

# Practice Exam 1: Continuous Optimisation

1. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function and let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  be given.

(a) Show that the function  $g(\mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$  is a convex function of  $\mathbf{x}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . [3 points]

(b) Suppose that  $f$  is strictly convex. Show that then  $g(\mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$  is strictly convex if and only if  $A$  has (full) rank  $n$ . [4 points]

*Hint: Recall that  $f$  is strictly convex if for any  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$  it holds:  $f(\lambda\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y}) < \lambda f(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - \lambda)f(\mathbf{y})$ .*

## Solution:

(a) For  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  we find:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y}) &= f(\mathbf{A}(\lambda\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{b}) \\ &= f(\lambda\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \lambda\mathbf{b} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{b}) \\ &= f(\lambda(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) + (1 - \lambda)(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b})) \\ f \text{ is convex} &\leq \lambda f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) + (1 - \lambda)f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}) \\ &= \lambda g(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - \lambda)g(\mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) “ $\Leftarrow$ ”  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$  implies:  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ .

As in (a) for  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y}) &= f(\lambda(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) + (1 - \lambda)(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b})) \\ &\quad \text{“}f \text{ is strict convex, } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}\text{”} \\ &< \lambda f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) + (1 - \lambda)f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}) \\ &= \lambda g(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - \lambda)g(\mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

“ $\Rightarrow$ ” Assume  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < n$ . Then there exist  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$  with  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$  and for any  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y}) &= f(\lambda(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) + (1 - \lambda)(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b})) = f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) \\ \text{“}g(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{y})\text{”} &= g(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda g(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - \lambda)g(\mathbf{y}). \end{aligned}$$

So  $g$  is not strictly convex.

2. For given  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  we define the convex hull  $\text{conv}(S)$  by

$$\text{conv}(S) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i : m \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i = 1; \mathbf{x}_i \in S, \lambda_i \geq 0 \forall i \right\}$$

Show that  $\text{conv}(S)$  is the smallest convex set containing  $S$ :

(a) Show that the set  $\text{conv}(S)$  is convex with  $S \subseteq \text{conv}(S)$ . [3 points]

(b) Show that for any convex set  $C$  containing  $S$  we must have  $\text{conv}(S) \subseteq C$ .

[3 points]

(Hint: You may use without proof any Lemma/Theorem/Corollary from the course, except for Theorem 1.9.)

**Solution:**

(a) For all  $\mathbf{x} \in S$ , letting  $m = 1$  and  $\lambda_1 = 1$  we see that  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{conv}(S)$ , and thus  $S \subseteq \text{conv}(S)$ .

To prove convexity we consider arbitrary  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \text{conv}(S)$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

Then there exists  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p \in S$  and  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_q \in S$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}_+^p$  and  $\boldsymbol{\psi} \in \mathbb{R}_+^q$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^p \theta_i \mathbf{x}_i, \quad 1 = \sum_{i=1}^p \theta_i, \quad \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^q \psi_i \mathbf{y}_i, \quad 1 = \sum_{i=1}^q \psi_i.$$

We then have

$$\lambda \mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda \theta_i \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{i=1}^q (1 - \lambda) \psi_i \mathbf{y}_i,$$

$$\lambda \theta_i \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, p,$$

$$(1 - \lambda) \psi_i \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, q,$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda \theta_i + \sum_{i=1}^q (1 - \lambda) \psi_i = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^p \theta_i + (1 - \lambda) \sum_{i=1}^q \psi_i = \lambda + (1 - \lambda) = 1.$$

Therefore  $\lambda \mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{y} \in \text{conv}(S)$ , and as  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \text{conv}(S)$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  were arbitrary, this implies that  $\text{conv}(S)$  is a convex set.

(b) Consider an arbitrary convex set  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $S \subseteq C$ .

For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  let

$$S^m = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i : \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i = 1; \mathbf{x}_i \in S, \lambda_i > 0 \forall i \right\}.$$

We then have  $\text{conv}(S) = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} S^m$ .

We shall show by induction that  $S^m \subseteq C$  for all  $m \geq 1$ , and thus  $\text{conv}(S) = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} S^m \subseteq C$ .

For  $m = 1$  we have  $S^1 = S \subseteq C$ .

Now suppose for the sake of induction that  $S^m \subseteq C$  and consider an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x} \in S^{m+1}$ .

