

$$(P) \quad \min_{f_0(x)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{s.t. } f(x) \leq 0 \\ h(x) = 0 \end{array}$$

$$(D) \quad \max_{g(\lambda, \mu)} \quad \text{s.t. } \lambda \geq 0$$

① Nonconvex problem may have  $p^* = d^*$

② Convex problem can not guarantee  $p^* = d^*$

③ Convex + Slater CQ  $\Rightarrow p^* = d^*$

Slater CQ:  $\exists \tilde{x} \in \text{relint}(D) \text{ s.t. } f(\tilde{x}) < 0, A\tilde{x} = b$

$$\rightarrow \exists \tilde{x}, C\tilde{x} \leq 0, f(\tilde{x}) < 0, A\tilde{x} = b$$

$$p^* = d^* \iff \underbrace{\inf_x \sup_{\lambda \geq 0, \mu} L(x, \lambda, \mu)}_{\min_x f_0(x) \text{ s.t. } f(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0} = \sup_{\lambda \geq 0, \mu} \underbrace{\inf_x L(x, \lambda, \mu)}_{g(\lambda, \mu)}$$

$$\text{If } f: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \sup_z \inf_w f(w, z) \leq \inf_w \sup_z f(w, z) \quad \text{weak duality.}$$

Saddle point:

If  $(\tilde{w}, \tilde{z})$  is a saddle point

$$\Leftrightarrow f(\tilde{w}, z) \leq f(\tilde{w}, \tilde{z}) \leq f(w, \tilde{z}), \forall w, z.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(\tilde{w}, \tilde{z}) = \inf_w f(w, \tilde{z}), \quad f(\tilde{w}, \tilde{z}) = \sup_z f(\tilde{w}, z).$$

则  $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu})$  is a saddle point of  $L(x, \lambda, \mu)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Strong duality holds.}$$

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Assume strong duality:  $f_0(x) - p^* \leq f_0(x) - d^* \leq \underbrace{f_0(x) - g(\lambda, \mu)}_{\text{duality gap}}$

$$f_0(x) - g(\lambda, \mu) \leq \varepsilon$$

(Practical terminate condition)

$$\|x^k - x^{k-1}\| \leq \varepsilon \quad (x)$$

Eg:  $\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T P x + q^T x + r \quad (P \in S_+^n)$   
s.t.  $Ax = b \preceq \mu$

$$L(x, \mu) = \frac{1}{2} x^T P x + q^T x + r + \mu^T (Ax - b)$$

KKT condition:  $Ax = b, \quad \nabla_x L(x, \mu) = Px + q + A^T \mu = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ P & A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \mu \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ -q \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Linear Equation})$$

Slater CQ holds:

(P) ① primal problem  $\checkmark$

(Primal-Dual) ② KKT equation.  $\checkmark$

(D) ③ Dual problem  $\checkmark$  as  $p^* = d^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\max g(\lambda, \mu) \\ &\text{s.t. } \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\downarrow (\lambda^*, \mu^*) \longrightarrow x^* ?$$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \nabla f_0(x^*) + \lambda^{*\top} \nabla f(x^*) + \mu^{*\top} \nabla h(x^*) = 0 \end{cases}$$

If  $L(x, \lambda^*, \mu^*)$  is strongly convex, then  $x^*$  is unique.

$$\min_x \|Ax - b\| \longrightarrow \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \min_{x, y} \frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2$$

$C + Ax - b - y = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ll} x, y & \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax - b - y = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{x, y} L(x, y, \mu) &= \inf_{x, y} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2 + \langle Ax - b - y, \mu \rangle \right\} \\ &= \underbrace{\inf_y \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2 - \langle \mu, y \rangle \right\}}_{-\frac{1}{2} \|\mu\|_*^2} - b^T \mu + \inf_x \{ \mu^T A x \} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \|\mu\|_*^2 - b^T \mu, \quad A^T \mu = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(D)} & \min_{\mu} \frac{1}{2} \|\mu\|_*^2 + b^T \mu, \\ & \text{s.t.} \quad A^T \mu = 0 \end{array}$$