Gibonacci Optimization
— duality —

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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 mimimum 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

Recenly 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 idear 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 $x_0 = c$:

$$\text{minimize} \quad -2\lambda x_0 \mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \Big[(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + x_k^2 + \lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2$$
$$+ 2(\lambda - 1)x_k(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})\Big]$$

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$$+ (x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 + x_n^2 + (\lambda^2 + 1)\mu_n^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)x_n \mu_n$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \text{(i)} \ \ x \in R^n, \ x_0 = c, \quad \text{(ii)} \ \ \mu \in R^n.$$

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

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

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

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

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

(QI)
$$-2\lambda x_0 \mu_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + x_k^2 + \lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)\lambda x_k(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1}) \right]$$
$$+ (x_{n-1} - x_n)^2 + x_n^2 + (\lambda^2 + 1)\mu_n^2 + 2(\lambda - 1)\lambda x_n \mu_n$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[(x_{k-1} - x_k - \lambda \mu_k)^2 + (x_k - \mu_k + \mu_{k+1})^2 \right]$$
$$+ (x_{n-1} - x_n - \lambda \mu_n)^2 + (x_n - \mu_n)^2.$$

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. □

The objective function is also expressed as follows.

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

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

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 $n = 1$

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

Case $n = 2$

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

Case $n \geq 3$

$$c = \gamma x_1 - x_2 \qquad\qquad c = \xi \mu_1 - \mu_2$$

(EQ) $\qquad x_{k-1} = \gamma x_k - x_{k+1} \qquad \mu_{k-1} = \gamma \mu_k - \mu_{k+1} \qquad 2 \le k \le n-1$

$$x_{n-1} = \xi x_n \qquad\qquad \mu_{n-1} = \gamma \mu_n.$$

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* $n \times n$ *martices* A_n, B_n *i.e.,* [1]

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

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

$$c = x_0$$

(EQ$_x$) $\qquad x_{k-1} = \gamma x_k - x_{k+1} \qquad 1 \le k \le n-1$

$$x_{n-1} = \xi x_n$$

and

$$c = \xi \mu_1 - \mu_2$$

(EQ$_\mu$) $\qquad \mu_{k-1} = \gamma \mu_k - \mu_{k+1} \qquad 2 \le k \le n-1$

$$\mu_{n-1} = \gamma \mu_n$$

Now we have the ojective function

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

A *triple zero property* holds as follows.

Lemma 4 *Let a feasible* (x, μ) *satisfy* (Zm$_n$). *Then it holds that*

$$h(x, \mu)$$

$$= -c(c - x_1) + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left[(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2 \right]$$

(tZ)

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

$$= 0.$$

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[1]It 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

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

and

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

We consider a second-order linear difference equation

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

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

$$x_n = \frac{\beta^n - \alpha^n}{\beta - \alpha} \tag{3}$$

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

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

to the characteristic equation

$$t^2 - \gamma t + 1 = 0. \tag{5}$$

We note that

$$\alpha + \beta = \gamma, \quad \alpha\beta = 1$$
$$0 < \alpha < 1 < \beta < \infty.$$

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

$$G_n = \frac{\beta^n - \alpha^n}{\beta - \alpha}. \tag{6}$$

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

$$G_{k+1} \;=\; \gamma G_k - G_{k-1}, \;\;\; G_1 = 1, \; G_0 = 0. \tag{7}$$

This has a unique solution (6).

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

$$x_k \;=\; c\,\frac{\xi G_{n-k} - G_{n-1-k}}{\xi G_n - G_{n-1}} \;\;\;\; 0 \le k \le n$$

, while the system (EQ_μ) *has a unique solution*

$$\mu_k \;=\; c\,\frac{G_{n+1-k}}{\xi G_n - G_{n-1}} \;\;\;\; 1 \le k \le n.$$

That is

$$(x_1, \; x_2, \; \ldots, \; x_k, \; \ldots, \; x_{n-1}, \; x_n)$$
$$= \; \frac{c}{H_n}(H_{n-1}, \; H_{n-2}, \; \ldots, H_{n-k}, \; \ldots, \; H_1, \; H_0),$$

$$(\mu_1, \; \mu_2, \; \ldots, \; \mu_k, \; \ldots, \; \mu_{n-1}, \; \mu_n)$$
$$= \; \frac{c}{H_n}(G_n, \; G_{n-1}, \; \ldots, G_{n+1-k}, \; \ldots, \; G_2, \; G_1)$$

where

$$H_n \;\; := \;\; \xi G_n - G_{n-1}. \tag{8}$$

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

$$\lambda G_n = H_n - H_{n-1}, \;\;\; H_n = G_{n+1} - G_n, \;\;\; H_0 = G_1. \tag{9}$$

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

$$H_{k+1} \;=\; \gamma H_k - H_{k-1}, \;\;\; H_1 = \xi, \; H_0 = 1. \tag{10}$$

This has a unique solution

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

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

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n)$$
$$= \frac{c}{H_n}(H_{n-1}, H_{n-2}, \ldots, H_{n-k}, \ldots, H_1, H_0), \tag{12}$$

$$\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_k, \ldots, \mu_{n-1}, \mu_n)$$
$$= \frac{c}{H_n}(G_n, G_{n-1}, \ldots, G_{n+1-k}, \ldots, G_2, G_1) \tag{13}$$

where

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

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

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

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

Then (QI) is summarized as follows.

