

# IOE511 Homework10

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## 1 problem 1

### 1.1 (a)

Let's consider  $(x - d)^T(x - d)$

$$\begin{aligned}(x - d)^T(x - d) &= (x - c - \frac{1}{n}(1 - e^T c)e)^T(x - c - \frac{1}{n}(1 - e^T c)e) \\&= (x - c)^T(x - c) - \frac{2}{n}e^T(1 - e^T c)^T(x - c) + \frac{1}{n^2}e^T(1 - e^T c)^T(1 - e^T c)e \\&= (x - c)^T(x - c) - \frac{2}{n}x^T(1 - e^T c)e + \frac{2}{n}c^T(1 - e^T c)e + \frac{1}{n^2}e^T(1 - e^T c)^T(1 - e^T c)e\end{aligned}$$

Since  $e^T x = 1$

So

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

So maximizing  $(x - d)^T(x - d)$  is equivalent to maximizing  $(x - c)^T(x - c)$ .

$\text{Sp}(P_d)$  and  $(P_c)$  have the same optimal solutions.

### 1.2 (b)

We know that

$$\begin{aligned}e^T d &= e^T c + \frac{1}{n}e^T(1 - e^T c)e \\&= e^T c + \frac{1}{n}e^T e - \frac{1}{n}e^T(e^T c)e \\&= e^T c + 1 - e^T c \\&= 1\end{aligned}$$

For  $x^* = d \geq 0$

$e^T x^* = 1$  and  $x^* \geq 0$  are satisfied.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|x - d\|_2^2 \geq 0$$

when  $x^* = d$ ,  $f(x^*) = 0$

So  $x^* = d$  is an optimal solution of  $(P_d)$

### 1.3 (c)

$f(c) = \frac{1}{2}\|x - d\|_2^2$  is a convex function.

$h(x) = e^T x - 1$  is linear.

$g_i(x) = -x_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are linear.

So  $(P_d)$  is a convex problem.

$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n}[1, 1, \dots, 1]$  is a Slater point.

So Slater condition is satisfied.

So KKT conditions are necessary for optimality.

$x^*$  satisfies KKT conditions.

List all the KKT conditions:

$$x^* - d - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i e_i + v_1 e = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$-x_i^* \leq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$e^T x^* - 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^* - 1 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$u_i \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$-u_i x_i^* = 0 \quad (5)$$

where  $e_i = [0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]^T$ , i.e.  $i$ th element is 1, otherwise are 0.

From (1),

$$e^T (x^* - d - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i e_i + v_1 e) = 0$$

$$e^T x^* - e^T d - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i e^T e_i + v_1 e^T e = 0$$

Since  $e^T x^* = 1, e^T d = 1$ , we have

$$nv_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \quad (6)$$

For each element of (1)

$$x_i^* - d_i - u_i + v_1 = 0 \quad (7)$$

Let set

$$I = \{i : d_i < 0\}$$

For  $j \in I$

Assume that

$$d_j < 0, x_j^* > 0 \quad (8)$$

Then from (5)

$$u_j = 0 \quad (9)$$

Plug in (8)(9) to (7)

$$v_1 < 0 \quad (10)$$

Plug in (10) to (6)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n u_i < 0$$

which contradicts to (4)

So the assumption is wrong. For  $j$  such that  $d_j < 0$ , we have

$$x_j^* \leq 0$$

From (2),

$$x_j^* = 0$$

That is, for  $j$  such that  $d_j < 0$ , we have

$$x_j^* = 0$$

in any optimal solution of  $(P_d)$

## 1.4 (d)

Solving  $(P_c)$  is equivalent to solve  $(P_d)$

We first compute

$$d = c + \frac{1}{n}(1 - e^T c)e$$

From (c) we know for any optimal solution, for  $j$  such that  $d_j < 0$ , we have

$$x_j^* = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \|x - d\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - d_i)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in I} d_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \notin I} (x_i - d_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since for  $i \notin I, d_i \geq 0$

So

$$f(x) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in I} d_i^2$$

where  $x$  can be built like this:

for  $j$  such that  $d_j < 0$ ,

$$x_j^* = 0$$

for  $j$  such that  $d_j \geq 0$ ,

$$x_j^* = d_j$$

In conclusion, a simple method for solving  $(P_c)$  is

1) Compute

$$d = c + \frac{1}{n}(1 - e^T c)e$$

2)

for  $j$  such that  $d_j < 0$ ,

$$x_j^* = 0$$

for  $j$  such that  $d_j \geq 0$ ,

$$x_j^* = d_j$$

How to make sure  $e^T x = 1$ ?

