

Ex 1:

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Let's first form the Lagrangian:
$$L(u, \lambda, v) = c^T u - \lambda^T u + v^T (Au - b)$$
$$= (A^T v + c - \lambda)^T u - v^T b$$

Dual function:
$$g(\lambda, v) = \inf_{u \in \mathbb{R}^n} (L(u, \lambda, v))$$

Then way,

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

We then have the dual problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_v & -v^T b \\ \text{subject to} & A^T v + c - \lambda = 0, \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Yell:
$$\begin{cases} A^T v + c - \lambda = 0 \\ \lambda \geq 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow -A^T v \leq c$$

The problem simplifies to:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_v & -v^T b \\ \text{subject to} & -A^T v \leq c \end{aligned}$$

Finally equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_v & b^T v \\ \text{subject to} & A^T v \leq c \end{aligned} \quad (D)$$

2. We have the Lagrangian:
$$L(y, \lambda) = -b^T y + \lambda^T (A^T y - c)$$
$$= (A\lambda - b)^T y - \lambda^T c$$

Dual function:
$$g(\lambda) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} ((A\lambda - b)^T y - \lambda^T c)$$
$$= \begin{cases} -\lambda^T c & \text{if } A\lambda - b = 0 \text{ (null vector)} \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The dual problem is therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & -\lambda^T c \\ \text{subject to} \quad & A\lambda - b = 0, \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \min_{\lambda} \quad & c^T \lambda \\ \text{subject to} \quad & A\lambda = b, \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (P)$$

3. Lagrangian:
$$L(x, y, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, v) = c^T x - b^T y - \lambda_1^T x + \lambda_2^T (A^T y - c) + v^T (Ax - b)$$

with $(x, y, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, v) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$

Dual function:

$$g(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, v) = \inf_{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^n} ((A^T v + c - \lambda_1)^T x + (A\lambda_2 - b)^T y - \lambda_2^T c - v^T b)$$
$$= \begin{cases} -\lambda_2^T c - v^T b & \text{if } \begin{cases} A^T v + c - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ A\lambda_2 - b = 0 \end{cases} \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We then have the dual problem:

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

Yes
$$\begin{cases} A^T v + c - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad A^T v + c \geq 0$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \quad A^T(-v) \leq c$$

$$\text{And } \left(\max_{\lambda_2, v} -\lambda_2^T c - v^T b \right) \Leftrightarrow \left(\min_{\lambda_2, -v} c^T \lambda_2 - b^T (-v) \right)$$

Thus, with $\begin{cases} x = \lambda_2 \\ y = -v \end{cases}$ the dual problem can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x, y} \quad & c^T x - b^T y \\ \text{subject to} \quad & Ax = b, \\ & A^T y \leq c, \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can finally conclude that the problem is self-dual.

4- (Self-Dual) is feasible. This way there exist x, y such that $\begin{cases} Ax = b \\ x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ and $A^T y \leq c$.

Therefore (P) and (D) are both feasible.

Moreover (Self-Dual) is bounded, as are (P) and (D) (otherwise, by fixing x , resp. y , we could have (Self-Dual) unbounded below).

$$\text{Let } E = \{ c^T x - b^T y \mid Ax = b, A^T y \leq c, x \geq 0 \}$$

$$E = \{ c^T x + (-b^T y) \mid x \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}, y \in \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid A^T y \leq c\} \}$$

$$= E_1 + E_2 \quad \text{with} \quad E_1 = \{ c^T x \mid x \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\} \}$$

$$E_2 = \{ -b^T y \mid y \in \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid A^T y \leq c\} \}$$

Because E, E_1, E_2 are feasible and bounded, $\min(E), \min(E_1), \min(E_2)$ exist and $\min(E_1 + E_2) = \min(E_1) + \min(E_2)$.

