

Convex functions.

$$\partial u(x) = \{p \mid u(y) \geq u(x) + p \cdot (y-x) \quad \forall y\}.$$



• e.g. $u(x_1, x_2) = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$

find $\partial(\vec{x})$ at $x = \vec{0}$ we need to find \vec{p} s.t.

$$|y| = \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2} \geq p \cdot y, \quad \text{if } y=0, \text{ this always holds, if } y \neq 0, \text{ we need } \frac{p \cdot y}{|y|} \leq 1.$$

$$\forall p: \frac{p \cdot y}{|y|} \leq \frac{\|p\| \cdot \|y\|}{\|y\|} = \|p\|. \quad \text{This always holds for } \|p\| \leq 1.$$

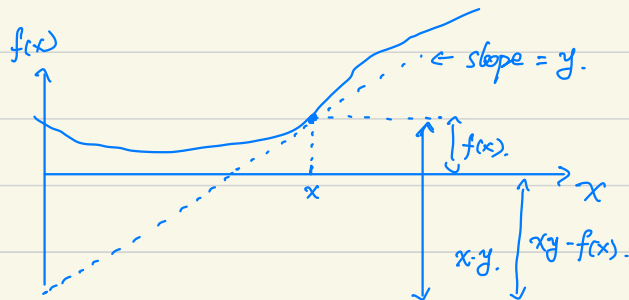
If $\hat{p} = \hat{y} \Rightarrow$ we get equality. i.e. if $\|p\| > 1$ we can find y that violates $\frac{p \cdot y}{|y|} \leq 1$.

$$\partial u(\vec{0}) = \{p \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|p\| \leq 1\} = B(\vec{0}; 1), \leftarrow \text{Ball radius} = 1 \text{ center at } (0,0).$$

$$\text{So } \partial u(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} \overline{B(\vec{0}, 1)} & \text{if } \vec{x} = \vec{0} \\ \vec{x} / \|\vec{x}\| & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial u(\mathbb{R}^2) = \overline{B(\vec{0}, 1)} \leftarrow \text{sub-gradient.}$$

Suppose f is convex on \mathbb{R} .



for fixed x define $g(y) = xy - f(x)$ when $y = f'(x)$.

This extra condition also comes from diff g w.r.t. x and setting to 0.

$$\text{maybe: } g(y) = \max_x \{xy - f(x)\}.$$

$f(x)$ is convex. $\Rightarrow xy - f(x)$ is concave make sense to maximize.

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Define the Legendre - Fenchel transform of a f by $f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in E} \{x \cdot y - f(x)\}$.

• e.g. $f(x) = 0 \quad E = \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \{xy\} = 0, y = 0$. unbdd if $y \neq 0$.
 $\text{Dom}(f^*) = \{0\}$.

• e.g. $f(x) = 0 \quad E = [-1, 1] \Rightarrow f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in [-1, 1]} \{xy\} = |y|, \quad \text{Dom}(f^*) = \mathbb{R}$.

• e.g. $f(x) = p \cdot x \Rightarrow f^{**}(x) = p(x)$.

We can take repeated L-F transforms (biconjugate of f).

• Property: f^* is convex. Let $y_1, y_2 \in \text{Dom}(f^*)$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(\lambda y_1 + (1-\lambda)y_2) &= \sup_x \{ \lambda x \cdot y_1 + (1-\lambda)x \cdot y_2 - \underbrace{f(x)}_{\lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(x)} \} \\ &\leq \sup_x \{ \lambda x \cdot y_1 - \lambda f(x) \} + \sup_x \{ (1-\lambda)x \cdot y_2 - (1-\lambda)f(x) \} \\ &= \lambda f^*(y_1) + (1-\lambda)f^*(y_2). \quad (\text{Convexity.}) \end{aligned}$$

• Property: $\forall x \in \text{Dom}(f)$ and $y \in \text{Dom}(f^*)$ then $f(x) + f^*(y) \geq x \cdot y$. with equality iff $y \in \partial f(x)$.

Pf: Inequality is immediate. Let $y \in \partial f(x) \Leftrightarrow f(z) \geq f(x) + y \cdot (z - x) \quad \forall z$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow x \cdot y - f(x) &\geq z \cdot y - f(z) \quad \forall z \Leftrightarrow x \cdot y - f(x) \geq \sup_z \{ z \cdot y - f(z) \} = f^*(y). \\ \Leftrightarrow f(x) + f^*(y) &\leq x \cdot y. \end{aligned}$$

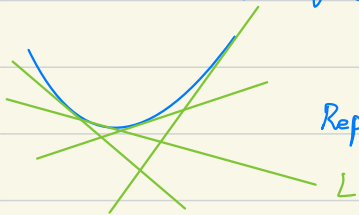
Combine with $f(x) + f^*(y) \geq x \cdot y$.

we get the equality. ■

• Property: If $f \leq g$ everywhere then $g^* \leq f^*$.

• Property: If f is convex and lower-semi-continuous then $f^{**}(x) = f(x)$.

