

EEOR 4650: Homework 4

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Question 5.6

(a)

Firstly, because $x_{ls} = \text{armin} \|Ax - b\|_2$, we have $\|Ax_{ls} - b\|_2 \leq \|Ax_{ch} - b\|_2$.

Secondly, for the fact $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|z\|_2 \leq \|z\|_\infty \leq \|z\|_2$, by taking $z_{ls} = Ax_{ls} - b$ and $z_{ch} = Ax_{ch} - b$ respectively, we could get $\|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty \leq \|Ax_{ls} - b\|_2$ and $\|Ax_{ch} - b\|_2 \leq \sqrt{m} \|Ax_{ch} - b\|_\infty$. Combine the three inequalities, we have $\|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty \leq \sqrt{m} \|Ax_{ch} - b\|_\infty$.

(b)

For \hat{v} , when $r_{ls} \neq 0$, we have $\|r_{ls}\|_1 > 0$, then $\| -r_{ls} \|_1 \leq \|r_{ls}\|_1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\| -r_{ls} \|_1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} = \| -\frac{r_{ls}}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} \|_1 \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \|\hat{v}\|_1 \leq 1$. Also,

$$A^T \hat{v} = \frac{A^T(-r_{ls})}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} = \frac{A^T(Ax_{ls} - b)}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} = \frac{A^T A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b - A^T b}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} = 0$$

so \hat{v} is feasible.

For \tilde{v} , $\|\tilde{v}\|_1 = \| -\hat{v} \|_1 = \|\hat{v}\|_1 \leq 1$. Also, $A^T \tilde{v} = -A^T \hat{v} = 0$. So \tilde{v} is feasible.

To compare these bounds, we will see that $b^T \hat{v} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty \leq b^T \tilde{v}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
b^T \tilde{v} &= \frac{1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} b^T r_{ls} \\
&= \frac{1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} (r_{ls} + Ax_{ls})^T r_{ls} \\
&= \frac{1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} (\|r_{ls}\|_2^2 + r_{ls}^T Ax_{ls}) \\
&= \frac{1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} (\|r_{ls}\|_2^2 + (b - Ax_{ls})^T Ax_{ls}) \\
&= \frac{1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} (\|r_{ls}\|_2^2 + b^T Ax_{ls} - x_{ls}^T A^T Ax_{ls}) \\
&= \frac{1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} (\|r_{ls}\|_2^2 + b^T A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b - b^T A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b) \\
&= \frac{1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} (\|r_{ls}\|_2^2 + b^T A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b - b^T A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b) \\
&= \frac{1}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} \|r_{ls}\|_2^2
\end{aligned}$$

We also have $\frac{\|r_{ls}\|_1}{m} \leq \frac{\|r_{ls}\|_2}{\sqrt{m}} \Leftrightarrow \|r_{ls}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{m} \|r_{ls}\|_2$ because of the Root-Mean Square-Arithmetic Mean inequality, so $b^T \tilde{v} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|r_{ls}\|_2 \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|r_{ls}\|_\infty = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty$. With $b^T \hat{v} = -b^T \tilde{v} \leq -\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty$, we can compare the three bounds as $b^T \hat{v} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty \leq b^T \tilde{v}$, which shows $b^T \tilde{v}$ is the best lower bound of the three.

Question 5.10 (a)

With $X = \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i v_i^T$, the original problem can be converted to

$$\begin{aligned}
&\min_{X, x} \quad \log \det X^{-1} \\
&\text{s.t.} \quad X = \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i v_i^T, \\
&\quad \mathbf{1}^T x = 1, \\
&\quad x \succeq 0
\end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian function is $L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu) = \log \det X^{-1} + \text{Tr} Y (X - \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i v_i^T) + \lambda (\mathbf{1}^T x - 1) - \mu^T x$ with $\mu \succeq 0$.

The dual function is

$$\begin{aligned}
g(Y, \lambda, \mu) &= \inf_{X, x} L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu) \\
&= \inf_{X, x} \log \det X^{-1} + \mathbf{Tr} Y (X - \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i v_i^T) + \lambda(\mathbf{1}^T x - 1) - \mu^T x \\
&= \inf_{X, x} \log \det X^{-1} + \mathbf{Tr} Y X - \sum_{i=1}^p x_i \mathbf{Tr} Y v_i v_i^T + \lambda(\mathbf{1}^T x - 1) - \mu^T x \\
&= \inf_{X, x} \log \det X^{-1} + \mathbf{Tr} Y X - \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i^T Y v_i + \lambda(\mathbf{1}^T x - 1) - \mu^T x \\
&= \log \det X^{-1} + \mathbf{Tr} Y X + (\lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu)^T x - \lambda \\
&= \log \frac{1}{\det X} + \mathbf{Tr} Y X + (\lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu)^T x - \lambda \\
&= -\log \det X + \mathbf{Tr} Y X + (\lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu)^T x - \lambda
\end{aligned}$$

