

Revisiting decomposition algorithms

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Simplest decomposable structure = separable problem

$$P^* = \begin{cases} \max_{x_1, \dots, x_n} & \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij} x_i = b_j, j=1, \dots, m \\ & x_i \in X_i, i=1, \dots, n \end{cases}$$

\rightarrow vector blocks $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$

More interesting case: objective is not sum-separable

coupled in the objective \rightarrow $\begin{cases} \max_{x_1, \dots, x_n} & c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij} x_i = b_j, j=1, \dots, m \\ & x_i \in X_i, i=1, \dots, n \end{cases}$ \rightarrow constraint set separable

coupled in the constraints \rightarrow $\begin{cases} \max_{x_1, \dots, x_n} & \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij} x_i = b_j, j=1, \dots, m \\ & x_i \in X_i, i=1, \dots, n \end{cases}$ \rightarrow sum separable

decomposition methods:

- Primal decomposition: resource (coupled constraints or other imposed limitation) is managed by Master unit directly, by assigning individual budgets to the LPs
- Dual decomposition: Master unit manages resources indirectly by assigning resource prices to the subproblems

Dual Decomposition: Problem structure

$$P^* = \begin{cases} \max_{x_1, \dots, x_n} & \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij} x_i = b_j, j=1, \dots, m \\ & x_i \in X_i, i=1, \dots, n \end{cases}$$

\rightarrow this we look at only this \rightarrow part the problem is decomposed

\rightarrow budget limit constraint \rightarrow this is a resource vector constraint, i.e. by vector function $g(x) = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(x) \end{bmatrix}$

\rightarrow constraint coupling \rightarrow e.g. $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 1$ in vector form $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

\rightarrow resource independence of the blocks \rightarrow $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$L(x, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i x_i + \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i$$

$$g(\lambda) = \inf_x L(x, \lambda) = \inf_x \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (c_i x_i + \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i \right]$$

separate in x_i !

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \inf_{x_i} (c_i x_i + \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \inf_{x_i} (c_i x_i + \lambda_i (b_i - A_{i1} x_1 - \dots - A_{in} x_n))$$

Here $x_i^*(\lambda)$ are calculated by the LP $\inf_{x_i} (c_i x_i + \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j))$ \rightarrow solving the problem $g_i(\lambda) = \inf_{x_i} (c_i x_i + \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j))$ with $g_i(\lambda)$ and $x_i^*(\lambda)$ as returned value.

Master unit solves the dual problem

$$d^* = \max_{\lambda} g(\lambda) = \max_{\lambda} \left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i + \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(\lambda) \right)$$

To solve this we will use the projected subgradient method description:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda^k \in \Lambda \\ \lambda^{k+1} = \text{proj}_{\Lambda} (\lambda^k + \alpha_k (g(\lambda^k) - \lambda^k)) \end{cases}$$

\rightarrow $\lambda^k = [\lambda_1^k, \dots, \lambda_m^k]$ \rightarrow update step

\rightarrow $\lambda^k \in \Lambda$ \rightarrow feasible set

$$g(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i x_i^*(\lambda) + \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j^*(\lambda))) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i^*(\lambda)$$

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This is the Lagrangian function of the primal problem:

$$L(x, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i x_i + \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i$$

rule (10): $-\lambda_j (x_j^*(\lambda)) = (-\lambda_1 (x_1^*(\lambda)), \dots, -\lambda_m (x_m^*(\lambda))) \in \partial L(x^*(\lambda))$

argmin $(x^*(\lambda))$

$\lambda_{k+1} = [\lambda_1^{k+1}, \dots, \lambda_m^{k+1}]$ \rightarrow Master problem is essential \rightarrow updating the price

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Conceptual scheme of the decomposition problem:

Central processes: $\lambda_{k+1} = [\lambda_1^{k+1}, \dots, \lambda_m^{k+1}]$ \rightarrow price update \rightarrow λ_{k+1} which is solving $(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i^*(\lambda) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j^*(\lambda))) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i^*(\lambda)$

Local processes:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (c_i x_i + \lambda_i (b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i$$

* if strong duality holds λ

$$\forall \lambda \in \Lambda \Rightarrow \text{dual decomposition provides primal optimal variables } \forall_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} x_i^*(\lambda) \rightarrow x_i^*$$

$$c_1 x_1 + \lambda_1 (b_1 - \sum_{j=1}^n A_{1j} x_j) \rightarrow \text{strongly}$$