Such an  $x^*$  is the optimal solution of  $(P_c)$

## 2 Problem 2

• if  $C = D$

$$\begin{aligned} S_C(y) &= \sup\{y^T c : c \in C\} \\ &= \sup\{y^T x : x \in D\} \\ &= S_D(y) \end{aligned}$$

which is trivial.

• if  $C \neq D$

which means

$$\exists \bar{x} \in C, \bar{x} \notin D \quad (11)$$

or

$$\exists \bar{x} \in D, \bar{x} \notin C \quad (12)$$

If (11) holds, since  $D$  is a convex set, we have

$$\exists p, \alpha, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad p^T \bar{x} > \alpha, p^T x < \alpha, \forall x \in D$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_D(p) &= \sup\{p^T x : x \in D\} \leq \alpha \\ S_C(p) &= \sup\{p^T x : x \in C\} \geq p^T \bar{x} > \alpha \end{aligned}$$

So

$$S_D(p) \neq S_C(p)$$

Vise versa, if (12) holds, since  $C$  is a convex set,

$$\exists p, \alpha, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad p^T \bar{x} > \alpha, p^T x < \alpha, \forall x \in C$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_C(p) &= \sup\{p^T x : x \in C\} \leq \alpha \\ S_D(p) &= \sup\{p^T x : x \in D\} \geq p^T \bar{x} > \alpha \end{aligned}$$

So

$$S_D(p) \neq S_C(p)$$

In conclusion, if  $C \neq D$ , then  $\exists p \in \mathbb{R}^n, S_D(p) \neq S_C(p)$ .

Then we have proved that  $C = D$  if and only if  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n, S_D(y) = S_C(y)$ .

### 3 Problem 3

$$L(x, w) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m w_i g_i(x)$$

$$\bar{L}(x, u) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i g_i(x)$$

$$L^*(w) = \inf_{x \in X} (f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m w_i g_i(x)) \quad (13)$$

$$\bar{L}^*(u) = \inf_{x \in \bar{X}} (f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i g_i(x)) \quad (14)$$

Let the feasible set of  $(\bar{P})$  be  $\bar{F}$ . Obviously,

$$\bar{F} \subseteq \bar{X}$$

Since  $r < m, u_i \geq 0, g_i(x) \leq 0$

$$\bar{L}(x, u) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i g_i(x) \leq f(x)$$

which is satisfied when  $x \in \bar{F}$

So

$$\bar{L}^*(u) = \inf_{x \in \bar{X}} \bar{L}(x, u) \leq \inf_{x \in \bar{F}} \bar{L}(x, u) \leq \inf_{x \in \bar{F}} f(x)$$

which is

$$\bar{L}^*(u) \leq \inf_{x \in \bar{F}} f(x)$$

then

$$\bar{v}^* \leq f^*$$

Since  $r < m, u_i \geq 0, g_i(x) \leq 0, \bar{X} \subseteq X$ , we can always let  $w_i = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  such that

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

That is,

$$L^*(w) = \bar{L}^*(u) + \xi$$

where

$$\xi \leq 0, w_i = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, r$$

$$\begin{aligned} v^* = \sup_{w \geq 0} L^*(w) &= \sup_{u \geq 0, w_i = u_i, i=1,2,\dots,r} (\bar{L}^*(u) + \xi) \\ &\leq \sup_{u \geq 0, w_i = u_i, i=1,2,\dots,r} \bar{L}^*(u) + \sup_{u \geq 0} \xi \\ &\leq \sup_{u \geq 0} \bar{L}^*(u) + \sup_{u \geq 0} \xi \\ &\leq \sup_{u \geq 0} \bar{L}^*(u) = \bar{v}^* \end{aligned}$$

Note that, we loose the restriction  $w_i = u_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  in the third step of the above derivation.

