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Abstract

We show that a *parametric linear system of equations* plays a fundamental part in establishing a mutual relation between minimization problem (primal) and maximization problem (dual). The system is of $2n$ -equation on $2n$ -variable, called *zero-minimum condition*. It yields a couple of second-order finite (n -) linear difference equation on n -variable, which constitute the respective *optimal conditions*. The respective equations have a minimum solution for primal and a maximum one for dual. Both the optimal solutions are expressed in terms of *Gibonacci* sequence, which is a parametric generalization of the *Fibonacci* one. Either solution is characterized by the backward Gibonacci sequence and its complementary – *Hibonacci* sequence –.

1 Introduction

Recently a new duality for quadratic optimization has been extensively developed by Iwamoto, Kimura, Fujita and Kira [12–25]. They have given several kinds of duality through some methods. These supply related dualities and associated dual problems for the classical optimization problems by Bellman and others [1–7, 26], [9, 11, 28, 29]. The duality and its approach are characterized by — Fibonacci [8, 10, 27, 30] and complementarity —, respectively.

This paper enhances the Fibonacci duality through a parametric linear system of equations. The Fibonacci duality is expanded to *Gibonacci* one. The complementarity is replaced by a pair of linear equations — an equality condition —. This is called a *zero-minimum condition* for a $2n$ -variable parametric minimization problem.

Section 2 gives a $2n$ -variable parametric minimization problem, where a parameter λ ranges over $(0, \infty)$. The objective function turns out to be nonnegative. It attains zero iff a linear system of $2n$ -equations on $2n$ -variables has a solution. Section 3 presents a pair of λ -parametric minimization problem and λ -parametric maximization problem for $\lambda > 0$. Section 4 discusses a new duality — Gibonacci duality —. This covers Fibonacci duality. The principal idea is based upon the complementarity.

2 Complementary approach

This section specifies a $2n$ -variable minimization problem. Throughout the section, let $c \in R^1$ and $\lambda > 0$ be given constants.

An original problem is a $2n$ -variable (x, μ) with a parameter λ and a fixed initial value $x_0 = c$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Q} \quad & \text{minimize} \quad -2\lambda x_0 \mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + x_k^2 + \lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2 \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad + 2(\lambda - 1)x_k(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})] \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad + (x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 + x_n^2 + (\lambda^2 + 1)\mu_n^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)x_n \mu_n \\
 & \text{subject to} \quad \text{(i) } x \in R^n, x_0 = c, \quad \text{(ii) } \mu \in R^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us define the objective function by $h : R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R^1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(x, \mu) = & -2\lambda c \mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + x_k^2 + \lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2 \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad + 2(\lambda - 1)x_k(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})] \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad + (x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 + x_n^2 + (\lambda^2 + 1)\mu_n^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)x_n \mu_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have an *evaluation* as follows.

Lemma 1 *Let (x, μ) be feasible. Then it holds that*

$$h(x, \mu) \geq 0. \tag{1}$$

The sign of equality holds iff

$$\begin{aligned}
 & c - x_1 = \lambda \mu_1, \quad x_1 = \mu_1 - \mu_2 \\
 \text{(Zm)} \quad & x_{k-1} - x_k = \lambda \mu_k, \quad x_k = \mu_k - \mu_{k+1} \quad 2 \leq k \leq n-1 \\
 & x_{n-1} - x_n = \lambda \mu_n, \quad x_n = \mu_n
 \end{aligned}$$

holds.

This is a linear system of $2n$ -equation on $2n$ -variable (x, μ) . We call (Zm) a *zero-minimum condition*.

Proof. First we present an identity, which plays a fundamental role in analyzing the pair. Let $x = \{x_k\}^n, \mu = \{\mu_k\}_1^n$ be any two sequences of real number with $x_0 = c$. Then an identity

$$\text{(C)} \quad c\mu_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k)\mu_k + x_k(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})] + (x_{n-1} - x_n)\mu_n + x_n \mu_n$$

holds true. This identity is called *complementary*. The complementary identity implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -2\lambda x_0\mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + x_k^2 + \lambda^2\mu_k^2 + (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)\lambda x_k(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})] \\
 & \quad + (x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 + x_n^2 + (\lambda^2 + 1)\mu_n^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)\lambda x_n\mu_n \\
 \text{(QI)} \quad & = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k - \lambda\mu_k)^2 + (x_k - \mu_k + \mu_{k+1})^2] \\
 & \quad + (x_{n-1} - x_n - \lambda\mu_n)^2 + (x_n - \mu_n)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

This is an identity on $R^n \times R^n$, which is called *quadratic*. Hence we have an inequality

$$h(x, \mu) \geq 0.$$

The sign of equality holds iff (Zm) holds. Thus the inequality (2) with zero-minimum condition is shown. \square

The objective function is also expressed as follows.

