



Homework 2

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NOTE

- You can hand in your hard-copy in the class or at our lab located in ECE building, room 706.
- Submissions later than the due date will be accepted with a point deduction (5% for each hour).
- As a NTHU student, strong academic ethics is assumed and punished otherwise by deducting the whole homework score.

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Total points: 100

11 Questions

Q1 (total: 5 Points)
Consider the two matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} with the same number of rows. Let **conic A** denote the conic hull of columns of \mathbf{A} . Prove there exists $\mathbf{P} \succeq \mathbf{0}$ such that $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$ if and only if **conic B** \subseteq **conic A**, where “ \succeq ” stands for componentwise inequality.

Q2 (total: 16 Points)

- (a) Let $A = \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{N+2}\}$ be a set of points ($\mathbf{a}_j \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, N + 2$, $N \in \mathbb{N}$) and all the points are distinct. Prove that for any A , there are always two subsets, B and C ($B \neq C$), such that: (8 pt.)

$$\text{conv } B \cap \text{conv } C \neq \emptyset.$$

Hint

Considering $\mathbf{b}_j \triangleq (\mathbf{a}_j, 1)$ might help you.

- (b) Consider each of A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k as a convex set of points in \mathbb{R}^N where $k > N$. Prove that if the $\bigcap_{l \in \mathcal{I}_{N+1}} A_l \neq \emptyset$ for any \mathcal{I}_{N+1} , then, (8 pt.)

$$\bigcap_{l=1}^k A_l \neq \emptyset.$$

Here, \mathcal{I}_{N+1} , is a subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ with $N + 1$ elements.

Hint

You may need to use the result of part (a) in part (b).

Q3 (total: 8 Points)

Prove that the set Q ,

$$Q = \left\{ \text{Diag}(\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n \right\},$$

is a subset of \mathbb{S}_+^n . Then show whether the set Q is a convex cone or not. Here, $\text{Diag}(\mathbf{A})$ is a diagonal matrix with just the diagonal elements of \mathbf{A} . The operation “ \circ ” denotes the Hadamard matrix multiplication (entrywise product, $[\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}]_{ij} = [\mathbf{A}]_{ij}[\mathbf{B}]_{ij}$).

Q4 (total: 12 Points)

(8 pt.) (a) Let K be a convex cone. Prove K is pointed *if and only if* the origin, $\mathbf{0}$, is an extreme point of K .

(4 pt.) (b) Give an example of non-pointed convex cone.

Q5 (total: 8 Points)

Let $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \in P \triangleq \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \preceq \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$, where $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$. Consider $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}, \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$ as subsets of rows of \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} in which the equality holds ($\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$). Prove $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ is an extreme point of P *if and only if* $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}) = n$.

Q6 (total: 13 Points)

(8 pt.) (a) Suppose that C and D are closed convex cones in \mathbb{R}^n and C^* and D^* are the associated dual cones. Show that

$$(C \cap D)^* = C^* + D^*.$$

(5 pt.) (b) Let $V = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \succeq \mathbf{0}\}$, where $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{A} \neq \mathbf{0}_{m \times n}$. Show that the dual cone of V can be expressed as

$$V^* = \{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{v} \succeq \mathbf{0}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Hint

You may need to use the result of part (a).

Q7 (total: 8 Points)

Consider three n -dimensional sets $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, where \mathcal{A} is a closed set. Assume that \mathcal{H} is a supporting hyperplane of both \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{C} . Prove that $\text{bd } \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{H} \subseteq \text{bd } \mathcal{B}$.

Q8 (total: 9 Points)

The dual norm of $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{R}^n is defined as

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_* \triangleq \sup \left\{ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} \mid \|\mathbf{y}\| \leq 1, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\}.$$

Show that $\|\cdot\|_*$ satisfies:

- (a) Positive definiteness (3 pt.)
- (b) Positive homogeneity (3 pt.)
- (c) Triangle inequality (3 pt.)

Q9 (total: 5 Points)

Let \mathcal{H} be a supporting hyperplane of the convex set $C \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Consider the set $D \triangleq C \cap \mathcal{H}$, prove that $D_{\text{extr}} \subseteq C_{\text{extr}}$. Here, $D_{\text{extr}}, C_{\text{extr}}$ denote the set of extreme points of the sets D and C , respectively.

Q10 (total: 8 Points)

Consider two nonempty interior convex cones, K_1 and K_2 . Show that if $\text{int } K_1 \cap \text{int } K_2 = \emptyset$, there is a $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$ such that $\mathbf{y} \in K_1^*$, $-\mathbf{y} \in K_2^*$.

Q11 (total: 8 Points)

Let two non-empty sets, K and C , be subsets of \mathbb{R}^n . At least one of them is a cone and $\text{cl } K \cap \text{cl } C \neq \emptyset$. Consider a hyperplane, $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n, b)$, which separates K and C such that,

$$b = \sup \{ \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x} \in K \} .$$

Prove that the hyperplane passes through the origin.

References

[1] Chong-Yung Chi, Wei-Chiang Li, and Chia-Hsiang Lin. *Convex optimization for signal processing and communications: from fundamentals to applications*. CRC Press, 2017.