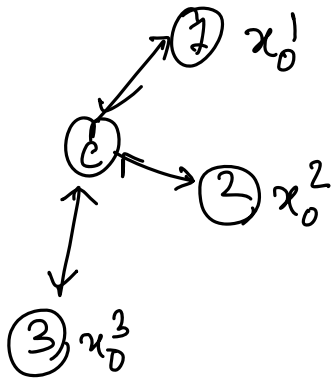


## Local SGD

$$\min_x f(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(x),$$

-  $N$  agents or servers who are not allowed to share  $f_i$  with others.



- Let  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  be the synchronization time-steps.

e.g:  $\mathcal{I} = \{10, 20, 30, \dots\}$

If  $f_i(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} \ell(x, g_i^j)$ ,

then we can replace  $\nabla f_i(x)$  with

$\nabla \ell(x, g_i^{t_j})$  where

$t_j$  is randomly chosen  $\{1, 2, \dots, N_i\}$

- at any point of time  $t$ ,

- if  $t \notin \mathcal{I}$ :

$$\underline{x_{t+1}^i = x_t^i - \eta_t \nabla f_i(x_t^i)}$$

- if  $t \in \mathcal{I}$ :

$$\underline{\bar{x}_{t+1}^i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_t^i}$$

average calculated by central server.

$$\underline{x_{t+1}^i = \bar{x}_{t+1}^i - \eta_t \nabla f_i(\bar{x}_{t+1}^i)}$$

- at this stage,

$\bar{x}_{t+1}^i$  is same for all  $i$

When each  $f_i$  is  $\beta$ -smooth &  $\alpha$ -strongly convex,

convergence rate  $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{KT}\right)$ ,

where  $K$ : condition number.

## Distributed Optimization

Consider the optimization problem:  $\min_x \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(x)$ , where  $f_i$  is known only to agent  $i$ .

ex:  $\min_x \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^{D_i} (a_{ij}^T x - b_{ij})^2 \right)$ ,

$D_i$ : number of data points available with agent  $i$

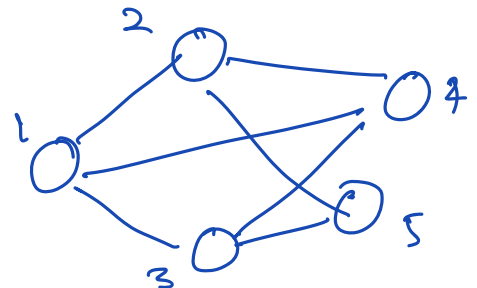
Agents can communicate over a graph or network  $G=(V, E)$  each node corresponds to an agent,  $|V|=N$ .  
 $(i, j) \in E$ , then agent  $i$  communicates with agent  $j$

$w_{ij}$ : weight of the edge  $(i, j)$

if  $w_{ij}=0 \Rightarrow (i, j) \notin E$

For agent  $i$ ,  $N_i \subseteq V$  to be its neighbors,

$$N_i = \{j \in V \mid (i, j) \in E\}$$



$(1,2) \in E$ ,  $(2,3) \notin E$ .

- every agent starts with an initial solution  $x_0^i$  at time = 0.

- at every time  $t$

→ gather: agent  $i$  obtains  $x_t^j$  from its neighbors  $j \in N_i$

→ compute:  $\bar{x}_{t+1}^i = \sum_{j \in N_i} w_{ij} x_t^j$

→ gradient descent:  $x_{t+1}^i = \bar{x}_{t+1}^i - \eta_t \nabla f_i(\bar{x}_{t+1}^i)$ .

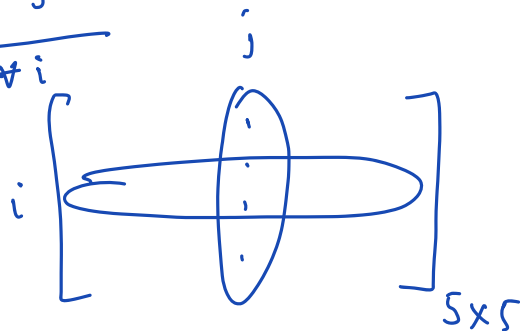
This algorithm is known as distributed gradient descent.

