

## Solutions to Part B of Problem Sheet 5

**Solution (5.4)** The last block of rows reads as

$$S\Delta x + X\Delta s = -XSe + \sigma\mu e,$$

so that multiplying by  $X^{-1}$  (the diagonal matrix  $X$  is non-singular, since we are in  $\mathcal{F}^\circ$ ) and solving for  $\Delta s$ , we get

$$\Delta s = -Se - X^{-1}S\Delta x + \sigma\mu X^{-1}e.$$

Substituting  $\Delta s$  into the first block of rows, we get

$$A^\top \Delta y + X^{-1}S\Delta x = Se - \sigma\mu X^{-1}e.$$

Using  $D = S^{-1/2}X^{1/2}$ , we get the new system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & A \\ A^\top & -D^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y \\ \Delta x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ s - \sigma\mu X^{-1}e \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta s = -Se - X^{-1}S\Delta x + \sigma\mu X^{-1}e. \quad (2)$$

Multiplying  $AD^2$  to the second block of rows, we get

$$AD^2A^\top \Delta y - A\Delta x = AD^2s - \sigma\mu AD^2X^{-1}e,$$

which in view of  $A\Delta x = 0$ ,  $D^2X^{-1} = S^{-1}$  and  $D^2s = x$  simplifies to

$$(AD^2A^\top)\Delta y = b - \sigma\mu AS^{-1}e.$$

This gives a system of equations for recovering  $\Delta y$ , with a symmetric coefficient matrix  $AD^2A^\top$ . From the second block of (1) we also get

$$X^{-1}S\Delta x - \sigma\mu X^{-1}e = A^\top \Delta y - s,$$

and substituting this into the expression for  $\Delta s$  in (2) above gives

$$\Delta s = -A^\top \Delta y.$$

Finally, we can obtain  $\Delta x$  from  $\Delta s$  via (2),

$$\Delta x = -x - S^{-1}X\Delta s + \sigma\mu S^{-1}e.$$

This is the last of the three equations. The benefit is that one only has to solve one system of equations with symmetric coefficient matrix  $AD^2A^\top$ , which can be done efficiently using, for example, Cholesky factorization or other methods. Once  $\Delta y$  is found, one can compute the other parts  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta s$  easily.