

# Three Excursions around Conic Duality

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SDP\_subspace\_test (2000, 5, 'sedumi')

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min & \langle C, X \rangle \\
 \text{(SDP-P)} \quad \text{s.t.} & A(X) = b \\
 & x \in \mathbb{S}_+^n
 \end{array}$$

$$\langle C, X \rangle = \text{tr}(C^T X) \quad A(X) := \begin{bmatrix} \langle A_1, X \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle A_m, X \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{S}_+^n$ : positive semidefinite matrices

$A_i \in \mathbb{S}_+^{2000}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 5$

$C \in \mathbb{S}_+^{2000}$

All dense

## Conic duality

Recall the primal and dual linear programs

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min_x & c^T x \\
 \text{(LP-P)} \quad \text{s.t.} & Ax = b \\
 & x \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \max_{y,z} & b^T y \\
 \text{(LP-D)} \quad \text{s.t.} & c - A^T y = z \\
 & z \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

**Question:** How can we generalize the inequality  $x \geq 0$  and preserve

- ▶ symmetry ( $x \geq 0$  and  $z \geq 0$ )?
- ▶ barrier properties (interior point tools)?

## Intro to conic duality

### Definition

A set  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a **cone** if for all  $x \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\alpha \geq 0$ , we have  $\alpha x \in \mathcal{K}$ .

### Definition

A cone  $\mathcal{K}$  is **proper** if it is closed, pointed ( $\mathcal{K} \cap -\mathcal{K} = \{0\}$ ), and nonempty ( $\mathcal{K} + (-\mathcal{K}) = \mathbb{R}^n$ ).

### Examples

- 1)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \geq 0\}$
- 2)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_2 = \{x = (x_0, \bar{x}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \mid \|\bar{x}\| \leq x_0, x_0 \geq 0\}$  (draw!)  
AKA the Lorentz cone, or “ice cream cone”
- 3)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{S}_+^n = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid X \succeq 0\}$



## Intro to conic duality

### Definition

Given a cone  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , the **dual cone** of  $\mathcal{K}$  is the set

$$\mathcal{K}^* = \{y \mid x^T y \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{K}\}$$

### Examples

- 1)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{R}_+ \implies \mathcal{K}^* = \mathcal{K}$
- 2)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_2 \implies \mathcal{K}^* = \mathcal{K}$
- 3)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{S}_+^n \implies \mathcal{K}^* = \mathcal{K}$

Self-dual cones: primal-dual symmetry, great for optimization methods.

**Theorem:** Every real, self-dual cone is a Cartesian product of  $\mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_2$ , and  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$ .

## Conic primal and dual

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a cone in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A(\cdot)$  a linear operator, and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  an inner product.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & \langle c, x \rangle \\ \text{(CP-P)} \quad \text{s.t.} & A(x) = b \\ & x \in \mathcal{K} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max_{y,z} & b^T y \\ \text{(CP-D)} \quad \text{s.t.} & c - A^*(y) = z \\ & z \in \mathcal{K}^* \end{array}$$

Conic duality includes:

- ▶ (LP) linear programming
- ▶ (SOCP) second-order cone programming
- ▶ (SDP) semidefinite programming

## Second-order cone and semidefinite programming

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min_x & c^T x \\
 \text{(SOCP-P)} \quad \text{s.t.} & Ax = b \\
 & x \in \mathcal{K}_2
 \end{array}$$

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 & Z \in \mathbb{S}_+^n
 \end{array}$$

(LP)  $\subset$  (SOCP)  $\subset$  (SDP)  $\subset$  (CP)  $\subset$  convex optimization

# Talk Outline

1. Introduction
2. Linear programming and conic duality
  - ▶ Lagrangian, finding duals
  - ▶ Conic duality theorem
3. Second-order cone programming
  - ▶ Jordan algebra, KKT conditions
  - ▶ Barrier method, interior point
  - ▶ ADMM, 1st order projection method
4. Semidefinite programming
  - ▶ KKT conditions
  - ▶ New(-ish) subspace method



