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**Module – IV**  
**An Introductory Outline of Outline of Optimization Techniques**  
**Lecture – 20**  
**Constrained Optimization: Further Issues**

Welcome, today is our last lecture on optimization theory. In this lecture I will cover the last important topic in the basic theory of constrained optimization that is duality and then we will discuss a general overview of and classification of a methods of constraint optimization and then if time permits, then we will quickly have a brief discussion on 2 specific type of constraint optimization problems which are linear optimization and quadratic optimization problems.

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**Constraints**

Constrained optimization problem:

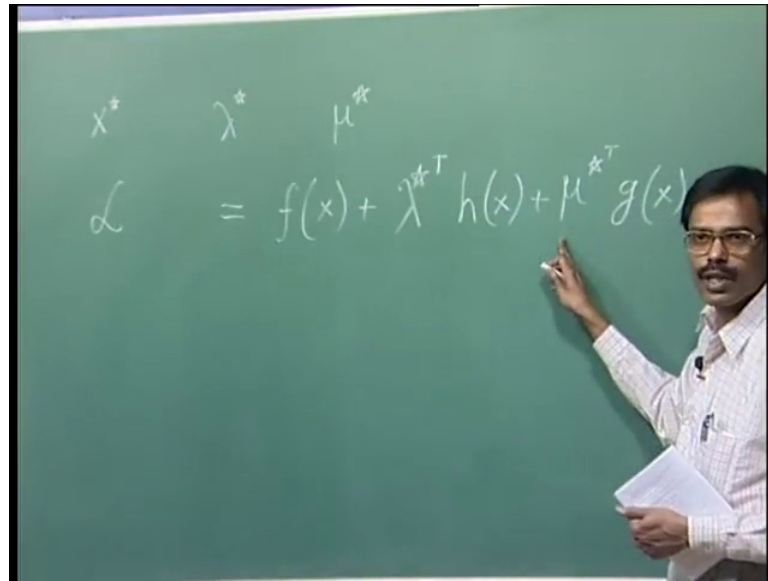
Minimize  $f(\mathbf{x})$   
subject to  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ , or  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \mathbf{0}$ ;  
and  $h_j(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , or  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

Conceptually, "minimize  $f(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ ".

Constraints  
Optimality Criteria  
Sensitivity  
Duality\*  
Structure of Methods: An Overview\*

First for discussion on duality let us consider this general non-linear optimization problem in which we want to minimize the function  $f$  with constraints  $g_x$  less than equal to 0 and  $h_x$  equal to 0.

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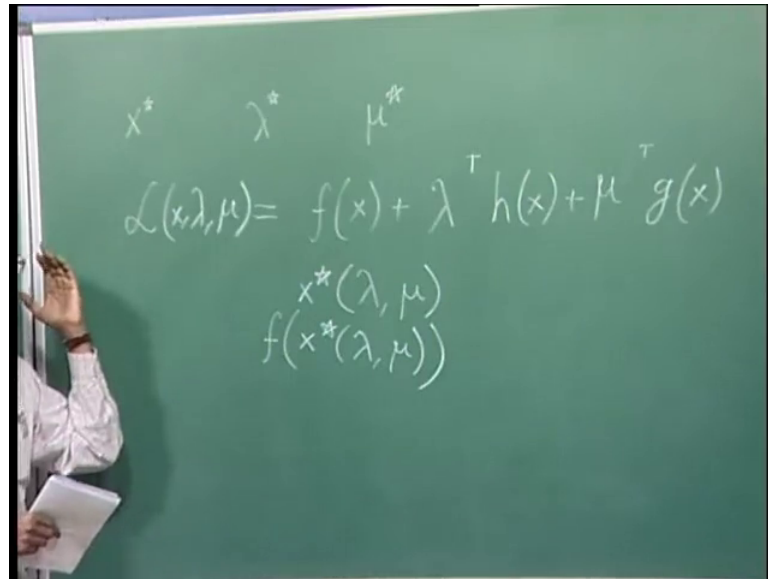
Suppose we get a solution of this problem and that solution is  $x^*$ , corresponding to Lagrangian multipliers which are  $\lambda^*$  and  $\mu^*$ . Now note that these Lagrangian multipliers which we called as  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  earlier.

Now, we are giving it giving them the name  $\lambda^*$  and  $\mu^*$  because further discussion on duality in which  $\lambda$ 's and  $\mu$ 's will be taken as full variables, we need the notation  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  for those variables and therefore, the specific values for those variables at the solution point we are going to call as  $\lambda^*$  and  $\mu^*$ . Now, if  $x^*$  is a feasible point which is the solution of this non-linear optimization problem constraint optimization problem then we know that the Lagrangian of the problem at the solution can be developed as  $f$  of  $x$  plus  $\lambda^{*\top} h$  of  $x$  plus  $\mu^{*\top} g$  of  $x$  and then the first order necessary condition for this function to be stationary is  $\text{grad } \mathcal{L} = 0$  which is  $\text{grad } f + \lambda^{*\top} \text{grad } h + \mu^{*\top} \text{grad } g = 0$  which we have seen earlier in the KKT conditions. Apart from that we will also find the optimization conditions as that  $\mu^*$  should be all non negative and 0 corresponding to the inactive inequality constraints right this much we have seen. Now, note that that is the condition is the first order condition.

Now, note that if we get this as the solution and then we try to vary these numbers whatever is the Lagrangian multiplier value  $\lambda^*$  and  $\mu^*$  at the solution point around that point, if we try to vary these numbers and the general values of this

number these multipliers we treat as lambda and mu with the values specific values of those variables lambda and mu at the solution point being taken as lambda star and mu star. And then the general function in terms of general x general lambda and general mu will be constructed like this and this turns out to be a function of x lambda and mu that is the original variables of the problem and the Lagrangian multipliers taken as variables.

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$$x^* \quad \lambda^* \quad \mu^*$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x) + \lambda^T h(x) + \mu^T g(x)$$

$$x^*(\lambda, \mu)$$

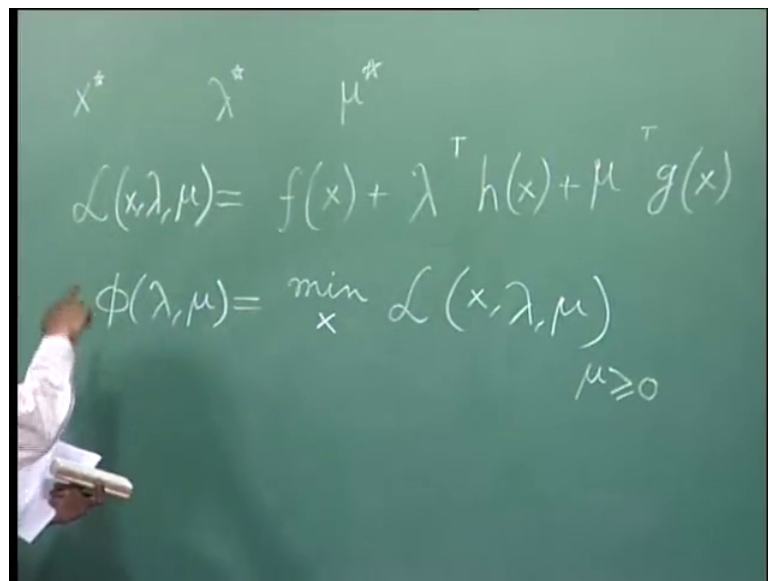
$$f(x^*(\lambda, \mu))$$

If we define like that then we say that for some given values of lambda and mu.

