

# Dual & KKT

PRIMAL:  $\min_x f(x)$   
 s.t.  $g_i(x) \leq 0$   
 $h_i(x) = 0$

Dual  $\max_{u,v} J(u,v)$   
 s.t.  $u \geq 0$

$$J(u,v) = \min_x L(x; u, v)$$

$$= \min_x f(x) + \sum u_i g_i + \sum v_i h_i$$

1. Weak duality:  $\forall u \geq 0, v,$

we have  $J(u,v) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \text{ feasible}$

推论  $\Rightarrow J^* \leq f^*$

$\downarrow$   $\downarrow$

取 max 取 min

充分条件

完整刻画:

if  $\begin{cases} f \text{ convex} \\ g_i \text{ convex} \rightarrow \text{inequality} \\ h_i: \text{affine} \rightarrow \text{equality} \end{cases}$

and Slater's condition  $\checkmark$

then strong duality holds

2. Strong duality: Sufficient condition

like Slater's condition

$\Rightarrow J^* = f^*$

More results:

① Suppose  $J^* = f^*$

(holds generally)

$(x^*, u^*, v^*)$  is sol<sup>n</sup> to (PRIMAL; Dual) Problem

$\Rightarrow (x^*, u^*, v^*)$  satisfy KKT condition that

- ① Dual Feasibility  $u^* \geq 0$
- ② Primal Feasibility  $g_i(x^*) \leq 0 \quad h_i(x^*) = 0$
- ③ stationarity:  $\partial_x L(x; u, v) \big|_{x^*, u^*, v^*} = 0$
- ④ slackness:  $u_i^* g_i(x^*) = 0$

Reason:

$$\max_{\lambda \geq 0, \nu} L(x^*; \lambda, \nu) = f(x^*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^* &= \min_{x \in F} f(x) = f(x^*) \geq f(x^*) + \underbrace{\sum u_i^* g_i}_{\leq 0} + \underbrace{\sum v_i^* h_i}_{=0} \\ &\geq \min_x L(x; u^*, v^*) \\ &= J(u^*, v^*) \\ &= J^* \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $\begin{cases} \text{stationarity (one necessary cond.)} \\ \text{slackness} \end{cases}$

② Suppose

$$J^* = f^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\min_x f(x) \\ &\text{s.t. } g_i \leq 0 \\ &\quad h_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  Convex programme

Then  $(x^*; u^*, v^*)$  satisfy KKT condition

$\Rightarrow (x^*; u^*, v^*)$  is the sol<sup>n</sup> to  $\boxed{P/D}$

Reason:

Convex Prog

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} f \text{ convex} \\ g_i \text{ convex} \\ h_i \text{ affine} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(x; u^*, v^*) = \underbrace{f(x) + \sum u_i^* g_i(x) + \sum v_i^* h_i(x)}$$

$\downarrow$   
convex as for  $x$

$$\text{we have: } 0 \in \nabla_x L(x; \lambda, \mu) \Big|_{(x^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = \arg \min L(x; u^*, v^*) \Rightarrow J(u^*, v^*)$$

$$= \min_x L(x; u^*, v^*)$$

Analysis:

$$\underline{J^* = f^*}$$

$$= L(x^*; u^*, v^*)$$



$$① L(x^*; u^*, v^*) = J(u^*, v^*) \quad (u^*, v^*) \text{ is dual feasible}$$

$$② L(x^*; u^*, v^*) = f(x^*) \quad x^* \text{ is PRIMAL Feasible}$$

$$\Rightarrow J^* = \max_{u, v} J(u, v) \geq J(u^*, v^*) = f(x^*) \geq \min_{x \in \mathcal{F}} f(x) = f^*$$

$$\Rightarrow J(u^*, v^*) = \max_{u, v} J(u, v)$$

$$f(x^*) = \max_x f(x)$$

$$x \in \{x: g_i(x) \leq 0, h_i(x) = 0\}$$

Conclude:

SUPPOSE STRONG Duality holds

then:

① if PRIMAL Problem is Convex Prog.

then  $(x^*; u^*, v^*)$  is solution to  $(P; D)$

$\Leftrightarrow (x^*; u^*, v^*)$  satisfy KKT cond

② if Primal Program is NOT Convex Prog.

then  $(x^*; u^*, v^*)$  is solution to  $(P; D)$

$\Rightarrow (x^*; u^*, v^*)$  satisfy KKT

(necessary condition)

Weak Slater's condition  
↓  
inequality constraints are affine function, then we do not need to check strictly feasibility.

if Slater's condition holds  
then { strong duality ✓  
convex prog ✓

Moreover, suppose strong duality holds, i.e.,  $J^* = f^*$

then  $(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*) \rightarrow \text{sol}^o$  to  $(P; D)$

$\Rightarrow$  satisfy KKT condition (previous result)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{also. } f(x^*) &= f^* \geq f(x^*) + \sum \lambda_i^* g(x^*) + \sum \mu_i^* h(x^*) \\ &= L(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*) \\ &\geq \min_x L(x; \lambda^*, \mu^*) \\ &= q(\lambda^*, \mu^*) \\ &= J^*\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f^* = L(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*) = J^*}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned}\inf_x L(x; \lambda^*, \mu^*) &= q(\lambda^*, \mu^*) = J^* = L(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*) \\ \sup_{\lambda, \mu \geq 0} L(x^*; \lambda, \mu) &= f(x^*) = f^* = L(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*) \text{ is saddle point of } L(\cdot; \cdot, \cdot)}$$

Ex 2, if  $(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*)$  is an saddle point of  $L$

$$\text{i.e., } L(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*) = \inf_x L(x; \lambda^*, \mu^*) = q(\lambda^*, \mu^*)$$

$$L(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*) = \sup_{\lambda \geq 0, \mu} L(x^*; \lambda, \mu) = f(x^*)$$

$$\text{generally, } q(\lambda, \mu) \leq f(x) \quad \text{for } \begin{cases} x \text{ feasible} \\ \lambda, \mu \text{ feasible} \end{cases}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\exists (x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*) \text{ s.t. } q(\lambda^*, \mu^*) = f(x^*)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Strong duality holds

check  $(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*)$  is the solution that  $(\lambda^*, \mu^*) = \arg \max_{\lambda \geq 0} q(\lambda, \mu)$

$$x^* = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{F}} f(x)$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\text{directly from Strong Duality } \& \ q(\lambda^*, \mu^*) = f(x^*)}$$



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To conclude,  $(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*)$  feasible & saddle point of  $L(x; \lambda, \mu)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  Strong Duality holds &  $(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*)$  is the optimal solution of  
 $(P)$  &  $(D)$

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Thm 7.1: Slater's condition +  $\begin{cases} f \text{ convex} \\ g_i \text{ convex} \\ h_i \text{ affine} \end{cases}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  strong duality holds  
 $\Rightarrow L(x; \lambda, \mu)$  has saddle point  
 $(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*)$ ,

which is the optimal to  $(P)$  &  $(D)$  Problem.