

Lecture 16

Self-dual formulations

- self-dual linear programs
- self-dual embedding
- interior-point method for self-dual embedding

Optimality and infeasibility

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax + s = b \\ & s \geq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & -b^T z \\ \text{subject to} & A^T z + c = 0 \\ & z \geq 0 \end{array}$$

- **optimality:** x, s, z are optimal if

$$Ax + s = b, \quad A^T z + c = 0, \quad c^T x + b^T z = 0, \quad s \geq 0, \quad z \geq 0$$

- **primal infeasibility:** z certifies primal infeasibility if

$$A^T z = 0, \quad z \geq 0, \quad b^T z = -1$$

- **dual infeasibility:** x certifies dual infeasibility if

$$Ax \leq 0, \quad c^T x = -1$$

Initialization and infeasibility detection

barrier method (lecture 14)

- requires a phase I to find strictly feasible x
- fails if problem is not strictly dual feasible (central path does not exist)

infeasible primal-dual method (lecture 15)

- does not require feasible starting points
- fails if problem is not primal and dual feasible

self-dual formulations (this lecture): embed LP in larger LP such that

- larger LP is primal and dual feasible, with known feasible points
- from solution can extract optimal solutions or certificates of infeasibility

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Self-dual linear program

primal problem (variables u, v, w)

$$\text{minimize } f^T u + g^T v$$

$$\text{subject to } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C & D \\ -D^T & E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$
$$v \geq 0, \quad w \geq 0$$

C and E are skew-symmetric: $C = -C^T$, $E = -E^T$

dual problem (variables $\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}$)

$$\text{maximize } -f^T \tilde{u} - g^T \tilde{v}$$

$$\text{subject to } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C & D \\ -D^T & E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\tilde{v} \geq 0, \quad \tilde{w} \geq 0$$

derivation of dual:

- eliminate w and write primal problem as

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f^T u + g^T v \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{bmatrix} -C & -D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = f \\ & \begin{bmatrix} D^T & -E \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

- apply dual from page 6–12 and use skew-symmetry

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & -f^T \tilde{u} - g^T \tilde{v} \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{bmatrix} C \\ -D^T \end{bmatrix} \tilde{u} + \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ E & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ & \tilde{v} \geq 0, \quad \tilde{w} \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Optimality condition

complementarity: feasible u, v, w are optimal if and only if

$$v^T w = 0$$

proof

- if (u, v, w) is primal optimal, then $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}) = (u, v, w)$ is dual optimal
- from optimality conditions for LPs on page 16–4:

$$\tilde{w}^T v + \tilde{v}^T w = 0$$

for any primal optimal (u, v, w) and any dual optimal $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{w})$

Strict complementarity

if the self-dual LP is feasible, it has an optimal solution that satisfies

$$v^T w = 0, \quad v + w > 0$$

- the LPs on p.16–4 have strictly complementary solutions (ex.72), with

$$v_i + \tilde{w}_i > 0, \quad w_i + \tilde{v}_i > 0 \quad \text{for all } i$$

- at the optimum, we also have $v^T w = 0$ and $\tilde{v}^T \tilde{w} = 0$ (page 16–6):

$$v_i w_i = 0, \quad \tilde{v}_i \tilde{w}_i = 0 \quad \text{for all } i$$

- this leaves only two possible sign patterns for every i

v_i	w_i	\tilde{v}_i	\tilde{w}_i
0	+	0	+
+	0	+	0

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Basic self-dual embedding

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && 0 \\ &\text{subject to} && \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ s \\ \kappa \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} \\ &&& s \geq 0, \quad \kappa \geq 0, \quad z \geq 0, \quad \tau \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

variables s, κ, x, z, τ

- a self-dual LP with a trivial solution (all variables zero)
- all feasible points are optimal and satisfy $z^T s + \tau \kappa = 0$
(to see this directly, take the inner product of each side with (x, z, τ))
- hence, problem cannot be strictly feasible

Classification of nonzero solution

let s, κ, x, z, τ be a **strictly complementary** solution:

$$s^T z + \kappa \tau = 0, \quad s + z > 0, \quad \kappa + \tau > 0$$

we distinguish two cases, depending on the sign of κ and τ

- **case 1** ($\tau > 0$ and $\kappa = 0$): define

$$\hat{s} = s/\tau, \quad \hat{x} = x/\tau, \quad \hat{z} = z/\tau$$

$\hat{x}, \hat{s}, \hat{z}$ are primal, dual optimal for the original LPs and satisfy

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \hat{s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T \\ -A & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{z} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{s} \geq 0, \quad \hat{z} \geq 0, \quad \hat{s}^T \hat{z} = 0$$

