

### 5.3

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} -\infty & \lambda = 0 \\ \inf(c^T x + \lambda f(x)) & \lambda > 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} -\infty & \lambda = 0 \\ -\lambda \sup_x \{-c^T / \lambda - f(x)\} & \lambda > 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} -\infty & \lambda = 0 \\ -\lambda f^*(-c/\lambda) & \lambda > 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{maximize} && -\lambda f^*(-c/\lambda) \\
 &\text{subject to} && \lambda \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 5.4

(a)

$$\inf_{x \in H_w} c^T x = \begin{cases} \lambda w^T b & c = \lambda A^T w, \lambda \leq 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{maximize} && \lambda w^T b \\
 &\text{subject to} && c = \lambda A^T w \\
 &&& \lambda \leq 0 \\
 &&& w \succeq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Variables are  $\lambda$  and  $w$

Obviously, this is not a convex problem because neither the objective function nor

(c)

Let  $y = -\lambda w$

The dual problem of the original linear problem is

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

## 5.6

(a) Because the least squares problem has a closed-form solution  $x_{ls}$ ,

$$\|Ax_{ch} - b\|_2 \geq \|Ax_{ls} - b\|_2$$

using the fact that for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\|z\|_2 \leq \|z\|_\infty \leq \|z\|_2.$$

have

$$\|Ax_{ch} - b\|_\infty \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\|Ax_{ch} - b\|_2 \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\|Ax_{ls} - b\|_2 \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty.$$

So

$$\|Ax_{ls} - b\|_\infty \leq \sqrt{m}\|Ax_{ch} - b\|_\infty$$

(b)

$$x_{ls} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

$$r_{ls} = b - Ax_{ls}$$

$$A^T r_{ls} = A^T (b - A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b) = A^T b - A^T b = 0$$

$$(Ax_{ls} - b)^T r_{ls} = x_{ls}^T A^T r_{ls} - b^T r_{ls} = 0 - b^T r_{ls}$$

$$\text{so } b^T \hat{v} = \frac{-b^T r_{ls}}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} = \frac{(Ax_{ls} - b)^T r_{ls}}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} = -\frac{\|r_{ls}\|_2^2}{\|r_{ls}\|_1}$$

$$\text{Similarly } b^T \tilde{v} = \frac{\|r_{ls}\|_2^2}{\|r_{ls}\|_1}.$$

Therefore  $\tilde{v}$  gives a better bound than  $\hat{v}$

$$\text{There are factors that } \|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{m}\|x\|_2, \quad \|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2$$

which hold for general  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\text{So } \frac{\|r_{ls}\|_2^2}{\|r_{ls}\|_1} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|r_{ls}\|_2 \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|r_{ls}\|_\infty$$

## 5.7

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda) &= \inf_{x,y} \left( \max_{i=1,\dots,m} y_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (a_i^T x + b_i - y_i) \right). \\ &= \begin{cases} \inf_y (\max_{i=1,\dots,m} y_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (b_i - y_i)) & \sum_i \lambda_i a_i = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

If  $\exists \lambda_j < 0$ , let  $y_j \rightarrow -\infty$ , then

$$\max_i y_i - \lambda^T y \rightarrow -\infty.$$

If  $1^T \lambda \neq 1$ , choosing  $y = t1$

$$\max_i y_i - \lambda^T y = t(1 - 1^T \lambda) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\text{So } g(\lambda) = \begin{cases} b^T \lambda & \sum_i \lambda_i a_i = 0, \lambda \succeq 0, 1^T \lambda = 1 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && b^T \lambda \\ &\text{subject to} && A^T \lambda = 0 \\ &&& 1^T \lambda = 1 \\ &&& \lambda \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

The problem is equivalent to the Linear Problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && t \\ &\text{subject to} && Ax + b \preceq t1. \end{aligned}$$

$$g(\lambda) = \inf_{t,x} \{t + \lambda(Ax + b - t1)\}$$

$$\text{So } g(\lambda) = \begin{cases} b^T \lambda & A^T \lambda = 0, \lambda \succeq 0, 1^T \lambda = 1 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

which is identical to the dual derived in (a).

