

Figure 5.1 Lower bound from a dual feasible point. The solid curve shows the objective function f_0 , and the dashed curve shows the constraint function f_1 . The feasible set is the interval [-0.46, 0.46], which is indicated by the two dotted vertical lines. The optimal point and value are $x^* = -0.46$, $p^* = 1.54$ (shown as a circle). The dotted curves show $L(x, \lambda)$ for $\lambda = 0.1, 0.2, \ldots, 1.0$. Each of these has a minimum value smaller than p^* , since on the feasible set (and for $\lambda \geq 0$) we have $L(x, \lambda) \leq f_0(x)$.

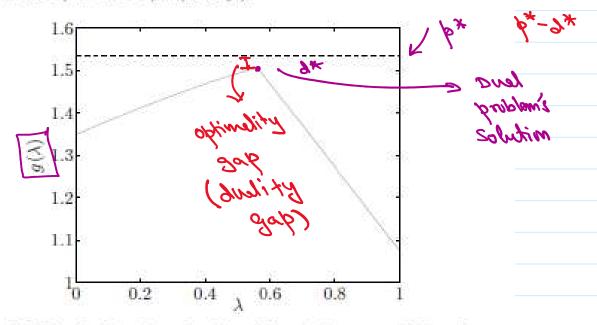


Figure 5.2 The dual function g for the problem in figure 5.1. Neither f_0 nor f_1 is convex, but the dual function is concave. The horizontal dashed line shows p^* , the optimal value of the problem.