

$$F(x) = f(Ax), \quad f: \text{convex}.$$

$$\text{If } \text{Range}(A) \cap \text{ri}(\text{dom } f) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \partial F(x) = A^T \partial f(Ax)$$

$$\text{Proof: } \textcircled{1} A^T \partial f(Ax) \subseteq \partial F(x) \quad \text{if } g \in \partial f(Ax)$$

$$F(y) \geq F(x) + \langle A^T g, y - x \rangle,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(Ay) \geq f(Ax) + \langle g, Ay - Ax \rangle$$

$$Ay = y',$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(y') \geq f(x') + \langle g, y' - x' \rangle$$

$$Ax = x'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g \in \partial f(x')$$

$$\textcircled{2} \partial F(x) \subseteq A^T \partial f(Ax)$$

$$\text{For any } d \in \partial F(x), \quad F(z) \geq F(x) + d^T(z - x), \quad \forall z$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(Az) - d^T z \geq f(Ax) - d^T x, \quad \forall z$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (Ax, x) \text{ solves } (P) \quad \min_{y, z} f(y) - d^T z$$

s.t. $y \in \text{dom } f, \quad Az = y.$

If $\text{Range}(A) \cap \text{ri}(\text{dom } f) \neq \emptyset$, strong duality holds

$$\exists \lambda \text{ s.t. } (Ax, x) \in \underset{(y, z)}{\text{argmin}} \{ \underbrace{f(y) - d^T z + \lambda^T (Az - y)}_{L(y, z, \lambda)} \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_y L(y, z, \lambda) \ni 0 \rightarrow 0 \in \partial f(y) - \lambda \rightarrow \lambda \in \partial f(y). \\ \nabla_z L(y, z, \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow d = A^T \lambda. \end{cases}$$

\downarrow
 $\partial f(Ax)$

Then, $d = A^T \lambda \in A^T \partial f(Ax) \Rightarrow \partial F(x) \subseteq A^T \partial f(Ax)$.

Corollary: $F = f_1(x) + f_2(x) + \dots + f_m(x)$.

且 $\bigcap_{i=1}^m \text{ri}(\text{dom } f_i) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \partial F(x) = \partial f_1(x) + \dots + \partial f_m(x)$.

Proof: $F(x) = f(Ax)$, $A = \begin{pmatrix} I \\ \vdots \\ I \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times n}$.

$$f(x) = f_1(x_1) + f_2(x_2) + \dots + f_m(x_m)$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial F(x) = A^T \partial f(Ax) = (I, \dots, I) \begin{pmatrix} \partial f_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ \partial f_m(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \partial f_1(x) + \partial f_2(x) + \dots + \partial f_m(x)$$