Dual decomposition with coupling variables:
 In the problem structure of the previous topic, the coupling was in the constraints (SME), objective was separable

Now consider variable coupling in the objective:

$$P^* = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + \sum_{k \in K} s_{0,k}(x_k, y_k) \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_i \in X_i, \sum_{k \in K} x_k \in X_k \\ \sum_{i \in I} y_i \in Y_i, \sum_{k \in K} y_k \in Y_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + \sum_{k \in K} s_{0,k}(x_k, y_k) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{X_k}(x_k) + I_{Y_i}(y_i) + I_{Y_k}(y_k) \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_i \in X_i, \sum_{k \in K} x_k \in X_k \\ \sum_{i \in I} y_i \in Y_i, \sum_{k \in K} y_k \in Y_k \end{pmatrix}$$

Standard approach:
 • Introduce slack variables u_i, u_k
 • artificial equality constraint
 $\sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + \sum_{k \in K} s_{0,k}(x_k, y_k) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{X_k}(x_k) + I_{Y_i}(y_i) + I_{Y_k}(y_k) + I_{u_i}(u_i) + I_{u_k}(u_k)$
 // now these are separable
 // in (x_i, y_i) and (x_k, y_k)

$$L(x_i, y_i, u_i, u_k, \lambda) = \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + \sum_{k \in K} s_{0,k}(x_k, y_k) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{X_k}(x_k) + I_{Y_i}(y_i) + I_{Y_k}(y_k) + I_{u_i}(u_i) + I_{u_k}(u_k) + \lambda_1 (\sum_{i \in I} x_i - \sum_{k \in K} x_k) + \lambda_2 (\sum_{i \in I} y_i - \sum_{k \in K} y_k)$$

$$g(\lambda) = \inf_{x_i, y_i, u_i, u_k} L(x_i, y_i, u_i, u_k, \lambda) = \sum_{i \in I} \left[s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{Y_i}(y_i) + I_{u_i}(u_i) \right] + \sum_{k \in K} \left[s_{0,k}(x_k, y_k) + I_{X_k}(x_k) + I_{Y_k}(y_k) + I_{u_k}(u_k) \right]$$

$$= \inf_{x_i, y_i} \left[\sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{Y_i}(y_i) + I_{u_i}(u_i) \right] + \inf_{x_k, y_k} \left[\sum_{k \in K} s_{0,k}(x_k, y_k) + I_{X_k}(x_k) + I_{Y_k}(y_k) + I_{u_k}(u_k) \right]$$

$$= \inf_{x_i \in X_i, y_i \in Y_i} g_1(\lambda) + \inf_{x_k \in X_k, y_k \in Y_k} g_2(\lambda)$$

Master Process: $g(\lambda) = -\lambda(-g(\lambda))$
 $V_{opt} = V_{\lambda} = \arg \min_{V} g(\lambda)$ where $g(\lambda) = \inf_{x, y} L(x, y, \lambda)$

Local Process: $\inf_{x_i, y_i} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{Y_i}(y_i) + I_{u_i}(u_i)$ and $\inf_{x_k, y_k} s_{0,k}(x_k, y_k) + I_{X_k}(x_k) + I_{Y_k}(y_k) + I_{u_k}(u_k)$

As the problem is unconstrained, subgradient method will work. λ_k is any suitable stepsize, and $g_k \in \partial(-g(\lambda_k)) = \partial(-g(\lambda))|_{\lambda=\lambda_k}$.
 If can be shown that $\lambda_k = \lambda_k^* - \lambda_k^{**}$ where $\lambda_k^* \in \partial(-g(\lambda_k^*))$ and $\lambda_k^{**} \in \partial(-g(\lambda_k))$.
 Proj. $\{ \lambda_k^* \} = \{ -s_i(x_i, y_i) \}_{i=1}^m \in \partial(-g(\lambda))$

set addition
 dual function of $\begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_i \in X_i \\ \sum_{i \in I} y_i \in Y_i \end{pmatrix}$
 now $g(\lambda) = \inf_{x_i, y_i} \left[\sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{Y_i}(y_i) + I_{u_i}(u_i) \right]$ which can be backcalculated as the dual function of $\begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_i \in X_i \\ \sum_{i \in I} y_i \in Y_i \end{pmatrix}$
 $g(\lambda) = \inf_{x_i, y_i} \left[\sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{Y_i}(y_i) + I_{u_i}(u_i) \right]$ is the dual function of $\begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i, y_i) \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_i \in X_i \\ \sum_{i \in I} y_i \in Y_i \end{pmatrix}$

