

# Chapter 1: Introduction

## 1.2 Optimization Models

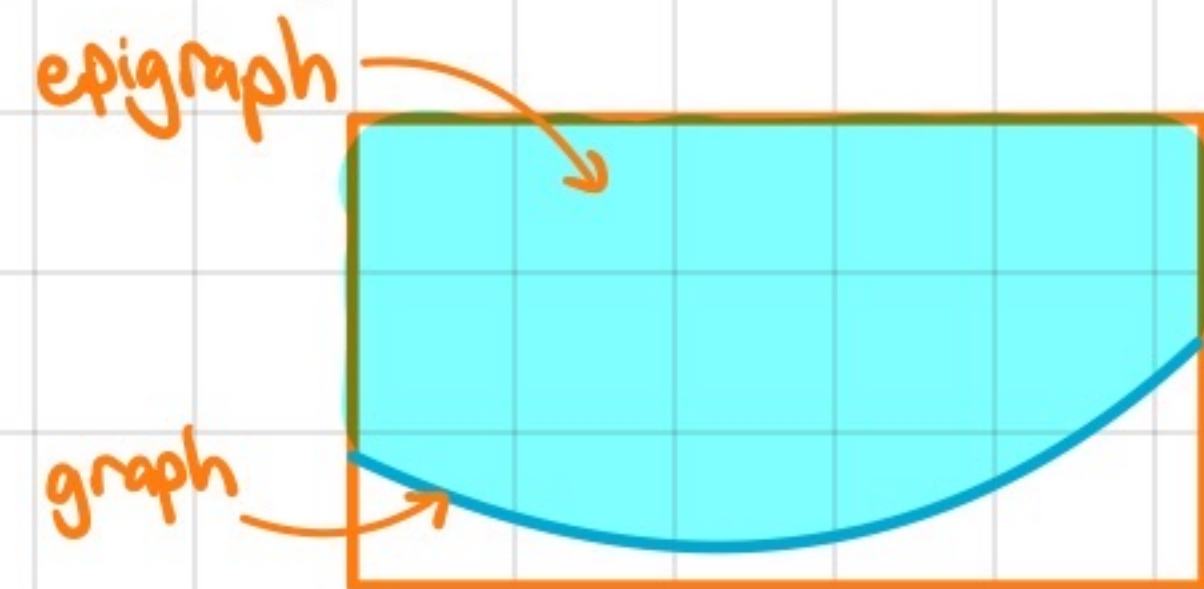
Functions:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  take any  $\mathbb{R}^n$  return value in  $\mathbb{R}$

Domain:  $\text{dom } f$  set of points where the function is finite

Map:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  vector valued functions, return more than one value

Graph:  $G(f) := \{ (x, f(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : x \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$  set of input/output pairs  $f$  can have

Epigraph:  $\text{epi } f := \{ (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \geq f(x) \}$  input/output pairs  $f$  can achieve, or anything above



Level Set:  $L_+(f) := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t = f(x) \}$  set of points achieving exactly some value for function  $f$

Sub-level Set:  $S_+(f) := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \geq f(x) \}$  set of points achieving at most a certain value for  $f$ , or below

Functional Form:  $p^* := \min_x f_0(x)$  subject to  $f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1, \dots, m$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : decision var  
 $f_0: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : objective func, cost  
 $f_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i=1 \dots m$ : constraints  
 $p^*$ : optimal value

Epigraph Form:  $p^* := \min_{x,t} t$  subject to  $f_0(x) - t \leq 0, f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1 \dots m$

Feasible Set:  $X := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1 \dots m \}$  satisfies the constraints

Optimal Value:  $p^*$  value of objective at optimum

Optimal Set:  $X^{\text{opt}} := \arg \min_{x \in X} f_0(x)$  set of feasible points where obj func is optimal

# Chapter 2: Linear Algebra

## 2.1 Vectors

### Basics

Vector:  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$   $\mathbb{R}^n$  real components single point in  $n$ -dimensional space

Independence: set of vectors  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   $i=1, \dots, m$  independent iff  $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i x_i = 0$   $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m$   $\lambda = 0$ , no vector in set can be expressed as linear combination of others

**Subspace:** subset closed under addition and scalar multiplication, flat, through origin  
 Subspace  $S$  can be represented as span of set of vectors  
 $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, i=1, \dots, m$   $S = \text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_m) := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i x_i : \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

**Basis:** set of  $n$  independent vectors. If vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  form basis, can express any vector as linear combination of  $u_i$ 's:  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i$

standard basis:  $e_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $e_2 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $e_3 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Basis of Subspace:** basis of subspace  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is any independent set of vectors whose span is  $S$