## Recall the (LP) primal and dual

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# Duality

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min_x & c^T x \\
 \text{(LP-P) s.t.} & Ax = b \\
 & x \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min_x & \langle c, x \rangle \\
 \text{(CP-P) s.t.} & A(x) = b \\
 & x \in \mathcal{K}
 \end{array}$$

## Questions:

- ▶ How to find the dual of (*dualize*) (LP), (CP)? ([A: Lagrangian.](#))
- ▶ How do primal and dual feasibility/solvability inform each other?
- ▶ Can primal-dual be solved simultaneously? ([A: Yes.](#))
- ▶ Why? How? ([A: Cone symmetry.](#))
- ▶ Is this advantageous? ([A: Yes!](#))

## The Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_x c^T x \\
 \text{(LP-P)} \quad & \text{s.t. } Ax = b \\
 & x \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

### Definition

Given the primal linear program (LP-P), the **Lagrangian** is

$$L(x, y, z) = c^T x - y^T (Ax - b) - x^T z$$

where  $y$  is the **multiplier** (dual variable) for  $Ax = b$ , and  $z$  is the **multiplier** for  $x$ .

- ▶ Frame primal and dual problems.
- ▶ Prove duality results, develop algorithms.
- ▶ Show necessary and sufficient conditions for solutions (KKT systems).

## (LP) duality via the Lagrangian

$$L(x, y, z) = c^T x - y^T (Ax - b) - x^T z$$

**Claim:** (LP-P) =  $\min_x \max_{\substack{y, z \\ z \geq 0}} L(x, y, z)$  and (LP-D) =  $\max_{y, z} \min_{x \geq 0} L(x, y, z)$

Define dual function  $g(x) = \max_{\substack{y, z \\ z \geq 0}} L(x, y, z)$

$$Ax \neq b \implies g(x) = +\infty$$

$$\implies Ax = b$$

$$\implies \min_x g(x) = \min_{\substack{x \\ Ax=b}} \max_{z \geq 0} c^T x - x^T z$$

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Define dual function  $g(x) = \max_{\substack{y, z \\ z \geq 0}} L(x, y, z)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Any } x_i < 0 &\implies g(x) = +\infty \\ &\implies x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Any } x_i z_i > 0 &\implies \text{inner max not attained} \\ &\implies \min_{\substack{x \geq 0 \\ Ax=b}} \max_z c^T x - x^T z = \min_{\substack{x \geq 0 \\ Ax=b}} c^T x \end{aligned}$$

Same idea gives (LP-D) =  $\max_{y, z} \min_{x \geq 0} L(x, y, z)$

## Interpretation of Lagrange multipliers

$$L(x, y, z) = c^T x - y^T (Ax - b) - x^T z$$

$$(LP-P) \quad \min_x \max_{\substack{y, z \\ z \geq 0}} L(x, y, z)$$

$$(LP-D) \quad \max_{y, z} \min_{x \geq 0} L(x, y, z)$$

- ▶ Inner  $\max_{y_i} -y_i(a_i^T x - b_i)$ : “soft” penalty on  $a_i^T x - b_i \neq 0$ .
- ▶ Pointwise infimum implies dual problem is concave even if primal is **not** convex.

## Theorem (LP Duality)

Let  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  be the nonnegative orthant in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the primal-dual pair

$$(LP-P) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \min_x & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax = b \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \end{array}$$

$$(LP-D) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max_{y,z} & b^T y \\ \text{s.t.} & c - A^T y = z \\ & z \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \end{array}$$

- 1) (duality symmetry): The dual to (LP-D) is (LP-P).
- 2) (weak duality): If  $x$  is primal feasible and  $(y, z)$  are dual feasible, then  $b^T y \leq c^T x$ .



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 \end{array}$$

3) The following are equivalent:

- i) (LP-P) is feasible and bounded below.
- ii) (LP-D) is feasible and bounded above.
- iii) (LP-P) is solvable.
- iv) (LP-D) is solvable.
- v) Both (LP-P) and (LP-D) are feasible.