## Distributed Gradient Descent

### Assumptions on the network/graph

- The graph  $G$  is connected, undirected,
- weights satisfy  $\sum_{i=1}^N w_{ij} = 1$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} = 1$

(the entries in each column & row add to 1)



### Assumptions on step-sizes

- $\eta_t \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \eta_t = \infty$ ,  $\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \eta_t^2 < \infty$ .

### Assumptions on cost functions

- each  $f_i$  is convex,  $\|\nabla f_i(x)\| \leq G_i \quad \forall x \in X$
- the problem has an optimal solution, denoted  $x^*$

Theorem: The solutions generated by the distributed gradient descent scheme converges to  $x^*$  for each agent  $i$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x_t^i - x^*\|_2 = 0 \quad \text{for all } i.$$

proof involves two steps

1) consensus error goes to 0.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$\underbrace{\left\| x_t^i - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N x_t^j \right\|_2}_{\text{consensus error}} \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\text{here } x^* \in \arg\min \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(x)$$

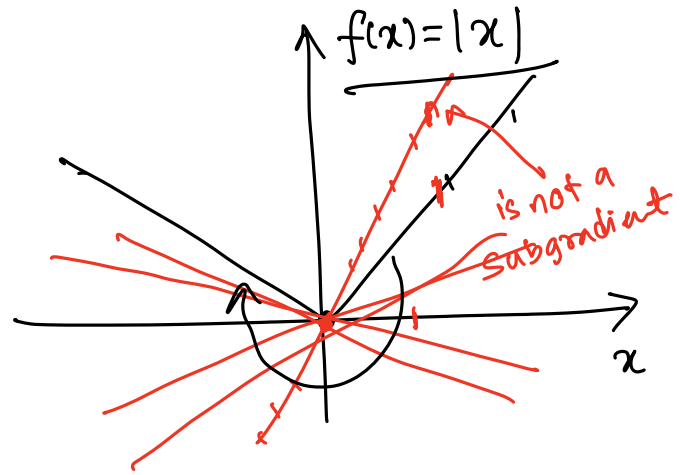
2) convergence to the optimal:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N x_t^j - x^* \right\|_2 = 0$ .  
 Solution

## Subgradients

Definition: For a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a vector  $g \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subgradient of  $f$  at point  $x$  if

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + g^T (y - x)$$

for all  $y \in \text{dom } f$ .



The set of all subgradients is called subdifferential, denoted by  $\partial f(x) = \{ g \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g \text{ is a subgradient of } f \text{ at } x \}$

If  $f$  is a convex function,  $\partial f(x) \neq \emptyset$  when  $x \in \text{int. dom } f$ .

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$ , then  $\partial f(x) = \{ \nabla f(x) \}$ .

For  $f(x) = |x|$ , 
$$\partial f(x) = \begin{cases} \{1\} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \{-1\} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ [-1, 1] & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Functions that are not differentiable everywhere are not smooth, but they can be strongly convex.

Need to be careful while choosing step-sizes for subgradient descent. Usually, square summable step sizes work.

Subgradient descent:  $x_{t+1} = x_t - \eta_t g_t$ , where  $g_t \in \partial f(x_t)$ .