- **case 2** ($\tau = 0, \kappa > 0$): this implies

$$c^T x + b^T z < 0$$

so $c^T x < 0$ or $b^T z < 0$ or both

- if $b^T z < 0$, then $\hat{z} = z/(-b^T z)$ is a certificate of primal infeasibility:

$$A^T \hat{z} = 0, \quad b^T \hat{z} = -1, \quad \hat{z} \geq 0$$

- if $c^T x < 0$, then $\hat{x} = x/(-c^T x)$ is a certificate of dual infeasibility:

$$A\hat{x} \leq 0, \quad c^T \hat{x} = -1$$

note: strict complementarity is only used to ensure $\kappa + \tau > 0$

Extended self-dual embedding

minimize $(m + 1)\theta$

$$\text{subject to } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ s \\ \kappa \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c & q_x \\ -A & 0 & b & q_z \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 & q_\tau \\ -q_x^T & -q_z^T & -q_\tau & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \\ \tau \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ m + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s \geq 0, \quad \kappa \geq 0, \quad z \geq 0, \quad \tau \geq 0$$

- variables $s, \kappa, x, z, \tau, \theta$
- q_x, q_z, q_τ are chosen so that the point

$$(s, \kappa, x, z, \tau, \theta) = (s_0, 1, x_0, z_0, 1, \frac{z_0^T s_0 + 1}{m + 1})$$

is feasible, for some given $s_0 > 0, x_0, z_0 > 0$

Properties of extended self-dual embedding

- problem is strictly feasible by construction
- if $s, \kappa, x, z, \tau, \theta$ satisfy the equality constraint, then

$$\theta = \frac{s^T z + \kappa \tau}{m + 1}$$

(take inner product with (x, z, τ, θ) of each side of the equality)

- at optimum, $s^T z + \kappa \tau = 0$ (from optimality conditions on page 16–6)
- at optimum, $\theta = 0$ and problem reduces to basic embedding (p.16–8)
- classification of p.16–9 also applies to solutions of extended embedding

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Central path for extended embedding

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ s \\ \kappa \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c & q_x \\ -A & 0 & b & q_z \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 & q_\tau \\ -q_x^T & -q_z^T & -q_\tau & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \\ \tau \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ m+1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(s, \kappa, z, \tau) \geq 0, \quad s \circ z = \mu \mathbf{1}, \quad \kappa\tau = \mu$$

- inner product with (x, z, τ, θ) shows that on the central path

$$\theta = \frac{z^T s + \kappa\tau}{m+1} = \mu$$

- by construction (q_x, q_z, q_τ on page 16–11), if $s_0 \circ z_0 = \mathbf{1}$, the point

$$(s, \kappa, x, z, \tau, \theta) = (s_0, 1, x_0, z_0, 1, (z_0^T s_0 + 1)/(m+1))$$

is on the central path with $\mu = (s_0^T z_0 + 1)/(m+1) = 1$

Simplified central path equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ s \\ \kappa \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} + \mu \begin{bmatrix} q_x \\ q_z \\ q_\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(s, \kappa, z, \tau) \geq 0, \quad s \circ z = \mu \mathbf{1}, \quad \kappa \tau = \mu$$

- we eliminated variable θ because $\theta = \mu$ on the central path
- we removed the 4th equality, because it is implied by the first three (this follows by taking inner product with (x, z, τ))
- can be viewed as a ‘shifted central path’ for basic embedding (p.16–8)

Basic update

let \hat{s} , $\hat{\kappa}$, \hat{x} , \hat{z} , $\hat{\tau}$ be the current iterates (with $\hat{s} > 0$, $\hat{\kappa} > 0$, $\hat{z} > 0$, $\hat{\tau} > 0$)

- determine Δs , $\Delta \kappa$, Δx , Δz , $\Delta \tau$ by linearizing central path equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ s \\ \kappa \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} + \sigma \hat{\mu} \begin{bmatrix} q_x \\ q_z \\ q_\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s \circ z = \sigma \hat{\mu} \mathbf{1}, \quad \kappa \tau = \sigma \hat{\mu}$$

where $\hat{\mu} = (\hat{s}^T \hat{z} + \hat{\kappa} \hat{\tau}) / (m + 1)$ and $\sigma \in [0, 1]$

