

TMA947 / MMG621 — Nonlinear optimization

Lecture 1 — Introduction to optimization

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What is optimization?

Optimization is a mathematical discipline which is concerned with finding the minima or maxima of functions, possibly subject to constraints.

Basic notation

- Vectors are written with bold face, i.e., $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- Elements in a vector are written as x_j , $j = 1, \dots, n$.
- All vectors are column vectors.
- The inner product of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is written as $\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{a} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j b_j$.
- The norm $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Euclidean norm, i.e., $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2}$.
- We utilize vector inequalities, $\mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{b}$, meaning that $a_j \leq b_j$, $j = 1, \dots, n$.

Optimization problem formulation

In order to introduce a general optimization problem, we need to define the following:

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: vector of decision variables x_j , $j = 1, \dots, n$,
$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \pm\infty$: objective function,
$X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$: ground set,
$g_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$: constraint function defining restriction on \mathbf{x} ,
$g_i \geq 0$, $i \in \mathcal{I}$: inequality constraints,
$g_i = 0$, $i \in \mathcal{E}$: equality constraints.

A general **optimization problem** is to

$$\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(\mathbf{x}), \quad (1a)$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{I}, \quad (1b)$$

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{E}, \quad (1c)$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in X. \quad (1d)$$

(If we consider a maximization problem, we change the sign of f to get a minimization problem.)

Classification of optimization problems

Linear Programming (LP):

- Linear objective function $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j$,
- Affine constraint functions $g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{x} - b_i$, $i \in \mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{E}$
- Ground set X defined by affine equalities/inequalities.

Nonlinear programming (NLP):

- Some functions f, g_i , $i \in \mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{E}$ are nonlinear.

Unconstrained optimization:

- $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{E} = \emptyset$,
- $X = \mathbb{R}^n$.

Constrained optimization:

- $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{E} \neq \emptyset$, and/or
- $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Integer programming (IP):

- $X \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$ or $X \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$.

Convex programming (CP):

- f, g_i , $i \in \mathcal{I}$ are convex functions,
- g_i , $i \in \mathcal{E}$ are affine,
- X is closed and convex.

Conventions

Let $S = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, i \in \mathcal{I}, g_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0, i \in \mathcal{E}, \mathbf{x} \in X\}$ denote a feasible set.

What do we mean by solving the problem to minimize $f(\mathbf{x})$?

Let

$$f^* := \infimum_{\mathbf{x} \in S} f(\mathbf{x})$$

denote the infimum value of f over the set S . If the value f^* is attained at some point \mathbf{x}^* in S , we can write

$$f^* := \text{minimum}_{\mathbf{x} \in S} f(\mathbf{x}),$$

and have $f(\mathbf{x}^*) = f^*$. Another well-defined operator defines the set of minimal solutions to the problem

$$S^* := \arg \text{minimum}_{\mathbf{x} \in S} f(\mathbf{x}),$$

where $S^* \subseteq S$ is nonempty if and only if the infimum value f^* is attained at some point \mathbf{x}^* in S .

Now we can define what we mean by the problem to minimize $f(\mathbf{x})$.

"to minimize $f(\mathbf{x})$ " means "find f^* and an $\mathbf{x}^* \in S^*$ "

If we have an optimization problem

$$P : \text{minimize}_{\mathbf{x} \in S} f(\mathbf{x})$$

- A point \mathbf{x} is **feasible** in problem P if $\mathbf{x} \in S$. The point is **infeasible** in problem P if $\mathbf{x} \notin S$.
- The problem P is feasible if there exist a $\mathbf{x} \in S$ and the problem P is infeasible if $S = \emptyset$.
- A point \mathbf{x}^* is an **optimal solution** to P if $\mathbf{x}^* \in \arg \text{minimum}_{\mathbf{x} \in S} f(\mathbf{x})$.
- f^* is an **optimal value** to P if $f^* = \text{minimum}_{\mathbf{x} \in S} f(\mathbf{x})$.

Examples

I. Consider the problem to

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && (x + 1)^2, \\ &\text{subject to} && x \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned}$$

Easy problem, $(x + 1)^2$ is convex, no constraints. Just solve $f'(x) = 0$, and get the optimal solution $x^* = -1$ and the optimal value $f^* = 0$.

(Convex, quadratic, unconstrained optimization problem)

II. A more complicated problem is to

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && (x + 1)^2, \\ &\text{subject to} && x \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

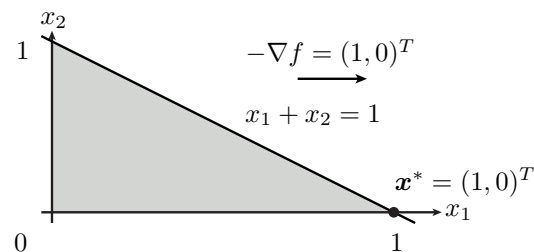
Now the " $f'(x) = 0$ " trick does not work and we need to consider the boundary. We get the optimal solution $x^* = 0$ and the optimal value $f^* = 1$.

(Convex, quadratic, constrained optimization problem)

III. Consider the problem to

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && -x_1, \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1 + x_2 \leq 1, \\ &&& x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We solve this graphically. So optimal solution is $\mathbf{x}^* = (1, 0)^T$ and the optimal value if $f^* = -1$.



The diet problem

As a first example of a real optimization problem, we consider the **diet problem** (first formulated by George Stigler).

For a moderately active person, how much of each of a number of foods should be eaten on a daily basis so that the person's intake of nutrients will be at least equal to the recommended dietary allowances (RDAs), with the cost of the diet being minimal?

Good example to show

- how to model a real optimization problem,
- why a realistic model sometimes can be difficult to achieve.

We consider the case when the only allowed foods can be found at McDonalds.

For a moderately active person, how much of each of a number of McDonald foods (see Table 1) should be eaten on a daily basis so that the person's intake of nutrients will be at least equal to the recommended dietary allowances (RDAs), with the cost of the diet being minimal?

Food	Calories	Carb	Protein	Vit A	Vit C	Calc	Iron	Cost
Big Mac	550 kcal	46g	25g	6%	2%	25%	25%	30kr
Cheeseburger	300 kcal	33g	15g	6%	2%	20%	15%	10kr
McChicken	360 kcal	40g	14g	0%	2%	10%	15%	35kr
McNuggets	280 kcal	18g	13g	0%	2%	2%	4%	40kr
Caesar Sallad	350 kcal	24g	23g	160%	35%	20%	10%	50kr
French Fries	380 kcal	48g	4g	0%	15%	2%	6%	20kr
Apple Pie	250 kcal	32g	2g	4%	25%	2%	6%	10kr
Coca-Cola	210 kcal	58g	0g	0%	0%	0%	0%	15kr
Milk	100 kcal	12g	8g	10%	4%	30%	8%	15kr
Orange Juice	150 kcal	30g	2g	0%	140%	2%	0%	15kr
RDA	2000 kcal	350g	55g	100%	100%	100%	100%	

Table 1: Given data for the diet problem

We define the **sets**

Foods := {Big Mac, Cheeseburger, McChicken, McNuggets, Caesar Sallad
French Fried, Apple Pie, Coca-Cola, Milk, Orange Juice},
Nutrients := {Calories, Carb, Protein, Vit A, Vit C, Calc, Iron.}

Then we define the **parameters**

a_{ij} = Amount of nutrient i in food j , $i \in \text{Nutrients}$, $j \in \text{Foods}$,
 b_i = Recommended daily amount (RDA) of nutrient i , $i \in \text{Nutrients}$,
 c_j = Cost for food j , $j \in \text{Foods}$,

and the **decision variables**

x_j = Amount of food j we should eat each day, $j \in \text{Foods}$.

The **model** of the diet optimization problem is then to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \sum_{j \in \text{Foods}} c_j x_j, & (2a) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \sum_{j \in \text{Foods}} a_{ij} x_j \geq b_i, \quad i \in \text{Nutrients}, & (2b) \\ & x_j \geq 0, \quad j \in \text{Foods}. & (2c) \end{aligned}$$

(2a) We minimize the total cost, such that

(2b) we get enough of each nutrient, and such that

(2c) we don't sell anything to McDonalds.

The optimal solution is then

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{Big Mac}} \\ x_{\text{Cheeseburger}} \\ x_{\text{McChicken}} \\ x_{\text{McNuggets}} \\ x_{\text{Caesar Sallad}} \\ x_{\text{French Fries}} \\ x_{\text{Apple Pie}} \\ x_{\text{Coca Cola}} \\ x_{\text{Milk}} \\ x_{\text{Orange Juice}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7.48 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0.27 \\ 0 \\ 3.03 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Total cost} = 118.47 \text{ kr.}$$

$$\text{Total intake of calories} = 3093.51 \text{ kcal.}$$

If we add the constraint that x_j should be integer, the solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{Big Mac}} \\ x_{\text{Cheeseburger}} \\ x_{\text{McChicken}} \\ x_{\text{McNuggets}} \\ x_{\text{Caesar Sallad}} \\ x_{\text{French Fries}} \\ x_{\text{Apple Pie}} \\ x_{\text{Coca Cola}} \\ x_{\text{Milk}} \\ x_{\text{Orange Juice}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Total cost} = 150 \text{ kr.}$$

$$\text{Total intake of calories} = 3200 \text{ kcal.}$$

Now consider going on a diet, meaning that we would like to eat as few calories as possible. We reformulate our model to

$$\text{minimize} \quad \sum_{j \in \text{Foods}} a_{\text{Calories},j} x_j, \quad (3a)$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \sum_{j \in \text{Foods}} a_{ij} x_j \geq b_i, \quad i \in \text{Nutrients} \setminus \{\text{Calories}\}, \quad (3b)$$

$$x_j \geq 0, \quad j \in \text{Foods}. \quad (3c)$$

The optimal solution is then

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{Big Mac}} \\ x_{\text{Cheeseburger}} \\ x_{\text{McChicken}} \\ x_{\text{McNuggets}} \\ x_{\text{Caesar Sallad}} \\ x_{\text{French Fries}} \\ x_{\text{Apple Pie}} \\ x_{\text{Coca Cola}} \\ x_{\text{Milk}} \\ x_{\text{Orange Juice}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3.96 \\ 12.41 \\ 0.36 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total cost} &= 251.01 \text{ kr.} \\ \text{Total intake of calories} &= 2127.47 \text{ kcal.} \end{aligned}$$

If we add the constraint that x_j should be integer, the solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{Big Mac}} \\ x_{\text{Cheeseburger}} \\ x_{\text{McChicken}} \\ x_{\text{McNuggets}} \\ x_{\text{Caesar Sallad}} \\ x_{\text{French Fries}} \\ x_{\text{Apple Pie}} \\ x_{\text{Coca Cola}} \\ x_{\text{Milk}} \\ x_{\text{Orange Juice}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total cost} &= 270 \text{ kr.} \\ \text{Total intake of calories} &= 2210 \text{ kcal.} \end{aligned}$$

The real diet problem

When first studied by the Stigler, the problem concerned the US military and had 77 different foods in the model. He didn't managed to solve the problem to optimality, but almost. The near optimal diet was

- Wheat flour
- Evaporated milk
- Cabbage
- Spinach
- Dried navy beans

at a cost of \$0.1 a day in 1939 US dollars.

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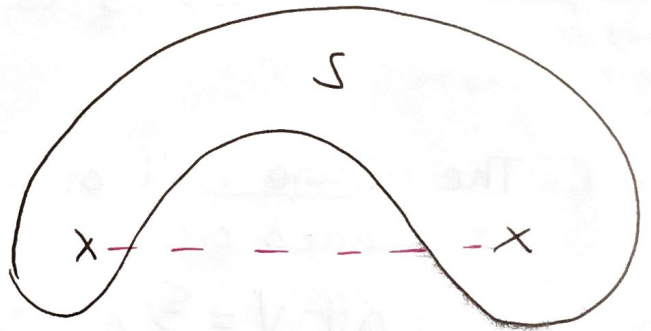
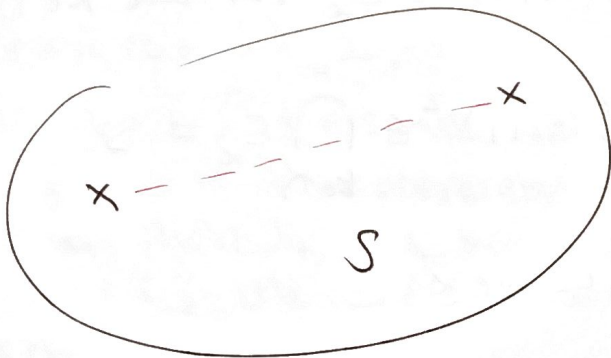
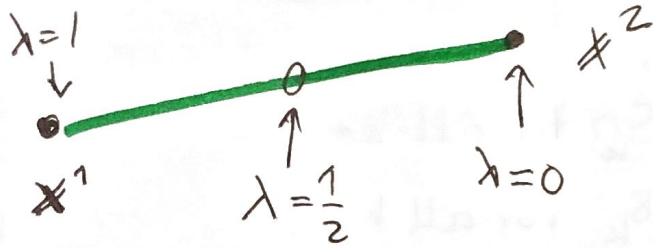
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LECTURE 2

DEF. The set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^1, x^2 \in S \\ \lambda \in (0,1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2 \in S$$



EXAMPLES

- \emptyset (EMPTY SET) is convex
- The set $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| \leq \alpha\}$ is convex for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- The set $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| = \alpha\}$ is not convex for $\alpha > 0$.
- $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is not convex.

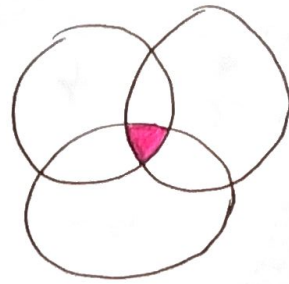
PROP.

Let $S_k, k \in K$ be a collection of convex sets.

Then the intersection

$$S = \bigcap_{k \in K} S_k$$

is convex!



PROOF:

Let $x^1, x^2 \in S. \Rightarrow x^1 \in S_k$ for all $k \in K$
 $x^2 \in S_k$ for all $k \in K$

Let $\lambda \in (0,1) \Rightarrow \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2 \in S_k$ for all $k \in K$
since S_k is convex.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2 \in \bigcap_{k \in K} S_k = S$$

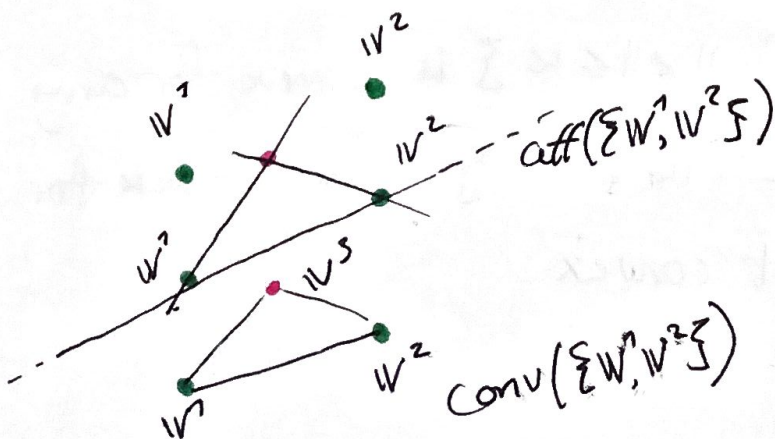
$\Rightarrow S$ is convex

DEF. The affine hull of a finite set $V = \{v^1, \dots, v^k\}$ is defined as

$$\text{aff } V = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i v^i \mid \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{R}, \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = 1 \right\}$$

The convex hull - 11 -

$$\text{conv } V = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i v^i \mid \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = 1 \right\}$$

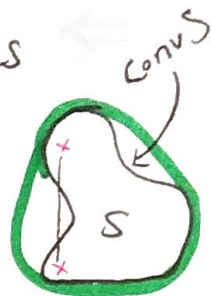


In general, the convex hull of a set S is defined as

a) the unique minimal convex set containing S

b) the intersection of all convex sets containing S

c) the set of all convex combinations of points in S



Thm. (CARATHÉODORY'S THM)

Let $x \in \text{conv } S$, where $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then x can be expressed as a convex combination of $n+1$ or fewer points of S .

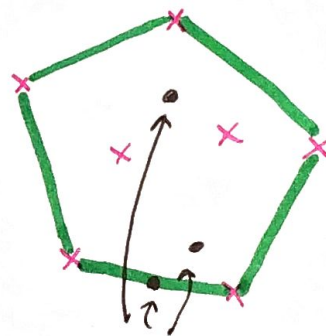
PROOF.

We know that

$$x = \lambda_1 a^1 + \dots + \lambda_m a^m,$$

where $\lambda_i \geq 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i = 1$ and $a^1, \dots, a^m \in S$.

Assume that this representation is minimal. Then $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m > 0$ and $a^i \neq a^j$ for any i, j . We need to show that $m \leq n+1$.



can be expressed with less than or exactly 3 x

Assume $m > n+1 \Rightarrow$

$\{a^1, \dots, a^m\}$ is affinely dependent

$\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$

$$\alpha_1 a^1 + \dots + \alpha_m a^m = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m = 0$$

"stronger than linearly dependent"

Let $\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$\lambda_1 + \epsilon \alpha_1, \dots, \lambda_m + \epsilon \alpha_m$$

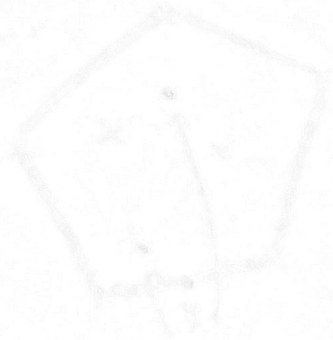
are non-negative and at least one is zero, (which is always possible since at least 1 α_j is negative and all $\lambda_i > 0$.)

$$\Rightarrow x = \lambda_1 a^1 + \dots + \lambda_m a^m + \underbrace{\varepsilon (\alpha_1 a^1 + \dots + \alpha_m a^m)}_{\textcircled{0}} =$$

$$= (\lambda_1 + \varepsilon \alpha_1) a^1 + \dots + (\lambda_m + \varepsilon \alpha_m) a^m$$

A new representation of x but where one weight is 0.
 CONTRADICTION to minimal representation. \Rightarrow

$$m \leq n+1$$



Independent elements $\{a^1, \dots, a^m\}$

$$\begin{cases} x = \lambda_1 a^1 + \dots + \lambda_m a^m \\ 0 = \lambda_1 a^1 + \dots + \lambda_m a^m \end{cases}$$

Let $\lambda_i > 0$ for some i .
 $\lambda_1 a^1 + \dots + \lambda_m a^m = 0$
 $\lambda_1 a^1 + \dots + \lambda_m a^m = 0$
 one non-negative weight at least one is zero,
 (which is obvious since at least $\lambda_i > 0$)
 negative (but $\lambda_i > 0$)

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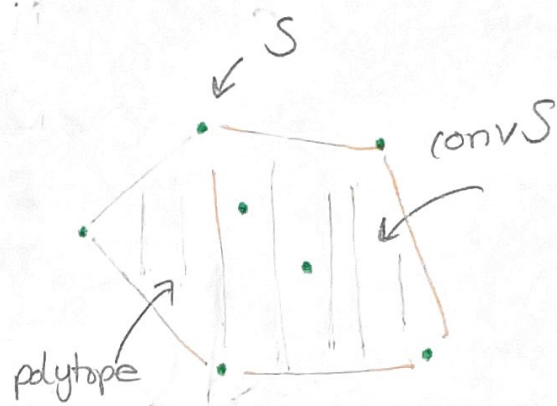
Continuing LECTURE 2

DEF A set $P \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a polytope if it is the convex hull of finitely many points in \mathbb{R}^n .

EX. A cube or tetrahedon in \mathbb{R}^3 are polytopes.

DEF A point $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ in a convex set P is an extreme point if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} w = \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2 \\ x^1, x^2 \in P \\ \lambda \in (0,1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow w = x^1 = x^2$$



THM Let P be the polytope $\text{conv}V$, where $V = \{v^1, \dots, v^k\}$. Then P is equal to the convex hull of its extreme points.

DEF A set $P \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a polyhedron if there exists a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and a vector $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that

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

- $Ax \leq b \iff a_i x \leq b_i, i=1, \dots, m$
- $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_i x \leq b_i\}$ are half-spaces
- P is intersection of half-spaces

EX. Let

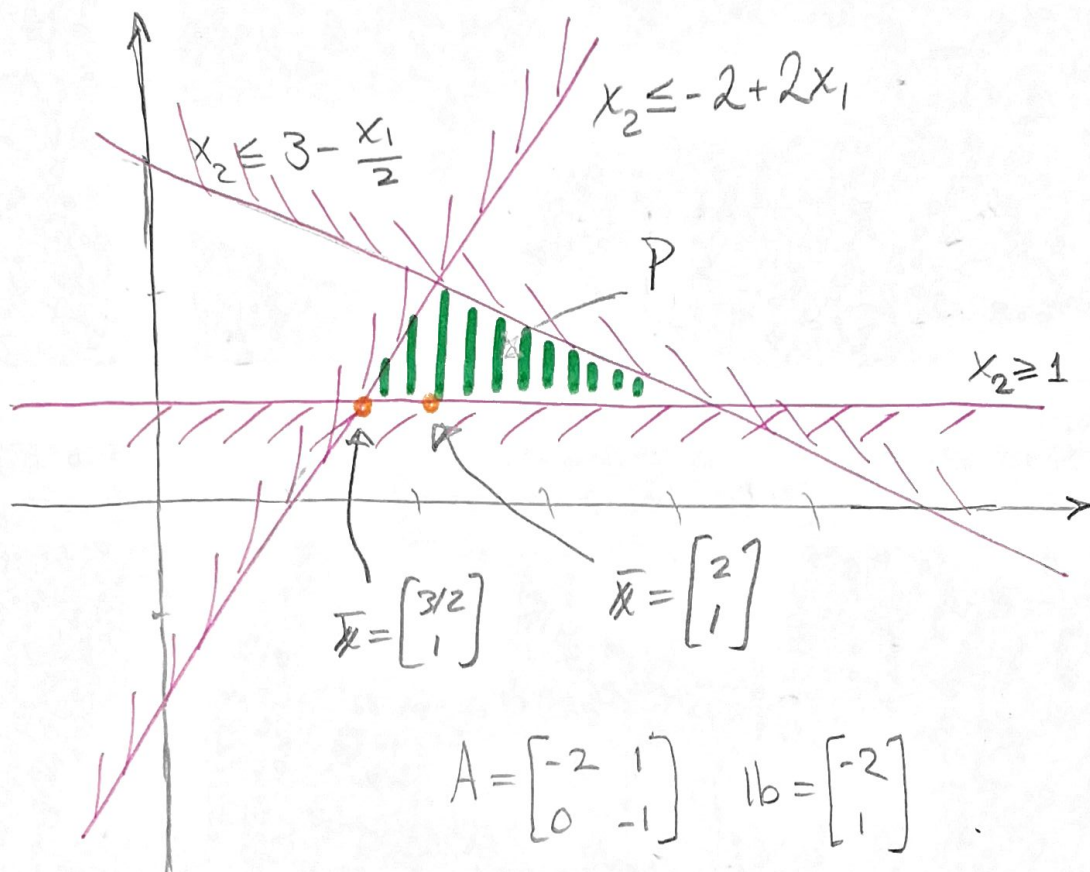
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This means

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 6$$

$$-2x_1 + x_2 \leq -2$$

$$-x_2 \leq -1$$



- Polytope = convex hull of finitely many points
- Polyhedron = intersection of finitely many half-spaces

THM Let $\bar{x} \in P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax \leq b\}$ where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\text{rank } A = n$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Further, let

$$\bar{A}\bar{x} = \bar{b}$$

be the equality subsystem of $Ax \leq b$ then

$$\text{rank } \bar{A} = n \Leftrightarrow \bar{x} \text{ extreme point in } P.$$

Ex. Let

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax \leq b \iff \begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 &\leq 6 \\ -2x_1 + x_2 &\leq -2 \\ -x_2 &\leq -1 \end{aligned}$$

Plug in \bar{x}

$$\cancel{3/2 + 2 \cdot 1 = 3,5 < 6}$$

$$\cancel{-2 \cdot 3/2 + 1 = -2 = -2}$$

$$\cancel{-1 = -1}$$

} \Rightarrow

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank } \bar{A} = n \Rightarrow$$

\bar{x} extreme point.

Ex. Let

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Plug in \bar{x}

$$\cancel{2 + 2 \cdot 1 = 4 < 6}$$

$$\cancel{-2 \cdot 2 + 1 = -3 < -2}$$

$$\cancel{-1 = -1}$$

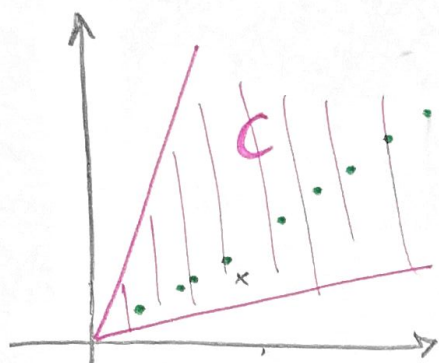
} \Rightarrow

$$\bar{A} = [0 \ -1], \quad b = [-1]$$

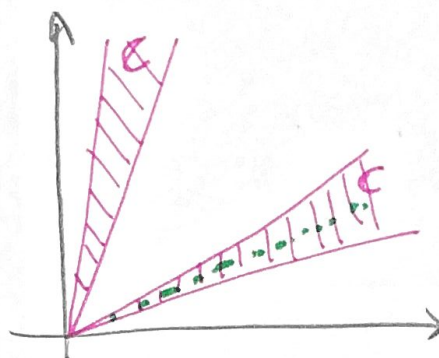
$$\text{rank } \bar{A} = 1 < n \Rightarrow$$

\bar{x} not extreme point.

DEF A set $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a cone if $\lambda x \in C$ whenever $x \in C$ and $\lambda > 0$.



convex



non-convex

THM (REPRESENTATION THM)

Let the polyhedron

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

and let $\{v^1, \dots, v^k\}$ extreme points.

Define

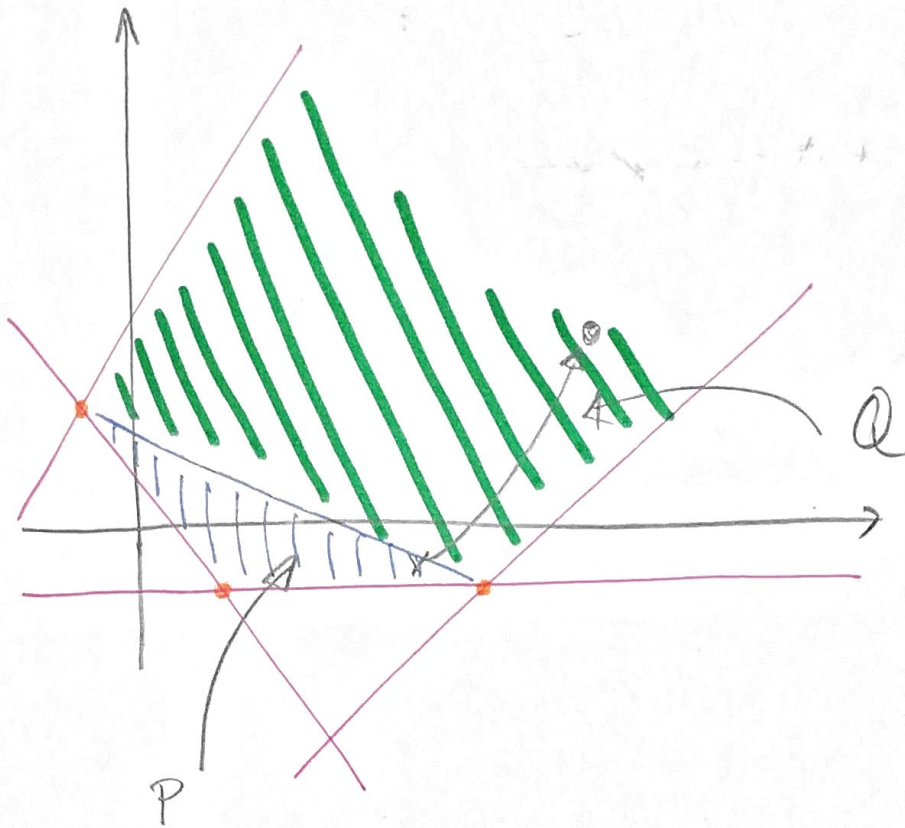
$$P := \text{conv}(\{v^1, \dots, v^k\})$$

and let

$$C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax \leq 0\}$$

Then

$$Q = P + C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x = u + v, u \in P, v \in C\}$$



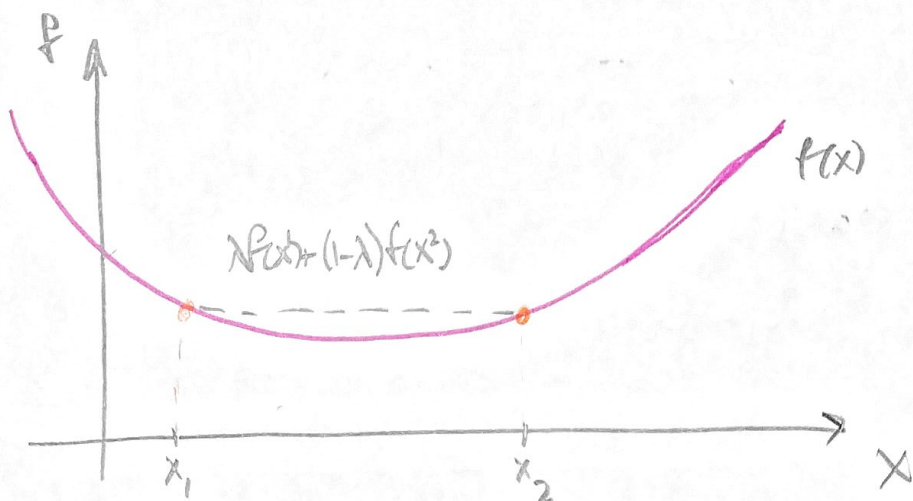
CONVEX FUNCTIONS

DEF. suppose $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex. A function

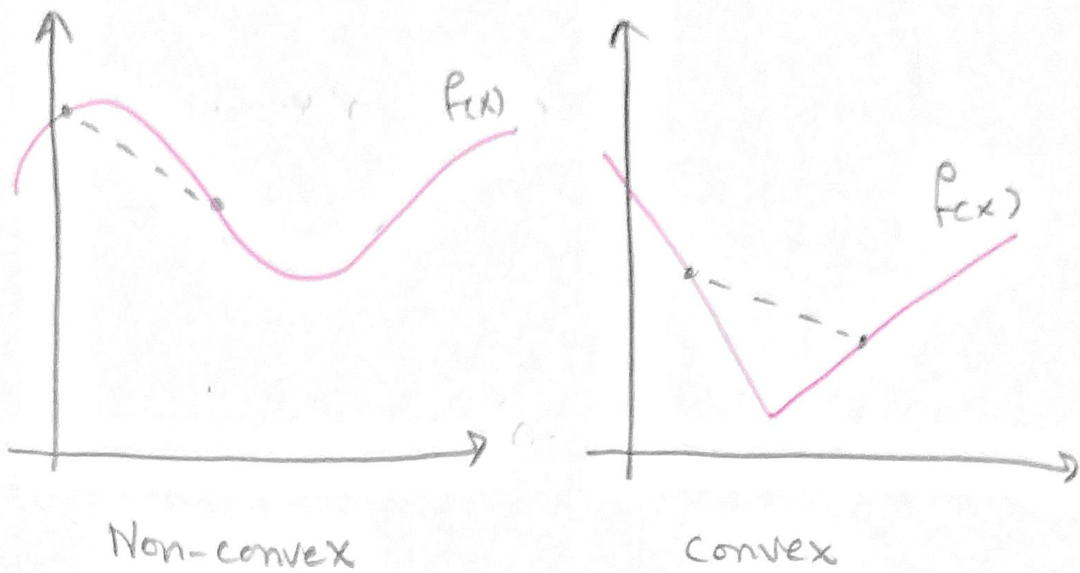
$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
is convex if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^1, x^2 \\ \lambda \in (0,1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f(\lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2) \leq \lambda f(x^1) + (1-\lambda)f(x^2)$$

EX.



ex.



