

# Assignment 2

CIS 621: Algorithms and Complexity

**Problem 1 (5 points)** For the linear program below, where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3, c_1, c_2, d_3, e_1, e_2, e_3$  are non-zero constants, derive (1) its dual linear program and (2) the KKT conditions for the dual linear program.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \leq 0, x_3} \quad & a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3 \leq e_1, \\ & c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = e_2, \\ & d_3 x_3 \geq e_3. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2 (5 points)** For the following problem, where  $a_{ij}, b_{ij}, c_j, d_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are positive constants: (1) show that it is a convex optimization problem; (2) derive its KKT conditions.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} ((x_{ij} + 1) \ln(x_{ij} + 1) - x_{ij}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} \geq c_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} + d_i \geq \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^n c_j, i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ & x_{ij} \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3 (10 points)** Given  $a, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, c \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , we have Problem  $P_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & a^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Bx \preceq c, \\ & x_i \in \{0, 1\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

Problem  $P_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & a^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Bx \preceq c, \\ & 0 \leq x_i \leq 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

and Problem  $P_3$  (which is an equivalent reformulation of  $P_1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & a^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Bx \preceq c, \\ & x_i(1 - x_i) = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the optimal value of  $P_2$  is a lower bound, denoted as  $L_1$ , for the optimal value of  $P_1$ . Now, derive the dual problem, denoted as  $P_4$ , for  $P_3$ . The optimal value of  $P_4$  is also a lower bound, denoted as  $L_2$ , for the optimal value of  $P_1$ . Are  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  equal? Explain why. (Hint: derive the dual problem, denoted as  $P_5$ , for  $P_2$ .)