(c)

$$\text{minimize} \quad \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(a_i^T x + b_i) \right).$$

Equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(y_i) \right) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad a_i^T x + b_i = y_i \end{aligned}$$

$$L(x, y, \lambda) = \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(y_i) \right) + \lambda(Ax + b - y)$$

$$g(\lambda) = \inf_{x, y} \{L(x, y, \lambda)\}$$

$\lambda^T A = 0$  must be true, otherwise the value of  $\lambda^T Ax$  is infinity

Setting the gradient with respect to  $y$  equal to zero,  $y_i = \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(y_i) \right) + \log(\lambda_i)$

After substituting into the formula, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(y_i) \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i - 1 \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \log(\lambda_i) + \lambda^T b \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i = 1 \text{ must hold, otherwise the } g(\lambda) \text{ is infinity} \end{aligned}$$

The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} \quad b^T \lambda - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \log(\lambda_i) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \lambda^T A = 0, \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i = 1, \lambda \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $\lambda^*$  is the optimal for the formulation above, so we get

$$b^T \lambda^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \log(\lambda_i^*) = p_{gp}^*$$

From (a), we know that,  $p_{pwl}^* \geq b^T \lambda^*$

$$\text{So } p_{pwl}^* \geq p_{gp}^* + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \log(\lambda_i^*)$$

Through the Lagrange multiplier method, we can obtain the minimum value of

$$\inf \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \log(\lambda_i^*) = -\log m$$

$$\text{So } p_{pwl}^* \geq p_{gp}^* + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \log \lambda_i^* \geq p_{gp}^* - \log m.$$

$$\text{Obviously } \max_i (a_i^T x + b_i) \leq \log \sum_i \exp(a_i^T x + b_i)$$

In conclusion,

$$p_{gp}^* - \log m \leq p_{pwl}^* \leq p_{gp}^*.$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad \left( \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(\gamma y_i) \right) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad Ax + b = y. \end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian is

$$L(x, y, \mu) = -\frac{1}{\gamma} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \exp(\gamma y_i) \right) + \mu^T (Ax + b - y).$$

The dual function is

$$g(\mu) = \inf_{x, y} L(x, y, \mu) = b^T \mu - \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \log \mu_i,$$

The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{maximize} && b^T \mu - \left( \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \log \mu_i \\
& \text{subject to} && A^T \mu = 0 \\
& && 1^T \mu = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $p_{gp}^*(\gamma)$  be the optimal value of the GP.

According to the conclusion in (c):

$$p_{gp}^*(\gamma) - \frac{1}{\gamma} \log m \leq p_{pwl}^* \leq p_{gp}^*(\gamma).$$

So  $p_{gp}^*(\gamma)$  approaches  $p_{pwl}^*$  as  $\gamma$  increases.

## 5.9

(a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k a_k^T & a_i \\ a_i^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k \neq i} a_k a_k^T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_i^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Obviously the original formula is equal to the addition of two positive semi-definite matrices, so it is still a positive semi-definite matrix.

According to the Schur complement:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & C \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \iff A - BC^{-1}B^T \succeq 0$$

So

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k a_k^T - a_i^T a_i \geq 0 = 1 - a_i^T \left( \sum_{k=1}^m a_k a_k^T \right)^{-1} a_i \geq 0,$$

(b)

$$\lambda = t1$$

So the dual function is

$$g(\lambda) = \log \det \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i a_i^T \right) + n \log t - mt + n.$$

Derive  $t$  and let the derivative be 0, we get  $t = n/m$ , then the dual function is

$$g(\lambda) = \log \det \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i a_i^T \right) + n \log(n/m).$$

so the duality gap associated with  $X_{sim}$  and  $\lambda$  is  $n \log(m/n)$ .

$X_{sim}$  is no more than  $n \log(m/n)$  suboptimal.