- $f(x) = a^T x + b$ is convex and concave
- $f(x) = \|x\|$ is convex
- $f(x) = \|x\|^2$ is strictly convex

A function is strictly convex if the inequality is strict.

A function is concave if $-f$ is convex.

THM Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be convex and let $f_k, k \in K$ be a set of convex functions. Let $\alpha_k \geq 0, k \in K$. Then

$$f(x) = \sum_{k \in K} \alpha_k f_k(x)$$

is convex.

PROOF Let $x, y \in S$ and $\lambda \in (0, 1)$. Then

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) = \sum_{k \in K} \alpha_k f_k(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sum \alpha_k (\lambda f_k(x) + (1-\lambda) f_k(y)) \stackrel{f_k \text{ convex}}{=} \\
&= \lambda \sum \alpha_k f_k(x) + (1-\lambda) \sum \alpha_k f_k(y) = \\
&= \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda) f(y)
\end{aligned}$$

□

THM Let $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be convex

$F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be convex and non-decreasing.

\Rightarrow

$F(g)$ is convex.

Ex.

$$f(x) = x^2 + e^x$$

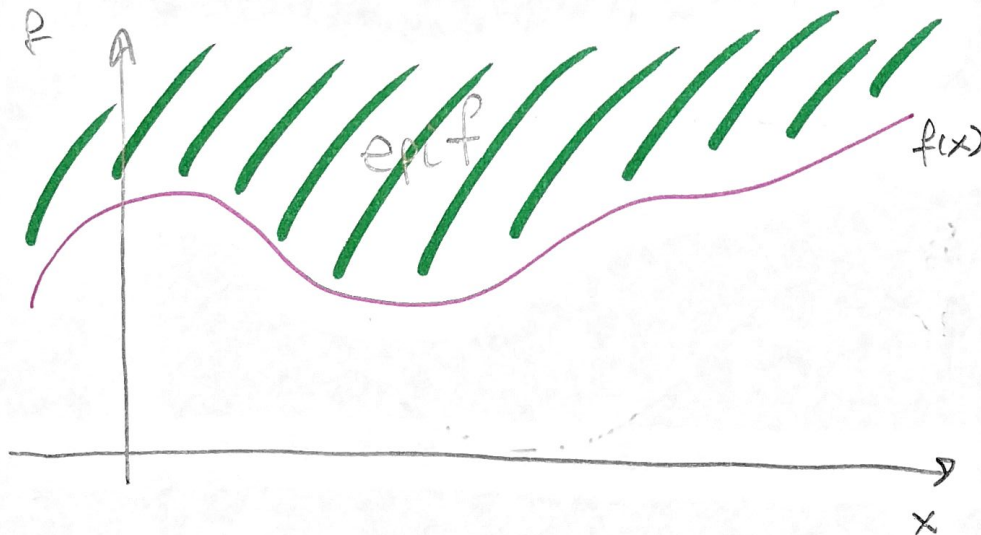
$$F(x) = e^{x^2}$$

DEF The epigraph of a function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

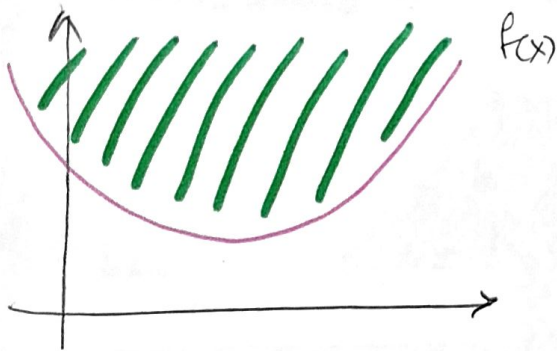
is

$$\text{epi} f = \{ (x, \alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) \leq \alpha \}$$



THM Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then

f is convex \iff $\text{epi} f$ is a convex set

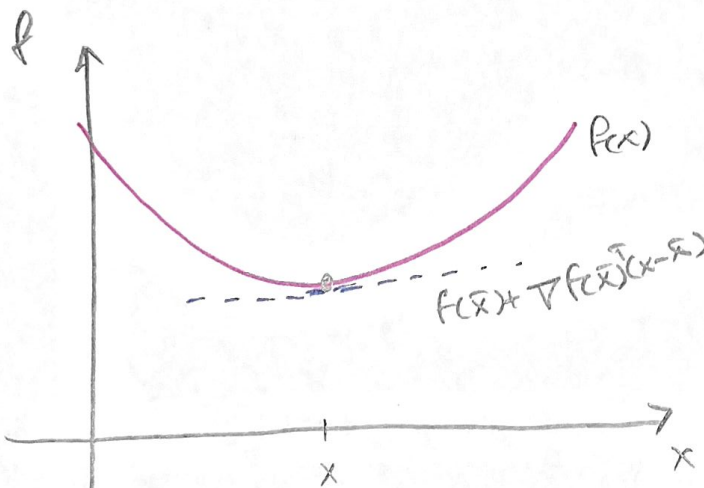


PROOF see book.

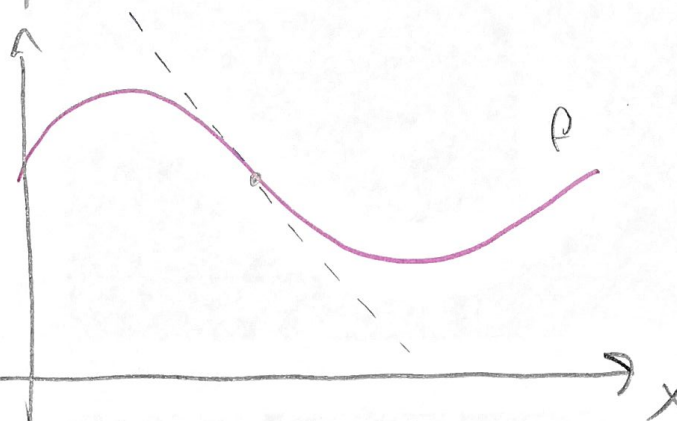
THM Let $f \in C^1$ on an open convex set S . Then

f is convex on $S \iff$

$$f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \nabla f(\bar{x})^T (x - \bar{x}) \text{ for all } x, \bar{x} \in S.$$



Convex



Non-convex

PROOF

\Rightarrow : let $x^1, x^2 \in S$ and let $\lambda \in (0, 1)$.

$$\lambda f(x^1) + (1-\lambda) f(x^2) \geq f(\lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x^1) - f(x^2) \geq \frac{1}{\lambda} [f(\lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2) - f(x^2)] =$$
$$= \frac{f(x^2 + \lambda(x^1 - x^2)) - f(x^2)}{\lambda}$$

let $\lambda \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\nabla f(x^2)^T (x^1 - x^2)$$

So

$$f(x^1) = f(x^2) + \nabla f(x^2)^T (x^1 - x^2)$$

looks like derivative

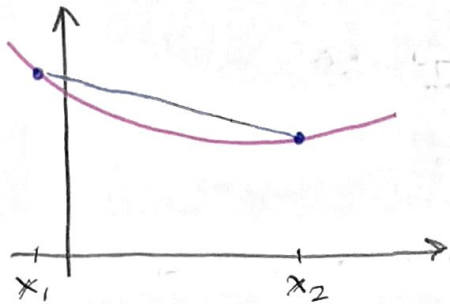
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LECTURE 3

Recap:

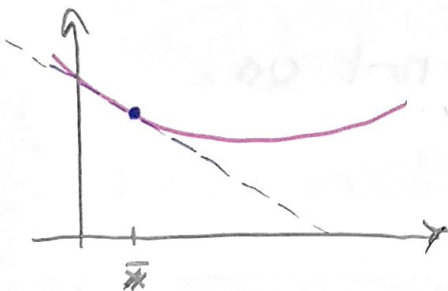
DEF A function f is convex on S (which is convex) if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^1, x^2 \in S \\ \lambda \in (0,1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f(\lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2) \leq \lambda f(x^1) + (1-\lambda)f(x^2)$$



THM Let $f \in C^1$ on an open set S .

$$f \text{ is convex} \iff f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \nabla f(\bar{x})^T (x - \bar{x}) \quad \forall x, \bar{x} \in S$$



THM Let $f \in C^2$

a) f is convex $\iff \nabla^2 f(x) \succeq 0 \quad \forall x$

$$(\lambda \succeq 0 \iff P^T \lambda P \succeq 0 \quad \forall P)$$

\succeq positive semidefinite

b) $\nabla^2 f(x) \succ 0 \Rightarrow f$ is strictly convex $\forall x$

(ex. $f(x) = x^4$)

PROBLEM (P)

minimize $f(x)$

ST. $g_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m$

$h_j(x) = 0, j = 1, \dots, k$

$x \in X$

P is a convex optimization problem if

- f is a convex function
- $g_i, i = 1, \dots, m$ are convex functions
- $h_j, j = 1, \dots, k$ are affine functions
- X is a convex set

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Today:

(P) minimize $f(x)$
ST. $x \in S$

DEF x^* is a global minimum to P if

$$f(x^*) \leq f(x)$$

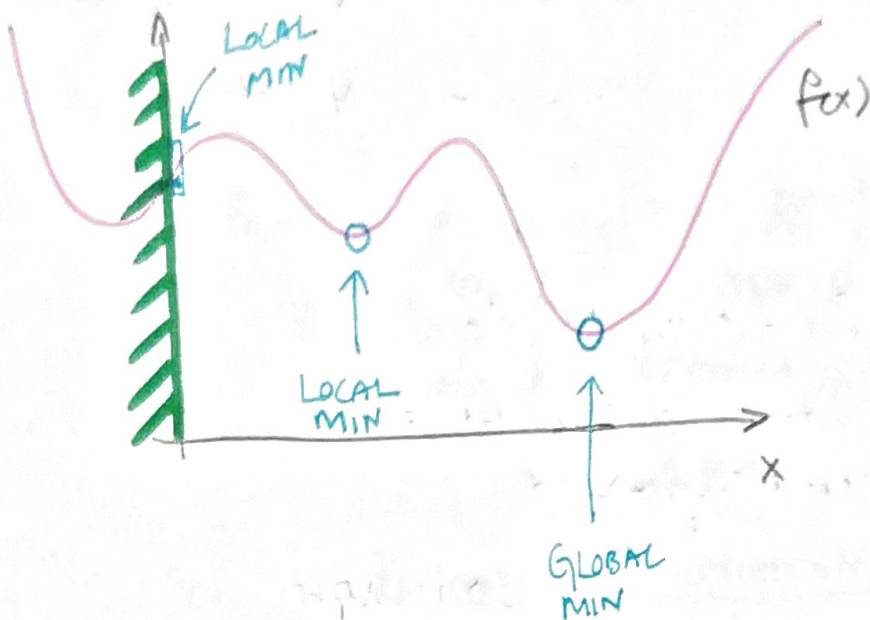
for all $x \in S$.

DEF x^* is a local minimum to P if $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that

$$f(x^*) \leq f(x)$$

for all $x \in S \cap B_\epsilon(x^*)$ where

$$B_\epsilon(x^*) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x^*\| < \epsilon \}$$



THM

(Fundamental thm of optimization)

If f is convex and S is convex, then

$$x^* \text{ Local minimum} \Rightarrow x^* \text{ Global minimum}$$

PROOF Assume x^* is a local minimum but not a global minimum.

Let $\bar{x} \in S$ be a point that satisfies

$$f(\bar{x}) < f(x^*).$$

Take $\lambda \in (0, 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \bar{x} + (1-\lambda)x^* \in S$$

Since f is convex:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda \bar{x} + (1-\lambda)x^*) &\leq \lambda f(\bar{x}) + (1-\lambda)f(x^*) < \\ &< \lambda f(x^*) + (1-\lambda)f(x^*) = f(x^*) \end{aligned}$$

Choose λ really small!

But this contradicts that x^* is a local min. \square

So we have proven that a point arbitrarily close to x^* is "better" than x^* , but that can not be the case.

DEFINITIONS

- A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is open if for every $x \in S$ there exists some $\epsilon > 0$ such that $B_\epsilon(x) \subset S$.
- A set S is closed if $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S$ is open.
- A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is bounded if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that $\|x\| < C$ for all $x \in S$.
- If a set is closed and bounded we say it is compact.

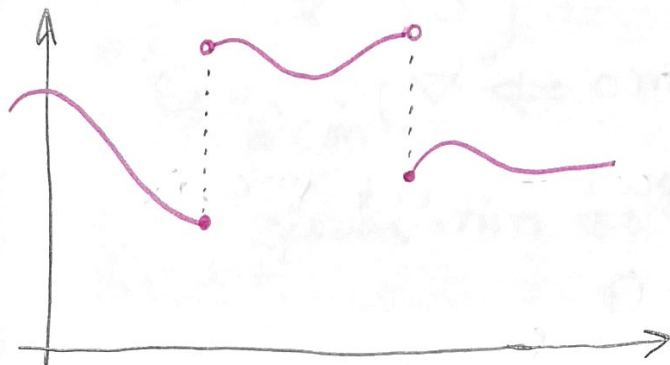


DEF A function f is weakly coercive with respect to a set S if either S is bounded or

$$\lim_{\substack{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \\ x \in S}} f(x) = \infty$$

DEF A function f is lower semi-continuous at x if

$$x_k \rightarrow x \Rightarrow f(x) \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_k)$$



THM (Weierstrass thm)

Consider problem (P). IF

- S is nonempty and closed
- f is lower semi-continuous on S
- f weakly coercive w.r.t. S

\Rightarrow There exists a nonempty and compact set of optimal solutions to (P).

Ex1

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \quad 1/x \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad x \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

not weakly coercive

Ex2

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \quad x^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad x > 0 \end{aligned}$$

the set is open

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OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS WHEN $S = \mathbb{R}^n$

Necessary optimization conditions

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow (*)$$

Sufficient optimization conditions

$$(*) \Rightarrow x^* \text{ is local min}$$

THM IF $f \in C^1$. Then

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0$$

PROOF Suppose x^* is a local min but

$$\nabla f(x^*) \neq 0$$

Let

$$p = -\nabla f(x^*)$$

Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^* + \alpha p) &= f(x^*) + \alpha \nabla f(x^*)^T p + \mathcal{O}(\alpha) = \\ &= f(x^*) - \alpha \|\nabla f(x^*)\|^2 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

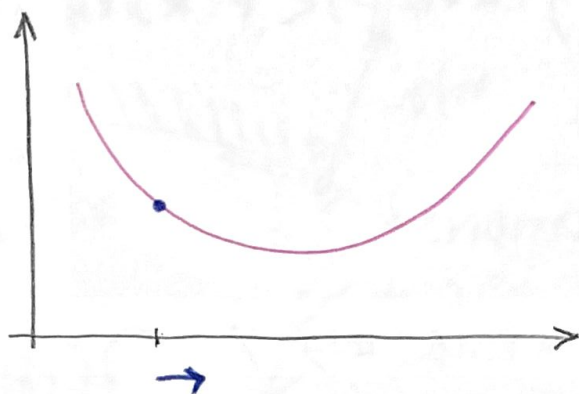
Choose α small:

$$< f(x^*)$$

For small $\alpha > 0$,

$\Rightarrow x^*$ can not be local min!

□



THM If $f \in C^2$, then

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla f(x^*) = 0 \\ \nabla^2 f(x^*) \succ 0 \end{cases}$$

THM If $f \in C^2$, then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \nabla f(x^*) = 0 \\ \nabla^2 f(x^*) \succ 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x^* \text{ strict local min}$$

THM If $f \in C^1$ is convex, then

$$x^* \text{ global min} \Leftrightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0$$

OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS WHEN $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

DEF A Let $x \in S$. A vector $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a feasible direction at x if

$$\exists \delta > 0 : x + \alpha p \in S \quad \forall \alpha \in [0, \delta]$$

DEF B A vector $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a descent direction with respect to f if

$$\exists \delta > 0 : f(x + \alpha p) < f(x) \quad \forall \alpha \in (0, \delta]$$

NECESSARY OPT. CONDITIONS

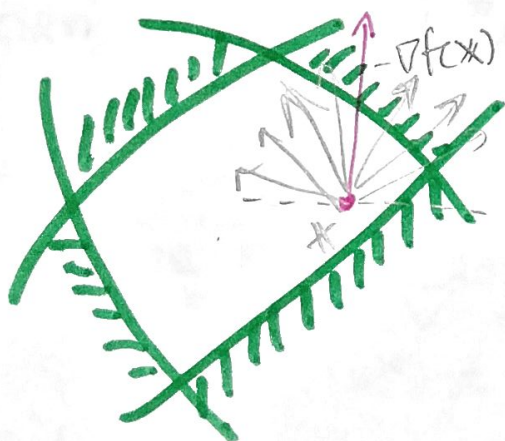
$$x^* \text{ is a local minima} \Rightarrow A(x^*) \cap B(x^*) = \emptyset$$

NOTE suppose $f \in C^1$

If a vector p satisfies

$$\nabla f(x)^T p < 0$$

then p is a descent direction at x .



$$-\nabla f(x)^T p > 0$$

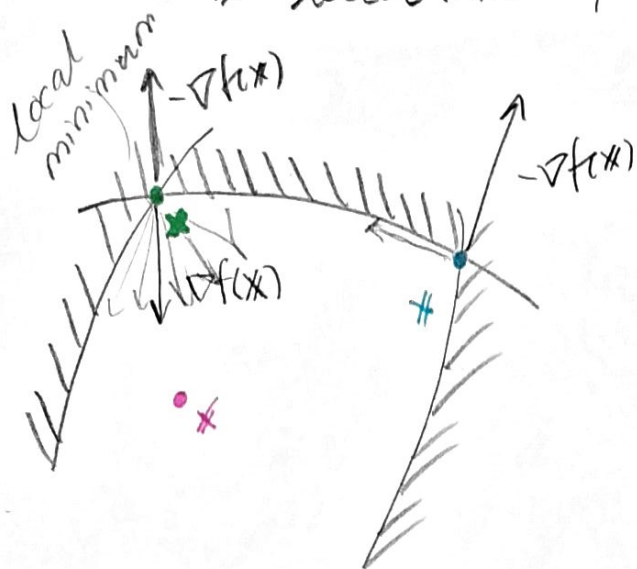
NOTE If $\nabla f(x) \neq 0$, then $-\nabla f(x)$ is a descent direction.

THM Suppose $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and that $f \in C^1$.

a) x^* local min $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*)^T p \geq 0$
for all feasible directions p .

b) Suppose S is a convex set.

x^* local min $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*)^T (x - x^*) \geq 0$
for all $x \in S$



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LECTURE 3

RECAP Optimality conditions

NECESSARY CONDITIONS

$$x^* \text{ Local min} \Rightarrow (\star)$$

SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS

$$(\star) \Rightarrow x^* \text{ Local min}$$

$$(P) \quad \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } x \in S$$

WHEN $S = \mathbb{R}^n$

THM IF $f \in C^1$, then

$$x^* \text{ Local min} \Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0$$

THM IF $f \in C^1$ is convex, then

$$x^* \text{ global min} \Leftrightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0$$

WHEN $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

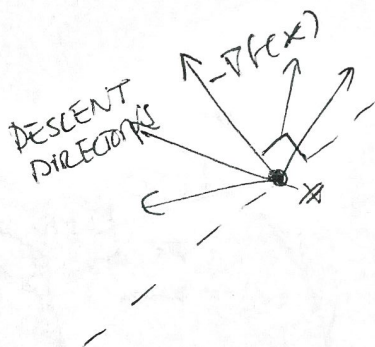
FEASIBLE DIRECTIONS AT x :

$$p \in \mathbb{R}^n : x + \alpha p \in S \quad \forall \alpha \in [0, \delta]$$

DESCENT DIRECTIONS AT x :

$$p \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x + \alpha p) < f(x) \quad \forall \alpha \in (0, \delta]$$

NOTE If $\nabla f(x)^T p < 0$, then p is a descent direction at x



INTUITIVE THM

x^* Local min \Rightarrow "Should not exist vector p which is both a feasible direction and a descent direction at x^* "

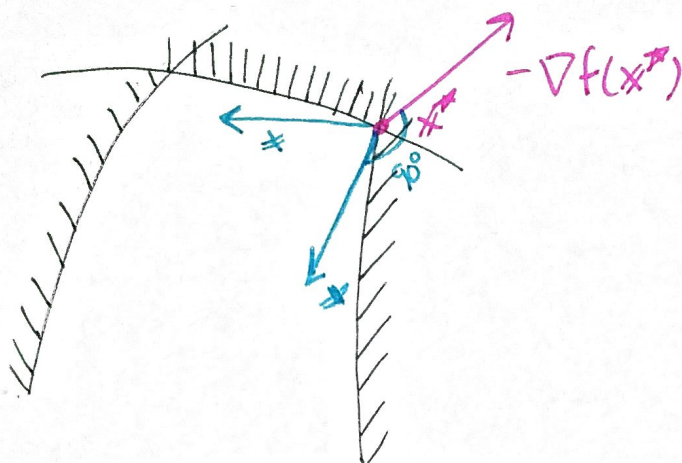
Continuing:

THM Suppose $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and that $f \in C^1$.

a) x^* local min $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*)^T p \geq 0$
for all feasible directions p at x^*

b) Suppose S is convex.

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*)^T (x - x^*) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in S$$



THM

If $f \in C^1$ and S convex

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow x^* \text{ stationary}$$

DEF

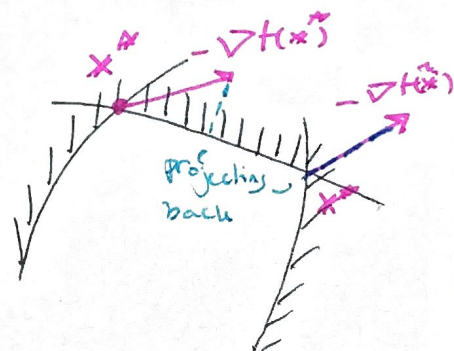
A point $x^* \in S$ (S convex) is stationary if one of the equivalent statements hold.

a) $\nabla f(x^*)^T (x - x^*) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in S$

b) $\min_{x \in S} \nabla f(x^*)^T (x - x^*) = 0$

c) $x^* = \text{Proj}_S (x^* - \nabla f(x^*))$

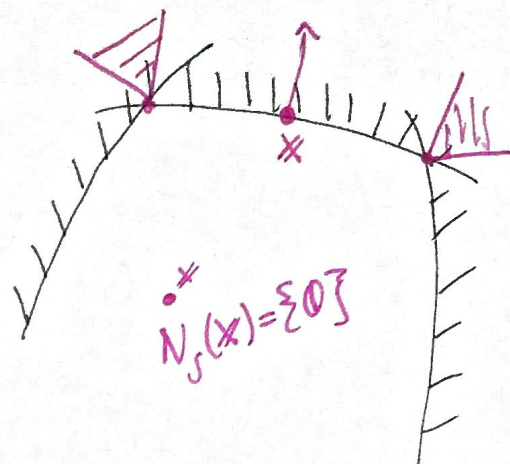
d) $-\nabla f(x^*) \in N_S(x^*)$



The normal cone to S at x is

$$N_S(x) = \{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid p^T(y-x) \leq 0, y \in S \}$$

THM If $f \in C^1$, S is convex and f is convex
 x^* global min $\Leftrightarrow x^*$ stationary

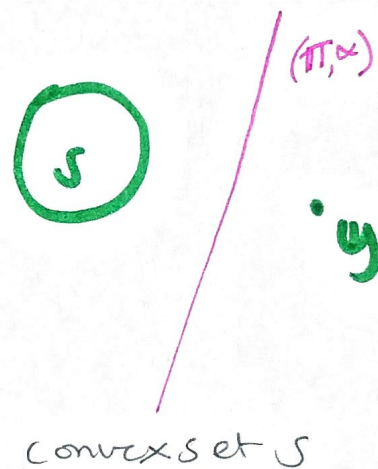


THM SEPARATION THM

Suppose $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is closed and convex, and that $y \notin S$.
 Then there exists a vector $\pi \neq 0$ and a scalar $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\pi^T y > \alpha$$

$$\pi^T x \leq \alpha \quad \forall x \in S$$



LECTURE 4

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{P} & \min f(x) \\ & \text{s.t. } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

DEF LINE SEARCH TYPE ALG

step 0: Starting point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
Let $k := 0$

step 1: Find search direction $p_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

step 2: Perform line search, i.e. find $\alpha_k > 0$ such that

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k p_k) < f(x_k)$$

step 3: Let $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$

step 4: Check termination criteria. If not fulfilled, let $k := k+1 \rightarrow (1)$.

step 1: Let $f \in C^1$. Then we know that $p_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$ is a descent direction this direction is called the steepest descent direction because it solves

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & \nabla f(x_k)^T p \\ p \in \mathbb{R}^n & \\ \|p\| = 1 & \end{array}$$

- For Q symmetric and positive definite

$$p_k = -Q \nabla f(x_k)$$

is also a descent direction because

$$\nabla f(x_k)^T p_k = -\nabla f(x_k)^T Q \nabla f(x_k) < 0$$

steepest descent: $Q = I$

Newton: $Q = [\nabla^2 f(x_k)]$

NEWTON'S METHOD

First assume that $\nabla^2 f(x_k) > 0$

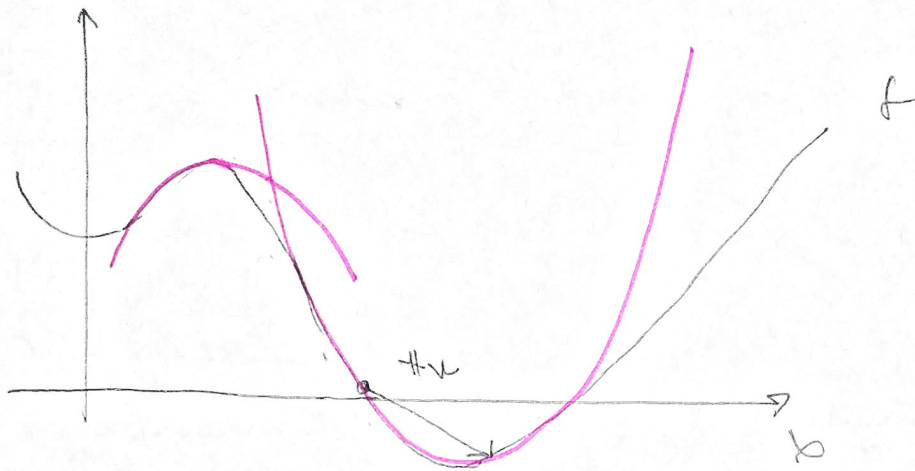
$$f(x_k + p) \approx f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T p + \frac{1}{2} p^T \nabla^2 f(x_k) p = \varphi(p)$$

"Use $\nabla = 0$ trick"

$$\nabla_p \varphi(p) = \nabla f(x_k) + \nabla^2 f(x_k) p = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x_k) p = -\nabla f(x_k)$$

$$p = -[\nabla^2 f(x_k)]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$$



Levensberg-Marquart modification

$$p_k = -[\nabla^2 f(x_k) + \gamma I]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$$

$\gamma = 0$ Newton

$\gamma = \infty$ steepest descent

steepest descent

$$P_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$$

Newton

$$P_k = -[\nabla^2 f(x_k)]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$$

Levenberg-Marquardt

$$P_k = -[\nabla^2 f(x_k) + \gamma I]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$$

Quasi-Newton

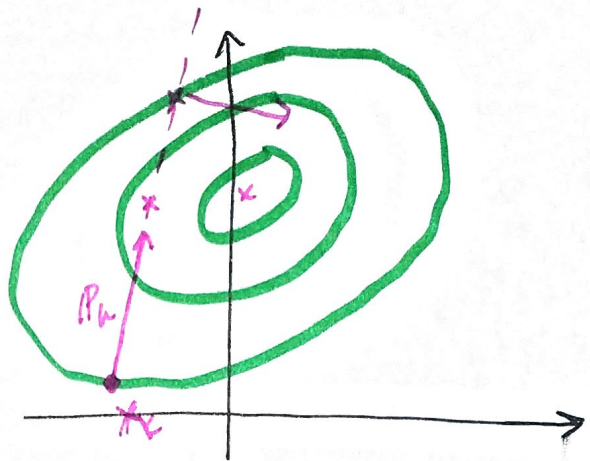
$$P_k = -B_k \nabla f(x_k)$$

step 2:

$$\varphi(\alpha) := f(x_k + \alpha P_k)$$

$$\min \varphi(\alpha)$$

$$\alpha \geq 0$$



How to choose α ?

