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The Lagrange dual function

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Lagrangian이란 objective function과 constraint function을 하나의 다항식으로 합치는 것!

Lagrange multiplier vector를 이용한 weighted sum 형태로

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & f_0(x) \\ \text{subject to} & f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & h_i(x) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, p\end{array}$$

만약 f_i nonpositive
만약 f_i positive라면 f_i 에 음수 붙이기

variable $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$, domain \mathcal{D} , optimal value p^*

Lagrangian: $L : \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, with $\text{dom } L = \mathcal{D} \times \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^p$,

✓ $L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(x)$



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$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda, \nu) &= \inf_{x \in \mathcal{D}} L(x, \lambda, \nu) && \text{affine function} \\ &= \inf_{x \in \mathcal{D}} \left(f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(x) \right) \end{aligned}$$



g is concave, can be $-\infty$ for some λ, ν

, affine function

pointwise infimum of all



Dual function은 lower bound optimal value를 보장함

if $\lambda \succeq 0$, then $g(\lambda, \nu) \leq p^*$

This important property is easily verified. Suppose \tilde{x} is a feasible point for the problem (5.1), i.e., $f_i(\tilde{x}) \leq 0$ and $h_i(\tilde{x}) = 0$, and $\lambda \succeq 0$. Then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(\tilde{x}) \leq 0,$$

since each term in the first sum is nonpositive, and each term in the second sum is zero, and therefore

$$L(\tilde{x}, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(\tilde{x}) \leq f_0(\tilde{x}).$$

Hence

$$g(\lambda, \nu) = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{D}} L(x, \lambda, \nu) \leq L(\tilde{x}, \lambda, \nu) \leq f_0(\tilde{x}).$$

Since $g(\lambda, \nu) \leq f_0(\tilde{x})$ holds for every feasible point \tilde{x} , the inequality (5.2) follows. The lower bound (5.2) is illustrated in figure 5.1, for a simple problem with $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and one inequality constraint.

The inequality (5.2) holds, but is vacuous, when $g(\lambda, \nu) = -\infty$. The dual function gives a nontrivial lower bound on p^* only when $\lambda \succeq 0$ and $(\lambda, \nu) \in \text{dom } g$, i.e., $g(\lambda, \nu) > -\infty$. We refer to a pair (λ, ν) with $\lambda \succeq 0$ and $(\lambda, \nu) \in \text{dom } g$ as *dual feasible*, for reasons that will become clear later.

$$\sum \lambda_i f_i(\tilde{x}) \leq 0$$

$$\sum \nu_i h_i(\tilde{x}) = 0$$

$$f_0(\tilde{x}) + \sum \lambda_i f_i(\tilde{x}) + \sum \nu_i h_i(\tilde{x}) \leq f_0(\tilde{x}) = 0$$

↳ 모든 feasible point에 대해 성립



Examples

- Least-squares solution of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && x^T x \\ & \text{subject to} && Ax = b, \end{aligned}$$

inequality
constraint
 $g(x) \geq 0$

$$L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(x)$$

$$L(x, \nu) = x^T x + \nu^T (Ax - b),$$

Quadratic form

$$g(\nu) = \inf_x L(x, \nu)$$

$$\nabla_x L(x, \nu) = 2x + A^T \nu = 0$$

$$x = -(1/2)A^T \nu$$



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- Least-squares solution of linear equations

$$g(\nu) = L(-(1/2)A^T\nu, \nu) = -(1/4)\nu^T AA^T \nu - b^T \nu,$$



$$-(1/4)\nu^T AA^T \nu - b^T \nu \leq \inf\{x^T x \mid Ax = b\}.$$

for any ν

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, \nu) &= x^T x + \nu^T (Ax - b) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \nu^T AA^T \nu + \nu^T \{A(-\frac{1}{2}A^T \nu) - b\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \nu^T AA^T \nu - \frac{1}{2} \nu^T AA^T \nu - b^T \nu \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \nu^T AA^T \nu - b^T \nu \end{aligned}$$



Examples

- Standard form LP

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && c^T x \\ & \text{subject to} && Ax = b, \quad x \succeq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark L(x, \lambda, \nu) &= c^T x + \nu^T (Ax - b) - \lambda^T x \\ &= -b^T \nu + (c + A^T \nu - \lambda)^T x \end{aligned}$$

