

# Structured Problems and Algorithms

Integer and quadratic optimization problems

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# Benefits of Structured Problems

Optimization problems may become more tractable if we take advantage of the *structured* aspects of the problem rather than using *generalized* approaches. Methods for solving a variety of structured problems are described in this survey.

- 1 *Integer Programming*: Some or all design variables must be integer-valued. Both pure and mixed integer categories.
- 2 *Quadratic Programming*: Quadratic objective functions and linear constraints.

# Integer programming overview

Why integer-valued optimization?

- 1 Many practical problems require integer-valued solutions.
- 2 Can't use LP solution when problem is constrained by small integer bounds.
- 3 Binary variables useful in selecting optimal mix of several candidate product inputs, task selection, or investment candidates.

# Integer-constrained optimization

Integer programming problems are combinatorial as opposed to continuous so solutions can involve exhaustive search of finite but very large candidate sets. A very important precondition for solving integer programs is reducing the size of the search set.

- 1 Solve LP, then truncate or round fractional values of LP optimum.
- 2 Maintain feasibility.
- 3 Enforce integer constraints only if  $x_i < 20$ .
- 4 Search reduced set of candidate solutions.
- 5 Select one that is feasible and closest to LP optimum.

In practice we often accept as optimal integer solutions whose objective function is within a few percent of the optimal solution. This may make the difference between an *acceptable* solution or *NO* solution!

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# 0-1 Integer Problems

## Example 11.1

Fixed-Charge Problem. Given a fixed number of products, made from a fixed number of restricted-availability resources, determine the optimal profitability of production.

$N$  products

$K_j$  fixed setup cost for  $j^{\text{th}}$  product

$C_j$  variable cost per unit of  $j^{\text{th}}$  product

$M$  resources,  $a_{ij}$  units of resource  $i$  for prod.  $j$ .

**demand** Demand for prod.  $j$  is  $d_j$ , sells for  $p_j$  per unit.

**res. limits** Max. of  $b_i$  units of resource  $i$  available ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ )

# Example 11.1

## Formulation

$\delta_j$  Cost of production is nonlinear. Linearize w/binary variables.

$Z$  Objective function: aggregate net profit.

$\delta_j = 0$  Not producing some of the  $N$  products may result in optimum obj. fcn.

decision  $\delta_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if product } j \text{ is produced} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

profit Maximize  $Z = \sum_{j=1}^N p_j x_j - \sum_{j=1}^N (K_j \delta_j + c_j x_j)$

supply  $\sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_j \leq b_j \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, M)$

demand<sub>1</sub>  $x_j \leq d_j \delta_j \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, N)$

demand<sub>2</sub>  $x_j \geq 0$  and  $\delta_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j \in \{j = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$



## Example 11.2

A nonlinear 0-1 (binary) integer programming problem.

$$\text{Maximize } Z = x_1^2 + x_2x_3 - x_3^3$$

$$\text{Subject to } -2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 3$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \{0, 1\}$$

Note that for any binary variable,  $x_j, x_j^k = x_j$ . The objective function reduces to:

$$Z = x_1 + x_2x_3 - x_3$$

$x_2x_3$  remains nonlinear. Introduce  $y_1 = x_2x_3$  as a new binary variable.

Want  $y_1 = 1$  *only* when  $x_2 = 1 \wedge x_3 = 1$ . Use following constraints:

$$x_2 + x_3 - y_1 \leq 1$$

$$-x_2 - x_3 + 2y_1 \leq 0$$

$$x_2 = x_3 = 1 \quad y_1 \geq 1 \wedge y_1 \leq 1 \Rightarrow y_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 0 \vee x_3 = 0 \quad y_1 \leq \frac{x_2 + x_3}{2} \Rightarrow y_1 = 0$$

## Example 11.2

(Original)  $Z = x_1^2 + x_2x_3 - x_3^3$

Fully linearized 0-1 problem.