- Interpolation. Use $f(x_k)$, $\nabla f(x_k)$, $\nabla^2 f(x_k)$ to approximate $\varphi(\alpha)$ and then solve analytically.
- Newton's method

$$\alpha = \alpha - \varphi'(\alpha) / \varphi''(\alpha)$$

- Golden section: Derivative free method which shrinks an interval until you know $\varphi'(\alpha) = 0$ is within that interval.
- $\alpha_k = \alpha$ $\alpha = 0.1$
- Armijo's step length

Step 4:

$$a) \quad \|\nabla f(x_k)\| \leq \varepsilon_1 (1 + |f(x_k)|)$$

$$b) \quad |f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)| \leq \varepsilon_2 (1 + |f(x_k)|)$$

$$c) \quad \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| \leq \varepsilon_3 (1 + \|x_k\|)$$

ASSUMPTIONS ON P_k

$$a) \quad -\frac{\nabla f(x_k) |P_k|}{\|\nabla f(x_k)\| \|P_k\|} \geq s_1$$

$$b) \quad \|P_k\| \geq s_2 \|\nabla f(x_k)\|$$

$$c) \quad \|P_k\| \leq M$$

for some $s_1, s_2 > 0$.

THM Suppose $f \in C^1$ and for the starting point x_0 it holds that

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x) \leq f(x_0)\}$$

is bounded.

Let α_k be chosen by Armijo's rule. Then

a) $\{x_k\}$ is bounded

b) $\{f(x_k)\}$ descending

c) Every limit point of $\{x_k\}$ is stationary.

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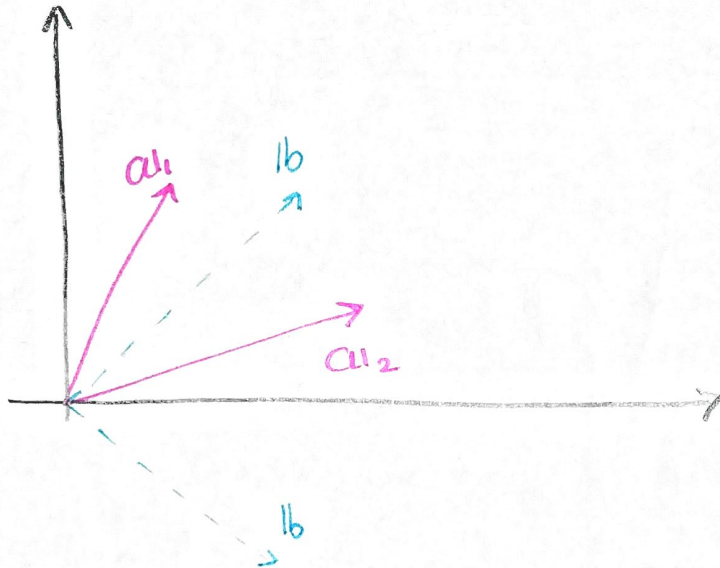
LEMMA Farkas' lemma

For any $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, exactly one of the systems

$$(I) \quad \begin{aligned} Ax &= b \\ x &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(II) \quad \begin{aligned} A^T y &\leq 0 \\ |b^T y| &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

is feasible, and the other one is not.



LECTURE 5

OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS

$$(P) \quad \begin{aligned} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & x \in S \end{aligned}$$

LAST WEEK

Assume S is convex

THM

x^* local min $\implies x^*$ stationary

DEF

x^* is stationary if

a) $\nabla f(x^*)^T (x - x^*) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in S$

b) $\min_{x \in S} \nabla f(x^*)^T (x - x^*) = 0$

c) $x^* = \text{Proj}_S(x^* - \nabla f(x^*))$

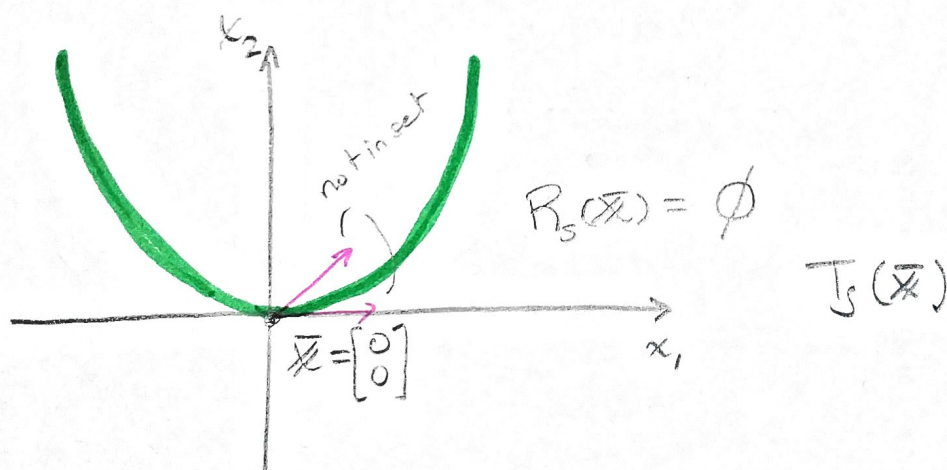
d) $-\nabla f(x^*) \in N_S(x^*)$

DEF The cone of feasible directions at x is

$$R_S(x) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists \delta > 0 : x + \alpha p \in S \quad \forall \alpha \in [0, \delta] \right\}$$

Ex.

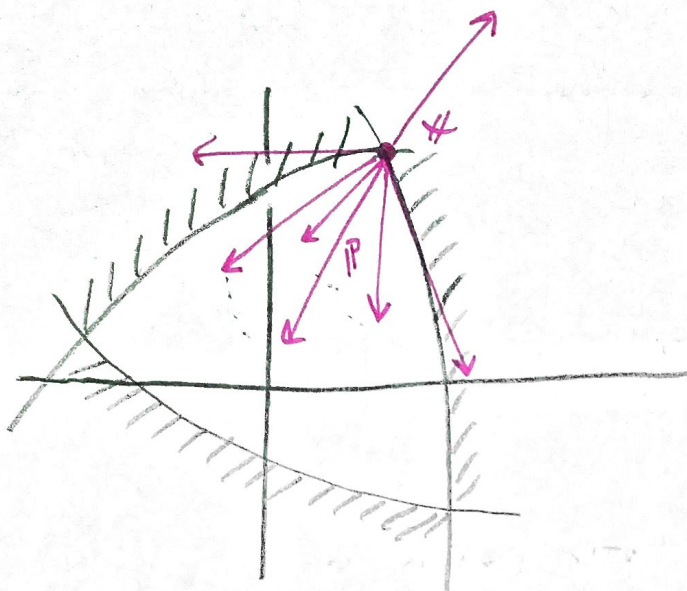
$$S = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_2 = x_1^2 \}$$



DEF The tangent cone at x is defined as

$$T_S(x) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists \{x_k\} \subset S, \exists \{\lambda_k\} \subset (0, \infty), \right.$$

such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$
 $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k (x_k - x) = p$ }



$$\text{cl } R_S(x) \subseteq T_S(x)$$

DEF The cone of descent directions at x is defined as

$$\dot{F}(x) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \nabla f(x)^T p < 0 \right\}$$

THM Let $f \in C^1$, then

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow \dot{F}(x^*) \cap T_S(x^*) = \emptyset$$

LEMMA

If the cone $C(x) \subseteq T_S(x)$ for all $x \in S$, then

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow \overset{\circ}{F}(x^*) \cap C(x^*) = \emptyset$$

$$(P) \quad \begin{array}{l} \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0, i=1, \dots, m \end{array}$$

The set of active constraints at x is

$$I(x) = \{ i \in \{1, \dots, m\} : g_i(x) = 0 \}$$

DEF The inner gradient cone is

$$\overset{\circ}{G}(x) = \{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \nabla g_i(x)^T p < 0, i \in I(x) \}$$

The gradient cone is

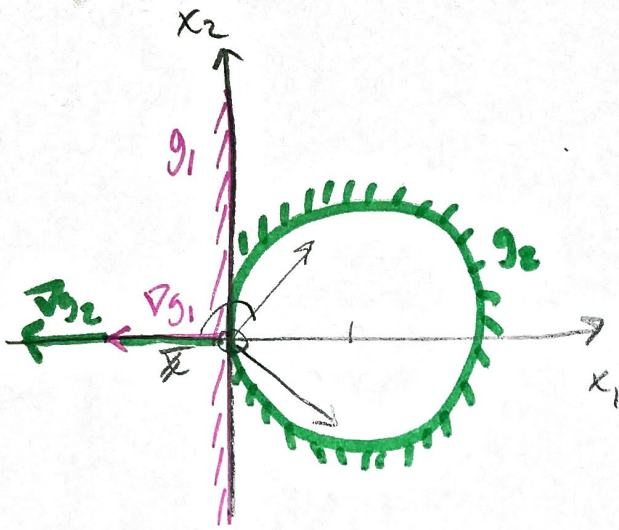
$$G(x) = \{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \nabla g_i(x)^T p \leq 0, i \in I(x) \}$$

$$cl \overset{\circ}{G}(x) \subseteq cl R_S(x) \subseteq T_S(x) \subseteq G(x)$$

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Ex.

$$S = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \begin{array}{l} -x_1 \leq 0 \\ (x_1 - 1)^2 + x_2^2 - 1 \leq 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} g_1 \\ g_2 \end{array}$$



$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g_1(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I(\bar{x}) = \{1, 2\}$$

$$\nabla g_2(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x_1 - 1) \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g(\bar{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

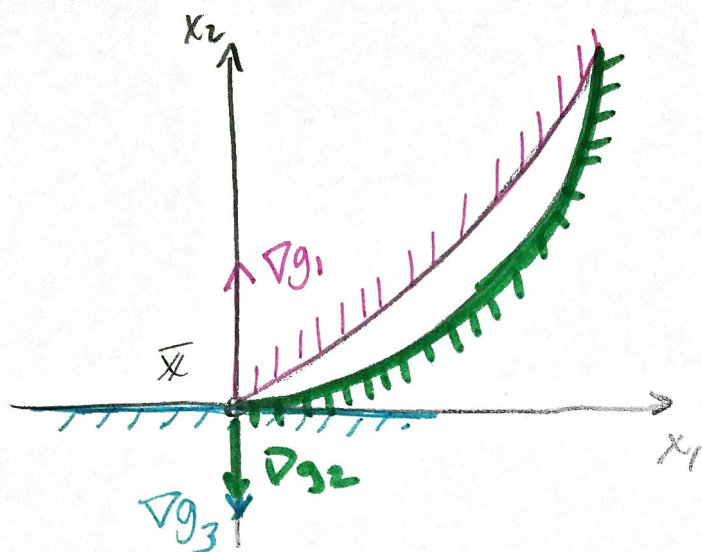
$$R_g(\bar{x}) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^2 : p_1 > 0 \right\}$$

$$J_g(\bar{x}) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^2 : p_1 \geq 0 \right\}$$

$$G_g(\bar{x}) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^2 : p_1 > 0 \right\}$$

$$h_g(\bar{x}) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^2 : p_1 \geq 0 \right\}$$

Ex. $S = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \begin{array}{l} -x_1^3 + x_2 \leq 0 \\ x_1^5 - x_2 \leq 0 \\ -x_2 \leq 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ g_3 \end{array}$



$$I(\bar{x}) = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\nabla g_1(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_1^2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g_2(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 5x_1^4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g_3(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

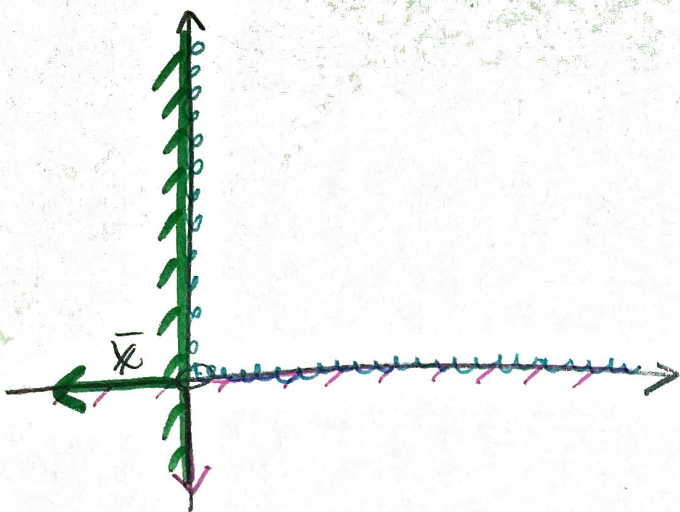
$$R_S(\bar{x}) = \emptyset$$

$$T_S(\bar{x}) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid p_1 > 0, p_2 = 0 \right\}$$

$$G^\circ(\bar{x}) = \emptyset$$

$$G(\bar{x}) = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid p_2 = 0 \right\}$$

Ex. $S = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \begin{array}{l} -x_1 \leq 0 \\ -x_2 \leq 0 \\ x_1 x_2 \leq 0 \end{array} \right\}$ $\begin{array}{l} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ g_3 \end{array}$



can only be
on the axes

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I(x) = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\nabla g_1(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g_2(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g_3(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_S(\bar{x}) = S$$

$$T_S(\bar{x}) = S$$

$$\mathring{G}(\bar{x}) = \emptyset$$

$$G(\bar{x}) = \left\{ \sum p_i \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid p_1 \geq 0, p_2 \geq 0 \right\}$$

CONDITIONS FRIE-JOHN CONDITIONS

x^* local min $\Rightarrow \exists \mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that

$$\mu_0 \nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \nabla g_i(x^*) = 0$$

$$\mu_i g_i(x^*) = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

$$\mu_0 \mu_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

not all zero

\Leftrightarrow

$$\overset{\circ}{F}(x^*) \cap \overset{\circ}{G}(x^*) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} &\nabla f(x^*)^T \uparrow_P < 0 \\ &\nabla g_i(x^*)^T \uparrow_P < 0 \quad \forall i \in I(x^*) \end{aligned}$$

CONDITIONS KKT-CONDITIONS

x^* local min $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \nabla g_i(x^*) = 0$

$$\mu_i g_i(x^*) = 0 \quad \forall i$$

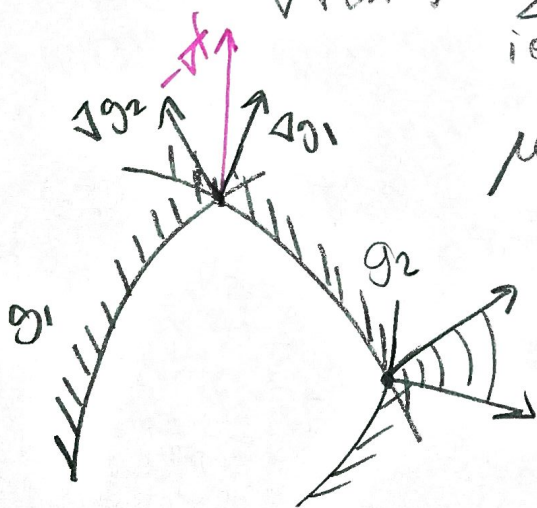
$$\mu_i \geq 0$$

is solvable for μ .

\Leftrightarrow

$$-\nabla f(x^*) = \sum_{i \in I(x^*)} \mu_i \nabla g_i(x^*)$$

$$\mu_i \geq 0 \quad i \in I(x^*)$$



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LECTURE 6

The Karach-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i=1, \dots, m$, all in C^1 . We consider

$$\min f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

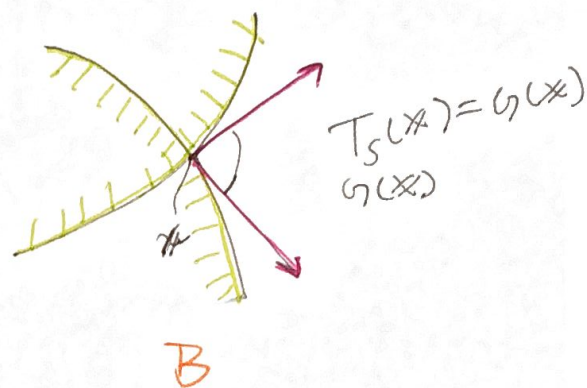
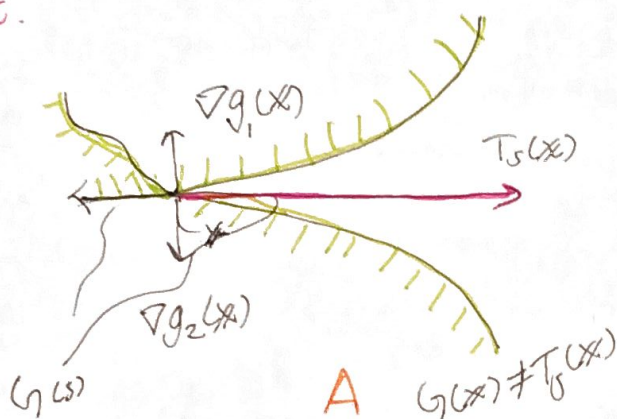
$$S := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g_i(x) \leq 0, i=1, \dots, m\}$$

Recall

Def Tangent cone,

$$T_S(x) = \{p \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \exists \{x^k\} \subset S, \{\lambda_k\} \subset \{0, \infty\}; \\ x^k \rightarrow x, \lambda_k(x^k - x) = p\}$$

Ex.



Def. Gradient cone

$$G(x) := \{p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \nabla g_i(x)^T p \leq 0, \forall i \in I(x)\}$$

where

$$I(x) := \{i=1, \dots, m \mid g_i(x) = 0\}$$

DEF Abadie's constraint qualification (Abadie's CQ)

If $T_S(x) = G(x)$, $x \in S$, we say that Abadie's CQ holds for x .

Note Abadie's CQ ensure that S is "well-behaving" in x .

Thm KKT conditions

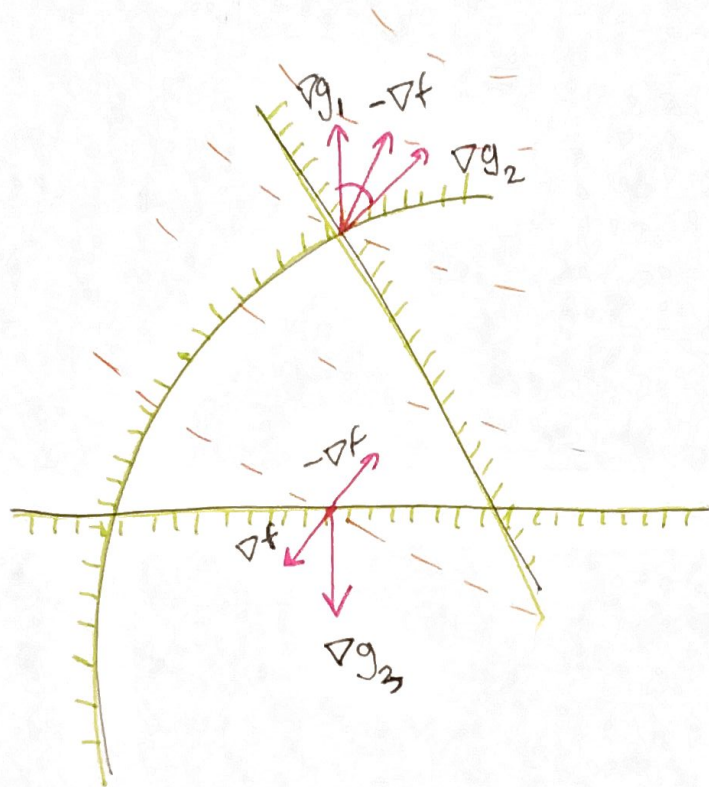
Assume that Abadie's (CQ) holds in $x^* \in S$.

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \nabla g_i(x^*) = 0$$

$$\mu_i \geq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

$$\mu_i g_i(x^*) = 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m \quad \Leftrightarrow \mu_i = 0 \quad \forall i \notin \mathcal{I}(x)$$

Proof See book, thm 5.29.



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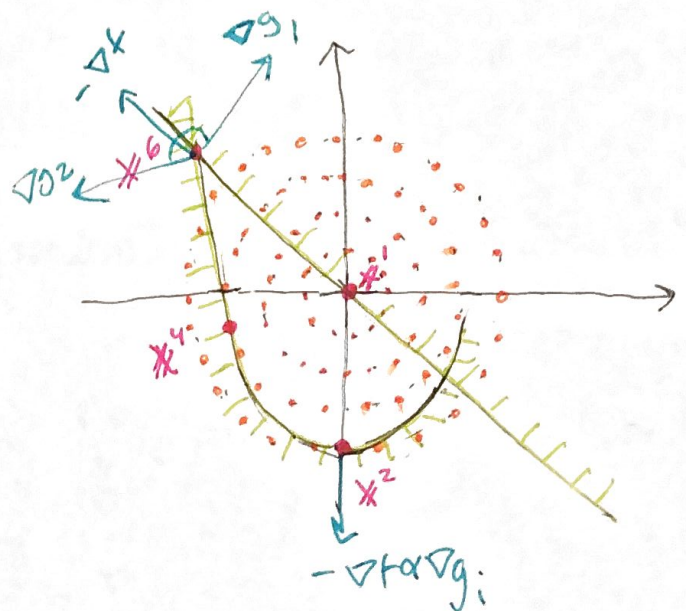
Note A KKT point x^* is such that $-\nabla f(x^*)$ is in the cone spanned by $\nabla g_i(x^*)$, $i \in \mathcal{I}(x^*)$.

Ex

$$\begin{aligned} \min & -x_1^2 - x_2^2 \\ & x_1 + x_2 \leq 0 \\ & x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} -2x_1 \\ -2x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \nabla g_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



KKT conditions for the problem

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x) + \mu_1 \nabla g_1(x) + \mu_2 \nabla g_2(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -2x_1 + \mu_1 + 2\mu_2 x_1 = 0 \\ -2x_2 + \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0 \end{cases} \\ \mu_i = 0 \quad i \notin \mathcal{I}(x) \\ \mu_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \end{cases}$$

Solve for each possible $\mathcal{I}(x)$:

$\mathcal{I}(x) = \emptyset$: ($\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$), solve $\nabla f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$x^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $x^1 \in S$, x^1 is a KKT point (but $\mathcal{I}(x) = \{1\}$).

$\mathcal{I}(x) = \{1\}$: ($\mu_2 = 0$), solve $\nabla f(x) + \mu_1 \nabla g_1(x) = 0$, $g_1(x) = 0$

$$\begin{cases} -2x_1 + \mu_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_1 = 2x_1 \\ -2x_2 + \mu_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_1 = 2x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = 0$$

$\mathcal{I}(x) = \{2\}$: ($\mu_1 = 0$), solve $\nabla f(x) + \mu_2 \nabla g_2(x) = 0$, $g_2(x) = 0$

$$\begin{cases} -2x_1 + 2\mu_2 x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x_1(\mu_2 - 1) = 0 \\ -2x_2 - \mu_2 = 0 \\ x_1^2 - x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \textcircled{1} \quad x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -2 \Rightarrow \mu_2 = 1/4 \geq 0$$

$x^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ is a KKT point.

$\textcircled{2} \quad \mu_2 = 1, x_2 = -1/2 \Rightarrow x_1 = \pm \sqrt{3/2}$

$x^3 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3/2} \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$, $x^4 = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{3/2} \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$

$x^3 \notin S$ is not a KKT point ($g_1(x^3) > 0$)

$x^4 \in S$ is a KKT point.

$$\underline{\mathcal{I}(x) = \{1, 2\}}$$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x) + \mu_1 \nabla g_1(x) + \mu_2 \nabla g_2(x) = 0 \\ g_1(x) = 0 \\ g_2(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} g_1(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, x^6 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ g_2(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \dots \end{cases}$$

$$x^5: \begin{cases} -2 + \mu_1 + 2\mu_2 = 0 \\ 2 + \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \mu_1 = -2/3 \neq 0$$

not a KKT point

$$x^6: \begin{cases} 4 + \mu_1 - 4\mu_2 = 0 \\ -4 + \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \mu_1 = 20/3 \\ \mu_2 = 8/3 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow$$

is a KKT point.

Constraint qualification

For KKT thm to hold we need to verify Abadie's CQ $\forall x \in S$.

Inner gradient cone

$$G(x) := \{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \nabla g_i(x)^T p < 0 \}$$

We give four criterias for Abadie's CQ.

1. The Mangasarian-Fromovitz CQ (MFCQ) holds at $x \in S$ if $G(x) \neq \emptyset$ (extra conditions of equality constraints are persistent)
2. The linear independence CQ (LICQ) holds at $x \in S$ if $\nabla g_i, i \in \mathcal{I}(x), \nabla h_j, j=1, \dots, l$ are linearly independent from equality constraints.

3. Slater CQ hold: if $g_i(x)$, $i=1, \dots, m$ are convex, h_j all affine and $\exists \bar{x} \in S; g_i(\bar{x}) < 0, i=1, \dots, m$

4. Affine CQ holds if $g_i, i=1, \dots, m, h_j, j=1, \dots, l$ are affine.

Note Abadie's CQ, MFCQ, LICQ holds at specific points.

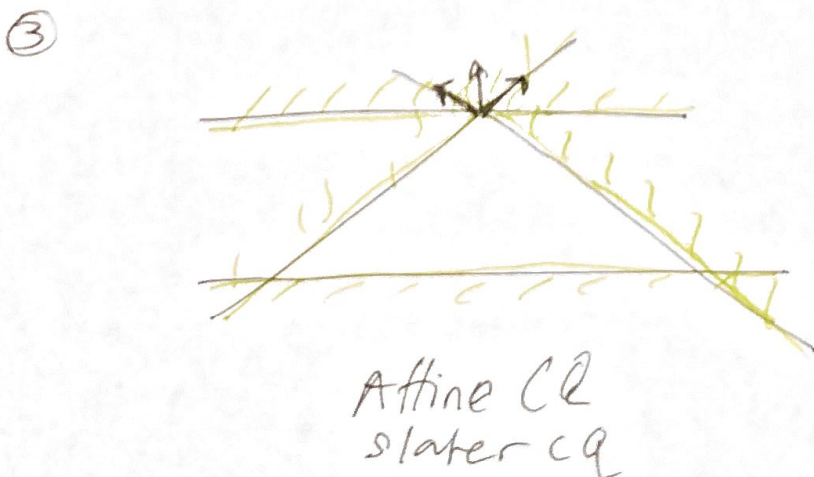
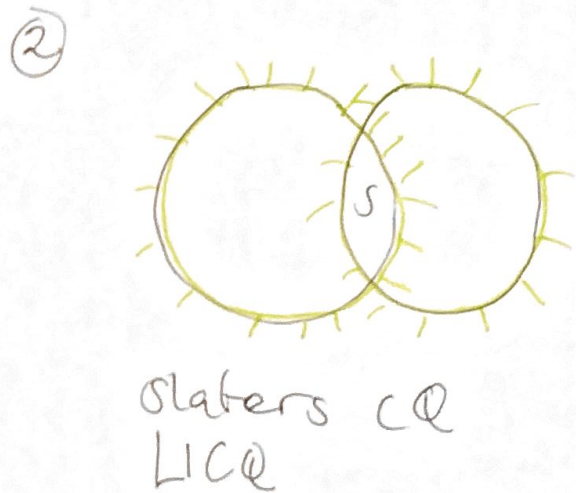
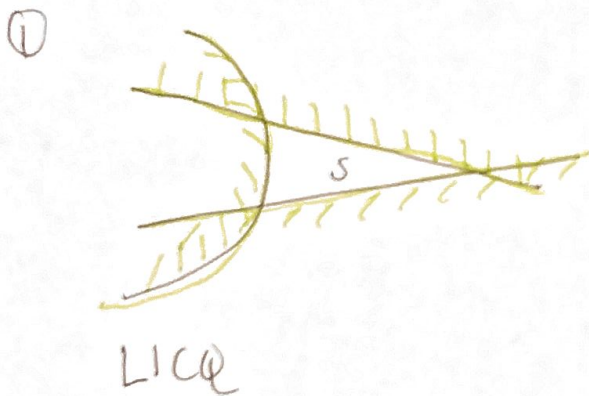
Slater's CQ, Affine CQ holds at every point.

Implications (see book for proof).

For $\bar{x} \in S$: Abadie's CQ ($a+\bar{x}$) \Leftarrow MFCQ ($a+\bar{x}$) \Leftarrow LICQ ($a+\bar{x}$)

Abadie's CQ $\forall \bar{x} \in S \Leftarrow$ Slater's CQ
 \Leftarrow Affine CQ

Which imply Abadie's CQ?



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LECTURE 7

Lagrangian Relaxation and Duality

Consider a generic problem

$$(1) \quad \min f(x) = p^* \\ \text{s.t. } x \in S$$

If (1) is difficult, we can always replace it with something simpler.

Def A relaxation of (1) is a problem of the form

$$(1_R) \quad \min f_R(x) = p_R^* \\ \text{s.t. } x \in S_R$$

where we require

$$S \subseteq S_R$$

and

$$f_R(x) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in S$$

Ex

$$\min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m \\ x \in X$$

deleting
constraints } relaxation

$$\min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } x \in X$$

Ex

$$\min f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

$$x_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

continuous relaxation

$$\min f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

$$0 \leq x_j \leq 1 \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

Thm

For the problem (1) and (1_R)

a) $f_R^* \leq f^*$

b) If (1_R) infeasible \implies (1) infeasible

c) If x_R^* is optimal in (1_R) and feasible in (1), then x_R^* is optimal in (1)

Proof

b) is left as an exercise.

a)
$$f_R^* = \min_{x \in S_R} f_R(x) \leq \min_{x \in S} f_R(x)$$

$$\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{since } f_R(x) \leq f(x) \\ \text{for } \forall x \in S \end{array} \right\} \leq \min_{x \in S} f(x) = f^*$$

c) Assume that

$$x_R^* \in \underset{x \in S_R}{\text{argmin}} f_R(x)$$

But then

$$f(x_R^*) = f_R(x_R^*) \leq f_R(x) \leq f(x)$$

since x_R^* minimizes f_R
since $f_R(x) \leq f(x)$ for any $x \in S$
for any $x \in S$

since

$$f(x_R^*) \leq f(x)$$

for any $x \in S$ and $x_R^* \in S$ we are done \square .