**Dimension:** choice of the basis is independent of # vectors in basis

## Scalar Product, Norms

**Scalar Product:**  $x^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$  also  $\langle x, y \rangle$

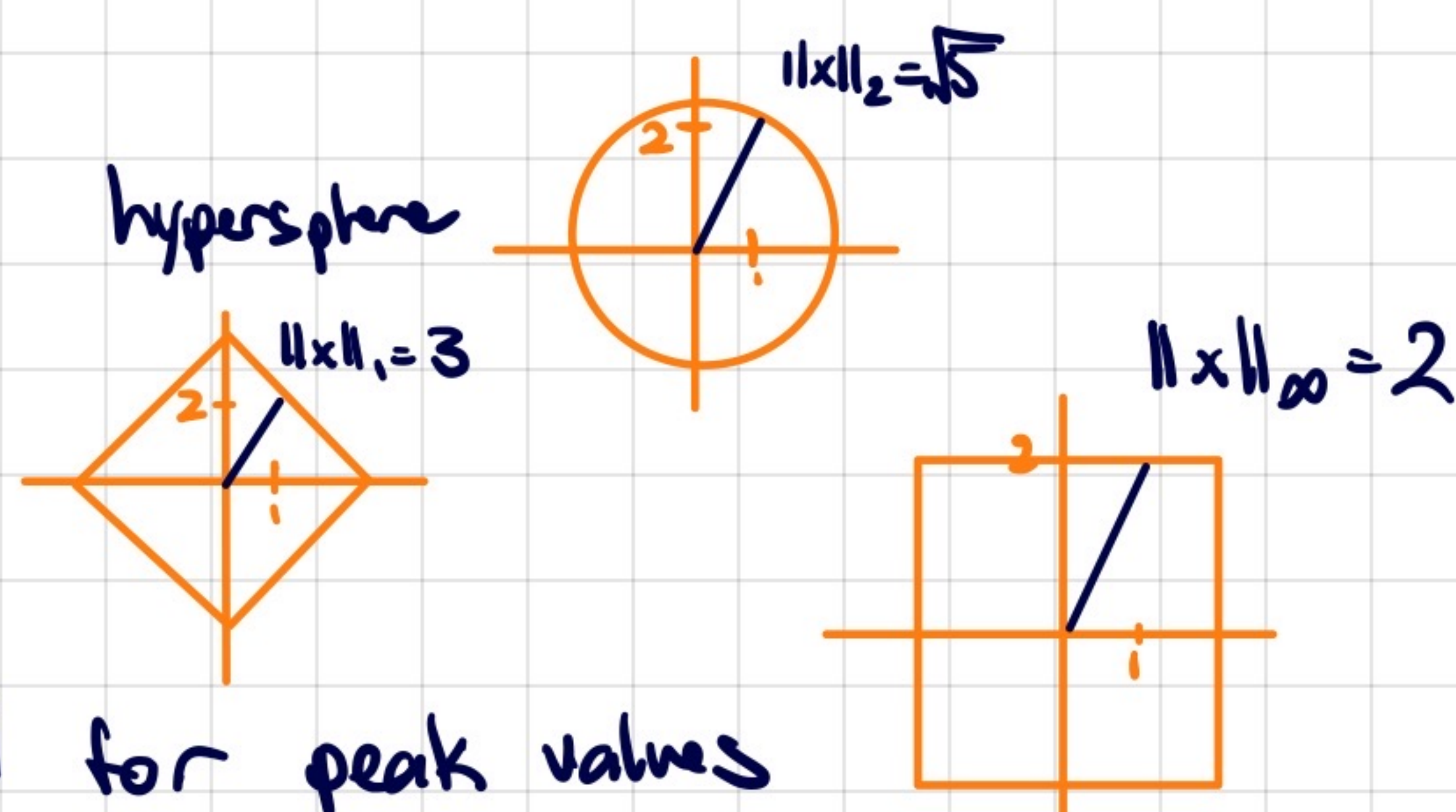
**Orthogonality:**  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  orthogonal if  $x^T y = 0$

### 3 Popular Norms

1. **L2 Norm (Euclidean):**  $\|x\|_2 := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \sqrt{x^T x}$

2. **L1 Norm:**  $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$

3. **L $\infty$  Norm:**  $\|x\|_\infty := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$



**Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality:** For any two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$x^T y \leq \|x\|_2 \cdot \|y\|_2 \quad \text{equality iff } x, y \text{ are colinear}$$

$$\max_{x: \|x\|_2=1} x^T y = \|y\|_2$$

$$\text{optimal } x^* = \frac{y}{\|y\|_2} \text{ if } y \text{ non-zero}$$

**Angle between vectors**

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x^T y}{\|x\|_2 \|y\|_2}$$

## Projection on a Line

**Projection:** for line in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  passing through  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , direction

$u \in \mathbb{R}^n$   $\{x_0 + tu : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , projection of point  $x$  on the line is vector  $z$  on the line closest to  $x$

$$\min_t \|x - x_0 - tu\|_2 \quad t^* = u^T (x - x_0)$$

projected vector:  $z^* = x_0 + \frac{u^T (x - x_0)}{u^T u} u$

## Orthogonalization

orthonormal: orthogonal  $u_i^T u_j = 0, i \neq j$  and normal  $\|u_i\|_2 = 1$

orthogonalization: procedure to find orthonormal basis of span of given vectors

vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , compute vectors  $q_1, \dots, q_r \in \mathbb{R}^n$  st  
 $S := \text{span}\{a_1, \dots, a_k\} = \text{span}\{q_1, \dots, q_r\}$   $r$ : dimension  $S$   
 $q_i^T q_j = 0 (i \neq j), q_i^T q_i = 1, 1 \leq i, j \leq r$

## Gram-Schmidt Procedure

orthogonalization algo, orthogonalize each vector wrt previous ones, normalize result

Vectors Independent  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

1)  $\tilde{q}_1 = a_1$

2) normalize: set  $q_1 = \frac{\tilde{q}_1}{\|\tilde{q}_1\|_2}$

3) remove component of  $q_1$  in  $a_2$ :  $\tilde{q}_2 = a_2 - (a_2^T q_1) q_1$

4) normalize:  $q_2 = \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|_2}$

5) remove components of  $q_1, q_2$  in  $a_3$ :  $\tilde{q}_3 = a_3 - (a_3^T q_1) q_1 - (a_3^T q_2) q_2$

