

## Exercice n°1:

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Assume that  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$(P): \begin{cases} \min_x \|x\|_\infty \\ \text{s.t. } Ax = b \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} \min_{x,t} t \\ \text{s.t. } \|x\|_\infty \leq t \\ Ax = b \\ t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

• We notice that:  $\|x\|_\infty \leq t \iff \forall i \in [1, m], |x_i| \leq t$   
(for  $t \geq 0$ )  
 $\iff \forall i \in [1, m], x_i \leq t \text{ and } -x_i \leq t$   
 $\iff x \leq t \mathbb{1}_m \text{ and } -x \leq t \mathbb{1}_m$   
(where  $\mathbb{1}_m = [1, \dots, 1]^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ )

Thus:

$$(P) \iff \begin{cases} \min_{x,t} t \\ \text{s.t. } Ax = b \\ t \geq 0 \\ x \leq t \mathbb{1}_m \\ -x \leq t \mathbb{1}_m \end{cases}$$

• The Lagrangian associated to (P):

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m, v \in \mathbb{R}^m, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^m, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(x, t, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, v) &= t - \alpha t + \beta^T (x - t \mathbb{1}_m) + \gamma^T (-x - t \mathbb{1}_m) + v^T (Ax - b) \\ &= [1 - \alpha - \mathbb{1}_m^T (\beta + \gamma)] t + [A^T v + \beta - \gamma]^T x - b^T v \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, v) = \inf_{x, t} \mathcal{L}(x, t, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, v)$$

$$= \inf_t (1 - \alpha - \mathbb{1}_m^T (\beta + \gamma)) t + \inf_x [A^T v + \beta - \gamma]^T x - b^T v$$

(because  $\mathcal{L}$  is a sum of separable functions of  $x$  and  $t$ ).

$$\bullet \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} (1 - \alpha - \mathbb{1}_m^T (\beta + \gamma)) t = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 1 - \alpha - \mathbb{1}_m^T (\beta + \gamma) = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} [A^T v + \beta - \gamma]^T x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A^T v + \beta - \gamma = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Therefore,  $g(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \nu) = \begin{cases} -b^T \nu & \text{if } 1 - \alpha - \mathbb{1}_m^T(\beta + \gamma) = 0 \text{ and } A^T \nu + \beta - \gamma = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Then, the dual is given by:

$$(D): \begin{cases} \max & g(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \nu) \\ \text{s.t.} & \alpha \geq 0 \\ & \beta \geq 0 \\ & \gamma \geq 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \max & -b^T \nu \\ \text{s.t.} & \alpha \geq 0 \\ & \beta \geq 0, \gamma \geq 0 \\ & \mathbb{1}_m^T(\beta + \gamma) = 1 - \alpha \\ & A^T \nu + \beta - \gamma = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \max & -b^T \nu \\ \text{s.t.} & \alpha \geq 0 \\ & \beta \geq 0, \gamma \geq 0 \\ & \mathbb{1}_m^T(\beta + \gamma) \leq 1 \\ & A^T \nu + \beta - \gamma = 0 \end{cases}$$



## Exercise n°2:

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For  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$ ,  $D_{KL}(u, v) := \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \log\left(\frac{u_i}{v_i}\right) - u_i + v_i$ .

Let  $f: x \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log(x_i)$  and  $\varphi: t \in \mathbb{R}_{++} \mapsto t \log(t)$

•  $\varphi$  is twice-differentiable and  $\forall t > 0$ ,  $\varphi''(t) = \frac{1}{t} > 0$

Then,  $\varphi$  is strictly convex over  $\mathbb{R}_{++}$ .

• We notice that for  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$ ,  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(x_i)$

$f$  is a sum of strictly convex functions. So,  $f$  is strictly convex on  $\mathbb{R}_{++}^n$ .

[In fact:  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$ :

$$f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(\alpha x_i + (1-\alpha)y_i) < \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha \varphi(x_i) + (1-\alpha) \varphi(y_i) = \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$$

• The gradient of  $f$  is given by: (for  $v \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$ )

$$\nabla f(v) = [1 + \log(v_1), \dots, 1 + \log(v_n)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

•  $\forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) - f(v) - \nabla f(v)^T(u-v) &= \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \log(u_i) - v_i \log(v_i) - (1 + \log(v_i))(u_i - v_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n u_i [\log(u_i) - \log(v_i)] + v_i - u_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \log\left(\frac{u_i}{v_i}\right) + v_i - u_i \\ &= D_{KL}(u, v) \end{aligned}$$

• Since  $f$  is strictly convex, then,  $\forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$  such that  $\boxed{u \neq v}$ ,

$$f(u) > f(v) + \nabla f(v)^T(u-v)$$

(1<sup>st</sup> order condition)

$$\text{we } D_{KL}(u, v) > 0$$

Moreover,  $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$ :  $D_{KL}(u, u) = 0$ .

