

凸优化及其在信号处理中的应用-01

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• 刻画优化问题的结构, 分类->针对性求解

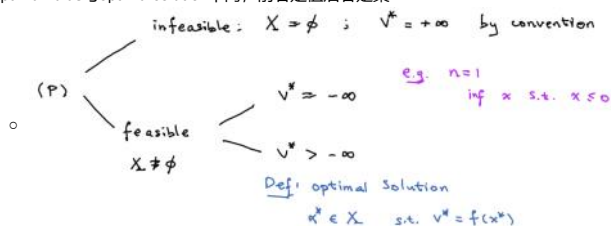
• P: $V^* = \inf_{x \in X} f(x)$, \inf 表示极限的最大值, 当确定存在最优值时, 可以用min代替

- 目标函数 (objective function)
- 可行域 (feasible region)
- 优化值 (optimal value of P)

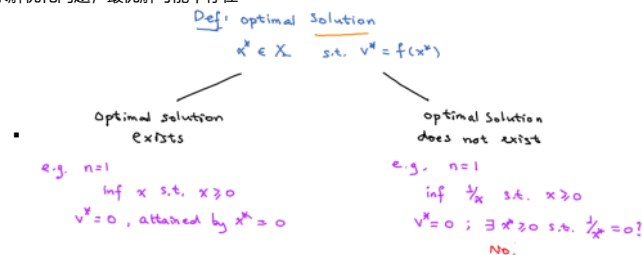
$$(P) \quad V^* = \inf_{x \in X} f(x) \quad \text{infimum "minimize"}$$

- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ objective function
- $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ feasible region; $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ decision variable
- V^* : optimal value of (P)

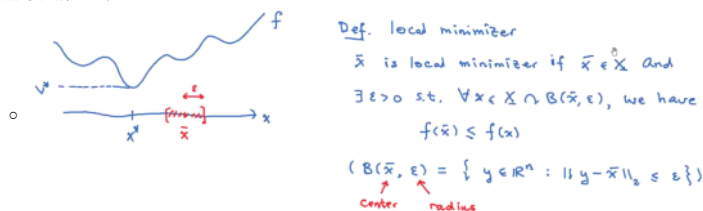
• Optimal value与optimal solution不同, 前者是值后者是集合



• 求解优化问题, 最优解可能不存在



• 局部最优解定义, local minimizer



• 举例, Simple Examples of P

(1) Unconstrained: $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ $\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$

- If f is differentiable, then $\nabla f(x) = 0$ is necessary for optimality.
- gradient $\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$

• 如果不连续/不可导, 怎么处理? 另一种梯度的形式

(2) Discrete: X is a discrete set; i.e.,

$$\forall x \in X, \exists \epsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } X \cap B(x, \epsilon) = \{x\}$$

e.g. $X = \mathbb{Z}_+$, $X = \{0, 1\}^n$

• $X = [0, 1]$ not discrete

Note: For discrete optimization problems, local minimality is meaningless!

(3) Linear Programming (LP)

$f(x) = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n = c^T x$ (linear function)

$c = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$; $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

X : defined by a finite number of linear inequalities

$$X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \underbrace{a_i^T x \leq b_i}_{\text{linear function}}; i=1, \dots, \underbrace{m}_{\text{finite}}\} \quad a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n; b_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

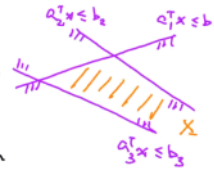
$$= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \leq b\}$$

Note: $u \leq v$

$$\Leftrightarrow u_i \leq v_i \quad \forall i$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -a_m^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$b = (b_1, \dots, b_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$



What if we want $a_i^T x = b_i$? Simply consider

$$a_i^T x = b_i \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a_i^T x \leq b_i \\ -a_i^T x \leq -b_i \end{cases}$$

- 有限且线性的交集: 无穷个多边形交集是圆, 非线性

(4) Quadratic Programming (QP)

$$f(x) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n Q_{ij} x_i x_j = x^T Q x \quad Q = [Q_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

homogeneous

$$f(\alpha x) = \alpha^2 f(x)$$

X : Same as LP

Note: In the above definition, Q need not be symmetric.

However, observe that

$$x^T Q x = x^T \left(\underbrace{\frac{Q+Q^T}{2}}_{\text{Symmetric}} \right) x$$

Hence, we can assume without loss that Q is symmetric.

- 可行域可以由二次不等式构成

$$\begin{aligned} x^T Q x &= x^T \left(\frac{Q+Q^T}{2} \right) x \\ &= x^T \frac{Q}{2} x + x^T \frac{Q^T}{2} x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + \frac{1}{2} (x^T Q x)^T \\ &= x^T Q x \end{aligned}$$