Maximize  $Z = x_1 + y_1 - x_3$

Subject to  $-2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 3,$

$$x_2 + x_3 - y_1 \leq 1,$$

$$-x_2 - x_3 + 2y_1 \leq 0,$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1 \in \{0, 1\}$$

- 1 Use continuous variables rather than integer.
- 2 Generalize method for transforming products of binary vars.

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# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm

- use** Most widely used for solving pure and mixed IPs.
- use** Most commercial packages are based on B-and-B.
- approach** A method for sharply reducing solution search set.
- approach** LPs with continuous variables are methodically transformed into MIPs.

# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm

- If LP optimal solution contains fractional values for some integer vars., then these variables must be integers for the optimal integer solution.
- A reasonable search will begin with integers near to the LP result, e.g. floor or ceiling for the variable under consideration.
- But it may be that the optimal integer solution for a given variable will not even be the nearest integer greater or less than the LP result.
- Branch-and-bound systematically explores integer-valued candidates near the LP optimum values.
- Even though B-and-B eliminates a very large percentage of 'possible' integer-valued inputs, the total computation can remain very expensive.

# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm

## Example Mixed-integer program

Solve the following MIP using the branch-and-bound method:

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 3x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$C_1 \quad x_1 \leq 2$$

$$C_2 \quad x_2 \leq 2$$

$$C_3 \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 3.5$$

$$C_4 \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{N}$$

First, solve this as an LP, allowing:

$$C_4^{LP} \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

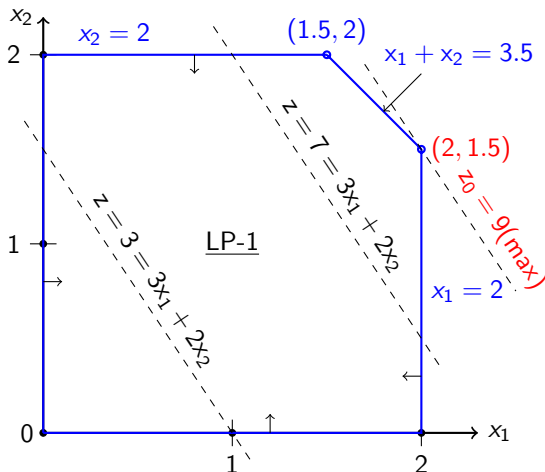
The LP optimal solution is:  $x_1 = 2, x_2 = 1.5$ .

The maximum of the objective function,  $Z$ , is:  $Z_0 = 9$ .

The following figure illustrates this result.

# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm

LP-1



$$\text{Maximize } Z = 3x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$C_1 \quad x_1 \leq 2$$

$$C_2 \quad x_2 \leq 2$$

$$C_3 \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 3.5$$

Solution:

$$x_1 = 2$$

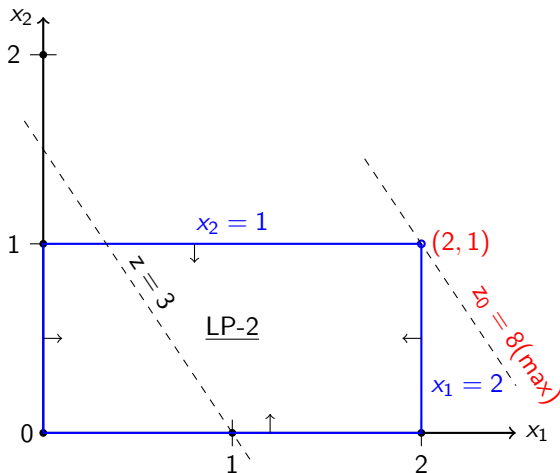
$$x_2 = 1.5$$

$$\text{Obj } Z_0 = 9$$

- *NOT* optimal for MIP.
- $Z_0 = 9$  is an *upper bound*.
- Now try int. vals. for  $x_2$

# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm

LP-2



Maximize  $Z = 3x_1 + 2x_2$

$C_1$   $x_1 \leq 2$

$C_2$   $x_2 \leq 1$

$C_3$   $x_1 + x_2 \leq 3.5$

$C_4$   $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{N}$

Solution:

$x_1 = 2$

$x_2 = 1$

Obj  $Z_0 = 8$

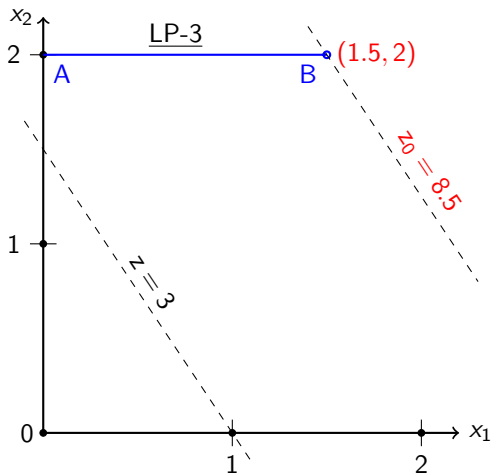
$Z_0 = 8$  is a lower bound.

Now try  $x_2 \geq 2$



# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm

LP-3



Maximize  $Z = 3x_1 + 2x_2$

$$C_1 \quad x_1 \leq 2$$

$$C_2, C_{2a} \quad x_2 \leq 2 \wedge x_2 \geq 2$$

$$C_3 \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 3.5$$

$$C_4 \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{N}$$

Solution:

$$x_1 = 1.5$$

$$x_2 = 2$$

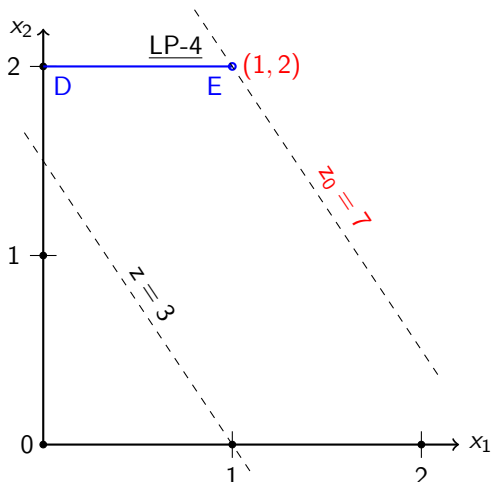
$$\text{Obj } Z_0 = 8.5$$

$Z_0 = 8.5$  not *feasible*

$x_1 = 1.5 \notin \mathbb{N}$

# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm

LP-4



Maximize  $Z = 3x_1 + 2x_2$

$$C_1 \quad x_1 \leq 1$$

$$C_2 \quad x_2 \leq 2 \wedge x_2 \geq 2$$

$$C_3 \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 3.5$$

$$C_4 \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{N}$$

Solution:

$$x_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 2$$

$$\text{Obj } Z_0 = 7$$

$Z_0 = 7 < \text{lower bound}$

$x_1 \geq 2$  violates  $C_3$ .

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# Structure of branch and bound solution

## Tree-structured solution process

The process of solving a MIP by branch and bound method results in a tree structure whose nodes represent tentative choices for the set of integer constraints to the original LP problem at the root node.

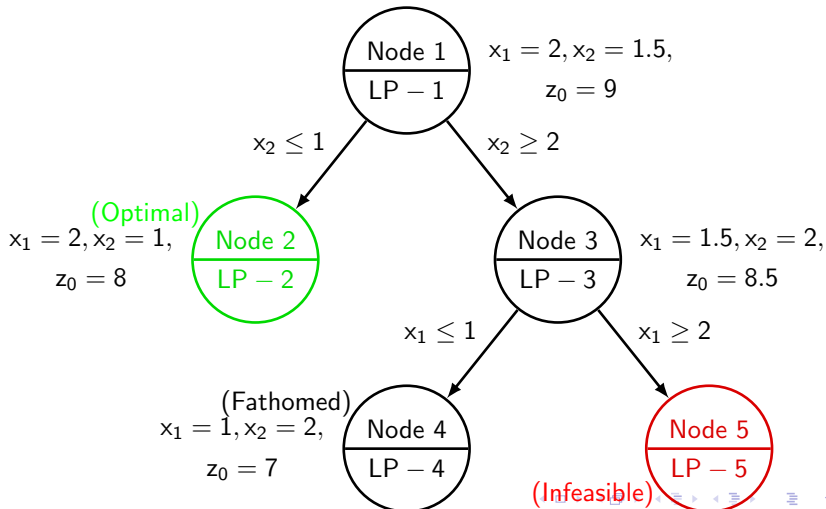
### Tree Diagram of branch and bound procedure