Lagrangian relaxation

Consider the

$$\begin{aligned} f^* = \min f(x) & \quad (P) \\ \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0 & \quad i=1, \dots, m \\ x \in X & \end{aligned}$$

Idea Instead of just deleting the constraints g_i , include them in the objective function.

The Lagrangian relaxation of the constraints $g_i(x) \leq 0$ is the problem

$$\begin{aligned} q(\mu) \min f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i g_i(x) \\ \text{s.t. } x \in X \end{aligned}$$

We call $q(\mu)$ the dual function.

Thm (Weak duality)

For any $\mu \geq 0$ and any

$$x \in \{x \in X \mid g_i(x) \leq 0, i=1, \dots, m\}$$

We have

$$q(\mu) \leq f(x)$$

Note This is a restatement that for $\mu \geq 0$ Lagrangian relaxation is a relaxation.

Think of μ_i as a price for violating $g_i(x) \leq 0$.

We require $\mu_i \geq 0$ to define a relaxation, since we need to make sure that

$$\mu_i g_i(x) \begin{cases} \leq 0, & \text{when } g_i(x) \leq 0 \\ \geq 0, & \text{when } g_i(x) > 0 \end{cases}$$

Proof Can be done by showing that it is indeed a relaxation. Exercise. \uparrow

Let $\mu \geq 0$. Then

$$q(\mu) = \min_{z \in X} f(z) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i g_i(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{\mu_i}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{g_i(x)}_{\leq 0} \leq f(x) \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\text{since } x \in X \end{aligned}$$

Ex $f^* = \min_x x^2$
s.t. $x \geq 1$

Let us relax the constraint

$$q(\mu) = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f(x) + \underbrace{\mu(1-x)}_{\substack{\text{rewrite } x \geq 1 \\ \text{to } 1-x \leq 0}}$$

The relaxed problem is an unconstrained convex problem. To find $q(\mu)$, solve

$$2x - \mu = 0$$

So

$$x = \frac{\mu}{2}$$

And

$$q(\mu) = \frac{\mu^2}{4} + \mu - \frac{\mu^2}{2} = -\frac{\mu^2}{4} + \mu$$

Plug in some values for μ .

$$q(0) = 0,$$

Hence

$$f^* \geq 0$$

$$q(1) = -\frac{1}{4} + 1 = \frac{3}{4} \leq f_* = 1$$

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$$\min f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$
$$x \in X$$

$$q(\mu) = \min_{x \in X} f(x) + \sum \mu_i g_i(x)$$

And we always have weak duality.

For $\mu \geq 0$ and feasible x in (P)

$$q(\mu) \leq f(x)$$

since if

$$q(\mu) < f(x)$$

it makes sense to look for the largest value of q

Def The dual problem to (P) is the problem

$$q^* = \max_{\mu \geq 0} q(\mu)$$

Note We call (P) the primal problem.

Ex (continued)

We calculated

$$q(\mu) = -\frac{\mu^2}{4} + \mu$$

Then

$$q'(\mu) = -\frac{\mu}{2} + 1$$

So

$$q'(\mu) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = 2$$

So

$$q^* = \max_{\mu \geq 0} q(\mu) = q(2) = -\frac{4}{4} + 2 = 1$$

So

$$q^* = 1 \leq f^* \leq f(1) = 1$$

But what if we try $x=1$ in the primal problem
Note that $x=1$ is feasible in (P), with objective value $f(1)=1$.

So we can bound

$$1 \leq f^* \leq 1 \Rightarrow f^* = 1 \Rightarrow x=1 \text{ is optimal}$$

Dual function gives bounds from below.

Any feasible x gives bound from above.

In the example we had

$$q^* = f^* \quad \leftarrow \text{we call this } \underline{\text{no duality gap}}$$

This is in general not true.

In general

$f^* - q^* \geq 0$
is called the duality gap.

Ex. $f^* = \min x$
s.t. $x \geq \frac{1}{2}$
 $x \in \{0, 1\}$

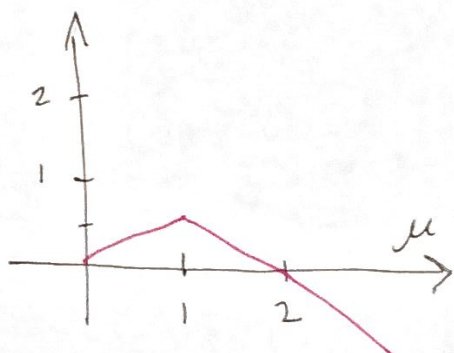
Note that $f^* = 1$ at $x=1$.

Relax constraints:

$$q(\mu) = \min_{x \in \{0, 1\}} x + \mu\left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right) = \min_{x \in \{0, 1\}} x(1-\mu) + \frac{\mu}{2}$$

pick x based on the sign of $1-\mu$.

So $q(\mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu}{2} & \leftarrow x=0 \\ 1 - \frac{\mu}{2} & \leftarrow x=1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \mu \leq 1 \\ \mu \geq 1 \end{matrix}$



$$q^* = \max_{\mu \geq 0} q(\mu) = q(1) = \frac{1}{2} < 1 = f^*$$

Practicality

It only makes sense to construct the dual problem

$$q^* = \max_{\mu \geq 0} q(\mu)$$

if it is somehow easier than the primal.

Thm $q(\mu)$ is a concave function.

Note The dual problem is always a convex problem.

Proof Take μ_1, μ_2 and let $\lambda \in (0, 1)$.

We want to show that

$$q(\lambda\mu_1 + (1-\lambda)\mu_2) \geq \lambda q(\mu_1) + (1-\lambda)q(\mu_2).$$

$$\begin{aligned} q(\lambda\mu_1 + (1-\lambda)\mu_2) &= \min_{x \in X} (f(x) + (\lambda\mu_1 + (1-\lambda)\mu_2)^T g(x)) = \\ &= \min_{x \in X} [\lambda f(x) + \lambda\mu_1^T g(x)] + [(1-\lambda)f(x) + (1-\lambda)\mu_2^T g(x)] = \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{since} \\ (\min a(x) + b(x)) \geq \min a(x) + \min b(x) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\geq \min_{x \in X} \lambda [f(x) + \mu_1^T g(x)] + \min_{x \in X} (1-\lambda) [f(x) + \mu_2^T g(x)]$$

Since $\lambda, 1-\lambda > 0$

$$\geq \lambda q(\mu_1) + (1-\lambda)q(\mu_2)$$

Two things left

1) Can we recover x^* given

$$q^* = q(x^*)?$$

(optimality conditions similar to KKT)

2) Can we characterize when

$$f^* = q^*?$$

Strong duality

Recall weak duality $q(\mu) \leq f(x) \Rightarrow q^* \leq f^*$

Strong duality is when

$$q^* = f^*$$

Hopefully no surprise that this requires convexity.

Thm (strong duality theorem)

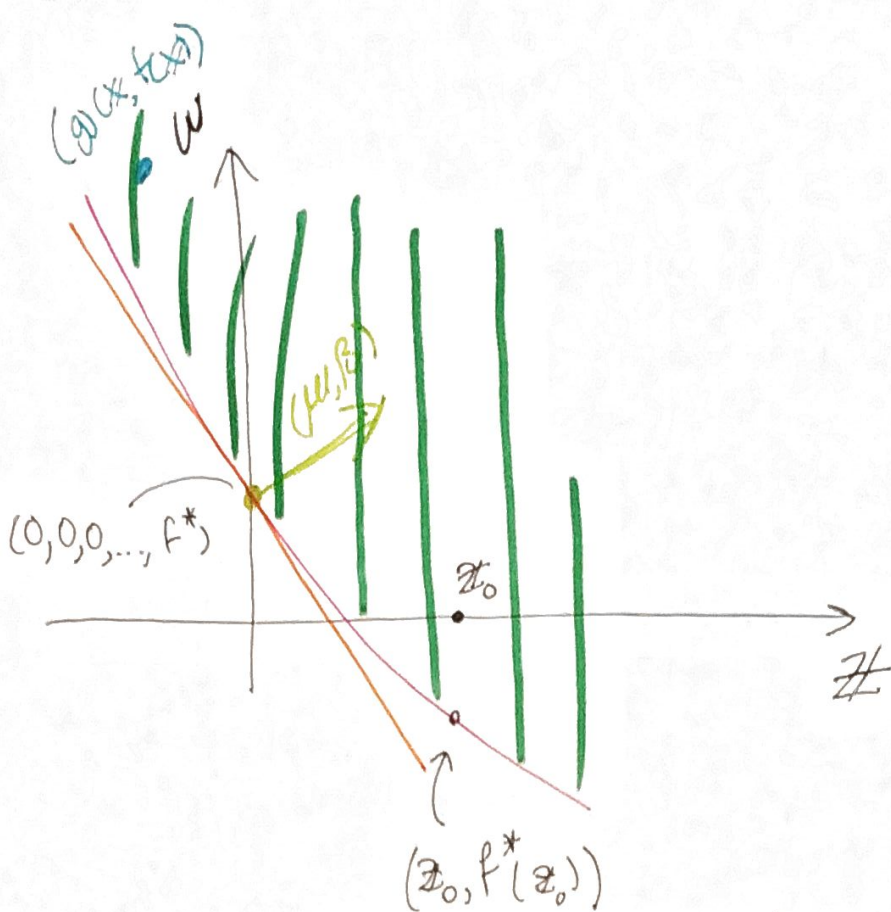
Assume $f, g_i, i=1, \dots, m$ are convex and that \mathcal{X} is convex, and that $\exists x \in \mathcal{X}$ s.t.h. $g_i(x) < 0, i=1, \dots, m$.

(Slater condition)

Then $f^* = q^*$

Proof Define the set

$$\mathcal{J} = \left\{ (z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R} \mid \exists x \in \mathcal{X} \text{ with } \begin{array}{l} g(x) \leq z \\ f(x) \leq w \end{array} \right\}$$



Where $f^*(z_0) = \min_{x \in X} g(x)$
 s.t. $g(x) \leq z$

Claims

- 1) S is convex
- 2) $(0, 0, 0, \dots, f^*)$ is on the boundary of S
 since $(0, 0, 0, \dots, f^* - \epsilon) \notin S$ for any $\epsilon > 0$.

can find supporting hyperplane
 $(\mu, \beta) \neq \mathbf{0}$ at $(0, 0, 0, \dots, f^*)$

so

$$\mu^T z + \beta w \geq \beta f^* \quad \forall (z, w) \in S$$

- 3) $\mu \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$

Proof

If $(z, w) \in S$, then $(z, w + \gamma) \in S \quad \forall \gamma > 0$.

$$\mu^T z + \beta(w + \gamma) \geq \beta f^*$$

So if $\beta < 0$, LHS $\xrightarrow{\gamma \rightarrow +\infty} -\infty$

Contradiction.

Same argument using $(z+\gamma, w)$

4) Actually $\beta > 0$

Proof

Let $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ s.t. $g(\bar{x}) < 0$. Then

$$(g(\bar{x}), f(\bar{x})) \in \mathcal{S}$$

Assume $\beta = 0$.

Then $\mu^T g(x) \geq 0$
must hold. $\underbrace{\quad}_{< 0}$

So $\mu^T g(x) \geq 0 \implies \mu = 0$

Contradiction since $(\mu, \beta) \neq \emptyset$

Now rescale the inequality

$$\mu^T z + \beta w \geq \beta f^* \quad \text{by } \frac{1}{\beta} > 0.$$

yields $\mu^* \left(\frac{\mu}{\beta} \right)^T z + w \geq f^* \quad \forall (z, w) \in \mathcal{S}$.

Let $x \in \mathcal{X}$ $(g(x), f(x)) \in \mathcal{S}$

Then $f^* \leq f(x) + (\mu^*)^T g(x)$

taking min over $x \in \mathcal{X}$ yields

$$p^* \leq \min_{x \in X} f(x) + (\mu^*)^T g(x) = q(\mu^*) \leq q^* \leq f^* \Rightarrow$$

$$q^* = f^*$$

Weak
duality. \square

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Primal recovery and optimality conditions

How to get primally opt x^* from dually optimal μ^k .

In general not possible!

But if $g^* = f^*$ (strong duality) we can.

Def We call μ^* a Lagrange multiplier if

$$f^* = \min_{x \in \Sigma} f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^* g_i(x)$$

Thm Consider the pair (x^*, μ^*) .

Then x^* is optimal in the primal and μ^* is a Lagrange multiplier if and only if

a) $x^* \in \operatorname{argmin} f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^* g_i(x)$

b) $\mu^* \geq 0$

c) $x^* \in \Sigma, g_j(x^*) \leq 0$

d) $\mu_i^* g_i(x^*) = 0$

We call

a) Lagrangian optimality

b) Dual feasibility

c) Primal feasibility

d) Complementary slackness

(Note if $f, g_i \in C^1$ and convex and $\Sigma = \mathbb{R}^n$, a) becomes

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_i \mu_i^* \nabla g_i(x^*) = 0$$

Proof Assume that x^* optimal μ^* a Lagrange multiplier.

\Rightarrow b), c) are trivial.

a) is the definition of Lagrange multiplier

To prove d):

$$f^* = f(x^*) \stackrel{\mu_i^* g_i(x^*) \leq 0}{\geq} f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^* g_i(x^*) \geq$$

\uparrow
 x^*_{opt}

$$\geq \min_{x \in \Sigma} f(x) + \sum \mu_i^* g_i(x) \stackrel{\text{by def of L.M.}}{=} f^*$$

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 $x^* \in \Sigma$

$$\therefore f(x^*) = f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^* g_i(x^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \mu_i^* g_i(x^*) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_i^* g_i(x^*) = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$$

Ex (cont. of ex. from last time)

$$\begin{aligned} \min & x \\ \text{s.t.} & x \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Relax $x \geq \frac{1}{2}$

$$q(\mu) = \min_{x \in [0,1]} x(1-\mu) + \frac{\mu}{2} = \begin{cases} \mu/2 & \mu \leq 1 \\ 1 - \mu/2 & \mu \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore q^* = q(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Recover x^* .

$$\text{Look for } x^* \in \arg \min_{x \in [0,1]} x \overset{=0}{(1-\mu)} + \frac{\mu}{2} =$$

$$= \arg \min_{x \in [0,1]} \frac{\mu}{2} = [0,1]$$

Here, a) is useless.

But using complementary slackness d)

$$\mu^* \left(\frac{1}{2} - x^* \right) = 0$$

$$\text{since } \mu^* = 1 \Rightarrow x^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

Proof Now assume a) - d) holds

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But then

$$q(\mu^*) = \min_{x \in \Sigma} f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^* g_i(x) =$$

$$\stackrel{a)}{\geq} f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^* g_i(x^*) =$$

$$\stackrel{d)}{\geq} f(x^*)$$

Hence,

$$p(x^*) = q(\mu^*) \stackrel{b)}{\leq} f^*$$

by weak duality.

Since x^* feasible (by c), x^* optimal. \square

LINEAR PROGRAMMING

Geometry

very, very, very useful!

Def. A linear program is a problem of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \ c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} & \ x \in P \end{aligned}$$

where P is a polyhedron, and $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Recall. A polyhedron is the intersection of a set of half spaces, i.e.,

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

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Ex

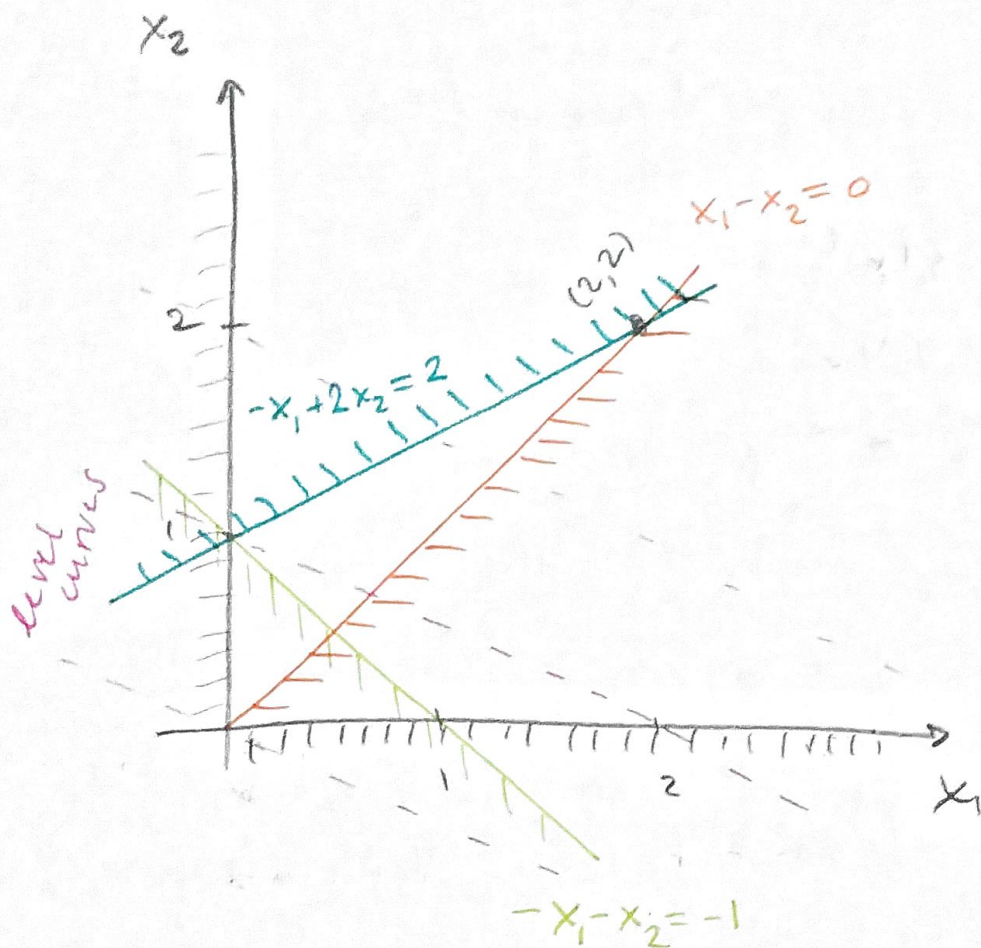
$$\min -x_1 - 2x_2$$

$$\text{s.t. } -x_1 - x_2 \leq -1$$

$$x_1 - x_2 \leq 0$$

$$-x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 2$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$



If we want to minimize $c^T x$ we should "push" the level curve as far as possible.

What we want to do is look for the optimum among the extreme points of P .

Aim Understand extreme points better (and algebraically).

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Reformulations of LPs

We will always work with standard form LPs.

Def An LP is in standard form if it is represented as

$$\min c^T x$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax = b$$

$$x \geq 0$$

Any LP can be written in standard form.

Ex

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax \leq b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Trick add slack variables $s \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x & = & \min \quad c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax + s = b & \text{s.t.} \quad & [A, I] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ s \end{bmatrix} = b \\ & x \geq 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} x \\ s \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \\ & s \geq 0 & & \end{aligned}$$

Ex 2

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

no sign restriction on x

Trick Replace: $x = x^+ - x^-$,
and the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} x^+ &\geq 0 \\ x^- &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The problem becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x^+ - c^T x^- \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax^+ - Ax^- = b \\ & x^+, x^- \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

So from now on, will only look at problems

$$(LP) \quad \min c^T x \\ \text{s.t. } Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

and where $x \geq 0$
 $\text{rank}(A) = m$

↑ the m rows of A are linearly independent (no redundant constraints)

Def A basic solution \bar{x} of LP is a solution of $A\bar{x} = b$, where the columns A corresponding to non-zero elements at \bar{x} are linearly independent.

EX 1 (continued)

First, write the problem in standard form.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & -x_1 - 2x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -x_1 - x_2 + s_1 = 1 \\ & x_1 - x_2 + s_2 = 0 \\ & -x_1 + 2x_2 + s_3 = 2 \\ & x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2, s_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

To produce a basic solution:

Pick 3 linearly independent columns of

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & s_1 & s_2 & s_3 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

First pick columns corresponding to

$$(x_1, x_2, s_1).$$

We call this a basis.

Partition

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} B & N \end{bmatrix}$$

correspond to basic var.

correspond to nonbasic var.

Here

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve

$$Bx_B = lb$$

\uparrow B

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What I'm really interested in is

$$Bx_B + Nx_N = lb \Rightarrow$$

$$Bx_B = lb$$

because we solve with $x_N = 0$

$$x_B = B^{-1}lb = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $x = (2, 2, 3, 0, 0)^T$ is a basic solution, (And a BFS).

Pick (s_1, s_2, s_3) as a basis:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & s_2 & s_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$B^{-1}lb = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow x = (0, 0, -1, 0, 2)^T$ is a basic solution.

Note. This is not feasible (since $s_1 < 0$).

Not a BFS.

Def.

A basic feasible solution (BFS) is a basic solution that is feasible.

Thm.

Assume $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\text{rank}(A) = m$, $lb \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and let

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = lb, x \geq 0\}.$$

Then \bar{x} is an extreme point of P if and only if it is a BFS.

Proof

Let's assume \bar{x} is a BFS, i.e., we have a partition

$$A = [B, N]$$

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_B \\ \bar{x}_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{x} \geq 0$$

where $\bar{x}_N = 0$.

Assume that we have $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, $x^1, x^2 \in P$. s.t.

$$\bar{x} = \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2,$$

Separate this into basic and nonbasic parts.

$$0 = \bar{x}_N = \lambda \bar{x}_N^1 + (1-\lambda)\bar{x}_N^2$$

$$\text{But } \bar{x}_N^1, \bar{x}_N^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x}_N^1 = \bar{x}_N^2 = 0$$

Further, we have

$$Ax^1 = lb$$

since $\bar{x}_N^1 = 0$ we have

$$Bx'_B = lb$$

{ since B is invertible }

$$x'_B = B^{-1}lb = \bar{x}$$

Same for x^2_B .

◦◦ $\bar{x} = x^1 = x^2 \Rightarrow \bar{x}$ is an extreme point.

We skip the \Rightarrow part.

Summary

- We "understood" that solutions to LPs are extreme points of polyhedra.
- We showed that extreme point \Leftrightarrow BFS

Tomorrow

Develop the simplex algorithm.



Just searches all BFS in a clever way.

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LECTURE

Recall the representation thm
(here in standard form):

Let

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$$

Then every $x \in P$ can be written as

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i v_i + \sum_{j=1}^R \beta_j d_j$$

where

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i = 1$$

$$\alpha_i, \beta_j \geq 0$$

where

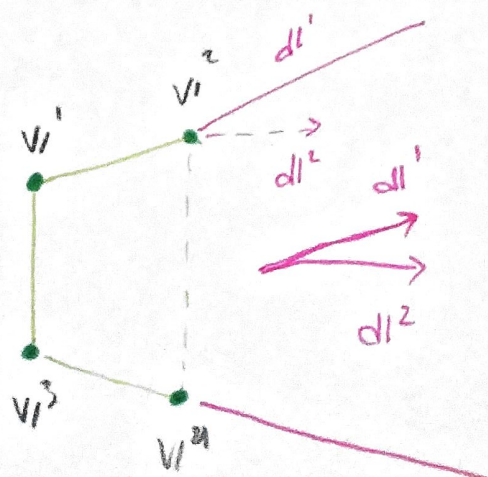
$$V = \{v_i, i=1, \dots, k\}$$

are the extreme points of P and

$$D = \{d_j, j=1, \dots, R\}$$

are the extreme directions of

$$C = \{Ap = 0, p \geq 0\}$$



Thm Consider (LP)

- a) If P is nonempty and $c^T d \geq 0$ for all $d \in D$, then (LP) has an optimal solution.
- b) If (LP) has an optimal solution, then there exists an optimal solution among the extreme points.

Proof.

a) Let $x \in P$.

Representation thm yields

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i v_i + \sum_{j=1}^R \beta_j d_j$$

We can then view (LP) as an opt. problem over α_i, β_j . Note

$$c^T x = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i c^T v_i + \sum_{j=1}^R \beta_j c^T d_j$$

If any $c^T d_j < 0$, we can let $\beta_j \rightarrow \infty$ and then

$$c^T x \xrightarrow{\beta_j \rightarrow \infty} -\infty$$

On the other hand if $c^T d_j \geq 0 \forall j$, then taking $\beta_j = 0$ is optimal.

So in this case

$$\begin{aligned} \min c^T x &= \min \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i c^T v_i \\ \text{s.t. } P & \\ & \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i = 1 \\ & \alpha_i \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

optimization over a compact set \Rightarrow
solution exists.

b) Now assume $\exists x^*$ optimal. As in a) we know that

$$x^* = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^* v_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^* = 1$$

$$\alpha_i^* \geq 0$$

Now let $a \in \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}}{\text{argmin}} c^T v_i$

But then

$$c^T v_i^a = c^T v_i^a \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^* = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^* c^T v_i^a \leq$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^* c^T v_i^i = c^T x^*$$

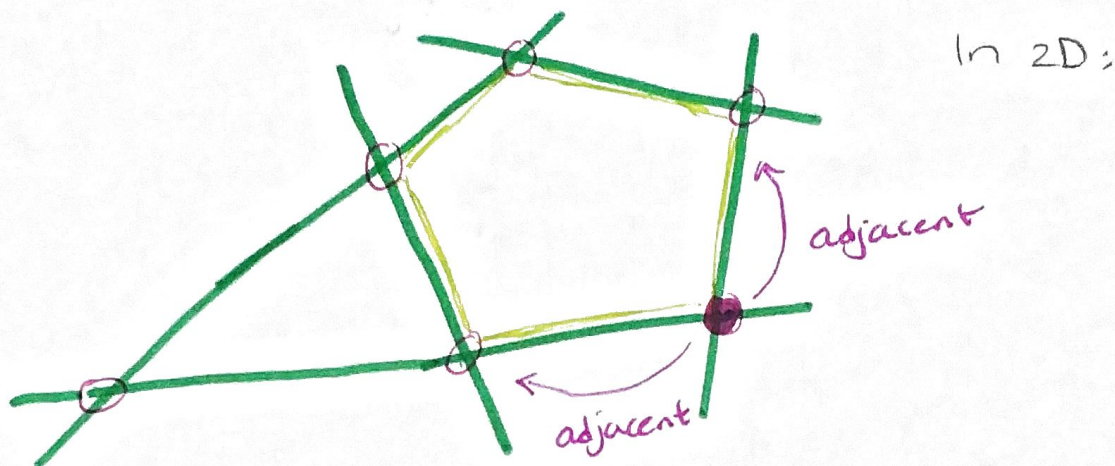
$\therefore v_i^a$ is an optimum.

Adjacent extreme points

Recall An extreme point of a polyhedron

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

is where n lin. indep. hyperplanes meet.



Extreme points are adjacent if they differ by ± 1 hyperplane.

Look at BFS \bar{x} :

$$B\bar{x}_B = b \quad (m \text{ equations}) \quad \bar{x}_B \geq 0$$

$$x_N = 0 \quad (n-m \text{ equations})$$

Replacing a basic variable with a non-basic corresponds to adjacent extreme points.

SIMPLEX ALGORITHM

Outline

- 1) Assume an initial BFS: \bar{x} .
- 2) Is \bar{x} optimal?
- 3) Find a search direction,
Towards an adjacent extreme point. (Geometric)
(select a non-basic variable to include in basis)
- 4) Move along search direction
until we find an extreme point.
(until a basic variable becomes 0)
- 5) Update \bar{x} , go to 1).

Let us rewrite our (LP) relative to a BFS \bar{x} ,
corresponding to $A = [B, N]$

$$\begin{aligned} \min c^T x &= \min c^T x_B + c^T x_N \\ \text{s.t. } Ax = b &\quad \text{s.t. } Bx_B + Nx_N = b \\ x \geq 0 &\quad x_N \geq 0 \\ &\quad x_B \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \text{rewrite } x_B = B^{-1}(b - Nx_N) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \min c^T B^{-1}b + (c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1}N) x_N \\ \text{s.t. } &\quad x_N \geq 0 \\ &\quad B^{-1}b - B^{-1}N x_N \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Observation IF

$$c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} N \geq 0.$$

Then $x_N = 0$ is optimal.

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Def. We call

$$\tilde{c}_N^T = (c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} N)$$

the reduced cost.

Optimality condition

If reduced cost $\tilde{c}_N \geq 0$, current BFS is optimal.

3) Search directions:

Use directions given by including one non-basic variable j

i.e.

$$dl^j = \begin{pmatrix} -B^{-1} N_j \\ e_j \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{basic part} \\ \leftarrow \text{non-basic part} \end{matrix}$$

Note

$$c^T dl^j = (\tilde{c}_N)_j.$$

For search direction (or incoming variable) choose a non-basic variable with negative reduced cost.

Ex (continued)

Yesterday, we looked at basis (x_1, x_2, s_1) .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

BFS.

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate reduced cost

$$\tilde{c}_N^T = \underbrace{(0, 0)}_{s_2, s_3} - \underbrace{(2, -3, 0)}_{x_1, x_2, s_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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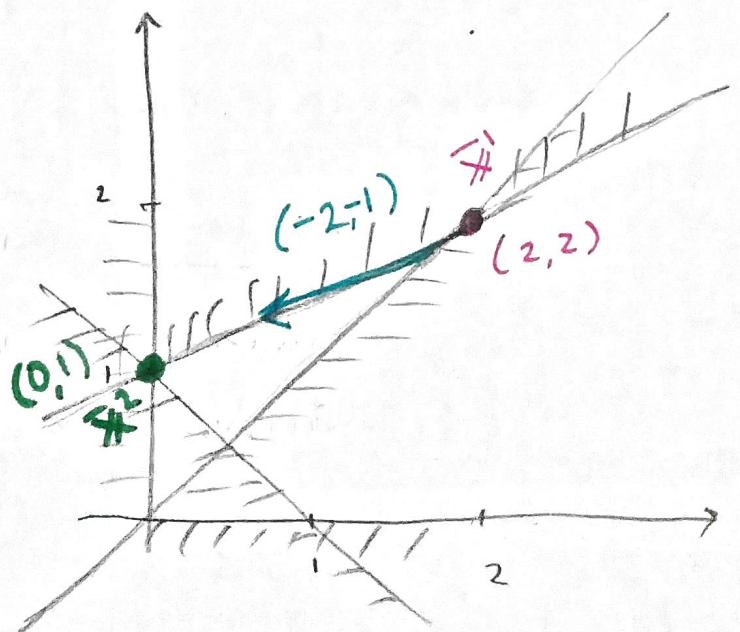
Incoming variable: s_2

Further look at

$$B^{-1}N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the search direction

$$d^{s_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



4) Step length

We want to move as far as possible (while staying feasible).