Thus,

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} D_{KL}(u, v) &\geq 0 \quad \forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^n \\ \text{and } D_{KL}(u, v) &= 0 \Leftrightarrow u = v \end{aligned}}$$



Exercise n° 3:

• Since  $A \in S_m^+$ , then,  $\exists V \in S_m$  such that  $A = V^T V$ .

In fact, using the spectral theorem,  $\exists U \in O_m$  and  $D$  a diagonal matrix such that:  $A = U^T D U$  where  $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$   
 $0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_m$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Let  $V := U^T \text{diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_m}) U \in S_m$ .

$$\Rightarrow V^2 = V^T V = U^T D U = A.$$

• Let us reformulate the given problem to a SOCP:

$$(P): \begin{cases} \min C^T x \\ \text{s.t. } x^T (V^T V - b b^T) x \leq 0 \\ b^T x \geq 0 \\ Dx = g \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \min C^T x \\ \text{s.t. } \|Vx\|_2^2 \leq (b^T x)^2 \\ b^T x \geq 0 \\ Dx = g \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \min C^T x \\ \text{s.t. } \|Vx\|_2 \leq |b^T x| \\ b^T x \geq 0 \\ Dx = g \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \min C^T x \\ \text{s.t. } \|Vx\|_2 \leq b^T x \\ Dx = g \end{cases}$$

So,  $(P)$  is a SOCP, then,  $(P)$  is a convex optimization problem.

$$(P) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \min_{x, z} C^T x \\ \text{s.t. } \|z\|_2 \leq b^T x \\ z = Vx \\ Dx = g \end{cases}$$

\* We derive the Lagrangian:

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(x, z, \alpha, v, \lambda) &= C^T x + \alpha (\|z\|_2 - b^T x) + \lambda^T (Vx - z) + v^T (Dx - g) \\ &= [C + V\lambda + D^T v - \alpha b]^T x + (\alpha \|z\|_2 - \lambda^T z) - v^T g. \end{aligned}$$



$$g(\alpha, \nu, \lambda) = \inf_{x, z} \mathcal{L}(x, z, \alpha, \nu, \lambda) \\ = \inf_x [c + V\lambda + D^T \nu - \alpha b]^T x + \inf_z (\alpha \|z\|_2 - \lambda^T z) - \nu^T g$$

$$\square \inf_x [c + V\lambda + D^T \nu - \alpha b]^T x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha b = c + V\lambda + D^T \nu \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\square \text{ let } \varphi: z \in \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \alpha \|z\|_2 - \lambda^T z.$$

$$\triangleright \text{ If } \|\lambda\|_2 > \alpha: \quad \forall t > 0, \varphi(t\lambda) = t\|\lambda\|_2(\alpha - \|\lambda\|_2) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} -\infty: \text{ unbounded.}$$

$$\triangleright \text{ If } \|\lambda\|_2 \leq \alpha: \quad \text{With Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have:}$$

$$\lambda^T z \leq \|\lambda\|_2 \|z\|_2 \leq \alpha \|z\|_2 \\ \text{ie } \varphi(z) \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Moreover } \varphi(0) = 0.$$

$$\text{Then, } \inf_z \varphi(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha \geq \|\lambda\|_2 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus, } g(\alpha, \nu, \lambda) = \begin{cases} -\nu^T g & \text{if } \alpha \geq \|\lambda\|_2 \text{ and } \alpha b = c + V\lambda + D^T \nu \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  We can derive the following dual problem of (P):

$$\begin{cases} \max & g(\alpha, \nu, \lambda) \\ \text{s.t.} & \alpha \geq 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \max & -\nu^T g \\ \text{s.t.} & \alpha \geq 0 \\ & \alpha \geq \|\lambda\|_2 \\ & \alpha b = c + V\lambda + D^T \nu \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\begin{cases} \min & g^T \nu \\ \text{s.t.} & c + V\lambda + D^T \nu \succeq \|\lambda\|_2 b \end{cases}}$$



Exercise n°4:

$$(\mathcal{P}) : \begin{cases} \min & - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(b_i - a_i^T x) \\ \text{s.t.} & a_i^T x - b_i < 0 \quad \forall i \in \llbracket 1, m \rrbracket \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } A := \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$(\mathcal{P}) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \min_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ y \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^m}} & - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(y_i) \\ \text{s.t.} & y = b - Ax \end{cases}$$

