

Standard form:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f_0(x) \text{ s.t. } f_i(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall i \in [m]$$

$$h_j(x) = 0 \quad \forall j \in [p]$$

Norms:  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- PD:  $f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in V \neq f(x) = 0$  iff  $x = 0$
- $f(\alpha x) = |\alpha| f(x) \quad \forall x \in V \neq \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- $f(x+y) \leq f(x) + f(y) \quad \forall x, y \in V$
- $\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \forall p \geq 1$
- $\|x\|_\infty = \max |x_i|$

Hölder's Ineq. Let  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  s.t.  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad |x^T y| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i y_i| \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q$$

Gr-S Alg: in LI set  $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^k$

$$\tilde{a}_i = a_i / \|a_i\|_2$$

for  $i \in \{2, \dots, k\}$

$$p_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \tilde{a}_j (q_j^T a_i)$$

$$s_i = a_i - p_i$$

$$q_i = s_i / \|s_i\|_2$$

return  $\{q_i\}_{i=1}^k$

$$a_i = r_{1i} \tilde{a}_1 + r_{2i} \tilde{a}_2 + \dots + r_{ii} \tilde{a}_i$$

$$[a_1 \dots a_k] = [ \tilde{a}_1 \dots \tilde{a}_k ] \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & & & \\ & r_{22} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & r_{kk} \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$  for  $k \leq n \Rightarrow A$  is full rank  $\Rightarrow \exists Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, R \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$  upper tri s.t.  $A = QR$

$R$  orthogonal

FTLA:  $N(A) \oplus R(A^T) = \mathbb{R}^n = N(A^T) \oplus R(A)$

Sym. has  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  & guaranteed diag.

Spectral Thm.  $A \in \text{Sym}(n); \lambda_i$  w/ alg. mult  $\mu_i$

$$\mathbb{E}_i = N(\lambda_i I - A) \text{ geom. mult. } \phi_i = \dim(\mathbb{E}_i)$$

- $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall i; \tilde{p}_i \in \mathbb{E}_i, \tilde{p}_j \in \mathbb{E}_j \Rightarrow \tilde{p}_i^T \tilde{p}_j = 0$
- $\mu_i = \phi_i \quad \forall i; A = U \Delta U^T$
- $U = [u_1 \dots u_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  eig. orcs  $(\lambda_i, \mu_i)$

PD:  $x^T A x \geq 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$  iff  $\lambda_i > 0 \quad \forall i$

PSD:  $x^T A x \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  iff  $\lambda_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$

SVD:  $A$  has rank  $r. A = U \Sigma V^T$

$$= U_r \Sigma_r V_r^T$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

$$\|A\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 = \text{tr}(A^T A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2$$

$\hat{A}$  invariant to orthogonal transf.

$$\|A\|_2 = \max_{\|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2 = \sigma_1$$

Rayleigh's Quotient  $A \in \text{Sym}(n)$

$$\lambda_{\max}(A) = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x} = \max_{\|x\|_2=1} x^T A x$$

Eckhart-Young

$$\|A - A_k\| \leq \|A - B\|_2$$

$$\forall B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \mid \text{rank}(B) \leq k$$

$\Rightarrow$  same for  $\|\cdot\|_F$

Block Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} A^T & C^T \\ B^T & D^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector Calc  $h(x) = f(g(x))$

$$\frac{dh}{dx}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_i} g_i(x) \cdot \frac{dg_i}{dx}(x)$$

Jacobian  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$Df(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f_1(x)^T \\ \vdots \\ \nabla f_m(x)^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow D^2 h(x) = [Df(g(x))] [Dg(x)]^T$$

$$D^2 h(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Taylor's Thm. (order 2)

$$f(x; x_0) = f(x_0) + [\nabla f(x_0)]^T (x - x_0)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (x - x_0)^T [\nabla^2 f(x_0)] (x - x_0)$$

$$f(x + \delta) = f(x) + [Df(x)] \delta + o(\|\delta\|_2)$$

Opt. Solns. to opt probl.  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$

Lin Reg. & Ridge Reg.

$$K(A) = \frac{\sigma_1(A)}{\sigma_n(A)}$$

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_2^2$$

$$\rightarrow x^* = (A^T A + \lambda I)^{-1} A^T y$$

Convexity

$C$  is convex if  $\forall \theta \in [0, 1]$

$$\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2 \in C$$

convex hull: set of all convex combs of points in  $S$

$f$  convex if

$$f(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2) \leq \theta f(x_1) + (1-\theta)f(x_2)$$

Jensen's Ineq. for  $\theta_i \in [0, 1] \sum \theta_i = 1$

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \theta_i x_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \theta_i f(x_i) \quad \text{if } f \text{ convex}$$

$f$  is convex if  $\nabla^2 f(x) \succeq 0 \quad \forall x \in \Omega$

$x^T Q x + b^T x + c$  convex iff  $Q \succeq 0$ .

strict convexity  $\nabla^2 f(x) \succ 0$  not  $\leq, \succ$  not  $\succeq$ .

affine is concave & convex

Optimization problem in standard form is convex if  $f_0, \dots, f_m$  convex &  $h_1, \dots, h_p$  are affine.