**Key:** 2) and 3) give optimality conditions.

$$Ax = b, c - A^T y = z, x, z \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \text{ and } x^T z = 0$$

$$\implies (x, y, z) = (x^*, y^*, z^*)$$



## KKT conditions for LPs

### Definition

The following are the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) optimality conditions for (LP)

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 Ax = b & \text{primal feasibility} \\
 x \geq 0 & \text{primal feasibility} \\
 c - A^T y = z & \text{dual feasibility} \\
 z \geq 0 & \text{dual feasibility} \\
 x^T z = 0 & \text{complementarity}
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ linear (easy) constraints:  $Ax = b$ ,  $c - A^T y = z$
- ▶ nonlinear (hard) constraints:  $x, z \geq 0$ ,  $x^T z = 0$

Coordinate-wise handling of  $x, z \geq 0$ : Simplex method.

Interior point: Smooth nonlinear constraints with twice-diff'able penalty.

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**Question:** What other classes of primal-dual pairs offer symmetric duality, nice optimality (KKT) conditions, etc.?

## General conic duality

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a cone in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the primal-dual pair

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 \max_{y,z} & b^T y \\
 \text{(CP-D)} \quad \text{s.t.} & c - A^*(y) = z \\
 & z \in \mathcal{K}^*
 \end{array}$$

Then we have the Lagrangian

$$L(x, y, z) = \langle c, x \rangle - y^T (A(x) - b) - \langle x, z \rangle$$

Recall  $\mathcal{K}^* = \{y \mid x^T y \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{K}\}$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{(CP-P)} & \min_x \max_{\substack{y,z \\ z \in \mathcal{K}^*}} L(x, y, z) \\
 \text{(CP-D)} & \max_{y,z} \min_{x \in \mathcal{K}} L(x, y, z)
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 \end{array}$$

- 1) (duality symmetry): (CP-D) is conic, and the dual to (CP-D) is (CP-P).
- 2) (weak duality): If  $x$  is primal feasible and  $(y, z)$  are dual feasible, then  $b^T y \leq \langle c, x \rangle$ .



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 & z \in \mathcal{K}^*
 \end{array}$$

- 3) (strong duality with Slater condition): If (CP-P) is bounded below and strictly feasible ( $\exists x$  with  $A(x) = b$  and  $x \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$ ) then (CP-D) is solvable with zero duality gap (and vice versa).
- 4) If (CP-P) is bounded below and strictly feasible, then  $x$  is (CP-P) optimal and  $(y, z)$  are (CP-D) optimal if and only if both hold
  - a) (zero duality gap):  $b^T y = \langle c, x \rangle$ , and
  - b) (complementary slackness):  $\langle x, z \rangle = 0$ .

## Symmetric cone duals

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min_x & \langle c, x \rangle \\
 \text{(CP-P)} \quad \text{s.t.} & A(x) = b \\
 & x \in \mathcal{K}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \max_{y,z} & b^T y \\
 \text{(CP-D)} \quad \text{s.t.} & c - A^*(y) = z \\
 & z \in \mathcal{K}^*
 \end{array}$$

### Goals:

- ▶ Apply conic duality results to symmetric cones:  
 $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_2, \mathcal{K} = \mathcal{S}_+^n$ ?
- ▶ Utilize cone symmetry ( $\mathcal{K}^* = \mathcal{K}$ ) in solver methods.

## The second-order cone program (SOCP)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_x c^T x \\
 \text{(SOCP-P)} \quad & \text{s.t. } Ax = b \\
 & x \in \mathcal{K}_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{y,z} b^T y \\
 \text{(SOCP-D)} \quad & \text{s.t. } c - A^T y = z \\
 & z \in \mathcal{K}_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall  $\mathcal{K}_2 = \{x = (x_0, \bar{x}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \mid \|\bar{x}\| \leq x_0, x_0 \geq 0\}$

$x \in \mathcal{K}_2$  handles general quadratic constraints:

