

# (HW2)

## (Ex1) (LP Duality)

$$(1.) (P) \begin{cases} \min_x c^T x \\ \text{s.t. } Ax = b \\ x \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow -x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

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

$L$  is linear in  $x$ , thus:

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

$\rightarrow$  b/c we can take  $x_i^{(n)} = -S_{ij} n$

where  $(A^T \nu - \lambda + c)_j > 0 \Rightarrow L(x^{(n)}, \lambda, \nu) \rightarrow -\infty$

$$\Rightarrow (P_{\text{dual}}) \begin{cases} \max_{\lambda, \nu} g(\lambda, \nu) \\ \text{s.t. } \lambda \geq 0 \\ \nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases}$$

$$\text{However, } \max_{\lambda \geq 0, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^m} g(\lambda, \nu) = \max \left( \max_{\substack{\nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ \lambda \geq 0 \\ A^T \nu + c = \lambda}} g(\lambda, \nu), \max_{\substack{\nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ \lambda \geq 0 \\ A^T \nu + c < 0}} g(\lambda, \nu) \right)$$

$$= \max_{\substack{\nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ A^T \nu + c \geq 0 \\ A^T \nu + c = \lambda}} g(\lambda, \nu)$$

$$g(\lambda, \nu) \text{ doesn't depend on } \lambda \Rightarrow \max_{\substack{\nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ A^T \nu + c \geq 0}} -\nu^T b$$

$$\Rightarrow \nu^T b \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (\nu^T b)^T = \nu^T b \Rightarrow \max_{\substack{\nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ A^T \nu + c \geq 0}} -b^T \nu$$

$$\text{Thus: } (P_{\text{dual}}) \begin{cases} \max_{\nu} -b^T \nu \\ \text{s.t. } A^T \nu + c \geq 0 \\ \nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases}$$

$$(2.) (D) \begin{cases} \max_y b^T y \\ \text{s.t. } A^T y \leq c \end{cases}$$

$$L(y, \lambda) = b^T y + \lambda^T (A^T y - c) \\ = (b^T + \lambda^T A^T) y - \lambda^T c \\ = (A\lambda + b)^T y + c^T \lambda \quad \lambda^T c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\Rightarrow L$  is linear in  $y$ , so:

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

Thus similarly to (1.), we prove:

$$\min_{\lambda \geq 0} g(\lambda) = \min_{\lambda \geq 0} \left( \min_{\substack{\lambda \geq 0 \\ A\lambda + b = 0}} g(\lambda), \min_{\substack{\lambda \geq 0 \\ A\lambda + b > 0}} g(\lambda) \right) \\ = \min_{\substack{\lambda \geq 0 \\ -A\lambda + b = 0}} c^T \lambda$$

$$\text{Hence: } (D_{\text{dual}}) \begin{cases} \min_{\lambda} -c^T \lambda \\ \text{s.t. } A\lambda = -b \\ \lambda \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

(3.) We denote by:

$$z = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+n}, \quad a = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ -b \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+n}$$

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (d+n)}, \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -I_d & 0 \\ 0 & A^T \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(d+n) \times d}$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ c \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+n}$$

Thus, one can write:

$$(\text{Self-Dual}) \begin{cases} \min_z a^T z \\ \text{s.t. } B_1 z = b \\ B_2 z \leq \gamma \end{cases}$$

$$L(z, \lambda, \nu) = a^T z + \lambda^T (B_2 z - \gamma) + \nu^T (B_1 z - b)$$

$$= (a^T + \lambda^T B_2 + \nu^T B_1) z - \lambda^T \gamma - \nu^T b$$

$$= (a + B_2^T \lambda + B_1^T \nu)^T z - \lambda^T \gamma - \nu^T b$$

We show like in (1.) and (2.) that for  $g(\lambda, \nu) = \inf_z L(z, \lambda, \nu)$  since  $L$  is linear in  $z$  that:

$$(\text{Self-Dual Dual}): \begin{cases} \max -\gamma^T \lambda - b^T \nu \\ \text{s.t. } -A^T \nu + \lambda_1 = c \\ A \lambda_2 = b \\ \lambda \geq 0 \\ \nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases}$$