We have  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i$  for some  $\mathbf{x}_i \in S$ ,  $\lambda_i > 0$  for all  $i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i = 1$ .

Letting  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$  such that  $\theta_i = \lambda_i / (1 - \lambda_{m+1})$  and letting  $\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i \mathbf{x}_i$  we have  $\sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i = 1$  and thus  $\mathbf{y} \in S^m \subseteq C$  by the induction hypothesis.

We then have  $\mathbf{y} \in C$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{m+1} \in S \subseteq C$  and  $\lambda_{m+1} \in [0, 1]$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (1 - \lambda_{m+1}) \mathbf{y} + \lambda_{m+1} \mathbf{x}_{m+1}$ . As  $C$  is a convex set, this implies that  $\mathbf{x} \in C$ .

3. Consider with  $0 \neq \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the program:

$$(P) \quad \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} \leq 1.$$

(a) Show that  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = -\frac{\mathbf{c}}{\|\mathbf{c}\|}$  is the minimizer of (P) with minimum value  $v(P) = -\|\mathbf{c}\|$ . [2 points]  
 ( $\|\mathbf{x}\|$  means here the Euclidian norm.)

(b) Compute the solution  $\bar{y}$  of the Lagrangean dual (D) of (P). Show in this way [4 points]  
 that for the optimal values strong duality holds, i.e.,  $v(D) = v(P)$ .

**Solution:**

(a) Either show this “by a sketch”. Or as follows (using Schwarz inequality):

$\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq 1$  implies:  $\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \geq -\|\mathbf{c}\| \|\mathbf{x}\| \geq -\|\mathbf{c}\|$ , and “ $\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} = -\|\mathbf{c}\|$ ” holds iff  $\mathbf{x} = -\frac{\mathbf{c}}{\|\mathbf{c}\|}$

So  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = -\frac{\mathbf{c}}{\|\mathbf{c}\|}$  is the minimizer with  $v(P) = \mathbf{c}^\top \left(-\frac{\mathbf{c}}{\|\mathbf{c}\|}\right) = -\|\mathbf{c}\|$ .

(Alternatively find  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  by solving the KKT-conditions.)

(b) The dual (D) is given by

$$(D) \quad \max_{y \geq 0} \psi(y) \quad \text{where} \quad \psi(y) := \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

with Lagrangean function  $L(\mathbf{x}, y) = \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} + y(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} - 1)$ .

We find for  $y = 0$ :  $\psi(0) = -\infty$ .

for  $y > 0$ : The minimizer  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $\psi(y)$  satisfies  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} L(\mathbf{x}, y) = \mathbf{c} + 2y\mathbf{x} = 0$   
 or  $\mathbf{x} = -\frac{1}{2y}\mathbf{c}$ . So (fill in)

$$\psi(y) = -\frac{1}{2y}\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{c} + \frac{1}{4y}\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{c} - y = -\frac{1}{4y}\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{c} - y.$$

The Lagrangian dual problem is thus

$$\max_{y > 0} \left\{ -\frac{1}{4y}\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{c} - y \right\}.$$

To find an (unconstrained) maximizer of  $\psi(y)$  for  $y > 0$  we solve

$$0 = \psi'(y) = \frac{1}{4y^2}\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{c} - 1 \quad \text{with solution} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{c}\|.$$

So  $v(D) = \psi(\bar{y}) = -\|\mathbf{c}\| = v(P)$ .

4. Consider the problem (in connection with the design of a cylindrical can with height  $h$ , radius  $r$  and volume at least  $2\pi$  such that the total surface area is minimal):

$$(P) : \quad \min f(h, r) := 2\pi(r^2 + rh) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad -\pi r^2 h \leq -2\pi, \quad (\text{and } h > 0, r > 0)$$

(a) Compute a (the) solution  $(\bar{h}, \bar{r})$  of the KKT conditions of (P). Show that (P) is not a convex optimization problem. [4 points]

(b) Show that the solution  $(\bar{h}, \bar{r})$  in (a) is a local minimizer. Why is it the unique global solution? [3 points]

*Hint: Use the sufficient optimality conditions*

**Solution:**

(a) We first note that the functions  $f(h, r) = 2\pi(r^2 + rh)$  and  $g(h, r) := -\pi r^2 h + 2\pi$  are not convex (for  $h > 0$ ). For the objective function  $f$ , e.g., this follows by:

$$\nabla f = 2\pi \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 2r + h \end{pmatrix}, \quad \nabla^2 f = 2\pi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

By Lemma 1.21 we thus have that  $\nabla^2 f$  is not positive semidefinite, thus  $f$  is not a convex function and we do not have a convex optimisation problem.