We can consider the minimization problem and consider this as the Lagrangian and then through that is after giving some values of lambda and mu we try to minimize this function with respect to x. Now, the minimum point x star in that case will depend upon the lambda and mu values that we give that is if we end up giving the correct values of lambda and mu that is lambda star and mu star, then we will get the correct x stars which is the solution of the original optimization problem. On the other hand if we give somewhat different values of lambda and mu, then as the solution process as the as the at the end of the solution process as a solution of minimization of this function we will get a point x star which is not correct x stars; therefore, we can call that x star which is the minimum of this function for general values of lambda and mu not necessarily lambda star mu star as the x star that we obtain as a result of specifying those lambda mu values and correspondingly we will get the function value at this x star.

So, that value at the  $x^*$  dependent on these can be constructed like this. Now, note that with respect to for every prescribed set of values  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  we get some point of this function and the corresponding minimum value. Now, this minimum value then can be taken as a function  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  and therefore, this the minimum value of this minimum with respect to  $x$  variables as a function of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  is called the dual function that is a function of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

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The image shows a chalkboard with the following equations written in white chalk:

$$x^* \quad \lambda^* \quad \mu^*$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x) + \lambda^T h(x) + \mu^T g(x)$$

$$\phi(\lambda, \mu) = \min_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, \mu)$$

$$\mu \geq 0$$

And so we can define this new function as a function of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  which is the minimum of this Lagrangian function with respect to  $x$ . Note that since the minimization is carried out with respect to  $x$ , the resulting minimum value is no more a function of  $x$ , but it is a function of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . So, these variables  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ 's turn out to be the variables of this particular function and this function is called the dual function. Now, the original function was with respect to  $x$  original function as a function of  $x$  and this  $\mu$  function that we have now defined is a function of the Lagrangian multipliers, right.

So, these are called the dual variables the original variables  $x$  is call the primal variable and therefore, the original problem is called sometimes the primer problem which has been stated here and this from here with the dual function we will divine define a dual problem now considered. Now, in this case we know that the optimality condition of the original problem or the primer problem is gradient of this equal to 0 that is one thing and

mu is non negative the entire mu are non negative. Now, considered the same function, but then maximization of this function with respect to lambda and mu and see what we get and in that we will consider mu to be non negative.

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Maximize  

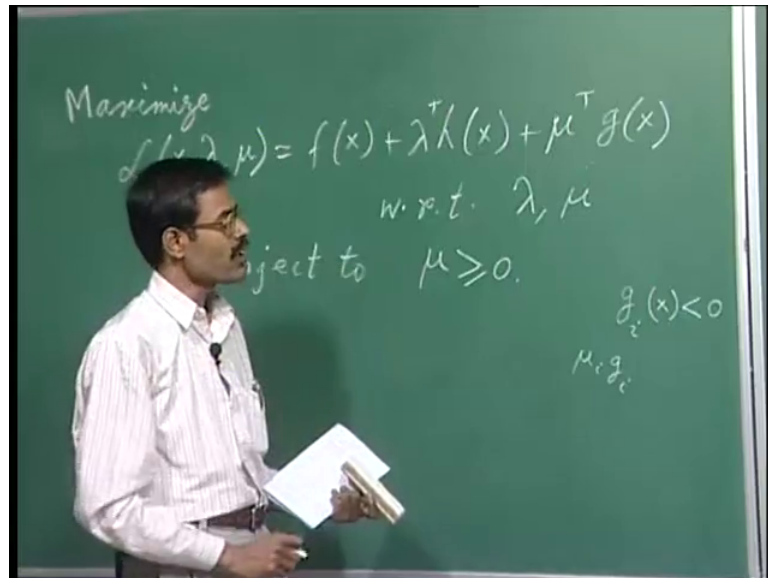
$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x) + \lambda^T h(x) + \mu^T g(x)$$
  
 w.r.t.  $\lambda, \mu$   
 subject to  $\mu \geq 0.$   $g_i(x) > 0$

Now, here we consider this problem maximize the Lagrangian function with respect to lambda mu subject to mu greater than equal to 0 suppose we considered this problem. Now, this problem gives a something interesting. Now, note that for when we maximize when we try to maximize this function which respect to lambda and mu for a given set values for x that is for given x, we try to maximize it with respect to lambda and mu. Now, if the given x is such that at that value of x, one of these inequality constraints turns out to be positive.

Now, for that  $g_i$ ; if that that is positive then what value of the corresponding mu we should take to maximize these functions we are trying to maximize it if a particle  $g_i$  is positive then the corresponding mu  $i$ , we can take extremely positive that is we can go on increasing that value of mu which is corresponding to the functions  $g_i$  which is positive. That means, that on the upward side this function of lambda and mu is unbounded that is maximum do not exists that is if some  $g_i$  is positive, then we can go on increasing mu we can give a positive value mu enormously the large positive value of mu which will make this function as large as you want.

So; that means, there will be no maximum value it will be unbounded; that means, for a maximum value for this function to exist it is necessary that no  $g_i$  is positive. So, we get one requirement for the existence of maximum of these we need this.

