

# Assignment 3 in Optreg

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## Problem 1

For the LP problem on the standard form:

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

where  $c, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . The KKT-conditions are given by:

- $A^T \lambda^* + s^* = c$
- $Ax^* = b$
- $x^* \geq 0$
- $s^* \geq 0$
- $s_i^* x_i^* = 0, i = 1, \dots, n$

a)

The **Newton direction** is given by  $p_k^N = -(\nabla^2 f_k)^{-1} \nabla f_k$ , for this to hold our objective function  $f_k = c^T x$  must be adequately smooth. Since  $\nabla^2 f_k = 0$  we cannot define a Newton direction.

b)

From the definition of convex functions we have that, a function is convex if its domain  $S$  is convex and there exists two arbitrary points  $x$  and  $y$  such that you can draw a straight line between them and still be within the set.

Since all LPs have linear constraints, they form polyhedrons, which are convex sets.

The function  $f$  is said to be convex if the following property holds:

$$\bullet f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1 - \alpha)f(y), \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

Checking for this property in our objective function, we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \alpha f(x) + (1 - \alpha)f(x) &= c^T x + (1 - \alpha)c^T x = \alpha c^T x + c^T x - \alpha c^T x \\ \bullet f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) &= c^T(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) = \alpha c^T x + c^T y - \alpha c^T y \end{aligned}$$

The two terms are equal and convexity holds for the function  $f$ .

From the definition of the convex optimization problem it follows that a the problem is convex if

- the objective function is convex

- the equality constraint functions  $c_1(\cdot)$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{E}$ , are linear, and
- the inequality constraint functions  $c_i(\cdot)$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , are concave.

All these hold for our problem, and generally do for all LP problems.

**c)**

In order to find the KKT-conditions of the dual problem we change it from a maximization problem to a minimization problem, this yields the problem  $\min_{\lambda} -b^T \lambda$ , s.t.  $c - A^T \lambda \geq 0$ . The lagrangian for this problem is given by:

- $\bar{\mathcal{L}}(\lambda, x) = -b^T \lambda - x^T (c - A^T \lambda)$

We find the first KKT-condition of the problem using  $\nabla_{\lambda} \bar{\mathcal{L}}(\lambda^*, x^*) = 0$ , this gives:

- $\nabla_{\lambda} \bar{\mathcal{L}}(\lambda^*, x^*) = -b + (x^T A^T)^T = Ax - b = 0$

The rest of the KKT-conditions are then as follows:

- $Ax^* = b$ ,
- $A^T \lambda^* \leq c$ ,
- $x^* \geq 0$
- $(c - A^T \lambda^*)_i \cdot x_i^* = 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$

If we introduce the slack variable  $s$  defined as  $s = (c - A^T \lambda)$ , the KKT-conditions of the dual problem matches those of the primal problem.

**d)**

Since they have the same KKT-conditions, they also have the same values, giving the relation  $c^T x^* = b^T \lambda^*$

**e)**

A point  $x'$  is a basic feasible point if it is part of the feasible set  $\Omega$  and  $\exists$  a subset  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{E}$  such that:

- $\mathcal{B}$  contains exactly  $m$  indices,
- $i \notin \mathcal{B} \rightarrow x_i = 0$ ,
- The  $m \times m$  matrix  $B$  is defined by  $B = [A_i]_{i \in \mathcal{B}}$  is nonsingular.

**f)**

Since  $A$  is always full row rank, this means that the constraints are linearly independent to one another, it is therefore implied that the gradient of the constraints  $\nabla c_i(x)$  are so as well, meaning they are LICQ.

## **Problem 2**

a)

The problem stated in the task can be represented by the following equations:

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b)

Here I've used the contour plotting from the fig\_prob2.m file that was attached to this assignment with some very minor changes.

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% fig_prob

x1_l = -1.5; x1_h = 6.5;
x2_l = -1.5; x2_h = 6.5;
res = 0.1;

[x1, x2] = meshgrid(x1_l:res:x2_h, x1_l:res:x2_h);

f = -(3/2)*x1 - x2;

levels = (-32:2:6)';

fig = figure(1);
% Set fontsize for the labels and llegend
fontsize = 8;
% Set the figure dimension units to centimeters
set(gcf, 'units','centimeters');
% Figure paper dimensions:
w = 11; % 9 cm wide
h = 11; % 9 cm tall
% Set the dimensions of the figure
pos = get(gcf, 'position');
set(gcf, 'position', [pos(1), pos(2), w, h]);

[C, h] = contour(x1, x2, f, levels, 'Color', .7*[1 1 1]);
% set(h, 'ShowText','on', 'LabelSpacing',500);
hold('on');
grid('off');
axis('square');

% plot([0 0], [x1_l, x1_h], 'k');
% plot([x2_l, x2_h], [0 0], 'k');

% plot_arrow(0,x1_l,0,x1_h);
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point1_arrow = [0,x1_l];
point2_arrow1 = [0,x1_h];
d_point = point2_arrow1-point1_arrow;
quiver(point1_arrow(1), point1_arrow(2), d_point(1), d_point(2), 0, 'black')