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Vectors Dependent

1) set  $r=0$

2) for  $i=1 \dots n$ :

set  $\tilde{q}_i = a_i - \sum_{j=1}^r (q_j^T a_i) q_j$

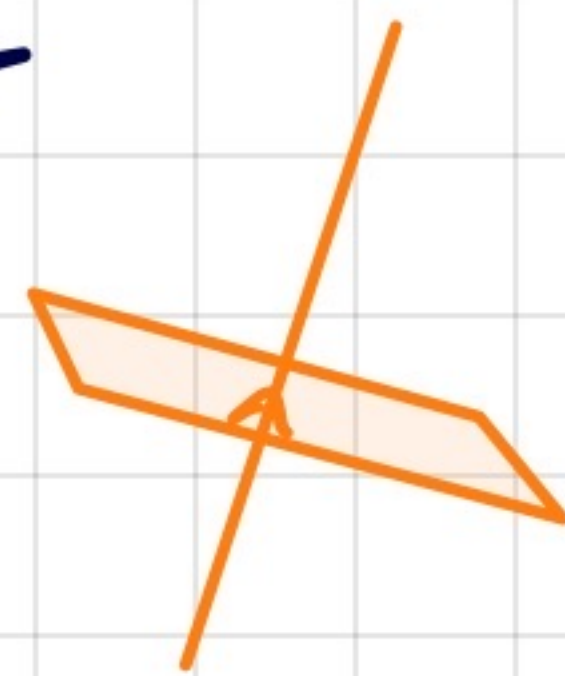
if  $\tilde{q}_i \neq 0$ ,  $r=r+1$ ;  $q_r = \frac{\tilde{q}_i}{\|\tilde{q}_i\|_2}$

# Hyperplanes

Hyperplane:  $H = \{x: a^T x = b\}$  set described by scalar product

$b=0$ : hyperplane orthogonal to  $a$

$b \neq 0$ : hyperplane is translation along direction  $a$ , of set



Half space:  $H = \{x: a^T x \geq b\}$  set of points  $a^T(x-x_0) \geq 0$

# Linear Functions

Linear Functions: Preserve scaling and addition of input

for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x)$

for every  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f(x_1 + x_2) = f(x_1) + f(x_2)$

affine iff function  $\bar{f}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\bar{f}(x) = f(x) - f(0)$  is linear  
can be expressed w/ scalar product  $f(x) = a^T x + b$

affine func gradient:  $\nabla f(x) = a$  for  $f(x) = a^T x + b$

First order expansion of function:

first-order approx of differentiable function  $f$  at point  $x_0$

form  $f(x) \approx l(x) = f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0)^T (x - x_0)$

## 2.2 Matrices

### Basics

Matrix: collection of  $n$  column vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $n$  points in dimensional space

$$A = (a_1 \dots a_n)$$

Transpose:  $A^T$  matrix w/  $(i,j)$  element  $A_{ji}$

### Matrix Products

Matrix-vector Product:  $Ax = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix-Matrix Product:  $(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj}$

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

Blocks:  $AB = (A_1, A_2) \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix} = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 A_1 & B_1 A_2 \\ B_2 A_1 & B_2 A_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Trace:  $\text{Tr} A = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}$  trace of square matrix  $A$  is sum of diagonal elements  $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$

## Special Matrices

Identity Matrix:  $I$  ones on diagonals, zero elsewhere

Diagonal Matrices:  $\text{diag}(a)$ :  $A_{ij} = 0$  when  $i \neq j$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetric Matrices:  $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$  for every pair  $(i,j)$

Upper Triangular:  $A \in M^{n \times n}$ ,  $A_{ij} = 0$  when  $i < j$

Orthogonal Matrices:  $U^T U = I_n$  columns form orthonormal basis

Correspond to rotations around point, reflections across line

Dyad:  $Ax = (uv^T)x = (v^T x)u$  rank 1 matrices, output always points in same direction  $u$  in output space

## QR

QR: factor matrix as product of two matrices

$A$  full column rank

$$1) a_i = (a_i^T q_1)q_1 + \dots + (a_i^T q_{i-1})q_{i-1} + \| \tilde{q}_i \|_2 q_i, \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$2) A = QR, \quad Q = (q_1 \dots q_n), \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \dots & r_{1n} \\ 0 & r_{22} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & r_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A^T)^T &= A \\ (A+B)^T &= A^T + B^T \\ (AB)^T &= B^T A^T \end{aligned}$$

## Matrix Inverses

Matrix Inverses: invertible only if columns are independent

Full Column Rank:  $m \times n$  matrix if columns are independent,  $m \geq n$

Full Row Rank:  $m \times n$  matrix if rows are independent

## Linear Maps

Linear map: map linear iff every one of components are linear  
can be expressed as  $f(x) = Ax$

## Matrix Norm

Frobenius Norm:  $\|A\|_F := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2} = \sqrt{\text{Tr}(A^T A)}$  avg of squared error norm

Peak Gain:  $\|A\|_{L2} := \max_{\|v\|_2 \leq 1} \|Av\|_2$

## 2.3 Linear Equations

### Existence, Unicity

Linear Equation:  $Ax = y$

$A: \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$   
 $x: \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $y: \mathbb{R}^m$

Solutions in affine subspace

- determine if sol exists
- if unique
- compute solution  $x_0$
- find orthonormal basis

Range:  $R(A) := \{Ax : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  span of columns of  $A$

describes vectors  $y = Ax$  can be attained in output space by arbitrary choice of a vector  $x$  in the input space

Rank: dimension of the range, rank cannot exceed dimensions  $A: r \leq \min(m, n)$   
full rank if  $r = \min(m, n)$

Nullspace:  $N(A) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0\}$   $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Nullity: dimension of the nullspace

### Rank - Nullity Theorem

nullity and rank of  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  add up to column dimension of  $A$ ,  $n$   
nullity =  $n - r$

### Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

Range of a matrix is the orthogonal complement of the nullspace of its transpose

$$R(A)^\perp = N(A^T)$$

### Solving Linear Eq via QR decomposition

When solving linear equations,  $Ax = y$ , once you have upper triangular, you can back substitute

