

Problem 5: Given N numbers $x_1, \dots, x_N \in \mathbb{R}$, construct a minimization problem such that its optimal value is $\max(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ and derive the Lagrange dual problem.

$\text{MIN} \rightarrow P^* = d^*$

(P) $\min_{b \in \mathbb{R}} b$
 $x_i - b \leq 0 \quad \forall i$

MAX

(D) $\max_w \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i$
 $\sum_{i=1}^N w_i = 1$
 $w_i \geq 0$

Derive the dual for (P)

- $L(b, w) = b + \sum_{i=1}^N w_i (x_i - b) = (1 - \sum_{i=1}^N w_i) b + \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i$

- $g(w) = \min_b L(b, w) = \min_b (1 - \sum_{i=1}^N w_i) b + \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i$

$$g(w) = \begin{cases} -\infty, & \text{if } 1 - \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \neq 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^N w_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

- $d^* = \max_{w \geq 0} g(w) = \max_{\substack{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i = 1 \\ w_i \geq 0}} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i \quad (D)$

$$f(x) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} f(x) &\leq 0 \\ -f(x) &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6: Given N numbers $x_1, \dots, x_N \in \mathbb{R}$, construct a maximization problem such that its optimal value is the sum of the k largest values and derive the Lagrange dual problem.

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{w, \text{ s.t.}} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i \\ & \sum_{i=1}^N w_i = k \\ & -w_i \leq 0 \\ & w_i - 1 \leq 0 \quad \text{for } i=1 \dots N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-) \min_{w} \quad & -\sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i \\ \text{b}_+ \quad & \sum_{i=1}^N w_i - k \leq 0 \\ \text{b}_- \quad & -\sum_{i=1}^N w_i + k \leq 0 \\ \text{t} \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad & -w_i \leq 0 \quad i=1 \dots N \\ \text{s} \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad & w_i - 1 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \underbrace{\langle (w, \text{b}_+, \text{b}_-, \text{s}, \text{t}) \rangle}_{\text{primal}} &= \underbrace{-\sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i}_{\text{obj}} + \underbrace{\text{b}_+ (\sum w_i - k)}_{\text{b}_+} + \underbrace{\sum \text{s}_i (w_i - 1)}_{\text{s}} + \underbrace{\text{b}_- (-\sum w_i + k)}_{\text{b}_-} + \underbrace{\sum \text{t}_i (-w_i)}_{\text{t}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N w_i (-x_i + \text{b}_+ - \text{b}_- + \text{s}_i - \text{t}_i) + \\ &\quad + (\text{b}_- - \text{b}_+) k - \sum \text{s}_i \end{aligned}$$

- $$g(b_+, b_-, t, s) = \min_w L(\cdot) =$$

$$= \begin{cases} (b_- - b_+)k - \sum s_i & \text{if } -x_i + b_+ - b_- + s_i - t_i = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \forall i = 1 \dots N$$

- $$\max_{b_+, b_-, t, s} (b_- - b_+)k - \sum s_i$$

$$b_+, b_-, t, s \geq 0$$

$$-x_i + b_+ - b_- + s_i - t_i = 0$$

$$\max_{b, t, s} -bk - \sum s_i$$

$$t, s \geq 0$$

$$-x_i + b + s_i = t_i$$

$$\max_{b, s} -bk - \sum s_i$$

$$s \geq 0$$

$$b \geq x_i - s_i$$

$$\rightarrow \min_{b, s} \quad bk + \sum s_i$$

$$s \geq 0$$

$$b \geq x_i - s_i$$

Problem 7: Given $c \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^M$ and $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times d}$, derive the Lagrange dual problem of

$$(P) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_x & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax \leq b. \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = c^T x$$

$$L: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$Ax - b \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, \alpha) &= c^T x + \alpha^T (Ax - b) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i (a_i^T x - b_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} - & a_1 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m & - \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times d}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(\alpha) &= \min_x c^T x + \alpha^T (Ax - b) = \\ &= \min_x \underbrace{(A^T \alpha + c)}_{d \times 1}^T \underbrace{x}_{d \times 1} - \underbrace{b^T \alpha}_{d \times 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$g(\alpha) = \begin{cases} -\infty, & \text{if } A^T \alpha + c \neq 0 \\ -b^T \alpha, & \text{if } A^T \alpha + c = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\alpha \geq 0} g(\alpha) &= \max_{\alpha \geq 0} -b^T \alpha \\ &\quad A^T \alpha + c = 0 \end{aligned}$$