Let's consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{x} + \theta d^j \\ \text{want } & \theta^* = \max \theta \\ \text{s.t. } & \bar{x} + \theta d^j \in P \end{aligned}$$

Minimum ratio test

$$\theta^* = \min_{k: (B^{-1}N^j)_k > 0} \frac{(B^{-1}b)_k}{(B^{-1}N^j)_k}$$

Ex (continued)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} B^{-1}b &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ (B^{-1}N_{s_2}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 2/2 &= 1 \\ 2/1 &= 2 \\ 3/3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Here outgoing variable x_1 (or s_1).

Select outgoing variable by the minimum ratio test.

5) Update \bar{x}

Included a non-basic j into basis;
dropped a basic variable by minimum ratio.

\Rightarrow new basis, with new partition $A = [B, N]$.

Ex (continued)

New basis became (s_2, x_2, s_1)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} s_2 & x_2 & s_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{check this!}$$

Warning

In the example we got a BFS where a basic variable was 0.

Call this a degenerate BFS.

Problem: If $(B^{-1}b)_k = 0$

So minimum ratio test can give $\theta^* = 0 \implies$

can lead to problems, but doesn't in practice (and there are ways to deal with it).

Simplex algorithm (explicit)

1) Assume known BFS \bar{x} , partition $A = [B, N]$.

2) Compute

$$\tilde{c}_N^T = c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} N$$

if $\tilde{c} \geq 0$; current \bar{x} optimal, stop

if $\tilde{c} \not\geq 0$; select inc. var. j^*

$$\text{s.t.h. } (\tilde{c}_N)_{j^*} < 0$$

3) Compute $B^{-1}N_{j^*}$

If $(B^{-1}N_{j^*}) \leq 0$: for all k , problem is unbounded.
stop.

If $(B^{-1}N_{j^*}) \not\leq 0$: choose k^* by minimum ratio test.

4) Construct new basis by replacing j^* by k^* ,
(go to 1).

One thing left: How to find initial BFS?

Use the simplex algorithm.

consider

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax = b \\ & x \geq 0, \end{array} \quad (\text{Phase II})$$

assume $b \geq 0$

Introduce artificial variables a_i

$$w^* = \min \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \quad (\text{Phase I})$$

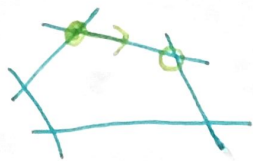
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{s.t.} \\ Ax + Ia = b \\ x, a \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Claim: Since $b \geq 0$, $a = b$ is a BFS.

So we can solve (Phase I) by using simplex.

If $w^* = 0$, then opt. solution to Phase I is a BFS for (Phase II).

2. Find outgoing variable (min ratio test)



conceptually it's a line search type of algorithm.

LECTURE 10

LP duality

$$(P) \quad \begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax = b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(D) \quad \begin{aligned} \max \quad & b^T y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A^T y \leq c \\ & y \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{aligned}$$

$$z^* = \min \begin{aligned} & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax = b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$q(y) = \min \begin{aligned} & [c^T x + y^T (b - Ax)] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x \geq 0 \end{aligned} =$$

$$= b^T y + \min \begin{aligned} & [(c - A^T y)^T x] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x \geq 0 \end{aligned} =$$

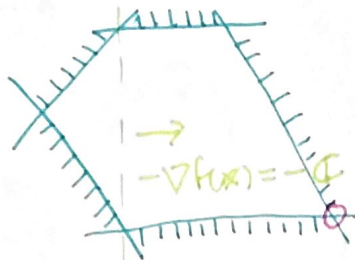
$$= \begin{cases} b^T y & \text{if } A^T y \leq c \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Monday
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Recap from last week

LINEAR PROGRAMMING

- "optimizing linear objective function over a polyhedron"



- standard form

$$\begin{cases} \min c^T x \\ \text{s.t. } Ax = b \quad (b \geq 0) \\ x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- optimal solutions in extreme points

- extreme point \iff BFS

- BFS: $A = [B, N]$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $N \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (n-m)}$, $B^{-1}b \geq 0$

$$x = [x_B, x_N]$$

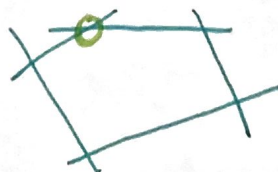
$$\begin{cases} x_B = B^{-1}b \\ x_N = 0 \end{cases}$$

SIMPLEX METHOD

0. Initial BFS,

$$A = [B, N]$$

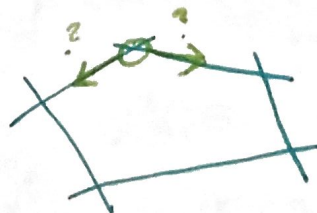
$$x = [x_B, x_N]$$



what simplex method does is jumps to adjacent extreme points.

1. Find incoming variable.

$$\tilde{c}_N^T = c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} N$$



so

$$q^* = \max q(y) =$$
$$= \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \max b^T y \\ \text{s.t. } A^T y \leq c \end{array}}$$

Weak duality

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x \text{ feasible (P)} \\ y \text{ feasible (D)} \end{array} \right\} c^T x \geq b^T y$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} c^T x &\geq (A^T y)^T x && \left[\begin{array}{l} c \geq A^T y \\ x \geq 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &= y^T A x && \left[A x = b \right] \\ &= y^T b \\ &= b^T y \end{aligned}$$

q^0

PRIMAL

DUAL

OBJ

min

OBJ

max

CONSTRAINTS

\geq canonical

VARIABLES

≥ 0

\leq non-canonical

≤ 0

$=$

free

VARIABLES

≥ 0

CONSTRAINTS

\leq

≤ 0

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ex.

PRIMAL

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 1 \quad (y_1) \\ & 3x_1 - 4x_2 = 2 \quad (y_2) \\ & x_1 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

DUAL

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & y_1 + 2y_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_1 + 3y_2 \leq 1 \quad (x_1) \\ & 2y_1 - 4y_2 = 1 \quad (x_2) \\ & y_1 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

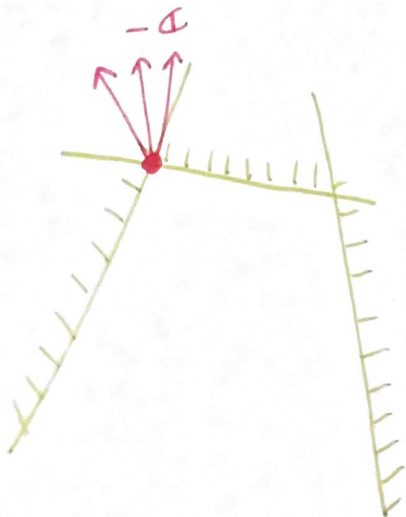
$$c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

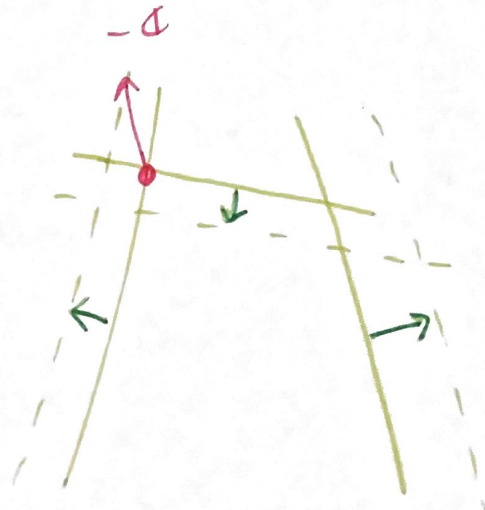
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Complementary slackness - Very important!

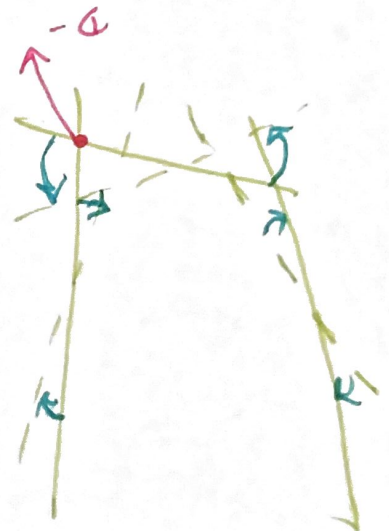
SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS



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Change b .

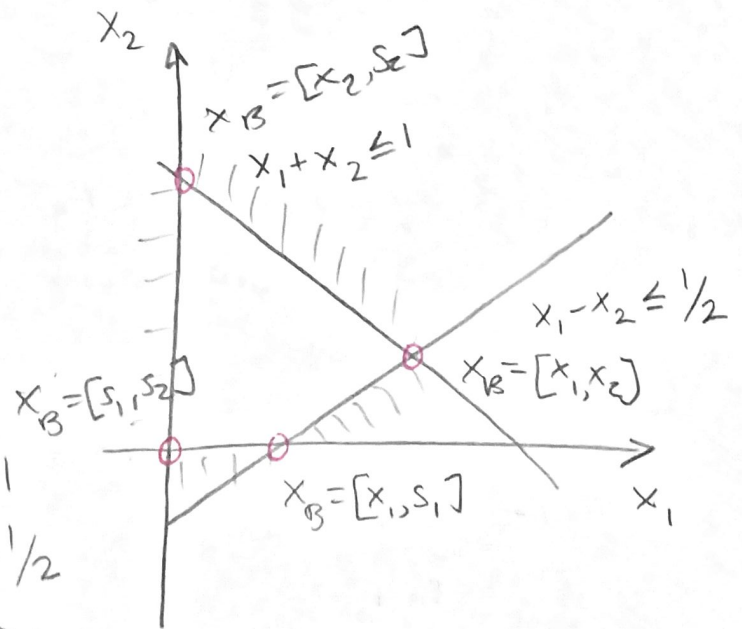


change A .

ex.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \\ & x_1 - x_2 \leq 1/2 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1 + x_2 \\ & x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 1 \\ & x_1 - x_2 + s_2 = 1/2 \\ & x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



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LECTURE 11

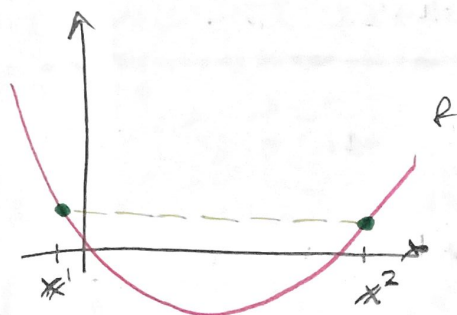
Convex optimization

A set S is convex if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^1, x^2 \\ \lambda \in (0,1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2 \in S$$

A function f is convex on a convex set S if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^1, x^2 \\ \lambda \in (0,1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f(\lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2) \leq \lambda f(x^1) + (1-\lambda)f(x^2)$$



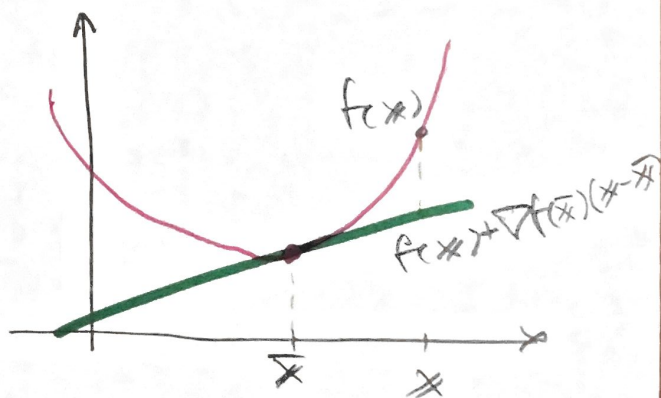
- If $f \in C^1$ then f is convex on S if

$$f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \nabla f(\bar{x})^T (x - \bar{x})$$

for all $x, \bar{x} \in S$.

- An optimization problem is convex if

$$\begin{array}{l} (P) \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } x \in S \end{array}$$



f is a convex function on S and S is a convex set.

$$\begin{aligned}
 - \quad (P) \quad & \min f(x) \\
 & \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i=1, \dots, m \\
 & \quad \quad h_j(x) = 0, \quad j=1, \dots, k \\
 & \quad \quad x \in \overline{X}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (P) is convex if f is convex, $g_i, i=1, \dots, m$ is convex, $h_j, j=1, \dots, k$ is affine, and \overline{X} is convex.

Thm Consider a convex optimization problem (P).

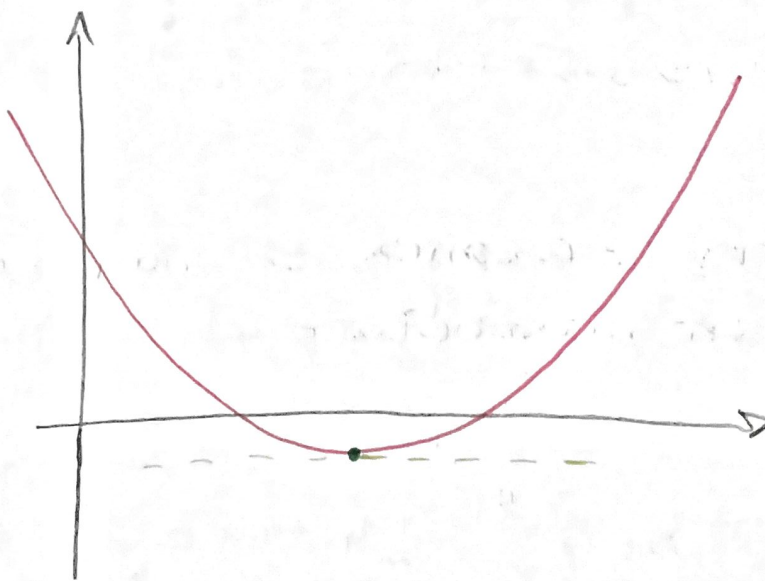
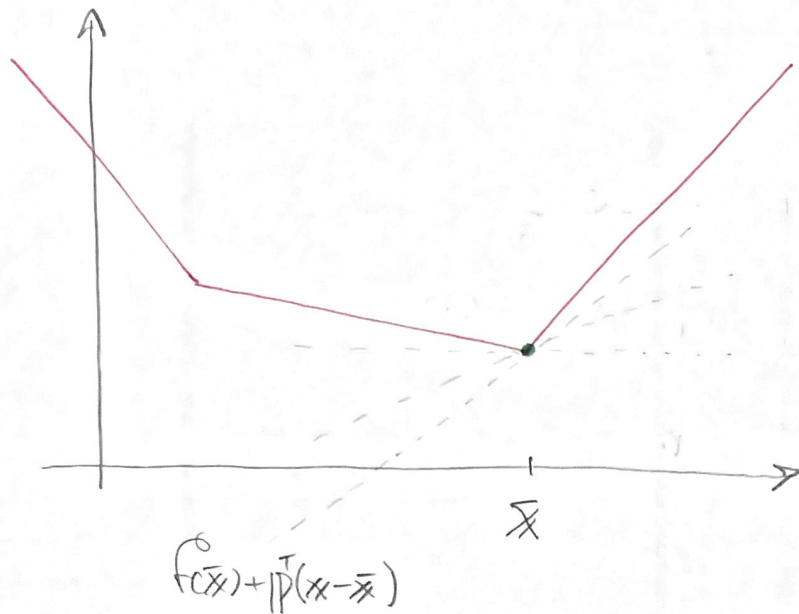
$$\begin{aligned}
 x^* \text{ local min to (P)} & \Rightarrow \\
 x^* \text{ global min to (P)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Most algorithms assume smoothness of f ($f \in C^1$)
- In convex optimization, we can drop this assumption.
- In convex optimization, we can instead consider subgradients.
- $x^{k+1} = x^k + \alpha_k p^k$
where p^k are subgradients.

Def. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a convex set and f a convex function. Then $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a subgradient to f in the point \bar{x} if

$$f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + p^T(x - \bar{x})$$

for all $x \in S$.



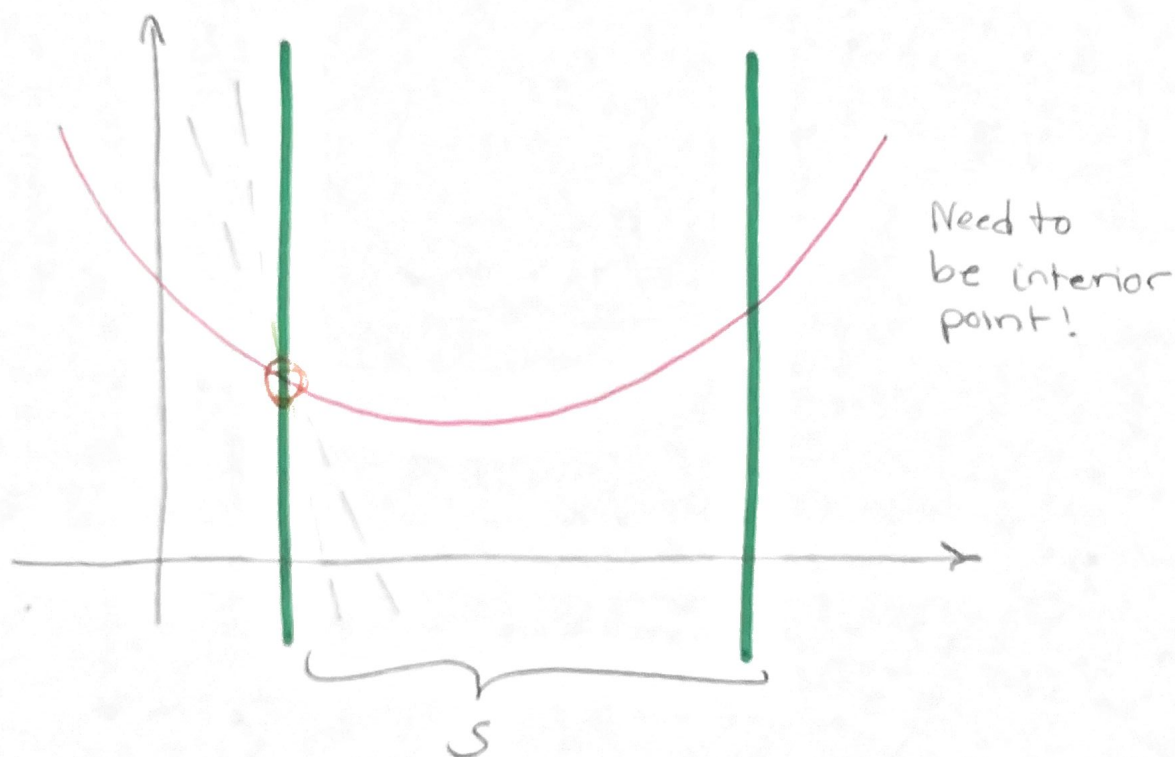
- The set of all subgradients to f at \bar{x} is called the subdifferential and is denoted

$$\partial f(\bar{x}) = \{ p \mid f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + p^T(x - \bar{x}) \quad \forall x \in S \}$$

Lemma

If $\bar{x} \in \text{int}(S)$ and $f \in C^1$, then

$$\partial f(\bar{x}) = \{ \nabla f(\bar{x}) \}$$



Thm
(*)

Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a convex set and f a convex function on S . Then, for each $\bar{x} \in \text{int}(S)$, there exists a subgradient to f .

Def.

The epigraph of f with respect to the set S is

$$\text{epi}_S f = \{ (x, \alpha) \in S \times \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) \leq \alpha \}$$

Thm

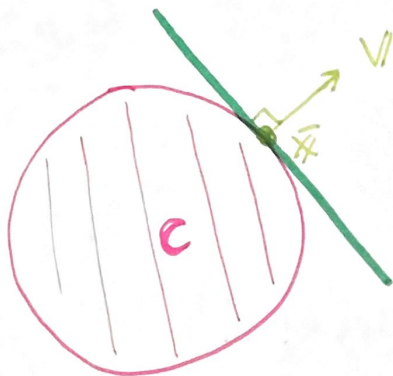
f is convex on $S \iff \text{epi}_S f$ is a convex set

Thm

Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be nonempty and convex. Let \bar{x} be a point on the boundary of C .

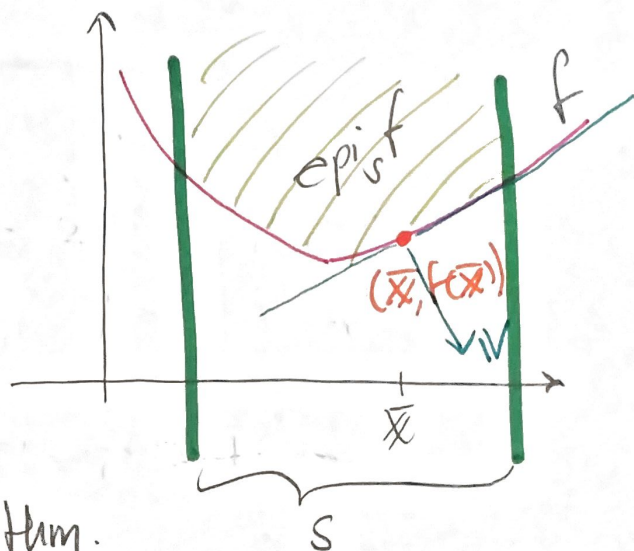
Then there exists a supporting hyperplane to C at \bar{x} , meaning that $\exists v \neq 0$

$$v^T(x - \bar{x}) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in C$$



Proof of (*)

- We know $\text{epi}_S f$ is convex
- For $\bar{x} \in \text{int}(S)$, $(\bar{x}, f(\bar{x}))$ is a boundary point to $\text{epi}_S f$.



- Use supporting hyperplane thm.

- There exists a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ such that

$$v^T \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ f(\bar{x}) \end{bmatrix} \right) \leq 0 \quad \forall (x, z) \in \text{epi}_S f$$

• Write $v = (u, t)$, where $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow u^T(x - \bar{x}) + t(z - f(\bar{x})) \leq 0$$

CLAIM: $t \leq 0$

Choose $(x, z) = (\bar{x}, f(\bar{x}) + 1)$,

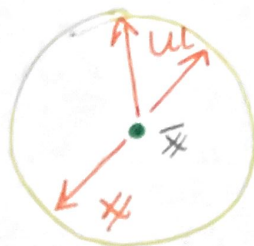
and note that $t \leq 0$.

Assume: $t = 0$

$$u^T(x - \bar{x}) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in S.$$

Impossible, since

$\bar{x} \in \text{inter}(S)$.



$\Rightarrow t < 0$.

Then take $z = f(x)$.

(OK since $(x, f(x)) \in \text{epi}_t f$)

and rearrange.

$$f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) - \left(\frac{u}{t}\right)(x - \bar{x})$$

for all $x \in S$.

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{u}{t} \in \partial f(\bar{x})$$

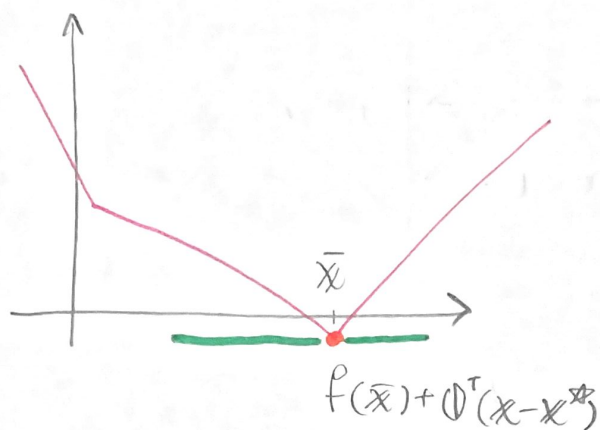
DONE!

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Prop.

Let f be a convex function. Then

$$x^* \text{ global min to } f \text{ over } \mathbb{R}^n \iff 0 \in \partial f(x^*)$$



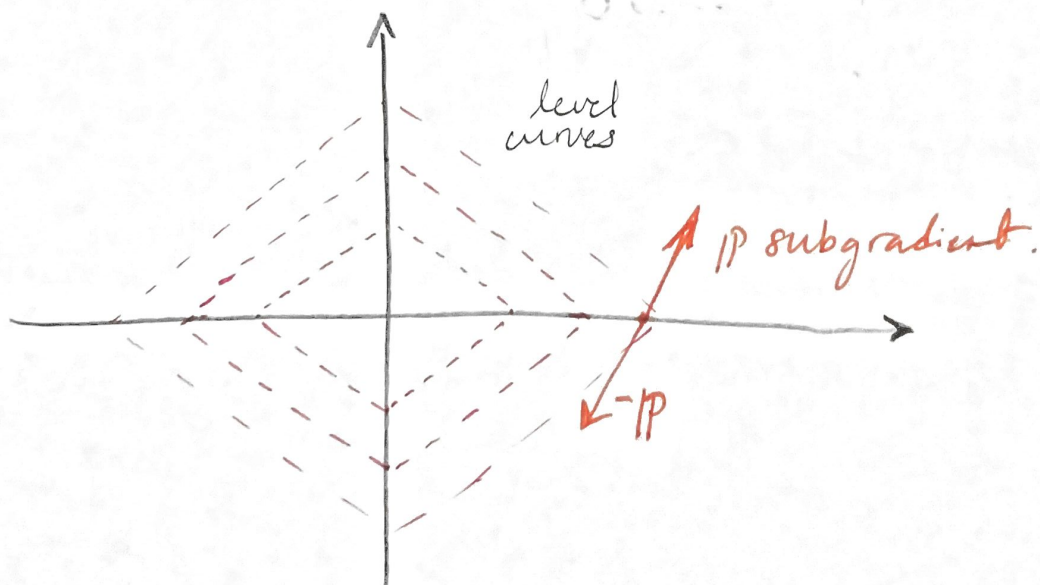
- Subgradient method

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \alpha_k p^k$$

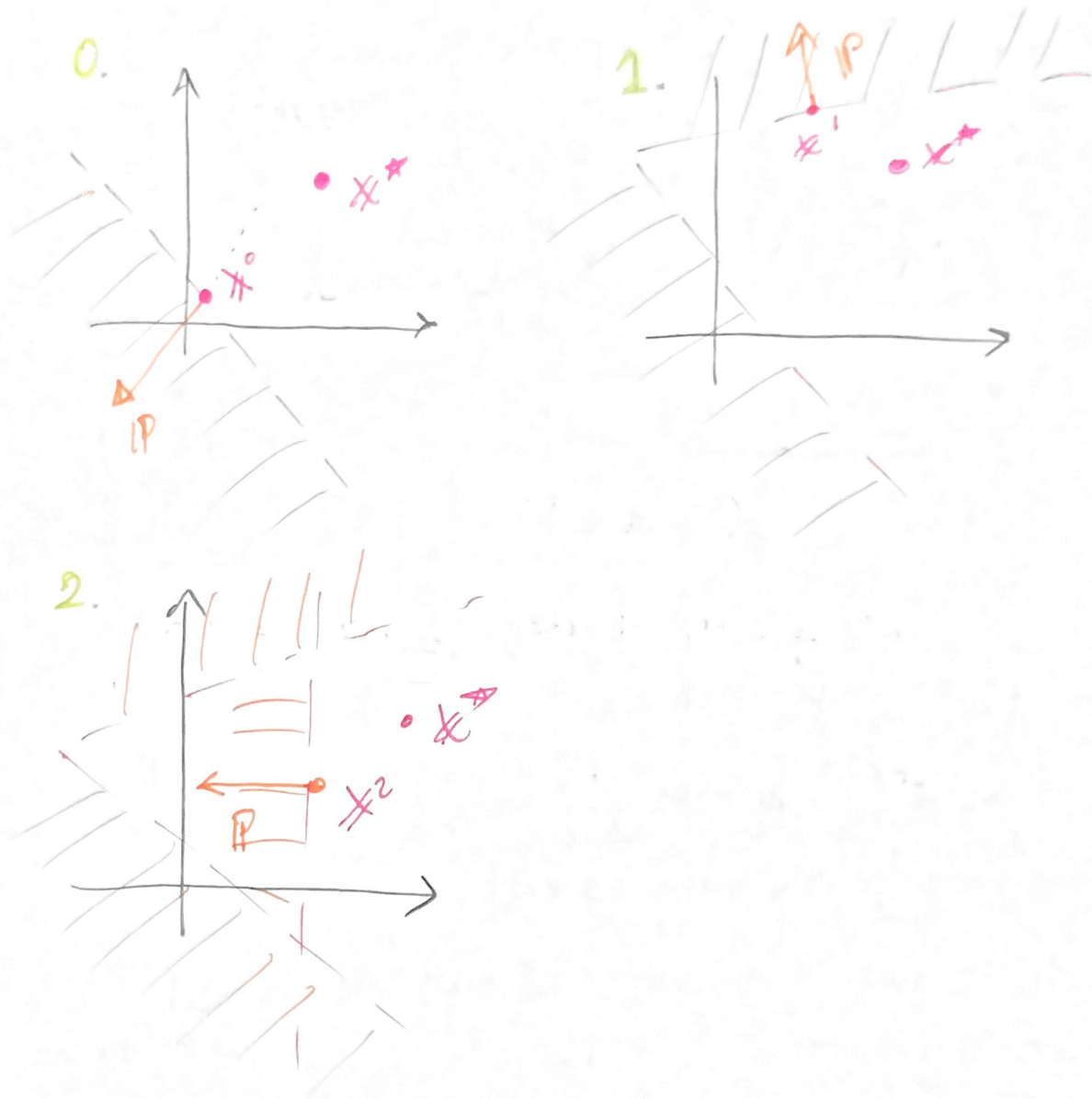
where p^k is a subgradient to f at x^k .

NOTE steepest descent always decreased the objective value.

- Subgradients are not necessarily descent directions.



- However, subgradients define cutting planes for where the optimum exists.