Primal Decomposition:

Problem: $P^* = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i) \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_i \in X_i \\ \sum_{i \in I} h_i(x_i) \leq c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i) \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_i \in X_i \\ \sum_{i \in I} h_i(x_i) \leq c \end{pmatrix}$
 # remember each of the i ; blocks are
 # vectors with same dimension as $\log(y_i)(c)$

$$= \inf_{x_i} \left[\sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i) + \sum_{i \in I} I_{X_i}(x_i) + \sum_{i \in I} I_{h_i}(x_i) \right]$$

$$= \inf_{x_i} \left[\sum_{i \in I} \left(s_{0,i}(x_i) + I_{X_i}(x_i) + I_{h_i}(x_i) \right) \right]$$

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Fix the value of $\tilde{x} = \{ \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n \}$ such that $\sum \tilde{x}_i \leq c$ then
 $P^*(\tilde{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i) \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_i \in X_i \\ \sum_{i \in I} h_i(x_i) \leq \tilde{c} \end{pmatrix} = \inf_{x_i} \left[\sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i) + \sum_{i \in I} I_{X_i}(x_i) + \sum_{i \in I} I_{h_i}(x_i) \right]$
 $= \inf_{x_i} \left[\sum_{i \in I} s_{0,i}(x_i) + \sum_{i \in I} I_{X_i}(x_i) + \sum_{i \in I} I_{h_i}(x_i) \right]$

$$= \mathcal{V} \left(\sum_{i=1}^V f_{0,i}(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^V h_i(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^V \mathbb{1}_{\{x_i: h_i(x_i) \in \mathcal{C}_i\}}(x_i) \right)$$

$$= \mathcal{V} \left(\sum_{i=1}^V \left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i) + \mathbb{1}_{\{x_i: h_i(x_i) \in \mathcal{C}_i\}}(x_i) \right) \right)$$

// each of the summands are separable as they are
// not coupled

$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left(\mathcal{V} \left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + h_i(x_i) + \mathbb{1}_{\{x_i: h_i(x_i) \in \mathcal{C}_i\}}(x_i) \right) \right)$$

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$$= \sum_{i=1}^V \left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} f_{0,i}(x_i) \\ \mathbb{1}_{\{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i\}} \\ h_i(x_i) \in \mathcal{C}_i \end{array} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^V p_i^*(x_i)$$

Each LPs will solve them locally
 NON each $p_i^*(x_i)$ is convex in x_i ;
 PROS: $p_i^*(x_i) = \mathcal{V} \left(f_{0,i}(x_i) + \mathbb{1}_{\{x_i: h_i(x_i) \in \mathcal{C}_i\}}(x_i) \right)$

the master process then solves:

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} \sum_{i=1}^V p_i^*(x_i) \\ \mathbb{1}_{\{x_1, \dots, x_V\}} \\ \sum_{i=1}^V x_i \in \mathcal{C} \end{array} \right)$$

Now this can be solved using projected gradient method:

$$x_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ \lambda_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ \lambda_k \end{bmatrix} \left(\sum_{i=1}^V p_i^*(x_i) \right)$$

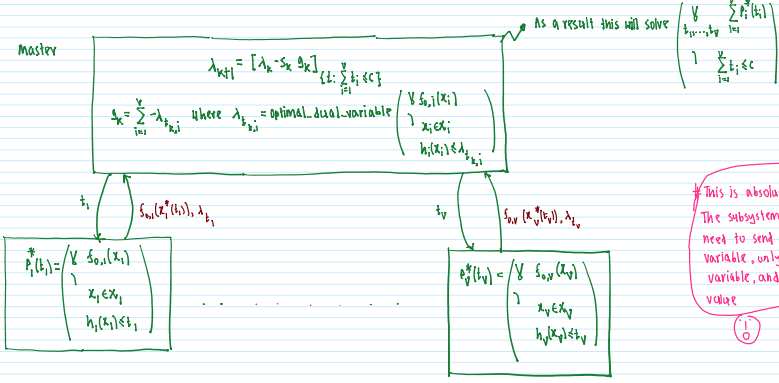
Now to find the optimum using subgradients
 We need a subgradient of $p_i^*(x_i)$, s_i such that:
 $\forall x_i: p_i^*(x_i) \geq p_i^*(x_i) + s_i^T(x_i - x_i)$