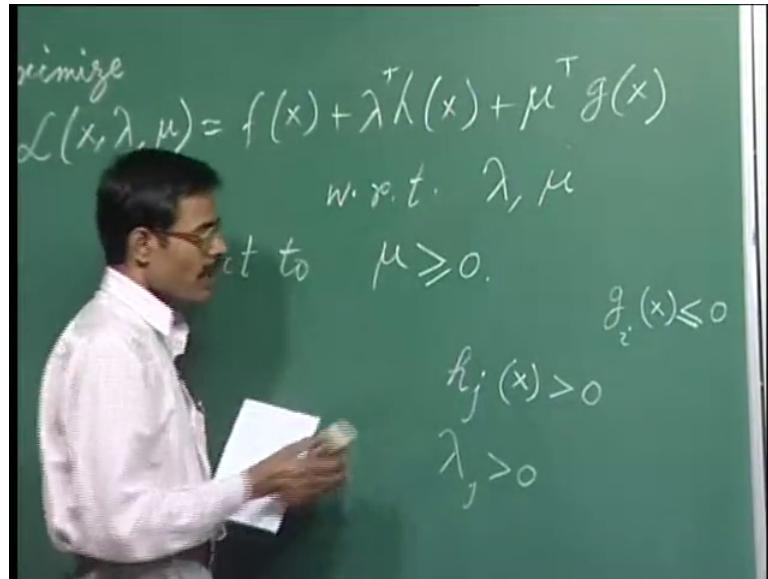
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Now, see that if a  $g_i$  is negative then giving value  $\mu_i$  equal to positive will reduce this function value which we do not want this is the maximization problem since we have solving a maximization problem. Then for every  $g_i$  which is negative take this for every  $g_i$  which is negative we would like to keep  $\mu_i$  0 because if  $\mu_i$  is positive and  $g_i$  is negative then the corresponding product  $\mu_i g_i$  that you will get here will be negative and we all; we are maximizing this function.

So, the negative value of this we would like to reduce as much as possible that is compare to minus 5 minus 4 will be the considered better compare which minus 2 will be considered better and so on and best will be if this is 0. Now, if  $g_i$  is negative then above 0 it cannot go because  $\mu_i$  is non negative so; that means, that for every  $g_i$  which is negative we need  $\mu_i$  0 that set as well with our condition earlier the complimentary condition in the KKT conditions that corresponding to inactive inequality constraints the  $\mu_i$  should be 0 and those  $g_i$  which are active at that  $x$ ; that means, those  $g_i$  which evaluate to 0 for them  $\mu_i$  can be positive this is one thing.

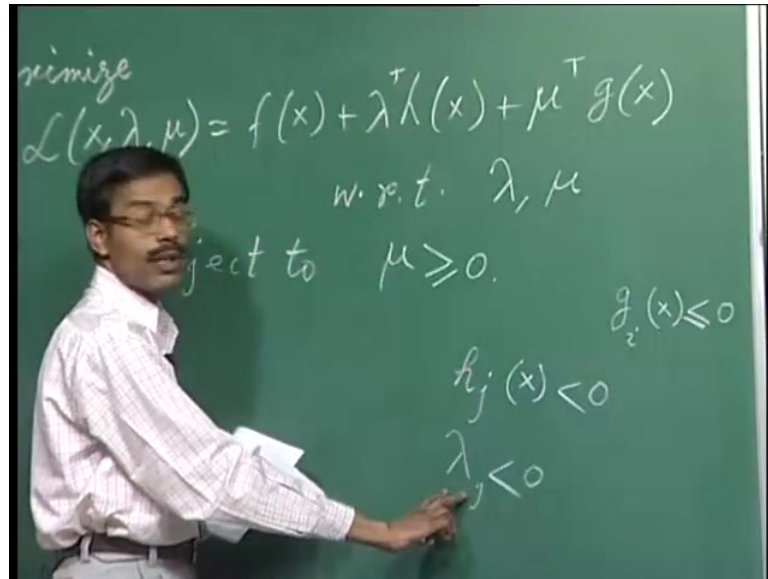
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But as the requirement, we need all these to be 0; that means, a value of  $x$  at which any of these turns out to be positive at that  $x$  this maximization problem the solution of this maximization problem will fail maximum will not exist. So, for the maximum to exist it is a necessary condition that this is less than equal to 0. Now, tell us come here and that value of  $x$  if a particular  $h$  is positive this is positive then on  $\lambda$ , there is no restriction  $\lambda$  can be positive as well as negative. So, if a particular  $h$  is positive then corresponding  $\lambda_j$ , we can make positive and give it as large value as we want and therefore, the product  $\lambda_j h_j$  will be enormously large as we can want.

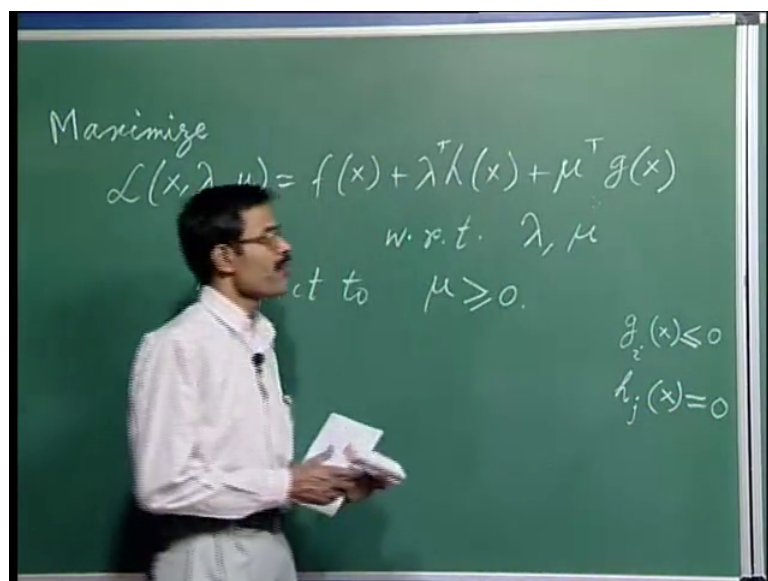
So; that means, on the upper side this function will be unbounded and we will not find any maximum we can go on increasing it as much as we want.

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Similarly, if a particular  $h$  turns out to be negative then the corresponding  $\lambda_j$  we can give negative here there is no sign in restriction. So, again as low as possible minus 10 thousand minus twenty thousand minus forty thousand value we can go and giving to  $\lambda_j$  and make the corresponding product  $\lambda_j h_j$  here as large as possible because this is also negative this also we give negative as negative as we want and therefore, we can go on increasing this function again the function will be unbounded. So, there will be no maximum.

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So, for the maximum of this function to exist is also necessary that  $h_j$  is neither positive nor negative; that means,  $h_j$  should be all 0. Now, note something interesting here based on the Lagrangian when we wanted to minimize this with respect to  $x$  we got this function which we call the dual function and at the same time we found this because one of the minimum conditions is this and of course, the Lagrangian derivative should be 0 that condition we got.

So, while minimizing this with respect to  $x$  we got this function the reduce function of  $\lambda$   $\mu$  only and  $\mu$  gather than equal to 0 the gradient of this with respect to  $x$  vanishes. Now, when you took the same function and try to maximize it with respect to  $\lambda$   $\mu$ , then we got the condition like this which are the feasibility requirement for this. So, the duality is here that is the definition of the dual function requires a minimization with respect to the primal variables. So, definition itself means the dual function dual problem is feasible only at those points where the primal function is minimum.