L is affine in x

$c + A^T \nu - \lambda \neq 0 \Rightarrow L$ unbounded below



Examples

- Standard form LP

$$g(\lambda, \nu) = \inf_x L(x, \lambda, \nu) = \begin{cases} -b^T \nu & A^T \nu - \lambda + c = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

g is linear on affine domain $\{(\lambda, \nu) \mid A^T \nu - \lambda + c = 0\}$

$p^* \geq -b^T \nu$ if $\underline{A^T \nu + c} \succeq 0$



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non-convex

Examples

- Two-way partitioning

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & x^T W x \\ \text{subject to} & x_i^2 = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n\end{array}$$

$$L(x, \nu) = x^T W x + \sum_i \nu_i (x_i^2 - 1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 & u_1 & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \nu_p \end{bmatrix}$$

dual function

$$\begin{aligned}g(\nu) &= \inf_x (x^T W x + \sum_i \nu_i (x_i^2 - 1)) &= \inf_x x^T (W + \text{diag}(\nu)) x - \mathbf{1}^T \nu \\ &= \begin{cases} -\mathbf{1}^T \nu & W + \text{diag}(\nu) \succeq 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

quadratic form



Examples

- Two-way partitioning

lower bound property: $p^* \geq -\mathbf{1}^T \nu$ if $W + \text{diag}(\nu) \succeq 0$

example: $\nu = -\lambda_{\min}(W)\mathbf{1}$ gives bound $p^* \geq n\lambda_{\min}(W)$



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Lagrange dual and conjugate function

해석은 알려져 있는 conjugate로 dual function을 단순화한다는 것

minimize $f_0(x)$
subject to $Ax \leq b, \quad Cx = d$

recall: $f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \text{dom } f} (y^T x - f(x))$

$$L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(x) + \lambda(Ax - b) + \nu(Cx - d)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda, \nu) &= \inf_{x \in \text{dom } f_0} (f_0(x) + (A^T \lambda + C^T \nu)^T x - b^T \lambda - d^T \nu) \\ &= -f_0^*(-A^T \lambda - C^T \nu) - b^T \lambda - d^T \nu \end{aligned}$$



Example

- Entropy maximization

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda, \nu) &= \inf_x (f_0(x) + \lambda^T(Ax - b) + \nu^T(Cx - d)) \\ &= -b^T \lambda - d^T \nu + \inf_x (f_0(x) + (A^T \lambda + C^T \nu)^T x) \quad \text{Inf} \Rightarrow -\text{Sup} \\ &= -b^T \lambda - d^T \nu - f_0^*(-A^T \lambda - C^T \nu). \end{aligned}$$



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- Entropy maximization(negative entropy)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (yx - x \log x) = 0$$
$$x = e^{y-1} \quad \curvearrowright \quad f^*(y) \text{ 에 } x \text{ 값 대입하면 } e^y$$

minimize $f_0(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log x_i$
subject to $Ax \leq b$
 $\mathbf{1}^T x = 1$

$$L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(x) + \lambda(Ax - b) + \nu(\mathbf{1}^T x - 1)$$

$$g(\lambda, \nu) = -b^T \lambda - \nu - \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-a_i^T \lambda - \nu - 1} = -b^T \lambda - \nu - e^{-\nu - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-a_i^T \lambda}$$




The Lagrange dual problem

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Dual problem :

Objective function - dual function

Constraint function – dual variable

\Rightarrow Convex optimization

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && g(\lambda, \nu) \\ & \text{subject to} && \lambda \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- finds best lower bound on p^* , obtained from Lagrange dual function
- a convex optimization problem; optimal value denoted d^*
- λ, ν are dual feasible if $\lambda \succeq 0, (\lambda, \nu) \in \text{dom } g$

$d^* \sim (\lambda^*, \nu^*)$ optimal for the problem



Example

- Lagrange dual of standard form LP

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax = b \\ & x \succeq 0\end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow L(x, \lambda, \nu) = \begin{aligned} & c^T x - \lambda x + \nu (Ax - b) \\ & = -b^T \nu + (A^T \nu - \lambda + c) x \end{aligned}$$

$$g(\lambda, \nu) = \begin{cases} -b^T \nu & A^T \nu - \lambda + c = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & g(\lambda, \nu) = \begin{cases} -b^T \nu & A^T \nu - \lambda + c = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \text{subject to} & \lambda \succeq 0.\end{array}$$

equivalent



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Example

- Lagrange dual of standard form LP

implicit 한 constraint^을
explicit 하도록

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && -b^T \nu \\ & \text{subject to} && A^T \nu - \lambda + c = 0 \\ & && \lambda \succeq 0. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && -b^T \nu \\ & \text{subject to} && A^T \nu + c \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$



weak duality: $d^* \leq p^*$

$(p^* - d^* ; \text{duality gap})$

strong duality: $d^* = p^*$

Can be used to find nontrivial lower for difficult problems
(ex. SDP)

