

# Farkas' lemma: some extensions and applications

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## Lemma (Non-homogeneous Farkas)

If  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , then,

$$A \subset \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle a, x \rangle \leq b\} \\ \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \in \text{cone} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_t \\ b_t \end{pmatrix}, t = 1, \dots, m; \begin{pmatrix} 0_n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

The cone above is the *characteristic cone* of this system. From this affine/affine Farkas lemma it is easy to prove the four pillars of LP theory.

## Theorem (Existence)

$$A \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0_n \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \notin \text{cone} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_t \\ b_t \end{pmatrix}, t = 1, \dots, m; \begin{pmatrix} 0_n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

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We now consider the LP problem

$$(LP) \quad \min \langle c, x \rangle \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x \in A =: \{ \langle a_t, x \rangle \leq b_t, t = 1, \dots, m \}.$$

The *set of active indices* and the *active cone* at  $\bar{x} \in A$  are

$$T(\bar{x}) = \{ t \in T := \{1, \dots, m\} : \langle a_t, \bar{x} \rangle = b_t \}$$

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## Theorem (LP Optimality Theorem)

Let  $\bar{x} \in A$ . Then  $\bar{x} \in \text{sol}(LP)$  iff

$$-c \in \text{cone} \{ a_t, t \in T(\bar{x}) \}, \quad (1)$$

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The *dual problem* of  $(LP)$  consists in the maximization of lower bounds for  $\{\langle c, x \rangle : x \in A\}$  :

$$(LD) : \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^m} - \sum_{t=1}^m \lambda_t b_t$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{t=1}^m \lambda_t a_t = -c.$$

## Theorem (LP Duality Theorem)

*If  $(LP)$  is bounded, i.e.,  $\inf (LP) \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $(LP)$  and  $(LD)$  are both solvable and their optimal values coincide, i.e.,  $\min (LP) = \max (LD)$ .*



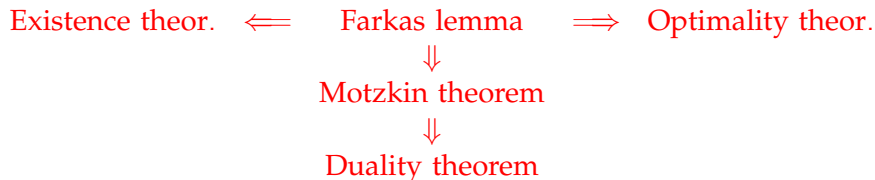
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## Theorem (Motzkin)

*Any polyhedral convex set is the sum of a polytope with a polyhedral convex cone.*

## Role of Farkas' lemma in the proofs

(see, e.g., G-Jornet-Puente, 2004)



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The next famous result was known by Karush, 1936, but it was first published by Kuhn-Tucker, 1951. Let

$$(NLP) \quad \min f(x) \text{ s.t. } g_t(x) \leq 0, \quad t = 1, \dots, m,$$

where all functions are  $\mathcal{C}^1$ . Let  $A$  be the feasible set of  $(P)$  and

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If  $\bar{x}$  is a local minimum of  $(NLP)$  and  $\{\nabla g_t(\bar{x}), t \in T(\bar{x})\}$  is linearly independent, then  $\exists \lambda_t \geq 0, t \in T(\bar{x})$ , such that

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- Then, applying the [homogeneous Farkas lemma](#) to the above inclusion  $A \subset B$ , one gets

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- Similar, with strict inequalities (and maybe weak ones): results can be found in the source book Fajardo-G-Rodriguez-Vicente\_Pérez (2020) as well as in Rodriguez-Vicente\_Pérez (2021), which also contains an existence theorem for convex systems.

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## Application to the polynomial representation of polyhedra

We show the idea of Theorem 4.1 in G-Jornet-Puente-Todorov (1999) with the square  $[0, 1]^2$ . The characteristic cone of  $\{0 \leq x_i \leq 1, i = 1, 2\}$  is

$$\text{cone} \{(-1, 0, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, -1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\} = \text{cone } \gamma,$$

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Denote by  $\Gamma(X)$  the set of proper lsc convex functions on  $X$  (a lcHtvs). Recall that the Fenchel-Moreau conjugate of  $h \in \Gamma(X)$ ,

$$h^*(u) := \sup\{\langle u, x \rangle - h(x) : x \in \text{dom } h\}$$

satisfies  $h^{**} = h$ , so that any element of  $\Gamma(X)$  is the supremum of continuous affine functions.

