

1 Proof

Define the Lagrangian function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_i (\xi_i + \xi_i^*) + \sum_i \alpha_i (y_i - w\phi_i - b - \varepsilon - \xi_i) \\ & + \sum_i \alpha_i (-y_i + w\phi_i - b - \varepsilon - \xi_i^*) \\ & - \sum_i \mu_i \xi_i \\ & - \sum_i \mu_i^* \xi_i^*\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

where $\forall_i \xi_i \xi_i^* \geq 0$

Variables of the two definition of the problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{Primal problem} & w, b, \xi_i, \xi_i^* \\ \text{Dual Problem} & \alpha_i, \alpha_i^*, \mu_i, \mu_i^*\end{array}$$

Next step is try to simplify the definition of the Lagrangian wrt the problem that needs to be solved. Since the objective is to find the *minimum* the developments proceeds imposing this condition.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad w + \sum_i \alpha_i (-\phi_i) + \sum_i \alpha_i^* \phi_i = 0 \tag{2a}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_i -\alpha_i + \sum_i \alpha_i^* = 0 \tag{2b}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \xi_i} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad C - \alpha_i - \mu_i = 0 \tag{2c}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \xi_i^*} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad C - \alpha_i^* - \mu_i^* = 0 \tag{2d}$$

From (2a) the definition of w can be derived

$$w = \sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \phi_i \tag{3}$$

From (2b) the first constraint on the Lagrangian variables is obtained

$$\sum_i (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) = 0 \tag{4}$$

While from (2c)/(2d) with some further development the second constraint on the Lagrangian variables can be defined

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*, \mu_i, \mu_i^* & \geq 0 \quad \forall_i \\ C = \alpha_i + \mu_i & \longrightarrow \alpha_i = C - \mu_i \\ \implies \alpha_i & \in [0, C] \\ \text{and equivalently} & \quad \alpha_i^* \in [0, C]\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

Simplify (1) using the substitution (3)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)(\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) \phi_i \phi_j \\
& - \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)(\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) \phi_i \phi_j \\
& + \sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) y_i + \sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) b - \sum_i (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) \varepsilon \\
& + \sum_i \alpha_i (-\xi_i) + \sum_i \alpha_i^* (-\xi_i^*) \\
& - \sum_i \mu_i \xi_i - \sum_i \mu_i^* \xi_i^* \\
& + C \sum_i \xi_i + \xi_i^*
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Apply condition (4) and (2c) to simplify some terms and obtain the final formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(\alpha, \alpha^*) = & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*)(\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) \phi_i \phi_j \\
& + \sum_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) y_i \\
& - \sum_i (\alpha_i + \alpha_i^*) \varepsilon
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$$\text{With the constraints} \quad \begin{cases} \sum_i (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) = 0 \\ \alpha_i \in [0, C] \\ \alpha_i^* \in [0, C] \end{cases}$$