where v is the vector whose i 's entry is $v_i^T Y v_i$. Obviously, $\inf_{X, x} L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu) = -\infty$ if $\lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu \neq 0$. When $\lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu = 0$, $L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu) = -\log \det X + \mathbf{Tr} Y X - \lambda$.

With the fact that $\log \det X$ is a concave function of X , $-\log \det X$ is convex function of X , $\mathbf{Tr} Y X$ is affine function of X , hence $L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu)$ is convex in (X, x) given any (Y, λ, μ) when $\lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu = 0$.

For $X \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$, note $\mathbf{Tr} Y X = \mathbf{Tr}(Y X)^T = \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y^T = \mathbf{Tr} X Y^T = \mathbf{Tr} Y^T X$. Let $\tilde{Y} = \frac{1}{2}(Y + Y^T)$, we have $\mathbf{Tr} \tilde{Y} X = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{Tr} Y^T X + \mathbf{Tr} Y X) = \mathbf{Tr} Y X$ and $L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu) = -\log \det X + \mathbf{Tr} \tilde{Y} X - \lambda$.

To find a local minimum, we take the derivative with respect to X and get $\frac{\partial L}{\partial X} = -X^{-1} + \tilde{Y}$. We will see that if $\tilde{Y} \notin \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$, $\inf_{X, x} L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu) = -\infty$. Note that \tilde{Y} is a symmetric matrix, suppose $\tilde{Y} \notin \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$ and its spectral decomposition is $\tilde{Y} = P D P^T$, then it must have an eigenvalue satisfying $m_i \leq 0$. Take $X = P A(t) P^T$, where $A(t)$ is a diagonal matrix with $A_{ii} = t$ and $A_{jj} = 1$ for $j \neq i$. When $\lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu = 0$ and $t > 0$, $X \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$,

$$\begin{aligned}
L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu) &= -\log \det P A(t) P^T + \mathbf{Tr} \tilde{Y} X - \lambda \\
&= -\sum_{j \neq i} \log 1 - \log t + \mathbf{Tr} P D P^T P A(t) P^T - \lambda \\
&= -\log t + \mathbf{Tr} D A(t) - \lambda \\
&= -\log t + \sum_{j \neq i} m_j + m_i t
\end{aligned}$$

With $m_i \leq 0$, $L(X, x, Y, \lambda, \mu) \rightarrow -\infty$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$.

When $\tilde{Y} \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$, at $X = \tilde{Y}^{-1}$, the derivative with respect to X is 0 and because L is convex in X , it must attain its minimum when $X = \tilde{Y}^{-1}$.

Therefore, $g(Y, \lambda, \mu) = \log \det \tilde{Y} + n - \lambda$ when $\lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu = 0$ and $\tilde{Y} \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$, otherwise

$g(Y, \lambda, \mu) = -\infty$. Therefore, the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{Y, \lambda, \mu} \quad & \log \det \tilde{Y} + n - \lambda \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \lambda \mathbf{1} - v - \mu = 0, \\ & Y + Y^T \succ 0, \\ & \mu \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{Z, \lambda} \quad & \log \det Z + n - \lambda \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & v_i^T Z v_i \leq \lambda, \\ & Z \succ 0 \end{aligned}$$

because $v_i^T Y v_i = v_i^T Y^T v_i$ and $v_i^T Y v_i = \frac{1}{2} v_i^T (Y + Y^T) v_i$.

Question 6.1

The Lagrangian function should be

$$L(x, y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) = -c^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \log y_i - \lambda^T x + \mu^T (Px - y) + \nu(\mathbf{1}^T x - 1)$$

for $\lambda \succeq 0$. The dual function should be

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda, \mu, \nu) &= \inf_{x, y} L(x, y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \\ &= \inf_{x, y} -c^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \log y_i - \lambda^T x + \mu^T (Px - y) + \nu(\mathbf{1}^T x - 1) \\ &= \inf_{x, y} (P^T \mu - c - \lambda + \nu \mathbf{1})^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i (\log y_i - \mu_i) - \nu \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, when $P^T \mu - c - \lambda + \nu \mathbf{1} \neq 0$, $g(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$ is unbounded below. When $P^T \mu - c - \lambda + \nu \mathbf{1} = 0$, $g(\lambda, \mu, \nu) = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i (\log y_i - \mu_i) - \nu$. Also, $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y_i} = \log y_i + 1 - \mu_i$ and $\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y_i^2} = \frac{1}{y_i} > 0$. So g is convex in each y_i and attains its minimum when $y_i = e^{\mu_i - 1}$ for all i .

