

HW10

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1.

a. The feasible region of (P_c) is the same as that of (P_d) . Let $a = d - c = (\frac{1-e^T c}{n}e)$. The objective function of (P_c) is

$$\|x - c\|_2^2 = (x - c)^T(x - c)$$

The objective function of (P_d) is

$$\|x - d\|_2^2 = (x - d)^T(x - d) = (x - c)^T(x - c) - a^T(x - c) + a^T a = (x - c)^T(x - c) - (\frac{1 - e^T c}{n}e)^T x + a^T(c + a)$$

From the constraint, $e^T c = 1$. Thus, to minimize $\|x - d\|_2^2$ is to minimize $(x - c)^T(x - c)$ if we get rid of the constant terms.

b. If $d \geq 0$, d is a feasible solution to (P_d) . $\|x - d\|_2^2 \geq 0$. When $x^* = d$, $\|x - d\|_2^2$ can achieve its minimum 0. Thus, if $d \geq 0$, $x^* = d$ is an optimal solution.

c. In (P_d) , convexity conditions hold. Thus KKT conditions are sufficient for optimality.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(x) &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - d_1 \\ \cdots \\ x_n - d_n \end{bmatrix} \nabla g_i(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \cdots \\ 0 \\ -1(\text{the } i \text{ th entry}) \\ 0 \\ \cdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \nabla h(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \cdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \nabla f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \nabla g_i(x) + v \nabla h(x) &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - d_1 \\ \cdots \\ x_n - d_n \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \cdots \\ 0 \\ -1(\text{the } i \text{ th entry}) \\ 0 \\ \cdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + v \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \cdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

For any $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $x_i^* - d_i - u_i + v = 0$. Sum it over $\{1, \dots, n\}$, $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^* - \sum_{i=1}^n d_i - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i + nv = 0$. Since $e^T x = e^T d = 1$. Thus, $v = 1/n \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \geq 0$. For any index j , that

$d_j < 0$, $x_i = d_i + u_i - v$. Since $x_i \geq 0$, $u_i > 0$. Also, $u_j x_j^* = 0$ from KKT condition. Then, $x_j^* = 0$ for any index j , that $d_j < 0$ in optimal solution.

d. From above, from (P_c) , (P_d) can be come up with accordingly. If there is any j , that $d_j < 0$, set $x_j^* = 0$, and remove it from the system and come up with $(P_c)'$. Repeat the procedures until for all index j , $d_j \geq 0$. For all remaining x_j^* , set it to d_j . Then x^* is the optimal solution.

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2. $C = D \Leftrightarrow \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n, S_C(y) = S_D(y)$.

" \Rightarrow ", $S_C(y) = \sup\{y^T x : x \in C\} = \sup\{y^T x : x \in D\} = S_D(y)$.

" \Leftarrow ", to show $C = D$, we can show that $C \subseteq D$ and $D \subseteq C$.

For any point $\bar{x} \in C$, if $\bar{x} \notin D$, by thm B.3.1, \exists nonzero vector p , and a scalar α , s.t. $p^T \bar{x} > \alpha$ and $p^T x \leq \alpha, \forall x \in D$. However, $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n, C(y) = \sup\{y^T x : x \in C\} = \sup\{y^T x : x \in D\} = S_D(y)$. There is not such p . Thus, $\forall \bar{x} \in C, \bar{x} \in D$. That is, $C \subseteq D$. Similarly, we can show that $D \subseteq C$. Therefore, $D = C$

3.

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, u) &= f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x) \\ \bar{L}(x, \bar{u}) &= f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^r \bar{u}_i g_i(x) \\ L^*(u) &= \inf_{x \in X} L(x, u) \\ &= \inf_{x \in X} [f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x)] \\ \bar{L}^*(\bar{u}) &= \inf_{x \in \bar{X}} \bar{L}(x, \bar{u}) \\ &= \inf_{x \in \bar{X}} [f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^r \bar{u}_i g_i(x)] \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $x^* \in X$ minimize $(P)(\bar{P})$. Thus, the duals are

$$\begin{aligned} v^* &= \sup_{\substack{u \in U \\ u \geq 0}} \inf_{x \in X} [f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x)] = f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x^*) \\ \bar{v}^* &= \sup_{\substack{\bar{u} \in \bar{U} \\ \bar{u} \geq 0}} \inf_{x \in \bar{X}} [f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^r \bar{u}_i g_i(x)] = f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^r \bar{u}_i g_i(x^*) \end{aligned}$$

U and \bar{U} can be derived from $L^*(u)$ and $\bar{L}^*(\bar{u})$. $U \subseteq \bar{U}$, since there are less constraints in $\bar{L}^*(\bar{u})$ than in $L^*(u)$. Since $u \geq 0$, $\bar{u} \geq 0$ and $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, g_i(x) \leq 0$, we can have $u_i g_i(x) \leq 0$ and $\bar{u}_i g_i(x) \leq 0 \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} v^* &= \sup_{u \in U, u \geq 0} [f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x^*)] \\ &\leq \sup_{u \in U, u \geq 0} [f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i g_i(x^*)] \\ &\leq \sup_{u \in \bar{U}, u \geq 0} [f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i g_i(x^*)] \\ &= \bar{v}^* \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $v^* \leq \bar{v}^*$. By weak duality, $v^* \leq \bar{v}^* \leq f^*$.

