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### Signomial Function

differs from a POSYNOMIAL FUNCTION in that the coefficients need not be positive.

$$g_k(x) = \sum_{i \in [k]} \sigma_i c_i \prod_{j=1}^m x_j^{a_{ij}}$$

where  $c_i$  = absolute value of coefficient  
 $\sigma_i$  = sign of coefficient (+1 or -1)

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### EXAMPLE

$$g_0(x) = 2x_1^2 x_2^{-1} - 5x_1 x_2$$

For this signomial:

$$\sigma_1 = +1 \quad \sigma_2 = -1$$

$$c_1 = 2 \quad c_2 = 5$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Primal Signomial GP Problem

Minimize  $g_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$   
 subject to  $g_k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \leq \zeta_k, k=1, 2, \dots, p$   
 $x_j > 0, j=1, 2, \dots, m$

where  $g_k(x) = \sum_{i \in [k]} \sigma_i c_i \prod_{j=1}^m x_j^{a_{ij}}$

*signs*  
 $\sigma_i = \pm 1 \quad \forall i$   
 $\zeta_k = \pm 1 \quad \forall k$

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### EXAMPLE

Minimize  $-2x_1 x_2 x_3^4 x_4^{-1} + x_2^{-1} x_3^{-1} + 5x_1^{1/2} x_4$   
 subject to  $-x_4^{1/2} + x_2^{1/3} x_3 \leq -1$   
 $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 > 0$

$\sigma = [-1, +1, +1, -1, +1]$   
 $c = [2, 1, 5, 1, 1]$   
 $\zeta_0 = ?$  (*sign of objective at optimum*)  
 $\zeta_1 = -1$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### "pseudo" Dual Signomial GP Problem

Maximize  $\zeta_0 \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{c_i}{\delta_i} \right)^{\sigma_i \delta_i} \prod_{k=1}^p \lambda_k \zeta_k \lambda_k \right]^{\zeta_0}$   
 subject to  
 $\sum_{i \in [k]} \sigma_i \delta_i = \zeta_k \lambda_k, k=0, 1, \dots, p$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i a_{ij} \delta_i = 0, j=1, 2, \dots, m$   
 $\delta_i \geq 0, i=1, 2, \dots, n$   
 $\lambda_0 = 1$   
 $\lambda_k \geq 0, k=1, 2, \dots, p$

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For every locally minimum  $\hat{x}$  of the primal signomial GP problem, there exists a dual feasible solution  $(\hat{\delta}, \hat{\lambda})$  and sign  $\zeta_0$  such that

$$g_0(\hat{x}) = v(\hat{\delta}, \hat{\lambda})$$

Furthermore,  $\hat{x}$  and  $(\hat{\delta}, \hat{\lambda})$  are related by

$$c_i \prod_j \hat{x}_j^{a_{ij}} = \zeta_0 \hat{\delta}_i g_0(\hat{x}) \quad \forall i \in [0]$$

$$c_i \prod_j \hat{x}_j^{a_{ij}} = \frac{\hat{\delta}_i}{\hat{\lambda}_k} \quad \forall i \in [k], k \geq 1$$

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A *Weak Duality* theorem would say that  $g_0(x) \geq v(\delta, \lambda)$  for any primal-feasible  $x$  and dual-feasible  $\delta, \lambda$

This is **NOT** true of the pseudo-dual signomial GP problem!

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 subject to  $-x_4^{1/2} + x_2^{1/3}x_3 \leq -1$   
 $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 > 0$

Max  $\zeta_0 \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\delta_1} \right)^{-\delta_1} \left( \frac{1}{\delta_2} \right)^{\delta_2} \left( \frac{5}{\delta_3} \right)^{\delta_3} \left( \frac{1}{\delta_4} \right)^{-\delta_4} \left( \frac{1}{\delta_5} \right)^{\delta_5} \lambda_1^{-\lambda_1} \right]^{\zeta_0}$

