

convex optimization problem

$$\min f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

$$\underline{h_j(x) = 0} \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

$f$  convex.

$g_i$  convex.

$h_j$  linear

$$h_j(x) = a_j^T x + b_j$$

$$h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad \cancel{h_j(x) \geq 0}$$

$$-h_j(x) \leq 0$$

$x^*$  feasible

$$f(x^*) \leq f(y) \quad \forall y \text{ st. } \|x^* - y\| \leq R$$

note:  $x^*$  must be globally optimal. why?

Suppose  $z$  feasible

and  $f(z) < f(x^*)$

$$\|x^* - z\| > R$$

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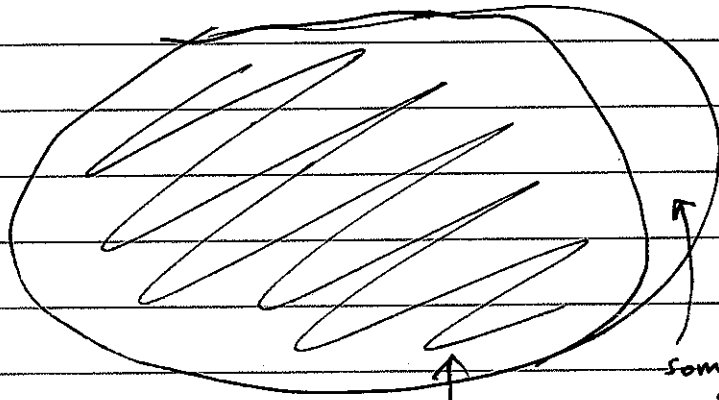
$$\alpha = \frac{R}{\|x^* - z\|} \quad y = (1 - \alpha)x^* + \alpha z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^* - y\| &= \cancel{\|x^* - z\|} \\ &= \|\alpha(x^* - z)\| \\ &= \alpha \|x^* - z\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha = R$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &= f((1 - \alpha)x^* + \alpha z) \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha)f(x^*) + \alpha f(z) \\ &< (1 - \alpha)f(x^*) + \alpha f(x^*) \\ &= f(x^*). \end{aligned}$$

contradiction



problems know how to solve in stats/ML

some rare gems in here!

Convex.

First-order methods



fast, useful algos

Second-order, related

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coord methods

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direct methods

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when to use what?