1st: know that $f(x) + f^*(y) \geq x \cdot y \Rightarrow f^{**}(x) = \sup_y \{x \cdot y - f^*(y)\} \leq f(x)$.



Represent f as a supremum of hyperplanes. $f(x) = \sup_{\alpha \in A} \{L^\alpha(x)\}$.
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 hyper-planes.

choose any $\alpha \in A$ $f(x) \geq L^\alpha(x) \forall x \Rightarrow f^*(y) \leq L^{\alpha*}(y) \Rightarrow f^{**}(x) \geq L^{\alpha**}(x)$.
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 $L^\alpha(x)$ since L^α is affine.

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{f^{**}(x) \geq \sup_{\alpha} L^\alpha(x) = f(x)}_{\text{only hold for convex } f}$ and $\underbrace{f^{**}(x) \leq f(x)}_{\text{always hold.}} \Rightarrow f^{**}(x) = f(x)$. ■

It's now reasonable to talk about convex L-F Differential Dual functions φ, ψ s.t. $\varphi = \psi^*, \psi = \varphi^*$.

• Prop: If $\varphi(x), \psi(y)$ are L-F duals on bdd domains X, Y then they have uniform Lipschitz bdd.

$$\text{pf: } \varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2) = \sup_{y \in Y} \{x_1 \cdot y - \psi(y)\} - \sup_{y \in Y} \{x_2 \cdot y - \psi(y)\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \varepsilon > 0 \text{ we can find } y_1 \in Y \text{ s.t. } \varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2) &\leq \underbrace{x_1 \cdot y_1 - \psi(y_1) + \varepsilon - x_2 \cdot y_1 + \psi(y_1)}_{\hookrightarrow = (x_1 - x_2) \cdot y_1 + \varepsilon} \\ &\leq \sup_{y \in Y} |y| \cdot |x_1 - x_2| + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Taking $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$: $\varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2) \leq M |x_1 - x_2|$, Similarly we get $|\varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2)| \leq M |x_1 - x_2|$.

$\Rightarrow \varphi, \psi$ are Uniformly Lipschitz. ■

Let's come back to Dual pbm (DP) for $c(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}|x-y|^2$.

objective fun.

$$\max_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{D}} J[u,v], \text{ where } J[u,v] = \int_X u(x) d\mu(x) + \int_Y v(y) d\nu(y).$$

we want to use some tools from convex analysis. let's transform:

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{2}|x|^2 - u(x), \quad \psi(y) = \frac{1}{2}|y|^2 - v(y).$$

Instead of $\max J$ we minimize $-J = -\int_X u(x) d\mu(x) - \int_Y v(y) d\nu(y)$

$$= \int_X [\varphi(x) - \frac{1}{2}|x|^2] d\mu(x) + \int_Y [\psi(y) - \frac{1}{2}|y|^2] d\nu(y).$$

or just minimize. $\int_X \varphi(x) d\mu(x) + \int_Y \psi(y) d\nu(y) \equiv L[\varphi, \psi].$

constraints: $\frac{1}{2}|x-y|^2 \geq u(x) + v(y) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}|x|^2 - \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{2}|y|^2 - \psi(y).$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(x) + \psi(y) \geq x \cdot y.$$

Denote $\mathcal{D}^* = \{(\varphi, \psi) \in C^0(X) \times C^0(Y) \mid \varphi(x) + \psi(y) \geq x \cdot y \quad \forall x \in X, y \in Y\}.$

New pbm is $(DP)^* \min_{(\varphi, \psi) \in \mathcal{D}^*} L[\varphi, \psi].$

check \mathcal{D}^* not empty: let $x \cdot y = 1000$. $\varphi(x) = 1000$, $\psi(y) = 1000$.
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So the feasible set is non-empty (large const fun).

Let's try to understand what feasible pairs actually looks like.

$$\text{Let } (\varphi, \psi) \in \Phi^* \Rightarrow \varphi(x) \geq x \cdot y - \psi(y), \quad \forall x, y.$$

↓ take sup is L-F transform.

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(x) \geq \psi^*(x).$$

$$\psi^{**}(y) \geq x \cdot y - \psi^*(x).$$



$$\text{Also } \psi(y) \geq \psi^{**}(y), \quad \text{and } \varphi^*(x) + \psi^{**}(y) \geq x \cdot y.$$

we have a new feasible pair (ψ^*, ψ^{**}) . which are L-F dual pairs.

$$\text{Let's look at objective function } L[\psi^*, \psi^{**}] = \int_X \psi^*(x) d\mu(x) + \int_Y \psi^{**}(y) d\nu(y).$$

not need to go over all possible pairs
in $L[\varphi, \psi]$. fine to only look at
L-F Duals $[\psi^*, \psi^{**}]$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{by ① \& ②} \leq \int_X \varphi(x) d\mu(x) + \int_Y \psi(y) d\nu(y). \\ &\hookrightarrow = L[\varphi, \psi]. \end{aligned}$$

• Conclusion: We can minimize over this set $\Phi^{**} = \{(\varphi, \psi) \in \Phi^* \mid \varphi = \psi^*, \psi = \varphi^*\}$.