**pseudo-dual objective**

$\delta_i \geq 0, i=1, \dots, 5; \lambda_1 \geq 0$

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$-\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 = \zeta_0$   
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$-\delta_1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta_3 = 0$   
 $-\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \frac{1}{3} \delta_5 = 0$   
 $-4\delta_1 - \delta_2 + \delta_5 = 0$   
 $\delta_1 + \delta_3 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_4 = 0$

**Orthogonality Constraints**

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Maximize  $\zeta_0 \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\delta_1} \right)^{-\delta_1} \left( \frac{1}{\delta_2} \right)^{\delta_2} \left( \frac{5}{\delta_3} \right)^{\delta_3} \left( \frac{1}{\delta_4} \right)^{-\delta_4} \left( \frac{1}{\delta_5} \right)^{\delta_5} \lambda_1^{-\lambda_1} \right]^{\zeta_0}$   
 subject to

$-\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 = \zeta_0$   
 $-\delta_4 + \delta_5 = -\lambda_1$   
 $-\delta_1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta_3 = 0$   
 $-\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \frac{1}{3} \delta_5 = 0$   
 $-4\delta_1 - \delta_2 + \delta_5 = 0$   
 $\delta_1 + \delta_3 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_4 = 0$   
 $\delta_i \geq 0, i=1, \dots, 5; \lambda_1 \geq 0$

**Pseudo-Dual Signomial GP Problem**

# terms = 5; degree of difficulty = zero  
 # primal variables = 4  $\Rightarrow$

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Let's guess that  $\zeta_0 = +1$ , i.e., that the optimal primal objective is positive...

The unique solution of the dual constraints is

$\delta_1^* = 2/3, \delta_2^* = 1/3, \delta_3^* = 4/3, \delta_4^* = 4, \delta_5^* = 3, \lambda_1^* = 1$

Since  $\delta_i \geq 0$  &  $\lambda_1 \geq 0$ , the guess  $\zeta_0 = +1$  was correct.

$v(\delta^*, \lambda^*) = \left( \frac{2}{2/3} \right)^{-2/3} \left( \frac{1}{1/3} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{5}{4/3} \right)^{4/3} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^{-4} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^3 1^{-1} = 38.322$

**Computing the Primal Optimum**

$2x_1x_2x_3^4x_4^{-1} = \delta_1^* g_0(x^*) = 2/3 \times (38.322) \Rightarrow x_1x_2x_3^4x_4^{-1} = 12.77$   
 $x_2^{-1}x_3^{-1} = \delta_2^* g_0(x^*) = 1/3 \times (38.322) \Rightarrow x_2^{-1}x_3^{-1} = 12.77$   
 $5x_1^{1/2}x_4 = \delta_3^* g_0(x^*) = 4/3 \times (38.322) \Rightarrow x_1^{1/2}x_4 = 10.22$   
 $x_4^{1/2} = \delta_4^* / \lambda_1^* = 4 \Rightarrow x_4^{1/2} = 4$   
 $x_2^{1/3}x_3 = \delta_5^* / \lambda_1^* = 3 \Rightarrow x_2^{1/3}x_3 = 3$

**5 nonlinear equations with 4 unknowns**

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**Computing the Primal Optimum**

Taking logarithms of each side yields equations which are linear in the logarithms of the primal variables:

$\begin{cases} \ln x_1 + \ln x_2 + 4 \ln x_3 - \ln x_4 = \ln 12.77 \\ - \ln x_2 - \ln x_3 = \ln 12.77 \\ \frac{1}{2} \ln x_1 + \ln x_4 = \ln 10.22 \\ \frac{1}{2} \ln x_4 = \ln 4 \\ \frac{1}{3} \ln x_2 + \ln x_3 = \ln 3 \end{cases}$

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**Computing the Primal Optimum**

$$\begin{cases} x_1^* = 0.4079 \\ x_2^* = 0.004216 \\ x_3^* = 18.57 \\ x_4^* = 16 \end{cases}$$

**Example**

Maximize  $5x_1^2 - x_2^2x_3^4$   
subject to

$$\frac{-5x_1^2}{x_2^2} + \frac{3x_3}{x_2} \geq 2$$

$$x_1 > 0, x_2 > 0, x_3 > 0$$