- Node 1: initial LP problem (LP-1) → **Frac**
- Node 2: constrain  $x_2 \leq 1$  (LP-2) → **Int**
- Node 3: constrain  $x_2 \geq 2$  (LP-3) → **Frac**
- Node 4: constrain  $x_1 \geq 2$  (LP-4) → **Int**
- Node 5: constrain  $x_1 \geq 2$  (LP-5) → **IF**

After all nodes are *fathomed*, we select the best of the *integer* solutions: **(LP-2)**. The next slide illustrates this result...

# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm: LP-1...5

Tree diagram



# Steps of branch and bound method (MIP)

## Initial process

### Initial solution bounding...

- Solve MIP as LP-1 w/o integer restrictions, yielding  $Z_1$ .
- Take  $Z_1$  as an *upper bound* on the optimum *integer* solution.
- Partition feasible region of (LP-1) by branching on an integer variable at a fractional value.
- Seek a feasible integer solution to serve as an initial *lower bound*

### Partitioning rules...

- Select IV with largest fractional value in the LP solution
- Assign priorities on IVs. Branch on top priority one.
  - (a) Represents an important decision in model
  - (b) Cost/profit coeff. is very large
  - (c) Value high based on past experience
- Branch on arbitrary choice.

Next we illustrate how this might proceed...

# Steps of branch and bound method

## Fathoming and solution rules

Selecting a branch node...

1. **Use Optimal Value of Obj F** Branch from node  $w/\max Z$ .
2. **Last-In-First-Out Rule** Branch from most recently solved LP.

Finding first integer solution...(this might be the hardest step)

**DO** Choose  $IV, x_j$   $w/\text{fractional value}$

**Solve LP** In feasible region  $w/x_j$  integer constrained

**Add node** Check if integer solution obtained yet

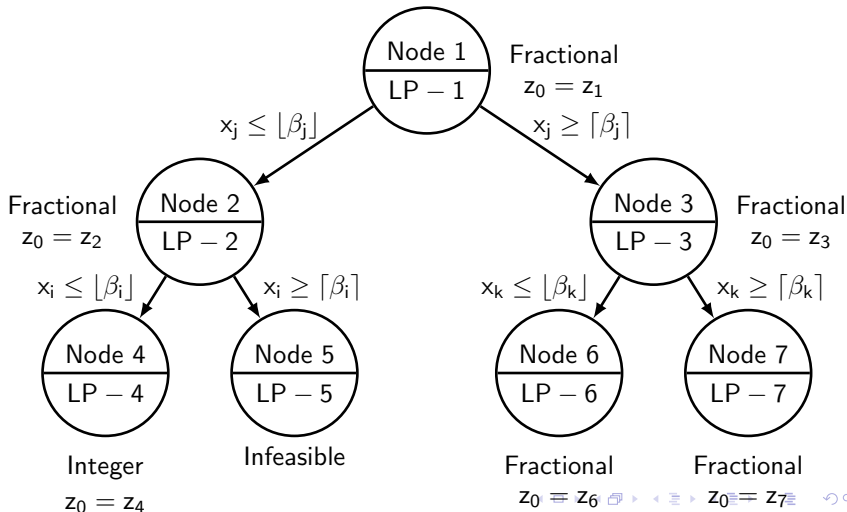
**WHILE** No integral solution for  $Z$  found.