### Examples

$$1) \quad \|A_i x + b_i\| \leq c_i^T x + d_i \iff \begin{pmatrix} A_i \\ c_i^T \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} b_i \\ d_i \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{K}_2$$

$$2) \quad x^T Q_i x + b_i^T x + c_i \leq 0 \iff \left\| \frac{(1 + b_i^T x + c_i)/2}{\sqrt{Q_i x}} \right\| \leq (1 - b_i^T x - c_i)/2$$



# Application

- ▶ filter design
- ▶ antenna array weight design
- ▶ truss design
- ▶ robust estimation
- ▶ model predictive control



## KKT conditions for SOCPs

$Ax = b$	primal feasibility
$x \in \mathcal{K}_2$	primal feasibility
$c - A^T y = z$	dual feasibility
$z \in \mathcal{K}_2$	dual feasibility
$x^T z = 0$	complementarity

**Question:** How to handle nonsmooth  $x, z \in \mathcal{K}_2, x^T z = 0$

**Answers:**

- ▶ Jordan algebra with smooth product  $x \circ z$   
→ Barrier/penalty problem and interior point method
- ▶ Projection equivalence:  
 $x, z \in \mathcal{K}_2$  and  $x^T z = 0 \iff \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(x - z) = x$   
→ 1<sup>st</sup>-order problem and ADMM/projection method

## Jordan algebra of the second-order cone

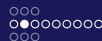
### Definition

Given  $x = (x_0, \bar{x})$ ,  $z = (z_0, \bar{z}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ , the **Jordan product** is

$$x \circ z = \begin{pmatrix} x^T z \\ x_0 \bar{z} + z_0 \bar{x} \end{pmatrix} = \text{Arw}(x)z, \quad \text{with } \text{Arw}(x) := \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & \bar{x}^T \\ \bar{x} & x_0 I \end{bmatrix}$$

### Basic Properties:

- ▶ (product identity):  $e = (1, 0)$ ,  $x \circ e = (x_0, \bar{x})$
- ▶ (commutative):  $x \circ z = z \circ x$
- ▶ (bilinear): linear in  $x$  for fixed  $z$  and vice versa
- ▶ (non-associative):  $x \circ (y \circ z) \neq (x \circ y) \circ z$  in general
- ▶ (Jordan associative):  $x^2 \circ (z \circ x) = (x^2 \circ z) \circ x$



## SOC spectral decomposition

$$x \circ z = \begin{pmatrix} x^T z \\ x_0 \bar{z} + z_0 \bar{x} \end{pmatrix} = \text{Arw}(x)z \quad \text{Arw}(x) := \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & \bar{x}^T \\ \bar{x} & x_0 I \end{bmatrix}$$

Jordan product  $\circ$  induces spectral decomposition of  $\mathcal{K}_2$  (like  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$ )

$$\lambda_{1,2} = x_0 \mp \|\bar{x}\|, \quad v_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\mp \bar{v}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mp \bar{v} \end{pmatrix} \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} \bar{v} = \bar{x}/\|\bar{x}\| & \bar{x} \neq 0 \\ \bar{v} \text{ any unit vector} & \bar{x} = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Properties:** For all  $x \in \mathcal{K}_2$ ,

- ▶  $x = \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2$ , with  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  and  $v_1^T v_2 = 0$ ,  
(hence notation  $x \succeq_{\mathcal{K}_2} 0$ )
- ▶  $x \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}_2) \iff \lambda_i > 0$ , (leads to barrier notion)
- ▶  $\text{tr}(x) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ ,  $\det(x) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = x_0^2 - \|\bar{x}\|^2$
- ▶  $x^{-1} := \lambda_1^{-1} v_1 + \lambda_2^{-1} v_2$ , ( $x^{-1} \circ x = e$ )
- ▶  $x^{1/2} := \lambda_1^{1/2} v_1 + \lambda_2^{1/2} v_2$ , ( $x^{1/2} \circ x^{1/2} = x$ )

## Jordan product and complementarity condition

**Goal:** Handle  $x, z \in \mathcal{K}_2$  and  $x^T z = 0$  “smoothly”.

The following are equivalent:

- i)  $x, z \in \mathcal{K}_2$  and  $x^T z = 0$
- ii)  $x, z \in \mathcal{K}_2$  and  $x \circ z = 0$

(Proof by picture!)

