

so these constraints are not satisfied unless  $K_m \leq \min\{2pK_s, 2qK_s\}$ , so we assume that  $K_m \leq \min\{2pK_s, 2qK_s\}$ . The equations in (†) also imply that there is some  $i_0$  such that  $\lambda_{i_0} > 0$  and some  $j_0$  such that  $\mu_{j_0} > 0$ , and so  $p_m \geq 1$  and  $q_m \geq 1$ .

For a finer classification of the points we find it convenient to define  $\nu > 0$  such that

$$\nu = \frac{K_m}{(p+q)K_s},$$

so that the objective function  $J(w, \epsilon, \xi, b, \eta)$  is given by

$$J(w, \epsilon, \xi, b, \eta) = \frac{1}{2}w^\top w + (p+q)K_s \left( -\nu\eta + \frac{1}{p+q} (\epsilon^\top \quad \xi^\top) \mathbf{1}_{p+q} \right).$$

Observe that the condition  $K_m \leq \min\{2pK_s, 2qK_s\}$  is equivalent to

$$\nu \leq \min \left\{ \frac{2p}{p+q}, \frac{2q}{p+q} \right\} \leq 1.$$

Since we obtain an equivalent problem by rescaling by a common positive factor, theoretically it is convenient to normalize  $K_s$  as

$$K_s = \frac{1}{p+q},$$

in which case  $K_m = \nu$ . This method is called the  $\nu$ -support vector machine. Actually, to program the method, it may be more convenient assume that  $K_s$  is arbitrary. This helps in avoiding  $\lambda_i$  and  $\mu_j$  to become too small when  $p+q$  is relatively large.

The equations (†) and the box inequalities

$$0 \leq \lambda_i \leq K_s, \quad 0 \leq \mu_j \leq K_s$$

also imply the following facts:

**Proposition 54.1.** *If Problem (SVM<sub>s2'</sub>) has an optimal solution with  $w \neq 0$  and  $\eta > 0$ , then the following facts hold:*

- (1) *Let  $p_f$  be the number of points  $u_i$  such that  $\lambda_i = K_s$ , and let  $q_f$  the number of points  $v_j$  such that  $\mu_j = K_s$ . Then  $p_f, q_f \leq \nu(p+q)/2$ .*
- (2) *Let  $p_m$  be the number of points  $u_i$  such that  $\lambda_i > 0$ , and let  $q_m$  the number of points  $v_j$  such that  $\mu_j > 0$ . Then  $p_m, q_m \geq \nu(p+q)/2$ . We have  $p_m \geq 1$  and  $q_m \geq 1$ .*
- (3) *If  $p_f \geq 1$  or  $q_f \geq 1$ , then  $\nu \geq 2/(p+q)$ .*