% plot_arrow(x2_l,0,x2_h,0);
point1_arrow = [x2_l,0];
point2_arrow1 = [x2_h,0];
d_point = point2_arrow1-point1_arrow;
quiver(point1_arrow(1), point1_arrow(2), d_point(1), d_point(2), 0, 'black')

% Plot c_1 and c_2
x_1 = [-10,10];
x_2 = 8 - 2*x_1;
plot(x_1, x_2, 'k');
x_2 = (1/3)*(15 - x_1);
plot(x_1, x_2, 'k');

x1_opt = 1.8;
x2_opt = 4.4;
plot(x1_opt, x2_opt, 'ok');
it1_x1 = 0;
it1_x2 = 0;
plot(it1_x1, it1_x2, 'ok');
it2_x1 = 4;
it2_x2 = 0;
plot(it2_x1, it2_x2, 'ok');

c1_x1 = -2;
c1_x2 = -1;

c2_x1 = -1;
c2_x2 = -3;

f_x1 = -3;
f_x2 = -2;

% plot_arrow(x1_opt,x2_opt, x1_opt+c1_x1,x2_opt+c1_x2, 'linewidth', 2);
point1_arrow = [x1_opt,x2_opt];
point2_arrow1 = [x1_opt+c1_x1,x2_opt+c1_x2];
d_point = point2_arrow1-point1_arrow;
quiver(point1_arrow(1), point1_arrow(2), d_point(1), d_point(2), 0, 'black')

% plot_arrow(x1_opt,x2_opt, x1_opt+c2_x1,x2_opt+c2_x2, 'linewidth', 2);
point1_arrow = [x1_opt,x2_opt];
point2_arrow1 = [ x1_opt+c2_x1,x2_opt+c2_x2];
d_point = point2_arrow1-point1_arrow;
quiver(point1_arrow(1), point1_arrow(2), d_point(1), d_point(2), 0, 'black')

% plot_arrow(x1_opt,x2_opt, x1_opt+f_x1,x2_opt+f_x2, 'linewidth', 2);
point1_arrow = [x1_opt,x2_opt];
point2_arrow1 = [ x1_opt+f_x1,x2_opt+f_x2];
d_point = point2_arrow1-point1_arrow;

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quiver(point1_arrow(1), point1_arrow(2), d_point(1), d_point(2), 0, 'black')

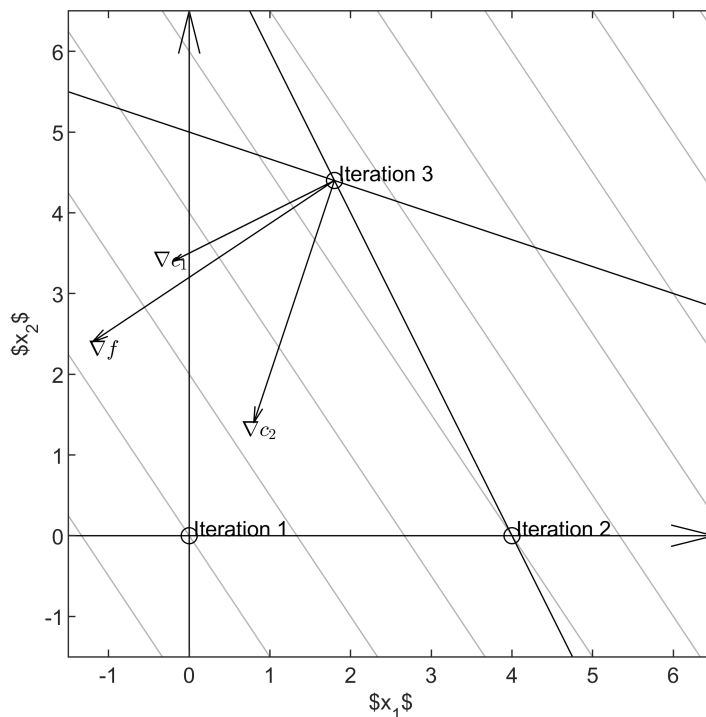
text_offset = 0.05;
text(x1_opt+c1_x1-5*text_offset,x2_opt+c1_x2+0*text_offset, '$\nabla c_1$', 'fontsize', fontsize)
text(x1_opt+c2_x1-3*text_offset,x2_opt+c2_x2-2*text_offset, '$\nabla c_2$', 'fontsize', fontsize)
text(x1_opt+f_x1-1*text_offset,x2_opt+f_x2-2*text_offset, '$\nabla f$', 'fontsize', fontsize)
text(it1_x1+1*text_offset,it1_x2+2*text_offset, 'Iteration 1', 'fontsize', fontsize)
text(it2_x1+1*text_offset,it2_x2+2*text_offset, 'Iteration 2', 'fontsize', fontsize)
text(x1_opt+1*text_offset,x2_opt+2*text_offset, 'Iteration 3', 'fontsize', fontsize)

xlabel('$x_1$');
ylabel('$x_2$');
% Set the fontsize of all elements
set(gca, 'fontsize', fontsize); % Sets fontsize on legend and numbers on axis
set(get(gca, 'XLabel'), 'fontsize', fontsize); % Sets the fontsize for the xlabel
set(get(gca, 'YLabel'), 'fontsize', fontsize); % Sets the fontsize for the ylabel

set(gca, 'XTick', [-1:1:6], 'YTick', [-1:1:6])
xlim([-1.5,6.5])
ylim([-1.5,6.5])

hold('off');

