} = 1$

$$x_{12} + x_{26} + x_{27} = 1$$

For ②

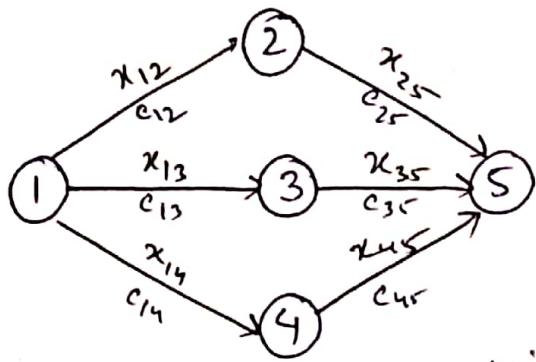
$$x_{12} = x_{26} + x_{27} \quad [\text{Balance flow}]$$

in out

For ⑪ $x_{4,11} + x_{5,11} + x_{7,11} = x_{11,14} + x_{11,17}$

For ⑬ $x_{20,23} + x_{21,23} + x_{18,23} + x_{22,23} = 1$

Shortest Path Problem:



$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}; i, j \in E$$

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & ; (i, j) \in P \\ 0 & ; o/w \end{cases}$$

$$\min \sum_{i, j \in E} x_{ij} c_{ij} \quad \text{(i.e.)} \rightarrow x_{12} c_{12} + x_{13} c_{13} + x_{14} c_{14} + x_{25} c_{25} + x_{35} c_{35} + x_{45} c_{45}$$

s.t.

$$x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} = 1$$

$$x_{25} + x_{35} + x_{45} = 1$$

$$x_{12} - x_{25} = 0$$

$$x_{13} - x_{35} = 0$$

$$x_{14} - x_{45} = 0$$

$$x_{(a)} = \{0, 1\}, a \in A$$

Compact form:

$$\min_x C^T x$$

$$Mx = b$$

$$x \in \{0, 1\}$$

Hence,

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} \\ c_{13} \\ c_{14} \\ c_{25} \\ c_{35} \\ c_{45} \end{bmatrix}; x = \begin{bmatrix} x_{12} \\ x_{13} \\ x_{14} \\ x_{25} \\ x_{35} \\ x_{45} \end{bmatrix}; M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

dv = # Edges

$\{x_i, y_i\}$ ab samples
 $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$

$\hat{y}_i = \hat{a}^T x_i + \hat{b}$
estimaciones p

Least median absolute error

$(y_i, x_i) ; i=1, \dots, n$ bairros

$$\varepsilon_i = |y_i - (\hat{a}^T x_i + \hat{b})| ; i=1, \dots, n$$

$$n \rightarrow \text{odd}; \quad \text{median index } P = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

Sorted: $\varepsilon_{i_1} \leq \varepsilon_{i_2} \leq \dots \leq \varepsilon_{i_P} \leq \varepsilon_{i_{P+1}} \dots \leq \varepsilon_{i_n}$

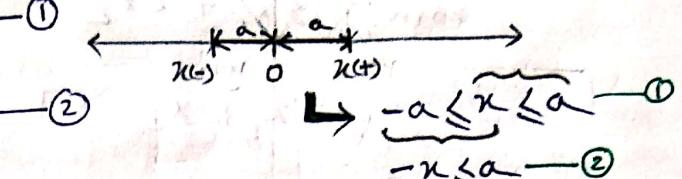
Elaborate Discussion of some of the Previous Topics

consider distance of x from origin less than a

$$|x| \leq a$$

+ve $(x) \leq a$ if $x > 0 \rightarrow ①$

+ve $(-x) \leq a$ if $x < 0 \rightarrow ②$



$$\Rightarrow \max\{x, -x\} = |x| \leq a$$

Lt, $x = 2 > 0 \therefore \max\{2, -2\} = ② = |2| \leq a \quad [①] \quad \text{Same idea}$

$x = -2 < 0 \therefore \max\{-2, -(-2)\} = ② = |-2| \leq a \quad [②]$

Applying this idea in App #2: $[u_i = a; |y_i - ax_i - b| \leq x]$

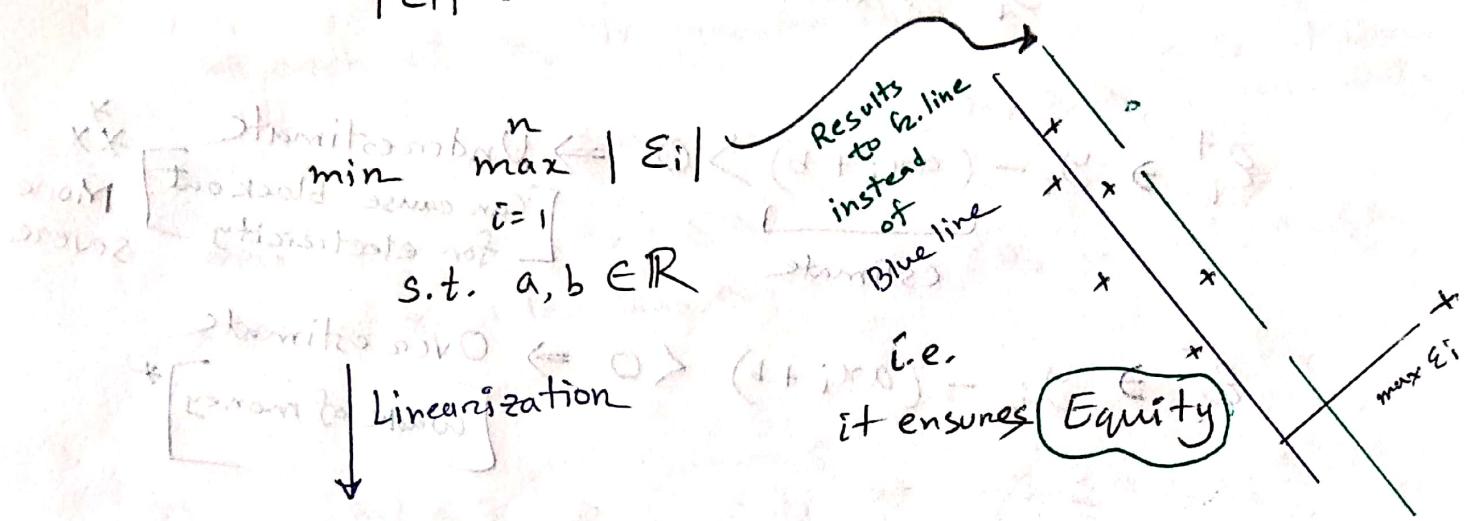
Linear $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_{a, b, u_i} \sum u_i \\ i=1, \dots, n \end{array} \right.$

non-linear $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_i \geq |y_i - ax_i - b| \end{array} \right.$

✓ Linear $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_i \geq y_i - ax_i - b \\ u_i \geq -(y_i - ax_i - b) \end{array} \right. \quad i = 1 \dots n$

absolute
Least max. error

$$|\varepsilon_1| \dots | \varepsilon_n|$$



$$\min_{a,b \in \mathbb{R}} u \Rightarrow \left[\text{not } u_i; i=1, \dots, n \right]$$

s.t. $u = \max_{i=1 \dots n} |\varepsilon_i|$

$$u \geq \max_{i=1 \dots n} |\varepsilon_i| \Rightarrow u \geq \max \{ |\varepsilon_1|, \dots, |\varepsilon_n| \}$$

$$u \geq |\varepsilon_1|; u \geq |\varepsilon_2|; \dots; u \geq |\varepsilon_n|$$

$$u \geq \varepsilon_1; u \geq -\varepsilon_1$$

Final Formulation

\min_u	\min_u
$\text{s.t. } u \geq y_i - (ax_i + b)$	$\text{s.t. } u \geq y_i - (ax_i + b)$
$u \geq -y_i + ax_i + b$	$u \geq -y_i + (ax_i + b)$
$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$	



$$(x_i, y_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$y_i \rightarrow \text{demand}$

$$\varepsilon_i^+ \Rightarrow y_i - (\underbrace{ax_i + b}_{\text{estimate}}) > 0 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Underestimate} \\ \text{Can cause black out} \\ \text{for electricity} \end{array} \quad \star \star$$

More severe

$$\varepsilon_i^- \Rightarrow y_i - (ax_i + b) < 0 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Over estimate} \\ \text{Waste of money} \end{array} \quad *$$

$$\min_{a, b \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^n w_1 \varepsilon_i^+ + w_2 \varepsilon_i^- \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} w_1, w_2 \geq 0 \\ \varepsilon_i^+ = \max \{ y_i - (ax_i + b), 0 \} \\ \varepsilon_i^- = \max \{ -y_i + ax_i + b, 0 \} \end{array} \right]$$

The formulation on R.H.S. ensures that ε_i (either ε^+ or ε^-) is not repeated by including 0 in the set. Example:

$$\text{Let, } y_i - (ax_i + b) = -2$$

$$\therefore \varepsilon_i^+ = \max \{-2, 0\} = 0 \quad [w_1 \varepsilon_i^+ = 0]$$

$$\varepsilon_i^- = \max \{-(-2), 0\} = 2 \quad [w_2 \varepsilon_i^- \text{ exists}]$$

non-linear; e.g. $\max\{x, 0\}$

Note: Any Step-function is non-linear

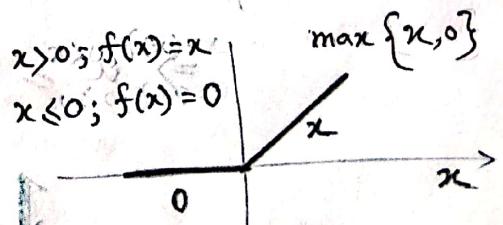
Linearization:-

$$\Leftrightarrow \min_{a, b \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^n w_1 u_i^+ + w_2 u_i^-$$

$$u_i^+ = \max \{ y_i - (ax_i + b), 0 \}$$

$$u_i^- = \max \{ -y_i + (ax_i + b), 0 \}$$

Relaxation



$$u_i^+ \geq y_i - (ax_i + b); \quad u_i^+ \geq 0$$

$$(at \pm \infty) \quad u_i^+ \geq \max \{ y_i - (ax_i + b), 0 \}$$

$$(at \pm \infty) \quad u_i^- \geq \max \{ -y_i + (ax_i + b), 0 \} \Leftrightarrow u_i^- \geq -y_i + (ax_i + b); \quad u_i^- \geq 0$$

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$$\min \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \geq a$$

\Rightarrow each of x_i is greater than a

$$x_1 \geq a, \dots, x_n \geq a \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Set of linear constraints}$$

$$\max \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \leq a$$

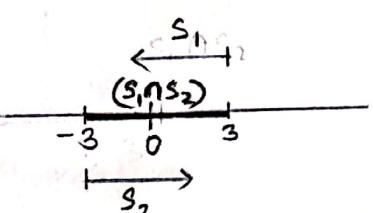
\Rightarrow each of x_i is less than a i.e. $x_1 \leq a, \dots, x_n \leq a$

$$\square |x| \leq \beta \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \leq \beta \\ -x \leq \beta \end{cases} \Rightarrow -\beta \leq x \leq \beta \quad (S_1 \cap S_2)$$

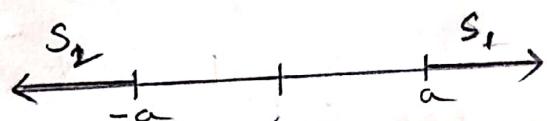
Diff. cases

$x \in S_1, S_2$ simultaneously

non-negative
[Hard to deal!]



$$\text{if } x \geq 0 ; x \geq \beta \rightarrow S_1$$



$$0/w (\text{if } x \leq 0) ; -x \geq \beta \rightarrow S_2$$

or, $x \leq -\beta \rightarrow -a$

$x \in S_1 \text{ OR } S_2 \text{ i.e. } S_1 \cup S_2$

Disjoint sets

Since, $x \in S_1$ OR $x \in S_2$; we need a binary variable "d" $\in \{0, 1\}$

$$d = \begin{cases} 1 ; \text{ if } x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq a & \text{to hold this relation} \\ 0 ; 0/w \Rightarrow -x \geq a \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{if } d=1, x \geq a + g(d=1) \\ &\text{if } d=0, x \geq a + g(d=0) \end{aligned}$$