### Dual Norm

For a given norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , its dual norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$  is defined

as 
$$\|y\|_* = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} x^T y$$

For 2-norm

$$\|y\|_* = \sup_{\|x\|_2 \leq 1} x^T y \rightarrow \leq \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2$$

↓  
dual norm of  
2-norm is  
2-norm.

$$= \|y\|_2$$

$$x = \frac{y}{\|y\|_2}, \quad \|x\|_2 = \frac{\|y\|_2}{\|y\|_2} = 1$$

$$x^T y = \frac{\|y\|_2^2}{\|y\|_2} = \|y\|_2$$

Holder's inequality:

$$x^T y \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q, \text{ where}$$

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

$$\|x\|_p := \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

dual of p-norm is q-norm.

dual norm of  
∞-norm is  
1-norm

In general, we can show

$$\|y\|_\infty \leq 1 \Rightarrow \max_i |y_i| \leq 1$$

$$\|x\|_1 = \sup_{\|y\|_\infty \leq 1} x^T y = \|x\|_{1-\infty}$$

$$\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{\|y\|_1 \leq 1} x^T y$$

$$x^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| = \|x\|_1$$

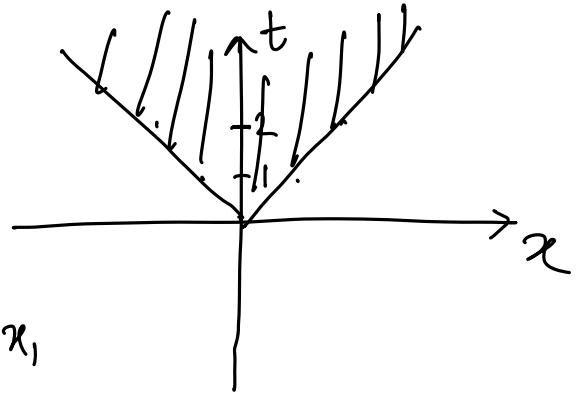
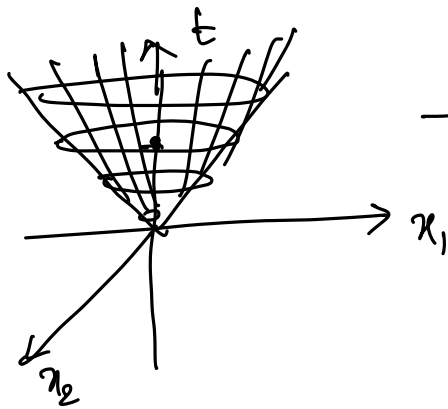
$$x_i y_i \text{ is maximized when } y_i = \text{sgn}(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x_i < 0 \end{cases}$$

## Module D: SOCP and Robust Optimization

Second Order Cone: in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is the set  $\{(x, t), x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in \mathbb{R} \mid \|x\|_2 \leq t\}$

Ex: In  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $\{(x, t) \mid \|x\|_2 \leq t\}$

a convex set



Rotated Second Order Cone:

$K_n^r = \{(x, y, z), x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^T x \leq 2yz, y > 0, z > 0\}$

By taking square on both sides of (\*), we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(y-z) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(y-z) \end{bmatrix} \leq \frac{1}{2}(y+z)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\| \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(y-z) \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(y+z)$$

we can find a matrix  $M$  s.t.

$$\Leftrightarrow x^T x + \frac{1}{2}(y-z)^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}(y+z)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^T x - yz \leq yz \Leftrightarrow x^T x \leq 2yz$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w \\ q \end{bmatrix} = M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

## Quadratic Constraint as Second Order Cone Constraint

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Consider a quadratic constraint  $x^T Q x + \underline{c^T x - d} \leq 0$ ,  
with  $\underline{Q = Q^T \succ 0}$ .

Let  $W = \sqrt{Q}$ .

Then  $\underline{\frac{x^T W^T W x}{x}} \leq \underline{(-c^T x - d)}$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\bar{x})^T \bar{x} \leq 2 \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}_{\bar{z}} \underbrace{(-c^T x - d)}_{\bar{y}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\bar{y} - \bar{z}) \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\bar{y} + \bar{z})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\| \begin{bmatrix} Q^{1/2} x \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-c^T x - d - \frac{1}{2}) \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-c^T x - d + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} Q^{1/2} x \\ -c^T x - d - \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \leq (-c^T x - d + \frac{1}{2})$$

which is a second order cone constraint.

