

1. (a)

Let $x(\lambda) = x + \lambda d$ for $\lambda \geq 0$. Feasible for all $\lambda \geq 0$.
Let $f(x) = c^T x + \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x$ for all x .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f(x(\lambda)) &= c^T x + \lambda c^T d + \frac{1}{2} (x + \lambda d)^T Q (x + \lambda d) \\ &= c^T x + \lambda c^T d + \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 d^T Q d \\ &\quad + x^T Q d \end{aligned}$$

$$= c^T x + \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + \lambda (c + Qx)^T d$$

since $d^T Q d = 0$

$$\rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty \text{ since } (c + Qx)^T d < 0.$$

□

(b)

Let C be the convex hull of the extreme points of S .
 C is a compact set.

Any $x \in S$ can be written $x = \bar{x} + \lambda d$,
where $\bar{x} \in C$, $d \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda \geq 0$, and $\|d\| = 1$.

Since (QP) has unbounded optimal value, we can find
points x^i with $f(x^i) \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\text{Write } x^i = \bar{x}^i + \lambda_i d^i.$$

Since S and $\{d \in \mathbb{R} : \|d\| = 1\}$ are compact, we
can find convergent subsequences with $\bar{x}^i \rightarrow \hat{x}$, $d^i \rightarrow \hat{d}$,
 $\hat{x} \in C \subseteq S$, $\hat{d} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then $x^i \rightarrow \hat{x} + \lambda_i \hat{d}$, so $f(\hat{x} + \lambda_i \hat{d}) \rightarrow \infty$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\text{Now, } f(\hat{x} + \lambda_i \hat{d}) = f(\hat{x}) + \lambda_i (c + Q\hat{x})^T \hat{d} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_i^2 \hat{d}^T Q \hat{d}.$$

For this to be unbounded below, need $\hat{d}^T Q \hat{d} = 0$, $(c + Q\hat{x})^T \hat{d} < 0$. □

(c) KKT conditions for QP:

$$c + Qx + A^T v = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$v^T (Ax - b) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$v \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

$$Ax - b \leq 0 \quad (4)$$

Let \bar{x} be a KKT point, let $\bar{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (c + Q\bar{x})^T \bar{d} &= -(A^T v)^T \bar{d} \quad \text{from (1)} \\ &= -v^T A \bar{d} \\ &\geq 0 \quad \text{since } v \geq 0, A \bar{d} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

(d)
$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i + d$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } f(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i c^T x^i + c^T d + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i (Qx^i)^T d \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} d^T Q d + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i \right)^T Q \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i \right) \\ &= f \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i \right) + \left(c + Q \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i \right)^T d + d^T Q d \\ &= f \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i (c + Qx^i)^T d + d^T Q d \\ &\geq f \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i x^i \right) \quad \text{from (c) and assumptions.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the optimal solution is a convex combination of the KKT points, and the optimal value is bounded below.

2(a)

The feasible region is convex and the origin is a strictly feasible point. Hence the Slater constraint qualification holds.

(b)

$$L(x, 0) = c^T x$$

$$\theta(0) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} c^T x = -\infty : \text{take } x = -\alpha c, \text{ let } \alpha \rightarrow +\infty$$

(c)

$$L(x, u) = c^T x + \frac{1}{2} u_1 x^T M x + \frac{1}{2} u_2 x^T Q x - m u_1 - q u_2$$

$$\nabla_x L(x, u) = c + (u_1 M + u_2 Q) x$$

Since $u_1, u_2 \geq 0$ with $(u_1, u_2) \neq (0, 0)$, and since Q, M are positive definite, we have $u_1 M + u_2 Q$ is positive definite. Therefore it is invertible.

Thus, the best choice of x is $x(u) = -(u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} c$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \theta(u) &= -c^T (u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} c - m u_1 - q u_2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} u_1 c^T (u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} M (u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} c \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} u_2 c^T (u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} Q (u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -c^T (u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} c - m u_1 - q u_2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} c^T (u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} c \end{aligned}$$

$$= -m u_1 - q u_2 - \frac{1}{2} c^T (u_1 M + u_2 Q)^{-1} c$$

2(d)(i)

$$u = (1, 0): u_1 P + u_2 Q = P$$

$$\text{so } \theta(u) = -8 - \frac{1}{2} (2 \ 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -8 - \frac{1}{2} (2 \ 2) \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = -8 - 4$$

