

(Review)

For convex opt. problem

( $p^*$  = value of primal)

$$p^* = \min_x f(x) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad 1 \leq i \leq k, \quad (1)$$

KKT conditions are

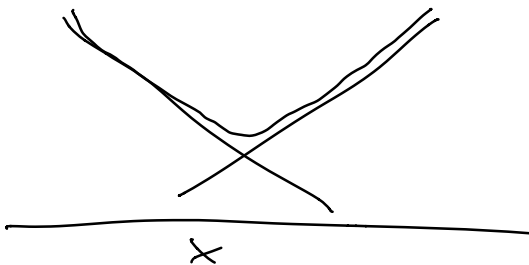
1.  $g_i(x^*) \leq 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$
2.  $\lambda^*(i) \geq 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$
3.  $\lambda^*(i) g_i(x^*) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$
4.  $\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_i \lambda^*(i) \nabla g_i(x^*) = 0$

Thm 1 If  $f, g_1, \dots, g_k$  are convex <sup>and differentiable</sup> and  $x^*, \lambda^*$  satisfy 1-4, then  $x^*$  is optimal. If the  $g_i$  are linear or if exists strictly feasible  $x_0$  ( $g_i(x_0) < 0 \forall i$ ) then there exist  $x^*$  and  $\lambda^*$  that satisfy 1-4.

Can we replace  $g_1, \dots, g_k$  with

$$G(x) = \max_i g_i(x) \quad ?$$

- $G(x) \leq 0 \iff g_i(x) \leq 0, \forall i$
- $G$  is convex because max of convex is convex



- max is not differentiable  $\times$

max  $(x_1, x_2)$  at  $(1, 1)$

$t = (1, 0)$

$$\max(x + \varepsilon t) = \begin{cases} 1 + \varepsilon & \varepsilon \geq 0 \\ 1 & \varepsilon < 0 \end{cases}$$

If had min  $f(x)$  st.  $G(x) \leq 0$

$\Downarrow$   
 min  $f(x)$  st.  $g_i(x) \leq 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ )

Lagrange  $L(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_i \lambda(i) g_i(x)$

$$q(\lambda) = \inf_x L(x, \lambda)$$

$$d^* = \max_{\lambda \geq 0} q(\lambda)$$

lem 1  $q(\lambda) \leq f(x) \quad \forall \lambda \geq 0, \text{ feasible } x$  (weak duality)  
So  $d^* \leq p^*$

proof  $x$  feasible  $\Leftrightarrow g_i(x) \leq 0, \forall i$   
 $\lambda \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_i \lambda(i) g_i(x) \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow L(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_i \lambda(i) g_i(x) \leq f(x)$$

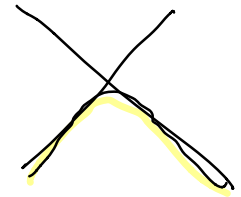
$$q(\lambda) = \inf_{x_0} L(x_0, \lambda) \leq L(x, \lambda)$$

$$q(\lambda) \leq f(x)$$

$q(\lambda) = \inf_x L(x, \lambda)$  inf can give  $-\infty$   
no constraints on  $x$

$\max_{\lambda} q(\lambda)$   $q(\lambda)$  is concave

$L(x, \lambda)$  for every  $x$  is linear in  $\lambda$   
inf of linear fns is concave



Thm 1 (strong duality)

If  $f, g_1, \dots, g_d$  are differentiable & convex  
and either  $g_1, \dots, g_d$  are linear or strictly feasible  
then  $d^* = p^*$

Proof KKT  $\rightarrow x^*, \lambda^*$   $x^*$  feas,  $\lambda^* \geq 0$

$$\text{let } h(x) = L(x, \lambda^*) = f(x) + \sum_i \lambda^*(i) g_i(x)$$

$g_i$  convex,  $\lambda_i^* \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow h(x)$  is convex

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_i \lambda^*(i) \nabla g_i(x^*) = 0 = \nabla h(x^*)$$

$\Rightarrow x^*$  is a global min of  $h$

$$q(\lambda^*) = \inf_x h(x, \lambda^*) = \inf_x h(x) = h(x^*)$$

$$\text{KKT} \Rightarrow \sum_i \lambda^*(i) g_i(x) = 0$$

$$h(x^*) = f(x^*) = q(\lambda^*)$$

$$d^* \geq p^* \Rightarrow d^* = p^*$$

For general feasible  $x$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$

$$f(x) \geq q(\lambda)$$

$$f(x) - q(\lambda) = p - d$$

"duality gap"

$$h(x) = 0 \quad h(x) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$h(x) \leq 0 \quad -h(x) \leq 0$$

$$\lambda_+ \quad \lambda_-$$

$$\lambda_+ h(x) + \lambda_- (-h(x)) = (\lambda_+ - \lambda_-) h(x)$$

$$\lambda_+, \lambda_- \geq 0$$

$$v = \lambda_+ - \lambda_- = v h(x)$$

$$\min_x f(x) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{array}{l} g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad | \leq i \leq d \\ h_i(x) = 0 \quad | \leq i \leq c \end{array}$$

$$L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda(i) g_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^c \nu(i) h_i(x)$$

$$q(\lambda, \nu) = \inf_x L(x, \lambda, \nu)$$

$$d^* = \max_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^d, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^c} q(\lambda, \nu)$$