Does not hold in general
(usually) holds for convex problems

maximize $-\mathbf{1}^T \nu$
subject to $W + \text{diag}(\nu) \succeq 0$

Conditions that guarantee strong duality in convex problems are called
constraint qualifications



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Slater's conditions (one of the constraint qualification)

$\exists x \in \text{relint } \mathcal{D}, \quad \underbrace{f_i(x) < 0}_{\text{strict inequalities}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad Ax = b \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Strong duality } \mathbb{H2}$

when some of the inequality constraint functions f_i are affine

$\exists x \in \text{relint } \mathcal{D}, \quad \underbrace{f_i(x) \leq 0}_{\text{affine } \bar{a} \in \text{ inequalities}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \quad f_i(x) < 0, \quad i = k + 1, \dots, m, \quad Ax = b \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Strong duality } \mathbb{H2}$



Example

- Mixed strategies for matrix games

zero sum matrix games에서 strong duality를 이용해 간단한 결과를 도출할 수 있음

- ✓ Player 1 : make a choice $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- ✓ Player 2 : make a choice $l \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

Player 1은 P_{kl} 을 Player 2에게 지불해야 함

Player 1은 minimize, Player 2는 maximize가 목표



Example

- Mixed strategies for matrix games

player들은 randomized or mixed strategies를 사용, 자신의 선택을 random하고 상대방의 선택과 독립적으로 구성할 수 있음 아래 확률분포를 따르는

$$\text{prob}(k = i) = u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \text{prob}(l = i) = v_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

그렇다면 지불해야 하는 값의 기댓값을 구한다면 다음과 같다.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^m u_k v_l P_{kl} = \boxed{u^T P v}$$

minimize $u^T P v$

P1: u

maximize $u^T P v$

P2: v



Example

- Mixed strategies for matrix games

이 때의 optimal : P_1^*

만약 player 1의 전략인 u 를 이미 player 2가 아는 상황이라면 $u^T P v$ 를 maximize하는 v 를 고를 것이고 그 식은 다음과 같다.

이 상황에서
P2 전략

$$\sup\{u^T P v \mid v \succeq 0, \mathbf{1}^T v = 1\} = \max_{i=1, \dots, m} (P^T u)_i.$$

이 상황에서
P1 전략

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \max_{i=1, \dots, m} (P^T u)_i \\ & \text{subject to} && u \succeq 0, \mathbf{1}^T u = 1, \end{aligned}$$

worst case 피하기



Example

- Mixed strategies for matrix games

이때의 optimal : P_2^*

$$P_1^* - P_2^* \geq 0 \quad (\text{직관적으로})$$

player2 입장에서의 베스트는

$$P_1 \quad \inf\{u^T P v \mid u \succeq 0, \mathbf{1}^T u = 1\} = \min_{i=1, \dots, n} (Pv)_i.$$

$$P_2 \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && \min_{i=1, \dots, n} (Pv)_i \\ & \text{subject to} && v \succeq 0, \mathbf{1}^T v = 1, \end{aligned}$$



Example

- Mixed strategies for matrix games

player 1의 선택에 대한 식을 LP형태로 구체화하면 다음과 같다.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & t \\ \text{subject to} & u \succeq 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T u = 1 \\ & P^T u \preceq t\mathbf{1}, \end{array}$$

}

$$L(\alpha, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$$

$$- t + \lambda^T (P^T u - t\mathbf{1}) - \mu^T u + \nu(1 - \mathbf{1}^T u) = \nu + (1 - \mathbf{1}^T \lambda) \textcircled{t} + (P\lambda - \nu\mathbf{1} - \mu)^T \textcircled{u}$$



Example

- Mixed strategies for matrix games

$$g(\lambda, \mu, \nu) = \begin{cases} \nu & \mathbf{1}^T \lambda = 1, \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad P\lambda - \nu\mathbf{1} = \mu$$

unbounded below가 되기 때문...