Subgradient method

0. Initiate $x^0 \in S$.
Let $f_{\text{BEST}} = f(x^0)$, Let $k=0$
1. Find subgradient to f at x_k
 \mathbb{R}^n

2. Update

$$x^{k+1} = \text{Proj}_S (x^k - \alpha_k P^k)$$

3. $f_{\text{BEST}} = \min (f_{\text{BEST}}, f(x^{k+1}))$

4. Check termination criteria,
go to 1.

NOTE

$$\alpha_k = \alpha \quad (\text{constant})$$

$$\alpha_k: \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k = \infty$$

ex. $\alpha_k = \frac{1}{k+1}$

Recap: Lagrange duality

$$p^* = \inf f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_j(x) \leq 0 \\ x \in \underline{X}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(x, \mu) = f(x) + \mu^T g(x)$$

$$q(\mu) = \inf_{x \in \underline{X}} [f(x) + \mu^T g(x)]$$

$$q^* = \sup_{\mu \geq 0} q(\mu)$$

- q is concave
- Maximizing a concave function over $\mu \geq 0$ means that this problem is convex.
- To evaluate $q(\mu)$ we need to solve

$$q(\mu) = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{X}} [f(x) + \mu^T g(x)]$$

- Let $x(\mu)$ be a solution to this problem.

$\Rightarrow g(x(\mu))$ is a subgradient to q at μ

Proof Take $\bar{\mu} \geq 0$. Need to show

$$q(\bar{\mu}) \leq q(\mu) + g(x(\mu))^T (\bar{\mu} - \mu)$$

RHS

$$\begin{aligned} q(\mu) + g(x(\mu))^T (\bar{\mu} - \mu) &= \\ &= f(x(\mu)) + \mu^T g(x(\mu)) + \\ &\quad + g(x(\mu))^T (\bar{\mu} - \mu) = \\ &= f(x(\mu)) + \bar{\mu}^T g(x(\mu)) \geq q(\bar{\mu}) \end{aligned}$$

□

Dual subgradient method

0. Initiate $\mu^0 \geq 0$

1. Solve the problem

$$g(\mu^k) = \inf_{x \in X} [f(x) + \mu^{kT} g(x)]$$

Let solution be x^k .

2. Update

$$\mu^{k+1} = [\mu^k + \alpha_k g(x^k)]$$

3. Check termination, go to 1.

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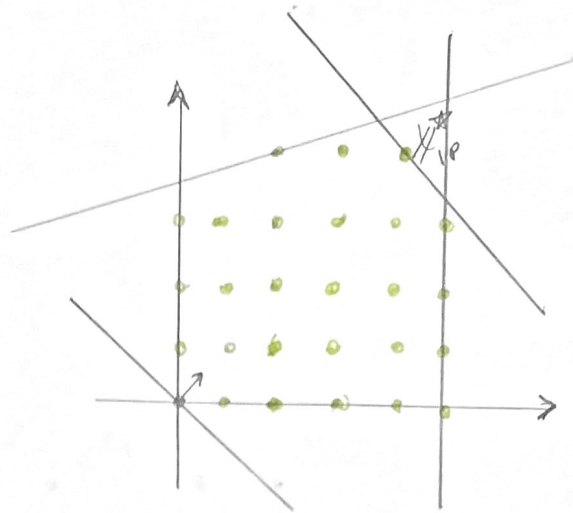
LECTURE

- Integer linear optimization

MILP - mixed integer linear programming.

Often binary, not whole \mathbb{Z}

Could use nonlinear constraints in many cases, but linear is easier.



o Sudoku problem

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Branch and bound method

- Divide feasible set F into F_1, \dots, F_k

Instead of solving

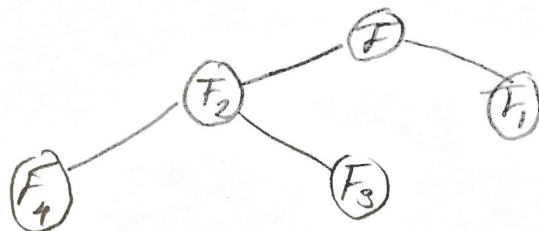
$$\begin{aligned} \min & \quad c^T x \\ & x \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad x \in F \end{aligned}$$

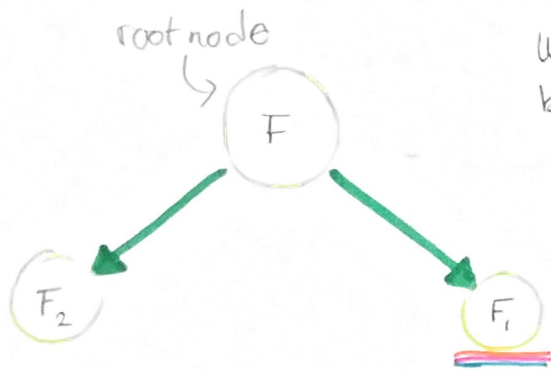
solve

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \quad c^T x \\ & x \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad x \in F_i \end{aligned}$$

$\forall i$.

- May need to recursively divide F_i $i=1, \dots, k$. This is branching.

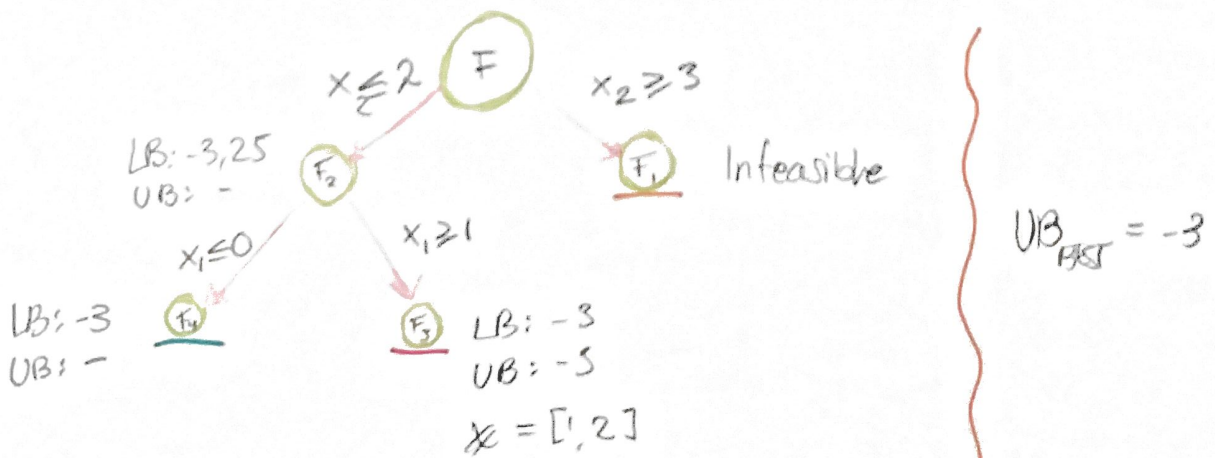
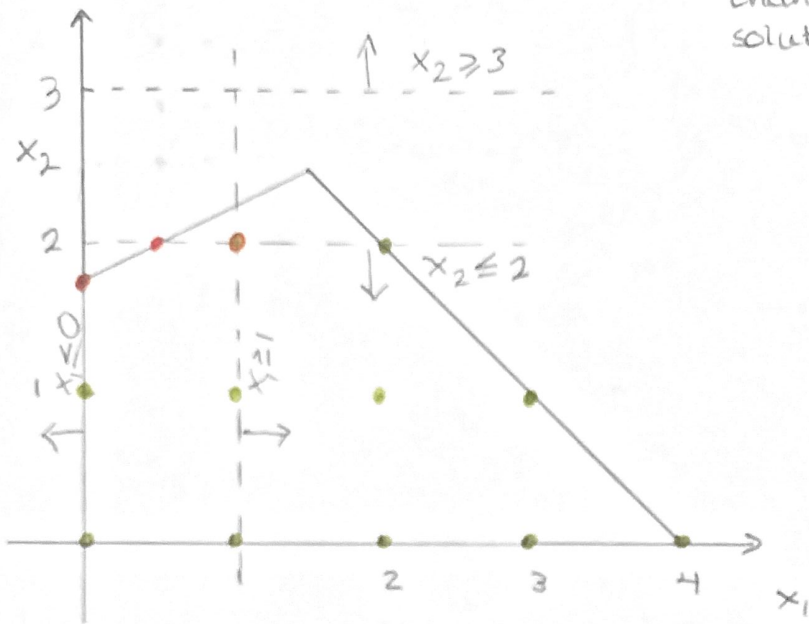




When can we stop the branching in a node?

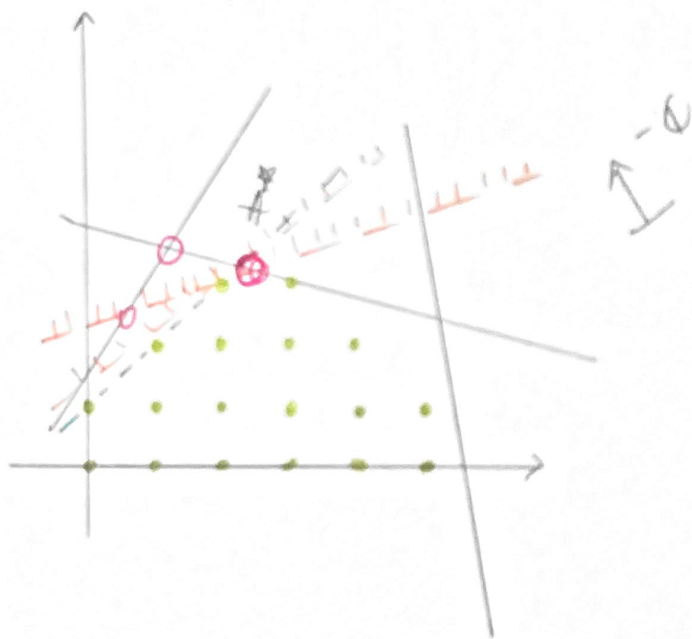
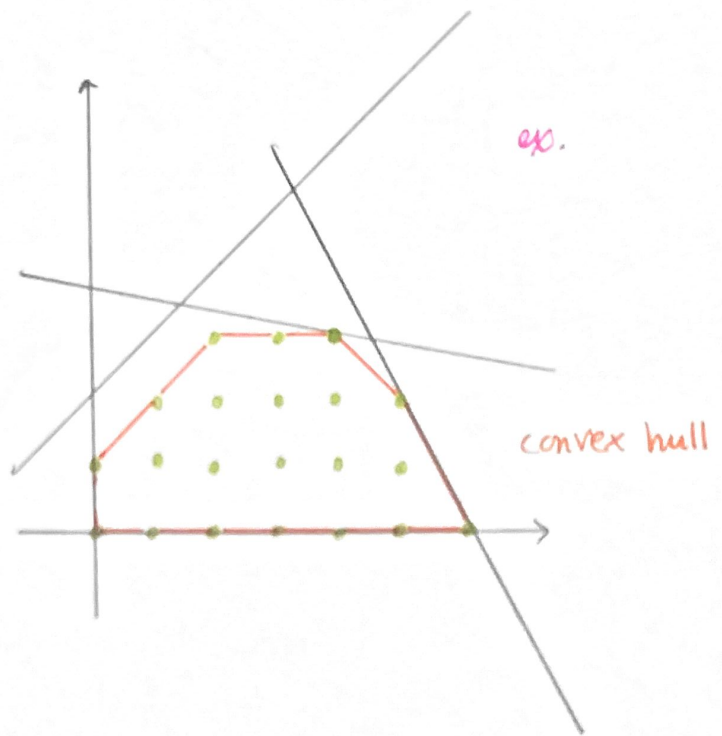
- A) Infeasible.
- B) Managed to solve the subproblem.
- C) If we find a lower bound that is larger than some found solution.

ex.



Cutting plane algorithm

- Add cuts



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SUMMARY

LR: (CONVEXITY)

convex sets

- $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^1, x^2 \in S \\ \lambda \in (0,1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2 \in S$$

- Intersection of convex sets is a convex set.

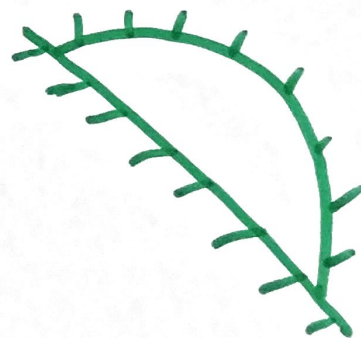
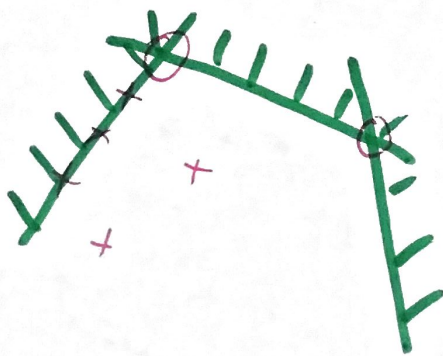
- If $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g_i(x) \leq 0\}$ then if all g_i are convex functions we know that S is convex.

not the other way around.

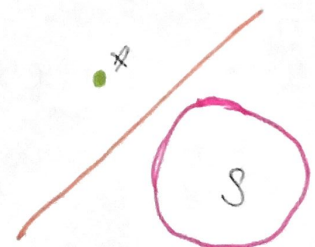
- Polytope = convex hull of finitely many points.

- Polyhedron = intersection of finitely many half-spaces.

- An extreme point to a convex set is a point which can not be expressed as a convex combination of two other points.



- Separation theorem: Either a point lies in a convex set or it can be separated from the set by a half-space (hyperplane).



- Farkas' lemma: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{cases} Ax = b \\ x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} A^T y \geq 0 \\ b^T y < 0 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow exactly one system is solvable.

Convex functions

- f is convex if

$$f(\lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2) \leq \lambda f(x^1) + (1-\lambda)f(x^2)$$

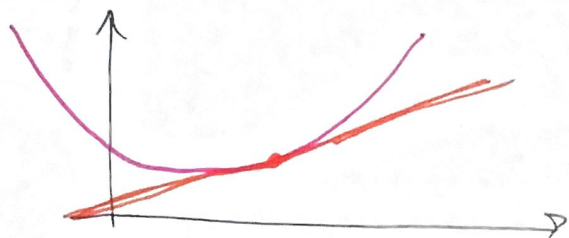
- The sum of convex functions is a convex function.

Not the other way around. Instead: Use counter example.

- If f is convex, $-f$ is concave.

- If $f \in C^1$

$$f \text{ is convex} \iff f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \nabla f(\bar{x})^T (x - \bar{x})$$



- If $f \in C^2$

$$f \text{ is convex} \iff \nabla^2 f(x) \succeq 0 \quad \forall x$$

convex problem

- (P) $\min f(x)$
s.t. $x \in S$

(P) is convex if f is convex on S , and S is convex.

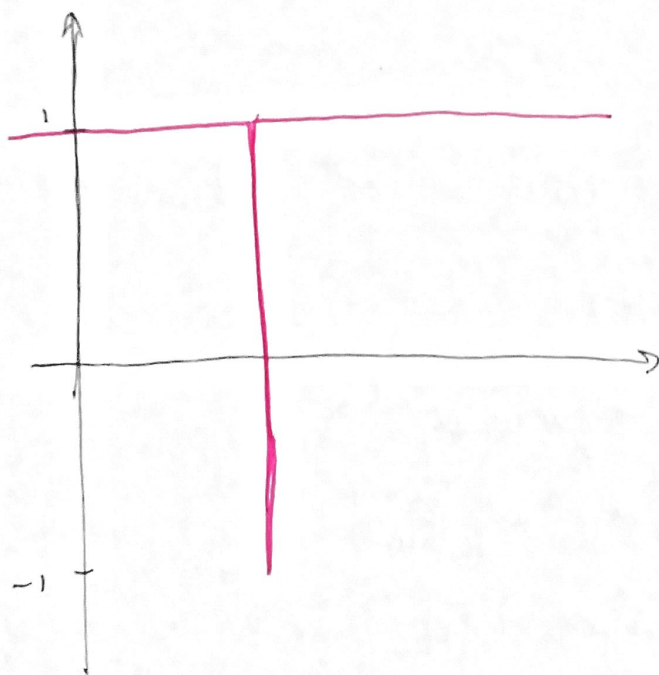
L3 (OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS)

$$\begin{array}{l} \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } x \in S \end{array}$$

- Global minima
- Local minima
- Fundamental thm. of opt.: If (P) is convex, then

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow x^* \text{ global min.}$$

ex.



- Weierstrass' thm.

unconstrained opt. $S = \mathbb{R}^n$

- x^* local min $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0$ ($f \in C^1$)
- $f \in C^2$, x^* local min $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla f(x^*) = 0 \\ \nabla^2 f(x^*) \succcurlyeq 0 \end{cases}$
- If f is convex, x^* global min $\Leftrightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0$

constrained opt. $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

- x^* local min \Rightarrow "it should not be possible to find a feasible descent direction at x^* "
- x^* local min $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*)^T p \geq 0 \quad \forall$ feasible dir. p
- Suppose S convex:
 - x^* local min $\Rightarrow x^*$ stationary

2.4 (UNCONST. OPT.)

- Line search type alg.

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$$
- steepest descent

$$p_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$$

- Newton

$$\nabla^2 f(x_k) p_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$$

- Levenberg-Marquandt

$$(\nabla^2 f(x_k) + \gamma I) p_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$$

- Step length using armijo's rule

25/26 (KKT)

- Tangent cone $T_S(x)$: "all directions from which a feasible sequence can converge to x ".

- Gradient cone $\mathring{F}(x)$

$$\mathring{F}(x) = \{ p \mid \nabla f(x)^T p < 0 \}$$

- Geometric opt. cond.

$$x^* \text{ local min} \Rightarrow T_S(x^*) \cap \mathring{F}(x^*) = \emptyset$$

KKT

$$S = \{ x \mid g_i(x) \leq 0 \}$$

- Constraint gradient cone

$$G(x) = \{ p \mid \nabla g_i(x)^T p \leq 0 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{I}(x) \}$$

- $G(x) \supseteq T_S(x)$

- Abadie's CQ : $T_S(x) = G(x)$

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- $\Rightarrow x^*$ local min $\Rightarrow G(x) \cap \overset{\circ}{F}(x) = \emptyset$

linear inequality system that should be unsolvable

\Downarrow FARKAS

Another system is solvable.

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \nabla g_i(x^*) = 0 \\ \mu_i g_i(x^*) = 0 \\ \mu_i \geq 0 \end{array} \right]$$

- Necessary opt. cond.:

If Abadie's holds at x^* } $\Rightarrow x^*$ KKT
 x^* local min

- sufficient opt. cond.:

x^* KKT point } $\Rightarrow x^*$ global opt.
 (P) convex

7 (LAGRANGE DUALITY)

- Relaxation problems

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min f_R(x), & P_R \leq f \\ \text{s.t. } x \in S_R. & S_R \supseteq S \end{array}$$

- "IDEA": Some constraints are complicating. Lift them to the objective function with a "penalty".

- $$q(\mu) = \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) + \mu^T g(x)$$

- Weak duality: For any feasible x and $\mu \geq 0$

$$q(\mu) \leq f(x)$$

- Strong duality: If f is convex, \mathcal{X} convex, g convex, and inner point exists

$$\Rightarrow q^* = f^*$$

(wrong in the slides here)

$$q^* = \max_{\mu \geq 0} q(\mu)$$

- $q(\mu)$ is concave.

28/29 (LINEAR PROGRAMMING)

- Minimize linear function over polyhedron.

- $-\nabla f(x) = -c$ constant

- Solution exists in extreme points

- Standard form

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & Ax = b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

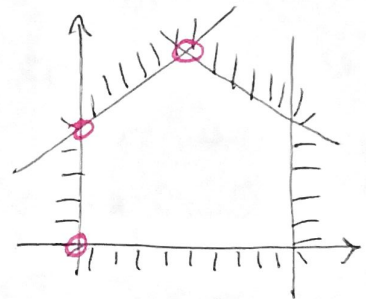
- Extreme points \iff BFS

$$A = [B, N] ; B^{-1}b \geq 0$$

$\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ $\mathbb{R}^{m \times (n-m)}$

remember to restructure the elements in x in the same way as in A .

- Simplex. **PLEASE DRAW!**
(on exam, in 2D)
First, then compute.



- Phase I

210 (LP DUALITY)

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (P) & \min c^T x \\
 & \text{s.t. } Ax = b \\
 & x \geq 0
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ll}
 (D) & \max b^T y \\
 & \text{s.t. } A^T y \leq c \\
 & y \in \mathbb{R}^m
 \end{array}$$

- Dual program to every LP
- Translation table
- Every constraint in primal corresponds to variable in dual, and vice versa.
- Weak duality

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 x \text{ feasible in (P)} \\
 y \text{ feasible in (D)}
 \end{array} \right\} \implies c^T x \geq b^T y$$

- Strong duality

If one problem $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{has opt. sol} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (c^T x^* = (b^T y)^*)$

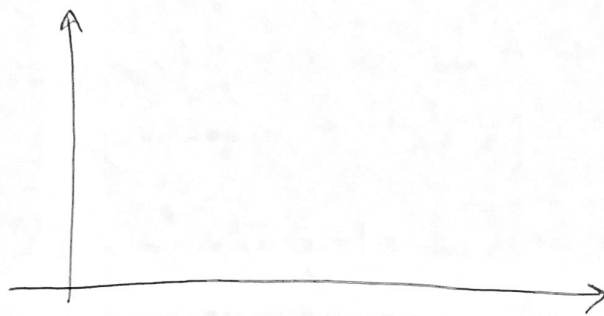
- Complementary slackness: Either the slack or the dual variable to a constraint is zero.

2.11 (CONVEX OPT.)

(f convex)

- A subgradient p :

$$f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + p^T(x - \bar{x}) \quad \forall x, \bar{x}$$



- Negative subgradients not always descent directions.
- But $x_{k+1} = x_k - \alpha_k p_k$ still works.

2.12 - the methods from this lecture are not to be included in the exam.
(But the modelling are).

2.13 (FEASIBLE DIRECTION METHODS)

(S polyhedron)

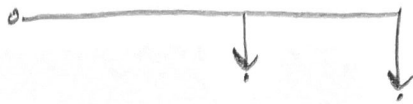
- Frank-Wolfe
- Simplicial decomposition
- Gradient projection. (even simpler sets than polyhedrons)

2.14 (PENALTY METHODS)

- Replace constrained problem with sequence of unconstrained problems.
- Exterior: Add penalty for being infeasible. Increase penalty.
- Interior: Add penalty for being close to constraints. Decrease penalty.
- SQP: Solve problem by a sequence of quadratic programs (QP).

TIP: check if point is feasible in computing alg!

Assignment 1:



Hint on assignments first task:

Modelling network flows:

Let N be set of nodes.

Let $f(i)$ be destinations of node $i \in N$

$\beta(i)$ be the origins of $i \in N$

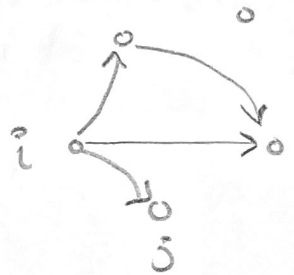
Flow balance

$$\sum_{j \in f(i)} f_{ij} - \sum_{j \in \beta(i)} F_{ij} = b_i$$

IF

$b_i > 0 \rightarrow$ source

$b_i < 0 \rightarrow$ sink



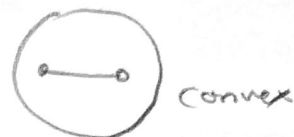
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PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION 2

CONVEXITY

DEF A set S convex if

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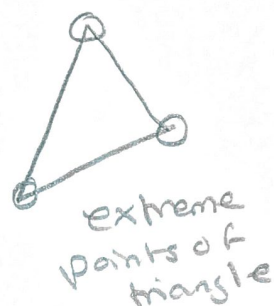


DEF A point $p \in S$ is called extreme if

$$\begin{aligned} \exists x^1, x^2 \in S, \lambda \in (0, 1) : P = \lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2 \Rightarrow \\ x^1 = x^2 = P \end{aligned}$$

THM

For a polyhedron P , $(\{Ax \leq b\})$ we have $\hat{x} \in P$ is an extreme point iff \hat{A} , in the equality subsystem of $A\hat{x} \leq b$, has full rank.



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Consider

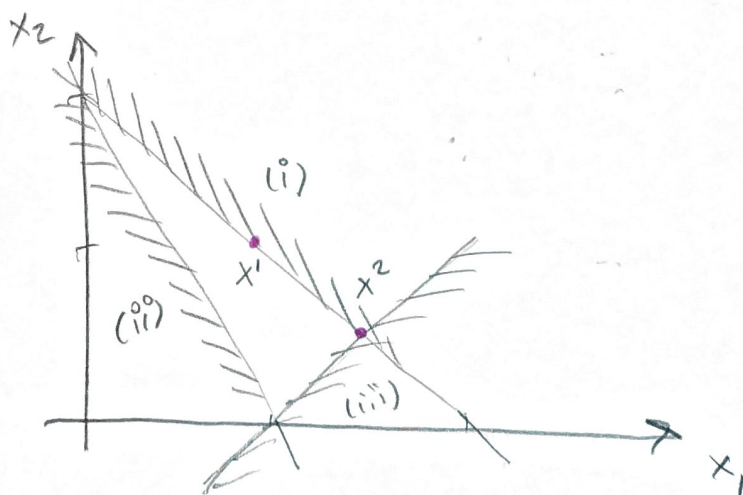
$$P = \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 \leq 2 & (i) \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \geq 2 & (ii) \\ x_1 - x_2 \leq 1 & (iii) \end{cases}$$

Are

$$x^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

extreme points?

Draw!



x^1 : only (i) yields equality

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{rank } 1 \neq 2 \Rightarrow x^1 \text{ is not exp.}$$

x^2 : i & iii yields equality:

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gaussian elimination reveals \tilde{A} has full rank (2).

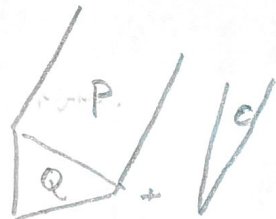
THM

Let

$$C := \{Ax \leq 0\},$$

$$Q = \text{conv}(\text{ext } P)$$

$$\Rightarrow P \stackrel{\text{polyhedron}}{=} Q + C$$



8.6

let

$$P := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid -2x_1 + x_2 \leq 1; x_1 - x_2 \leq 1; -x_1 - x_2 \leq -1\}$$

$$C := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid -2x_1 + x_2 \leq 0; x_1 - x_2 \leq 0; -x_1 - x_2 \leq 0\}$$

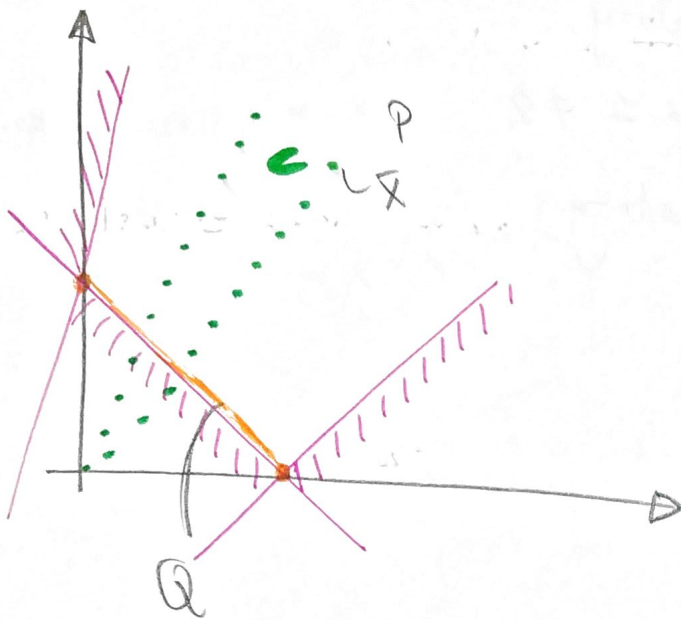
$$Q = \text{conv}(\text{ext } P)$$

show that

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

can be written as

$$\bar{x} = q + c, \quad q \in Q, \quad c \in C.$$



$$\bar{x} = \sum_{\substack{i \\ q \in Q}} \lambda_i q_i + c, \quad \sum \lambda_i = 1, \quad \lambda_i \geq 0$$

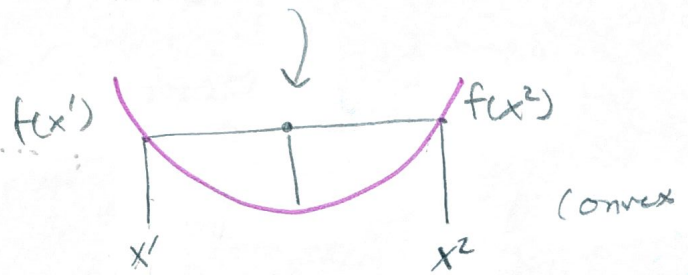
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (1-\lambda) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c,$$

pick $c = \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1/2, \quad \mu = 1/2$$

DEF A function f is convex on S iff

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^1, x^2 \in S \\ \lambda \in (0, 1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f(\lambda x^1 + (1-\lambda)x^2) \leq \lambda f(x^1) + (1-\lambda)f(x^2)$$



PROP. f_i convex $\Rightarrow \sum_i f_i$ convex

PROP. $f \in C^1$ on an open set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

f is convex $\Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 f(x)$ is positive semidefinite $\forall x \in S$

PRO

3.9

Determine if

$$f(x) = 2x_1^2 - 3x_1x_2 + 5x_2^2 - 2x_1 + 6x_2$$

is convex.

//^{oo}

Method 1:

$$f(x) = x_1^2 + \left(x_1 - \frac{3}{2}x_2\right)^2 + \frac{11}{4}x_2^2 - 2x_1 + 6x_2 \Rightarrow$$

Sum of convex is convex.

Method 2:

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 4x_1 - 3x_2 - 2 \\ -3x_1 + 10x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -3 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Our hessian is constant, nice!

our goal is to find the roots of

$$0 = \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & -3 \\ -3 & 10-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4-\lambda)(10-\lambda) - 9 \Rightarrow$$

$$\lambda = 7 \pm \sqrt{18} > 0$$

$\nabla^2 f$ is positive definite $\Rightarrow f$ is strictly convex.

3.11 For $a > 0$, which of the following functions are convex?

a) $f(x) = \ln x, x > 0$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \downarrow$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} < 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{concave strictly}$$



d) $f(x) = \ln(1 + e^{ax})$

$$f'(x) = \frac{ae^{ax}}{1+e^{ax}}$$

$$f''(x) = a^2 e^{ax} \frac{(1+e^{ax}) - a^2 e^{2ax}}{(1+e^{ax})^2} = \frac{a^2 e^{ax}}{(1+e^{ax})^2} > 0 \Rightarrow$$

f is strictly convex.