□ The Lagrangian:

$$\text{Let } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, v \in \mathbb{R}^m, y \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^m:$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(x, y, v) &= - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(y_i) + v^T (y + Ax - b) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(y_i) + v^T y + (A^T v)^T x - b^T v. \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \text{ Let } \varphi: y \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^m \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^m \log(y_i) - v^T y.$$

$$g(v) = \inf_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ y \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^m}} \mathcal{L}(x, y, v) = - \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^m} \varphi(y) + \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} ((A^T v)^T x - b^T v)$$

$$\bullet \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} (A^T v)^T x - b^T v = \begin{cases} -b^T v & \text{if } A^T v = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

• ▶ if  $\exists i \in \llbracket 1, m \rrbracket$  such that  $v_i \leq 0$ :

$$\left[ \text{Then, } \forall t > 0, \varphi(t e_i) = \log(t) - v_i t \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty : \text{unbounded} \right.$$

(where  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  is the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ )

▶ Let  $v > 0$ :

$$\forall i \in \llbracket 1, m \rrbracket: \frac{\partial \varphi(y)}{\partial y_i} = \frac{1}{y_i} - v_i, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \varphi(y)}{\partial y_i \partial y_j} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{y_i^2} & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

ie  $\nabla^2 \varphi(y) = \text{diag}(-\frac{1}{y_1^2}, \dots, -\frac{1}{y_m^2}) < 0$ . Then,  $\varphi$  is strictly convex over  $\mathbb{R}_{++}^m$ .

$$\bullet \nabla \varphi(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall i \in \llbracket 1, m \rrbracket, y_i = \frac{1}{v_i}$$



$$\Rightarrow \text{Then, } \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^m} \phi(y) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^m \log\left(\frac{1}{v_i}\right) - m & \text{if } v > 0 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Thus, } g(v) = \begin{cases} m + \sum_{i=1}^m \log(v_i) - b^T v & \text{if } v > 0 \text{ and } A^T v = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

A dual of (P) is given by:

$$(D): \begin{cases} \max_{v \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^m} m + \sum_{i=1}^m \log(v_i) - b^T v \\ \text{s.t. } A^T v = 0 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 5:

$$(P_1): \begin{cases} \min f_0(x) \\ \text{s.t. } Ax = b \end{cases}$$

$$(P_2): \min f_0(x) + \alpha \|Ax - b\|_2^2$$

The Lagrangian associated to (P<sub>1</sub>) is:  $\mathcal{L}(x, v) = f_0(x) + v^T (Ax - b)$   
 Then,  $\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x, v) = \nabla_x f_0(x) + A^T v$ .

If  $\tilde{x}$  minimizes  $\Phi: x \mapsto f_0(x) + \alpha \|Ax - b\|_2^2$ , then, since  $\Phi$  is differentiable, we have:

$$\nabla_x \Phi(\tilde{x}) = 0$$

$$\text{ie } \nabla_x f_0(\tilde{x}) + 2\alpha A^T (A\tilde{x} - b) = 0.$$

If we introduce  $v_0 := 2\alpha (A\tilde{x} - b)$ , then  $\tilde{x}$  satisfies:  $\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(\tilde{x}, v_0) = 0$

Since  $f_0$  is convex, then,  $x \mapsto \mathcal{L}(x, v_0)$  is convex (as a sum of two convex functions:  $f_0$  and an affine transformation)

Therefore,  $\tilde{x}$  is a minimizer of  $x \mapsto \mathcal{L}(x, v_0)$

We conclude that  $v_0$  is dual feasible with:  $g(v_0) = \inf_x \mathcal{L}(x, v_0) = \mathcal{L}(\tilde{x}, v_0)$

$$g(v_0) = f_0(\tilde{x}) + 2\alpha \|A\tilde{x} - b\|_2^2$$

Using weak duality, for each  $x$  primal feasible (P<sub>1</sub>) and each  $v$  dual feasible, we have:  $f_0(x) \geq g(v)$ .