Now, (see subgradient of optimal value function)
 one can find: one such

$s_i = -\lambda_i$, where λ_i is
 the optimal dual variable of the problem

$$p_i^*(x_i) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{V} f_{0,i}(x_i) \\ \mathbb{1}_{\{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i\}} \\ h_i(x_i) \in \mathcal{C}_i \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda_i$$

so the decomposition scheme looks like:



* primal decomposition with coupling variables:

$$P^* = \left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2, y) \\ x_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2, y \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right) // \text{ say } (x_1^*, x_2^*, y^*) \text{ be the optimal solution}$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} \left(f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2, y) \right) \\ x_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2, y \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right); \text{ First we show: } \left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2, y) \\ x_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2, y \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right) = \mathcal{V}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left(\left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} f_{0,1}(x_1, y) \\ x_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1 \end{array} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} f_{0,2}(x_2, y) \\ x_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2 \end{array} \right) \right)$$

(Separation principle for coupling variables)

By definition:

$$\forall x_1, x_2, y \in \mathcal{Y} \quad \underbrace{f_{0,1}(x_1^*, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2^*, y)}_{\text{primal}} + \underbrace{f_{0,1}(x_1^*, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2^*, y)}_{\text{dual}} \leq f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2, y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall y \in \mathcal{Y} \quad f_{0,1}(x_1^*, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2^*, y) &\leq \min_{x_1} (f_{0,1}(x_1, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2^*, y)) + \min_{x_2} (f_{0,1}(x_1^*, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2, y)) \\ &= \underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} f_{0,1}(x_1, y) \\ x_1 \in \mathcal{X}_1 \end{array} \right)}_{P_1^*(y)} + \underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{V} f_{0,2}(x_2, y) \\ x_2 \in \mathcal{X}_2 \end{array} \right)}_{P_2^*(y)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow f_{0,1}(x_1^*, y) + f_{0,2}(x_2^*, y) \leq \min_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (P_1^*(y) + P_2^*(y))$$

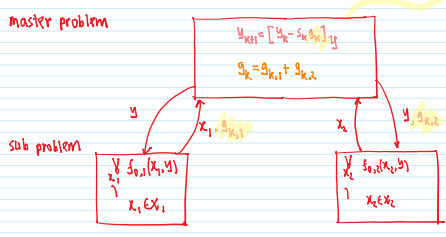
Again,
 $\min_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_1^*(y) + P_2^*(y) \leq P_1^*(y^*) + P_2^*(y^*)$ [By def]

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{y \in Y} p_1^*(y) + p_2^*(y) &\leq p_1^*(y^*) + p_2^*(y^*) \quad [\text{By def}] \\ &= \min_{x_1} (s_{0,1}(x_1, y^*) + t_{0,1}(x_1)) + \min_{x_2} (s_{0,2}(x_2, y^*) + t_{0,2}(x_2)) \\ &= \min_{x_1 \in X_1} (s_{0,1}(x_1, y^*)) + \min_{x_2 \in X_2} (s_{0,2}(x_2, y^*)) \leq s_{0,1}(x_1^*, y^*) + s_{0,2}(x_2^*, y^*) \quad [\text{By def}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore s_{0,1}(x_1^*, y^*) + s_{0,2}(x_2^*, y^*) = \min_{y \in Y} (p_1^*(y) + p_2^*(y)) = \begin{cases} p_1^*(y) + p_2^*(y) \\ \min_{x_1 \in X_1} s_{0,1}(x_1, y) \end{cases} \quad \text{to solve, using projected subgradient: } y_{k+1} = [y_k - s_k g_k]_Y$$

The decomposition scheme is as follows:



subgradients $g_k \in \partial(p_1^*(y) + p_2^*(y)) = \partial p_1^*(y) + \partial p_2^*(y)$

now $p_1^*(y) = \begin{cases} \min_{x_1} s_{0,1}(x_1, y) \\ \min_{x_1 \in X_1} \end{cases}$, $p_2^*(y) = \begin{cases} \min_{x_2} s_{0,2}(x_2, y) \\ \min_{x_2 \in X_2} \end{cases}$

for a particular problem x_1, x_2 structure not important. so $\partial p_1^*(y), \partial p_2^*(y)$ is optimal value function, so

(see subgradient of optimal value function)

subgradients

$$g_{k,1} \in \partial p_1^*(y), g_{k,2} \in \partial p_2^*(y) \text{ then}$$

$$\therefore g_k = g_{k,1} + g_{k,2}$$