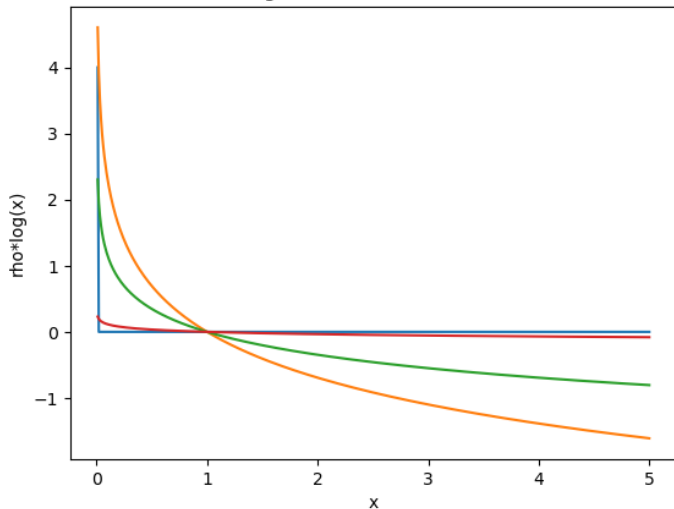
**Great news:** Swapping  $x^T z = 0$  for  $x \circ z = 0$  gives

1. twice-differentiable term  $x \circ z$  (for  $x, z \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}_2)$ )
2.  $n$  constraints, square Newton system



Log barrier:  $\phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x) := -\sum_{i=1}^d \log \lambda_i$ ,  $\text{dom}(\phi_{\mathcal{K}}) = \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$

Plot of log barrier for rho = 1, 0.5, 0.05





## SOC log barrier

$$\text{Log barrier: } \phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x) := - \sum_{i=1}^d \log \lambda_i = - \log(x_0^2 - \|\bar{x}\|^2)$$

$$\nabla \phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x) = -x^{-1} = -(\lambda_1^{-1} v_1 + \lambda_2^{-1} v_2)$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x) = Q(x)^{-1} = Q(x^{-1})$$

$$(Q(x) := 2\text{Arw}^2(x) - \text{Arw}(x^2) = (2xx^T - (x^T Jx)J))$$

Note,  $(x, z)$  complementary if and only if one of the following holds:

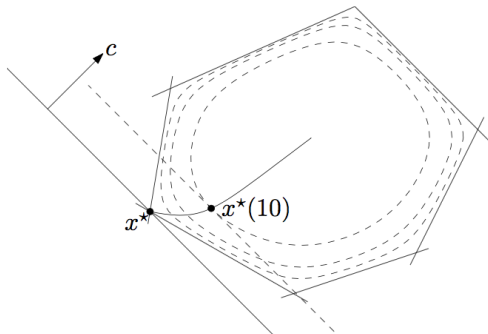
- ▶  $x = 0, z \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}_2)$
- ▶  $z = 0, x \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}_2)$
- ▶  $x, z \in \partial(\mathcal{K}_2)$

Thus  $\phi_{\mathcal{K}}(x)$  or  $\phi_{\mathcal{K}}(z) \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $(x, z) \rightarrow (x^*, z^*)$

# SOC central path

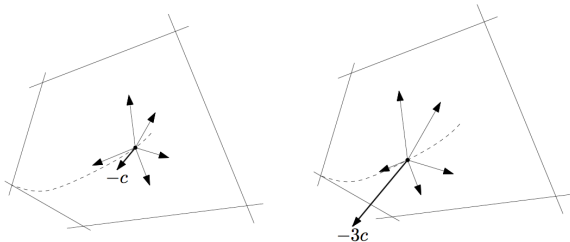
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_x \quad c^T x + \rho \phi(x) \\
 \text{(SOCP-P)}_\rho \quad & \text{s.t.} \quad Ax = b \\
 & \quad \quad x \in \mathcal{K}_2
 \end{aligned}$$

(central path):  $\{(x(\rho), y(\rho), z(\rho) \mid \rho > 0)\}$



## SOC central path

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 & x \in \mathcal{K}_2
 \end{array}$$



**Question:** How to build a *nice* Newton system?

Ans: Penalize dual  $z$  instead.