- make an update

$$(\hat{s}, \hat{\kappa}, \hat{x}, \hat{z}, \hat{\tau}) := (\hat{s}, \hat{\kappa}, \hat{x}, \hat{z}, \hat{\tau}) + \alpha (\Delta s, \Delta \kappa, \Delta x, \Delta z, \Delta \tau)$$

that preserves positivity of \hat{s} , $\hat{\kappa}$, \hat{z} , $\hat{\tau}$

Linearized central path equations

a set of $2m + n + 2$ equations in variables $\Delta s, \Delta \kappa, \Delta x, \Delta z, \Delta \tau$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s \\ \Delta \kappa \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta z \\ \Delta \tau \end{bmatrix} = \sigma \hat{\mu} \begin{bmatrix} q_x \\ q_z \\ q_\tau \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} r_x \\ r_z \\ r_\tau \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{s} \circ \Delta z + \hat{z} \circ \Delta s = \sigma \hat{\mu} \mathbf{1} - \hat{s} \circ \hat{z} \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{\kappa} \Delta \tau + \hat{\tau} \Delta \kappa = \sigma \hat{\mu} - \hat{\kappa} \hat{\tau} \quad (3)$$

where

$$r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \hat{s} \\ \hat{\kappa} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{z} \\ \hat{\tau} \end{bmatrix}$$

note: $r = \hat{\mu} q$ for $(\hat{s}, \hat{\kappa}, \hat{x}, \hat{z}, \hat{\tau}) = (s_0, 1, x_0, z_0, 1)$ (by definition of q)

Properties of search direction

- from equations (2) and (3) and definition of $\hat{\mu}$:

$$\frac{\hat{s}^T \Delta z + \hat{z}^T \Delta s + \hat{k} \Delta \tau + \hat{\tau} \Delta \kappa}{m + 1} = -(1 - \sigma) \hat{\mu}$$

- if $r = \hat{\mu}q$, primal and dual steps are orthogonal

$$\Delta s^T \Delta z + \Delta \kappa \Delta \tau = 0$$

(proof on next page)

- hence, gap depends linearly on stepsize

$$\frac{(\hat{s} + \alpha \Delta s)^T (\hat{z} + \alpha \Delta z) + (\hat{k} + \alpha \Delta \kappa) (\hat{\tau} + \alpha \Delta \tau)}{m + 1} = (1 - \alpha(1 - \sigma)) \hat{\mu}$$

proof of orthogonality

- if $r = \hat{\mu}q$, we can combine (1) and the definition of r to write

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s + (1 - \sigma)\hat{s} \\ \Delta \kappa + (1 - \sigma)\hat{\kappa} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x + (1 - \sigma)\hat{x} \\ \Delta z + (1 - \sigma)\hat{z} \\ \Delta \tau + (1 - \sigma)\hat{\tau} \end{bmatrix}$$

- the matrix on the right-hand side is skew-symmetric:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x + (1 - \sigma)\hat{x} \\ \Delta z + (1 - \sigma)\hat{z} \\ \Delta \tau + (1 - \sigma)\hat{\tau} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s + (1 - \sigma)\hat{s} \\ \Delta \kappa + (1 - \sigma)\hat{\kappa} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \Delta s^T \Delta z + \Delta \kappa \Delta \tau + (1 - \sigma)(\hat{s}^T \Delta z + \hat{z}^T \Delta s + \hat{\kappa} \Delta \tau + \hat{\tau} \Delta \kappa) \\ &\quad + (1 - \sigma)^2(\hat{s}^T \hat{z} + \hat{\kappa} \hat{\tau}) \\ &= \Delta s^T \Delta z + \Delta \kappa \Delta \tau \end{aligned}$$

last step follows from first property on page 16–17 and definition of $\hat{\mu}$

Gap and residual after update

notation: gap and residual as a function of steplength α

$$\hat{\mu}(\alpha) = \frac{(\hat{s} + \alpha\Delta s)^T(\hat{z} + \alpha\Delta z) + (\hat{\kappa} + \alpha\Delta\kappa)(\hat{\tau} + \alpha\Delta\tau)}{m + 1}$$

$$r(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \hat{s} + \alpha\Delta s \\ \hat{\kappa} + \alpha\Delta\kappa \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} + \alpha\Delta x \\ \hat{z} + \alpha\Delta z \\ \hat{\tau} + \alpha\Delta\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

properties: if $r = \hat{\mu}q$, then residual and gap decrease at the same rate

$$\hat{\mu}(\alpha) = (1 - \alpha(1 - \sigma))\hat{\mu}, \quad r(\alpha) = \hat{\mu}(\alpha)q$$

- first identity was already noted on page 16–17
- 2nd identity follows from definition of r and search directions (p.16–16)
- hence, update preserves relation $r = \hat{\mu}q$

Path-following algorithm

choose starting points \hat{s} , \hat{x} , \hat{z} , with $\hat{s} > 0$, $\hat{z} > 0$; set $\hat{\kappa} := 1$, $\hat{\tau} := 1$

1. compute residuals and gap

$$r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \hat{s} \\ \hat{\kappa} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{z} \\ \hat{\tau} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\hat{s}^T \hat{z} + \hat{\kappa} \hat{\tau}}{m + 1}$$

2. evaluate stopping criteria: terminate if

- $\hat{x}/\hat{\tau}$ and $\hat{z}/\hat{\tau}$ are approximately optimal
- or \hat{z} is an approximate certificate of primal infeasibility
- or \hat{x} is an approximate certificate of dual infeasibility