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && \nu \\ & \text{subject to} && \lambda \succeq 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T \lambda = 1, \\ & && P\lambda - \nu\mathbf{1} = \mu. \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu \succeq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && \nu \\ & \text{subject to} && \lambda \succeq 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T \lambda = 1 \\ & && P\lambda \succeq \nu\mathbf{1}, \end{aligned}$$

Player 2 전략과 equivalent이다.

$$\therefore P_i^* = P_2^*$$



5.3 *Problems with one inequality constraint.* Express the dual problem of

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && c^T x \\ & \text{subject to} && f(x) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

with $c \neq 0$, in terms of the conjugate f^* . Explain why the problem you give is convex. We do not assume f is convex.

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Geometric Interpretation

Duality 및 Strong duality의 특징과 조건에 대한 기하적 해석

5.3 Geometric Interpretation

Simple example

minimize $f_0(x)$

subject to $f_1(x) \leq 0$

$G = \{(u, t) \mid f_1(x) = u, f_0(x) = t, x \in D\}$

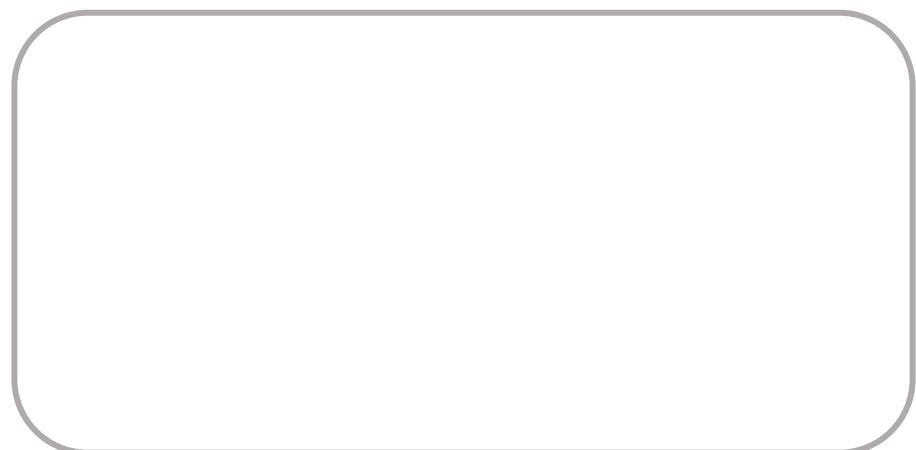
하나의 Inequality constraint만을 가진 Primal Problem을 가정

모든 가능한 람다 값에 대해 dual을 도출하는 과정을 적용한다면,

1. 모든 g 값은 p^* 보다 작거나 같은 부분에 위치

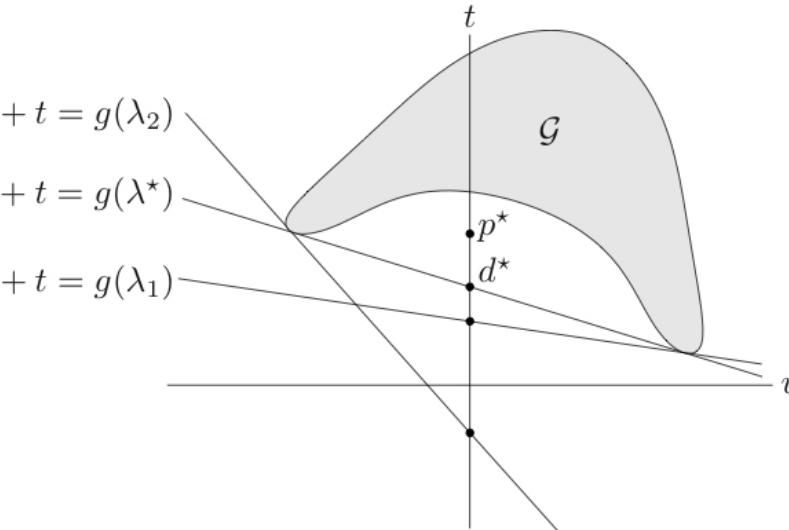
2. g 가 계속 증가하다가 어느 순간 다시 감소

이 변화 지점, 즉 g 의 최대값이 dual problem의 optimal point d^*



동일한 문제에 대한 dual problem을 정의

$$\inf_{x \in D} \{\lambda f_1(x) + f_0(x)\} = \inf_{(u,t) \in G} \{\lambda u + t\} = \inf_{(u,t) \in G} \{(\lambda, 1)^T (u, t)\}$$



Duality Gap: $p^* - d^*$, 이것이 0인 경우가 Strong Duality

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일반적인 Primal Problem

$$G = \{(f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x), h_1(x), \dots, h_p(x), f_0(x)) \in R^m \times R^p \times R \mid x \in D\}$$