In conclusion

$$v^* \leq \bar{v}^* \leq f^*$$

## 4 Problem 4

### 4.1 (a)

$$\begin{aligned} (P1) \quad & \min_x f_1(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & f_j(x) \leq b_j \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, s \\ & g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (P2) \quad & \min_x \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f_j(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

### 4.2 (b)

Let the feasible set of (P1), (P2) are respectively  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ .  
suppose  $\bar{x}$  is the optimal solution of (P2), then  $\bar{x} \in F_2$  and

$$g_i(\bar{x}) \leq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

and

$$\forall x \in F_2 \quad \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f_j(x) \geq \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f_j(\bar{x})$$

Since  $w_1 > 0$ , That is

$$\forall x \in F_2 \quad f_1(x) + \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} f_j(x) \geq f_1(\bar{x}) + \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} f_j(\bar{x})$$

Let

$$b_j = f_j(\bar{x})$$

then

$$\forall x \in F_2 \quad f_1(x) + \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} f_j(x) \geq f_1(\bar{x}) + \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} b_j \quad (15)$$

Note that  $\bar{x}$  is also feasible for (P1) because for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, s$ ,

$$f_j(\bar{x}) = b_j \leq b_j$$

and

$$f_j(\bar{x}) \leq 0$$

are satisfied.

We know

$$F_1 \subseteq F_2$$

From (15)

$$\forall x \in F_1 \quad f_1(x) + \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} f_j(x) \geq f_1(\bar{x}) + \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} b_j \quad (16)$$

which implies  $\forall x \in F_1$

$$f_1(x) \geq f_1(\bar{x}) \quad (17)$$

or

$$\sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} f_j(x) \geq \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} b_j \quad (18)$$

At least one of (17)(18) is satisfied.

If (17) holds, then  $\bar{x}$  is an optimal solution of (P1).

If (18) holds, then

$$\exists j \in \{2, 3, \dots, s\} \quad f_j(x) \geq b_j$$

Since  $x \in F_1$ , we have  $f_j(x) \leq b_j$

So for those  $j$  such that  $f_j(x) \geq b_j$ ,

$$f_j(x) = b_j$$

Then

$$\sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} f_j(x) \leq \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} b_j$$

Considering (18), we have

$$\sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} f_j(x) = \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{w_j}{w_1} b_j$$

Then from (16)

$$f_1(x) \geq f_1(\bar{x})$$

then  $\bar{x}$  is an optimal solution of (P1).

In conclusion, if  $\bar{x}$  is an optimal solution of (P2), let

$$b_j = f_j(\bar{x}) \quad j = 2, \dots, s$$

in this case  $\bar{x}$  is also an optimal solution of (P1).

### 4.3 (c)

List KKT conditions for (P1)

$$f_i(x) - b_i \leq 0 \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, s \quad (19)$$

$$g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (20)$$

$$u_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s + m - 1 \quad (21)$$

$$u_i g_i(x) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (22)$$

$$u_i (f_{i-m+1}(x) - b_{i-m+1}) = 0 \quad i = m + 1, \dots, s + m - 1 \quad (23)$$

$$\nabla f_1(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \nabla g_i(x) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{s+m-1} u_i \nabla f_{i-m+1}(x) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s + m - 1 \quad (24)$$

List KKT conditions for (P2)

$$g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (25)$$

$$v_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (26)$$

$$v_i g_i(x) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (27)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^s w_i \nabla f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m v_i \nabla g_i(x) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (28)$$

### 4.4 (d)

Since all functions are convex and a constraint qualification is satisfied,

KKT conditions are sufficient and necessary for optimality for (P1) and (P2).

If an optimal solution  $x$  is obtained by Approach 1, i.e.  $x$  is an optimal solution of (P1).

Then (19)(20)(21)(22)(23)(24) hold.

Since  $w_1 > 0$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} v_i &= u_i w_1 & i &= 1, 2, \dots, m \\ w_i &= u_{i+m-1} w_1 & i &= 2, 3, \dots, s \end{aligned}$$



(24) holds, then

$$w_1 \nabla f_1(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m w_1 u_i \nabla g_i(x) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{s+m-1} w_1 u_i \nabla f_{i-m+1}(x) = 0 \quad (29)$$

$$w_1 \nabla f_1(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m v_i \nabla g_i(x) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{s+m-1} w_{i-m+1} \nabla f_{i-m+1}(x) = 0 \quad (30)$$

That is

$$\sum_{i=1}^s w_i \nabla f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m v_i \nabla g_i(x) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

which means (28) holds.