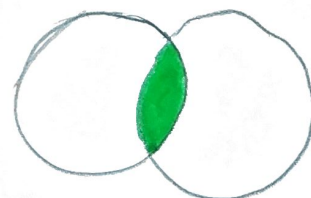
e) $f(x) = e^{ax}$

$$f'(x) = ae^{ax}$$

$$f''(x) = a^2 e^{ax} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{strictly convex}$$

prop S_i convex set $\Rightarrow \bigcap_i S_i$ convex

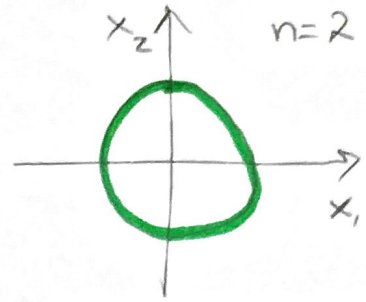
prop $g(x)$ convex $\bigcap_{b \in \mathbb{R}} \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g(x) \leq b\}$ convex.



3.15 Are the sets convex or not?

c) $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 1\}$

Draw figure to know which path where going; proving for or against.



Not a convex set. How can we show this? Look for counter example.

Not convex since

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \notin S$$

$\in S \qquad \in S$

e) $S := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 - x_2^2 \geq 1; x_1^3 + x_2^2 \leq 10; 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 8; x_1 \geq 1; x_2 \geq 0\}$

$S_1 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid -x_1 + x_2^2 \leq -1\}$ convex (see prop)

$S_2 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1^3 + x_2^2 \leq 10; x_1 \geq 1\}$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(x^3) = 3x^2, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2}(x^3) = 6x > 0$ if $x > 0$

$S_3 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 8; x_2 \geq 0\}$ polyhedron \Rightarrow convex

$S := S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$ is convex.

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PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION 4

Unconstrained optimization alg.

Update: $x^{k+1} = x^k + \alpha P^k$

\uparrow \uparrow
 steplength search direction

P^k at x^k is

- ascent dir. $\nabla f(x^k) P^k > 0$
- descent dir. $\nabla f(x^k) P^k < 0$

Steepest descent

$$P^k = -\nabla f(x^k)$$

exact line search: $\alpha_k = \underset{\alpha \geq 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(x^k + \alpha P^k)$

11.5

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} f(x) := (2x_1 - x_2)^2 + 3x_1^2 - x_2$$

a) Do one iterate of steepest descent from

$$x^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 5/4 \end{pmatrix},$$

with exact line search,

$$P^0: \nabla f(x) = \dots = \begin{pmatrix} 16x_1^2 - 8x_1x_2 + 6x_1 \\ -4x_1^2 + 2x_2 - 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P^0 = -\nabla f(x^0) = \dots = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha^0: \min_{\alpha \geq 0} \underbrace{f(x^0 - \alpha \nabla f(x^0))}_{:= \varphi(\alpha)} : \varphi'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$\psi'(\alpha) = \nabla f(x^0 - \alpha \nabla f(x^0))^T (-\nabla f(x^0))$$

$$= 0 - \frac{1}{2} \nabla f_2 \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 5/4 \end{pmatrix} - \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \dots = \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\alpha^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

(looking at $\psi'(\alpha)$ we see that α^* is the minimizer)

$$x' = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 5/4 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) Is the function convex at x' ?

$\nabla^2 f(x')$ pos semi. def.?

$$\nabla^2 f \begin{pmatrix} 48x_1^2 - 8x_2 + 6, & -8x_1 \\ -8x_1, & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x') = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow$$

$$\lambda = 6 \pm \sqrt{32} > 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ is convex at } x'$$

c) Will it converge to glob. opt?

solve $\nabla f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ is only stat. point.

check that $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$ Weierstrass holds \rightarrow

glob opt exists \rightarrow s.t. will converge.

check $f(x^1) - f(x^0) \leq \mu \alpha \nabla f(x^0)^T p^0$;

$$-\frac{1040}{81} \leq \frac{1}{10} \frac{64}{3}, \text{ holds} \rightarrow x^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) What $\mu \in (0, 1)$ makes $x=1$ acceptable?

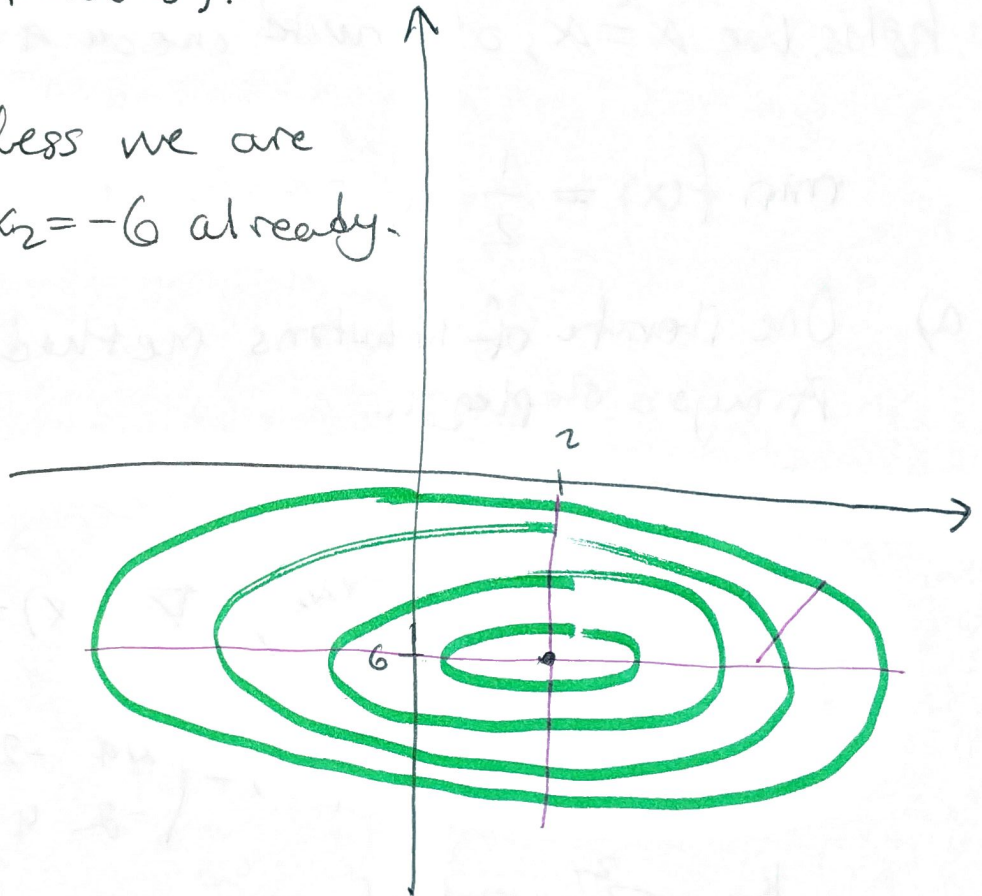
Solve

$$-\frac{1040}{81} \leq \mu \frac{64}{3} \Leftrightarrow \mu \leq \frac{64}{108}$$

11.4

Will S.T. reach opt. Sol.?
(in finite no. iterates).

No, not unless we are
at $x_1=2$, $x_2=-6$ already.



Newton's method:

$$p^k = -\nabla^2 f(x^k)^{-1} \nabla f(x^k)$$

Armijo's steplength

$$\mu \in (0, 1), \alpha = 1.$$

$$2 \underbrace{f(x^k + \alpha p^k) - f(x^k)}_{\text{observed impr.}} \leq \underbrace{\mu \alpha \nabla f(x^k)^T p^k}_{\text{expected impr.}}$$

holds. Use $\alpha^k = \alpha$, otherwise check $\alpha = \frac{\alpha}{2}$.

11.7 $\min f(x) = \frac{1}{2} (x_1 - 2x_2)^2 + x_1^4$

a) One iterate of Newton's method with Armijo's steplength.

$$x^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mu = 1/10$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 4x_1^3 + x_1 - 2x_2 \\ -2x_1 + 4x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1^2 + 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(x^0) = \begin{pmatrix} 32 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \nabla^2 f(x^0) = \begin{pmatrix} 49 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p^k = -\nabla^2 f(x^0)^{-1} \nabla f(x^0) = \dots = \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑
gaussian
elim.

$$\alpha = 1: x' = x^0 + \alpha p^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 2/3 \end{pmatrix}, f(x^0) = 16, \\ f(x') = \frac{256}{81}, \nabla f(x^0)^T p^0 = -64/3$$

PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION 5

KKT conditions

$$(P) \quad \begin{array}{l} \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i=1, \dots, m \\ \quad \quad h_j(x) = 0, \quad j=1, \dots, l \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i=1, \dots, m \\ \quad \quad h_j(x) = 0, \quad j=1, \dots, l \end{array}} \right\} S$$

Def Tangent cone

$$T_S(x) := \{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists \{x^k\} \subset S, \{ \lambda_k \} \subset (0, \infty), x_k \rightarrow x, \lambda_k(x_k - x) \rightarrow p \}$$

Also; active constraints and gradient cone.

Constraint CQ:

Def Abadie's.
Def LICQ.
Affine
Slater

Implication

KKT conditions: $x^* \in S$

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \nabla g_i(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \\ \lambda_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j \end{array} \right\} \text{Dual feasibility}$$

$$\mu_i g_i(x^*) = 0 \quad \forall i \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_i \geq 0 \\ \lambda_j \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{Complementarity}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} g_i(x^*) \leq 0 \quad \forall i \\ h_j(x^*) = 0 \quad \forall j \end{array} \right) \left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_i \geq 0 \\ \lambda_j \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{Primal feasibility}$$

Thm IF Abadie's CQ holds at $x^* \in S$, then

x^* loc. min. $\rightarrow x^*$ KKT point.

Thm If (P) convex, then

~~x^*~~ KKT point \Rightarrow ~~x^*~~ glob. min.

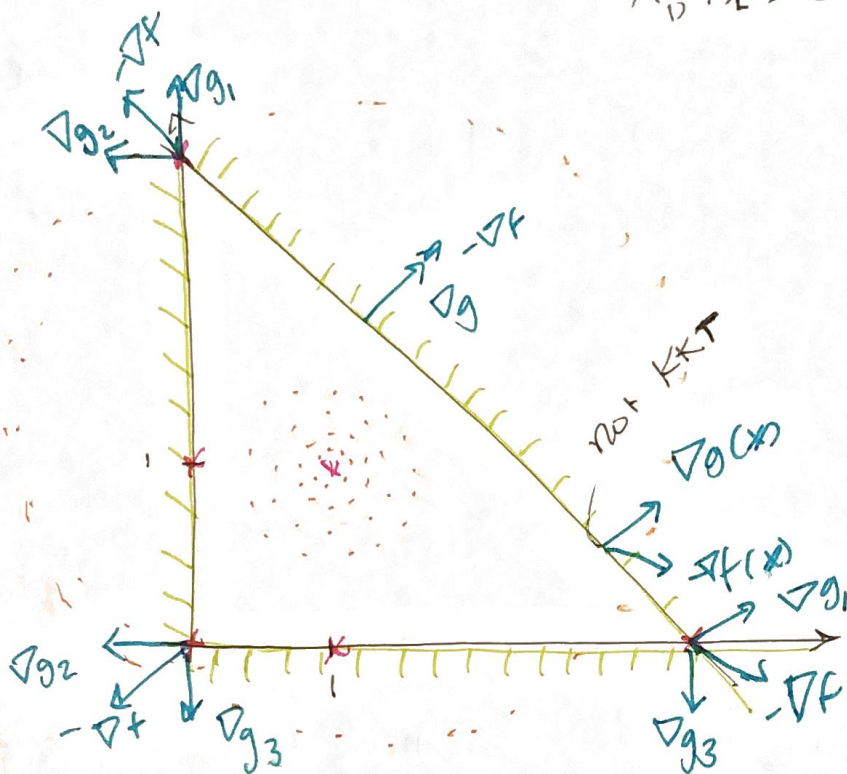
5.2

$$\min -(x_1 - 1)^2 - (x_2 - 1)^2$$

s.t.

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 4$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$



e) draw all KKT points

E3.3

a) necessary? Affine CQ \Rightarrow Abadie's CQ \rightarrow KKT necessary
 convex problem \Rightarrow KKT sufficient.

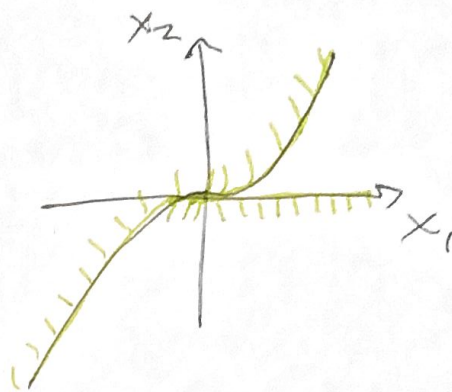
b) Same as a). Show it!

c) g_i convex.
 $\bar{x} = (1, 1) \Rightarrow g_i(\bar{x}) < 0 \forall i \} \Rightarrow$ Slater CQ \Rightarrow KKT necessary
 if nonconvex \Rightarrow no conclusion about sufficiency.

d) you can show

$$T_S(x^*) = G(x^*)$$

\Rightarrow KKT not necessary.



5.11

$$\min f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2 / c_j$$

$$c_j > 0 \forall j, D > 0$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_j = D$$

$$x_j \geq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

Find unique optimal solution

Affine c@ holds \Rightarrow "x loc min \Leftrightarrow KKT point" (necessity)

Sum of convex is convex \Rightarrow f is convex } \Rightarrow problem is convex.
 S polyhedron \Rightarrow S convex.

\Rightarrow KKT sufficient for global optimality.

$$h(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j - D, \quad g_j(x) = -x_j, \quad \nabla h = \mathbf{1}, \quad \nabla g_j = -e_j$$

$$\nabla f_j(x) = \frac{2x_j}{c_j}$$

$$\frac{2x_j}{c_j} + \mu_j (-1) + \lambda = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu_j = \frac{2x_j}{c_j} + \lambda$$

$$\mu_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j$$

$$\mu_j (-x_j) = 0 \quad \forall j \Rightarrow \left(\frac{2x_j}{c_j} + \lambda \right) (-x_j) = 0$$

$x_j = 0$
 $x_j = \frac{-\lambda c_j}{2}$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_j = D$$

$$x_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j$$

$$x = 0 \notin S \Rightarrow \exists j: \lambda = -\frac{2x_j}{c_j}, \quad x_j > 0$$

$$\mu_j \geq 0: \left(\frac{2x_j}{c_j} - \frac{2x_j}{c_j} \right) \geq 0 \quad \frac{x_j}{c_j} \geq \frac{x_s}{c_s} > 0 \quad \forall j$$

$$\Rightarrow x_j = \frac{-\lambda c_j}{2}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^s x_j = D \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2D}{\sum_{j=1}^s c_j} \Rightarrow x_j = \frac{D c_j}{\sum_{i=1}^s c_i} \quad \forall j \quad \square$$

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PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION

5.2

$$\begin{aligned} \min & -(x_1-1)^2 - (x_2-1)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & g_1 = x_1 + x_2 \leq 4 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

e) Find all KKT points visually

$$\nabla f = 0$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} -2(x_1-1) \\ -2(x_2-1) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (1, 1) \rightarrow \text{KKT}$$

f) Which points are global optimal

g_1 linear $\Rightarrow S$ is convex
 $(1, 1)$ interior point

$\} \Rightarrow$ Slater CQ hold \Rightarrow KKT necessary

f is not convex \Rightarrow KKT is not sufficient.

check the objective function value of all KKT points.

at $(0, 4)^T, (4, 0)^T$ $f^* = -10$ are global opt.

5.11

$$\begin{aligned} \min f(x) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j^2}{c_j} \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{j=1}^n x_j = D \\ & x_j \geq 0 \quad j=1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

where $c_j > 0$ $j=1, \dots, n$, $D > 0$

Find the global optimal solution.

check KKT: all constraints affine \Rightarrow Affine CQ holds \Rightarrow
 KKT necessary

Slater: does not hold.

KKT conditions:

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_i \mu_i \nabla g_i(x^*) + \sum_j \lambda_j \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0$$

$$\mu_i \geq 0$$

$$h_j(x^*) = 0$$

$$g_i(x^*) \leq 0$$

$$\mu_i g_i(x^*) = 0$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2x_1}{c_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{2x_n}{c_n} \end{pmatrix} \quad \nabla g_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{row} \quad \nabla h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

if all $\mu_i = 0$ contradict

at least $\exists x_j^* > 0 \quad \mu_j = 0$

for i th row: we can get: $\frac{2x_j^*}{c_j} - \mu_i + \lambda = 0$

$$\lambda = -\frac{2x_j^*}{c_j} < 0$$

Suppose $\exists x_i^* = 0$, then for i th row:

$$\frac{2x_i^*}{c_i} - \mu_i + \lambda = 0 \quad \mu_i = \lambda = -\frac{2x_j^*}{c_i} < 0$$

contradict!

all $x_i^* > 0 \Rightarrow \mu_i = 0$ for all i

$$\frac{2x_i^*}{c_i} + \lambda = 0 \quad \frac{2x_i^*}{c_i} = \frac{2x_i^*}{c_i} = -\lambda$$

$$x_i = \frac{-\lambda c_i}{2} - \frac{\lambda(c_1 + \dots + c_n)}{2} = D$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-2D}{\sum_{j=1}^n c_j} \Rightarrow x_i^* = \frac{c_i D}{\sum_{j=1}^n c_j}$$

KKT necessary
only one KKT point } \Rightarrow The KKT point is global opt.

Thm Global optimality conditions

(x^*, μ^*) is a pair of primal optimal solution
Lagrange multiplier vector iff

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu^* \geq 0^n \quad (\text{Dual feasibility}) \\ x^* \in \arg \min_{x \in X} L(x, \mu^*) \quad (\text{Lagrange optimality}) \\ x^* \in \bar{X} \quad g(x^*) \leq 0^m \quad (\text{Primal feasibility}) \\ \mu_i^* g_i(x^*) = 0 \quad (\text{complementary slackness}) \end{array} \right.$$

6.10

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & -2x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 + x_2 \leq 3 \quad (1) \end{array}$$

$$x \in \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Lagrange relax (1)

Which optimality condition can't be fulfilled?

calculate the optimality gap $\Gamma = f^* - q^*$

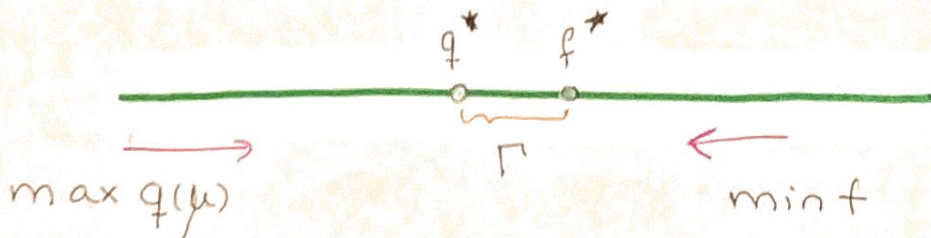
$$L(x, \mu) = -2x_1 + x_2 + \mu(x_1 + x_2 - 3) \\ = -3\mu + x_1(\mu - 2) + x_2(\mu + 1)$$

$$q(\mu) = \min_{x \in \Sigma} -3\mu + x_1(\mu - 2) + x_2(\mu + 1) \quad \mu \in [0, +\infty]$$

look at the sign.

$$\mu \in [0, 2] \quad \max x_1, \min x_2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow q(\mu) = \mu - 8$$

$$\mu \in (2, +\infty) \quad \min x_1, \min x_2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow q(\mu) = -3\mu$$



$$\mu \in [0, 2] \quad q^* = -6$$

$$\mu^* = 2$$

$$\mu \in (2, +\infty) \quad q^* = -6$$

$$\max q(\mu) = -6 \quad \mu = \mu^* \text{ on } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Plus in all variables being and try.

$(0, 0)$ complementary slackness is not fulfilled.

$(4, 0)$ doesn't fulfill feas.

complementary slackness is not fulfilled.

$$x^* = (2, 1)^T \quad f^* = -3, \quad \Gamma = f^* - q^* = 3$$

5.11

Correction:

only one KKT point }
 KKT necessary } $\Rightarrow x^*$ is opt.
 \exists global opt }

6.4

$$\min f(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1 + x_2 \geq 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (1) \quad g_1 = -x_1 - x_2 + 2 \leq 0$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 5$$

Find optimal solution through Lagrange duality.

We relax (1).

$$L(x, \mu) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + \mu(-x_1 - x_2 + 2)$$

$$q(\mu) = 2\mu + \min(x_1^2 - \mu x_1) + \min(2x_2^2 - \mu x_2)$$

• $\min x_1^2 - \mu x_1 \quad \nabla = 2x_1 - \mu \quad x_1^* = \frac{\mu}{2} \quad \nabla^2 = 2 > 0$

• $x_2^* = \frac{\mu}{4}$

$$q(\mu) = 2\mu - \frac{\mu^2}{4} - \frac{\mu^2}{8}$$

$$\max q(\mu) = -\frac{3}{8}\mu^2 + 2\mu$$

$$\nabla q = -\frac{3}{4}\mu + 2 = 0 \quad \mu^* = \frac{8}{3} \quad x_1^* = \frac{4}{3}, \quad x_2^* = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\nabla^2 q = -\frac{3}{4} < 0$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{20}{9} \leq 5$$

$$\mu^* \geq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x^* \in \arg \min_{x \in X} L(x, \mu^*) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - 2 = 0$$

$$x^* \in \Sigma, g(x^*) \leq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\mu_i^* g_i(x^*) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

x^* is optimal.

check conditions
for all the
constraints.

← Except in the
last case, here
use only the
relaxed constraints

E3.7 A problem with objective function f , Lagrange relax
some constraints. $q(\mu)$.

a) A primal feasible x^1 $f(x^1) = 6$.
 μ^1 is a positive Lagrange mul. $q(\mu^1) = -2$
What can you say about f^*

$$q(\mu) \leq f^* \leq f \quad -2 \leq f^* \leq 6$$

b) x^2, μ^2 $f(x^2) = 3$ $q(\mu^2) = -4$

$$q(\mu) \leq f \leq f \quad -4 \leq f^* \leq 3 \Rightarrow -2 \leq f^* \leq 3$$

c) $q^* = 3$ $q(\mu) \leq f^*$ $f^* \geq 3 \Rightarrow f^* = 3$

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PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION 7

- Linear programming (LP) \Leftrightarrow optimization with affine objective and constraints.

Def. Standard form LP

$$\begin{aligned} \min z &= C^T x \\ \text{s.t. } Ax &= b \\ x &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

thm All LPs can be transformed into the standard form.

ex.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 \leq 5 &\Leftrightarrow x_1 + x_2 + s_1 = 5 \\ x_1, x_2 \geq 0 &\quad x_1, x_2, s_1 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

E4.2 Write in standard form

$$\begin{aligned} \max 3x_1 - 6x_2 \\ \text{s.t. } 10x_1 - 3x_2 &= 5 \\ -x_1 - 3x_2 &\geq 7 \\ x_2 &\geq 5 \end{aligned}$$

(1) minimize $-f \Rightarrow \min -3x_1 + 6x_2$

(2) Only non-negative variables.

$$x_1 = x_1^+ - x_1^-, \quad \tilde{x}_2 = x_2 - 5 \geq 0 \\ \geq 0 \quad \geq 0$$

(3) Make equality $-x_1 - 3x_2 - s = 7$
 $s \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \min -3(x_1^+ - x_1^-) + 6(\tilde{x}_2 + 5) \\ \text{s.t. } 10(x_1^+ - x_1^-) - 3(\tilde{x}_2 + 5) &= 5 \\ -(x_1^+ - x_1^-) - 3(\tilde{x}_2 + 5) - s &= 7 \\ s &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min & -3x_1^+ + 3x_1^- + 6\tilde{x}_2 + 30 \quad \leftarrow \text{min without constant} \\
 \text{s.t.} & 10x_1^+ - 10x_1^- - 3\tilde{x}_2 = 20 \\
 & -x_1^+ + x_1^- - 3\tilde{x}_2 - 5 = 22 \\
 & x_1^+, \dots, \tilde{s} \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Remember to transform back into the original problem.

8.1 Formulate as linear problems;

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a)} \quad \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} & \sum_{i=1}^m |(Ax-b)_i| \\
 \text{s.t.} & \max_{i=1, \dots, n} |x_i| \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \quad |Ax-b| \leq y \in \mathbb{R}^m \Leftrightarrow -y \leq Ax-b \leq y$$

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^m |Ax-b|_i \Leftrightarrow \min \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } -y \leq Ax-b \leq y$$

Works because we want y to be small

$$(2) \quad \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left| \max_{i=1, \dots, n} |x_i| \leq 1 \right\} \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left| -1 \leq x_i \leq 1, i=1, \dots, n \right\}$$

If you are to be correct, show that these are subsets of one another.

Let's just state

$$-1 \leq x_i \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow |x_i| \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \max_i |x_i| \leq 1$$

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{s.t.} & -y \leq Ax+b \leq y \\
 & -1 \leq x \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Generalization of E3.10

$$\min cx$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax \leq b$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$q(\mu) = \min_{x \geq 0} c^T x + \mu^T (Ax - b) = -\mu^T b + \min_{x \geq 0} (c^T + \mu^T A) x$$

$$\max_{\mu \geq 0} q(\mu) = \max_{\mu \geq 0} \begin{array}{l} -\mu^T b \\ \text{s.t. } c^T + \mu^T A \geq 0 \\ \mu \geq 0 \end{array}$$

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PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION 8

- Simplex method

Def. for $Ax=b$
 $x \geq 0$,

\tilde{x} is a basic feasible solution (BFS), if

(1) $A\tilde{x}=b$
 $\tilde{x} \geq 0$

(2) $\{A_j \mid \tilde{x}_j \neq 0\}$

are linearly independent.

Note BFS \iff extreme point.

8.4 Suppose a linear program includes a free variable x .
Show that if

$$\begin{cases} x = x^+ - x^- \\ x^+, x^- \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

then no BFS can include x^+ & x^- as nonzero.

Proof If a is the column of x , then a and $-a$ are the columns of x^+ and x^- .

So since a and $-a$ are linearly dependent, then both $x^+ \geq 0$ and $x^- \geq 0$ cannot hold for a BFS.

Idea of simplex method

- Move to adjacent BFS in a descent direction.

$$\text{Let } A = (B, N), \quad x = (x_B, x_N), \quad B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

\uparrow
 $= 0 \text{ now}$

$$Ax = Bx_B + Nx_N = b \Rightarrow$$

$$x_B = B^{-1}b - B^{-1}Nx_N$$

$$z = C^T x = C_B^T x_B + C_N^T x_N =$$

$$= C_B^T B^{-1}b + \underbrace{(C_N^T - C_B^T B^{-1}N)}_{:= \bar{C}_N^T} x_N$$

Reduced cost

0. $x = (x_B, x_N)$ is BFS, $A \equiv (B, N)$ (BFS $\Rightarrow B^{-1}b \geq 0$)

1. If $\bar{C}_N \geq 0 \Rightarrow x$ is optimal

Otherwise: Pick $j: (C_N)_j < 0$ (most negative)

column N_j enter the basis. $(x_N)_j$ increase, step size (remain-feasible):

2.

$$x_B = B^{-1}b - B^{-1}N_j x_j \geq 0$$

≥ 0 $= \theta$

• If $B^{-1}N_j \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ unbounded, Stop.

• $i \in \arg \min_{k | (B^{-1}N_j)_k > 0} \frac{(B^{-1}b)_k}{(B^{-1}N_j)_k}$, B_i leave the basis.

Go to 1.

Phase I problem

Find initial BFS

$$\begin{aligned} \min w &= \mathbb{1}^T a \\ \text{s.t.} \quad Ax + Ia &= b \geq 0 \\ x, a &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$Ax = b \quad \text{feasible solution iff } w^* = 0, \\ x \geq 0$$

Hence we start with $x_B = a$.

$$A = [\tilde{A}, I]$$

Whatever you do: You need to start in a BFS

Make sure b is positive, if not, change sign.

9.1 show that

$$(P) = \begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \leq -3 \\ -x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \leq -1 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

is inconsistent.

Phase I problem:

$$\min a_1 + a_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t.} \quad (1) \quad -3x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - s_1 + a_1 &= 3 \\ (2) \quad x_1 + x_2 - x_3 - s_2 + a_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1, \dots, a_2 \geq 0$$

We should always
add artificial
variables

$$w^* = 0 \iff P \text{ feasible.}$$

$$(1) + (2) = 4 = \underbrace{-2x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - s_1 - s_2}_{\leq 0} + \underbrace{a_1 + a_2}_{=w} \leq w$$

$$\Rightarrow w^* \geq 4$$

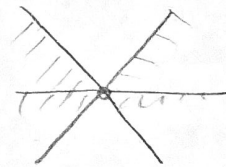
So (P) is inconsistent.

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$$\bar{c}_N > 0 \Rightarrow \text{unique optimal solution}$$

$$\bar{c}_N \geq 0 \quad \& \quad (\bar{B}^{-1}b) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{unique opt.}$$

$$\exists_j (\bar{c}_N)_j = 0$$



degenerate case

9.4 Solve

$$\min z = -x_1 + x_2$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad -x_1 + 2x_2 \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-2x_1 - 2x_2 \geq 1$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

with the simplex method.