Lemma 2 *Let (x, μ) be feasible. Then it holds that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(x, \mu) = & -2c\mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + x_k^2 + \lambda^2\mu_k^2 + (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2 + 2(1 - \lambda)(x_{k-1} - x_k)\mu_k] \\
 & + (x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 + x_n^2 + (\lambda^2 + 1)\mu_n^2 + 2(1 - \lambda)(x_{n-1} - x_n)\mu_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3 *Let*

$$\gamma := 2 + \lambda, \quad \xi := 1 + \lambda \quad (\lambda \neq 0).$$

Then the zero-minimum condition (Zm) yields a pair of linear systems of n -equation on n -variable:

Case $n = 1$

$$\text{(EQ)} \quad c = \xi x_1 \quad c = \xi \mu_1.$$

Case $n = 2$

$$\text{(EQ)} \quad \begin{array}{ll} c = \gamma x_1 - x_2 & c = \xi \mu_1 - \mu_2 \\ x_1 = \xi x_2 & \mu_1 = \gamma \mu_2. \end{array}$$

Case $n \geq 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
& c = \gamma x_1 - x_2 & c = \xi \mu_1 - \mu_2 \\
\text{(EQ)} \quad & x_{k-1} = \gamma x_k - x_{k+1} & \mu_{k-1} = \gamma \mu_k - \mu_{k+1} & 2 \leq k \leq n-1 \\
& x_{n-1} = \xi x_n & \mu_{n-1} = \gamma \mu_n.
\end{aligned}$$

Conversely the pair (EQ) yields (Zm) under the condition that either system has a unique solution. This condition is assured by the nonsingularity of the relevant $n \times n$ matrices A_n, B_n i.e.,¹

$$|A_n| \neq 0, |B_n| \neq 0.$$

The pair (EQ) is divided into two linear systems:

$$\begin{aligned}
& c = x_0 \\
\text{(EQ}_x) \quad & x_{k-1} = \gamma x_k - x_{k+1} & 1 \leq k \leq n-1 \\
& x_{n-1} = \xi x_n
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& c = \xi \mu_1 - \mu_2 \\
\text{(EQ}_\mu) \quad & \mu_{k-1} = \gamma \mu_k - \mu_{k+1} & 2 \leq k \leq n-1 \\
& \mu_{n-1} = \gamma \mu_n
\end{aligned}$$

Now we have the objective function

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x, \mu) = & -2\lambda x_0 \mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + x_k^2 + \lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)x_k(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})] \\
& + (x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 + x_n^2 + (\lambda^2 + 1)\mu_n^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)x_n \mu_n \quad (x_0 = c).
\end{aligned}$$

A triple zero property holds as follows.

Lemma 4 Let a feasible (x, μ) satisfy (Zm_n). Then it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
& h(x, \mu) \\
& = -c(c - x_1) + \sum_{k=1}^n [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2] \\
\text{(tZ)} \quad & = -\lambda c \mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [\lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2] + (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mu_n^2 \\
& = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

¹It holds that $|A_n| = |B_n|$.

3 Case $\lambda > 0$

Consider the Case $\lambda > 0$. We define

$$\gamma := 2 + \lambda (> 2), \quad \xi := 1 + \lambda (> 1).$$

Now let us solve a pair of linear systems of (finite) difference equations

$$\begin{aligned} & c = x_0 \\ (\text{EQ}_x) \quad & x_{k-1} = \gamma x_k - x_{k+1} \quad 1 \leq k \leq n-1 \\ & x_{n-1} = \xi x_n \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & c = \xi \mu_1 - \mu_2 \\ (\text{EQ}_\mu) \quad & \mu_{k-1} = \gamma \mu_k - \mu_{k+1} \quad 2 \leq k \leq n-1 \\ & \mu_{n-1} = \gamma \mu_n. \end{aligned}$$