QR Decomposition: express  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  as  $A = QR$   $Q: m \times m$ , orthogonal  $Q^T Q = I_m$   
 $R: n \times n$  upper triangular

Solving linear Equation:

1)  $A=QR$  QR decomposition

2)  $QRx=y \iff Rx=Q^T y$  pre multiply Q with both sides

QR decomposition process

1)  $AP=QR = (Q_1 \ Q_2) \begin{pmatrix} R_1 & R_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$Q: [Q_1 \ Q_2]$   $m \times m$  orthogonal ( $Q^T Q = I_m$ )

$Q_1: m \times r$  orthonormal columns ( $Q_1^T Q_1 = I_r$ )

$Q_2: m \times (m-r)$ , orthonormal columns ( $Q_2^T Q_2 = I_{m-r}$ )

$r$ : rank of  $A$

$R_1: r \times r$  upper triangular, invertible

$R_2: r \times (n-r)$  matrix

$P: m \times m$  permutation mat ( $P^T = P^{-1}$ )

$O$ : zero submatrix  $m-r$  rows

2)  $A=QRP^T \quad R_1 z = Q_1^T y \quad z := P^T x$

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_1 & R_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_1^T y \\ Q_2^T y \end{pmatrix}$$

Assume  $Q_2^T y = 0$ ,

3)  $R_1 z_1 + R_2 z_2 = Q_1^T y$

set  $z_2 = 0$ , invertible triangular matrix  $R_1$

$$x_0 := P \begin{pmatrix} R_1^{-1} Q_1^T y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Set of all solutions

$$x = P \begin{pmatrix} R_1^{-1} Q_1^T (y - R_2 z_2) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = x_0 + L z_2$$

$$L := -P \begin{pmatrix} R_1^{-1} Q_1^T R_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 2.4 Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

### Ordinary Least Squares

Ordinary Least Squares (OLS/LS): minimizes Euclidean norm of residual error

$$\min_x \|Ax - y\|_2^2$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

design, input

$y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

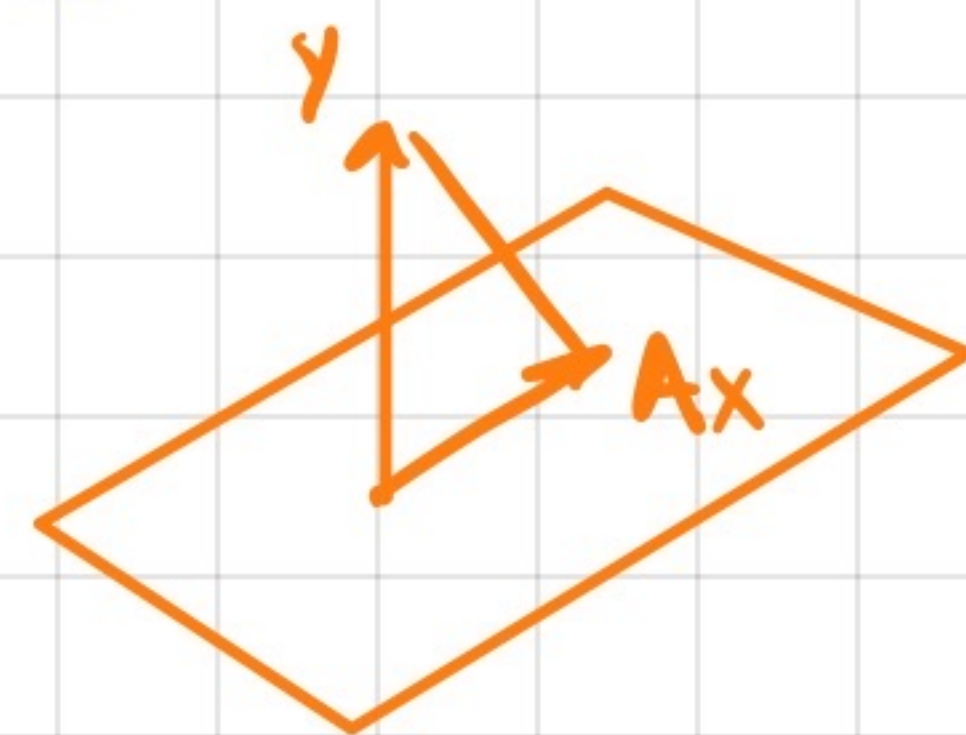
measurement, output

$(A, y)$  problem data

$$r := y - Ax$$

residual error vector

best approx of  $y$  in linear combination of columns of  $A$   
project vector  $y$  on the span of the vectors  $a_i$ 's



# Solving by QR Decomposition

$$x^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$

if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  tall ( $m \geq n$ ) full column rank

## Varants

### Linearly Constrained Least Squares

$$\min_x \|Ax - y\|_2^2 : Cx = d$$

$$C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n} \\ d \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

Solution

$$\min_z \|\tilde{A}z - \tilde{y}\|_2$$

$$\tilde{A} := AN \\ \tilde{y} = y - Ax_0$$

## Kernels

$$\min_w \|X^T w - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \|w\|_2^2$$

$$w \text{ in } \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_m\} \quad w = Xv$$

$$\downarrow \\ \min_v \|Kv - y\|_2^2 + \lambda v^T Kv$$

depends only on  $K := X^T X$

when  $n \gg m$ , dramatic reduction in problem size

$$\text{Gaussian kernels: } k(x, z) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - z\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

## 2.5 Eigenvalues

### Symmetric Matrix Definitions

Quadratic function:  $q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$q(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_i x_j + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i + c$$

$$c, i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$q(x) = x^T A x + 2b^T x + c$$