Corollary 1 *It holds that*

(i) $\quad h(x, \mu) \geq 0 \quad \forall (x, \mu) \in R^n {\times} R^n$

(ii) $\quad h(x, \mu) = 0 \iff (x, \mu)$ *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*

$$h(x, \mu)$$

(tZ)
$$= -c(c - x_1) + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \Big[(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2 \Big]$$

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

$$= 0.$$

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

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

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

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

$$\text{P} \qquad \text{minimize} \quad f(x) \quad \text{subject to} \quad x \in R^n$$

$$\text{D} \qquad \text{Maximize} \quad g(\mu) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mu \in R^n.$$

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

$$\text{P} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{minimize} \quad \displaystyle\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left[(x_{k-1} - x_k)^2 + \lambda x_k^2\right] \\[2ex] \text{subject to} \quad \text{(i)} \;\; x \in R^n,\; x_0 = c \end{array}$$

$$\text{D} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{Maximize} \quad 2\lambda c\mu_1 - \displaystyle\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[\lambda^2 \mu_k^2 + \lambda(\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})^2\right] - (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mu_n^2 \\[2ex] \text{subject to} \quad \text{(i)} \;\; \mu \in R^n. \end{array}$$

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

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

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

$$x_k \;=\; c\,\frac{H_{n-k}}{H_n}, \qquad \mu_k \;=\; c\,\frac{G_{n+1-k}}{H_n} \tag{14}$$

that is

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

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

$$(15)$$

where

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

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

$$(16)$$

$$\gamma = 2 + \lambda, \quad \xi = 1 + \lambda.$$

Thus

$$\lambda G_n = H_n - H_{n-1}, \quad H_0 = G_1$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\lambda + 2 - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda}}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\lambda + 2 + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda}}{2}.$$

$$(17)$$

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

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

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

$$\frac{1}{2} f_1(x) = -(c - x_1) + \lambda x_1 + (x_1 - x_2)$$
$$= -(x_2 - \gamma x_1 + c) \quad (\gamma := 2 + \lambda)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} f_k(x) = -(x_{k-1} - x_k) + \lambda x_k + (x_k - x_{k+1})$$
$$= -(x_{k+1} - \gamma x_k + x_{k-1}) \quad 2 \le k \le n-1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} f_n(x) = -(x_{n-1} - x_n) + \lambda x_n$$
$$= -(-\xi x_n + x_{n-1}) \quad (\xi := 1 + \lambda).$$

Furthermore an identity

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

$$(18)$$

holds true.

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

$$c = x_0$$

(EQ_x) $x_{k-1} = \gamma x_k - x_{k+1}$ $1 \le k \le n-1$

$$x_{n-1} = \xi x_n.$$

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

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

Then the identity claims that

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

Second we solve D. The objective function

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

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

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda}g_1(\mu) = c - \lambda\mu_1 - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)$$
$$= \mu_2 - \xi\mu_1 + c \quad (\,\xi := 1 + \lambda\,)$$

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda}g_k(\mu) = (\mu_{k-1} - \mu_k) - \lambda\mu_k - (\mu_k - \mu_{k+1})$$
$$= \mu_{k+1} - \gamma\mu_k + \mu_{k-1} \quad 2 \le k \le n-1 \quad (\,\gamma := 2 + \lambda\,)$$

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda}g_n(\mu) = (\mu_{n-1} - \mu_n) - (\lambda + 1)\mu_n$$
$$= -\gamma\mu_n + \mu_{n-1}.$$

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 $g_k(\mu) = 0$ $1 \le k \le n$, which is

$$c = \xi\mu_1 - \mu_2$$

(EQ_μ) $\mu_{k-1} = \gamma\mu_k - \mu_{k+1}$ $2 \le k \le n-1$

$$\mu_{n-1} = \gamma\mu_n.$$

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

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

Then the identity claims that

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

Thus D ha s the desired maximum solution.

4.1.2 Derivation P $\Longleftrightarrow$ D

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

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

$$= (c-x_1)^2 - 2\lambda\mu_1(c-x_1) + \lambda x_1^2 + 2\lambda\mu_1(c-x_1)$$

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

$$= 2\lambda c\mu_1 + (c-x_1-\lambda\mu_1)^2 - \lambda^2\mu_1^2 + \lambda\left\{x_1^2 - 2(\mu_1-\mu_2)x_1\right\}$$

$$+ \sum_{n=2}^{n-1}\left[(x_{k-1}-x_k-\lambda\mu_k)^2 - \lambda^2\mu_k^2 + \lambda x_k^2 - 2\lambda(\mu_k-\mu_{k+1})x_k\right]$$

$$+ \left[(x_{n-1}-x_n)^2 - 2\mu_k\lambda(x_{n-1}-x_n) + \lambda x_n^2 - 2\lambda\mu_n x_n\right]$$

$$= 2\lambda c\mu_1 + (c-x_1-\lambda\mu_1)^2 - \lambda^2\mu_1^2 + \lambda\left\{x_1 - (\mu_1-\mu_2)\right\}^2 - \lambda(\mu_1-\mu_2)^2\Big]$$

$$+ \sum_{n=2}^{n-1}\left[(x_{k-1}-x_k-\lambda\mu_k)^2 - \lambda^2\mu_k^2 + \lambda\left\{x_k - (\mu_k-\mu_{k+1})\right\}^2 - \lambda(\mu_k-\mu_{k+1})^2\right]$$

$$+ (x_{n-1}-x_n-\lambda\mu_n)^2 - \lambda^2\mu_n^2 + \lambda(x_n-\mu_n)^2 - \lambda\mu_n^2$$

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

The equality holds iff (EC) holds.

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

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

The equality holds iff (EC) holds. $\qquad\qquad\square$

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