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1. (20 points) Please answer true or false. (You may use the notation “T” for “true” and “F” for “false”.) No explanation is needed. A correct answer is worth 2 points, no answer 0 points, a wrong answer -1 points.

- (1) Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous differentiable real valued function. Then f is convex if and only if $f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T(y - x)$ holds for $x, y \in \text{dom}(f)$
- (2) Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous differentiable real valued function. Then x is a global minimizer of $f(x)$ if $\nabla f(x) = 0$.
- (3) Suppose C is a closed and convex set. Then the subdifferential of the indicator function

$$I_C(x) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in C \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

is always equivalent to the normal cone

$$N_C(x) = \{g \in \mathbb{R}^n : g^T x \geq g^T y, \forall y \in C\}.$$

- (4) The Lagrangian dual of a quadratically constrained quadratic programming (QCQP) problem is equivalent to the Lagrangian dual of the semidefinite relaxation of the same QCQP problem.

- (5) A convex QCQP problem has the same optimal value (assuming it exists) with its SDP relaxation if the Slater condition holds.
- (6) The set $\{(x, y) : x > 0, y > 0, xy > 1\}$ is nonconvex.
- (7) Newton’s method may not converge for unconstrained convex optimization problems (assuming the objective function is twice-continuously differentiable and its Hessian is Lipschitz continuous).
- (8) The function $f(x) = -\sqrt{x}$ with $\text{dom}(f) := \{z : z \geq 0, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$, is not subdifferentiable at $x = 0$.
- (9) For a nonlinear optimization problem, if the gradient descent method converges, then it converges to a local minimum.
- (10) The feasible set of the standard semidefinite program may be a nonconvex set.

2. (20 points)

- (1) (7 points) Write down the subdifferential of

$$f(x) := \|Ax + b\|_2,$$

where $\text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

- (2) (8 points) Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be given. Consider the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Show that the optimal value of the above problem is 0 if and only if there exists an $y \geq 0$ such that $A^T y = c$.

- (3) (7 points) Suppose you want to compute the maximal eigenvalue of a symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Write down an SDP problem for this target. (You only need to write down the formulation. Do NOT solve the problem.)

3. (20 points) Suppose you are using the proximal gradient method to solve the following problem,

$$\min f(x) := g(x) + h(x)$$

where $g(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2 - 2(x_1 + x_2)$, and $h(x) = |x_1|$. Use $x_0 = (0, 0)$ as the initial point.

- (1) (15 points) Now suppose you are using the following line search rule in your method: find the smallest nonnegative integer s such that

$$g(y) \leq g(x) + \nabla g(x)^T(y - x) + \frac{1}{2t}\|y - x\|^2$$

where $y = \text{prox}_{th}(x - t\nabla g(x))$, and $t = \beta^s \hat{t}$ (by setting $\hat{t} = 1$, $\beta = 0.5$). Write down the proximal gradient method iteration for computing x_1 . You need to write the both the value and calculation of x_1 .

(2) (5 points) Show that if the x_1 computed in (a) is an optimal solution or not.

Write down your derivation.

4. (20 points) Consider the following linear program, with bounds and a single linear equality constraint:

$$\min_x - \sum_{i=1}^{2020} c_i x_i \quad \text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^{2020} a_i x_i = b, \quad 0 \leq x_i \leq u_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 2020,$$

where c_i, a_i, u_i ($u_i > 0$), $i = 1, \dots, 2020$ and b are given constants.

(a) (10 points) Write down the KKT optimality conditions for this problem.

(b) (10 points) Assume that $a_i = 1$ for all i , and that the variables c_i are ordered such that

$$c_1 > c_2 > \dots > c_{2020}.$$

Suppose further that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2000} u_i + \frac{1}{2} u_{2001} = b.$$

Using this information, find the primal solution x and the Lagrange multiplier vectors that satisfy the KKT conditions.

5. (20 points) Consider the convex optimization problem

$$\min_{x \in X} f(x),$$

where $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuously differentiable (on \mathbb{R}^n) function which is convex on the set X ; the set $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex and non-empty. We suppose that the set X is compact so that the problem is guaranteed to have a non-empty set of optimal solutions, denoted by X^* .

Prove that if x^* and \hat{x} (assuming $x^* \neq \hat{x}$) both are optimal solutions (that is, are in the set X^*), then we have the following two results:

- (1) (10 points) $\nabla f(x^*)^T(\hat{x} - x^*) = \nabla f(\hat{x})^T(\hat{x} - x^*) = 0$; (Hint: Recall the optimality condition $\nabla f(x^*)^T(y - x^*) \geq 0, \forall y \in X$.)
- (2) (10 points) $\nabla f(x^*) = \nabla f(\hat{x})$ holds. (Hint: If f is continuously differentiable on \mathbb{R}^n , then the subdifferential $\partial f(x) = \{\nabla f(x)\}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.)