## Second Order Cone Programming (SOCP) in Standard Form

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|A_i x + b_i\|_2 \leq c_i^T x + d_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

LPs are SOCPs:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & a_i^T x + b_i \leq 0 \Rightarrow \underline{0 \leq -a_i^T x - b_i} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} A_i = 0, b_i = 0 \\ c_i = -a_i \\ d_i = -b_i \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

QPs are SOCPs:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & x^T Q x + r^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & a_i^T x + b_i \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{SOCP constraints} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x, t} \quad & + \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x^T Q x + r^T x \leq t \\ & a_i^T x + b_i \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

as seen above, this quadratic constraint can be written as a second order cone constraint.

QCQPs are SOCPs:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & x^T Q x + r^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x^T Q_i x + r_i^T x \leq z_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

can also be framed as a second order cone constraint as shown above.



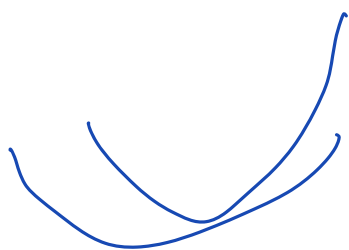
## Min-max Inequality

Consider a function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two non-empty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , respectively.

Then

$$\sup_{y \in Y} \inf_{x \in X} \phi(x, y) \leq \inf_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} \phi(x, y).$$

proof: Let us fix  $\tilde{y}$ . Then



$$\phi(x, \tilde{y}) \leq \sup_{y \in Y} \phi(x, y)$$

$\parallel$   $f_1(x)$ 
 $\parallel$   $f_2(x)$

$$\Rightarrow f_1(x) \leq f_2(x) \quad \forall x$$

$$\Rightarrow \inf_{x \in X} f_1(x) \leq \inf_{x \in X} f_2(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \inf_{x \in X} \phi(x, \tilde{y}) \leq \inf_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} \phi(x, y)$$

does not depend on  $\tilde{y}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{\tilde{y} \in Y} \inf_{x \in X} \phi(x, \tilde{y}) \leq \inf_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} \phi(x, y).$$

When does equality hold?

**Stone's Theorem**: Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be convex and compact. Let

$Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  be a convex set.

For each fixed  $y \in Y$ ,  $\phi(\cdot, y)$  is a convex function (of  $x$ )

For each fixed  $x \in X$ ,  $\phi(x, \cdot)$  is a concave function (of  $y$ ).

Then  $\sup_{y \in Y} \min_{x \in X} \phi(x, y) = \min_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} \phi(x, y).$

## Lagrangian and Saddle Points

We have already encountered min-max problems in the context of Lagrangian duality.

$$\underline{L(x, \lambda, \mu)} = \underline{f_0(x)} + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \underline{f_i(x)} + \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j \underline{h_j(x)}$$

when the optimization problem is convex, and  $\lambda \geq 0$ , then

$L(x, \lambda, \mu)$  is convex in  $x$  for fixed  $\lambda \geq 0, \mu$ .

Further,  $L(x, \lambda, \mu)$  is affine, & hence concave in  $(\lambda, \mu)$  for fixed  $x$ .

$$\underline{d^*} = \sup_{\substack{\lambda \geq 0 \\ \mu}} \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(x, \lambda, \mu)$$

claim:  $\underline{p^*} = \inf_x \left[ \sup_{\substack{\lambda \geq 0 \\ \mu}} L(x, \lambda, \mu) \right] = \begin{cases} f_0(x), & \text{when } h_j(x) = 0 \ \forall j, \\ & f_i(x) \leq 0 \ \forall i \\ \infty \end{cases}$

$$= \inf_{\substack{x \\ \text{s.t. } f_i(x) \leq 0, h_j(x) = 0}} f_0(x)$$

Therefore, min-max inequality established above implies  $d^* \leq p^*$ , which is nothing but weak-duality.