In particular,  $f_0(x) \geq g(v_0) \quad \forall x \text{ primal feasible}$

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ie  $f_0(x) \geq f_0(\tilde{x}) + 2\alpha \|A\tilde{x} - b\|_2^2 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } Ax = b$

Exercise n°6:

Let  $X := \begin{pmatrix} x_1^T \\ \vdots \\ x_m^T \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $Y = \text{diag}(y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$

Then,  $W := YX = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 x_1^T \\ \vdots \\ y_m x_m^T \end{pmatrix}$

• The classification problem can be written as following:

$$\begin{cases} \min & \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C \mathbb{1}_m^T z \\ \text{st} & z \geq 0 \\ & \mathbb{1}_m - z \leq Ww \end{cases}$$

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□ The Lagrangian:

Let  $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\lambda, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^m$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(w, z, \lambda, \nu) &= \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C \mathbb{1}_m^T z - \lambda^T z + \nu^T (\mathbb{1}_m - z - Ww) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 - (W^T \nu)^T w + (C \mathbb{1}_m - \lambda - \nu)^T z + \mathbb{1}_m^T \nu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow g(\lambda, \nu) &= \inf_{w, z} \mathcal{L}(w, z, \lambda, \nu) \\ &= \inf_w \left( \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 - (W^T \nu)^T w \right) + \inf_z (C \mathbb{1}_m - \lambda - \nu)^T z + \mathbb{1}_m^T \nu \end{aligned}$$

$$\inf_z (C \mathbb{1}_m - \lambda - \nu)^T z = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } C \mathbb{1}_m = \lambda + \nu \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\square \text{ Let } \varphi: w \in \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 - (W^T \nu)^T w$$

•  $\varphi$  is twice differentiable.  $\nabla \varphi(w) = w - W^T \nu$

$$\nabla \varphi(w) = 0 \Leftrightarrow w = W^T \nu$$

•  $\nabla^2 \varphi(w) = I_m > 0$ . Then,  $\varphi$  is convex.

$$\text{Thus, } \inf_w \varphi(w) = \varphi(W^T \nu) = -\frac{1}{2} \|W^T \nu\|_2^2$$



Therefore, 
$$g(\lambda, \nu) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} \|U^T \nu\|^2 + \mathbb{1}_m^T \nu & \text{if } C \mathbb{1}_m = \lambda + \nu \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Then, the dual is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} \max & g(\lambda, \nu) \\ \text{s.t.} & \lambda \geq 0 \\ & \nu \geq 0 \end{cases} & \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \max & -\frac{1}{2} \|U^T \nu\|^2 + \mathbb{1}_m^T \nu \\ \text{s.t.} & \lambda \geq 0 \\ & \nu \geq 0 \\ & C \mathbb{1}_m = \lambda + \nu \end{cases} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\begin{cases} \min_{\nu} & \frac{1}{2} \|U^T \nu\|^2 - \mathbb{1}_m^T \nu \\ \text{s.t.} & 0 \leq \nu \leq C \mathbb{1}_m \end{cases}} \end{aligned}$$

② It is not obvious if the question requires to apply separately the barrier method to the primal and the dual or to derive the barrier method to only one of them and then deduce the solution of the other problem by the KKT optimality conditions. The second approach is clearly the easiest one especially if we apply the barrier method to the dual: in fact, it is easier to derive the centering step of the barrier method associated to the dual problem than the one corresponding to the primal.

### Barrier Method Algorithm

▷ Starting point:  $\nu_0$  strictly feasible (for example:  $\lambda_0 = \frac{C}{2} \mathbb{1}_m$ );  $t_0 > 0$  (for ex:  $t_0 = \frac{m}{\epsilon}$ )  
 $\mu > 0$ ; tolerance:  $\epsilon > 0$

▷ Repeat: [1] Centering step: compute  $\nu^*(t) := \arg \min_{\nu} \underbrace{f_0(\nu) + \Phi(\nu)}_{\text{we will note it } F_E(\nu)}$   
 (by Newton method)

where  $f_0: \nu \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \|U^T \nu\|^2 - \mathbb{1}_m^T \nu$

and  $\Phi: \nu \mapsto -\sum_{i=1}^m \log(\nu_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(C - \nu_i)$

a) Compute: • normalized Newton step:  $\Delta \nu_{nt} = -\nabla^2 F_E(\lambda) \nabla F_E(\lambda)$

• Newton decrement:  $\chi^2 = -\nabla F_E(\lambda)^T \Delta \nu_{nt}$

b) Stopping criterion: quit if  $\chi^2 \leq 2\epsilon$

c) Line Search: choose  $\beta$  by backtracking (hyperparameters:  $\alpha, \beta$ )



d) update:  $v \leftarrow v + h \times \Delta v_{nt}$

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② update:  $v \leftarrow v^*(t)$

③ Stopping criterion: quit if  $t > \frac{m}{\varepsilon}$

④ update:  $t \leftarrow \mu t$

\* Details of the centering step: the goal of the centering step is to solve the

unconstrained problem:  $\min_v F_t(v)$

where  $F_t(v) = t \left( \frac{1}{2} \|L^T v\|^2 - \mathbb{1}_m^T v \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(v_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(c - v_i)$

