

## 8.5 Problem 1

(a)

First let's expand the objective function of  $(P_d)$ . Let  $a = \frac{1-e^T c}{n}e$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} \|x - d\|_2^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (x_i - d_i)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (x_i - c_i - a_i)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (x_i^2 - 2c_i x_i + c_i^2 + 2a_i x_i - 2c_i a_i + a_i^2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (x_i^2 - 2c_i x_i + c_i^2 + 2(\frac{1-e^T c}{n}e)_i x_i - 2c_i a_i + a_i^2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (\|x - c\|^2 + 2\frac{1-e^T c}{n}e^T x - 2c^T a + \|a\|^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the objective function of  $(P_d)$  is  $\frac{1}{2}(\|x - c\|^2 + 2\frac{1-e^T c}{n}e^T x - 2c^T a + \|a\|^2)$ . Because  $2\frac{1-e^T c}{n}e^T x - 2c^T a + \|a\|^2$  is constant, the objective function is mainly related to  $\|x - c\|^2$ . It is similar to the objective function of  $(P_c)$ , which is also mainly related to  $\|x - c\|^2$ . So the optimal solution of  $P_c, P_d$  are the same.

(b)

First, let's check if  $x^* = d$  is feasible for this solution.

$$e^T x^* = e^T d = 1$$

$$x^* = d \geq 0$$

So  $x^* = d$  is feasible for  $P_d$ . And because  $\frac{1}{2}\|x - d\|_2^2 \geq 0$ , the minimum value of  $P_d$  is 0 and

$$\frac{1}{2}\|x^* - d\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}\|d - d\|_2^2 = 0$$

We get the minimum value. Thus  $x^* = d$  is an optimal solution of  $(P_d)$ .

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2}\|x - d\|_2^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - d_i)^2 \geq 0 \\
 L(x, u) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - d_i)^2 + u_E(e^T x - 1) \\
 \frac{\partial L(x, u)}{\partial x} &= x - d + u_E e = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

dimension mismatch.

no e, right?

$$x_i = d_i - u_E e$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L(x, u)}{\partial^2 x} = e > 0$$

Left side is in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , ">" can only be use in  $\mathbb{R}$ 

Because it is a quadratic function, on the right hand side of  $d_i - u_E e$ , it is monotone increase. So the optimal solution of this problem is  $x^* = \max\{d - u_E e, 0\}$ . Then the Lagrangian dual is

$$\begin{aligned} L^*(u) &= \inf_x L(x, u_E) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|u_E e\|^2 + u_E (e^T (d - u_E e) - 1) \\ &= -\frac{nu_E^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

The dual problem is

$$\sup_u -\frac{nu_E^2}{2}$$

When  $u_E = 0$ , we get the optimal value. If  $d_j < 0$ , then  $d - u_E e \leq 0$ , and  $x^* = 0$ . Thus, if  $d_j < 0$  for some index  $j$ , then  $x_j^* = 0$  in any optimal solution of  $(P_d)$ .

(d)

Step 1: Let  $d = c + \frac{1-e^T c}{n} e$ ,  $k = 1$

Step 2: If  $d^k > 0$ , we get optimal solution  $x_j^*$ , Stop. Otherwise, if  $d_j^k < 0$  for some index  $j$ , then  $x_j^* = 0$ .

Step 3:  $k = k + 1$ , delete the  $c_j^k$  and  $e_j^k$ , get new vector  $c_j^k$  and  $e_j^k$ .

Step 4:  $d^k = c^k + \frac{1-(e^k)^T c}{n} e^k$ , go to step 2.

## Problem 2

(i) If  $C = D$ , then  $S_C(y) = S_D(y)$ .

It is clear that if  $C = D$ , then the following two systems

$$S_C(y) = \sup\{y^T x : x \in C\}$$

$$S_D(y) = \sup\{y^T x : x \in D\}$$

are exactly the same. Then they will give the same result.

(ii) If  $S_C(y) = S_D(y)$ , then  $C = D$ . (Proof by contradiction)

Assume that  $C \not\subset D$ , then there exist  $\bar{x}_c \in C$ ,  $\bar{x}_c \notin D$ .