Inequality constraint, equality constraint, objective function 전부의 합수값의 집합

$$p^* = \inf\{t \mid (u, v, t) \in G, u \preceq 0, v = 0\}$$

Feasible한 영역 내에서의 t의 최저점

$$(\lambda, \nu, 1)^T(u, v, t) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i u_i + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i v_i + t \quad \text{벡터 형태의 라그랑지안}$$

$$g(\lambda, \nu) = \inf\{(\lambda, \nu, 1)^T(u, v, t) \mid (u, v, t) \in G\} \quad \text{Dual Function}$$

$$(\lambda, \nu, 1)^T(u, v, t) \geq g(\lambda, \nu) \quad G의 supporting hyperplane$$

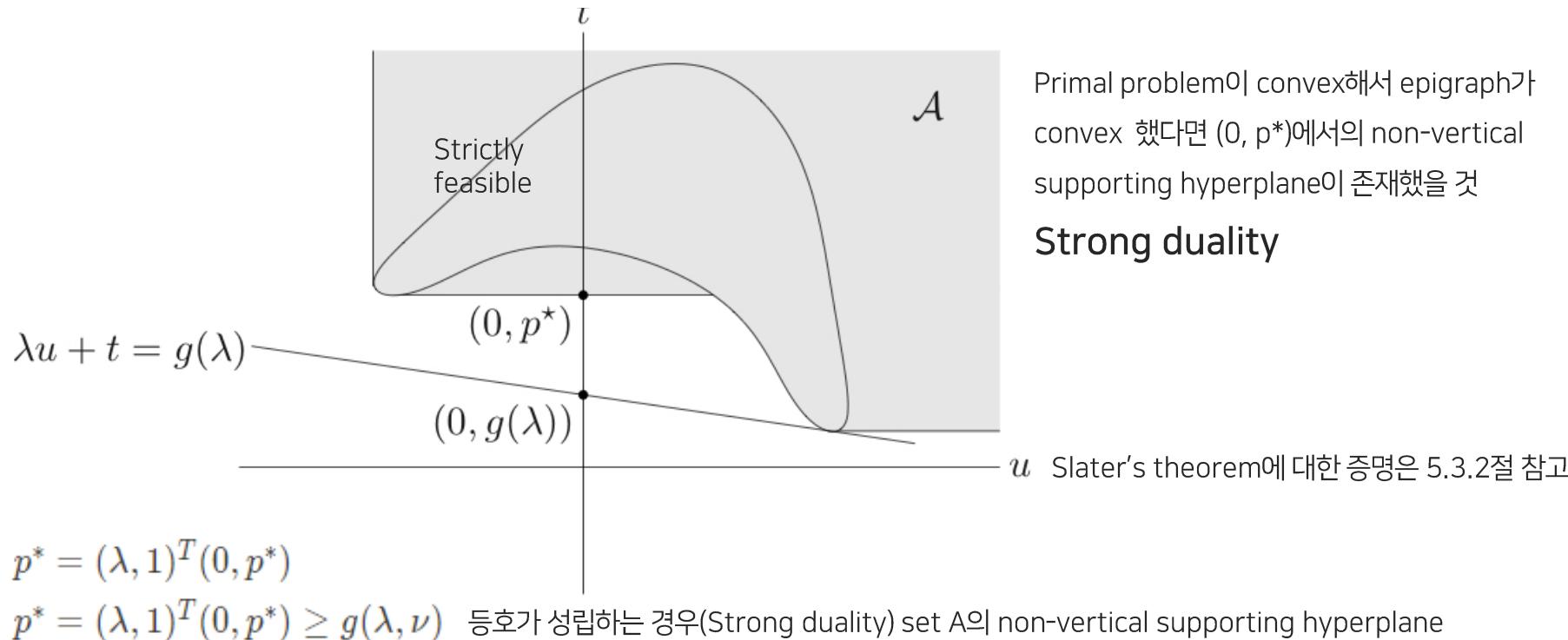
$$\begin{aligned} p^* &= \inf\{t \mid (u, v, t) \in G, u \preceq 0, v = 0\} \\ &\geq \inf\{(\lambda, \nu, 1)^T(u, v, t) \mid (u, v, t) \in G, u \preceq 0, v = 0\} \quad \text{제약 조건이 있을 때보다 없을 때 하한을} \\ &\geq \inf\{(\lambda, \nu, 1)^T(u, v, t) \mid (u, v, t) \in \mathcal{G}\} \quad \text{더 작거나 같게 만들 수 있다는 아이디어} \\ &= g(\lambda, \nu), \end{aligned}$$