Now, here you find that the primal problem is feasible only at those points where the dual turns out to be maximum. So, if these are 0 then here in the contribution this whole thing will be 0 and if these are all non negatives and for negatives values of  $g_i$  corresponding  $\mu$ 's are positive  $\mu$ 's are 0, then this also will be 0. So, at the solution point we will be left with only  $f^*$  with the conditions which is which are this; that means, you will be left with the function  $f^*$  with these conditions; that means, the feasibility of the primal problem.

So, that shows that when you minimize the Lagrangian, you get the dual to be feasible that is optimality of the primal problem is linked to is connected with the feasibility or the definition of the dual problem similarly optimality. Now, in the maximization sense of the dual problem is linked to or connected with the feasibility of the primal problem. So, this is the idea of the duality. Now, if you considered  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  as variables and then you define this function of the Lagrangian multipliers and then say this is a dual function we try to maximize this dual function with respect to  $\lambda$   $\mu$  you should get under a suitable conditions the same  $\lambda^*$   $\mu^*$  with which we started and you should get the maximum value of this  $\phi$  which is the same as the Lagrangian value at  $x^*$   $\lambda^*$   $\mu^*$  and also the same as optimal function value  $f^*$  of  $x^*$  similarly if you take the Lagrangian and from there you first maximize that and get back the

original primal problem and then conduct the minimization of that then also you will lead you reach the same point.

So, with this much background; now let me summarize the overall results of locality duality or convex duality without getting into complicated proof.

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**Duality\***

Consolidation (including all constraints)

- ▶ Assuming local convexity, the dual function:  
$$\Phi(\lambda, \mu) = \min_x L(x, \lambda, \mu) = \min_x [f(x) + \lambda^T h(x) + \mu^T g(x)].$$
- ▶ Constraints on the dual:  $\nabla_x L(x, \lambda, \mu) = \mathbf{0}$ . optimality of the primal.
- ▶ Corresponding to inequality constraints of the primal problem, non-negative variables  $\mu$  in the dual problem.
- ▶ First order necessary conditions for the dual optimality equivalent to the feasibility of the primal problem.
- ▶ The dual function is *concave globally!*
- ▶ Under suitable conditions,  $\Phi(\lambda^*) = L(x^*, \lambda^*) = f(x^*)$
- ▶ The Lagrangian  $L(x, \lambda, \mu)$  has a *saddle point* in the combined space of primal and dual variables: positive curvature along  $x$  directions and negative curvature along  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  directions.

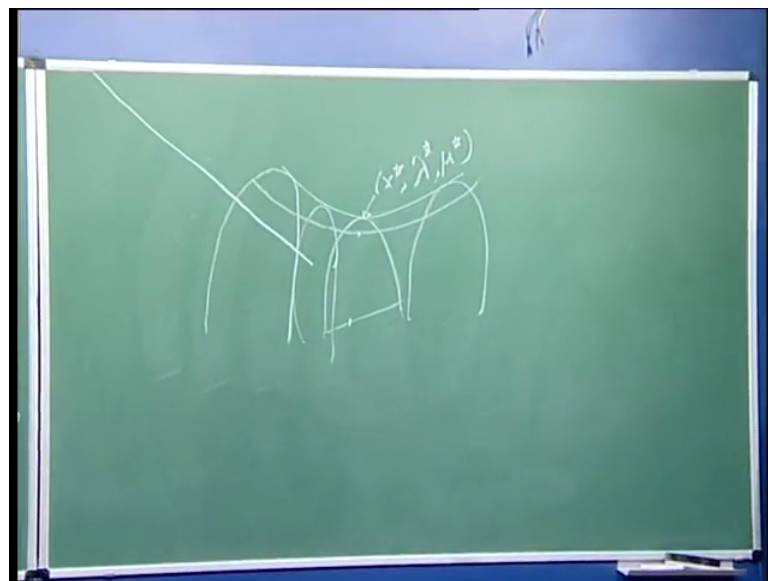
This is just for an over view if we assume local convexity that is near the solution point the function is convex in the  $x$  variables in the primal variables then the dual function is defined in this manner and constraints on the dual that is for the definition of the dual problem you will need this that is optimality of the primal.

And similarly you will find that at the same time apart from this gradient condition you will find the corresponding to the inequality constraints. So, the primal problem we will find non negative variables  $\mu$  in the dual problems that is constraint corresponding to the inequality constraints whatever is the optimality condition on the  $\mu$ 's that will appear in the dual problem as constraints on the bounds on the non negativity constraint on the dual variables  $\mu$ 's and mould. If you work out in detail that is what is the condition of first order optimality first order condition for maximum of this then you will be taking the gradient of  $\pi$  with respect to the  $\lambda$   $\mu$  and setting that equal to 0 that will actually give you these conditions which are which is equal equivalent to the feasibility of the primal problem.

We will find that first order necessary conditions for the dual optimality turn out to be equivalent to the feasibility of the primal problem and the way near the solution point the primal function is convex on the other side the dual function is concave it is this; this is a concave function that is its second derivative will be a negative definite matrix and another suitable convexity conditions this will be satisfied.

Now, if those if this condition is not satisfied; that means, that the problem does not have those conditions, but even there what will be satisfied will be that the maximum of the dual function is less than equal to the Lagrangian value at  $x^*$   $\lambda^*$  which is again less than equal to the minimum value of the primal function. So, in the case of convex problems you will find that the inequalities are replaced by equalities and then what is the characteristic of this large function this Lagrangian function the Lagrangian function as a saddle point and that at  $x^*$   $\lambda^*$   $\mu^*$  because in the  $x$  variables that is a minimum point so; that means, the in turns if you try to see the scene in the  $x$  subspace in the complete space of  $x$   $\lambda$   $\mu$ .

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If you try to visualize the shape of the Lagrangian function in the  $x$  subspace, then at  $x^*$  you will find then it has a minimum like this on the hand in  $\lambda$   $\mu$  subspace it will have a maximum at that point that is means like this.

So; that means, that in the  $\lambda$   $\mu$  subspace when you give a value to  $\lambda$   $\mu$ ; that means, in the  $\lambda$   $\mu$  subspace you are assigning a value; that means, you are

telling that we are going to cut here or here and that is in the  $\lambda$   $\mu$  subspace that is this variation this direction. So, suppose you are giving this value of  $\lambda$   $\mu$ . So, then at that value of  $\lambda$   $\mu$  in the  $x$  subspace you will get this curve in which this is the minimum and. So, on and among such minima if you try to then maxi find the maximum, then you will get this and there is a solution.