Thus we have

$$g(\lambda, \mu, \nu) = - \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\mu_i - 1} - \nu$$

when $P^T \mu - c - \lambda + \nu \mathbf{1} = 0$ and $g(\lambda, \mu, \nu) = -\infty$ otherwise.

The dual problem should be

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \quad & - \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\mu_i - 1} - \nu \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & P^T \mu - c - \lambda + \nu \mathbf{1} = 0, \\ & \lambda \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Regard λ as a slack variable, we transfer constraints $P^T\mu - c - \lambda + \nu\mathbf{1} = 0$ and $\lambda \succeq 0$ into $P^T\mu + \nu\mathbf{1} \succeq c$ and then discard λ . With $\omega = \mu + \nu\mathbf{1}$, the dual problem is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\omega, \nu} \quad & - \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i - \nu - 1} - \nu \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & P^T\omega \succeq c \end{aligned}$$

where $P^T\omega = P^T(\mu + \nu\mathbf{1}) = P^T\mu + \nu\mathbf{1}$.

Because

$$\max_{\omega, \nu} - \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i - \nu - 1} - \nu = \max_{\omega} \max_{\nu} -e^{-\nu-1} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i} - \nu$$

and for $h(\nu) = -e^{-\nu-1} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i} - \nu$, we have $h' = e^{-\nu-1} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i} - 1$ and $h'' = -e^{-\nu-1} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i} < 0$. Thus $h(\nu)$ is a concave function and attains its maximum when $h' = 0 \Leftrightarrow \nu = \log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i}) - 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\nu} h(\nu) &= h(\log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i}) - 1) \\ &= 1 - \log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i}) - \sum_{i=1}^m e^{w_i - 1 + 1 - \log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i})} \\ &= 1 - \log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i}) - e^{-\log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i})} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{w_i} \\ &= 1 - \log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i}) - (\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i})^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{w_i} \\ &= -\log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the original dual problem is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\omega} \quad & -\log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{\omega_i}) - 1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & P^T\omega \succeq c \end{aligned}$$

Question 6.2

(i)

Let $y_i = A_i x - b_i$ and $t_i = c_i^T x + d_i$, the original problem is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x, y, t} \quad & f^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|y_i\|_2 \leq t_i, \\ & y_i = A_i x - b_i, \\ & t_i = c_i^T x + d_i \end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian function is

$$\begin{aligned}
& L(x, y, t, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \\
&= f^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (\|y_i\|_2 - t_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^T (A_i x - b_i - y_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m \nu_i (c_i^T x + d_i - t_i) \\
&= (f + \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i + \nu_i c_i)^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i \|y_i\|_2 - \mu_i^T y_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i + \nu_i) t_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i b_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \nu_i d_i \\
&= (f + \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i + \nu_i c_i)^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i \|y_i\|_2 - \mu_i^T y_i) - (\lambda + \nu)^T t + \nu^T d - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i b_i
\end{aligned}$$

for $\lambda_i \geq 0$.

The dual function should be

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \\
&= \inf_{x, y, t} L(x, y, t, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \\
&= \inf_{x, y, t} (f + \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i + \nu_i c_i)^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i \|y_i\|_2 - \mu_i^T y_i) - (\lambda + \nu)^T t + \nu^T d - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i b_i
\end{aligned}$$

Obviously, L is unbounded below unless $f + \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i + \nu_i c_i = 0$ and $\lambda + \nu = 0$. When these two conditions are satisfied, $L(x, y, t, \lambda, \mu, \nu) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i \|y_i\|_2 - \mu_i^T y_i) + \nu^T d - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i b_i$. We will see that only if $\lambda_i \geq \|\mu_i\|_2$ for all i , L is bounded below.