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As in LSIP, cone  $\{\cup_{t \in T} \text{epi} g_t^*\}$  is called *characteristic cone*. If it is  $w^*$ -closed, we say that the *FMCQ* holds.

We proved it in Dinh-G-López (2006) by linearizing the functions  $g_t$  to apply Theorem 2 of Chu (1966)

## Corollary (Afine/affine Farkas lemma)

Let  $a^*, a_t^* \in X^*$ ,  $b_t, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that  
 $A = \{x \in X : \langle a_t^*, x \rangle \leq b_t, t \in T\} \neq \emptyset$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A \subset \{x \in X : \langle a^*, x \rangle \leq b\} \\ \Leftrightarrow (a^*, b) \in \text{cl cone} \{(a_t^*, b_t), t \in T; (0, 1)\} \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic cone in LIP is cone  $\{(a_t^*, b_t), t \in T; (0, 1)\}$ .

## Application to linear infinite programming

In Dinh-G-López-Volle (2020) we apply this corollary to the LIP problem

$$(LIP) \quad \inf \langle c^*, x \rangle \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \langle a_t^*, x \rangle \leq b_t, t \in T,$$

whose Haar's dual problem is

$$(LID) \quad \sup_{S \in \mathcal{F}(T), \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^S} \left\{ - \sum_{t \in \text{supp } \lambda} \lambda_t b_t : - \sum_{t \in \text{supp } \lambda} \lambda_t a_t^* = c^* \right\},$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}(T) := \{S \in \mathcal{P}(T) : 1 \leq |S| < +\infty\}$$

and the support of  $\lambda$ ,  $\text{supp } \lambda$ , is formed by the indices of non-zero coordinates of  $\lambda$ .

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From the LIP Farkas-type lemma (or from the existence theorem for linear systems), one can obtain the following existence theorem (Dinh-G-López, 2006).

**Theorem (Existence theorem for convex systems)**

Let  $A = \{x \in X : g_t(x) \leq 0, t \in T\}$ , with  $g_t \in \Gamma(X), \forall t \in T$ .  
Then,

$$A \neq \emptyset \iff (0_{X^*}, -1) \notin \text{cl cone} \left\{ \bigcup_{t \in T} \text{epi} g_t^* \right\}$$

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The next two Farkas-type lemmas were proved in Dinh-G-López-Son (2007).

**Theorem (Convex/reverse convex Farkas' lemma)**

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- New Farkas-type lemmas with weaker (generally local) DQs and extensions to non-convex convex/non-reverse convex functions, appeared in Dinh-Vallet-Nghia (2008), Li-Ng-Pong (2008), Jeyakumar-Li (2009), Fang-Li-Ng (2009, 2010), Dinh-G-López-Volle (2010), Dinh-Mordukhovich-Nghia (2010), Fang-Zhao (2016), Wei-Yao (2018), etc.

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The elimination of the "cl" operator in the latter Farkas lemma allowed us to get optimality conditions for CIP and a saddle point theorem (in Dinh-G-López-Son, 2007). Here,  $\mathbb{R}_+^{(T)}$  denotes the positive cone in the space  $\mathbb{R}^{(T)}$  of functions  $\lambda : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with finite support  $\text{supp } \lambda$ .

## Theorem (CIP optimality theorem)

Assume that FMCQ and CDQ hold, and let  $\bar{x} \in A \cap \text{dom } f$ . Then  $\bar{x} \in \text{sol}(CIP)$  iff  $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^{(T)}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial g_t(\bar{x}) &\neq \emptyset, \quad \forall t : \lambda_t > 0, \\ 0_{X^*} &\in \partial f(\bar{x}) + \sum_{t \in T} \lambda_t \partial g_t(\bar{x}) \\ \lambda_t g_t(\bar{x}) &= 0, \quad \forall t \in T \end{aligned}$$



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The *Haar-Lagrange function* of  $(CIP)$  is

$$L(x, \lambda) := \begin{cases} f(x) + \sum_{t \in T} \lambda_t f_t(x), & \text{if } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^{(T)}, \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

So, the *dual problem* of  $(CIP)$  is

$$(CID) \quad \sup \inf_{x \in X} L(x, \lambda), \text{ s.t. } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^{(T)}$$

