Since there are 2(p+q) Lagrange multipliers the  $(p+q)\times(p+q)$  matrix  $X^{\top}X$  must be augmented with zero's to make it a  $2(p+q)\times2(p+q)$  matrix  $P_{2a}$  given by

$$P_{2a} = \begin{pmatrix} X^{\top} X & 0_{p+q,p+q} \\ 0_{p+q,p+q} & 0_{p+q,p+q} \end{pmatrix},$$

and similarly q is augmented with zeros as the vector  $q_{2a} = 0_{2(p+q)}$ .

The Matlab programs implementing the above method are given in Appendix B, Section B.2. We ran our program on two sets of 30 points each generated at random using the following code which calls the function runSVMs2pbv3:

```
rho = 10;
u16 = 10.1*randn(2,30)+7 ;
v16 = -10.1*randn(2,30)-7;
[~,~,~,~,~,~,w3] = runSVMs2pbv3(0.37,rho,u16,v16,1/60)
```

We picked K = 1/60 and various values of  $\nu$  starting with  $\nu = 0.37$ , which appears to be the smallest value for which the method converges; see Figure 54.11.

In this example,  $p_f = 10, q_f = 11, p_m = 12, q_m = 12$ . The quadratic solver converged after 8121 steps to reach primal and dual residuals smaller than  $10^{-10}$ .

Reducing  $\nu$  below  $\nu=0.37$  has the effect that  $p_f,q_f,p_m,q_m$  decrease but the following situation arises. Shrinking  $\eta$  a little bit has the effect that  $p_f=9,q_f=10,p_m=10,q_m=11$ . Then  $\max\{p_f,q_f\}=\min\{p_m,q_m\}=10$ , so the only possible value for  $\nu$  is  $\nu=20/60=1/3=0.3333333\cdots$ . When we run our program with  $\nu=1/3$ , it returns a value of  $\eta$  less than  $10^{-13}$  and a value of w whose components are also less than  $10^{-13}$ . This is probably due to numerical precision. Values of  $\nu$  less than 1/3 cause the same problem. It appears that the geometry of the problem constrains the values of  $p_f,q_f,p_m,q_m$  in such a way that it has no solution other than w=0 and  $\eta=0$ .

Figure 54.12 shows the result of running the program with  $\nu = 0.51$ . We have  $p_f = 15, q_f = 16, p_m = 16, q_m = 16$ . Interestingly, for  $\nu = 0.5$ , we run into the singular situation where there is only one support vector and  $\nu = 2p_f/(p+q)$ .