**Set lwr bound**  $Z_{lb}$  is the highest-valued int. sol.

Continue fathoming nodes that might yield  $Z > Z_{lb}$ , until all paths blocked. This is illustrated in the next frame (Fig. 11.6)...

# Branch-and-Bound Algorithm: LP-1...7

Tree diagram (general)





# Steps of branch and bound method

## Fathoming and solution rules

### Solution Time

The time it takes to solve the Integer Problem is *very* sensitive to how the problem is formulated initially!

Guidelines based on practical experience at IBM Research:

- 1 Keep set of IV's as small as possible: No int constraints if  $x_i > 20$ .
- 2 Provide tight lwr/upr bound on integer variables when possible.
- 3 Freely add new (integer) constraints to *reduce* total solution time.
- 4 Accept first int solution that is within 0.03 of continuous optimum.
- 5 Choose branching variables based on experience-dictated importance.

Branch-and-bound can also be used to solve nonlinear IP. See Gupta and Ravindran for implementation of B-and-B using generalized reduced gradient (GRG). They also provide a good survey (ca. 1981) of B-and-B heuristics.

# Branch and bound for nonlinear programs

General method [Gupta and Ravindran, 1985]

The general branch and bound method also handles convex *nonlinear* mixed integer programs (NLMIP).

## Nonlinear mixed integer program definition

Maximize:	$f(x),$	$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n,$
Subject to:	$g_i(x) \geq 0,$	$i = 1, 2, \dots, NI,$
	$h_k(x) = 0,$	$k = 1, 2, \dots, NE,$
	$x_j \in \mathbb{Z}$	$j = 1, 2, \dots, m \leq n$

- The first  $m$  of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are identified as IV.
- Selecting which values to restrict to integers depends on the problem. The nonlinearity may increase difficulty.
- Solving NLMIP ignoring integer restrictions satisfies first order sufficient optimality conditions.
- Hence a Kuhn-Tucker point is a global extremum.

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# What is a quadratic program?

## QP definition

A QP problem is an optimization problem involving a *quadratic* objective function and *linear* constraints.

### QP problem (scalar)

$$\text{Minimize: } f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} q_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j = b_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$x_j \geq 0$$

### QP problem (vector)

$$\text{Minimize: } f(x) = cx + x^T Qx \quad c_{(1 \times n)}, x_{(n \times 1)}, Q_{(n \times n)}$$

$$\text{Subject to: } Ax = b \quad b_{(m \times 1)}, A_{(m \times n)}$$

$$x \geq 0$$

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# Applications of QP 1

## Portfolio Selection with risk minimization

Selecting a portfolio of securities to generate a 'maximum return' while 'minimizing risk' results in a Quadratic Program formulation.

### QP for risk-averse portfolio

Minimize:  $Z = x^T \mathbf{Q}x$

Minimize overall risk.

Subject to:  $\sum_{j=1}^N x_j \leq C$

A minimum required cash reserve.

$x_j \geq 0$

Only positive amounts invested in  $x_j$

$\mu^T x \geq R$

Total return must be at least \$  $R$

- $\mathbf{Q}_{(N \times N)} = [q_{ij}]$  is the variance-covariance matrix of the  $N$  securities.
- $\mu^T$  is the average annual return for the securities.

# Applications of QP 2

## Constrained regression problem

The basic regression problem requires minimizing an error vector that arises from the stochastic relation between independent and dependent variables of the problem.

### L-S regression problem

Minimize:  $f(x) = e^T I e$   $e_{(n \times 1)}$

Subject to:  $Y = X\beta + e$   $X_{(n \times m)}, \beta_{(m \times 1)}$

Types of additional constraints applied:

- $\beta_j \geq 0$  and  $\sum \beta_j = 1$ .
- Error terms weighted:  $e^T A e$  where  $A$  is the weighting matrix

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# Kuhn-Tucker Conditions

Quadratic programs are a restriction of general nonlinear programs. The QP optimization is of the form:

## KTC for QP

Minimize:  $f(x) = cx + x^T Qx$

Subject to:  $g(x) = x \geq 0$       Inequality constraints.

