

As in the previous section, we assume that our data points  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  belong to a set  $\mathcal{X}$  and we pretend that we have feature space  $(F, \langle -, - \rangle)$  and a feature embedding map  $\varphi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow F$ , but we only have access to the kernel function  $\kappa(x_i, x_j) = \langle \varphi(x_i), \varphi(x_j) \rangle$ . We wish to perform  $\nu$ -SV regression in the feature space  $F$  on the data set  $\{(\varphi(x_1), y_1), \dots, (\varphi(x_m), y_m)\}$ . Going over the previous computation, we see that the primal program is given by

**Program kernel  $\nu$ -SV Regression:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad \frac{1}{2} \langle w, w \rangle + C \left( \nu \epsilon + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_i + \xi'_i) \right) \\ & \text{subject to} \\ & \quad \langle w, \varphi(x_i) \rangle + b - y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi_i, \quad \xi_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \quad -\langle w, \varphi(x_i) \rangle - b + y_i \leq \epsilon + \xi'_i, \quad \xi'_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \quad \epsilon \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

minimizing over the variables  $w, \epsilon, b, \xi$ , and  $\xi'$ .

The Lagrangian is given by

$$\begin{aligned} L(w, b, \lambda, \mu, \gamma, \xi, \xi', \epsilon, \alpha, \beta) = & \frac{1}{2} \langle w, w \rangle + \left\langle w, \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i - \mu_i) \varphi(x_i) \right\rangle \\ & + \epsilon \left( C\nu - \gamma - \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i + \mu_i) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \left( \frac{C}{m} - \lambda_i - \alpha_i \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^m \xi'_i \left( \frac{C}{m} - \mu_i - \beta_i \right) + b \left( \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i - \mu_i) \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i - \mu_i) y_i. \end{aligned}$$

Setting the gradient  $\nabla L_{w, \epsilon, b, \xi, \xi'}$  of the Lagrangian to zero, we also obtain the equations

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \sum_{i=1}^m (\mu_i - \lambda_i) \varphi(x_i), \tag{*w} \\ \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i &= 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i + \gamma &= C\nu \\ \lambda + \alpha &= \frac{C}{m}, \quad \mu + \beta = \frac{C}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the above equations, we find that the dual function  $G$  is independent of the variables  $\beta, \alpha, \beta$ , and we obtain the following dual program: