

Optimization problem
 minimize $f(x)$
 s.t. $f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1, \dots, m$
 $h_i(x) = 0, i=1, \dots, p$

• duality:
 - gives us lower bound
 - Sometimes it's easier to solve (good properties for solver!)

• dual problem

$$L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(x)$$

$$g(\lambda, \nu) = \inf_{x \in D} L(x, \lambda, \nu)$$

$$= \inf_{x \in D} \left\{ f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(x) \right\}$$

maximize $g(\lambda, \nu)$
 s.t. $\lambda \geq 0$

• QCAP (quadratic constrained quadratic programming)

minimize $x^T Q x$
 s.t. $x^T A_k x = b_k \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$

non-convex QCAP
 Lagrange multipliers

$$L(x, \lambda) = x^T Q x + \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k (b_k - x^T A_k x)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k b_k + x^T (Q - \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k A_k) x$$

$$= b^T \lambda + x^T H(\lambda) x$$

$\begin{bmatrix} b^T \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ x \end{bmatrix}$ $Q - \sum \lambda_k A_k$

$g(\lambda) = \inf_x L(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} b^T \lambda, & \text{if } H(\lambda) \preceq 0 \\ -\infty, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0$

primal problem

minimize $x^T Q x$
 s.t. $x^T A_k x = b_k \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$

\Downarrow

$$\theta p(w) = \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda)$$

$$= \max_{\lambda} \begin{cases} x^T Q x & x \in D \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$\left(\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \max_{\lambda} (b^T \lambda + x^T H(\lambda) x) \end{array} \right) \quad (1)$

dual problem

maximize $b^T \lambda$
 s.t. $H(\lambda) \preceq 0$
 $H(\lambda)x = 0$ (2)

∴ from (1) & (2)
 when $H(\lambda)x = 0$
 $p^* = d^* = b^T \lambda$

Strong duality holds

Slater's condition
 $\exists x \in \text{relint } D$
 s.t.
 $f_i(x) < 0$
 $Ax = b$

empirically, robotics application satisfy Slater's condition

This implies:
 a. strong duality (if $H(\lambda) \preceq 0$)
 b. λ is optimal when $H\lambda = 0$ (global)
 c. λ is not optimal then what do we do?

from above certification problem

find H, λ
 s.t. $H = Q - \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k A_k$
 $H \preceq 0$
 $H \hat{x} = 0$

Strong duality holds!

we have global optimal!

SDP relaxation (which can allow us to solve it faster & solve it further!)

dual of dual problem (omitted today)

recall dual problem

maximize $b^T \lambda$
 s.t. $H(\lambda) \preceq 0$

Lagrangian:

$$L'(\lambda, X) = b^T \lambda + \tau \lambda (X H(\lambda))$$

note: $\langle X, Y \rangle = \text{tr}(X^T Y)$

dual problem:

$$- L'(\lambda, X) = b^T \lambda + \tau \lambda (X (Q - \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k A_k))$$

$$= \tau \lambda (QX) + [b_1 - \tau \lambda (A_1 X) \quad b_K - \tau \lambda (A_K X)] \lambda$$

$$- g(X) = \sup_{\lambda} L'(\lambda, X) = \begin{cases} \tau \lambda (QX) & \text{if } \tau \lambda (A_k X) = b_k \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

∴ minimize $\tau \lambda (QX)$
 X
 $\tau \lambda (A_k X = b_k)$
 $X \succeq 0$

Sum-of-Squares Programming!

$XX^T = X$

minimize $x^T Q x$
 s.t. $x^T A_k x \leq b_k$