$h(x) = Ax - b = 0$       Equality constraints.

The associated Kuhn-Tucker conditions for QPs:

Solve:  $c + x^T(Q + Q^T) - u - vA = 0$

$Ax = b$        $x \geq 0$

$ux = 0$        $u \geq 0$

$u \geq 0$        $v$  unrestricted in sign

# QP: Kuhn-Tucker Conditions

## KTC Example 11.6

Illustration of Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a Quadratic Program.

**Minimize:**  $f(x) = -6x_1 + 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2$

**Subject to:**  $x_1 + x_2 = 2 \quad x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

The coefficient arrays and vectors are:

$$c = (-6, 0) \quad \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A} = (1, 1) \quad b = (2)$$

The Kuhn-Tucker conditions are

$$(-6, 0) + (x_1, x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} - (u_1, u_2) - v_1(1, 1) = 0$$

$$-6 + 4x_1 - 2x_2 - u_1 - v_1 = 0$$

$$0 - 2x_1 + 4x_2 - u_2 - v_1 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2 \quad x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$u_1x_1 = 0 \quad u_2x_2 = 0$$

$$u_1, u_2 \geq 0 \quad v_1 \text{ unrestricted in sign}$$

# QP: Kuhn-Tucker Conditions

## KTC Example 11.6

What this example illustrates...

- 1 Because the constraints of QP are linear, the constraint qualification is *always* satisfied  $\rightarrow$  Kuhn-Tucker necessity theorem applies.
- 2 Therefore the Kuhn-Tucker conditions are *necessary* for the optimality of QP.
- 3 When  $\mathbf{Q}$  is positive (semi-)definite the objective function is convex and KTC are *sufficient* for optimum solution of QP.
- 4 Then solving KTC finds an optimal solution to QP.

In 1959, Wolfe first used phase I simplex method to solve KTC for QP. It was only effective in solving QP for  $\mathbf{Q}$  positive definite. It fails to converge for  $\mathbf{Q}$  positive semidefinite. Lemke (1965) introduced the *complementary pivot method* which allows us to solve QP efficiently when  $\mathbf{Q}$  is positive semidefinite.

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# Complementary Pivot Method

## Complementary problem

The *complementary pivot method* for solving QPs uses the notion of *complementary problem*.

### Complementary problem

$$\text{Solve: } w = \mathbf{M}z + q \quad (w, z, q)_{(n \times 1)}, \mathbf{M}_{(n \times n)}$$

$$\text{Subject to: } w \geq 0, z \geq 0$$

$$w'z = 0$$

Note: no objective function to optimize. Also...

- ① Solving a system of simultaneous linear equations.
- ② A valid solution will be nonnegative.
- ③ A single nonlinear constraint.

# Complementary Pivot Method

Complementary problem - sample

Consider a problem with

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The *complementary problem*: Find  $w_1, w_2, w_3, z_1, z_2, z_3$  s.t.

$$w_1 = z_1 + 2z_2 + 3z_3 + 2$$

$$w_2 = 4z_1 + 5z_2 + 6z_3 - 5$$

$$w_3 = 6z_1 + 7z_2 + 8z_3 - 3$$

constrained by:

$$w_1, w_2, w_3, z_1, z_2, z_3 \geq 0$$

$$w_1 z_1 + w_2 z_2 + w_3 z_3 = 0$$

The optimal solution to a QP may be obtained from an equivalent complementary problem formed from the KTC of the QP.

# Complementary Pivot Method

Consider a convex quadratic problem of the form

## Convex QP

Minimize:  $f(x) = cx + x^T Qx$      $Q_{(n \times n)}$ , symm, pos def/semidef

Subject to:  $Ax \geq b$  and  $x \geq 0$

The KTC optimality conditions to the above system can be written

## KTC of Convex QP

Solve:  $u = 2Qx - A^T y + c^T$

$v = Ax - b$

Subject to:  $x, y, u, v \geq 0$  and  $u^T x + v^T y = 0$

To cast it as a complementary problem, we use

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad z = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} 2Q & -A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} c^T \\ -b \end{pmatrix}$$

# Complementary Pivot Method

## Convex QP Example 11.8

Illustration of Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a Quadratic Program.