We consider a second-order linear difference equation

$$x_{n+2} - \gamma x_{n+1} + x_n = 0, \quad x_0 = 0, \quad x_1 = 1. \quad (2)$$

Lemma 5 *The equation (2) has a unique solution*

$$x_n = \frac{\beta^n - \alpha^n}{\beta - \alpha} \quad (3)$$

where $\alpha (<) \beta$ are the two positive solution

$$\alpha = \frac{\gamma - \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4}}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\gamma + \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4}}{2} \quad (4)$$

to the characteristic equation

$$t^2 - \gamma t + 1 = 0. \quad (5)$$

We note that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha + \beta &= \gamma, \quad \alpha\beta = 1 \\ 0 < \alpha < 1 < \beta < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1 *Let us define the sequence $\{G_n\}$ by*

$$G_n = \frac{\beta^n - \alpha^n}{\beta - \alpha}. \quad (6)$$

We call $\{G_n\}$ a *two-step Gibonacci* sequence. The reason is that $G_n = F_{2n}$ for $\gamma = 3$, where $\{F_n\}$ is the *Fibonacci* sequence. Thus $\{G_k\}$ satisfies a second-order linear difference equation

$$G_{k+1} = \gamma G_k - G_{k-1}, \quad G_1 = 1, \quad G_0 = 0. \quad (7)$$

This has a unique solution (6).

Lemma 6 *The system (EQ_x) has a unique solution*

$$x_k = c \frac{\xi G_{n-k} - G_{n-1-k}}{\xi G_n - G_{n-1}} \quad 0 \leq k \leq n$$

, while the system (EQ_μ) has a unique solution

$$\mu_k = c \frac{G_{n+1-k}}{\xi G_n - G_{n-1}} \quad 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} & (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ &= \frac{c}{H_n} (H_{n-1}, H_{n-2}, \dots, H_{n-k}, \dots, H_1, H_0), \\ & \quad (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k, \dots, \mu_{n-1}, \mu_n) \\ &= \frac{c}{H_n} (G_n, G_{n-1}, \dots, G_{n+1-k}, \dots, G_2, G_1) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$H_n := \xi G_n - G_{n-1}. \quad (8)$$

The sequence $\{H_n\}$ is called *Hibonacci*. Then it holds that

$$\lambda G_n = H_n - H_{n-1}, \quad H_n = G_{n+1} - G_n, \quad H_0 = G_1. \quad (9)$$

The Hibonacci sequence $\{H_k\}$ satisfies the second-order linear difference equation

$$H_{k+1} = \gamma H_k - H_{k-1}, \quad H_1 = \xi, \quad H_0 = 1. \quad (10)$$

This has a unique solution

$$H_k = \frac{\xi(\beta^k - \alpha^k) - (\beta^{k-1} - \alpha^{k-1})}{\beta - \alpha}. \quad (11)$$

Theorem 1 *The zero-minimum condition (Zm) has a unique solution (x, μ) ;*

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ &= \frac{c}{H_n}(H_{n-1}, H_{n-2}, \dots, H_{n-k}, \dots, H_1, H_0), \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k, \dots, \mu_{n-1}, \mu_n) \\ &= \frac{c}{H_n}(G_n, G_{n-1}, \dots, G_{n+1-k}, \dots, G_2, G_1) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where

$$G_n = \frac{\beta^n - \alpha^n}{\beta - \alpha}, \quad H_n = \xi G_n - G_{n-1}.$$

Hence Q attains the zero minimum at (x, μ) .

We have defined the objective function $h : R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R^1$ by

$$\begin{aligned} h(x, \mu) &= -2\lambda c\mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + x_k^2 + \lambda^2\mu_k^2 + (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2 \\ &\quad + 2(\lambda - 1)x_k(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})] \\ &\quad + (x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 + x_n^2 + (\lambda^2 + 1)\mu_n^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)x_n\mu_n. \end{aligned}$$

Then (QI) is summarized as follows.

Corollary 1 *It holds that*

- (i) $h(x, \mu) \geq 0 \quad \forall (x, \mu) \in R^n \times R^n$
- (ii) $h(x, \mu) = 0 \iff (x, \mu)$ satisfies (EQ).

The objective function $h(x, \mu)$ attains the zero-minimum. From Lemma 4 (Triple Zero), we have a *triple zero property* for the solution.