2nd order approx

$$f(x) \approx q(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{1}{2} f''(x_0)(x - x_0)^2$$

### Spectral Theorem

Eigenvalue:  $\lambda$   $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  symmetric Matrix,  $\lambda$  eigenvalue if

$$Au = \lambda u$$

nonzero vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Eigenvector:  $u$

eigenvector normalized if  $\|u\|_2 = 1$



$$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$$

## Spectral Theorem (Symmetric eigenvalue decomposition (SED))

for any symmetric matrix, exactly  $n$  real eigenvalues, eigenvectors form orthonormal basis

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i u_i^T = U \Lambda U^T, \quad \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

$U := [u_1 \dots u_n]$  orthogonal  
 $U^T U = U U^T = I_n$   
 eigenvectors

Rayleigh Quotients: symmetric matrix  $A$ , smallest, largest eigenvalues as

variational form:  $\lambda_{\min}(A) = \min_x \{x^T A x : x^T x = 1\}$  or  $\frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}$   
 $\lambda_{\max}(A) = \max_x \{x^T A x : x^T x = 1\}$

## Positive-Semi Definite (PSD) Matrices

Quadratic form:  $q(x) = x^T A x$   $q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Positive Semi Definite (PSD):  $A \succeq 0$  iff associated quadratic form  $q$  non-negative everywhere  
 $q(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Positive Definite (PD): quadratic form is non negative, definite  $q(x) = 0$  iff  $x = 0$

## Eigenvalues of PSD Matrices

$q(x) = x^T A x$ ,  $A \in S^n$  is non-negative iff every eigenvalue of symmetric matrix  $A$  is non-negative

## Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Variance Maximization Problem: Find direction  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  st sample variance of corresponding vector  $u^T X = (u^T x_1, \dots, u^T x_n)$  maximal

$$\max_{u: \|u\|_2 = 1} u^T \Sigma u \quad \Sigma := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})^T \quad (\text{sample covariance matrix})$$

Principal Component Analysis (PCA):

- 1) Find direction for maximal variance between the data points
- 2) Project data on hyper-plane orthogonal of that direction
- 3) Using new dataset, find new direction

4) Repeat until enough directions

directions are eigen vectors of data's covariance matrix, or  
finding eigenvalue decomposition of PSD (covariance matrix)

Total Variance:  $\text{Tr} \Sigma = \text{Tr}(U \Lambda U^T) = \text{Tr}(U^T U \Lambda) = \text{Tr} \Lambda = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n$

Ratio of variance explained:  $\frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n}$

## 2.6 Singular Values

### Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) Theorem

complexity:  $O(nm \min(n,m))$

SVD generalizes spectral theorem. Three steps: 1) rotation in the input space  
2) positive scaling so that input space  $\rightarrow$  output space 3) rotation in output space

Decomposition of form

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^T = U \bar{S} V^T, \quad \bar{S} := \begin{pmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &\leq \min(m, n) \\ U &\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \\ V &\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \end{aligned} \quad \text{orthogonal matrices}$$
$$S := \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$$

Singular values ( $\sigma_i$ ): unique

left singular vectors of  $A$ : first  $r$  columns of  $U$ :  $u_i$

$$A v_i = \sigma_i u_i, \quad u_i^T A = \sigma_i v_i \quad i=1, \dots, r$$

To get  $Ax$

1) form  $\tilde{x} := V^T x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\tilde{x}$  is rotated  $x$

2) first  $r$  elements scaled by  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$

$\tilde{y}$  now in output space  $\mathbb{R}^m$

3) rotate vector  $\tilde{y}$  by orthogonal matrix  $U$

$$y = U \tilde{y} = Ax$$

SVD

$$AA^T = U \Lambda_m U^T, \quad A^T A = V \Lambda_n V^T$$

# Matrix Properties via SVD

**Nullspace via SVD:** nullspace of matrix  $A$  w/ SVD

$$A = U\tilde{S}V^T, \quad \tilde{S} := \begin{pmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$$

admits last  $n-r$  columns as orthonormal basis

**Full column rank:**  $A = U \begin{pmatrix} S \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} V^T$

**Range via SVD:** range of matrix  $A$  w/ SVD

$$A = U\tilde{S}V^T, \quad \tilde{S} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r, 0, \dots, 0)$$

admits the first  $r$  columns of  $U$  as an orthonormal basis

## Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$   $N(A)$  and  $R(A^T)$  form orthonormal decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$x$  can be written as  $x = y + z$ ,  $y \in N(A)$ ,  $z \in R(A^T)$ ,  $y^T z = 0$

Condition on vector  $x$  to be orthogonal to any vector in nullspace means

in range:  $x^T y = 0$  whenever  $Ay = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m : x = A^T \lambda$

**Frobenius Norm via SVD:**

$$\|A\|_F = \text{Tr}(V\tilde{S}^T\tilde{S}V^T) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2$$

**Largest Singular Value Norm:**

$$\|A\|_{L_2} := \max_{x: \|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2 = \sigma_1(A)$$

$\sigma_1(A)$ : largest singular value of  $A$

**condition number:** ratio between largest and smallest singular values

$$\kappa(A) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n} = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$$