Therefore solving (P) gives $\min(E_1) = p_1^*$ for optimal value x^*

solving (D) gives $\min(E_2) = p_2^*$ for optimal value y^*

and $\min(E_1 + E_2) = p^* = p_1^* + p_2^*$ for optimal value $(x^*; y^*)^T$.

$$c^T x^* - b^T y^*$$

$$c^T x = b^T y$$

Then, $Ax = b$ is affine and $x \mapsto -x$ is convex thus (P) is convex.

Moreover, $x \neq 0$ (null vector) because

We have shown that (P) is feasible and the feasible point is not the null vector otherwise $b = Ax = 0$ that would be pointless.

This way (P) is strictly feasible and (P) is strongly dual:

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^* &= d_1^* \\ c^T x^* &= b^T y^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } p^* = p_1^* + p_2^* = c^T x^* - b^T y^* = 0$$

$$\text{Alt: } p^* = 0$$

Ex 2:

n- The conjugate is defined by: $\|y\|_1^* = \sup_n (y^T n - \|n\|_1)$

We distinguish two cases:

* if $\|y\|_{1,*} = \sup_{\|n\|_1 \leq 1} n^T y \leq 1$ then the $\left(\frac{n}{\|n\|_1}\right)^T y \leq 1$

$$n^T y \leq \|n\|_1$$

$$\text{ie } y^T n - \|n\|_1 \leq 0$$

This way $\sup_n (y^T n - \|n\|_1) \leq 0$ with equality for $n=0$

* if $\|y\|_{1,*} > 1$ ie $\sup_{\|n\|_1 \leq 1} n^T y > 1$

then, $\exists n, \|n\|_1 \leq 1, n^T y > 1$

this way $n^T y - \|n\|_1 = y^T n - \|n\|_1 > 0$

let's now take $n = tn, t > 0$

$$\text{We have } y^T n - \|n\|_1 = t (y^T n - \|n\|_1) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow +\infty]{} +\infty$$

And therefore $\sup (y^T n - \|n\|_1) = +\infty$

Finally, we can note that $\|y\|_{1,*} = \sup_{\|n\|_1 \leq 1} n^T y = \sup \sum u_i y_i$ with $\sum |u_i| \leq 1$

Yet $\sum u_i y_i \leq \sum |u_i| |y_i| \leq \max |y_i| \sum |u_i| = \max |y_i|$ and the value is reached by taking $u = \begin{pmatrix} \text{sign of } y_1 \\ \vdots \\ \text{sign of } y_j \end{pmatrix}$ j-th line where $|y_j| = \max |y_i|$. This way $\|y\|_{1,*} = \|y\|_\infty$

Conclusion:

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

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$$\min \|A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{u}\|_1 \quad \text{is equivalent to:} \quad \min \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{u}\|_1$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{We hence have the Lagrangian: } L(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{u}\|_1 + \mathbf{v}^T (A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z})$$

And the Lagrange dual function:

$$g(\mathbf{v}) = \min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{z}} L(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v})$$

$$= \min_{\mathbf{u}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_1 + (A^T \mathbf{v})^T \mathbf{u}) + \min_{\mathbf{z}} (\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{z})$$

$$\text{Yet } \min_{\mathbf{u}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_1 + (A^T \mathbf{v})^T \mathbf{u}) = \min_{\mathbf{u}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_1 - (A^T \mathbf{v})^T (-\mathbf{u}))$$

$$= \min_{\mathbf{u}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_1 - (A^T \mathbf{v})^T \mathbf{u})$$

$$= -\max_{\mathbf{u}} ((A^T \mathbf{v})^T \mathbf{u} - \|\mathbf{u}\|_1)$$

$$= -\|A^T \mathbf{v}\|_1^*$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \|A^T \mathbf{v}\|_\infty \leq 1 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Besides, } \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{z} \quad \text{is convex}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} (\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{z}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} ((\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}) - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{z}) \\ &= \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} (\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{z}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{z} - 2\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} (\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{0} \iff \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}$$

$$\text{And } \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{z} = \frac{1}{4} \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{b} = -\frac{1}{4} \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{b}$$

This way, the dual problem can be written:

$$\max_v - \frac{1}{4} \|v\|_2^2 - v^T b$$

$$\text{subject to } \|A^T v\|_{1,*} \leq 1$$

Which is equivalent to:

$$\min_v \frac{1}{4} \|v\|_2^2 + v^T b$$

$$\text{subject to: } \|A^T v\|_\infty \leq 1$$

Ex 3:

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Let's prove that if $\tau < 0$, (Sep. 1) and (Sep. 2) are unbounded below.