So we can substitute  $\nu$  by  $-\nu$

$$\equiv \begin{cases} \max -\gamma^T \lambda + b^T \nu \\ \text{s.t. } A^T \nu + \lambda_1 = c \\ A \lambda_2 = b \\ \lambda \geq 0 \\ \nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases}$$

$$\equiv \begin{cases} \min -(-\gamma^T \lambda + b^T \nu) = \gamma^T \lambda - b^T \nu \\ \text{s.t. } A^T \nu + \lambda_1 = c \\ A \lambda_2 = b \\ \lambda \geq 0 \\ \nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma^T \lambda = (0 \ e^T) \lambda = c^T \lambda \quad (\text{we write } \lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix})$$

$$\text{Let } S_1 = \{(\lambda, \nu) \mid A^T \nu + \lambda_1 = c, A \lambda_2 = b, \lambda \geq 0\}$$

$$S_2 = \{(\lambda, \nu) \mid A^T \nu \leq c, A \lambda_2 = b, \lambda \geq 0\}$$

Obviously, one can write  $S_1 \subset S_2$

$$\text{So } \min_{S_2} c^T \lambda - b^T \nu \leq \min_{S_1} c^T \lambda - b^T \nu$$

$= p^*$        $= d^*$

optimal value of the (Self-Dual)      optimal value of the (Self-Dual dual)

However, by the lower bound property we know:

$$p^* \geq d^* \text{ and thus}$$

$$p^* = d^*$$

Meaning that one can write:

$$(\text{Self-Dual Dual}) \begin{cases} \min c^T \lambda - b^T \nu \\ \text{s.t. } A^T \nu \leq c \\ A \lambda_2 = b \\ \lambda \geq 0 \end{cases} \equiv (\text{Self-Dual})$$

Thus, (Self-Dual) is a self-Dual pb

Note that we write  $\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^T \\ \lambda_2^T \end{pmatrix}^T$

$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^d & \mathbb{R}^d \\ \mathbb{R}^d & \mathbb{R}^d \end{matrix}$

That's why we found the constraints from:

$$a + B_2^T \lambda + B_1^T \nu = 0_{d+m}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c \\ -b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -I_d & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0_d \\ 0_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c - \lambda_1 + A^T \nu = 0_d \\ -b + A \lambda_2 + 0_m = 0_m \end{cases}$$

We notice that in the constraints that  $\lambda_2 \geq 0$  only plays the role of a deviation variable thus we can replace  $A^T \nu + \lambda_1 = c$  by  $A^T \nu \leq c$

$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$        $\lambda_2 \geq 0$

Finally, we obtain:

$$(\text{Self-Dual Dual}) \begin{cases} \min c^T \lambda_2 - b^T \nu \\ \text{s.t. } A^T \nu \leq c \\ A \lambda_2 = b \\ \lambda_2 \geq 0 \\ \nu \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases}$$



# Ex 1

(4.) (Self-Dual) has an optimal sol<sup>n</sup> so his dual <sup>has</sup> as well (it's the same pb) and they have the same optimal value i.e.  $p^* = d^* \Rightarrow$  we have strong duality. In particular, we have:

Primal feasibility:  $Ax^* = b, x^* \geq 0$   
 $\bar{A}^T y^* \leq c$

Complementarity slackness:  $\lambda_i (b_i z^* - \gamma)_i = 0$   
 $\forall 1 \leq i \leq 2d$

$\Rightarrow \forall d+1 \leq i \leq 2d \quad \lambda_i (b_i z^* - \gamma)_i = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \forall 1 \leq i \leq d \quad x_i^* (A^T y^* - c)_i = 0$

Primal feasibility implies that  $x^*$  and  $y^*$  are feasible for respectively (P) and (D). However,

$\min_{x,y} \underbrace{c^T x}_{\text{doesn't depend on } y} - \underbrace{b^T y}_{\text{doesn't depend on } x} = \min_x c^T x - \max_y b^T y$

Thus,  $\boxed{\begin{matrix} x^* \text{ is an optimal sol}^n \text{ of (P)} \\ y^* \text{ is an optimal sol}^n \text{ of (D)} \end{matrix}}$