**Minimize:**  $f(x) = -6x_1 + 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2$

**Subject to:**  $-x_1 - x_2 \geq -2$  and  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

The coefficient arrays and vectors are:

$$\mathbf{A} = (-1, -1) \quad b = (-2) \quad c^T = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The equivalent complementary problem is given by

$$\mathbf{M}_{(3 \times 3)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{Q}^T & -\mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } q = \begin{pmatrix} c^T \\ -b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The values of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  correspond to the optimal values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  since the QP matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  is positive definite.



# Complementary Pivot Method

Development of method - 1

## Complementary problem

$$\text{Solve: } w = \mathbf{M}z + q \quad (w, z, q)_{(n \times 1)}, \mathbf{M}_{(n \times n)}$$

$$\text{Subject to: } w \geq 0, z \geq 0$$

$$w^T z = 0$$

- ① A nonnegative solution  $(w, z)$  to the CP is called a *feasible solution*
- ② A feasible solution  $(w, z)$  to the CP that also satisfies the complementarity condition  $w^T z = 0$  is called a *complementary solution*.

Remarks...

- $w^T z = 0 \equiv \forall i : w_i z_i = 0$ .
- $(w_i, z_i)$  is called a *complementary pair*.
- If  $q \geq 0$ , one solution is  $w = q, z = 0$ .
- Want at least one element of  $q$  negative for nontrivial solution.
- In that case,  $w = q, z = 0$  is *infeasible* to CP.

# Complementary Pivot Method

## Development of method - 2

The complementary pivot method posed by Lemke (1965)

- Begin with the infeasible solution  $w = q, z = 0$ .
- Introduce the artificial variable  $z_0$ .
- This will result in an *almost complimentary solution*.

### Basic solution

$$z_0 = -\min(q_i) \quad \text{in}$$

$$w_i = q_i + z_0 \quad z_i = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

This is a solution, but it is not feasible.

We call it an *almost complimentary solution*

The original equation system must be augmented before we can apply the complementary pivot method...

# Complementary Pivot Method

Development of method - 3

## Augmented system

Solve:  $w - \mathbf{M}z - ez_0 = q$

Subject to:  $w, z, z_0 \geq 0$

$w^T z = 0$

where  $e_{(n \times 1)} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T$

The initial tableau becomes ( $q_s$  is the most negative element of  $q$ ):

## Initial Tableau

Basis	$w_1$	$\cdot$	$w_s$	$\cdot$	$w_n$	$z_1$	$\cdot$	$z_s$	$\cdot$	$z_n$	$z_0$	$q$
$w_1$	1					$-m_{11}$		$-m_{1s}$		$-m_{1n}$	-1	$q_1$
$w_s$			1			$-m_{s1}$		$-m_{ss}$		$-m_{sn}$	-1	$q_s$
$w_n$					1	$-m_{n1}$		$-m_{ns}$		$-m_{nn}$	-1	$q_n$

# Complementary Pivot Method

## Algorithm - 1

$z_0$  replaces  $w_s$  from the basis. Performing the pivot operation yields the new tableau where

$$\begin{aligned}
 q'_s &= -q_s & q'_i &= q_i - q_s, & \forall i \neq s \\
 m'_{sj} &= \frac{-m_{sj}}{-1} = m_{sj} & & & \forall j = 1, \dots, n \\
 m'_{ij} &= -m_{ij} + m_{sj} & & & \forall j = 1, \dots, n \text{ and } i \neq s
 \end{aligned}$$

### Tableau after first pivot

Basis	$w_1$	$\cdot$	$w_s$	$\cdot$	$w_n$	$z_1$	$\cdot$	$z_s$	$\cdot$	$z_n$	$z_0$	$q$
$w_1$	1		-1		0	$-m'_{11}$		$-m'_{1s}$		$-m'_{1n}$	0	$q'_1$
$z_0$	0		-1		0	$-m'_{s1}$		$-m'_{ss}$		$-m'_{sn}$	1	$q'_s$
$w_n$	0		-1		1	$-m'_{n1}$		$-m'_{ns}$		$-m'_{nn}$	0	$q'_n$

# Complementary Pivot Method

## Algorithm - 2

The complementary pivot method in a finite number of pivot transformations leads from an *almost complementary solution* to a *complementary solution*.