Recall:  $\|z\|_2 = \sup_{\|y\|_2 \leq 1} y^T z$

## SOCP Duality

$\lambda \|z\|_2 = \sup_{\|y\|_2 \leq \lambda} y^T z$

Recall that a SOCP in standard form is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|A_i x + b_i\|_2 \leq e_i^T x + f_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda)} &= c^T x + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \left[ \|A_i x + b_i\|_2 - e_i^T x - f_i \right] \\ &= \underline{c^T x} + \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \sup_{\|y_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i} y_i^T (A_i x + b_i) - \lambda_i e_i^T x - \lambda_i f_i \right] \\ &= \left( \sup_{\substack{\|y_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i, \\ i=1, 2, \dots, m}} \right) \left[ \underline{c^T x} + \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ y_i^T (A_i x + b_i) - \lambda_i e_i^T x - \lambda_i f_i \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^* &= \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left( \max_{\lambda \geq 0} \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) \right) \\ &= \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sup_{\|y_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i^T b_i - \lambda_i f_i) + \left[ c^T + \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i^T A_i - \lambda_i e_i^T) \right] x \right] \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \sup_{\|y_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i} \left( \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i^T b_i - \lambda_i f_i) + \left[ c^T + \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i^T A_i - \lambda_i e_i^T) \right] x \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$

is finite only when

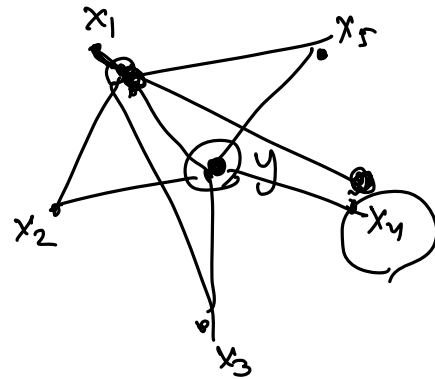
$$\alpha^T = c^T + \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i^T A_i - \lambda_i e_i^T) = 0$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{l} \sup_{y, \lambda} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i^T b_i - \lambda_i f_i) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \|y_i\|_2 \leq \lambda_i, \quad \forall i, \text{ second order cone constraint} \\ \sum_{i=1}^m (A_i^T y_i - \lambda_i e_i) + c = 0 \end{array} \right]$$

## Example: Facility Location Problem

Given a set of locations:  $\mathcal{L} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$

For a location  $y$ ,  
its distance from points in  $\mathcal{L}$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \|y - x_1\|_2 \\ \|y - x_2\|_2 \\ \vdots \\ \|y - x_m\|_2 \end{array} \right\}$$

Worst-case:  $\min_y \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \|y - x_i\|_2$

average:  $\min_y \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|y - x_i\|_2$



$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{y, t} & t \\ \text{s.t.} & \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \|y - x_i\|_2 \leq t \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{y, t \in \mathbb{R}^m} & \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m t_i \\ \text{s.t.} & \|y - x_i\|_2 \leq t_i \quad \forall i \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{y, t} & t \\ \text{s.t.} & \|y - x_i\|_2 \leq t, \\ & \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, m \end{array}$$

— Both are instances of SOCP problems.

Square-root Lasso:

$$\min_x \|Ax - b\|_2 + \alpha \|x\|_1$$

Let us find its dual.

$$\min_x \|Ax - b\|_2 + \alpha \|x\|_1 = \min_x \max_{\substack{\|u\|_2 \leq 1 \\ \|v\|_\infty \leq \alpha}} (u^T A + v^T) x - u^T b$$

$$u^T (Ax - b) + v^T x$$

$\geq \max_{\substack{\|u\|_2 \leq 1 \\ \|v\|_\infty \leq \alpha}} \min_x (u^T A + v^T) x - u^T b$

(equality will hold due to Sion's theorem)

$$= \max_{\substack{\|u\|_2 \leq 1 \\ \|v\|_\infty \leq \alpha}} -u^T b \quad \text{s.t.} \quad u^T A + v^T = 0$$