We now consider the KKT condition:  $(\nabla f = -\mu \nabla g, g \leq 0, \mu \cdot g = 0)$

So consider:  $2\pi \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 2r+h \end{pmatrix} = \mu \pi \begin{pmatrix} r^2 \\ 2rh \end{pmatrix}$  ( $\star$ ):

Case  $\mu = 0$ : leads to  $2\pi \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 2r+h \end{pmatrix} = 0$  with solution  $(h, r) = (0, 0)$  which is not feasible.

Case  $\mu > 0$  and thus  $g = 0$ , or equivalently  $\pi r^2 h = 2\pi$ :

The 2 equations in ( $\star$ ) lead to  $\mu = 2/r$  and then  $2(2r+h) = \frac{2}{r} 2rh$  or  $h = 2r$ .

By using the (active) constraint we find  $\pi r^2 h = 2\pi r^3 = 2\pi$  with solution  $r = 1$ . So the unique KKT solution is given by  $(\bar{h}, \bar{r}) = (2, 1), \bar{\mu} = 2$ .

(b) (We apply the second order sufficient conditions of Th. 5.14 to the nonconvex program (P)). So we will show (for the set  $C = \{\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \nabla f^\top \mathbf{d} \leq 0, \nabla g^\top \mathbf{d} \leq 0\}$ ):

$$\mathbf{d}^\top \nabla_{h,r}^2 L(\bar{h}, \bar{r}, \bar{\mu}) \mathbf{d} > 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{d} \in C \setminus \{0\} \quad (\star\star)$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(\bar{h}, \bar{r}) &= 2\pi \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, & \nabla g(\bar{h}, \bar{r}) &= -\pi \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \nabla^2 L(\bar{h}, \bar{r}, \bar{\mu}) &= 2\pi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + 2(-\pi) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = -2\pi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \{\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \nabla f(\bar{h}, \bar{r})^\top \mathbf{d} \leq 0, \nabla g(\bar{h}, \bar{r})^\top \mathbf{d} \leq 0\} \\ &= \left\{ \mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{d} \leq 0, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{d} \leq 0 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

For  $d = \lambda(-4, 1)^T \neq \mathbf{0}$ , (i.e.,  $\lambda \neq 0$ ) we obtain (see (\*\*)):

$$\lambda(-4, 1)(-2\pi) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \dots = 2\lambda^2\pi 6 > 0 \quad \forall \lambda \neq 0.$$

So  $(\bar{h}, \bar{r}) = (2, 1)$  is a local minimizer.

It is the unique (global) minimizer since the point is the only KKT point. Note that since the linear independency constraint qualification holds ( $\nabla g = -\pi \begin{pmatrix} r^2 \\ 2rh \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$ , for  $r, h > 0$ ) any local minimizer must be a KKT point. Also note that for feasible  $\|(h, r)\| \rightarrow \infty$  also  $f \rightarrow \infty$  holds. (*To show the latter fact is technically “involved” and was not expected to be done.*)

5. Consider the closed set

$$\mathcal{K} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 0 \text{ and } 3x_1 + x_2 \geq 0\}$$

(a) Prove that  $\mathcal{K}$  is a proper cone. [You may assume closure.]

[5 points]

(b) Find the dual cone to  $\mathcal{K}$ .

[1 point]

**Solution:**

(a) In order for a set to be a proper cone it must be a closed, convex, pointed full-dimensional cone. We will assume closure and prove the rest:

- Convex cone: Consider an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ . From Theorem 7.2, if we can show that  $\lambda_1\mathbf{x} + \lambda_2\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}$  then we are done.