# Solving Linear Equations via SVD

Solution set

$$Ax = y$$

$$1) A = U\bar{S}V^T, \quad U^T U \bar{S} V^T x = U^T y$$

$$\bar{S} \tilde{x} = \tilde{y}$$

$$\tilde{x} = V^T x$$

$$\tilde{y} = U^T y$$

$$2) \sigma_i \bar{x}_i = \bar{y}_i, \quad i=1 \dots r \quad 0 = \bar{y}_i, \quad i=r+1, \dots, m$$

a) Infeasible if last  $m-r$  components  $\bar{y}$  not zero

b) If  $y$  in range of  $A$

$$\tilde{x}_i = \frac{\tilde{y}_i}{\sigma_i}, \quad i=1 \dots r$$

Pseudo-inverse  $A^+$ :

$$A^+ := V \bar{S}^+ U^T, \quad \bar{S}^+ = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^{-1}, \dots, \sigma_r^{-1}, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\text{Solution Set: } S = \{A^+ y + z : z \in N(A)\}$$

$$\text{Full col rank: } A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

$$\text{Full row rank: } A^+ = A^T (A A^T)^{-1}$$

## Least Squares and SVD

### Optimal Set of Ordinary least squares

Optimal Set of the OLS problem

$$p^* := \min_x \|Ax - y\|_2$$

expressed as

$$x^{\text{opt}} = A^+ y + N(A)$$

↖ min norm point

$$x^* = A^+ y = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$

Sensitivity Analysis:

Given

$$y + \delta y = Ax$$

$\delta y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ : measurement noise

want

$$\min_{x, \delta y} \|\delta y\|_2 : y + \delta y = Ax$$

$$\min_x \|Ax - y\|_2$$

$$A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T = V(\Sigma^{-1} \ 0)U^T$$

Set possible errors:  $E = \{A^+ \delta y : \|\delta y\|_2 \leq 1\}$

Best Linear Unbiased Estimator (BLUE):

For family of linear estimators:

$$\hat{x} = By$$

$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

Errors on solution  $\delta x$

$$E = \{B \delta y : \|\delta y\|_2 \leq 1\}$$

$$BB^T \geq A^+(A^+)^T$$

### Low Rank Approximation of a Matrix

best  $k$ -rank approximation  $\hat{A}_k$  is given by zeroing out  $r-k$  trailing singular values of  $A$

$$\hat{A}_k = U \hat{\Sigma}_k V^T, \quad \hat{\Sigma}_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k, 0, \dots, 0)$$

minimal error:  $\|A - \hat{A}_k\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_{k+1}^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}$

Explained variance:  $\frac{\|\hat{A}_k\|_F^2}{\|A\|_F^2} = \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_k^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_n^2}$

# Chapter 3: Convex Models

## 3.2 Linear & Quadratic Programming

### Polyhedra

**Half Spaces:** set defined by single affine inequality

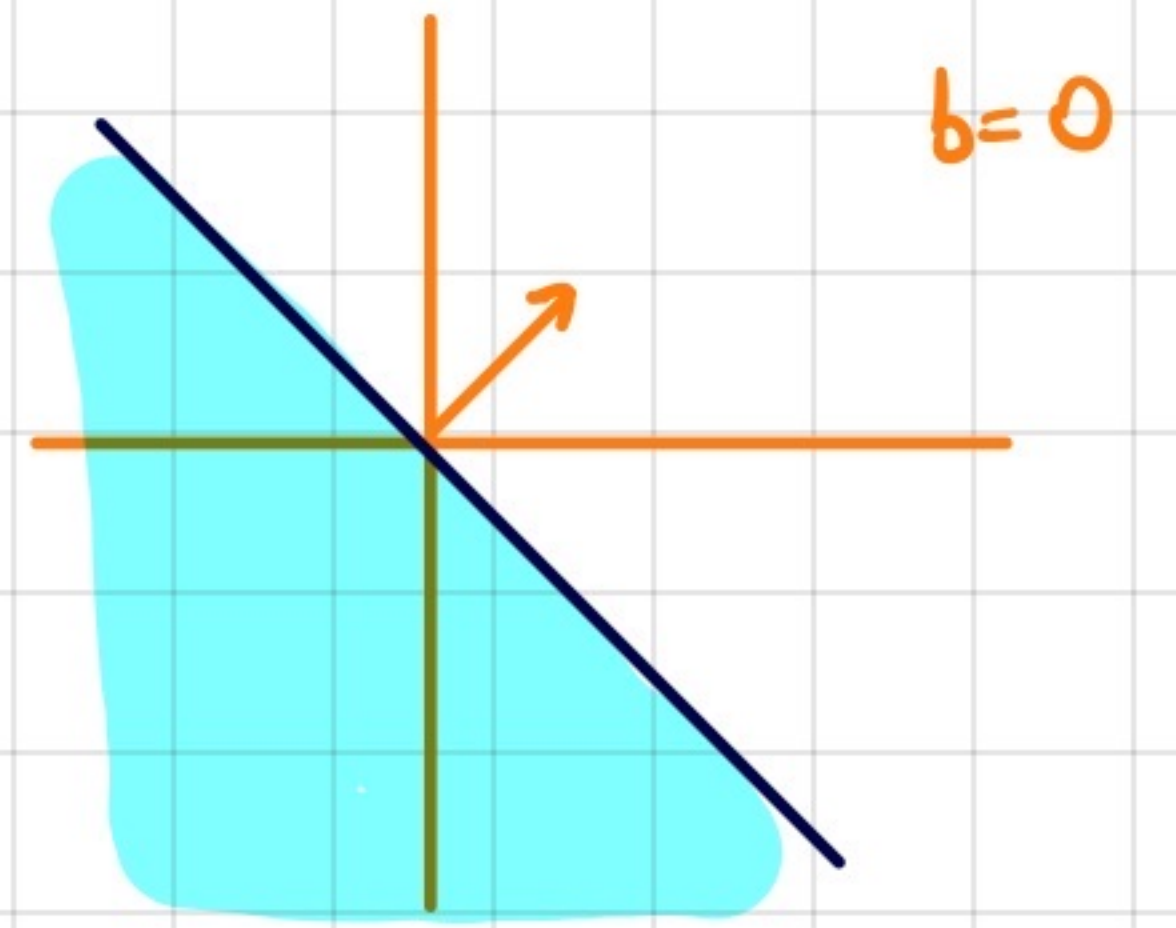
$$H = \{x : a^T x \leq b\}$$

$$a \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$Ax \leq b$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^T \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T \end{pmatrix}$$

separates the whole space into two halves



**Polyhedra:** set described finitely many affine inequalities

$$P = \{x : a_i^T x \leq b_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$$

$$a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ b_i \in \mathbb{R}, i=1, \dots, m$$

