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Programming

Lecture 15: Large Scale Optimization, II

1 Outline

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1. Dantzig-Wolfe decomposition
2. Key Idea
3. Bounds

2 Decomposition

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & \mathbf{c}'_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{c}'_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{D}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{D}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{b}_0 \\
 & \mathbf{F}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{b}_1 \\
 & \mathbf{F}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{b}_2 \\
 & \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \geq \mathbf{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Relation with stochastic programming?
- Firm's problem

2.1 Reformulation

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- $P_i = \{\mathbf{x}_i \geq \mathbf{0} \mid \mathbf{F}_i \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{b}_i\}$, $i = 1, 2$
- \mathbf{x}_i^j , $j \in J_i$ extreme points of P_i
- \mathbf{w}_i^k , $k \in K_i$, extreme rays of P_i .
- For all $\mathbf{x}_i \in P_i$

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \sum_{j \in J_i} \lambda_i^j \mathbf{x}_i^j + \sum_{k \in K_i} \theta_i^k \mathbf{w}_i^k,$$

$$\lambda_i^j \geq 0 \text{ and } \theta_i^k \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{j \in J_i} \lambda_i^j = 1, \quad i = 1, 2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & \sum_{j \in J_1} \lambda_1^j \mathbf{c}'_1 \mathbf{x}_1^j + \sum_{k \in K_1} \theta_1^k \mathbf{c}'_1 \mathbf{w}_1^k + \sum_{j \in J_2} \lambda_2^j \mathbf{c}'_2 \mathbf{x}_2^j + \sum_{k \in K_2} \theta_2^k \mathbf{c}'_2 \mathbf{w}_2^k \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j \in J_1} \lambda_1^j \mathbf{D}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^j + \sum_{k \in K_1} \theta_1^k \mathbf{D}_1 \mathbf{w}_1^k + \sum_{j \in J_2} \lambda_2^j \mathbf{D}_2 \mathbf{x}_2^j \\
 & \quad \quad \quad + \sum_{k \in K_2} \theta_2^k \mathbf{D}_2 \mathbf{w}_2^k = \mathbf{b}_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{j \in J_1} \lambda_1^j = 1$$

$$\sum_{j \in J_2} \lambda_2^j = 1$$

$$\lambda_i^j \geq 0, \theta_i^k \geq 0, \quad \forall i, j, k.$$

Huge # variables, $m_0 + 2$ constraints

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- A bfs is available with a basis matrix B
- $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{c}'_B B^{-1}$; $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{q}, r_1, r_2)$
- Is B optimal?
- Check reduced costs

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{c}'_1 - \mathbf{q}' D_1) \mathbf{x}_1^j - r_1 \\ & (\mathbf{c}'_1 - \mathbf{q}' D_1) \mathbf{w}_1^k \end{aligned}$$

- Huge number of them

3 Key idea

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Consider subproblem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & (\mathbf{c}'_1 - \mathbf{q}' D_1) \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x}_1 \in P_1, \end{aligned}$$

- If optimal cost of subproblem is $-\infty$, an extreme ray \mathbf{w}_1^k is generated: $(\mathbf{c}'_1 - \mathbf{q}' D_1) \mathbf{w}_1^k < 0$, i.e., reduced cost of θ_1^k is negative; Generate column $[D_1 \mathbf{w}_1^k, 0, 0]'$
- If optimal cost is finite and smaller than r_1 , then, an extreme point \mathbf{x}_1^j is generated: $(\mathbf{c}'_1 - \mathbf{q}' D_1) \mathbf{x}_1^j < r_1$, i.e., reduced cost of λ_1^j is negative; Generate column $[D_1 \mathbf{x}_1^j, 0]'$
- Otherwise, reduced costs are nonnegative
- Repeat for subproblem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & (\mathbf{c}'_2 - \mathbf{q}' D_2) \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x}_2 \in P_2, \end{aligned}$$

4 Remarks

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- Economic interpretation
- Applicability of the method

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \mathbf{c}'_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{c}'_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + \mathbf{c}'_t \mathbf{x}_t \\ \text{s.t.} & D_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + D_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + D_t \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{b}_0 \\ & F_i \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{b}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, t \\ & \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t \geq \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\min \quad & \mathbf{c}'\mathbf{x} \\
\text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_0 \\
& \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \\
& \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0},
\end{aligned}$$

4.1 Termination

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- Finite termination
- Algorithm makes substantial progress in the beginning, but very slow later on
- no faster than the revised simplex method applied to the original problem
- Storage with t subproblems
- Original: $O((m_0 + tm_1)^2)$
- Decomposition algorithm $O((m_0 + t)^2)$ for the tableau of the master problem, and t times $O(m_1^2)$ for subproblems.
- If $t = 10$ and if $m_0 = m_1$ is much larger than t , memory requirements for decomposition algorithm are about 100 times smaller than revised simplex method.