Moreover, using always primal feasibility,

we can write  $p^* = c^T x^* - b^T y^*$   
 $= c^T x^* - (A^T y^*)^T x^*$   
 $= c^T x^* - x^{*T} \underbrace{A^T y^*}_{\in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ so we can transpose it}}$

Complementarity slackness  
 $= c^T x^* - y^{*T} A^T x^*$   
 $= (c^T - y^{*T} A^T) x^* \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $= x^{*T} (c - A^T y^*) = 0$

That,  $p^* = 0$

# Ex 2

(1.) Let  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$\|\cdot\|_1^*(\mu) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \{ \mu^T x - \|x\|_1 \}$

$\|\mu\|_\infty > 1 : \exists i_0, |\mu_{i_0}| = \|\mu\|_\infty > 1$   
WLOG, assume  $\mu_{i_0} > 0 \Rightarrow \mu_{i_0} > 1$

We define  $(x^{(n)})$  a seq in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  s.t  
 $\forall n \geq 1, x^{(n)} = (0 \dots 0 \overset{\substack{\uparrow \\ i\text{th coefficient}}}{\mu_{i_0} - 1} \dots 0)$

$\forall n \geq 1, \|\cdot\|_1^*(\mu) \geq \mu^T x^{(n)} - \|x^{(n)}\|_1$   
 $= n \underbrace{(\mu_{i_0} - 1)}_{> 0} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$

$\Rightarrow \|\cdot\|_1^*(\mu) = +\infty$

$\|\mu\|_\infty \leq 1$   
Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$\mu^T x - \|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^d [\mu_i x_i - |x_i|]$   
 $\leq \sum_{i=1}^d [|\mu_i x_i| - |x_i|]$   
 $\leq (\underbrace{\|\mu\|_\infty - 1}_{\leq 0}) \sum_{i=1}^d \underbrace{|x_i|}_{\geq 0} \leq 0$

$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \Rightarrow \|\cdot\|_1^*(\mu) \leq 0$

For  $x = 0_d, \mu^T x - \|x\|_1 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \|\cdot\|_1^*(\mu) \geq 0$

Thus,  $\|\cdot\|_1^*(\mu) = 0$

Conclusion:

$\|\cdot\|_1^*(\mu) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \|\mu\|_\infty \leq 1 \\ +\infty & \text{if } \|\mu\|_\infty > 1 \end{cases}$

$$(2-) \min_x \|Ax - b\|_2^2 + \|x\|_1$$

$$\equiv \min_x \|y\|_2^2 + \|x\|_1$$

$Ax = b = y$

Let us compute the dual of that latter form.

$$L(x, y, \lambda) = \|y\|_2^2 + \|x\|_1 + \lambda^T (y + b - Ax)$$

$$\inf_{x, y} L(x, y, \lambda) = \inf_{x, y} \|y\|_2^2 + \lambda^T y - [\lambda^T Ax - \|x\|_1] + \lambda^T b$$

$$\Rightarrow g(\lambda) = \inf_y [\|y\|_2^2 + \lambda^T y] - \sup_x [\lambda^T Ax - \|x\|_1] + \lambda^T b$$

$$\nabla(\dots) = 0 \Rightarrow 2y + \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{\lambda}{2}$$

Since  $y: y \mapsto \|y\|_2^2 + \lambda^T y$  is strictly convex  $\Rightarrow$  it has a! minimum over  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$$= \frac{\|\lambda\|_2^2}{4} + \frac{\lambda^T(-\lambda)}{2} - \|\cdot\|_1^*(A^T \lambda) + \lambda^T b$$

$$= \begin{cases} -\frac{\|\lambda\|_2^2}{4} + \lambda^T b & \text{if } \|A^T \lambda\|_\infty \leq 1 \\ -\infty & \text{if } \|A^T \lambda\|_\infty > 1 \end{cases}$$

Thus, the dual of RLS is:

$$\begin{cases} \max & -\frac{\|\lambda\|_2^2}{4} + \lambda^T b \\ \text{s.t.} & \|A^T \lambda\|_\infty \leq 1 \\ & \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases}$$