So, in the  $\lambda$   $\mu$  subspace the solution point is a local minimum local maximum in the  $\lambda$   $\mu$  space this is a local maximum in the  $x$  space it is a local minimum. So, if you give a slightly different  $\lambda$   $\mu$  then rather than this curve you will get another curve and so on. So, those will not be feasible for the original problem for the primal problem, but the corresponding minimum you will get here right similar similarly if you first freeze the  $x$  variable then you will get not this curve, but something like this curve in which this will be the maximum. So, the locus of all the maxima of the dual problem will be this and similarly the locus of all the minima of the primal problem will be this. Now, out of the locus of all the maxima of the dual problem if you minimize you get this point, similarly out of the locus of all the minima of the primal problem for different  $\lambda$   $\mu$  if you maximize there is maximize a dual you get this point.

So, same point you get from all directions. Now, this duality as an advantage in a sense that there may be a problems in which the primal problem is difficult to solve, but then if we recast the problem in to the dual variables and then many times the dual problem turns out to be simpler to solve and in that case we try to solve the dual problem and there by develop the solution for the primal problem some of the optimization methods some of the algorithms are based on this duality.

Now, with this much of theoretical back ground of constrain optimization theory let us quickly have a have an over view of the type of methods that we use for solving constraint problems typically for a problem of  $n$  variable with  $m$  active constraints.

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### Structure of Methods: An Overview\*

For a problem of  $n$  variables, with  $m$  active constraints, the nature and dimension of working spaces are:

- Penalty methods ( $R^n$ ): Minimize the *penalized function*  
$$q(c, \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + cP(\mathbf{x}).$$
  
Example:  $P(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} [\max(0, \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}))]^2$ .
- Primal methods ( $R^{n-m}$ ): Work only in feasible domain, restricting steps to the tangent plane.  
Example: Gradient projection method.
- Dual methods ( $R^m$ ): Transform the problem to the space of Lagrange multipliers and maximize the dual.  
Example: Augmented Lagrangian method.
- Lagrange methods ( $R^{n-m}$ ): Solve equations appearing in the KKT conditions directly.  
Example: Sequential quadratic programming.

You can classify the different optimization algorithms different non-linear optimization algorithms into several classes into 4 classes depending upon the dimension of the space in which they conduct the search the simplest is the family of penalty methods in which the search is conducted in the same space in which the search would be conducted if it were unconstrained problems and constraints are included in the discussion in the search process through a penalty term like this.

So, what we do in the case of constraint of optimization in penalty methods is that rather than trying to minimize the original function  $f(x)$  we try to minimize a penalized function which is  $f(x) + c \cdot p(x)$  where  $p(x)$  is a well designed penalty function which is 0 or insignificant at those points where the constraints are satisfied. And they become positive at those points where the constraints are not satisfied and more the constraint violation higher is the value of  $p(x)$  with a large number  $c$  sitting as the penalty parameter.

Now, how does this work in the normal search process for any unconstrained method this function will tend to be large tend to have large values in those localities in those point at those points where the consideration violation is more therefore, any optimization method due to the very nature of its working will avoid those zones where constraints are violated. So, for example, you can consider this as a penalty function right this is one of the very often used penalty function  $\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} [\max(0, \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}))]^2$

$x$  non  $g \cdot x$  square; that means, if  $g \cdot x$  is negative then it is not penalized 0 is taken if  $g \cdot x$  is positive; that means, it is violated then the corresponding violation we will get analysed.

Now, whatever is the amount of violation the values of  $h$  and whatever is the amount of violation here positive value of  $g$  according to that the violation will be more i mean according to that the violation will vary. So, this is this way what happens that if the value of the penalty parameter is extremely small then the constraint will not have much effect on it on the other hand if the constraints are if the penalty parameter  $c$  is very large if we give a very large value to the penalty parameter then the constraint satisfaction will takes such a prominent role that the original function will be lost in it and the profile the contours of the penalized function turn out to be extremely square because of a large penalty value.

So, these are the typical difficulty with penalty methods that is why to handle this typicality in penalty method typically when we apply penalty method we apply it in several stages for example, first round we can put  $c$  equal to 0 and then we will get the unconstrained minimum of the function then we give equal to 1, then the constraint function will put some amount of effect and the minimum point of the sprightly shift possibly and then we give  $c$  equal to 10  $c$  equal to hundred and so on.

If the constraints are active of course, equality constraints are always active and if the unconstrained minimum point is not feasible then as we go on increasing  $c$  as 1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and so on. Then the constraint violation will have more and more of a cost and therefore, the step wise the minimum point will go on shifting and then by the time we take very high values of  $p$  for example, 10 to the power 8 or 10 to the power 9 by that time the constraints will be satisfied properly and at every stage of this minimization process we will considered the previous value reach as the starting point for the current iteration.

So, this is one way of handling the constraints in the setup of an unconstrained optimization solution methodology itself and this search is made in  $r^n$  the space the same space of the primal variables the original variables  $x$  variables of the problem. Now, there are some methods which operate only on the feasible space and they are called the primal methods they do not give any chance to constraint violation; that means, that they star from a point which is feasible and then at every step they continue

into the feasible space itself and that way if there are  $m$  active constraints then the dimension of the space in which they operate is  $n$  minus  $m$  because they operate on the tangent plane of active constraints and for inequality constraints they will work in the cone of feasible directions.

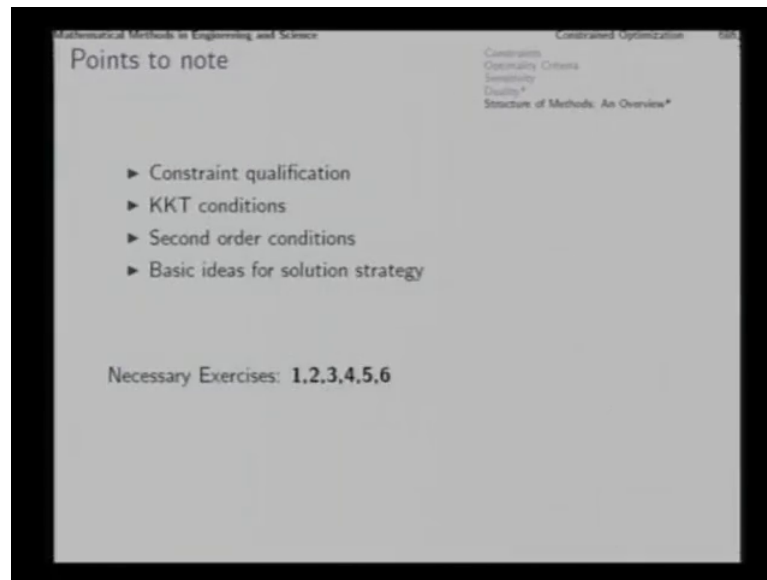
Now, these methods have one advantage over penalty methods and that is that in the case of penalty method in the case of a premature termination the result is no way use full because the result maybe point which is yet not feasible primal methods have an advantage that even if there was an termination which is premature that is even before convergence that point, even if not optimal is still a feasible point and perhaps say a reasonably good solution to the original practical problem.