$$= -12$$

$$\nabla \theta(u) = g(x(u))$$

$$x(u) = -(u_1 P + u_2 Q)^{-1} c = -M^{-1} c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g_1(x(u)) = \frac{1}{2} x^T M x - 8 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} - 8$$

$$= (1 \ -3) \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} - 8 = -2 + 6 - 8 = -4$$

$$g_2(x(u)) = \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x - 1 = (1 \ -3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} - 1 = (1 \ -3) \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ -34 \end{pmatrix} - 1 = 15$$

$$u = (0, 1): \theta(u) = -1 - \frac{1}{2} (2 \ 2) \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -1 - (1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = -21$$

$$x(u) = -Q^{-1} c = -M c = \begin{pmatrix} -14 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_1(x(u)) = \frac{1}{2} x^T P x - 8 = (7 \ 3) \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -14 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} - 8$$

$$= (7 \ 3) \begin{pmatrix} 82 \\ 34 \end{pmatrix} - 8 = 574 + 102 - 8 = 668$$

$$g_2(x(u)) = \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x - 1 = (7 \ 3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -14 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} - 1$$

$$= (7 \ 3) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - 1 = 19$$

$$u = (1, 1): u_1 P + u_2 Q = 6I, \text{ so } (u_1 P + u_2 Q)^{-1} = \frac{1}{6} I$$

$$\text{so } \theta(u) = -\frac{1}{12} c^T c - 8 - 1 = -\frac{2}{3} - 9 = -9\frac{2}{3}$$

$$x(u) = -\frac{1}{6} c = -\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_1(x(u)) = \frac{1}{18} (1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 8 = \frac{10}{18} - 8 = -7\frac{4}{9}$$

$$g_2(x(u)) = \frac{1}{18} (1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 1 = \frac{2}{18} - 1 = -\frac{8}{9}$$

2(a)(ii)

$$\text{Thus, } \theta(u) \leq \theta(\bar{u}) + \nabla \theta(\bar{u})^T (u - \bar{u})$$

$$\text{for } \bar{u} = (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)$$

Gives three linear constraints:

$$\theta(u) \leq -12 - 4(u_1 - 1) + 115u_2$$

$$\theta(u) \leq -21 + 668u_1 + 19(u_2 - 1)$$

$$\theta(u) \leq -9\frac{2}{3} - 7\frac{4}{9}(u_1 - 1) - \frac{8}{9}(u_2 - 1)$$

So solve the following LP to get an upper bound:

$$\max \theta$$

$$\text{s.t. } \theta \leq -8 - 4u_1 + 115u_2$$

$$\theta \leq -40 + 668u_1 + 19u_2$$

$$\theta \leq -1\frac{1}{3} - 7\frac{4}{9}u_1 - \frac{8}{9}u_2$$

$$u_1 \geq 0$$

$$u_2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{Optimal soln: value } -1.7969$$

$$u_1 = 0.0556, \quad u_2 = 0.5587$$

Lower bound is best of $\theta(\bar{u})$, namely $-9\frac{2}{3}$

3 (a) Take $x=0$: $x^T Q x = 0$.

For any other x : $x^T Q x \geq 0$.

Hence $x=0$ is optimal with value 0.

(b) (i) KKT conditions:

$$Qx + \alpha x = 0, \quad \alpha(x^T x - 1) = 0, \quad \alpha \geq 0.$$

So need x to be an eigenvector with eigenvalue $-\alpha$, and $x^T x = 1$.

Need $\alpha \geq 0$.

So KKT points are exactly the eigenvectors of Q with norm 1 and nonpositive eigenvalue.

(ii) Let λ_1 be the smallest eigenvalue of Q .

Let x' be a corresponding eigenvector of norm 1.

Hessian of Lagrangian is $Q + \alpha I = Q - \lambda_1 I$.

This matrix is positive semidefinite, by defn of λ_1 .

~~Hence it is psd on~~

It has nullity equal to n , with x' giving a basis for nullspace.

The subspace of interest is $d^T x' = 0$.

On this subspace we have $d^T (Q - \lambda_1 I) d > 0$, for $d \neq 0$.

Hence the second order sufficient condition is satisfied.

Let $\bar{\lambda}$ be a different eigenvalue, with eigenvector \bar{x} .

Hessian of Lagrangian is $Q - \bar{\lambda} I$.

Subspace of interest is $d^T \bar{x} = 0$.

Since even an orthogonal $d \perp x'$ is valid. Then $x'^T (Q - \bar{\lambda} I) x' = \lambda_1 - \bar{\lambda} < 0$

So: only local mins (and hence global mins) are evens corresponding to smallest eigenvalue.