## Theorem (Saddle point)

Assume that FMCQ and CDQ hold. Then a point  $\bar{x} \in \text{sol}(CIP)$  iff  $\exists \bar{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{(T)}$  such that  $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda})$  is a *saddle point of  $L$* , i.e.,

$$L(\bar{x}, \lambda) \leq L(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}) \leq L(x, \bar{\lambda}), \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^{(T)}$$

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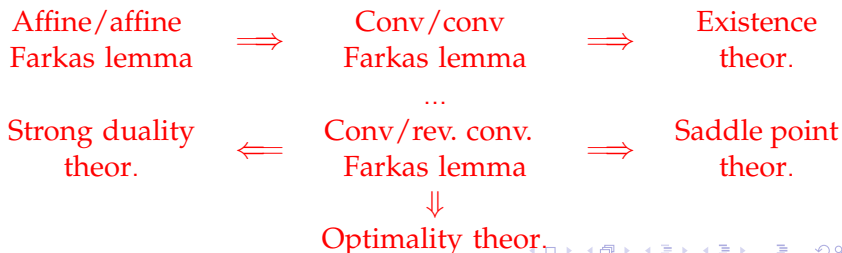
## Theorem (Strong duality)

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$$\inf(CIP) = \max(CID)$$

## Role of Farkas' lemma in the proofs

(Dinh-G-López, 2006, and Dinh-G-López-Son, 2007)



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$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} := \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^H} \text{epi} \left( f + \sum_{t \in H} \lambda_t f_t \right)^* \subset X^* \times \mathbb{R}$$

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  2.  $(CIP)$  satisfies

$$\forall H \in \mathcal{H}, \exists a_H \in \text{dom } f \text{ such that } g_t(a_H) < 0, \forall t \in H.$$

This is in particular satisfied under the **(generalized) Slater condition**; i.e.,

$$\exists a \in \text{dom } f \text{ such that } g_t(a) < 0 \text{ for all } t \in T.$$

## Theorem (CIP $\mathcal{H}$ -reducibility)

Let  $\alpha := \inf(\text{CIP}) \in \mathbb{R}$  and consider the following assertions:

- (i)  $(0_{X^*}, -\alpha) \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}}$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{H}$ -strong duality holds (i.e.,  $\alpha = \max(\text{CID}_{\mathcal{H}})$ ).
- (iii)  $(\text{CID}_{\mathcal{H}})$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -reducible and  $\alpha = \sup(\text{CID}_{\mathcal{H}})$ .
- (iv)  $(\text{CIP})$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -reducible.

Then, one has (i)  $\iff$  (ii)  $\implies$  (iii)  $\implies$  (iv).

Moreover, if  $(\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{H}})$  holds, then (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) are equivalent.

## Corollary (LIP $\mathcal{H}$ -reducibility)

Assume that  $\alpha := \inf(LIP) \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\forall H \in \mathcal{H}, \exists a_H \in X : \langle a_t^*, a_H \rangle < b_t, \forall t \in H$$

TFA:

- (i)  $-(x^*, \alpha) \in \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}} \text{cone}(\{(a_t^*, b_t), t \in H\} + \{0_{X^*}\} \times \mathbb{R}_+)$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{H}$ -strong duality holds (i.e.,  $\alpha = \max(LID_{\mathcal{H}})$ ).
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- (iv)  $(LIP)$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -reducible.

The union in (i) is the characteristic cone of  $(LIP)$  whenever the family  $\mathcal{H}$  is **directed** (i.e.,  $\forall H, K \in \mathcal{H} \exists L \in \mathcal{H} : H \cup K \subset L$ ) and **covering** (i.e.,  $\bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}} H = T$ ), e.g., when  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{F}(T)$ .

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A subset  $\mathcal{A} \subset X^* \times \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $w^*$ -closed regarding another subset  $\mathcal{B} \subset X^* \times \mathbb{R}$  if  $(\text{cl } \mathcal{A}) \cap \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}$ .

## Theorem ( $\mathcal{H}$ -strong duality)

Let  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{F}(T)$  be a covering family and consider the following statements:

(i)  $\mathcal{H}$ -strong duality holds.

(ii)  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}}$  is  $w^*$ -closed convex regarding  $\{0_{X^*}\} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

Then we have (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).

If, moreover,  $\{f; g_t, t \in T\} \subset \Gamma(X)$  and  $A \cap \text{dom } f \neq \emptyset$ , then

(i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii).