Corollary 2 *Let (x, μ) be the solution given in (12), (13). Then it holds that*

$$\begin{aligned} &h(x, \mu) \\ &= -c(c - x_1) + \sum_{k=1}^n [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2] \\ \text{(tZ)} \quad &= -\lambda c\mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [\lambda^2\mu_k^2 + \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2] + (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mu_n^2 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here we define two functions $f, g : R^n \rightarrow R^1$ by

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2]$$

$$g(\mu) = 2\lambda c\mu_1 - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [\lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2] - (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mu_n^2.$$

Note that $f(x)$ is convex and $g(\mu)$ is concave. We consider a pair of minimization problem and maximization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{P} & \text{minimize } f(x) \quad \text{subject to } x \in R^n \\ \text{D} & \text{Maximize } g(\mu) \quad \text{subject to } \mu \in R^n. \end{array}$$

4 Gibonacci Duality

Let any $\lambda > 0$ be given. Then we consider a pair of minimization (primal) problem and maximization (dual) problem.

4.1 Primal and dual

The pair is

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{P} & \text{minimize } \sum_{k=1}^n [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2] \\ & \text{subject to } \quad \text{(i) } x \in R^n, x_0 = c \\ \text{D} & \text{Maximize } 2\lambda c\mu_1 - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [\lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2] - (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mu_n^2 \\ & \text{subject to } \quad \text{(i) } \mu \in R^n. \end{array}$$

Then both P and D are dual to each other. An equality condition is

$$\begin{array}{ll} c - x_1 = \lambda\mu_1 & x_1 = \mu_1 - \mu_2 \\ \text{(EC)} & x_{k-1} - x_k = \lambda\mu_k \quad x_k = \mu_k - \mu_{k+1} \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, n-1 \\ & x_{n-1} - x_n = \lambda\mu_n \quad x_n = \mu_n. \end{array}$$

The primal P attains a minimum $m = (1 - \frac{H_{n-1}}{H_n})c^2$ at $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, while the dual D does a maximum $M = \lambda \frac{G_n}{H_n} c^2$ at $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n)$:

$$x_k = c \frac{H_{n-k}}{H_n}, \quad \mu_k = c \frac{G_{n+1-k}}{H_n} \quad (14)$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_n) = \frac{c}{H_n}(H_{n-1}, H_{n-2}, \dots, H_{n-k}, \dots, H_0) \\ \mu &= (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k, \dots, \mu_n) = \frac{c}{H_n}(G_n, G_{n-1}, \dots, G_{n+1-k}, \dots, G_1) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G_n &= \frac{\beta^n - \alpha^n}{\beta - \alpha}, \quad H_n = \xi G_n - G_{n-1} \\ \alpha &= \frac{\gamma - \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4}}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\gamma + \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4}}{2} \\ \gamma &= 2 + \lambda, \quad \xi = 1 + \lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda G_n &= H_n - H_{n-1}, \quad H_0 = G_1 \\ \alpha &= \frac{\lambda + 2 - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda}}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\lambda + 2 + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda}}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Hence the the optimum point (x, μ) satisfies (EC) and the optimum values are same $m = M$.

4.1.1 Solution method

We note that the objective function

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2] \quad (x_0 = c)$$

is convex. The first-order partial derivative $f_k(x) := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k}(x)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} f_1(x) &= -(c - x_1) + \lambda x_1 + (x_1 - x_2) \\ &= -(x_2 - \gamma x_1 + c) \quad (\gamma := 2 + \lambda) \\ \frac{1}{2} f_k(x) &= -(x_{k-1} - x_k) + \lambda x_k + (x_k - x_{k+1}) \\ &= -(x_{k+1} - \gamma x_k + x_{k-1}) \quad 2 \leq k \leq n-1 \\ \frac{1}{2} f_n(x) &= -(x_{n-1} - x_n) + \lambda x_n \\ &= -(-\xi x_n + x_{n-1}) \quad (\xi := 1 + \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore an identity

$$f(x) = c(c - x_1) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k f_k(x) \quad (18)$$

holds true.