## 5.10

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \log \det(X^{-1}) \\ & \text{subject to} && X = \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i v_i^T \\ & && x \succeq 0, \\ & && 1^T x = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$L(x, Z, \lambda, \nu) = \log \det(X^{-1}) + \langle Z, (X - \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i v_i^T) \rangle - \lambda^T x + \nu(1^T x - 1)$$

$$= \log \det(X^{-1}) + \text{tr}(ZX) - \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i^T Z v_i - \lambda^T x + \nu(1^T x - 1)$$

$$= \log \det(X^{-1}) + \text{tr}(ZX) + \sum_{i=1}^p x_i (-v_i^T Z v_i - \lambda_i + \nu) - \nu.$$

$$g(Z, \lambda, \nu) = \inf_x \{L(x, Z, \lambda, \nu)\}$$

only if  $-v_i^T Z v_i - \lambda_i + \nu = 0$ , the minimum over  $x_i$  is bounded below

$$\nabla(\log \det(X^{-1}) + \text{tr}(ZX)) = -X^{-1} + Z$$

$$\text{Let the gradient}=0, \text{so } Z = X^{-1}$$

$$\text{So } g(Z, \lambda, \nu) = \log \det Z + n - \nu, \nu = \lambda_i + v_i^T Z v_i$$

The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && \log \det Z + n - \nu \\ & \text{subject to} && v_i^T Z v_i \leq \nu, \quad i = 1, \dots, p, \end{aligned}$$

Let  $W=Z/\nu$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && \log \det W + n + n \log \nu - \nu \\ & \text{subject to} && v_i^T \hat{W} v_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, p, \end{aligned}$$

Let the gradient of  $n \log \nu - \nu = 0$ ,  $\nu = n$

The final problem is

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && \log \det W + n \log n \\ & \text{subject to} && v_i^T W v_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, p. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \text{tr}(X^{-1}) \\ & \text{subject to} && X = \left( \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i v_i^T \right) \\ & && x \succeq 0, \\ & && 1^T x = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(X, Z, \lambda, \nu) &= \text{tr}(X^{-1}) + \text{tr}(ZX) - \sum_{i=1}^p x_i v_i^T Z v_i - \lambda^T x + \nu(1^T x - 1) \\ &= \text{tr}(X^{-1}) + \text{tr}(ZX) + \sum_{i=1}^p x_i (-v_i^T Z v_i - \lambda_i + \nu) - \nu. \end{aligned}$$

only if  $-v_i^T Z v_i - \lambda_i + \nu = 0$ , the minimum over  $x_i$  is bounded below

$$\nabla(\text{tr}(X^{-1}) + \text{tr}(ZX)) = -X^{-2} + Z$$

Let the gradient=0,  $Z = X^{-2}$

$$\inf_{X \succeq 0} (\text{tr}(X^{-1}) + \text{tr}(ZX)) = \begin{cases} 2\text{tr}(Z^{1/2}) & Z \succeq 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$g(Z, \lambda, \nu) = -\nu + 2\text{tr}(Z^{1/2}) \quad Z \succeq 0, v_i^T Z v_i + \lambda = \nu$$

The dual problem is



$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{maximize} && -\nu + 2\text{tr}(Z^{1/2}) \\
& \text{subject to} && v_i^T Z v_i \leq \nu, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\
& && Z \succeq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $W = Z/\nu$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{maximize} && -\nu + 2\sqrt{\nu}\text{tr}(W^{1/2}) \\
& \text{subject to} && v_i^T W v_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\
& && W \succeq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

By optimizing over ( $\nu > 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{maximize} && (\text{tr}(W^{1/2}))^2 \\
& \text{subject to} && v_i^T W v_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\
& && W \succeq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

## 5.11

$$L(x, y, \nu) = \sum_{i=1}^N \|y_i\|_2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x - x_0\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i^T (y_i - A_i x - b_i).$$

$$|\nu_i^T y_i| \leq \|\nu_i\|_2 \|y_i\|_2$$

$$\|y_i\|_2 + \nu_i^T y_i \geq (1 - \|\nu_i\|_2) \|y_i\|_2$$

$$\text{So } \inf_{y_i} \{\|y_i\|_2 + \nu_i^T y_i\} = \begin{cases} 0 & \|\nu_i\| \leq 1 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Setting the gradient with respect to ( $x$ ) equal to zero, get

$$x = x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N A_i^T \nu_i.$$

$$g(\nu) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N (A_i x_0 + b_i)^T \nu_i - \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N A_i^T \nu_i \right\|^2 & \text{if } \|\nu\|_2 \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, N \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{maximize} && \sum_{i=1}^N (A_i x_0 + b_i)^T \nu_i - \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N A_i^T \nu_i \right\|^2 \\
& \text{subject to} && \|\nu_i\|_2 \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, N.
\end{aligned}$$