LP  $\max_x c^T x \quad \text{s.t.} \quad a_i^T x \leq b_i \quad | \leq i \leq d$   
 $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

replace  $c$  by  $(-c)$

$$\min_x \underline{c^T x} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \underline{a_i^T x \leq b_i}$$

$$g_i(x) = 0 \quad g_i(x) = \underline{a_i^T x - b_i \leq 0}$$

$$L(x, \lambda) = c^T x + \sum_i \lambda_i g_i(x) = c^T x + \sum_i \lambda_i (a_i^T x - b_i)$$

$$= c^T x + \lambda^T A x - \lambda^T b$$

$$= (c^T + \lambda^T A) x - \lambda^T b$$

$$q(\lambda) = \inf_x \underline{(c^T + \lambda^T A) x} - \lambda^T b$$



$$\max_{\lambda, v} q(\lambda, v) = \max_v -b^T v \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \underline{A^T v + c \geq 0}$$

$$\lambda \geq 0$$


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$$\min \|x\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \underline{Ax = b}$$

$$L(x, v) = \|x\|_2^2 + \underbrace{v^T (Ax - b)}_{\leq x^T x} = \|x\|_2^2 + \underbrace{v^T Ax - v^T b}$$

$$q(v) = \inf_x L(x, v)$$

$$\nabla_x L(x, v) = 2x + A^T v = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} A^T v$$

$$q(v) = \frac{1}{4} v^T A A^T v - \frac{1}{2} v^T A A^T v - v^T b$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} v^T A A^T v - v^T b$$


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$$\min \|x\| \quad \text{s.t.} \quad Ax = b, \quad \|\cdot\| \text{ arbitrary}$$

Dual norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$

$$\|y\|_* = \max_x x^T y \quad \underline{\|x\| \leq 1}$$

will be achieved  $\|x\| = 1$

dual of  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is  $\|\cdot\|_2$

$$\text{Cauchy-Schwarz} \quad x^T y \leq \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2 \leq \|y\|_2$$

$$x = \frac{y}{\|y\|_2} \quad \frac{y^T}{\|y\|_2} \cdot y = \|y\|_2$$

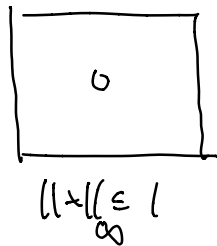
dual  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  is  $\|\cdot\|_1$   $\|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x(i)|$

$$\text{given } y \text{ set } x(i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y(i) \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } y(i) < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\|x\|_\infty = 1$$

$$x^T y = \sum_i x(i) y(i) = \sum_i |y(i)| = \|y\|_1$$

$\|\cdot\|_{**} = \|\cdot\| \Rightarrow$  dual of  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$



$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_i |x(i)|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \|x\|_p \text{ and } \|x\|_q \text{ are dual when } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$
$$1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$$

Hölder  $x^T y \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q$  when  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

$$\text{tight } y(i)^q = c \cdot x(i)^p \quad y, x \geq 0 \text{ any } c > 0$$



$$\min \|x\| \text{ s.t. } Ax=b$$

$$q(v) = \inf_x \|x\| + v^T Ax - v^T b$$

$$\text{if } \|v^T A\|_* \leq 1 \text{ then } \forall x \ \|x\| \geq |v^T Ax| \\ \Rightarrow \|x\| + v^T Ax \geq 0$$

$$\text{inf when } x=0, \text{ get } -v^T b$$

$$\text{if } \|v^T A\|_* > 1 \ \exists u \text{ s.t. } \|u\|=1 \\ v^T Au = \|v^T A\|_* > 1$$

$$x = cu \quad c \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\|x\| = c \quad v^T Ax = c \|v^T A\|_* < -c$$

$$\text{inf} \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$q(v) = \begin{cases} -b^T v & \text{if } \|v^T A\|_* \leq 1 \\ -\infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\max_v q(v)$$

$$\max_v -b^T v \text{ s.t. } \|A^T v\|_* \leq 1$$

$$\underline{g_i(x) \leq 0} \quad g \text{ diff \& convex}$$

PSD matrices  $M : x^T M x \geq 0 \ \forall x$

$S^n = n$ -by- $n$  sym.  $S^n$  pos def

$K$  is cone if  $x \in K \Rightarrow tx \in K \quad \forall t \geq 0$

proper if

a. convex

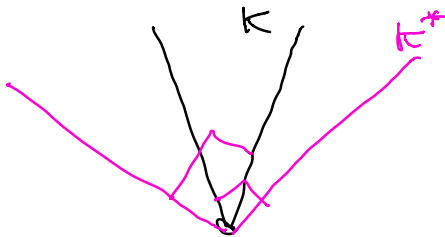
b. closed

c. solid: have an interior

d. pointed  $x \in K, x \neq 0, \Rightarrow -x \notin K$



The dual cone is  $K^* = \{x : x^T y \geq 0, \forall y \in K\}$



$K^{**} = K$  in finite dim

$\mathbb{R}_+^n$  dual  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$

$S_+^n$  dual is  $S_+^n$

$X, Y \in S^n$   ~~$X^T Y$~~  treat  $X$  and  $Y$  as vectors  
 $\langle X, Y \rangle = \text{Trace}(X^T Y)$

$X \preceq_K Y$  iff  $Y - X \in K$

$0 \preceq_K X$  iff  $X \in K$

$-X \preceq_K 0$  iff  $X \in K$

$$\min_x f(x) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad | \leq i \leq d$$

$$-X \leq_{K_i} 0 \quad | \leq i \leq c$$

Lagrange dual:

$$L(x, \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_c) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_0(i) g_i(x)$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^c \langle \lambda_i, -x \rangle$$