### Notes on pivot series

- 1  $q'_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n.$
- 2 Basic solution,  $w_1 = q'_1, \dots, w_{s-1} = q'_{s-1}, z_0 = q'_s, \dots, w_n = q'_n,$  and all other vars initially 0 is an almost complementary solution.
- 3 The almost complementary solution becomes a complementary solution as soon as  $z_0$  is reduced to 0.
- 4 In each step, maintain  $w_i z_i = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n.$
- 5 Basic solution remains  $\geq 0$ :  $q'_i$ 's must be  $\geq 0$  in all tableaus.

# Complementary Pivot Method

## Algorithm - 3

### Step 2 and 3

- ① *complementary rule*: Add complement to basis of variable that just left basis in last tableau, e.g. if  $w_s$  was taken out, bring  $z_s$  in.
- ② Before adding new basic variable, determine which to remove using *minimum-ratio* test. Find  $\min_{m_{is} > 0} \frac{q'_i}{m'_{is}}$ .
- ③ The index from the minimum ratio test,  $k$ , determines which  $w_k$  to replace by the complementary  $z_k$ .
- ④ (Step 3) Now that  $z_k$  has entered basis, continue pivot and replacement process until the termination condition.

### Termination conditions

- ① Minimum ratio obtained in row  $s$  and  $z_0$  leaves basis. After pivot, we have the complementary solution
- ② Minimum ratio fails  $\rightarrow$  no solution to complementary problem exists.

# Complementary Pivot Method

## Summary

### Remarks

- 1 The complementary pivot method always terminates with a complementary solution in a finite number of steps whenever
  - (a) all elements of  $\mathbf{M}$  are positive, or
  - (b)  $\mathbf{M}$  has positive principal determinants (incl.  $\mathbf{M}$  positive definite).
- 2 The minimum-ratio test fails, since all coeff. in the pivot column are nonpositive. This implies no solution: CP has a *ray solution*

See Cottle and Dantzig (1967) for a full development with proofs.

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# Complementary Pivot Method

Example of algorithm

Tableau 2

Basis	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_3$	$z_0$	$q$
$w_1$	1	0	0	-4	2	-1	-1	-6
$w_2$	0	1	0	2	-4	-1	-1	0
$w_3$	0	0	1	1	1	0	-1	2

Tableau 3

Basis	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_3$	$z_0$	$q$
$z_0$	-1	0	0	4	-2	1	1	6
$w_2$	-1	1	0	6	-6	0	0	6
$w_3$	-1	0	1	6	-1	1	0	8

# Complementary Pivot Method

Example of algorithm

Tableau 4

Basis	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_3$	$z_0$	$q$
$z_0$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	2	1	1	2
$z_1$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	1	-1	0	0	1
$w_3$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{5}{6}$	1	0	4	1	0	3

Tableau 5

Basis	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_3$	$z_0$	$q$
$z_0$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
$z_1$	$-\frac{5}{24}$	$-\frac{1}{24}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	$\frac{7}{4}$
$z_2$	$-\frac{5}{24}$	$-\frac{5}{24}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	$\frac{3}{4}$

# Complementary Pivot Method

Example of algorithm

Tableau 6

Basis	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_3$	$z_0$	$q$
$z_3$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-1$	$0$	$0$	$1$	$2$	$1$
$z_1$	$-\frac{1}{12}$	$-\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1$	$0$	$0$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$
$z_2$	$-\frac{1}{12}$	$-\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$0$	$1$	$0$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$