So, there are quite a few primal methods one example is gradient position method another family of optimization methods considered the Lagrangian multipliers as very fundamental variables affecting the nature of the function in the function space in the design space and they say that if you can get hold of the correct values of the Lagrangian multipliers at the solution point. Then the rest of the job is easy and that helps you particularly if the number of Lagrangian multipliers turns out to be quite less compare to the number of variables or recasting the problem in terms of Lagrangian multipliers give certain advantages in the sense that the scape of the function turns out to be much similar or some such thing.

So, in such methods we considered the dual function the way we just now discussed. So, in that case we transform the original problem into the space of Lagrangian multipliers define the dual problem and make a make an attempt to solve the dual problem. And as we solve the dual problem on the way we develop the knowledge of the solution of the primal problem. Also one very good example of this method of this family of methods is the augmented Lagrangian method there is yet another class of methods in which we operate on the entire space of  $x$   $\lambda$   $\mu$  together that is primal variables and the dual variables all together and that is why they operate in a space of dimension  $m$  plus  $n$ . These are the method a family of method these constitute the family of method for the Lagrangian methods in that what we do we take the equation from the KKT conditions directly and try to solve those equations we try to find out the solution of those equations and also the corresponding equalities together.

So, those equalities inequalities and equations from the KKT conditions we try to solve directly through different steps there by converging to the minimum of the problem. Now one example of this family of methods is the famous algorithm called sequential quadratic programming.

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Now, this much is on the general theory of constraint optimization and in rest of this lecture we will consider 2 particular types of non-linear optimization problems which are linear optimizations problem linear programming problems and quadratic programming and problem, LP problem and QP problems you must be already conversion with the linear programming problem and the famous simplest method to solve it.

So, here we will not go into detail of the linear programming and simplest method aspects expect that we will make a quick overview of the linear programming problem and the simplest method. And then have a look at the general perspective of a linear programming problem in terms of all the theoretical aspects that we discuss in the context of a general non-linear problem.



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### Linear Programming

**Standard form** of an LP problem:

Minimize  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$   
subject to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0};$  with  $\mathbf{b} \geq \mathbf{0}.$

**Preprocessing** to cast a problem to the standard form

- ▶ Maximization: Minimize the negative function.
- ▶ Variables of unrestricted sign: Use two variables.
- ▶ Inequality constraints: Use slack/surplus variables.
- ▶ Negative RHS: Multiply with  $-1.$

**Geometry** of an LP problem

- ▶ Infinite domain: does a minimum exist?
- ▶ Finite convex polytope: existence guaranteed
- ▶ Operating with vertices sufficient as a strategy
- ▶ Extension with slack/surplus variables: original solution space a *subspace* in the extended space,  $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$  marking the domain
- ▶ Essence of the non-negativity condition of variables

As you know a typical standard form of an LP problem is this minimize  $f^T x$  equal to  $c$  transpose  $x$  a linear function subject to a number of linear equality constraints with nonnegative variables  $x$  and nonnegative  $b$ . Now, if the original problem does not appear in this manner.

Then we conduct a little pre processing to cast a problem to the standard form; now for example, if the original problem is to maximize then we minimize the negative of it similarly if there is a variable which can take positive as well as negative values then we give 2 variables for that variable that is variable  $x$  which can be positive as well as negative that we can put as  $x_p$  minus  $x_q$  and say that both of these  $x_p$  and  $x_q$  should be non negative. So, the difference can be anything. So, variables of unrestricted sign we replaced by using 2 variables each of them being sign unrestricted if there are inequality constraint then we use slack or surplus variables to get them into equality constraints if there is a right hand side value which is negative not satisfying this then we multiple that constraint with minus 1 which means that this multiplication with minus 1 as to be done in order to using slack or surplus variables.

Now, these pre processing steps we conduct in order to put the solution problem in this standard form now why do we do all this. Now to get into that you need to thing you need to visualise the geometry of an LP problems; for example, for a linear programming problems if the domain is infinite then the question arises does a minimum exist. Now, if

the domain is completely open if it is completely unconstrained then there is no question of minimum existing because corresponding to any  $c$  which is negative if we go on giving a large value to the corresponding  $x$ , then we can make it equal to minus infinity which means on the other side it will be unbounded.

So, we are not talk about infinite domain of that kind if the domain is close from one side and open from the other side then the question arises there is a minimum exists. Now, if the function decreases in this direction towards this close side then the minimum will exists. On the other hand if there is any opening in a direction in which the function decreases then the fun function will have will have no minimum in the domain you can go in that direction and indefinitely reduced the function value. On the other hand if the domain is a finite convex poly tope it has to be a polytope it has to be a convex polytope because of the nature of the constraint that you can have non-linear constraints.

So, it has to be a convex polytope if it is finite. So, if it is close finite polytope close from all side then existence of the minimum point is guaranties because you cannot go on indefinitely in any direction now; that means, what; that means, the minimum will exists, but that will exists only in the boundary; that means, the linear programming problem cannot have an internal minimum points because the derivatives are constraints. So, now, considered this situation that we have got a domain in which we are trying to solve a linear programming problem.

Now, if we start anywhere at a feasible points and the work out the negative gradient for example, suppose this is the direction in which the native gradient works and we are at the interior of this particular domain in which we are going to minimize. So, if this is the direction or the negative gradient then in that direction we would go on moving till we reach a boundary right suppose black this board is a boundary.

So, then at this point we will see what is the gradient; now as I have pointed this you will notice that the gradient here has a component which is tangential to this board; so, then since the board is the boundary. So, we will consider that we cannot go bound it, but on the board we can move. So, we work out this direction in that we will go on moving till we hit this top of the board which is also another boundary then we will go on moving in this direction because that way also we find a component.

So, then we move in this direction and find that we hit another boundary note that is this three dimensional space we had to hit three boundaries in order to reach vertex in the three dimension space we had to hit three boundaries. First going like this we hit at this boundary board then we took the component of the negative gradient along the board we started moving along the board like this we hit the top of the board second constraint and then we took again a tangential step and started moving in this way and got hit by a vertex. Now, at a word  $x$  of the convex positive of three spaces met and that goes our direction completely.