* (Sep 1): let's take $w = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \min(0, 1 - y_i (w^T x_i)) + \frac{\tau}{2} \|w\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\substack{\text{s.t.} \\ y_i t x_{i,1} < 1}} (1 - y_i t x_{i,1}) + \frac{\tau}{2} t^2$$

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and $S \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow +\infty]{} -\infty$

This way, if $\tau < 0$, $\min_w \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(w, x_i, y_i) + \frac{\tau}{2} \|w\|_2^2 = -\infty$

* (Sep 2): let's take $w = 0$ (null vector) and $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \vdots \\ t \end{pmatrix}$

Then for $t > 1$, ξ becomes feasible.

Moreover $\frac{1}{n\tau} 1^T \xi + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{\tau} t \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow +\infty]{} -\infty$

This way, $\min_{\xi, w} \frac{1}{n\tau} 1^T \xi + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 = -\infty$

We can assume that $\tau > 0$ (the case $\tau = 0$ will be treated at the end)

This way, $\left(\begin{array}{l} \min_{w, \xi} \frac{1}{n\tau} 1^T \xi + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \xi_i \geq 1 - y_i (w^T x_i) \\ \xi_i \geq 0 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \left(\begin{array}{l} \min_{w, \xi} \frac{1}{n\tau} 1^T \xi + \frac{\tau}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \xi_i \geq 1 - y_i (w^T x_i) \\ \xi_i \geq 0 \end{array} \right)$

Then,
$$\begin{cases} q_i \geq 1 - q_i (w_i^T n_i) \\ q_i \geq 0 \end{cases} \iff q_i \geq \max(0, 1 - q_i (w_i^T n_i))$$

let's now write $\begin{cases} w_1^* \text{ and } p_1^* \text{ the optimal point and value of Sep. 1} \\ q_2^*, w_2^* \text{ and } p_2^* \end{cases}$ Sep. 2

and
$$f_1(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(w, n_i, q_i) + \frac{\tau}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \quad \text{thus } p_1^* = f_1(w_1^*)$$

$$f_2(w, q) = \frac{1}{n} 1^T q + \frac{\tau}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \quad \text{thus } p_2^* = f_2(w_2^*, q_2^*)$$

4: $q_2^* \geq \max(0, 1 - q_i (w_2^{*T} n_i)) \implies p_2^* \geq f_1(w_2^*) \quad (1)$

Now, let q' is that $q'_i = \max(0, 1 - q_i (w_2^{*T} n_i))$

This way $f_1(w_1^*) = f_2(q', w_1^*) \geq p_2^* \quad (2)$ by definition of p_2^*

(1) and (2) give $f_1(w_1^*) \geq f_1(w_2^*)$

Besides, by definition of w_1^* : $f_1(w_2^*) \geq f_1(w_1^*)$

We can conclude that $f_1(w_1^*) = f_1(w_2^*)$

ie $p_1^* = f_1(w_2^*)$

Finally, solving (Sep. 2) gives w_2^* which is also an optimal point for (Sep. 1).

2. Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(\zeta, w, \lambda, \pi) = \frac{1}{n\tau} 1^\top \zeta + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (1 - y_i (\omega^\top x_i) - \zeta_i) - \pi^\top \zeta \quad \text{with } \lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n\tau} - \pi - \lambda \right)^\top \zeta + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (1 - y_i (\omega^\top x_i)) + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$$

and the lagrange dual function,

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda, \pi) &= \inf_{\zeta, w} (\mathcal{L}(\zeta, w, \lambda, \pi)) \\ &= \inf_w \left(\inf_{\zeta} \left(\left(\frac{1}{n\tau} - \pi - \lambda \right)^\top \zeta + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (1 - y_i (\omega^\top x_i)) + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \right) \right) \\ &= \inf_w \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (1 - y_i (\omega^\top x_i)) + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + \inf_{\zeta} \left(\left(\frac{1}{n\tau} - \pi - \lambda \right)^\top \zeta \right) \right) \\ &= \lambda^\top 1 + \inf_w \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i (\omega^\top x_i)}_{f_1(w)} \right) + \inf_{\zeta} \left(\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{n\tau} - \pi - \lambda \right)^\top \zeta}_{f_2(\zeta)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

* $w \mapsto f_1(w)$ is quadratic thus concave.

$$\nabla_w f_1(w) = w - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_w f_1(w) = 0 \Leftrightarrow w = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{This way } \inf_w (f_1(w)) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j y_j x_j \right)^\top x_i \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 - \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 \\ &= - \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

* $\zeta \mapsto f_2(\zeta)$ is linear thus: $\inf_{\zeta} (f_2(\zeta)) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n\tau} - \pi - \lambda = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Therefore $g(\lambda, \pi) = \begin{cases} 1^\top \lambda - \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n\tau} - \pi - \lambda = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

And the dual problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda, \pi} \quad & 1^T \lambda - \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \frac{1}{n\tau} - \pi - \lambda = 0 \\ & \pi \geq 0 \\ & \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The objective function does not depend on π , the problem can then be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda} \quad & 1^T \lambda - \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i x_i \right\|_2^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \lambda \geq 0 \\ & \frac{1}{n\tau} \geq \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Ex 4:

For a given n , $\sup_{a \in P} a^T n$ is the optimal value of:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_a \quad & n^T a \\ \text{subject to} \quad & C^T a \leq d \end{aligned} \quad (P_1)$$

In the first exercise 1 of this homework, we have shown that such a problem has the dual:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_z \quad & d^T z \\ \text{subject to} \quad & C z = n, \quad z \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (P_2)$$

Yet we also shown in exercise 1 that $(P) = (P_2)$ is strongly dual, hence (P_1) is also strongly dual and, by noting $\begin{matrix} p_1^* \\ p_2^* \end{matrix}$ the optimal value of $\begin{matrix} (P_1) \\ (P_2) \end{matrix}$,

$$p_1^* = p_2^* \text{ and the robust LP can be written: } \begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T n \\ \text{subject to} \quad & p_1^* \leq b \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T n \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & p_2^* \leq b \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T n \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \forall z \in \{z \mid Cz = n, z \geq 0\}, \quad d^T z \leq b \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T n \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & d^T z \leq b \\ & Cz = n \\ & z \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 5

1- Lagrangian:
$$L(n, \lambda, v) = c^T n + \lambda^T (An - b) + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i n_i (1 - n_i)$$

$$= c^T n + \lambda^T (An - b) + v^T n - n^T \text{diag}(v) n$$

$$= -n^T \text{diag}(v) n + (c + A^T \lambda + v)^T n - \lambda^T b$$

where $\text{diag}(v) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & v_n \end{pmatrix}$

for convenience, let's change v to $-v$, we have:

$$L(n, \lambda, v) = n^T \text{diag}(v) n + (c + A^T \lambda - v)^T n - b^T \lambda$$

L is convex iff $P \succeq 0$

iff $v \succeq 0$

and in the case of $v \succeq 0$, $\nabla_n L(n, \lambda, v) = 2 \text{diag}(v) n + c + A^T \lambda - v$

$$\nabla_n L = 0 \Leftrightarrow n = \frac{1}{2} \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) (v - A^T \lambda - c)$$

this way
$$p(\lambda, v) = \frac{1}{4} \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) \|v - A^T \lambda - c\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) \|v - A^T \lambda - c\|_2^2 - b^T \lambda$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) \|v - A^T \lambda - c\|_2^2 - b^T \lambda$$

where $\text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{v_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \frac{1}{v_n} \end{pmatrix}$