By theorem B.3.1, we know that there exists a nonzero vector  $p$  and scalar  $\alpha$  such that  $p^T \bar{x}_C > \alpha$  and  $p^T x_D < \alpha, \forall x_D \in D$ . Then let  $y = p$ , then

$$S_C(y) > \alpha, S_D(y) < \alpha$$

, which is conflict with,

$$S_C(y) = S_D(y)$$

Thus our assumption is incorrect, then we know  $C \subset D$ .

Then let's prove in other direction. Assume that  $D \not\subset C$ , then there exist  $\bar{x}_D \in D$ ,  $\bar{x}_D \notin C$ .

By theorem B.3.1, we know that there exists a nonzero vector  $p$  and scalar  $\alpha$  such that  $p^T \bar{x}_D > \alpha$  and  $p^T x_C < \alpha, \forall x_C \in C$ . Then let  $y = p$ , then

$$S_D(y) > \alpha, S_C(y) < \alpha$$

, which is conflict with,

$$S_C(y) = S_D(y)$$

Thus our assumption is incorrect, then we know  $D \subset C$ . Now we can conclude that because of  $D \subset C, C \subset D, C = D$ .

### Problem 3

By Lagrangian dual theorem,

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

$$L^*(u) = \inf_x f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x)$$

Assume the optimal solution is  $x^* \in X$ ,

$$v^* = \sup_u f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x^*)$$

$$u_i \geq 0$$

Because  $u_i \geq 0, g_i(x^*) \leq 0, u_i g_i(x^*) \leq 0$ , by weak duality

$$v^* = \sup_u f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x^*) \leq f(x^*) = f^*$$

Then let's consider another case. By Lagrangian dual theorem,

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

$$\bar{L}^*(u) = \inf_x f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i g_i(x)$$

Assume the optimal solution is  $\bar{x}^* \in X$ ,

$$\bar{v}^* = \sup_u f(\bar{x}^*) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i g_i(\bar{x}^*)$$

$$u_i \geq 0$$

Because  $u_i \geq 0, g_i(x^*) \leq 0, u_i g_i(x^*) \leq 0$ , by weak duality

$$\bar{v}^* = \sup_u \quad f(\bar{x}^*) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i g_i(\bar{x}^*) \leq f(\bar{x}^*) = f^*$$

Now let's consider

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

Since  $\bar{X} \subset X, u_i \geq 0, g_i(x^*) \leq 0, u_i g_i(x^*) \leq 0$ , for any  $u$ , we have

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

then  $(\sup_u L^*(u)) = v^* \leq \bar{v}^*$ . Due to former proof, we have  $v^* \leq \bar{v}^* \leq f^*$ .

## Problem 4

(a)

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f_1(x) \\ & f_j(x) \leq b_j \quad j = 2, \dots, s \\ & g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f_j(x) \\ & g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

(b)

We would like to prove that every solution  $\bar{x}^2$  obtained by Approach 2 for some selection of weights  $w_j$  with  $w_1 > 0$ , we can find target levels  $b_j$  such that the same solution  $\bar{x}^1$  is optimal in Approach 1. Here  $\bar{x}^1 = \bar{x}^2$ .

Proof by contradiction, assume  $\bar{x}^1 \neq \bar{x}^2$ ,  $\bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2$  are optimal solution for approach 1 and approach 2. Let  $b_j = f(\bar{x}^2)$ , then we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^s w_j f_j(\bar{x}^1) \leq w_1 f(\bar{x}^1) + \sum_{j=2}^s w_j b_j \leq \sum_{j=1}^s w_j f(\bar{x}^2)$$

Thus,  $\bar{x}^2$  is not an optimal solution of approach 2, which is contradict to assumption. Then,  $\bar{x}^1 = \bar{x}^2$ .