•  $\nabla F_t = t \left( L L^T v - \mathbb{1}_m \right) - \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{c-v}$

•  $\nabla^2 F_t = t L L^T + \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{v_1^2} + \frac{1}{(c-v_1)^2}, \dots, \frac{1}{v_m^2} + \frac{1}{(c-v_m)^2} \right)$

Notation:

$\frac{1}{v} := \left[ \frac{1}{v_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{v_m} \right]^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$

• Remark about the backtrack line search inside the centering criterion:

□ Starting point:  $h_0$  such that  $v + h \Delta v_{nt} \in \text{dom } F_t$

□ Repeat:  $h \leftarrow \beta \times h$

Until:  $(v + h \Delta v_{nt}) \notin \text{dom } F_t$  or  $F_t(v + h \Delta v_{nt}) < F_t(v) + \alpha h \nabla F_t(v)^T \Delta v_{nt}$

We choose  $h_0$  such that  $0 < v + h_0 \Delta v_{nt} < c$  i.e.  $\begin{cases} \text{if } [\Delta v]_i > 0: \frac{v}{[\Delta v]_i} < h_0 < \frac{c-v_i}{[\Delta v]_i} \\ \text{if } [\Delta v]_i < 0: \frac{c-v}{[\Delta v]_i} < h_0 < \frac{v_i}{[\Delta v]_i} \end{cases}$

Since the stepsize  $h$  decreases over iterations, we can set:

$h_0 = 0.99 \times \min \left( \min \left( \frac{c-v_i}{[\Delta v]_i} \text{ for } [\Delta v]_i > 0 \right), \min \left( -\frac{v_i}{[\Delta v]_i} \text{ for } [\Delta v]_i < 0 \right) \right)$

□ The described barrier algorithm yields an approximative solution  $\hat{v}$  of the dual problem with a tolerance  $\varepsilon$ .

We know that the primal is strictly feasible (for example  $\lambda_0 = \frac{c}{2} \mathbb{1}_m$ ), then, it satisfies the Slater's condition. Moreover, it is convex. Then, strong duality holds. There fore, if  $w^*, z^*, v^*$  are optimal, then, they must satisfy the KKT optimality conditions:

1) Primal feasibility:  $z^* \geq 0$  and  $\mathbb{1}_m \leq L w^* + z^*$

2) Dual feasibility:  $v^* \geq 0$  and  $\lambda^* \geq 0$

3) Complementary slackness:  $v_i^* (1 - z_i^* - [L w^*]_i) = 0$  and  $\lambda_i^* z_i^* = 0$

4) First order condition:  $w^* = L^T v^*$  and  $c \mathbb{1}_m = \lambda^* + v^*$

Then,  $w^* = L^T v^*$  and  $z_i^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v_i^* < c \\ 1 - [L w^*]_i & \text{if } v_i^* = c \end{cases}$



Let  $\hat{w} := W^T \hat{v}$  and  $\hat{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $\hat{z}_i = \begin{cases} 1 - [W\hat{w}]_i & \text{if } \hat{v}_i = c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  (11)

• We notice that:  $c \mathbb{1}_m^T \hat{z} = \hat{v}^T \hat{z} = \hat{v}^T \mathbb{1}_m - \hat{v}^T (W\hat{w})$

• Then,  $f(\hat{w}, \hat{z}) - f(w^*, z^*) = f(\hat{w}, \hat{z}) - g(v^*)$  (because we have strong duality)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|\hat{w}\|^2 + c \mathbb{1}_m^T \hat{z} - g(v^*)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|W^T \hat{v}\|^2 + \mathbb{1}_m^T \hat{v} - \hat{v}^T W\hat{w} - g(v^*)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|W^T \hat{v}\|^2 + \mathbb{1}_m^T \hat{v} - \hat{v}^T W(W^T \hat{v}) - g(v^*)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \|W^T \hat{v}\|^2 + \mathbb{1}_m^T \hat{v} - g(v^*)$$

$$= g(\hat{v}) - g(v^*)$$

By definition of  $\hat{v}$ ,  $g(v^*) - g(\hat{v}) \leq \varepsilon$ . Thus,  $f(w^*, z^*) - f(\hat{w}, \hat{z}) \leq \varepsilon$ .

which means that  $(\hat{w}, \hat{z})$  is an approximative solution to the primal problem with tolerance  $\varepsilon$ .