This should be redundant
i.e. $g(0) = -M$

$$\therefore |x| \geq a \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \geq a - M(1-d) \\ -x \geq a - Md \end{cases}$$

To hold this relation

MILP problem

$$d \in \{0, 1\} \quad \& \quad d = \begin{cases} 1 ; x \geq 0 \\ 0 ; 0/w \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{If } d=0 ; -x \geq a + \bar{g}(d=0) \rightarrow 0 \\ &\text{if } d=1 ; -x \geq a + \bar{g}(d=1), \end{aligned}$$

This should be redundant
i.e. $\bar{g}(1) = -M \therefore \bar{g}(d) = -Md$

Lecture - 4

Easy to Deal with

$$1. \min |x| \Leftrightarrow \min u ; u \geq |x|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u \geq n$$

$$u \geq -n$$

(obj. func.)

Easy to Deal with

$$2. |x| \leq a (\text{Const.}) \Leftrightarrow -a \leq x \leq a$$

$$3. \min \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \geq a \Leftrightarrow x_i \geq a ; i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$4. \max \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \leq a \Leftrightarrow x_i \leq a ; i = 1, \dots, n$$

NOT Easy to Deal with

$$5. \max |x| \Leftrightarrow |x| \geq 0$$

or

$$6. |x| \geq a \rightarrow -x \geq a ; 0/w$$

$$7. \min \{x_1, -x_2, \dots, -x_n\} \leq a$$

$$8. \max \{x_1, -x_2, \dots, -x_n\} \geq a$$

$$x \geq a - M(1-d)$$

$$-x \geq a - Md$$

$$d \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$d = \begin{cases} 1; x \geq 0 \\ 0; 0/w \end{cases}$$

from last class

Case 5: $\max |x| \Leftrightarrow \max u$
 s.t. $u \leq |x|$ $u \geq |x|$ is not suitable since $(\max u) \rightarrow \infty$

Case 6: $|x| \geq a$ solve/reformulate accordingly

Case 7: $\min\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\} \leq a \Leftrightarrow \exists k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

i.e. at least one element x_k is $\leq a$

Now, for each x_i we need a binary variable z_i

$$\text{if } x_i = \min\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \Rightarrow z_i = 1 \Rightarrow x_i \leq a + g(z_i=1)$$

$$\text{o/w } z_i = 0 \Rightarrow x_i \leq a + g(z_i=0)$$

This should be redundant i.e. $g(0) = M$

Therefore,

$$x_i \leq a + (1-z_i)M$$

$$* \sum z_i = 1 \quad [\because \text{At least one } x_i \text{ should be } \leq a]$$

where, $z_i \in \{0, 1\}$

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_i = \min\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

* Note, that, there can be cases where $\sum z_i \geq 1$ is true

i.e. more than one x_i 's are $\leq a$! But $\sum z_i = 1$ will give

the same optimal soln where $\sum z_i \geq 1$ can create

additional/unnecessary restrictions.

Case 8: $\max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \geq 0$ [Try]

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{case 2)} \\
 a > |x| \iff a \geq x \dots \textcircled{1} \\
 a \geq -x \dots \textcircled{2} \\
 \text{case 6)} \\
 a \leq |x| \iff a \leq -M(1-d) \leq x \dots \textcircled{3} \\
 a - Md \leq -x \dots \textcircled{4} \\
 \text{where, } d \in \{0, 1\} \\
 d = \begin{cases} 1; & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0; & \text{o/w} \end{cases}
 \end{array}$$

\Leftrightarrow
 4 constraints
 $\textcircled{1} \sim \textcircled{4}$

$\boxed{\textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{3}}$ can be combined as:
 $x \leq a \leq x + M(1-d)$ [From $\textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{3}$]

$\boxed{\textcircled{2} \& \textcircled{4}}$
 $-x \leq a \leq -x + Md$ [From $\textcircled{2} \& \textcircled{4}$]