Suppose for some i , $0 \leq \lambda_i < \|\mu_i\|_2$, we could take $y_i = \theta \mu_i$ and $y_j = 0$ for $j \neq i$. Then $L = \lambda_i \|\mu_i\|_2 - \theta \|\mu_i\|_2^2 + \nu^T d - \mu^T b = \|\mu_i\|_2 (\lambda_i - \theta \|\mu_i\|_2) + \nu^T d - \mu^T b \rightarrow -\infty$ as $\theta \rightarrow +\infty$. And when $\lambda_i \geq \|\mu_i\|_2$ for all i , $L = \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i - \cos \pi_i \|\mu_i\|_2) \|y_i\|_2 + \nu^T d - \mu^T b$ where π_i are the angle between μ_i and y_i . With $\lambda_i - \cos \pi_i \|\mu_i\|_2 \geq 0$ the minimum of L is 0 in each direction y . And thus across all directions, the minimum of L is 0, which means $g(\lambda, \mu, \nu) = \nu^T d - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i b_i$. Therefore, the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \quad \nu^T d - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i b_i \\
& \text{s.t.} \quad f + \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i + \nu_i c_i = 0, \\
& \quad \lambda + \nu = 0, \\
& \quad \|\mu_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i
\end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda, \mu} \quad & -\lambda^T d - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i b_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & f + \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i = \lambda_i c_i, \\ & \|\mu_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

Let $K_i = \{(y, t) \in \mathbf{R}^{m_i+1} \mid \|y\|_2 \leq t\}$, a proper cone, the original SOCP is equivalent to its conic form

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & f^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{bmatrix} A_i x - b_i \\ c_i^T x + d_i \end{bmatrix} \succeq_{K_i} 0 \end{aligned}$$

because $\|A_i x - b_i\|_2 \leq c_i^T x + d_i \Leftrightarrow ((A_i x - b_i)^T, c_i^T x + d_i) \in K_i$.

The Lagrangian function should be

$$L(x, \mu, \lambda) = f^T x - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^T (A_i x - b_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (c_i^T x + d_i)$$

for $\begin{bmatrix} \mu_i \\ \lambda_i \end{bmatrix} \succeq_{K_i^*} 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mu_i \\ \lambda_i \end{bmatrix} \succeq_{K_i} 0 \Leftrightarrow \|\mu_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i$. The dual function should be

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mu, \lambda) &= \inf_x L(x, \mu, \lambda) \\ &= \inf_x f^T x - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^T (A_i x - b_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (c_i^T x + d_i) \\ &= \inf_x (f - \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i c_i)^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^T b_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i d_i \\ &= \inf_x (f - \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i c_i)^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^T b_i - \lambda^T d \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, $g(\mu, \lambda) = -\infty$ unless $f - \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i c_i = 0$. The dual problem should be

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mu, \lambda} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^T b_i - \lambda^T d \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & f - \sum_{i=1}^m A_i^T \mu_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i c_i = 0, \\ & \|\mu_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (1) with change of variables.

Question 6.3

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
\|X\|_{2*} &= \{\sup \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y \mid \|Y\|_2 \leq 1\} \\
&= \left\{ \sup \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y \mid \sup_{x \in \{x \mid \|x\|_2=1\}} x^T Y^T Y x \leq 1 \right\} \\
&= \{\sup \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y \mid Y^T Y \preceq I_n\}
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

(1) holds because when $Y^T Y \preceq I_n$, $x^T(I_n - Y^T Y)x = \|x\|_2^2 - x^T Y^T Y x \geq 0$ for all x satisfying $\|x\|_2 = 1$, and then we have $x^T Y^T Y x \leq 1$ and $\sup_{x \in \{x \mid \|x\|_2=1\}} x^T Y^T Y x \leq 1$. When $\sup_{x \in \{x \mid \|x\|_2=1\}} x^T Y^T Y x \leq 1$, it must be that $x^T Y^T Y x \leq 1$ for all x such that $\|x\|_2 = 1$, otherwise the supremum will be greater than 1. For any $v \neq 0$, $\|v/\|v\|_2\|_2 = 1$, thus we have $\frac{v^T}{\|v\|_2} Y^T Y \frac{v}{\|v\|_2} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow v^T Y^T Y v \leq v^T v \Leftrightarrow v^T(I_n - Y^T Y)v \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow I_n \succeq Y^T Y$.

Based on the property of Schur complement, $I_n \succeq Y^T Y \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I_m & Y \\ Y^T & I_n \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$.

So the original problem is equivalent to SDP1:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\max_Y \quad \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y \\
&\text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} I_m & Y \\ Y^T & I_n \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0
\end{aligned}$$

Let Y_{ij} be the row i and column j entry of Y and E_{ij} be the matrix with the row i and column j entry being 1 and all other entries being 0, the above problem is equivalent to SDP2:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\max_Y \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij} Y_{ij} \\
&\text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & I_n \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n Y_{ij} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_{ij} \\ E_{ij}^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0
\end{aligned}$$

which is an SDP.