Then we have
$$g(\lambda, v) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{4} \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) \|v - A^T \lambda - c\|_2^2 - b^T \lambda & \text{if } v \succeq 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The dual is thus:

$$\max_{\lambda, v} -\frac{1}{4} \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) \|v - A^T \lambda - c\|_2^2 - b^T \lambda$$

subject to $\lambda \succeq 0, v \succeq 0$

Let
$$\underbrace{-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{c_i + a_i^T \lambda_i - v_i}{v_i} \right)^2}_{f_0(v)} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(c_i + a_i^T \lambda_i - v_i)^2}{v_i}$$
 where a_i is the i th column of A .

With λ fixed, we can max. such an objective function by minimizing each of the

sum:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_v f_0(v) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_{v_i} \left(-\frac{(c_i + a_i^T \lambda_i - v_i)^2}{v_i} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \min(0, c_i + a_i^T \lambda_i) \end{aligned}$$

This way, the dual problem can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \min(0, c_i + a_i^T \lambda_i) - b^T \lambda \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. For the LP relaxation, we have the Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned} L(n, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) &= c^T n + \lambda_1^T (A_1 n - b) - \lambda_2^T n + \lambda_3^T (n - 1) \\ &= (c + A_1^T \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_3)^T n - b^T \lambda_1 - 1^T \lambda_3 \end{aligned}$$

Lagrange dual function:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) &= \inf_n (L(n, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)) \\ &= \begin{cases} -b^T \lambda_1 - 1^T \lambda_3 & \text{if } c + A_1^T \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the dual problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda_1, \lambda_3} \quad & -b^T \lambda_1 - 1^T \lambda_3 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & c + A_1^T \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 \geq 0 \\ & \lambda_1 \geq 0, \lambda_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Yet let's write: $f_1(\lambda) = -b^T \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n \min(0, c_i + a_i^T \lambda)$

$$f_2(\lambda_1, \lambda_3) = -b^T \lambda_1 - 1^T \lambda_3$$

and optimal points and values: $f_1(\lambda^*) = p_1^*$
 $f_2(\lambda_1^*, \lambda_3^*) = p_2^*$

$$\forall i \quad \begin{cases} -\lambda_{3,i}^* \leq 0 \\ -\lambda_{3,i}^* \leq c^T + a_i^T \lambda_1^* \end{cases} \Rightarrow \forall i \quad -\lambda_{3,i}^* \leq \min(0, c^T + a_i^T \lambda_1^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow -1^T \lambda_3^* \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \min(0, c^T + a_i^T \lambda_1^*)$$

and then $-b^T \lambda_1^* - 1^T \lambda_3^* \leq -b^T \lambda_1^* + \sum_{i=1}^n \min(0, c^T + a_i^T \lambda_1^*)$

$$p_2^* \leq f_1(\lambda_1^*)$$

Yet $f_1(\lambda_1^*) \leq p_1^*$ by def of p_1^* thus $p_2^* \leq p_1^*$ (1)

Moreover,

$$p_1^* = -b^T \lambda^* - \sum_{i=1}^n -\min(0, c^T + a_i^T \lambda^*)$$

$$= -b^T \lambda^* - 1^T \lambda' \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda'_i = -\min(0, c^T + a_i^T \lambda^*)$$

$$= f_2(\lambda^*, \lambda') \leq p_2^* \quad \text{by def. of } p_2^*$$

This way $p_1^* \leq p_2^*$ (2)

By (1) and (2) we conclude $p_1^* = p_2^*$: the lower bounds via LP relaxation and logarithmic relaxation are the same.