## 5.12

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{minimize} && -\sum_{i=1}^m \log y_i \\
& \text{subject to} && y = b - Ax,
\end{aligned}$$

$$L(x, y, \nu) = -\sum_{i=1}^m \log y_i + \nu^T (y - b + Ax)$$

$\nu^T A = 0$  must be true, otherwise the value of  $\nu^T Ax$  is infinity

Setting the gradient with respect to  $y$  equal to zero,  $y_i = 1/\nu_i$  only if  $\nu_i > 0$

The dual function:

$$g(\nu) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^m \log \nu_i + m - b^T \nu & \text{if } A^T \nu = 0, \nu > 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The dual problem

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{maximize} && \sum_{i=1}^m \log \nu_i - b^T \nu + m \\
& \text{subject to} && A^T \nu = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

## 5.13

(a)

The Lagrangian is

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

Setting the gradient with respect to  $x$  equal to zero,  $y_i = 1/\nu_i$  only if  $\nu_i > 0$

$$g(\lambda, \nu) = \begin{cases} -b^T \lambda - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i + a_i^T \lambda - \nu_i)^2 / \nu_i, & \nu \succeq 0 \\ -\infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && -b^T \lambda - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(c_i + a_i^T \lambda - \nu_i)^2}{\nu_i} \\ & \text{subject to} && \nu \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

From  $\frac{a^2}{x} + x \geq 2|a|, x > 0$ , we have:

$$\sup_{\nu_i \geq 0} \left( -\frac{(c_i + a_i^T \lambda - \nu_i)^2}{\nu_i} \right) = \begin{cases} (c_i + a_i^T \lambda) & \text{if } c_i + a_i^T \lambda \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } c_i + a_i^T \lambda > 0 \end{cases} = \min\{0, (c_i + a_i^T \lambda)\}.$$

The dual problem is simplified to

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && -b^T \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n \min\{0, c_i + a_i^T \lambda\} \\ & \text{subject to} && \lambda \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

The largrangian for (5.107) is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, u, v, w) &= c^T x + u^T (Ax - b) - v^T x + w^T (x - 1) \\ &= (c + A^T u - v + w)^T x - b^T u - 1^T w \end{aligned}$$

$$g(u, v, w) = \begin{cases} -b^T u - 1^T w & \text{if } A^T u - v + w + c = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && -b^T u - 1^T w \\ & \text{subject to} && A^T u - v + w + c = 0 \\ & && u \geq 0, v \geq 0, w \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

is equivalent to the Lagrange relaxation problem derived above

so the two relaxations give the same value.

(1)

$$\nabla^2 e^{-x} = e^{-x} > 0$$

So the objective function is convex.

The inequality constraint is obviously a convex set.

So this is a convex optimization problem.

$$x^2 \geq 0 \text{ and the domain } D \text{ requires } y > 0$$

So the optimal value is 1 where  $x=0$  obviously.

(2)

The Lagrangian is

$$L(x, y, \lambda) = e^{-x} + \lambda \frac{x^2}{y}.$$

The dual function is

$$g(\lambda) = \inf_{x, y > 0} \{e^{-x} + \lambda x^2 / y\} = 0$$

The dual problem is

$$\text{maximize } 0$$

$$\text{subject to } \lambda \geq 0$$

$\lambda^* \geq 0$ , The optimal value is 0. The optimal duality gap is  $1-0=1$

(c)

Slater's condition is not satisfied

(d)

If  $\mu = 0$ ,  $p^*(\mu) = 1$  as the problem (a)

If  $\mu > 0$ ,  $x$  can go to infinity, so  $p^*(\mu) = 0$

Let  $\lambda^* = 0$ ,

$p^*(\mu) = 0 \geq p^*(0) = 1$  do not hold.