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Convexity와 Strong Duality

Slater's theorem: Primal problem이 convex이고, strictly feasible한 x 가 하나 이상 존재하면 strong duality가 만족된다.

$$A = \{(u, t) \mid \exists x \in D, f_0(x) \leq t, f_1(x) \leq u\} \quad \text{Set } G \text{에 대한 일종의 epigraph}$$



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Multi-criterion interpretation

제약 조건이 없는 Multi-criterion problem의 scalarization = equality constraint가 없는 primal problem의 라그랑지안

(4.7) Objective function이 여러 개인 경우 scalarization 시 weight를 줌으로써 trade-off 다룰 수 있음

$$\text{minimize (w.r.t. } \mathbf{R}_+^{m+1}) \quad F(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x), f_0(x))$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}^T F(x) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x), \quad \text{위의 Multi-criterion problem에 대한 scalarization (람다0이 1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & f_0(x) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \end{aligned}$$

이와 같은 primal problem의 라그랑지안과 정확하게 일치

만약 Primal problem이 convex 하다면 바로 앞 슬라이드의 예시와 동일한 상황($p^* = d^*$)이 되고,

따라서 모든 Pareto optimal point가 어떤 람다 값에 대해 Scalarization 값을 최소화할 수 있을 것

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Saddle Point Interpretation

Saddle Point의 개념을 차용한 Lagrange Duality의 이해

5.4 Saddle Point Interpretation

Max-min inequality and duality

$$\sup_{z \in Z} \inf_{w \in W} f(w, z) \leq \inf_{w \in W} \sup_{z \in Z} f(w, z) \quad \text{General max-min inequality. 이것이 duality와 어떻게 관련 있는가?}$$

Equality constraint가 없는 simple problem에서 다음과 같은 등식에 대해 생각해 볼 수 있음

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\lambda \succeq 0} L(x, \lambda) &= \sup_{\lambda \succeq 0} \left(f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} f_0(x) & f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Lambda 값이 non-negative일 때 각 f 값들이 0보다 작거나 같다면 (inequality constraint를 만족한다면)
supremum은 $f_0(x)$ 가 됨, 이외의 경우 무한대. 즉 $f_0(x)$ 는 다음 등식의 infimum!

$$p^* = \inf_x \sup_{\lambda \succeq 0} L(x, \lambda) \quad d^* = \sup_{\lambda \succeq 0} \inf_x L(x, \lambda) \quad \sup_{\lambda \succeq 0} \inf_x L(x, \lambda) \leq \inf_x \sup_{\lambda \succeq 0} L(x, \lambda)$$

위 사실과 dual function의 정의를 이용하면 p^* 와 d^* 를 각각 다음과 같이 나타낼 수 있고 따라서 위 부등식이 성립
Strong duality가 만족되어 등호가 성립하는 경우 'saddle point property를 만족한다고 함

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Saddle Point interpretation

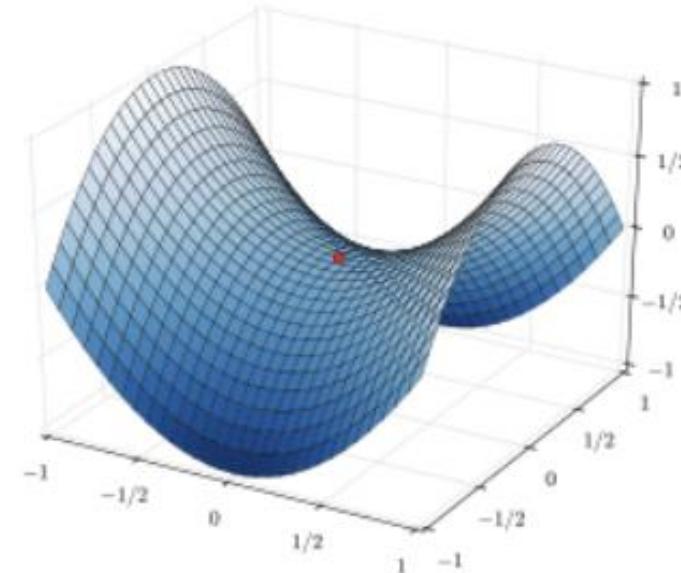
Saddle point란?