We have

$$\begin{array}{lll} x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 0, & 3x_1 + x_2 \geq 0, & \lambda_1 > 0, \\ y_1 + 2y_2 \geq 0, & 3y_1 + y_2 \geq 0, & \lambda_2 > 0. \end{array}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda_1\mathbf{x} + \lambda_2\mathbf{y})_1 + 2(\lambda_1\mathbf{x} + \lambda_2\mathbf{y})_2 &= \lambda_1(x_1 + 2x_2) + \lambda_2(y_1 + 2y_2) \geq 0, \\ 3(\lambda_1\mathbf{x} + \lambda_2\mathbf{y})_1 + (\lambda_1\mathbf{x} + \lambda_2\mathbf{y})_2 &= \lambda_1(3x_1 + x_2) + \lambda_2(3y_1 + y_2) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\lambda_1\mathbf{x} + \lambda_2\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}$ .

- Full-dimensional: Using Definition 7.8, part 2, this follows from the space being two dimensional and having two linearly independent vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{K}$ .

- Pointed: We will consider an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\pm \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}$ . Using Definition 7.7, if we can then show that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  then we are done. We have

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (\mathbf{x})_1 + 2(\mathbf{x})_2 \geq 0 \\ (-\mathbf{x})_1 + 2(-\mathbf{x})_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x_1 + 2x_2 = 0,$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3(\mathbf{x})_1 + (\mathbf{x})_2 \geq 0 \\ 3(-\mathbf{x})_1 + (-\mathbf{x})_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 3x_1 + x_2 = 0.$$

Therefore

$$x_1 = \underbrace{\frac{2}{5}(3x_1 + x_2)}_{=0} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{5}(x_1 + 2x_2)}_{=0} = 0, \quad x_2 = \underbrace{(3x_1 + x_2)}_{=0} - 3 \underbrace{x_1}_{=0} = 0.$$

(b) From Theorem 8.7 we have

$$\mathcal{K}^* = \text{cl conic} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{conic} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

6. We will consider bounds to the optimal value of the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & 5x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 - 2x_1 + x_2^2 + 2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 - 4x_1x_2 - 8x_2 = 4 \\ & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{A}$$

- (a) Give a finite upper bound on the optimal value of problem (A). [1 point]
- (b) Formulate a positive semidefinite optimisation problem to give a lower bound on the optimal value of problem (A). [2 points]
- (c) Give the dual problem to the positive semidefinite optimisation problem you formulated in part (b) of this question. [1 point]

**Solution:**

- (a) To find an upper bound we can use any feasible point,  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ . If we limit our search for a feasible point such that  $\hat{x}_2 = 0$  then we would have a feasible point if and only if  $4 = \hat{x}_1^2 + 5 * 0^2 - 4\hat{x}_1 * 0 - 8 * 0 = \hat{x}_1^2$ . Therefore both  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (2, 0)$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (-2, 0)$  are feasible points. We only need one point to give us an upper bound, and if we consider the feasible point  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (2, 0)$

then this gives us the upper bound of

$$\begin{aligned} 5\widehat{x}_1^2 - 4\widehat{x}_1\widehat{x}_2 - 2\widehat{x}_1 + \widehat{x}_2^2 + 2 &= 5 * 2^2 - 4 * 2 * 0 - 2 * 2 + 0^2 + 2 \\ &= 20 - 0 - 4 + 0 + 2 \\ &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Problem (A) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{xx}^\top \right\rangle - 2x_1 + 2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{xx}^\top \right\rangle - 8x_2 = 4 \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^\top \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{xx}^\top \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{PSD}^3 \\ & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \end{aligned}$$

A lower bound on this is then provided by solving the optimisation problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, X} \quad & \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, X \right\rangle - 2x_1 + 2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, X \right\rangle - 8x_2 = 4 \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^\top \\ \mathbf{x} & X \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{PSD}^3. \end{aligned}$$

(c) This previous optimisation problem is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, X} \quad & \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & \mathbf{x}^\top \\ \mathbf{x} & X \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & \mathbf{x}^\top \\ \mathbf{x} & X \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 4 \\ & \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & \mathbf{x}^\top \\ \mathbf{x} & X \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 1, \\ & \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & \mathbf{x}^\top \\ \mathbf{x} & X \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{PSD}^3. \end{aligned}$$

We then have that the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{y}} \quad & 4y_1 + y_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - y_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - y_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{PSD}^3. \end{aligned}$$

7. (Automatic additional points)

[4 points]

Question:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Points:	7	6	6	7	6	4	4	40

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Good luck!**