

- (1) Since the constraints are affine and the objective function is convex, by Theorem 50.19(2) the duality gap is zero, so for any minimum w of $J(w, b) = (1/2)w^\top w$ and any maximum (λ, μ) of G , we have

$$J(w, b) = \frac{1}{2}w^\top w = G(\lambda, \mu).$$

But by $(*)_1$

$$w = -X \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i u_i - \sum_{j=1}^q \mu_j v_j,$$

so

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda^\top & \mu^\top \end{pmatrix} X^\top X \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} = w^\top w,$$

and we get

$$\frac{1}{2}w^\top w = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^\top & \mu^\top \end{pmatrix} X^\top X \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^\top & \mu^\top \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_{p+q} = -\frac{1}{2}w^\top w + \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^\top & \mu^\top \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_{p+q},$$

so

$$w^\top w = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^\top & \mu^\top \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_{p+q} = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i + \sum_{j=1}^q \mu_j,$$

which yields

$$G(\lambda, \mu) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i + \sum_{j=1}^q \mu_j \right).$$

The above formulae are stated in Vapnik [182] (Chapter 10, Section 1).

- (2) It is instructive to compute the Lagrangian of the dual program and to derive the KKT conditions for this Lagrangian.

The conditions $\lambda \geq 0$ being equivalent to $-\lambda \leq 0$, and the conditions $\mu \geq 0$ being equivalent to $-\mu \leq 0$, we introduce Lagrange multipliers $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^p$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}_+^q$ as well as a multiplier $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ for the equational constraint, and we form the Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} L(\lambda, \mu, \alpha, \beta, \rho) &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^\top & \mu^\top \end{pmatrix} X^\top X \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^\top & \mu^\top \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_{p+q} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i \lambda_i - \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j \mu_j + \rho \left(\sum_{j=1}^q \mu_j - \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \right). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the KKT conditions are

$$X^\top X \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{1}_{p+q} - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} + \rho \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{1}_p \\ \mathbf{1}_q \end{pmatrix} = 0_{p+q}, \quad (*_4)$$