3. **compute affine scaling direction:** solve the linear equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s_a \\ \Delta \kappa_a \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_a \\ \Delta z_a \\ \Delta \tau_a \end{bmatrix} = -r$$

$$\hat{s} \circ \Delta z_a + \hat{z} \circ \Delta s_a = -\hat{s} \circ \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{\kappa} \Delta \tau_a + \hat{\tau} \Delta \kappa_a = -\hat{\kappa} \hat{\tau}$$

4. **select barrier parameter:** find

$$\bar{\alpha} = \max \{ \alpha \in [0, 1] \mid (\hat{s}, \hat{\kappa}, \hat{z}, \hat{\tau}) + \alpha(\Delta s_a, \Delta \kappa_a, \Delta z_a, \Delta \tau_a) \geq 0 \}$$

and take

$$\sigma := (1 - \bar{\alpha})^\delta$$

δ is an algorithm parameter (a typical value is $\delta = 3$)

5. **compute search direction:** solve the linear equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s \\ \Delta \kappa \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta z \\ \Delta \tau \end{bmatrix} = -(1 - \sigma)r$$

$$\hat{s} \circ \Delta z + \hat{z} \circ \Delta s = \sigma \hat{\mu} \mathbf{1} - \hat{s} \circ \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{\kappa} \Delta \tau + \hat{\tau} \Delta \kappa = \sigma \hat{\mu} - \hat{\kappa} \hat{\tau}$$

6. **update iterates:** find maximum step to the boundary

$$\bar{\alpha} = \max \{ \alpha \in [0, 1] \mid (\hat{s}, \hat{\kappa}, \hat{z}, \hat{\tau}) + \alpha(\Delta s, \Delta \kappa, \Delta z, \Delta \tau) \geq 0 \}$$

and make an update with stepsize $\alpha = \min\{1, 0.99\bar{\alpha}\}$:

$$(\hat{s}, \hat{\kappa}, \hat{x}, \hat{z}, \hat{\tau}) := (\hat{s}, \hat{\kappa}, \hat{x}, \hat{z}, \hat{\tau}) + \alpha (\Delta s, \Delta \kappa, \Delta x, \Delta z, \Delta \tau)$$

return to step 1

Discussion

- the vector q is not used, but defined implicitly via $r = \hat{\mu}q$
- step 3: the linearized central path equation (page 16–16) with $\sigma = 0$
- step 4: same heuristic as on p.15–9, but simplified using p.16–17

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \left(\frac{(\hat{s} + \bar{\alpha}\Delta s_a)^T(\hat{z} + \bar{\alpha}\Delta z_a) + (\hat{\kappa} + \bar{\alpha}\Delta \kappa_a)(\hat{\tau} + \bar{\alpha}\Delta \tau_a)}{\hat{s}^T \hat{z} + \hat{\kappa} \hat{\tau}} \right)^\delta \\ &= \left(\frac{(1 - \bar{\alpha})\hat{\mu}}{\hat{\mu}} \right)^\delta\end{aligned}$$

- step 5: the linearized central path equation (page 16–16), with $r = \hat{\mu}q$

Mehrotra correction

replace equation in step 5 with

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s \\ \Delta \kappa \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta z \\ \Delta \tau \end{bmatrix} = -(1 - \sigma)r$$

$$\hat{s} \circ \Delta z + \hat{z} \circ \Delta s = \sigma \hat{\mu} \mathbf{1} - \hat{s} \circ \hat{z} - \Delta s_a \circ \Delta z_a$$

$$\hat{\kappa} \Delta \tau + \hat{\tau} \Delta \kappa = \sigma \hat{\mu} - \hat{\kappa} \hat{\tau} - \Delta \kappa_a \Delta \tau_a$$

- motivation for extra terms is the same as in lecture 15 (page 15–13)
- the important identity

$$\frac{\hat{s}^T \Delta z + \hat{z}^T \Delta s + \hat{\kappa} \Delta \tau + \hat{\tau} \Delta \kappa}{m + 1} = -(1 - \sigma) \hat{\mu}$$

(see page 16–17) still holds because $\Delta s_a^T \Delta z_a + \Delta \kappa_a \Delta \tau_a = 0$

Linear algebra complexity

- essentially the same as for the method on page 15–8
- eliminating $\Delta\tau$, $\Delta\kappa$ in steps 3 and 5 requires solution of an extra system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T \\ A & -SZ^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\tilde{x} \\ \Delta\tilde{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

with $S = \mathbf{diag}(\hat{s})$, $Z = \mathbf{diag}(\hat{z})$

- this increases the number of linear equations solved per iteration to 3 (from 2 equations in the method on page 15–8)