A minimum point x satisfies the first-order condition $f_k(x) = 0 \quad 1 \leq k \leq n$, which is

$$\begin{aligned} c &= x_0 \\ (\text{EQ}_x) \quad x_{k-1} &= \gamma x_k - x_{k+1} \quad 1 \leq k \leq n-1 \\ x_{n-1} &= \xi x_n. \end{aligned}$$

As was shown in Lemma 6, this has a unique solution

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_n) = \frac{c}{H_n}(H_{n-1}, H_{n-2}, \dots, H_{n-k}, \dots, H_0).$$

Then the identity claims that

$$f(x) = c(c - x_1) = \left(1 - \frac{H_{n-1}}{H_n}\right) c^2.$$

Second we solve D. The objective function

$$g(\mu) = 2\lambda c\mu_1 - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [\lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2] - (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mu_n^2$$

is concave. The first-order partial derivative $g_k(\mu) := \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mu_k}(\mu)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\lambda} g_1(\mu) &= c - \lambda\mu_1 - (\mu_1 - \mu_2) \\ &= \mu_2 - \xi\mu_1 + c \quad (\xi := 1 + \lambda) \\ \frac{1}{2\lambda} g_k(\mu) &= (\mu_{k-1} - \mu_k) - \lambda\mu_k - (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1}) \\ &= \mu_{k+1} - \gamma\mu_k + \mu_{k-1} \quad 2 \leq k \leq n-1 \quad (\gamma := 2 + \lambda) \\ \frac{1}{2\lambda} g_n(\mu) &= (\mu_{n-1} - \mu_n) - (\lambda + 1)\mu_n \\ &= -\gamma\mu_n + \mu_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore an identity

$$g(\mu) = \lambda c\mu_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_k g_k(\mu) \tag{19}$$

holds true.

A maximum point μ satisfies the first-order condition $g_k(\mu) = 0 \quad 1 \leq k \leq n$, which is

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \xi\mu_1 - \mu_2 \\ (\text{EQ}_\mu) \quad \mu_{k-1} &= \gamma\mu_k - \mu_{k+1} \quad 2 \leq k \leq n-1 \\ \mu_{n-1} &= \gamma\mu_n. \end{aligned}$$

As was shown in Lemma 6, this has a unique solution

$$\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k, \dots, \mu_n) = \frac{c}{H_n}(G_n, G_{n-1}, \dots, G_{n+1-k}, \dots, G_1).$$

Then the identity claims that

$$g(\mu) = \lambda c \mu_1 = \lambda \frac{G_n}{H_n} c^2.$$

Thus D has the desired maximum solution.

4.1.2 Derivation P \iff D

Let x be feasible for P. Then for any μ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^n [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2] \\ &= (c - x_1)^2 - 2\lambda\mu_1(c - x_1) + \lambda x_1^2 + 2\lambda\mu_1(c - x_1) \\ & \quad + \sum_{n=2}^n [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 - 2\lambda\mu_k(x_{k-1} - x_k) + \lambda x_k^2 + 2\lambda\mu_k(x_{k-1} - x_k)] \\ &= 2\lambda c \mu_1 + (c - x_1 - \lambda\mu_1)^2 - \lambda^2 \mu_1^2 + \lambda \{x_1^2 - 2(\mu_1 - \mu_2)x_1\} \\ & \quad + \sum_{n=2}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k - \lambda\mu_k)^2 - \lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda x_k^2 - 2\lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})x_k] \\ & \quad + [(x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 - 2\mu_k \lambda(x_{n-1} - x_n) + \lambda x_n^2 - 2\lambda\mu_n x_n] \\ &= 2\lambda c \mu_1 + (c - x_1 - \lambda\mu_1)^2 - \lambda^2 \mu_1^2 + \lambda \{x_1 - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)\}^2 - \lambda(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2 \\ & \quad + \sum_{n=2}^{n-1} [(x_{k-1} - x_k - \lambda\mu_k)^2 - \lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda \{x_k - (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})\}^2 - \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2] \\ & \quad + (x_{n-1} - x_n - \lambda\mu_n)^2 - \lambda^2 \mu_n^2 + \lambda(x_n - \mu_n)^2 - \lambda\mu_n^2 \\ &\geq 2\lambda c \mu_1 - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [\lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2] - (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mu_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

The equality holds iff (EC) holds.

Conversely, D \implies P is shown as follows. Let μ be feasible for P. Then for any x we have

$$2\lambda c \mu_1 - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [\lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2] - (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mu_n^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n [(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2].$$

The equality holds iff (EC) holds. \square

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