**Polyhedron:** intersection of finitely many half-spaces

$$P = \bigcap_{i=1}^m H_i, H_i := \{x : a_i^T x \leq b_i\} \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

### Standard Forms

**Linear Programs:** optimization problem w/ linear objective and affine inequality constraints.

$$\min_x f_0(x) : f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1, \dots, m$$

**Quadratic Program:** optimization problem where

1) constraint functions are affine 2) objective function  $f_0$  quadratic convex

$$f_0(x) = c^T x + x^T Q x$$

vector  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$Q = Q^T \succeq 0$$

**Standard Inequality form:** function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  affine iff

$$f(x) = a^T x - b$$

linear program:

$$\min_x c^T x : Ax \leq b$$

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

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

QP:

$$\min_x c^T x + x^T Q x : Ax \leq b$$

# Polyhedral Functions

Polyhedral:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if epigraph is a polyhedron

$$C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (n+1)}$$

$$d \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\text{epi } f = \left\{ (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : C \begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix} \leq d \right\}$$

- Polyhedral functions include functions that can be expressed as max affine func

$$\text{epi } f = \left\{ (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : t \geq \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} (a_i^T x + b_i) \right\}$$

- epi  $f$  is projection of a polyhedron on  $(x, t)$  space, itself is a polyhedron

Minimizing Polyhedral Functions as LP

$$\min_{x, t} t : (x, t) \in \text{epi } f, Ax \leq b \quad \text{or} \quad \min_{x, t} t : Cx \leq d, t \geq a_i^T x + b_i, i=1 \dots m$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Minimizing Sum of Maxima of affine functions

$$\min_{x, t} \sum_{j=1}^p t_j : t_j \geq a_{ij}^T x + b_{ij}, Cx \leq d \quad i=1 \dots m, j=1 \dots p$$

## Min Cardinality

$$\min_x \text{Card}(x) : x \in P$$

$P$ : polyhedron  
Card: cardinality (# non-zero elements)

$l_1$ -norm heuristic:

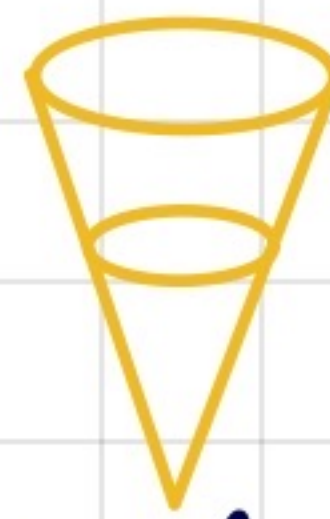
$$\min \|x\|_1 : x \in P$$

$P$ : polyhedron  $\{x : Ax \leq b\}$

## 3.3 Second-Order Cone Programming

### Second Order Cone Inequalities

Second-order cone: set of vectors  $(x_1, x_2, y)$   $y \geq \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$



Second-order cone programming: generalization of LP, QP that constrains inside second-order cones

$$\text{Rotated Second-order cone: } K_P = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{p+2} : x^T x \leq yz, y \geq 0, z \geq 0 \right\}$$

$$\text{Second-order cone inequality: } \|Ax + b\|_2 \leq C^T x + d$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$C \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

## Standard Forms

Inequality form:  $\min_x c^T x : \|A_i x + b_i\|_2 \leq c_i^T x + d_i, i=1, \dots, m$

Conic form:  $\min_x c^T x : (A_i x + b_i, c_i^T x + d_i) \in K_p, i=1, \dots, m$

Quadratically constrained quadratic programming:

$$\min_x a_0^T x + x^T Q_0 x : x^T Q_i x + a_i^T x \leq b_i, i=1, \dots, m$$

## Group Sparsity

$l_1$  norm tricks to address group sparsity problem

$$\min_x \sum_{i=1}^k \|x_i\|_2 : x \in P \quad \text{or} \quad \min_x \|Ax - b\|_2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \|x_i\|_2$$

## 3.4 Robust Linear Programming

### Motivations and Standard forms

Assume data is not known but model of uncertainty is

robust counterpart:  $\min_x c^T x : \forall a_i \in U_i, a_i^T x \leq b_i, i=1, \dots, m$  find feasible, independent of  $a_i$  solution

### Tractable Cases

Uncertainty Model: uncertainty on a coefficient vector  $a$  described by finite set pts

$$\min_x c^T x : (a_i^k)^T x \leq b, k=1, \dots, k_i, i=1, \dots, m \quad U = \{a^1, \dots, a^k\}$$

Box Uncertainty Model: assume every point lies in hyperrectangle  $U = \{a : \|a - \hat{a}\|_\infty \leq \rho\}$

$$\min_x c^T x : \hat{a}_i^T x + \rho \|x\|_1 \leq b_i, i=1, \dots, m$$

Ellipsoidal uncertainty Model:  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  describes shape of ellipsoid around center

$$\min_x c^T x : \hat{a}_i^T x + \|R_i^T x\|_2 \leq b_i, i=1, \dots, m$$

Midterm

## 3.1 Convex Optimization

### Convex Sets

Convex: subset  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  iff contains line segment between any two points

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in C, \forall \lambda \in [0, 1] : \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda) x_2 \in C$$