4.a. For Approach 1

$$\begin{aligned} \inf \quad & f_1(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m \\ & f_j(x) \leq b_j, j = 2, \dots, s \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

For Approach 2

$$\begin{aligned} \inf \quad & f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f_j(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

b. Let x^* be the solution obtained by Approach 2. Then for every solution obtained by Approach 2, we can set $b_j = f_j(x^*), j = 2, \dots, s$

Then Approach 1 can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \inf \quad & f_1(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m \\ & f_j(x) \leq f_j(x^*), j = 2, \dots, s \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

The objective function can be written as $w_1 f_1(x) + \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f_j(x^*)$ for some selection of weights $w_j, j = 1, \dots, s$ with $w_1 > 0$, which will not change x value for optimal solution. Then x^* is the optimal solution to the new system.

c. Since a constraint qualification is satisfied for both problems, KKT conditions can serve as the first order necessary conditions.

$$\nabla f(\bar{x}) + \nabla g(\bar{x})^T u + \nabla h(\bar{x})^T v = 0$$

$$u \geq 0$$

$$u_i g_i(\bar{x}) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$$

For Approach 1,

$$\nabla f(\bar{x}) + \nabla g(\bar{x})^T u + \nabla h(\bar{x})^T v = \nabla f_1(\bar{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_{gi} \nabla g_i(\bar{x}) + \sum_{j=2}^s u_{fj} \nabla f_j(\bar{x}) = 0$$

$$u_g \geq 0, u_f \geq 0$$

$$u_{gi} g_i(\bar{x}) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$u_{fj} (f_j(\bar{x}) - b_j) = 0, j = 2, \dots, s$$

For Approach 2,

$$\nabla f(\bar{x}) + \nabla g(\bar{x})^T u + \nabla h(\bar{x})^T v = \sum_{j=1}^s w_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_{gi} \nabla g_i(\bar{x}) = 0$$

$$u_g \geq 0$$

$$u_{gi} g_i(\bar{x}) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$$

d. If all functions are convex and a constraint qualification is satisfied, KKT conditions are sufficient for optimality. For every solution obtained by Approach 1, let \bar{x} be that solution. Then it should satisfy the KKT conditions for Approach 1. That is, we have

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^m u_{gi} \nabla g_i(\bar{x}) &= -(\nabla f_1(\bar{x}) + \sum_{j=2}^s u_{fj} \nabla f_j(\bar{x})) \text{ (From)} \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^s w_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}) \end{aligned}$$

where $w_j = u_{fj}, j = 1, \dots, s$ and $w_1 = 1 > 0$. Then we can find the same solution is optimal in Approach 2.

5. First show that the current $x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A$ that satisfies both laws (1) and (2) is a solution to the problem.

The current $x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A$ that satisfies (1), and then it is a feasible solution to the problem. Since $R_{ij} \geq 0, (i, j) \in A$, $f(x)$ is convex function. Also, $h(x)$ are convex functions. Thus the convexity condition is satisfied and KKT conditions are sufficient for optimality.

$$\nabla f(\bar{x}) + \nabla g(\bar{x})^T u + \nabla h(\bar{x})^T v = 0$$

That is, when taking the derivative w.r.t. each $x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A$

$$\forall x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A, R_{ij} x_{ij} - t_{ij} + v_j - v_i = 0$$

Then we can set the v = voltage at each node and the current $x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A$ that satisfies both laws (1) and (2) also satisfies KKT conditions, which makes it to be optimal solution to (3).

Then show that the current $x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A$ that satisfies both laws (1) and (2) is the unique solution to the problem.

Let n = number of element in set N and a = number of element in set A . To solve the system, we have $n + a$ of equations as following

$$\forall x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A, R_{ij} x_{ij} - t_{ij} + v_j - v_i = 0$$

$$\forall i, i \in N, \sum_{j:(i,j) \in A} x_{ij} = \sum_{j:(j,i) \in A} x_{ij}$$

Within the system, we have $n + a$ unknowns, $x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A$ and $v_i, i \in N$. Based on the basic properties of electric network (e.g. currents are one-way), the equations are linear independent from each other. Thus, if the system can be solved, the solution is unique.