## Barrier KKT conditions and Newton system

$$L_\rho(x, y, z) = c^T x - y^T (Ax - b) - x^T z - \rho \phi(z)$$

$$\nabla_z L_\rho = -x + \rho z^{-1} = 0 \iff x \circ z = \rho e$$

$$(\text{SOCP-KKT})_\rho \begin{bmatrix} c - A^T y - z \\ Ax - b \\ \text{Arw}(x)z - \rho e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w^+ = (x^+, y^+, z^+) = (x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z), M = \nabla^2 L_\rho(w)$$

$$M \Delta w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & I \\ A & 0 & 0 \\ \text{Arw}(z) & 0 & \text{Arw}(x) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c - A^T y - z \\ b - Ax \\ \rho e - \text{Arw}(x)z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \end{bmatrix}$$

## Barrier KKT conditions and Newton system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & I \\ A & 0 & 0 \\ \text{Arw}(z) & 0 & \text{Arw}(x) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ (iteration): Generally just take one Newton step per  $\rho$
- ▶ (factorize and pivot):  $\text{Arw}(x)$  sparse
- ▶ (conditioning):  $\text{cond}(M) \sim \text{cond}(\text{Arw}(x))$
- ▶ (convergence): Residuals  $\approx \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{mach}}}) = 10^{-8}$

**Question:** How to handle large problems? ( $n \gg 1,000$ )

# ADMM: alternating direction method of multipliers

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f(x) + g(z) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax + Bz = c \end{aligned}$$

**Question:** How to apply to KKT conditions on SOCP?

$Ax = b$	primal feasibility
$x \in \mathcal{K}_2$	primal feasibility
$c - A^T y = z$	dual feasibility
$z \in \mathcal{K}_2$	dual feasibility
$x^T z = 0$	complementarity

(hint):  $x, z \in \mathcal{K}_2$  and  $x^T z = 0 \iff \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(x - z) = x$

## ADMM applied to SOCP

Homogeneous embedding of SOCP (self-dual form),  $Qu = v$

$$v := \begin{bmatrix} z \\ 0 \\ \kappa \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & c \\ -A & 0 & b \\ -c^T & -b^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} =: Qu$$

- ▶ (original variables):  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) = (x/\tau, y/\tau, z/\tau)$
- ▶  $(\tau, \kappa) = (1, 0)$  recovers standard primal-dual
- ▶  $(\tau, \kappa)$  act as primal-dual feasibility certificates

$$\mathcal{C} := \mathcal{K} \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+, \quad \mathcal{C}^* = \mathcal{K} \times \{0\}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$(\text{indicator}): \delta_{\mathcal{S}}(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{S} \\ +\infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \delta_{\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}^*}(u, v) + \delta_{Q\tilde{u}=\tilde{v}}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (u, v) = (\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) \end{aligned}$$

## ADMM applied to SOCP

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \delta_{\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}^*}(u, v) + \delta_{Qu=\tilde{v}}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (u, v) = (\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) \end{aligned}$$

$(\lambda, \mu)$ : dual multipliers from ADMM

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{u}^+, \tilde{v}^+) &= \Pi_{Qu=v}(u + \lambda, v + \mu) \\ u^+ &= \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(\tilde{u}^+ - \lambda) \\ v^+ &= \Pi_{\mathcal{C}^*}(\tilde{v}^+ - \mu) \\ \lambda^+ &= \lambda - \tilde{u}^+ + u^+ \\ \mu^+ &= \mu - \tilde{v}^+ + v^+ \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ (implementation): Extremely easy,  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  lines of code
- ▶ (main cost): Single initial factorization of  $M = \begin{bmatrix} I & A^T \\ -A & I \end{bmatrix}$
- ▶ (iterations): Very cheap, one backsolve and one projection