### Example: Separation of Ellipsoids

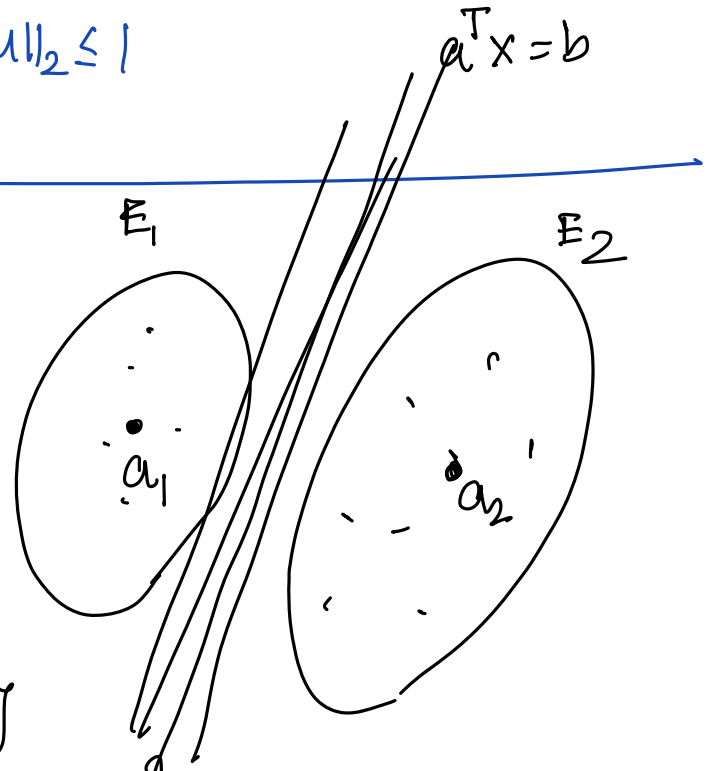
$$= \begin{cases} \max_u & -u^T b \\ \text{s.t.} & \|A^T u\|_\infty \leq \alpha, \|u\|_2 \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Given two ellipses  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ ,  
find  $(a \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R})$  s.t.

$\{x \mid a^T x = b\}$  separates  $E_1$   
and  $E_2$ .

$$E_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x = a_1 + R_1 p, \underbrace{\|p\|_2 \leq 1}_{\text{unit ball}}\}$$

$$E_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x = a_2 + R_2 p, \|p\|_2 \leq 1\}.$$



we want  $(a, b)$  to satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } x \in E_1, \text{ then } a^T x &\leq b \Rightarrow \frac{a^T [a_1 + R_1 p]}{\leq b} \\ \text{if } x \in E_2, \text{ then } a^T x &> b \end{aligned}$$

$$\Downarrow \\ a^T (a_2 + R_2 p) > b \quad \forall \|p\|_2 \leq 1$$

$$\sup_{\|p\|_2 \leq 1} a^T a_1 + \underline{a^T R_1 p} \leq b \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{a^T a_1 + \|R_1^T a\|_2 \leq b}$$

Likewise, we have

$$a^T(a_2 + R_2 p) \geq b \quad \forall \|p\|_2 \leq 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^T a_2 + \inf_{\|p\|_2 \leq 1} a^T R_2 p \geq b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^T a_2 - \sup_{\|p\|_2 \leq 1} p^T (-a^T R_2) \geq b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^T a_2 - \|R_2^T a\|_2 \geq b$$

The goal is to find  $(a, b)$  that satisfy:

$$a^T a_1 + \|R_1^T a\|_2 \leq b$$

$$a^T a_2 - \|R_2^T a\|_2 \geq b$$

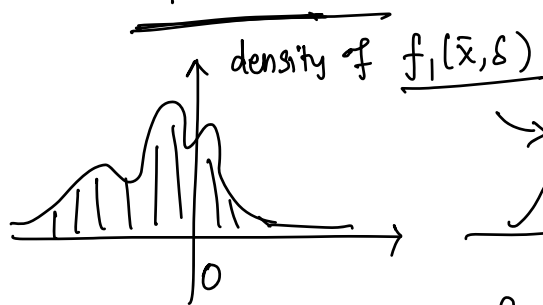


### Optimization under uncertainty

$$\min_x f_0(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } f_1(x, \delta) \leq 0,$$

where  $\delta$  is a random variable.