The next results are from Dinh-G-López-Volle (2021b).

## Theorem (Characterization of $\mathcal{H}$ -Farkas lemma)

Let  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{F}(T)$  be a covering family. Assume that  $\{f; g_t, t \in T\} \subset \Gamma(X)$ ,  $A \cap (\text{dom } f) \neq \emptyset$ , and consider the following statements:

- (I)  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}}$  is  $w^*$ -closed convex regarding  $\{0_{X^*}\} \times \mathbb{R}$ .
- (II) For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , TFA:

(i)  $[g_t(x) \leq 0, \forall t \in T] \implies f(x) \geq \alpha,$

(ii)  $\exists H \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^H : f(x) + \sum_{t \in H} \lambda_t g_t(x) \geq \alpha, \forall x \in X.$

Then, [(I)  $\implies$  (II)], and the converse implication, [(II)  $\implies$  (I)], holds when  $\inf(\text{CIP}) \in \mathbb{R}$ .



## Theorem (Primal-dual $\mathcal{H}$ -optimality condition)

Let  $\bar{x} \in A \cap (\text{dom } f)$ ,  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^H$ . TFA:

(i)  $\bar{x} \in \text{sol}(CIP)$ ,  $(H, \lambda) \in \text{sol}(CID_{\mathcal{H}})$ , and

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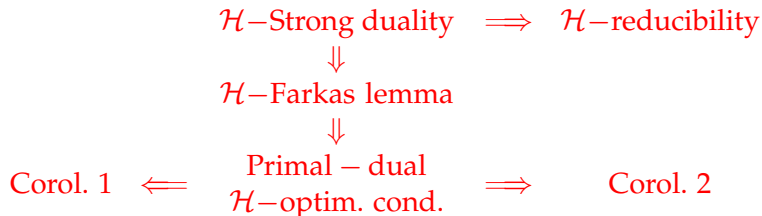
## Corollary (2nd primal $\mathcal{H}$ -optimality condition)

Let  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{F}(T)$  be a covering family. Assume that  $\{f; g_t, t \in T\} \subset \Gamma(X)$  and  $A \cap (\text{dom } f) \neq \emptyset$ . Assume further that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}}$  is  $w^*$ -closed convex regarding  $\{0_{X^*}\} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k t^{k-1} \geq h(t), \forall t \in T,$$

or, equivalently,

$$G(x) \in -S,$$

with  $G(x) := h - p(x) \in Z$  and  $S := Z_+$ .

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- Recall that  $\bar{x} \in X$  is a **weak efficient solution** of (BOIP) if

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$$F(x) \notin F(\bar{x}) - \text{int} K, \quad \forall x \in A,$$

i.e.,

$$A \subset B := \{x \in X : F(x) \notin F(\bar{x}) - \text{int} K\} \quad (3)$$

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Different vector Farkas-type results have been given in Dinh-G-López-Mo (2019) where the key tool is the conjugate calculus with vector functions (Tanino, 1992).

In the next result,  $0_{\mathcal{L}}$  is the null element of the space  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  of linear continuous mappings from  $X$  to  $Y$  while the other symbols represent extensions of homonymous concepts from the scalar to the vector setting.

## Theorem (An abstract vector Farkas lemma)

Let  $\bar{x} \in A \cap \text{dom } F$ . TFA:

- (i)  $G^{-1}(-S) \subset \{x \in X : F(x) \notin F(\bar{x}) - \text{int } K\}$ .
- (ii)  $0_{\mathcal{L}} \in \partial(F + I_A)(\bar{x})$ .
- (iii)  $(0_{\mathcal{L}}, -F(\bar{x})) \in \text{epi}_K(F + I_A)^*$ .

Recall that (i) is nothing else than optimality of  $\bar{x}$ .

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- In fact, under suitable assumptions, one has

$$\text{epi}_K (F + I_A)^* = \text{cl} \left( \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{L}_+(S, K)} \text{epi}_K (F + T \circ G)^* \right),$$

or even







$$\text{epi}_K (F + I_A)^* = \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{L}_+(S, K)} \text{epi}_K (F + T \circ G)^*,$$






where







$$\mathcal{L}_+(S, K) := \{T \in \mathcal{L}(Z, Y) : T(S) \subset K\}$$








denotes the *cone of positive operators*.

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