We refer to a pair $\tilde{w} \in W$, $\tilde{z} \in Z$ as a *saddle-point* for f (and W and Z) if

$$f(\tilde{w}, z) \leq f(\tilde{w}, \tilde{z}) \leq f(w, \tilde{z})$$

for all $w \in W$ and $z \in Z$. In other words, \tilde{w} minimizes $f(w, \tilde{z})$ (over $w \in W$) and \tilde{z} maximizes $f(\tilde{w}, z)$ (over $z \in Z$):

$$f(\tilde{w}, \tilde{z}) = \inf_{w \in W} f(w, \tilde{z}), \quad f(\tilde{w}, \tilde{z}) = \sup_{z \in Z} f(\tilde{w}, z).$$



어느 방향에서 바라보면 극댓값을, 어느 방향에서 보면 극솟값을 갖는 경우

Lagrange Duality) Primal problem은 x^* 에서 최솟값 p^* 를 갖고, dual problem은 λ^* 에서 최댓값 d^* 를 가짐

Strong duality가 충족될 경우 ($p^* = d^*$), 이 점은 어떤 관점에서는 최솟값, 어떤 관점에서는 최댓값이므로 일종의 saddle point

5.4.3, 5.4.4의 예시 참고 (제로섬 게임, 오퍼레이션 관리)

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Optimality Conditions

Strong Duality와 Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) Conditions

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Stopping Criteria and suboptimality

알고리즘을 '적당히 돌아가게' 하기 위해 stopping criteria를 사용할 때, 그 기준을 정하는데 duality gap의 컨셉을 이용

대소 관계에 의해 다음의 조건을 만족

$$f_0(x) - p^* \leq f_0(x) - g(\lambda, \nu).$$

$$p^* \in [g(\lambda, \nu), f_0(x)], \quad d^* \in [g(\lambda, \nu), f_0(x)],$$

주어진 feasible point가 얼마나 suboptimal한 지 보여주는 지표로 작용

$$f_0(x^{(k)}) - g(\lambda^{(k)}, \nu^{(k)}) \leq \epsilon_{\text{abs}} \quad \frac{f_0(x^{(k)}) - g(\lambda^{(k)}, \nu^{(k)})}{g(\lambda^{(k)}, \nu^{(k)})} \leq \epsilon_{\text{rel}}$$

목표로 하는 gap을 stopping criteria인 epsilon으로 입력하여, 둘의 차이가 허용 오차인 epsilon보다 크지 않아지는 순간 알고리즘이 멈추도록 설계

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Complementary slackness

Primal problem과 Dual problem의 feasible한 값이 서로의 optimal solution이 되기 위한 조건

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(x^*) &= g(\lambda^*, \nu^*) \\ &= \inf_x \left(f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i^* h_i(x) \right) \\ &\leq f_0(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* f_i(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i^* h_i(x^*) \quad x^* \text{가 라그랑지안을 최소화} \\ &\leq f_0(x^*). \text{ Complementary slackness} \end{aligned}$$

첫 줄과 마지막 줄 사이에 등호가 성립하므로 모든 줄의 값이 같게 됨, 따라서 $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* f_i(x^*) = 0$.

$$\lambda_i^* f_i(x^*) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m. \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda_i^* > 0 &\implies f_i(x^*) = 0, \\ f_i(x^*) < 0 &\implies \lambda_i^* = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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KKT Optimality conditions

1. Nonconvex & Convex problem (general)

$$\nabla f_0(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla f_i(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i^* \nabla h_i(x^*) = 0.$$

Strong duality에서의 primal and dual optimal points를 가정, 라그랑지안을 minimize 하므로 gradient가 0

따라서 다음의 모든 조건을 만족 (necessity)

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x^*) &\leq 0, & i = 1, \dots, m \\ h_i(x^*) &= 0, & i = 1, \dots, p \end{aligned} \quad \text{feasibility}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i^* &\geq 0, & i = 1, \dots, m \\ \lambda_i^* f_i(x^*) &= 0, & i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned} \quad \text{Complementary slackness}$$

$$\nabla f_0(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla f_i(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i^* \nabla h_i(x^*) = 0, \quad \text{Stationarity}$$

which are called the *Karush-Kuhn-Tucker* (KKT) conditions.