Sublev.  $(f_1, 0)$

(A) Robust optimization:

only meaningful if  $\delta$  belongs to a known bounded set

$$\min_x f_0(x) \\ \text{s.t. } f_1(x, \delta) \leq 0 \quad \forall \delta$$

if  $f_1(\cdot, \delta)$  is convex in  $(x)$  for fixed  $\delta$ ; then problem is convex

(B) Chance constrained optimization:

$$\min_x f_0(x) \\ \text{s.t. } P[f_1(x, \delta) \leq 0] \geq 1 - \alpha,$$

$\alpha$  is a small +ve constant

In general, nonconvex and NP-Hard.  
except for few special cases.

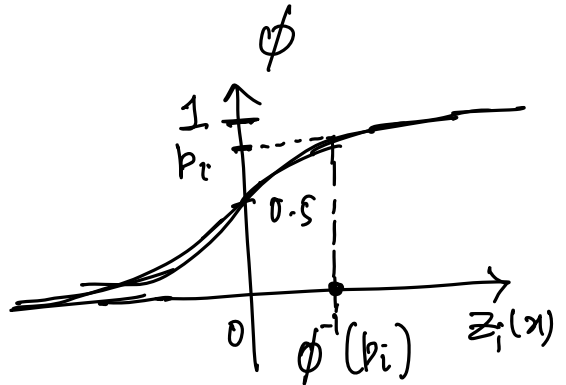
### Example: Chance Constrained Optimization

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbb{P}[\delta_i^T x \leq b_i] \geq p_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

Assumption (1)  $p_i > 0.5 \forall i$ , (2)  $\delta_i$  are Gaussian random vectors with mean  $\bar{\delta}_i$ , and covariance matrix  $\Sigma_i \succeq 0$

Let us examine  $\mathbb{P}[\delta_i^T x \leq b_i] \geq p_i$   
 $\delta_i^T x$  scalar, Gaussian random variable,

with mean:  $\bar{\delta}_i^T x$   
variance:  $x^T \Sigma_i x$



Then 
$$\frac{\delta_i^T x - \bar{\delta}_i^T x}{\sqrt{x^T \Sigma_i x}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\delta_i^T x \leq b_i \iff \underbrace{\frac{\delta_i^T x - \bar{\delta}_i^T x}{\sqrt{x^T \Sigma_i x}}}_{z_i(x)} \leq \underbrace{\frac{b_i - \bar{\delta}_i^T x}{\sqrt{x^T \Sigma_i x}}}_{\tau_i(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}[\delta_i^T x \leq b_i] \geq p_i \iff \mathbb{P}[z_i(x) \leq \tau_i(x)] \geq p_i$$

$\frac{\text{CDF}(\tau_i(x))}{\mathcal{N}(0,1)} \geq p_i$

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Let  $\phi(x)$  be the CDF of  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

we can equivalently write  $z_i(x) \geq \phi^{-1}(p_i)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b_i - \bar{\delta}_i^T x}{\sqrt{x^T \Sigma_i x}} \geq \underline{\phi^{-1}(p_i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_i \geq \bar{\delta}_i^T x + \phi^{-1}(p_i) \underbrace{\sqrt{x^T \Sigma_i x}}_{\|\Sigma_i^{1/2} x\|_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\delta}_i^T x \leq b_i - \phi^{-1}(p_i) \|\Sigma_i^{1/2} x\|_2 : \underline{\text{SOC constraint.}}$$



# Robust Optimization

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## Robust Optimization with Box Uncertainty Set

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## Robust Optimization with Ellipsoidal Uncertainty Set

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## Robust Least Squares

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## Robust Classification

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