So, in  $n$  dimensional space that way  $n$  boundaries have to inter take and reach a vertex to finally, stop over movement and therefore, we find that for solving linear programming problems rather than travelling all the way like this we could have say at the being that we will operate only with vertices. So, operating with vertexes as alone is a sufficient strategy and then we will find that if we work with vertices only then since we are adding we are introducing slack and surplus variables. So, that mean till we hit constraint for example, this is constraint inequality constraint that is on this side of the board is the domain.

So, till we reach here the corresponding surplus variable  $a x$  plus  $b a x$  equal to  $b a x$  plus is surplus variable equal to be that surplus variables was non zero the surplus started decreasing as we move like this and that surplus variable; variable became 0 on at this point right. So, we find that the surplus variables slack stack and surplus variable has the natural values of 0 at the boundaries and on this side on the feasible side there are positive.

Now, if we are going to introduce additional slack surplus variables which are 0 at the boundary non zero in the interiors then it would help it would be easy it convenient if our original variables also where like that that is in the domain there are positive interior of the domain there are positive on the boundary of the domain. There are 0 and negative nowhere negative in the infeasible domain zone and that is why to treat all variables at par it become easy in the book keeping way to keep all variables as non negative and that way the original setup variables become a subset of the complete setup variable and then all of them we put these and then all variable together we can considered.

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### Linear Programming

#### The simplex method

Suppose  $\mathbf{x} \in R^N$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in R^M$  and  $\mathbf{A} \in R^{M \times N}$  full-rank, with  $M < N$ .

$$\mathbf{I}_M \mathbf{x}_B + \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{x}_{NB} = \mathbf{b}'$$

Basic and non-basic variables:  $\mathbf{x}_B \in R^M$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{NB} \in R^{N-M}$   
Basic feasible solution:  $\mathbf{x}_B = \mathbf{b}' \geq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{NB} = \mathbf{0}$

At every iteration,

- ▶ selection of a non-basic variable to enter the basis
  - ▶ edge of travel selected based on maximum rate of descent
  - ▶ no qualifier: current vertex is optimal
- ▶ selection of a basic variable to leave the basis
  - ▶ based on the first constraint becoming active along the edge
  - ▶ no constraint ahead: function is unbounded
- ▶ elementary row operations: new basic feasible solution

Two-phase method: Inclusion of a pre-processing phase with artificial variables to develop a *basic feasible solution*

Now, in the simplest method what we do at every step we keep a set of basic variables that is equal to the number of linear constraints that we have and the other set of variables is taken as a non basic variables. Now, at every step we considered the variable having we considered only vertices to begin with and at every vertex quite if you constraints are on the active point right. So, those constraints which are active corresponding slag variable will be 0.

So, the non basic variables we will have a 0 value and therefore, the basic variables will have this is identity basic variables will have the same value as on the right side and at every step we try to replace the current vertex in favour another vertex which is better that is where the function value is better. So, at one vertex we considered all the edges along which we would like to move because from one vertex to another we would move along an edge.

So, at that vertex whichever edges are meeting out of those edges we select an edge the moment we select and edge one of the constraint boundaries will leave; that means, one of the 0 variable is becoming non zero; that means, one basic one non basic variable 0 value variable will get a non zero value now and then we go along that edge and stop at somewhere whichever other constraint boundary cut it. That means, at another vertex at the being of the edge we have the current vertex at the end of that same edge we will have another vertex, where another constraint will become active.

So, the slack variable whether our introduced slack variable original variable of problem that will become 0 so; that means, a basic variable now becomes non basic. So, one non basic variable becomes basic and one basic variable becomes non basic. So, this is the idea. So, at every iteration from the current vertex we select a non basic variable to enter the basic; that means, we select that constraint which is going to become inactive now.

If there is no qualifier; if no direction no edge we can find that is leaving no none of the current active constraint boundaries is going to be an advantage then that will mean that we have converge the current vertex is optimal. On the other hand if several edges qualify along which there is an advantage then we chose that direction along which the advantage is maximum that is the fastest rate of distant. So, that we select one non basic variables to enter into the basis from this set and then at the same time we see that along that edge how far we can go; where do we set the first boundary corresponding to that one currently 0 variable non zero variable currently basic variable will become 0 because we hit that boundary. So, we select a basic variable to leave the basic and get included in this list.

So, based on the first constraint becoming active along that edge, we choose that if no constraint become active in that direction; that means, in the direction the domain is open and we can go up to infinite distant and that mean no constraint ahead along a addition direction and the function is unbounded after these 2 selections if both result in certain use full selections then basically we conduct another around of elementary operations to change to transfer one variables to this side to this side and this side to this side. So, that this remains square and then corresponding elementary operations we conduct to make it that entity, right. So, this goes on till one of these 2 things happen. So, this is a typical way the simplest method operates.

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**Linear Programming**

**General perspective**

LP problem:

Minimize  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{c}_1^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}_2^T \mathbf{y};$   
 subject to  $\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}_1, \quad \mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}_{22}\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{b}_2, \quad \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0}.$

Lagrangian:

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \nu) = \mathbf{c}_1^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}_2^T \mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}_1) + \boldsymbol{\mu}^T (\mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}_{22}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}_2) - \nu^T \mathbf{y}$$

Optimality conditions:

$$\mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{A}_{11}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \mathbf{A}_{21}^T \boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \mathbf{c}_2 + \mathbf{A}_{12}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \mathbf{A}_{22}^T \boldsymbol{\mu} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

Substituting back, optimal function value:  $f^* = -\boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{b}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{b}_2$

Sensitivity to the constraints:  $\frac{\partial f^*}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} = -\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  and  $\frac{\partial f^*}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} = -\boldsymbol{\mu}$

Dual problem:

maximize  $\Phi(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = -\mathbf{b}_1^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} - \mathbf{b}_2^T \boldsymbol{\mu};$   
 subject to  $\mathbf{A}_{11}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \mathbf{A}_{21}^T \boldsymbol{\mu} = -\mathbf{c}_1, \quad \mathbf{A}_{12}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \mathbf{A}_{22}^T \boldsymbol{\mu} \geq -\mathbf{c}_2, \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} \geq \mathbf{0}.$

Notice the symmetry between the primal and dual problems.

Now, let us have a quick look at the general perspective of an LP problem. Now in this we will not consider this non-negativity necessity because currently we are basically looking at the theoretical aspects rather than trying to solve it to an algorithm. Now, for example, suppose the LP problem is minimize this function.