(i) to std. form,

$$x_1 = x_1^+ - x_1^-, \quad s_1 \geq 0, \quad s_2 \geq 0$$

(2) Formulate Phase I.

$$\min w = a_1 + a_2$$

$$\text{s. t. } \begin{aligned} -x_1^+ + x_1^- + 2x_2 - s_1 + a_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ -2x_1^+ + 2x_1^- - 2x_2 - s_2 + a_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, N = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$a_1 \quad a_2 \qquad x_1^+ \quad x_1^- \quad x_2 \quad s_1 \quad s_2$

$$x_B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, c_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, c_N^T = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$$

1. Recall $\bar{c}_N = c_N - c_B^T B^{-1} N$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_N^T &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) - (1, 1) B^{-1} N = \\ &= 0 - (1, 1) I \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= (3, \underline{-3}, 0, 1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\min(\bar{c}_N) = -3 \Rightarrow x_1^- \text{ enter}$$

2. $B^{-1} N_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, Find $\max \theta : B^{-1} b - B^{-1} N_2 \theta \geq 0$

$$\theta = \min_{i | (B^{-1} N_2)_i > 0} \frac{(B^{-1} b)_i}{(B^{-1} N_2)_i} = \min \left\{ \frac{1/2}{1}, \frac{1}{2} \right\} = \frac{1}{2}$$

tied, but let a_1 leave.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, N = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$x_1^- \quad a_2$
 $x_1^+ \quad x_2 \quad s_1 \quad s_2 \quad a_1$

$$x_B = B^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, c_N^T = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$$

1.

$$\bar{c}_N^T = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) - (0, 1) \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{(-2, 1)} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= (0, 6, -2, 1, 3) \Rightarrow s_1 \text{ enters the basis}$$

2.

$$B^{-1}N_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

x_1^-
 a_2

$$\theta = \min \left\{ \frac{0}{2} \right\} = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 \text{ leaves the basis,}$$

↑ we do not include the ones that are less than zero in our min ratio test.

$$\Rightarrow x_B = (x_1^-, s_1) \text{ is a BFS.}$$

(3) Phase II:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \quad -x_1^+ + x_1^- + x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad -x_1^+ + x_1^- + 2x_2 - s_1 = 1/2 \\ & \quad -2x_1^+ + 2x_1^- - 2x_2 - s_2 = 1 \\ & \quad x_1^+, x_1^-, x_2, s_1, s_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, N = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$x_1 \quad s_1$
 $x_1^+ \quad x_2 \quad s_2$

$$x_B = B^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ -1 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_B^T = (1, 0), c_N^T = (-1, 1, 0)$$

$$\bar{c}_N = c_N - c_B^T B^{-1} N = (-1, 1, 0) - (1, 0) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ -1 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= (0, 1/2)$$

$$= (0, 2, 1/2) \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

x_B is optimal.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1^- = 1/2 \\ s_1 = 0 \\ x_N = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -1/2 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{array}, z^* = -(-1/2) + 0 = 1/2$$

Multiple solutions to artificial problem, but unique to original.

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PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION

PRIMAL (P)

$$\begin{aligned} \min c^T x \\ \text{s.t. } Ax \geq b \\ x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

DUAL (D)

$$\begin{aligned} \max b^T y \\ \text{s.t. } A^T y \leq c \\ y \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Pos. variables \iff

canonical constraints
(\leq in max, \geq in min)

neg. variables \iff

non-canonical constraints
(\geq in max, \leq in min)

free variables \iff

equality constraints

ES.1 Formulate the dual to

$$\begin{aligned} \min 3x_1 + 2x_2 \\ \text{(P) s.t. } x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 3 & \quad (y_1) \\ x_1 + x_2 \leq 10 & \quad (y_2) \\ 5x_1 - x_2 \geq 8 & \quad (y_3) \\ x_1 \geq 0 \\ x_2 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max 3y_1 + 10y_2 + 8y_3 \\ \text{(D) } y_1 + y_2 + 5y_3 \leq 3 \\ 2y_1 + y_2 - y_3 \geq 2 \\ y_1, y_2 \leq 0 \\ y_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

A linear program is either:

- Feasible with optimal solution
- Infeasible
- Unbounded

Weak duality

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x \text{ feasible in (P)} \\ y \text{ feasible in (D)} \end{array} \right\} c^T x \geq b^T y$$

Strong duality

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^* \text{ optimal in (P)} \\ y^* \text{ optimal in (D)} \end{array} \right\} \iff \begin{array}{l} x^* \text{ feasible in (P)} \\ y^* \text{ feasible in (D)} \\ (x^*, y^* \text{ fulfill complementary slackness}) \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} y_j (c_j - y^T A_j) = 0 \\ y_i (A_i x - b_i) = 0 \end{array}$$

E5.2

- (P) is infeasible \Rightarrow (D) infeasible or unbounded
- (P) is feasible with optimal solution \Rightarrow
(D) is feasible with optimal solution
- (P) is unbounded \Rightarrow (D) infeasible
- According to Thm; an optimal primal-dual pair must satisfy
 - Primal feasibility
 - Dual feasibility
 - Complementary slackness.

WHICH OF THESE CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED DURING SIMPLEX?

In each iteration, we have a BFS

$$x = [x_B, x_N]$$

$$A = [B, N] \quad y^T = c_B^T B^{-1}$$

- x is always feasible in simplex method
- x, y satisfies complementary slackness

$$x_j (c_j - y^T A_j) = 0 \quad \forall j$$

For x_N -variables, always ok.

For x_B -variables

$$c_B^T - y^T B = c_B^T - c_B^T B^{-1} B = 0$$

- y feasible?

$$A^T y \leq c \quad ?$$

$$c^T - y^T A \geq 0$$

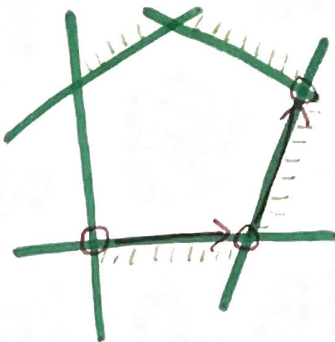
\Leftrightarrow

$$\begin{cases} c_B^T - c_B^T B^{-1} B = 0 \geq 0 \\ c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} N \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{c}_N = \rightarrow c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} N \geq 0$$

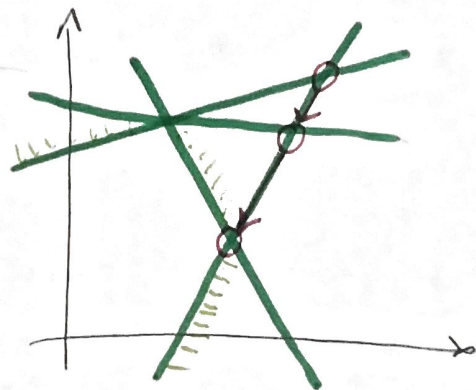
only feasible if x^* is optimal.

PRIMAL



DUAL

(only conceptually)



10.13

Consider

$$\min x_1 - 18x_2 - c_3x_3 - c_4x_4$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 + s_1 = 3$$

$$-3x_1 + 4x_2 - 5x_3 - 6x_4 + s_2 = 1$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2 \geq 0$$

For which c_3, c_4 is $x_B = [x_1, x_2]$ optimal?

let

$$x_B = [x_1, x_2]$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_N = [x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2]$$

$$N = \dots$$

$$c_B^T = [1, -18]$$

$$c_N^T = [-c_3, -c_4, 0, 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{c}_N^T = c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} N = [5 - c_3, 8 - c_4, 5, 2] \geq 0$$

$$\geq 0 \text{ if } \begin{cases} c_3 \leq 5 \\ c_4 \leq 8 \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(LP)} \quad \max z &= -x_1 + 18x_2 + c_3x_3 + c_4x_4 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 \leq 3 \\ &-3x_1 + 4x_2 - 5x_3 - 6x_4 \leq 1 \\ &x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Find values of c_3, c_4 such that the basic solution with $x_B = (x_1, x_2)$ is an opt. BFS to the problem. SF:

$$\begin{aligned} \min z &= x_1 - 18x_2 - c_3x_3 - c_4x_4 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 + s_1 = 3 \\ &-3x_1 + 4x_2 - 5x_3 - 6x_4 + s_2 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_B = (x_1, x_2)^T \quad x_N = (x_3, x_4, s_1, s_2)^T$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad N = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & -6 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Feasible?

$$x_B = B^{-1}b = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Opt?

$$c_B^T = (1, -18) \quad c_N^T = (-c_3, -c_4, 0, 0)$$

$$\tilde{c}_N^T = c_N^T - c_B^T B^{-1} N = \dots = (5 - c_3, 8 - c_4, s_1, s_2)$$

$$\tilde{C}_N^T \geq 0 \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} 5 - C_3 \geq 0 \\ 8 - C_4 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} C_3 \leq 5 \\ C_4 \leq 8 \end{array}$$

Subgradient

Let f be a convex function, we say g is a subgradient at $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ if

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + g^T(y-x) \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

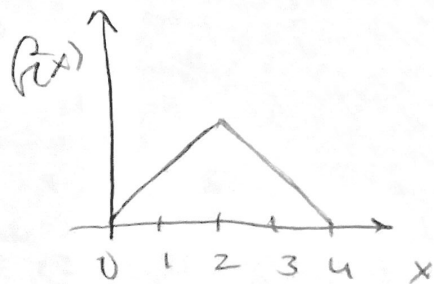
The set of g defines the sub differential of f at x and is denoted as $\partial f(x)$

$$\partial f(\bar{x}) = \{ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + p^T(x-\bar{x}), \forall x \in S \}$$

If f is differentiable: $\partial f(\bar{x}) = \nabla f(\bar{x})$

$$0^n \in \partial f(x^*) \iff f \text{ is global min at } x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Ex. 9 $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 4-x & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$



- a) Find the subdifferential of $f(x)$ at $x=1$. $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x=1 \Rightarrow \partial f(\bar{x}) = \nabla f(\bar{x}) = 1$.

- b) Find the subdifferential of $f(x)$ at $x=2$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = -1$$

So

$$\partial f(2) = [-1, 1]$$

Convex min problem feasible set closed and convex

Subgradient projection algorithm

Step 0: $x_0, f_{\text{best}}^0 = f(x_0), k=0$

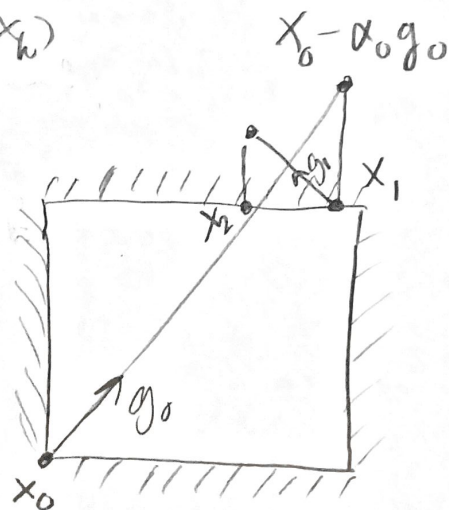
Step 1: find a subgradient $g_k \in \partial f(x_k)$

Step 2: $x_{k+1} = \text{Proj}_X (x_k - \alpha_k g_k)$

Step 3: $f_{\text{best}}^{k+1} = \min(f_{\text{best}}^k, f(x_{k+1}))$

Step 4: Termination criteria fulfilled \Rightarrow stop.

otherwise go to step 1, $k=k+1$.



E5.1

$$\min \|x\|,$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax = b$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

A has full rank $m < n$ rank $A = m$

- Write down the projected subgradient update

Lemma 12.26: feasible descent direction
from projected gradients

for problem:

$$\min f(x)$$

$$Ex = D$$

$$Ax \leq b$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ E \end{pmatrix}, \text{ full rank}$$

x is a feasible point, $P = I^n - M^T(MM^T)^{-1}M$

then

$$p = -P \nabla f(x)$$

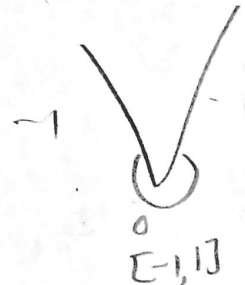
is a feasible descent direction.

$P = I^n - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}A$
for first problem.

$$p = -P \cdot g \quad (g \in \partial f(x))$$

We look at $\tilde{f} = |x_i|$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial x_i} = \begin{cases} 1 & x_i > 0 \\ [-1, 1] & x_i = 0 \\ -1 & x_i < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$g(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & x_i > 0 \\ 0 & x_i = 0 \\ -1 & x_i < 0 \end{cases} \quad g(x_i) \in \partial f(x_i)$$

$$g_i(x_i) = \text{sign}(x_i)$$

$$f = \|x\|, \quad f = |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n|$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{sign}(x_1) \\ \text{sign}(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \text{sign}(x_n) \end{pmatrix} \in \partial f(x)$$

$g(x) = \text{sign}(x)$ is a subgradient of f at \bar{x}_j .

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \alpha_k (I - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}A) \text{sign}(x^k)$$

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d) Which conditions of theorem 10.15 are satisfied during the iterations of the simplex algorithm by defining

$$y^T = c_B^T B^{-1} \quad (\text{shadow price})$$

Theorem 10.15: primal feasibility, dual feasibility, Complementary slackness:

$$\begin{cases} x_j (c_j - y^T A_j) = 0 \\ y_i (A_i x - b_i) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Primal feasibility: x feasible

Dual feasibility: (P) $\min z = c^T x$
 s.t. $Ax = b$
 $x \geq 0$

(D) $\max w = b^T y$
 s.t. $A^T y \leq c$
 y free

We want to know $(A^T y)^T \leq c^T$
 $y^T A \leq c^T$

$$c_B^T B^{-1} A \stackrel{?}{\leq} c^T$$

split $A = (B|N)$ $c = (c_B, c_N)$

$$B: c_B^T B^{-1} B - c_B^T = c_B^T - c_B^T = 0 \leq 0$$

$$N: c_B^T B^{-1} N - c_N^T = -\tilde{c}_N^T \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$$

So this condition holds only at the last iteration.
Dual feasibility is fulfilled only in the opt. point.

Complementary Slackness

$$x_j (c_j - y^T A_j) = 0, \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

for non-basic variables $x_j = 0 \Rightarrow \checkmark$

for basic variables: $c_j - y^T A_j$

$$c_B^T - y^T B = c_B^T - c_B^T B^{-1} B = c_B^T - c_B^T = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \checkmark$

$$y_i \cdot (A_i \cdot x - b_i) = 0$$

$$Ax = b$$

comp. sta. is fulfilled

PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION

Monday
14 October
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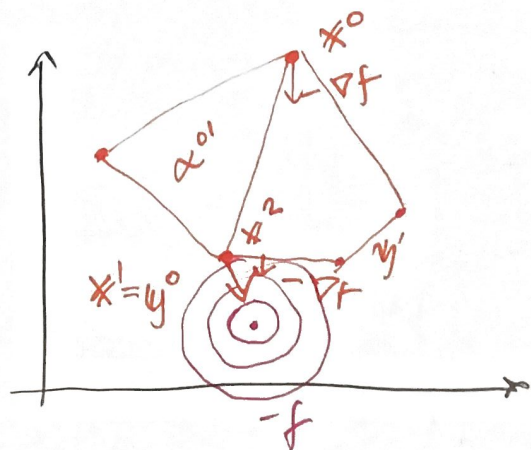
- Feasible-direction methods

$$\begin{aligned} \min f(x), & \quad f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad C \text{ on } \Sigma, \\ \text{s.t. } x \in \Sigma, & \quad \Sigma \text{ Polyhedron} \end{aligned}$$

Frank-Wolfe algorithm (FW)

⇒ linearize f to find search direction

- ① $x^0 \in \Sigma, k=0$
- ① g^k solve $\min_{g \in \Sigma} \nabla f(x^k)^T g, P^k = y^k - x^k$
- ② α_k solve $\min_{\alpha \in [0,1]} f(x^k + \alpha P^k) \rightarrow$ exactly or approximately
- ③ $x^{k+1} = x^k + \alpha_k P^k, k:=k+1$, go to ① unless $\alpha_k \approx 0$ or $\nabla f(x^k)^T P^k \approx 0 \rightarrow$ stationary point

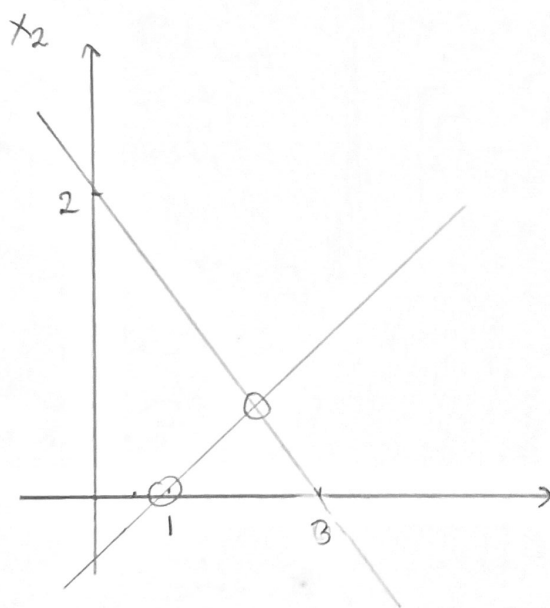


12.4 Use FW.

$$\min x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 - 16x_1 - 24x_2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 \leq 6 \\ x_1 - x_2 \leq 3 \\ x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{cases} = \mathcal{X}$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(x_1 - 8) \\ 8(x_2 - 3) \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{ext}(\mathcal{X}) = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } x^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$1: (1) \min_{y \in \mathcal{X}} \nabla f(x^0)^T y = \min_{y \in \mathcal{X}} -16y_1 - 24y_2 =$$

$$= \min \{0, -144, -48, -108\} \Rightarrow y^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2) \min_{\alpha \in [0,1]} f(x' + \alpha p') = \min_{\alpha \in [0,1]} f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6\alpha \end{pmatrix}\right) = \dots =$$

$$= 1644(\alpha-1)\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x' = x^0 + \alpha_0 p^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2: (1) \min_{y \in X} \nabla f(x')^T y = \min_{y \in X} -16y_1 + 0y_2, \Rightarrow \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, p' = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2) \min_{\alpha \in [0,1]} \underbrace{f(x' + \alpha p')}_{:= \varphi(\alpha)} : \varphi'(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \alpha > 1$$

$$\alpha = 1, x^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3: (1) \min_{y \in X} \nabla f(x^2)^T y = \min_{y \in X} -7y_1 - 12y_2 \Rightarrow \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, p^2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2) \min_{\alpha \in [0,1]} f(x^2 + \alpha p^2) : \varphi'(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{9} \in [0,1] \Rightarrow$$

$$x^3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{9} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4: \min_{y \in X} \nabla f(x^3)^T y = \min_{y \in X} -8y_1 - 8y_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$y^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow p^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\nabla f(x^3)^T p^3 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

x^3 is a stationary point.

PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION

Friday
18 October
8:00

Recap Frank Wolfe algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} \min f(x), \quad f \in C^1 \\ \text{s.t. } x \in \Sigma, \quad \Sigma \text{ polyhedra} \end{aligned}$$

0. $x^0 \in \Sigma, k=0$

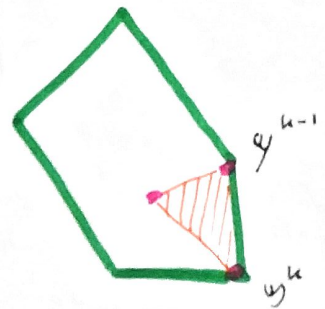
1. y^k , solve $\min_{y \in \Sigma} \nabla f(x^k)^T y$, $p^k = y^k - x^k$

2. α_k , linesearch, $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

3. termination criteria, p^k not descent dir.

Simplicial decomposition

generalise 3 by including old p^k .
 \Rightarrow multidim. line search

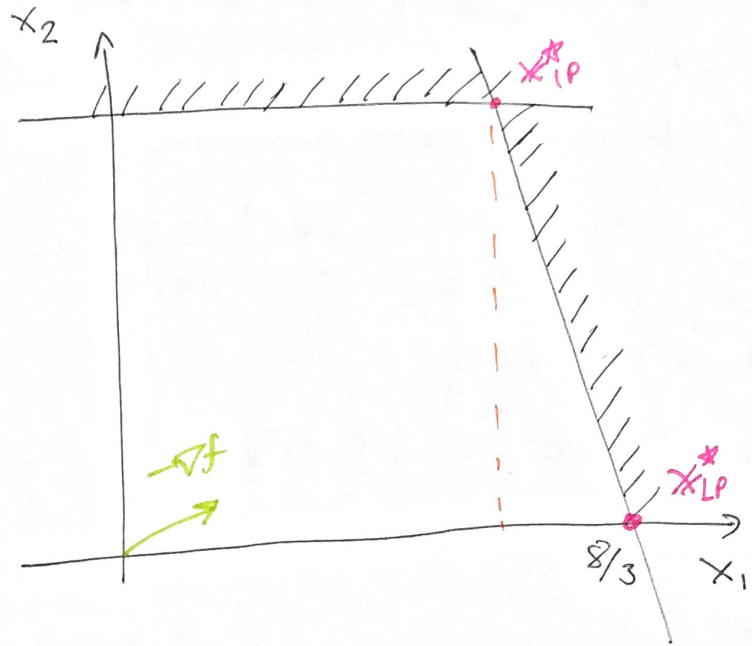


E6.4

Solve

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & -4x_1 - x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 3x_1 + x_2 \leq 8 \\ & x_2 \leq 2 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \\ & x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

a) Graphically, with or without integer constraint.



$$x_{LP}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 8/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_{IP}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z_{LP}^* = -\frac{32}{3} < -10 = z_{IP}^*$$

b) Add $x_1 \leq 2$, what happens?

note: no integer point is removed,
& $x_{LP}^* = x_{IP}^*$

All extreme points are integer!

Penalty methods

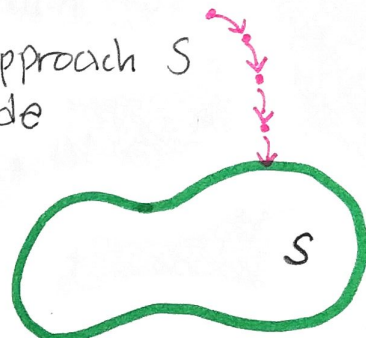
$$\begin{array}{l} \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } x \in S \end{array} \quad (1) \xrightarrow{\text{Idea}} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \chi_S(x),$$

$$\chi_S(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in S \\ \infty, & x \notin S \end{cases}$$

Replace $\chi_S(x)$ with nice function

- Exterior penalty method
 - Penalize infeasible points
 - Increase penalty \Rightarrow opt. sol. approach S from outside

$$\text{Let } S := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \begin{array}{l} g_i(x) \leq 0, i=1, \dots, m \\ h_j(x) = 0, j=1, \dots, l \end{array} \right\}$$



$$\Psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \Psi(t) = 0 \text{ iff } t = 0, \\ \text{eg. } \Psi(t) = t^2.$$

$$\chi_S(x) \approx \nu \tilde{\chi}_S(x) = \nu \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \Psi(\max(0, g_i(x))) + \sum_{j=1}^l \Psi(h_j(x)) \right)$$

Penalty parameter ν

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \nu \tilde{\chi}_S(x) \quad (2)$$

Thm

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_\nu^* \text{ opt. in (2)} \\ x_\nu^* \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow \infty} x^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x^* \text{ opt. in (1)}$$

$$13.3 \quad \min f(x) := \frac{1}{2} (x_1^2 + x_2^2)$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1 = 1$$

Solve using exterior penalty method.

$$\varphi(x, \nu) = \frac{1}{2} (x_1^2 + x_2^2) + \nu (x_1 - 1)^2 =$$

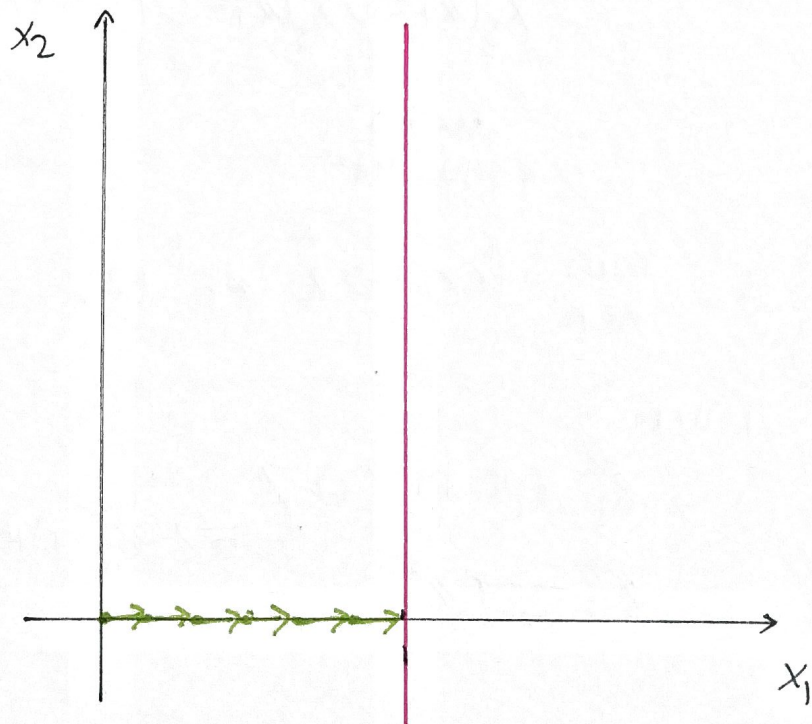
$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} + \nu\right) x_1^2 + \frac{x_2^2}{2} - 2\nu x_1 + \nu$$

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \varphi(x, \nu) = ?$$

φ convex, enough to find $\nabla_x \varphi(x, \nu) = 0$.

$$\nabla_x \varphi(x, \nu) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (1+2\nu)x_1 - 2\nu = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{2\nu}{1+2\nu} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{\nu} + 2} \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow \infty} 1$$



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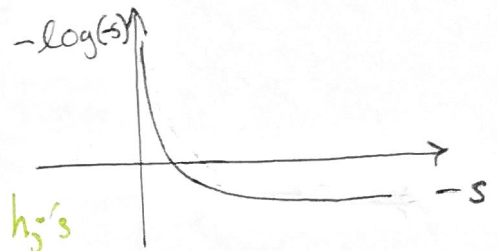
- Interior penalty method

- add a penalty in interior of S : $\rightarrow \infty$ at the boundary, let it decrease in strict interior.
- tend to opt. sol. from within S .

Let $\phi: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ s.t. $\phi(s_k) \xrightarrow{s_k \rightarrow 0^+} \infty$,

e.g. $\phi(s) = -\log(s)$

\uparrow convex



We do not want to be on the boundary \Rightarrow no h_j 's

$$\chi_S(x) \approx \nu \tilde{\chi}_S(x) = \nu \sum_{i=1}^m \phi(g_i(x))$$

- Note: S has to have a strict interior point: $g_i(\bar{x}) < 0 \forall i$.

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \nu \tilde{\chi}_S(x) \quad (3)$$

If S is nice (see book):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_{\nu}^* \text{ opt. in (3)} \\ x_{\nu}^* \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow 0^+} x^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x^* \text{ is opt. in (1)}$$

13.5 Solve

$$\min \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

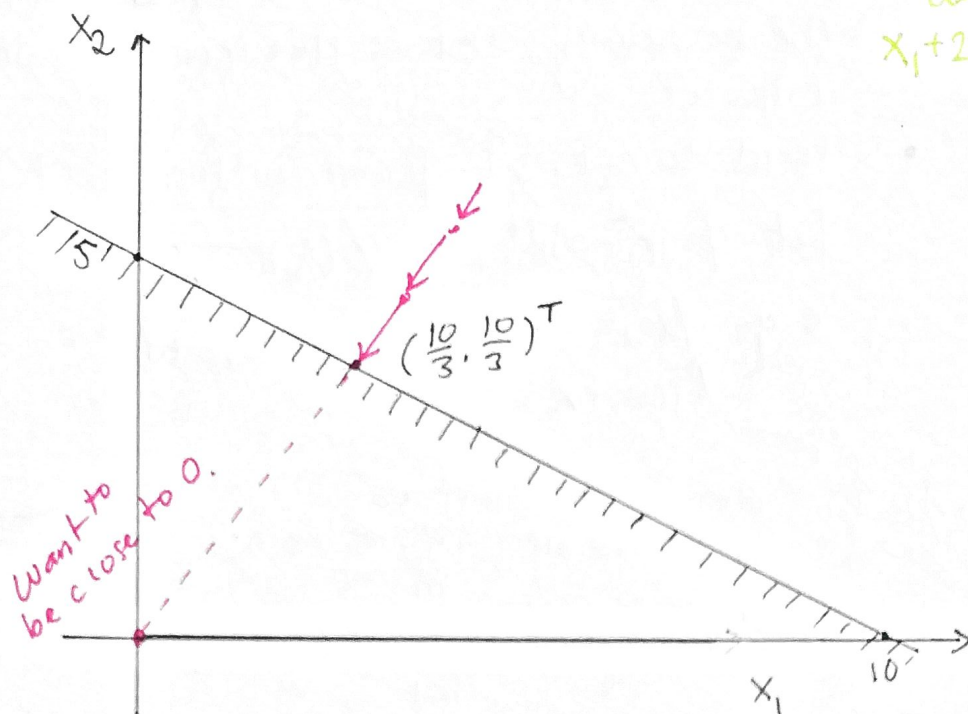
$$\text{s.t. } x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 10.$$

use interior logarithmic barrier penalty method.

$$\varphi(x, \nu) = \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 + x_2^2 - \nu \log(x_1 + 2x_2 - 10)$$

convex
convex

assume $x_1 + 2x_2 - 10 > 0$



$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \varphi(x, \nu) = ?$$

$$\nabla_x \varphi(x, \nu) = \begin{cases} x_1 - \frac{\nu}{x_1 + 2x_2 - 10} = 0 \\ 2x_2 - \frac{2\nu}{x_1 + 2x_2 - 10} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\nu = x_1(x_1 + 2x_2 - 10) \Rightarrow$$

$$2x_2 - 2x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\nu = 3x_1^2 - 10x_1 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{5}{3} \pm \sqrt{\frac{25 + 3\nu}{9}}$$

- gives infeasible sol.

$$x_1^*(\nu) = x_2^*(\nu) = \frac{5 + \sqrt{25 + 3\nu}}{3} \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{5}{3} + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$$

(Last exercise that Edvin presents: extends it to include the most important things in the course):

Double check opt. by KKT!

- Problem is convex & strict interior points

e.g. $x_1 = x_2 = 10 \Rightarrow 10 + 2 \cdot 10 = 30 > 10$

- KKT is sufficient for optimality

"KKT" \Rightarrow "opt."

$$\nabla f(x^*) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^* \\ 2x_2^* \end{pmatrix} = \frac{10}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\nabla g(x^*) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \mu \nabla g(x^*) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{10}{3} \geq 0$$

$$g(x^*) = \dots = 0 \Rightarrow g(x^*)\mu = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^* \in S$$

\Rightarrow KKT holds.

\Rightarrow x^* is the optimum.