# State Primal and Dual SDP

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min_X & \langle C, X \rangle \\
 \text{(SDP-P)} \quad \text{s.t.} & A(X) = b \\
 & X \in \mathbb{S}_+^n
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \max_{y, Z} & b^T y \\
 \text{(SDP-D)} \quad \text{s.t.} & C - A^*(y) = Z \\
 & Z \in \mathbb{S}_+^n
 \end{array}$$

$$\langle C, X \rangle = \text{tr}(C^T X) \quad A(X) := \begin{bmatrix} \langle A_1, X \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle A_m, X \rangle \end{bmatrix} \quad A^*(y) := \sum_{i=1}^m y_i A_i$$



## SDP Applications

- ▶ matrix recovery
- ▶ eigenvalue optimization
- ▶ anything with a linear matrix inequality ( $A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i A_i \succeq 0$ )

## SDP KKT conditions

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 A(X) = b & \text{primal feasibility} \\
 X \in \mathbb{S}_+^n & \text{primal feasibility} \\
 c - A^*(y) = Z & \text{dual feasibility} \\
 Z \in \mathbb{S}_+^n & \text{dual feasibility} \\
 \text{tr}(X^T Z) = 0 & \text{complementarity}
 \end{array}$$

(barrier):  $XZ = \rho I$ , (like SOCP  $x \circ z = \rho e$ )

$$(\text{SDP-KKT})_\rho \begin{bmatrix} C - A^*(y) - Z \\ A(X) - b \\ XZ - \rho I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ (factorize/pivot?): Unlike  $\text{Arw}(x)$ ,  $\text{rank}(X)$  unknown
- ▶ (question): How to solve large (SDP) with (possibly) low-rank  $X^*$ ?



## SDP subspace method [WW]

**Goal:** Find “optimal”  $k$ -dimensional subspace  $\mathcal{V}$

- ▶  $\mathcal{V}_k^* := \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ ,  $k$  largest eigenvalues of  $X^*$
- ▶ Optimize over smallest space possible

**Key observation:**

- ▶  $X^*, Z^* \succeq 0, \langle X, Z \rangle = 0$   
 $\implies \text{ran}(X) \perp \text{ran}(Z) = \text{ran}(C - A^*(y))$

**Iteration-wise goals:**

- ▶ Want  $\mathcal{V}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_k^*$
- ▶  $\mathcal{V}^+$ : **find**  $\lambda(C - A^*(y)) \ll 0$  and **toss**  $\lambda(C - A^*(y)) > 0$
- ▶  $y^+$ : cheap update (i.e., smallest subspace SDP solve)

# SDP subspace method [WW]

## Algorithm

1. Initialize: dual variable  $y_0$ ,  $\mathcal{V}$  subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
2. For iter = 1 : iter\_max
  - ▶ Set  $V^+ =$  minimal/nonpositive eigenvectors of  $(C - A^*(y))$
  - ▶ Toss any  $v_i \in V$  with  $v_i^T (C - A^*(y)) v_i \gg 0$
  - ▶ Set  $V = \text{orth}[V, V^+]$
  - ▶ Build subspace problem:  $A_i^{\mathcal{V}} = V^T A_i V$ ,  $C^{\mathcal{V}} = V^T C V$
  - ▶ Solve tiny SDP:  $[X, y] = \text{SDP solver}(A^{\mathcal{V}}, b, C^{\mathcal{V}})$
  - ▶ Test for convergence



## SDP subspace method [WW]

`SDP_subspace_test(2000, 5, 'subspace')`

Current method:

- ▶ Not tossing bad  $v_i$ 's
- ▶ Not using subspace method for  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- ▶ Using fixed dimension update for  $\mathcal{V}^+$

Only known reference (I could find): Olivera, 2002

- ▶ Only rank 1 updates
- ▶ no theoretical results
- ▶ no  $X$  basis finesse



Thank you!!