

Convex Analysis and Optimization

FIFTH HOMEWORK SET

(1) Let f and g be elements of $\Gamma := \{h : \mathbb{E} \mapsto \bar{\mathbb{R}} \mid h \text{ is closed proper and convex}\}$, and write $f \xleftrightarrow{*} g$ to denote that f and g are conjugate pairs. Establish the following conjugate relations ships.

(i) $f(x) - \langle a, x \rangle \xleftrightarrow{*} g(v + a)$

(ii) $f(x + b) \xleftrightarrow{*} g(v) - \langle v, b \rangle$

(iii) $f(x) + c \xleftrightarrow{*} g(v) - c$

(iv) $\lambda f(x) \xleftrightarrow{*} \lambda g(v/\lambda) \quad (\lambda > 0)$

(v) $\lambda f(v/\lambda) \xleftrightarrow{*} \lambda g(x) \quad (\lambda > 0)$

(2) Let $Q \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$ (where \mathbb{S}_+^n is the cone of $n \times n$ symmetric positive semi-definite matrices), $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, and set $L := \text{Ran}(Q)$. Define $f(x) := \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx + \langle a, x \rangle + \alpha$. Suppose Q has eigenvalue decomposition $Q = UDU^T$, where U is orthogonal and $D = \text{diag}(\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_k, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ with $\delta_1 \geq \delta_2 \geq \dots \geq \delta_k > 0$. The *Moore-Penrose pseudo inverse* of Q is the matrix $Q^\dagger := UD^\dagger U^T$, where $D^\dagger = \text{diag}(\delta_1^{-1}, \delta_2^{-1}, \dots, \delta_k^{-1}, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$.

(i) Show that $QQ^\dagger = Q^\dagger Q$ is the orthogonal projector onto the L .

(ii) Show that

$$f^*(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(v - a)^T Q^\dagger (v - a) - \alpha & \text{when } v \in L + a, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(3) Let $Q \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$, $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Let $\|\cdot\|$ denote a norm on \mathbb{R}^k , and let $\|\cdot\|_p$ denote the p -norm on \mathbb{R}^k . Compute the Fenchel-Rockafellar dual for each of the following optimization problems.

(i) $\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx + c^T x \mid Ax \leq b \right\}$

(ii) $\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx + c^T x \mid \|Ax - b\| \leq \delta \right\}$

(iii) $\min \left\{ \|Ax - b\| \mid \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx + c^T x \leq \beta \right\}$

(4) Let $Q \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$, $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Let $\|\cdot\|$ denote a norm on \mathbb{R}^k , and let $\|\cdot\|_p$ denote the p -norm on \mathbb{R}^k . Compute the Lagrangian dual for each of the following optimization problems.

(i) $\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx + c^T x \mid Ax \leq b \right\}$

(ii) $\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx + c^T x \mid \|Ax - b\|_\infty \leq \delta \right\}$

(iii) $\min \left\{ \|Ax - b\|_1 \mid \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx + c^T x \leq \beta \right\}$

Note that in problems 3) and 4) above, you must also discuss when these problems take infinite values.