Intersection: intersection of family of convex sets is convex

Affine Transformation: map  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is affine,  $C$  is convex

Set  $f(C) := \{f(x) : x \in C\}$

projection of a convex set on a subspace is convex

## Convex Functions

Domain:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  set  $\text{dom } f \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $f$  is defined

$$\text{dom } f := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : -\infty < f(x) < +\infty\}$$

Convex:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  convex when  $\text{dom } f$  is convex

$$\Rightarrow \forall x_1, x_2 \in \text{dom } f, \forall \theta \in [0, 1], f(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2) \leq \theta f(x_1) + (1-\theta)f(x_2)$$

or prove through

2) Epigraph: if epigraph  $\text{epi } f := \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : t \geq f(x)\}$  is convex

3) 1st order cond: if  $f$  is differentiable, convex iff  $\forall x, y: f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x)$

4) Restriction to line: convex iff restriction to line is convex, every  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $g(t) := f(x_0 + tv)$  convex

5) Second-order condition:  $f$  twice differentiable, convex iff Hessian  $\nabla^2 f$  PSD on domain

## Operations that conserve convexity

- affine preserves:  $g(x) = f(Ax+b)$  function is convex

pointwise max: if  $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$   $f(x) := \max_{\alpha \in A} f_\alpha(x)$  is convex, largest singular value,  
nonnegative weighted sum, partial minimum, monotone convex function

## Convex Optimization Functions

Standard form:  $\min_x f_0(x) : f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1 \dots m$   
 $h_i(x) = 0, i=1 \dots p$

convex optimization if:

objective function  $f_0$  convex  
function defining inequality  $f_i$  are convex  
functions defining equality  $h_i$  are affine

if unconstrained, optimality  $\nabla f_0(x) = 0$

Property: max over any set is max over convex hull of set

$$\max_{x \in S} f(x) = \max_{x \in \text{co}S} f(x)$$

## Algorithms for Convex Optimization

Unconstrained minimization: Newton's method

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - (\nabla^2 f(x_t))^{-1} \nabla f(x_t)$$

Constrained minimization: interior-point methods

applied to function  $\min_x f_0(x)$  subject to  $f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1 \dots m$

- replace constrained problem w/ unconstrained problem

$$\min_x f(x) := f_0(x) - \mu \sum_{i=1}^m \log(-f_i(x))$$

## Gradient Methods

Unconstrained:  $x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha_t \nabla f(x_t)$

Constrained:  $x_{t+1} = P(x_t - \alpha_t \nabla f(x_t))$

# Chapter 4: Duality

## 4.1 Weak Duality

### Dual Problem

Dual Problem: concave max problem providing lower bound on value of original problem

Weak Duality: form bounds on non-convex problems using convex optimization

Strong Duality: If "dual" problem same as "primal", strong duality holds

Primal Problem:  $p^* := \min_x f_0(x) : f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1 \dots m$

Primal value: optimal value to primal problem

Lagrange function:  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  depends on primal variables and additional variable  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ : dual variable

$$L(x, y) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i f_i(x) = f_0(x) + y^T f(x)$$

Dual Function: For  $\forall x$  feasible:  $f_0(x) \geq L(x, y)$

dual func:  $g: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $g(y) := \min_z L(z, y) = \min_z f_0(z) + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i f_i(z)$

then

$$L(x, y) \geq g(y) \rightarrow f_0(x) \geq g(y)$$

Dual Problem:

$$p^* \geq d^* := \max_{y \geq 0} g(y)$$

$d^*$ : dual optimal value

## Minimax Inequality

Minimax Inequality: for any function two var  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\min_{x \in X} \max_{y \in Y} L(x, y) \geq \max_{y \in Y} \min_{x \in X} L(x, y)$$

## 4.2 Strong Duality

### Slater Condition

Convex Constrained Optimization Problem in standard form:

$$p^* := \min_x f_0(x) : Ax = b, f_i(x) \leq 0, i=1 \dots m$$

$$\text{Lagrangian: } L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) + \nu^T (Ax - b)$$

$$\text{Dual function: } g(\lambda, \nu) = \min_x f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) + \nu^T (Ax - b)$$

$$d^* = \max_{\lambda \geq 0, \nu} g(\lambda, \nu)$$

Strong Duality: holds if  $p^* = d^*$ , weak  $p^* \geq d^*$

Slater's sufficient condition for strong duality: if

- primal problem is convex

- strictly feasible,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  st  $Ax_0 = b, f_i(x_0) < 0, i=1 \dots m$

then strong duality holds

### Optimality Conditions

Primal Optimum Attainment

When dual problem feasible  $\exists \lambda > 0, \nu: g(\lambda, \nu) > -\infty$

Strong duality holds exists  $x, \lambda, \nu$  st

-  $x$  is feasible for primal

-  $\lambda, \nu$  are feasible for dual problem,  $\lambda \geq 0, (\lambda, \nu) \in \text{dom } g$

Optimality Conditions

Lagrangian Stationarity:  $0 = \nabla f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \nabla f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i \nabla h_i(x)$

## Sensitivity

Nominal Problem:  $p^*(u, v) := \min_x f_0(x) : Ax = b + v, f_i(x) \leq u_i$

Dual:  $d^* = \max_{\lambda \geq 0, \nu} g(\lambda, \nu)$

Perturbed:  $p^*(u, v) := \min_x f_0(x) : Ax = b + v, f_i(x) \leq u_i$

Dual of Perturbed:  $d^* = \max_{\lambda \geq 0, \nu} g(\lambda, \nu) - \lambda^T u - \nu^T v$

weak duality applied  $p^*(u, v) \geq g(\lambda^*, \nu^*) - u^T \lambda^* - \nu^T v^*$