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% Create the pdf file
% pdfmatlabfrag(gcf, 'fig_prob2.pdf');

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c)

Here I have modified the simplex\_example.m script in order to use the simplex algorithm with the current problem.

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%% Simplex implementation
clear all;

% Using the values from LF
c = [-3; -2; 0; 0];
A = [2 1 1 0;
     1 3 0 1];
b = [8; 15];

% Starting algorithm at the origin
x0 = [0; 0; 8; 15];

[x, fval, iterates] = simplex(c,A,b,x0,'report');
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Iteration number: 1
Basic index set: {3, 4}
Nonbasic index set: {1, 2}
x_B = [ 8.0000, 15.0000]'
x_N = [ 0.0000, 0.0000]'
lambda = [ 0.0000, 0.0000]'
s_N = [ -3.0000, -2.0000]'
x = [ 0.0000, 0.0000, 8.0000, 15.0000]'
c'x = 0.00000000
x_1 will enter the basis (q = 1)
d = [ 2.0000, 1.0000]'
x_q+ = x_1+ = 4.0000 (value of entering variable/step length)
x_3 will leave the basis (p = 1)
x_B+ = [ 0.0000, 11.0000]' (Current basic vector at new point)
x_N+ = [ 4.0000, 0.0000]' (Current nonbasic vector at new point)
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Iteration number: 2
Basic index set: {1, 4}
Nonbasic index set: {3, 2}
x_B = [ 4.0000, 11.0000]'
x_N = [ 0.0000, 0.0000]'
lambda = [ -1.5000, 0.0000]'
s_N = [ 1.5000, -0.5000]'
x = [ 4.0000, 0.0000, 0.0000, 11.0000]'
c'x = -12.00000000
x_2 will enter the basis (q = 2)
d = [ 0.5000, 2.5000]'
x_q+ = x_2+ = 4.4000 (value of entering variable/step length)
x_4 will leave the basis (p = 2)
x_B+ = [ 1.8000, 0.0000]' (Current basic vector at new point)
x_N+ = [ 0.0000, 4.4000]' (Current nonbasic vector at new point)
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Iteration number: 3
Basic index set: {1, 2}
Nonbasic index set: {3, 4}
x_B = [ 1.8000, 4.4000]'
x_N = [ 0.0000, 0.0000]'
lambda = [ -1.4000, -0.2000]'
s_N = [ 1.4000, 0.2000]'

OPTIMAL POINT FOUND
x^* = [ 1.8000, 4.4000, 0.0000, 0.0000]'
c'x^* = -14.20000000
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iter_x1_x2 = iterates(1:2, :);

% Extract iterates as individual vectors (containing x_1 and x_2):
iter_1 = iter_x1_x2(:,1);
iter_2 = iter_x1_x2(:,2);
iter_3 = iter_x1_x2(:,3);

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We ran the algorithm in three iterations inspecting three different basic feasible points and an optimal point was found at  $x^* = [1.8 \ 4.4 \ 0 \ 0]^T$  with a minimal function value of  $f(x^*) = -14.2$ .

d)

This is already done in the figure made in **Problem 2 b)**.

e)

### Problem 3

a)

The active set of an optimization problem is given by:

$$\bullet \mathcal{A}(x^*) = \mathcal{E} \cup \{i \in \mathcal{I} \mid c_i(x^*) = 0\}$$

Meaning for an inequality-constraint to be active, it has to be identically zero at the optimal solution  $x^*$ .

For our problem, we see that the active set is given by:

$$\bullet \mathcal{A}(x^*) = \mathcal{E} \cup \{i \in \mathcal{I} \mid a_i^T x^* = b_i\}$$

b)

First we find the lagrangian of the problem, which is given by:

$$\bullet \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Gx + c^T x - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{I}} \lambda_i (a_i^T x - b_i)$$

The gradient of the lagrangian is given by

$$\bullet \nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x^*, \lambda^*) = Gx^* + c - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{I}} \lambda_i a_i^T x = 0$$

The rest of the KKT-conditions follow:

- $a_i^T x^* = b_i, i \in \mathcal{E}$
- $a_i^T x^* \geq b_i, i \in \mathcal{I}$
- $\lambda^* \geq 0, i \in \mathcal{I}$
- $\lambda_i^* (a_i^T x^* - b_i) = 0, i \in I$