(22) holds, then  $u_i g_i(x) = 0$ , then  $w_1 u_i g_i(x) = 0$ , then  $v_i g_i(x) = 0$

which means (27) holds.

(21) holds, then  $u_i = w_1 v_i \geq 0$ , then  $v_i \geq 0$

which means (26) holds.

(20) holds, which is equivalent to (25),

which means (25) holds.

So KKT conditions for (P2) are satisfied.

So  $x$  is also an optimal solution of (P2).

In conclusion, under conditions in this problem, if  $x$  is an optimal solution of (P1), then let  $w_1$  be an arbitrary positive number and

$$w_i = u_{i+m-1} w_1 \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, s$$

in this case  $x$  is also an optimal solution of (P2).

## 5 Problem 5

$$f(x) = \sum_{(i,j) \in A} \left( \frac{1}{2} R_{ij} x_{ij}^2 - t_{ij} x_{ij} \right)$$

is a convex function of  $x$ .

where  $x$  is a column vector that put each  $x_{ij}$ ,  $(i, j) \in A$  into a sequence.

Give  $(i, j)$  in  $A$  an index, say  $r_{ij}$ . where  $r_{ij} \in \{1, 2, \dots, |A|\}$ .  $|A|$  is the amount of element in  $A$ .

Then

$$x_{r_{ij}} = x_{ij}$$

Consider the equation restriction

$$\sum_{j:(i,j) \in A} x_{ij} = \sum_{j:(j,i) \in A} x_{ij} \quad \forall i \in N \quad (31)$$

Construct two vector  $p_i \in \{0, 1\}^{|A|}$  and  $q_i \in \{0, 1\}^{|A|}$ .

Let  $p_i$

$$(p_i)_n = \begin{cases} 1 & n = r_{ij} \quad (i, j) \in A \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let  $q_j$

$$(q_i)_n = \begin{cases} 1 & n = r_{ji} \quad (i, j) \in A \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Then

$$p_i^T x = \sum_{j:(i,j) \in A} x_{ij} \quad q_i^T x = \sum_{j:(j,i) \in A} x_{ij}$$

Equation restriction (31) becomes

$$(p_i - q_i)^T x = 0 \quad (32)$$

Write down the optimization problem again

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & f(x) = \sum_{(i,j) \in A} \left( \frac{1}{2} R_{ij} x_{ij}^2 - t_{ij} x_{ij} \right) \\ s.t. \quad & h_i(x) = (p_i - q_i)^T x = 0 \quad i \in N \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $f(x)$  is convex and each  $h_j(x)$  is linear.

So KKT conditions are necessary and sufficient condition for optimality.

Write down KKT conditions

$$\nabla f(x) + \sum_{i \in N} u_i \nabla h_i(x) = 0 \quad (33)$$

For each element in (33)

$$R_{ij} x_{ij} - t_{ij} + \left( \sum_{i \in N} u_i (p_i - q_i) \right)_{r_{ij}} = 0 \quad (34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in N} u_i (p_i)_{r_{ij}} &= \sum_{i:(i,j) \in A} u_i \quad j \in N \\ \sum_{i \in N} u_i (q_i)_{r_{ij}} &= \sum_{i:(j,i) \in A} u_i = \sum_{j:(i,j) \in A} u_j \quad i \in N \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$v_j = \sum_{i:(i,j) \in A} u_i \quad j \in N \quad (35)$$

$$v_i = \sum_{j:(i,j) \in A} u_j \quad i \in N \quad (36)$$

Then (34) becomes

$$R_{ij} x_{ij} - t_{ij} = v_i - v_j \quad (37)$$

That is, by constructing  $v_i, v_j$  as (35)(36), we can get Ohm's law by KKT conditions.

With the Kirchhoff's law

$$\sum_{j:(i,j) \in A} x_{ij} = \sum_{j:(j,i) \in A} x_{ij} \quad \forall i \in N \quad (38)$$

which is also the equation restriction of optimization problem, we can say that if  $\{x_{ij}\}$  solve both laws (37)(38), it is the solution of nonlinear programming problem.

For  $\{x_{ij}\}$  that does not solve (37)(38), KKT conditions are not satisfied. So it is not the solution of this nonlinear programming problem.

In conclusion,  $\{x_{ij}\}$  that solves both laws (37)(38) is the unique solution of this nonlinear programming problem.