5 Example

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$$\begin{aligned}
\min \quad & -4x_1 - x_2 - 6x_3 \\
\text{s.t.} \quad & 3x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 17 \\
& 1 \leq x_1 \leq 2 \\
& 1 \leq x_2 \leq 2 \\
& 1 \leq x_3 \leq 2.
\end{aligned}$$

- $P = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 1 \leq x_i \leq 2, i = 1, 2, 3\}$; eight extreme points;
- Master problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=1}^8 \lambda^j \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}^j &= 17, \\
\sum_{j=1}^8 \lambda^j &= 1,
\end{aligned}$$

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- $\mathbf{x}^1 = (2, 2, 2)$ and $\mathbf{x}^2 = (1, 1, 2)$; $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}^1 = 18$, $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}^2 = 13$

- $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 13 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{B}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & -2.6 \\ -0.2 & 3.6 \end{bmatrix}$

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$$c_{B(1)} = \mathbf{c}' \mathbf{x}^1 = [-4 \quad -1 \quad -6] \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = -22,$$

$$c_{B(2)} = \mathbf{c}' \mathbf{x}^2 = [-4 \quad -1 \quad -6] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = -17.$$

- $\mathbf{p}' = [\mathbf{q}' \quad r] = \mathbf{c}'_B \mathbf{B}^{-1} = [-22 \quad -17] \mathbf{B}^{-1} = [-1 \quad -4].$

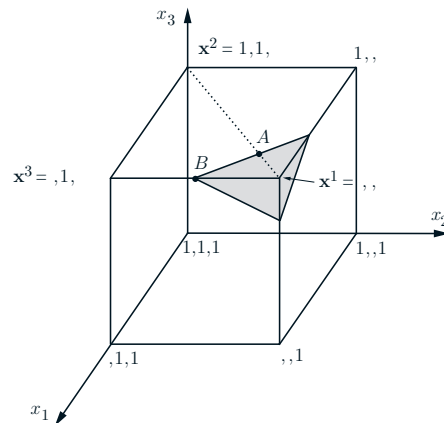
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$$\mathbf{c}' - \mathbf{q}' \mathbf{D} = [-4 \quad -1 \quad -6] - (-1)[3 \quad 2 \quad 4] = [-1 \quad 1 \quad -2],$$

optimal solution is $\mathbf{x}^3 = (2, 1, 2)$ with optimal cost $-5 \leq r = -4$

- Generate the column corresponding to λ^3 .

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6 Starting the algorithm

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$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{t=1}^{m_0} y_t \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1,2} \left(\sum_{j \in J_i} \lambda_i^j \mathbf{D}_i \mathbf{x}_i^j + \sum_{k \in K_i} \theta_i^k \mathbf{D}_i \mathbf{w}_i^k \right) + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}_0 \\ & \sum_{j \in J_1} \lambda_1^j = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{j \in J_2} \lambda_2^j = 1$$

$$\lambda_i^j \geq 0, \theta_i^k \geq 0, y_t \geq 0, \quad \forall i, j, k, t.$$

7 Bounds

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- Optimal cost z^*
- z cost of feasible solution obtained at some intermediate stage of decomposition algorithm.
- r_i be the value of the dual variable associated with the convexity constraint for the i th subproblem
- z_i optimal cost in the i th subproblem
- Then,

$$z + \sum_i (z_i - r_i) \leq z^* \leq z.$$

7.1 Proof

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Dual of master problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{b}_0 + r_1 + r_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{D}_1\mathbf{x}_1^j + r_1 \leq \mathbf{c}'_1\mathbf{x}_1^j, \quad \forall j \in J_1, \\ & \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{D}_1\mathbf{w}_1^k \leq \mathbf{c}'_1\mathbf{w}_1^k, \quad \forall k \in K_1, \\ & \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{D}_2\mathbf{x}_2^j + r_2 \leq \mathbf{c}'_2\mathbf{x}_2^j, \quad \forall j \in J_2, \\ & \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{D}_2\mathbf{w}_2^k \leq \mathbf{c}'_2\mathbf{w}_2^k, \quad \forall k \in K_2. \end{aligned}$$

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- (\mathbf{q}, r_1, r_2) dual variables

$$\mathbf{q}'\mathbf{b}_0 + r_1 + r_2 = z$$

- z_1 is the optimal cost in the first subproblem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{j \in J_1} (\mathbf{c}'_1\mathbf{x}_1^j - \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{D}_1\mathbf{x}_1^j) &= z_1, \\ \min_{k \in K_1} (\mathbf{c}'_1\mathbf{w}_1^k - \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{D}_1\mathbf{w}_1^k) &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (\mathbf{q}, z_1, z_2) is a feasible solution to the dual of master problem

- By weak duality,

$$\begin{aligned} z^* &\geq \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{b}_0 + z_1 + z_2 \\ &= \mathbf{q}'\mathbf{b}_0 + r_1 + r_2 + (z_1 - r_1) + (z_2 - r_2) \\ &= z + (z_1 - r_1) + (z_2 - r_2), \end{aligned}$$

7.2 Example

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- $(\lambda^1, \lambda^2) = (0.8, 0.2)$
- $\mathbf{c}_B = (-22, -17)$, $z = (-22, -17)'(0.8, 0.2) = -21$
- $r = -4$; $z_1 = (-1, 1, -2)'(2, 1, 2) = -5$.
- $-21 \geq z^* \geq -21 + (-5) - (-4) = -22$
- $z^* = -21.5$

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