To derive the dual, we use form SDP1. Note that $\max_Y \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y = -\min_Y \mathbf{Tr} X^T (-Y)$. Let SDP3 be

$$\begin{aligned}
&\min_Y \quad \mathbf{Tr} X^T (-Y) \\
&\text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} I_m & Y \\ Y^T & I_n \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0
\end{aligned}$$

It is equivalent to SDP4

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Y \quad & \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{bmatrix} I_m & Y \\ Y^T & I_n \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

because $I_n - Y^T Y = I_n - (-Y)^T (-Y)$. And the Lagrangian of SDP4 should be

$$L(Y, \lambda) = \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y - \mathbf{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12} \\ \lambda_{21} & \lambda_{22} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} I_m & Y \\ Y^T & I_n \end{bmatrix}$$

for $\lambda \succeq 0$.

The dual function of SDP4 then should be

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda) &= \inf_Y \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y - \mathbf{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12} \\ \lambda_{21} & \lambda_{22} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} I_m & Y \\ Y^T & I_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \inf_Y \mathbf{Tr} X^T Y - \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{11}^T I_m - \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{12}^T Y - \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{21}^T Y^T - \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{22}^T I_n \\ &= \inf_Y \mathbf{Tr} (X - 2\lambda_{12})^T Y - \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{11} - \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{22} \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, $g(\lambda) = -\infty$ when $X - 2\lambda_{12} \neq 0$ and $g(\lambda) = -\mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{11} - \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{22}$ when $X - 2\lambda_{12} = 0$. The dual problem of SDP4 should be

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda} \quad & -\mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{11} - \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{22} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \frac{1}{2}X \\ \frac{1}{2}X^T & \lambda_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The dual problem of the original problem SDP1 should be

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\lambda} \quad & \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{11} + \mathbf{Tr} \lambda_{22} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \frac{1}{2}X \\ \frac{1}{2}X^T & \lambda_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

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In [2]: 1 m=10
        2 n=15
        3 np.random.seed(123)
        4 X=np.random.randn(m,n)

In [3]: 1 lmbda = cp.Variable((m+n,m+n), symmetric=True)
        2 constraints = [lmbda >> 0]
        3 constraints += [lmbda[:m,m:] == X/2]
        4 prob = cp.Problem(cp.Minimize(cp.trace(lmbda[:m,m]) + cp.trace(lmbda[m:,m:])), constraints)
        5 prob.solve()

Out[3]: 38.518160114179366

In [4]: 1 a=np.linalg.svd(X)
        2 np.sum(a[1])

Out[4]: 38.518160113977956

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The analytic solution gives 38.518160113977956 while the upper bound gives 38.518160114179366, slightly greater than the solution.

(iii)

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In [22]: 1 X = cp.Variable((m,n), symmetric=False)
        2 lmbda = cp.Variable((m+n,m+n), symmetric=True)
        3 M0=M_observed.reshape(m,n)
        4 constraints = [lmbda >> 0]
        5 constraints += [lmbda[:m,m:] == X/2]
        6 constraints += [X[~np.isnan(M0)] == M0[~np.isnan(M0)]]
        7 prob = cp.Problem(cp.Minimize(cp.trace(lmbda[:m,m]) + cp.trace(lmbda[m:,m:])), constraints)
        8 prob.solve()

Out[22]: 27.085822325441626

In [28]: 1 np.linalg.norm(X.value-M,ord='fro')

Out[28]: 0.05278834819665631

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The optimization problem is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{X, \lambda} \quad \text{Tr} \lambda_{11} + \text{Tr} \lambda_{22} \\
& \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \frac{1}{2}X \\ \frac{1}{2}X^T & \lambda_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0, \\
& \quad X_{ij} = M_{ij}
\end{aligned}$$

Because for any fixed X , the optimization will give a tight upper bound of $\|X\|_{2*}$, when minimizing over X and λ , it will roughly give a solution which minimizes $\|X\|_{2*}$.

Let the test measure be the Frobenius norm $\|X - M\|_F = \sqrt{\text{Tr}(X - M)^T(X - M)}$, the final result is $\|X - M\|_F = 0.05278834819665631$, which means the root mean square of the deviation is about 0.05. With $\frac{\sum_{i,j} |M_{ij}|}{mn} = 0.28$, the result is acceptable considering that the deviation is just about 20% of the entries of the original matrix.