2. Convex problem

다음 조건을 모두 만족할 경우

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(\tilde{x}) &\leq 0, & i = 1, \dots, m \\ h_i(\tilde{x}) &= 0, & i = 1, \dots, p \\ \tilde{\lambda}_i &\geq 0, & i = 1, \dots, m \\ \tilde{\lambda}_i f_i(\tilde{x}) &= 0, & i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} g(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) &= L(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) \\ &= f_0(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{\lambda}_i f_i(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{\nu}_i h_i(\tilde{x}) \\ \nabla f_0(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{\lambda}_i \nabla f_i(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{\nu}_i \nabla h_i(\tilde{x}) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

Strong duality 성립, KKT condition을 만족하는 point가 primal and dual optimal (sufficiency)

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Example

Equality constrained convex quadratic minimization

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && (1/2)x^T Px + q^T x + r \\ & \text{subject to} && Ax = b, \end{aligned} \quad (5.50)$$

where $P \in \mathbf{S}_+^n$. The KKT conditions for this problem are

$$Ax^* = b, \quad Px^* + q + A^T \nu^* = 0,$$

which we can write as

$$\begin{bmatrix} P & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ \nu^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -q \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

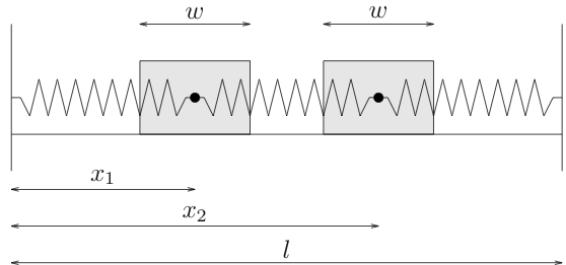


Figure 5.8 Two blocks connected by springs to each other, and the left and right walls. The blocks have width $w > 0$, and cannot penetrate each other or the walls.

Interpretation in mechanics

The potential energy in the springs, as a function of the block positions, is given by

$$f_0(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}k_1x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_2(x_2 - x_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_3(l - x_2)^2,$$

where $k_i > 0$ are the stiffness constants of the three springs. The equilibrium position x^* is the position that minimizes the potential energy subject to the inequalities

$$w/2 - x_1 \leq 0, \quad w + x_1 - x_2 \leq 0, \quad w/2 - l + x_2 \leq 0. \quad (5.51)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && (1/2)(k_1x_1^2 + k_2(x_2 - x_1)^2 + k_3(l - x_2)^2) \\ & \text{subject to} && w/2 - x_1 \leq 0 \\ & && w + x_1 - x_2 \leq 0 \\ & && w/2 - l + x_2 \leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (5.52)$$

With $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ as Lagrange multipliers, the KKT conditions for this problem consist of the kinematic constraints (5.51), the nonnegativity constraints $\lambda_i \geq 0$, the complementary slackness conditions

$$\lambda_1(w/2 - x_1) = 0, \quad \lambda_2(w - x_2 + x_1) = 0, \quad \lambda_3(w/2 - l + x_2) = 0, \quad (5.53)$$

and the zero gradient condition

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1x_1 - k_2(x_2 - x_1) \\ k_2(x_2 - x_1) - k_3(l - x_2) \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (5.54)$$

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Solving the primal problem via the dual

(5.5) Strong duality가 성립하고 dual optimal의 해가 존재하는 경우 primal optimal이 라그랑지안을 minimize

minimize $f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i^* h_i(x)$, Convex한 경우 유일해 x^* 를 갖는다

1. x^* 가 primal problem의 feasible set에 속한다면 이 점은 반드시 primal optimal에 해당
2. 그렇지 않다면 최적화 문제는 해를 갖지 않는다

<기억할 내용>

Strong duality 만족하면 dual problem의 해를 구하여 primal problem 다룰 수 있음

-> Strong duality(duality gap=0)는 다음의 경우 충족됨

- a) Slater's condition 만족 (strictly feasible 점 존재) + optimization problem이 convex
- b) KKT condition 만족하는 점 존재 + optimization problem이 convex

: Primal feasible, Dual feasible, Complementary slackness, Stationarity

특히 이 경우 KKT condition의 해가 primal 및 dual optimal point가 됨

= Convexity가 이래서 좋구나, 앞으로는 KKT condition 활용한 최적화를 공부하겠구나!

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Homework

5.26 Consider the QCQP

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && (x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 \leq 1 \\ & && (x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 + 1)^2 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

with variable $x \in \mathbf{R}^2$.

- Sketch the feasible set and level sets of the objective. Find the optimal point x^* and optimal value p^* .
- Give the KKT conditions. Do there exist Lagrange multipliers λ_1^* and λ_2^* that prove that x^* is optimal?
- Derive and solve the Lagrange dual problem. Does strong duality hold?