(Ex 3)

$$(1.) \text{ (Sep 1): } \min_w \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \max(0, 1 - y_i (\tilde{w}^T x_i)) + \frac{\tau}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

$$\equiv 2 \min_w \frac{1}{n2} \sum_{i=1}^n \max(0, 1 - y_i (\tilde{w}^T x_i)) + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

The idea is to characterize  $\max(a, b)$  as follows:

$$\max(a, b) = \min_{\substack{\alpha \geq a \\ \alpha \geq b}} \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{(Sep 1)} \equiv 2 \min_w \frac{1}{n2} \sum_{i=1}^n \min_{\substack{\alpha_i \geq 1 - y_i (\tilde{w}^T x_i) \\ \alpha_i \geq 0}} \alpha_i + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

indep of  $\alpha_i$  indep of  $\alpha_i$

$$\equiv 2 \min_w \frac{1}{n2} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

$\alpha_i \geq 1 - y_i (\tilde{w}^T x_i)$   
 $\alpha_i \geq 0$

$$\equiv 2 \min_w \frac{1}{n2} \mathbf{1}^T \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

$\alpha_i \geq 1 - y_i (\tilde{w}^T x_i)$   
 $\alpha_i \geq 0$  (Sep 2)

Thus, (Sep 2) solves (Sep 1)

$$(2.) L(w, \alpha, \lambda, \pi) \in \mathbb{R}^m, \pi \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$= \frac{1}{n2} \mathbf{1}^T \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (\alpha_i - 1 - y_i \tilde{w}^T x_i - \alpha_i) - \pi^T \alpha$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{n2} - \lambda_i - \pi_i \right) \alpha_i + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 - w^T \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

$$g(\lambda, \pi) = \inf_{w, \alpha} L$$

$$\nabla(\dots) = 0 \Rightarrow w - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i = 0$$

Since it's a quadratic fct it's minimum is global and unique



(Ex 3) (Follow-up)

(2.) So,

$$g(\lambda, \pi) = \inf_{u, z} L(u, z, \lambda, \pi)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 - \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i & \text{if } \lambda_i + \pi_i = \frac{1}{m_2} \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then, the dual prob is:

$$\max_{\lambda \geq 0, \pi \geq 0} -\frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i$$

$$\lambda + \pi = \frac{1}{m_2} \mathbf{1}$$

→ not in the objective fct and  $\pi \geq 0$   
→ can be seen as a slackness variable

$$= \max_{\substack{\lambda \geq 0 \\ \lambda \leq \frac{1}{m_2} \mathbf{1}}} -\frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i$$

(Ex 5)

$$(1.) \min_{Ax \leq b} c^T x$$

$$x_i (1-x_i) = 0 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n$$

$$L(x, \lambda, \nu) = c^T x + \lambda^T (Ax - b) + \sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i x_i (1-x_i)$$

$$= (c^T + \lambda^T A - \nu^T) x - \sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i x_i^2 - \lambda^T b$$

$$D = \text{diag}(\nu)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \nu_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla_x L = (c + A^T \lambda - \nu)^T x - \langle D x, x \rangle - b^T \lambda$$

$$\nabla_x L = c + A^T \lambda - \nu - 2 D x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} D^{-1} (c + A^T \lambda - \nu)$$

where  $D^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\nu_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\nu_n} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow g(\lambda, \nu) = \min_x L(x, \lambda, \nu)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \langle D^{-1} (c + A^T \lambda - \nu), c + A^T \lambda - \nu \rangle - \langle c + A^T \lambda - \nu, D^{-1} (c + A^T \lambda - \nu) \rangle - b^T \lambda$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \langle D^{-1} (c + A^T \lambda - \nu), c + A^T \lambda - \nu \rangle - b^T \lambda$$

The dual prob is:

$$\max_{\lambda \geq 0, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^n} -\frac{1}{2} \langle D^{-1} (c + A^T \lambda - \nu), c + A^T \lambda - \nu \rangle - b^T \lambda$$

$$\langle D^{-1} (c + A^T \lambda - \nu), c + A^T \lambda - \nu \rangle = \frac{(c_i + A_i^T \lambda - \nu_i)^2}{2\nu_i}$$