

whose solution is $x_1 = \ln 2, x_2 = 0, x_3 = -\ln 2$. Therefore, the optimal solution of the primal problem is

$$t_1 = e^{x_1} = 2, \quad t_2 = e^{x_2} = 1, \quad t_3 = e^{x_3} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Exercises

12.1. Find a dual problem to the convex problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1^2 + 0.5x_2^2 + x_1x_2 - 2x_1 - 3x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Find the optimal solutions of both the dual and primal problems.

12.2. Write a dual problem to the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3^4 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 + x_3^2 \leq 2 \\ & x_1 \geq 0 \\ & x_2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Solve the dual problem.

12.3. Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_1 - x_2 - x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 1 \\ & x_3 \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

- (i) Is the problem convex?
- (ii) Find an optimal solution of the problem.
- (iii) Find a dual problem and solve it.

12.4. Consider the primal optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1^4 - 2x_2^2 - x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_2 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (i) Is the problem convex?
- (ii) Does there exist an optimal solution to the problem?
- (iii) Write a dual problem. Solve it.
- (iv) Is the optimal value of the dual problem equal to the optimal value of the primal problem? Find the optimal solution of the primal problem.

12.5. Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & 3x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 3x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 + x_1 - x_2 \geq 1 \\ & x_1 \geq 2x_2. \end{aligned}$$

- (i) Is the problem convex?
- (ii) Find a dual problem. Is the dual problem convex?