

Convex Optimization  
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Ex 1:

1) The Lagrangian is given by:

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

Hence the dual function is

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

and the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & u^T b \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & c - \lambda - A^T u = 0 \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & b^T u \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A^T u \leq c \end{aligned}$$

Hence the dual of (P) is (D)

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

equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & -b^T y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A^T y \leq c \end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} L(y, \lambda) &= -b^T y + \lambda^T (A^T y - c) \\ &= [-b + A\lambda]^T y - \lambda^T c \end{aligned}$$

Hence the dual function is

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

and the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & -\lambda^T c \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A\lambda = b \\ & \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & ~~C^T x~~ C^T \lambda \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A\lambda = b \\ & \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence (P) is equivalent to the dual of (D)

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3 The Lagrangian is given by:

$$L(x, y, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, v) = C^T x - b^T y + \lambda_1^T [A^T y - c] \\ - \lambda_2^T x + v^T (b - Ax)$$

$$L(x, y, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, v) = [c - \lambda_2 - A^T v]^T x + [-b + A \lambda_1]^T y \\ - c^T \lambda_1 + b^T v$$

Hence the dual function is

$$g(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, v) = \begin{cases} -c^T \lambda_1 + b^T v & \text{if } \begin{aligned} c - \lambda_2 - A^T v &= 0 \\ -b + A \lambda_1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, v} \quad & -c^T \lambda_1 + b^T v \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & c - \lambda_2 - A^T v = 0 \\ & -b + A \lambda_1 = 0 \\ & \lambda_1 \geq 0 \\ & \lambda_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\lambda_2, v} \quad & c^T \lambda_1 - b^T v \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A \lambda_1 = b \\ & \lambda_1 \geq 0 \\ & A^T v \leq c \quad (\text{since } \lambda_2 = -A^T v + c) \end{aligned}$$

~~Hence the dual of~~

Hence (Self dual) is a ~~dual~~ self dual problem.

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4) • Suppose that we solve (P), (D) which gives  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}$

∴ then

$$C^T \bar{x} \leq b^T \bar{x}$$

$$-b^T \bar{y} \leq -b^T \bar{x}$$

and

$$\text{Hence } C^T \bar{x} - b^T \bar{y} \leq C^T \bar{x} - b^T \bar{x}$$

and since  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  is a feasible point for (Self dual)  $\begin{cases} A\bar{x} = b \\ \bar{x} \geq 0 \\ \bar{A}^T \bar{y} \leq c \end{cases}$

$$\text{then } [x^*, y^*] = [\bar{x}, \bar{y}]$$

• By the strong duality property of linear programs, both (P) and (D) have strong duality ((P) and (D) are feasible by feasibility of (Self dual))

→ By strong duality of (P).

$$C^T x^* \geq d^* = b^T y^*, \text{ Hence}$$

since the dual of (P) is (D) whose optimal value is  $b^T y^*$

$$\text{Hence } C^T x^* - b^T y^* \geq 0$$

→ By strong duality of (D):

$$b^T y^* \geq d^* = C^T x^*$$

Since (P) is the dual of (D)

$$\text{Hence } C^T x^* - b^T y^* \leq 0$$

We conclude that the optimal value of (Self Dual) is exactly 0 ( $C^T x^* - b^T y^* = 0$ )

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## Ex 2.0

1) Let  $f: x \mapsto \|x\|_2$

$$\text{Let } y \in \mathbb{R}^d, x \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ y^T x - \|x\|_2 = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i| \\ = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i (y_i - \varepsilon_i^x)$$

$$\text{where } \varepsilon_i^x = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If there exists  $i=1, \dots, m$   $y_i > 1$ .

then we can take  $x_p = (0, \dots, \underbrace{p}_{i\text{th position}}, \dots, 0)$   $p \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\text{Hence } y^T x_p - f(x_p) = p(y_i - 1) \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$$

Similarly, if there exists  $i=1, \dots, m$ ,  $y_i < -1$ .

~~$y^T x_p$~~  define  $x_p = (0, \dots, \underbrace{-p}_{i\text{th position}}, \dots, 0)$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$y^T x_p - f(x_p) = -p(y_i + 1) \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$$

Hence if  $\|y\|_\infty > 1$ ,  $f^*(y) = +\infty$

~~And if  $\|y\|_\infty \leq 1$~~

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If  $\|y\|_\infty \leq 1$ .

$$y^T x - b(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (y_i - \varepsilon_i^x)$$

If  $x_i \geq 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_i^x = 1$   
and  $x_i (y_i - 1) \leq 0$

If  $x_i \leq 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_i^x = -1$   
and  $x_i (y_i + 1) \leq 0$

Hence  $y^T x - b(x) \leq 0$

and if we take  $x = 0$  for example, we find equality

Hence  $f^*(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \|y\|_1 \leq 1 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

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### Ex 3:

1) Suppose that we solved (Sep 2.) and let  $(w^*, z^*)$  be an optimal solution,

$$\text{denote } f(z, w) = \frac{1}{nT} 1^T z + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

$z \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Let  $w$  be any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and define  $z$  by:

$$i = 1, \dots, d \quad z_i = \max(0, 1 - y_i (w^T x_i))$$

then  $f(z, w) \geq f(z^*, w^*)$

$$\text{but } f(z, w) = \frac{1}{nT} 1^T z + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n d(w, x_i, y_i) + \frac{T}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \right]$$

and  $f(z^*, w^*) = \frac{1}{T} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^* + \frac{T}{2} \|w^*\|_2^2 \right]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } z_i &\geq 1 - y_i (w^T x_i) \\ \text{and } z_i &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{1}{T} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \max(1 - y_i (w^T x_i), 0) + \frac{T}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \right] \\ &\geq \frac{1}{T} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n d(w^*, x_i, y_i) + \frac{T}{2} \|w^*\|_2^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\forall w \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n d(w, x_i, y_i) + \frac{T}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n d(w^*, x_i, y_i) + \frac{T}{2} \|w^*\|_2^2$$

and  $w^*$  is an optimal solution for (Sep 1.)

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The Lagrangian of (sep) is given by

$$\mathcal{L}(w, z, \lambda, \pi) = \frac{1}{nT} 1^T z + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (1 - y_i (w^T x_i) - z_i) - \pi^T z$$

$$\mathcal{L}(w, z, \lambda, \pi) = \left[ \frac{1}{nT} 1 - \lambda - \pi \right]^T z + \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i (w^T x_i) \right] + 1^T \lambda - \pi^T z$$

Hence, denote ~~g(w)~~

$$h(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i (w^T x_i)$$

$h$  is differentiable and convex, and the gradient is:

$$\nabla h(w) = w - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i$$

hence  $w^* = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i$

and  $h(w^*) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq m} \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j y_j x_j \right)^T x_i$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq m} \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j - \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i, j \leq m \\ i \neq j}} \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j$$

$$= - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq m} \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j$$

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Hence the dual function is

$$g(\lambda, \pi) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j + 1^T \lambda & \text{if } \frac{1}{n\pi} 1 - \lambda - \pi = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the dual problem is

$$\text{max} \quad -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j + 1^T \lambda$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \frac{1}{n\pi} 1 - \lambda - \pi = 0$$

$$\lambda \geq 0$$

$$\pi \geq 0$$

which simplifies to:

$$\text{max} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j x_i^T x_j$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \lambda \geq 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n\pi} 1 \geq \lambda$$

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