Now, here I have put 2 sets of variables the entire set of primal variable entire set of variables, I have partitioned into 2 x and y the vector x contains those variables which are unrestricted in sign and the vector y constituted those variables which have an original negativity restriction that is like a constraint and these are equality constraints these are inequality constraints. Now, in the general style of a general constraint optimization problem if you try to work out the Lagrangian of this problem then what will that be that will include the original variables Lagrangian multipliers lambda corresponding to these equality constraint and Lagrangian multiplier mu's corresponding to these inequality constraints and another set of Lagrangian multiplier mu's corresponding to these inequality constraints these are also inequality constraint.

If you try to write them in the standard form you write as minus y less than equal to 0 right if you want to put in the less than equal to style similarly this will be written as a to 1 x plus a 2 to y minus b 2 is less than equal to 0 similarly this is a 1 1 x plus a 1 2 y minus b 1 equal to 0 equality constraints. So, Lagrangian multiplier lambda mu nu will enter into the Lagrangian function that is f plus lambda transpose h from here plus mu

transpose  $g$  from here plus  $\nu$  transpose minus  $y$  from here that you get this. So, this is the expression for the Lagrangian and first order conditions for the minimality you will get as derivative of this with respect to  $x$  equal to 0 that is this and derivative of this with respect to  $y$  if you try to considered then you will get a term from here a terms from here and the term from here and this.

So, that will show the this equality that is  $\nu$  is equal to these right and then apart from that you will find that the  $\nu$  should be non negative and  $\mu$ 's are also non negative and if you substituted back you will get this as optimal function value from which it is easy to see that the sensitivity is given by  $\lambda$  and  $b$  sensitivity to the values  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  will be given by this  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ 's if you. Now, try to construct the dual out of it you will find the dual to be this which is the optimal function value in terms of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  this is the dual and what are the constraints of the dual problem; you will get from here that is this and from here that is this right. So, and  $\mu$  is greater than equal to 0. So, these are the constraints of the dual which are the optimality conditions of the primal problem. So, this shows you the symmetric between the primal and dual problems.

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**Quadratic Programming**

A quadratic objective function and linear constraints define a QP problem.

Equations from the KKT conditions: *linear!*  
*Lagrange methods are the natural choice!*

With equality constraints only,

Minimize  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x}$ , subject to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

First order necessary conditions:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^* \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution of this linear system yields the complete result!

Now, what is the quadratic programming problem a quadratic objective function and linear constraints, define what is called a quadratic programming problem why is that special because if you try to write the KKT conditions which include the derivative of the

objective function and then if the objective function is quadratic then its derivatives will be linear functions and constraints are already linear.

So, equations that get you get out of the KKT condition they are all linear functions and; that means, when you write the first order necessary conditions KKT conditions whatever equation they involve they will all be linear equations. And therefore, Lagrangian methods which try to directly solve the KKT conditions they are the natural choice for a quadratic programming problem a very simple example shows that with equality constraint only a quadratic programming problem is very obvious to solve if you have this as the objective function and this as the constraints only equality constraint then direct KKT. KKT conditions will give you this which is a system of linear equations and in one step without an iteration you can solve it and get the  $x$  star and lambda and if the non-linear programming problem has if the quadratic programming problem has a solution then this immediately will give that solution and for that of course, what you required is the positive definiteness of  $q$  and so on.

Now, this is if you have only equality conditions equality constraints if you have inequality constraints also then the process becomes iterative.

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### Quadratic Programming

**Active set method**

Minimize  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x};$   
 subject to  $\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_1,$   
 $\mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}_2.$

Start the iterative process from a feasible point.

- ▶ Construct active set of constraints as  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}.$
- ▶ From the current point  $\mathbf{x}_k$ , with  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{d}_k.$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{d}_k)^T \mathbf{Q} (\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{d}_k) + \mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{d}_k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}_k^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{d}_k + (\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_k)^T \mathbf{d}_k + f(\mathbf{x}_k).$$

- ▶ Since  $\mathbf{g}_k \equiv \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_k$ , subsidiary quadratic program:  
 $minimize \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}_k^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{d}_k + \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_k \quad subject \ to \ \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_k = \mathbf{0}.$
- ▶ Examining solution  $\mathbf{d}_k$  and Lagrange multipliers, decide to terminate, proceed or revise the active set.

And you can consider an active set method in which you keep track of active constraints from iteration reiteration or you can considered a slack variable strategy which gives you



a linear complimentary problem and you can solve that problem that also as a methodology of its own.

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**Quadratic Programming**

**Linear complementary problem (LCP)**  
*Slack variable strategy with inequality constraints*

Minimize  $\frac{1}{2}x^T Qx + c^T x$ , subject to  $Ax \leq b$ ,  $x \geq 0$ .

KKT conditions: With  $x, y, \mu, \nu \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Qx + c + A^T \mu - \nu &= 0, \\ Ax + y &= b, \\ x^T \nu = \mu^T y &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Denoting

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}, w = \begin{bmatrix} \nu \\ y \end{bmatrix}, q = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } M = \begin{bmatrix} Q & A^T \\ -A & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$w - Mz = q, \quad w^T z = 0.$$

Find mutually complementary non-negative  $w$  and  $z$ .

So, we will not get into the detail of this methods expect to point out that the active set and slack variables strategies turn out to be quite competitive for a quadratic programming problems which is somewhere in between linear programming problem and general non-linear optimization problems.

For linear programming problem typically we adhere to slack variable strategy only in the case of typically non generally highly non-linear problems with typically take active set strategy for a quadratic programming problem both are competitive. So, if you follow these slides or the text book you will find by the feel examples of quadratic programming problems.

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### Quadratic Programming

If  $\mathbf{q} \geq \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{q}$ ,  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$  is a solution!

**Lemke's method:** artificial variable  $z_0$  with  $\mathbf{e} = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1]^T$ :

$$\mathbf{I}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{e}z_0 = \mathbf{q}$$

With  $z_0 = \max(-q_i)$ ,  
 $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{e}z_0 \geq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$ : *basic feasible solution*

- ▶ Evolution of the basis similar to the simplex method.
- ▶ Out of a pair of  $w$  and  $z$  variables, only one can be there in any basis.
- ▶ At every step, one variable is driven out of the basis and its partner called in.
- ▶ The step driving out  $z_0$  flags termination.

Handling of *equality constraints?* Very clumsy!!

And some of the exercises you can try to be at home with general non-linear programming non-linear problems.

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### Points to note

- ▶ Fundamental issues and general perspective of the linear programming problem
- ▶ The simplex method
- ▶ Quadratic programming
  - ▶ The active set method
  - ▶ Lemke's method via the linear complementary problem

Necessary Exercises: 1,2,3,4,5

So, quadratic problems or quadratic problems open the gates and give you some of the seeds for the general methods of non-linear optimization which we have been talking about the structure of the methods which we have been talking about some of the some of these methods have their roots in the typical quadratic problems.

Thank you.