(c)

(i) The first order KKT condition of approach 1.

$$\nabla f_1(\bar{x}) + \sum_{j=2}^s u_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \nabla g_i(\bar{x}) = 0$$

$$u_i \geq 0$$

$$u_j \geq 0$$

$$u_j(f_j(x) - b_j) = 0$$

$$f_j(x) \leq b_j$$

$$g_i(x) \leq 0$$

$$u_i g_i(x) = 0$$

$$i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$j = 2, \dots, s$$

(ii) The first order KKT condition of approach 2.

$$\sum_{j=1}^s w_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \nabla g_i(\bar{x}) = 0$$

$$u_i \geq 0$$

$$g_i(x) \leq 0$$

$$u_i g_i(x) = 0$$

$$i = 1, \dots, m$$

(d)

If this is a convex optimization problem, then by theorem 3.2.1, the KKT point is an optimal solution. We would like to prove that a KKT point  $\bar{x}^1$  of approach 1 with  $b_j$  is the optimal solution, then there exist  $w_j$ , such that  $\bar{x}^1 = \bar{x}^2$ ,  $\bar{x}^2$  satisfy the KKT condition of approach 2.

Then for  $\bar{x}^1$  and  $u_j, u_i$ , that satisfied the KKT condition for approach 1, we have

$$\nabla f_1(\bar{x}^1) + \sum_{j=2}^s u_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^1) = - \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \nabla g_i(\bar{x}^1)$$

$$u_i \geq 0$$

$$g_i(\bar{x}^1) \leq 0$$

$$u_i g_i(\bar{x}^1) = 0$$

$$i = 1, \dots, m$$

take it into the following equation, and because  $\bar{x}^1 = \bar{x}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j=1}^s w_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^2) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \nabla g_i(\bar{x}^2) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^s w_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^2) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \nabla g_i(\bar{x}^1) \\
 &= -f_1(\bar{x}^1) - \sum_{j=2}^s u_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^1) + \sum_{j=1}^s w_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^2) \\
 &= -f_1(\bar{x}^2) - \sum_{j=2}^s u_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^2) + \sum_{j=1}^s w_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^2) \\
 &= (w_1 - 1) \nabla f_1(\bar{x}^2) + \sum_{j=1}^s (w_j - u_j) \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $w_1 = 1 > 0$ ,  $w_j = u_j$ , it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j=1}^s w_j \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^2) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \nabla g_i(\bar{x}^2) \\
 &= (w_1 - 1) \nabla f_1(\bar{x}^2) + \sum_{j=1}^s (w_j - u_j) \nabla f_j(\bar{x}^2) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Also because  $\bar{x}^1 = \bar{x}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_i &\geq 0 \\
 g_i(\bar{x}^1) &= g_i(\bar{x}^2) \leq 0 \\
 u_i g_i(\bar{x}^1) &= u_i g_i(\bar{x}^2) = 0 \\
 i &= 1, \dots, m
 \end{aligned}$$

are also satisfied. In this condition,  $\bar{x}^2$  and  $w_j$  satisfied the KKT condition is an optimal solution, and  $\bar{x}^1 = \bar{x}^2$ .

## Problem 5

Because  $\sum_{j:(i,j) \in A} x_{ij} = \sum_{j:(j,i) \in A} x_{ij}$  is an affine constraint, this problem satisfy the constraint quality. Also the objective function  $f(x) = \sum_{(i,j) \in A} (\frac{1}{2} R_{ij} x_{ij}^2 - t_{ij} x_{ij})$  is a convex function, because

$$\frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x^2} = R_{ij} > 0$$

Thus, KKT condition is sufficient to optimal condition. The KKT condition is following

$$(R_{ij} x_{ij} - t_{ij}) + u_i - u_j = 0$$

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

Then we get an unique optimal solution  $x_{ij} = \frac{t_{ij} - u_i + u_j}{R_{ij}}$ . Because  $(R_{ij}x_{ij} - t_{ij}) = v_i - v_j$ . Let  $u_j - u_i = v_i - v_j$ , then the current  $x_{ij}, (i, j) \in A$  that satisfies both laws (1) and (2) is the unique solution of the following nonlinear programming problem,  $x_{ij} = \frac{t_{ij} - v_j + v_i}{R_{ij}}$ .