$f_k(x) \leq 0$  active if  $f_k(x_0) = 0$ , inactive otherwise

$\mu$ -strongly convex: iff  $\nabla^2 f(x) - \mu I \succeq 0$

$\hookrightarrow$  exactly one global minimizer

$L$ -smooth  $\Rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) + [\nabla f(x)]^T (y-x) + \frac{L}{2} \|y-x\|_2^2$

$\hookrightarrow \|\nabla f(x)\|_2 \leq 2L(f(x) - \min_{x' \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x'))$

Thm. Let  $f$  be  $\mu$ -strongly convex,  $L$ -smooth.

$$p^* = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x). \quad \eta = \frac{1}{L} \text{ s.t. } x_{t+1} = x_t - \eta \nabla f(x_t)$$

$$\rightarrow \forall x_0 \quad \|x_{t+1} - x^*\|_2 \leq \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{L}\right) \|x_t - x^*\|_2$$

Duality ( $\Omega$  is feasible set)

$$L(x, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{\lambda}_i f_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^p \tilde{\nu}_j h_j(x)$$

$(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) \mapsto L(x, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu})$  is affine & concave s.t.  $\tilde{\lambda}_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$

Dual:  $d^* = \max_{\tilde{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \tilde{\nu} \in \mathbb{R}^p} g(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu})$  for  $g(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(x, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu})$

$D$  is always convex.

$$f_0(x) \geq p^* \quad \& \quad g(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) \leq d^* \quad p^* - d^* \text{ is duality gap}$$

$$f_0(x) = L(x, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) \geq g(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) \quad \text{gap} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{strong duality, else weak}$$

$$f_0(x) \geq d^* \quad \& \quad g(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) \leq p^*$$

Slater's Condition (str. duality)  $\hat{A}$  always holds! via minimax

$\exists \tilde{x} \in \text{relint}(C)$  s.t.  $\forall i$  s.t.  $f_i$  is affine  $f_i(\tilde{x}) < 0$

$\forall i$  s.t.  $f_i$  is not affine  $f_i(\tilde{x}) < 0$

$\forall j$  ~~not~~  $h_j(\tilde{x}) = 0$

KKT Conditions (w.s.  $f_0, \dots, f_m, h_1, \dots, h_p$  differentiable)

$(x^*, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu})$  fulfills KKT conditions if  $x^*$  feasible for  $P: f_i(x) \leq 0, h_j(x) = 0$

$(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu})$  feasible for  $D: \tilde{\lambda}_i \geq 0$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i f_i(x^*) = 0$$

$$0 = \nabla_x L(x^*, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\nu}) = \nabla f_0(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{\lambda}_i \nabla f_i(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^p \tilde{\nu}_j \nabla h_j(x^*)$$

Thm. If strong duality holds, KKT conditions are necessary for optimality

Thm. If convexity holds, KKT cond. are sufficient for optimality

Fenchel Conj.  $f^*(y) = \sup_x \{y^T x - f(x)\}$

$f^*$  always convex.  $f^{**} = f$  if  $f$  closed, proper, convex

$$y \in \partial f(x) \Leftrightarrow x \in \partial f^*(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(x) + f^*(y) = y^T x$$

$$P: \min_x f(x) + g(Ax) = \max_y -f^*(-A^T y) - g^*(y)$$

compute via  $\nabla f(x) = y$

$$f(x) + f^*(x) \geq y^T x$$

$f \circledast f^{**} \leq f$

# Types of Problems

Linear Program  

$$p^* = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} c^T x$$
 s.t.  $Ax = y$   
 $x \geq 0$   
 Always convex.  

$$d^* = \max_{\substack{z \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ v \in \mathbb{R}^n}} -y^T v$$
 s.t.  $\tilde{c} - \tilde{z} + A^T v = 0$   
 $\tilde{z} \geq 0$

Quadratic Program  

$$p^* = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} x^T H x + c^T x$$
 s.t.  $Ax \leq y$  for  $H \in \text{Sym}(n)$   
 $Cx = \tilde{z}$   
 not always convex.  
 convex  $\Leftrightarrow H \succeq 0$

Second-Order Cone Program  

$$p^* = \min_{\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} c^T \tilde{x}$$
 s.t.  $\|A_i \tilde{x} - \tilde{y}_i\|_2 \leq b_i$   
 $\tilde{z} + z_i$   
 are convex.  
 dual of SOCP is SOCP  
 $LP \subseteq QP \subseteq SOCP \subseteq SDP$

Regularization & Sparsity  
 Regularized  $P_2$ :  

$$P_2^* = \min_{\tilde{z} \in \Omega} \{f_0(\tilde{z}) + \lambda R(\tilde{z})\}$$

LASSO Reg.  

$$\min_{\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \underbrace{\|A\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}\|_2^2}_{f_0} + \lambda \|\tilde{x}\|_1$$
  
 $f_0$  is convex. If  $A$  has full rank,  
 $f_0$  is  $\mu$ -str-convex w/  $\mu = 2\sigma_n(A)^2$ ,  
 a soln. always exists, if  $A$  has  
 full rank, soln. is unique.  
 Optimality cond.:  
 $0 \in A^T(Ax^* - b) + \lambda \partial \|x^*\|_1$   
 $-A^T(Ax^* - b) \in \lambda \partial \|x^*\|_1$   
 Componentwise  $a_i$  is  $i$ th col. of  $A$   
 $a_i^T(b - Ax^*) = \lambda \text{sgn}(x_i^*)$  if  $x_i^* \neq 0$   
 $|a_i^T(b - Ax^*)| \leq \lambda$  if  $x_i^* = 0$

# Common Fenchel Conj

$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x$   $Q \succeq 0$   
 $f^*(y) = \frac{1}{2} y^T Q^{-1} y$   
 $f(x) = \mathbb{I}_{\{x \in C\}} = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in C \\ \infty, & x \notin C \end{cases}$   
 $f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in C} y^T x$   
 Norms:  $f(x) = \|x\|$   
 $\|x\|_1^* = \mathbb{I}_{\{\|y\|_\infty \leq 1\}}$   
 $\|x\|_2^* = \mathbb{I}_{\{\|y\|_2 \leq 1\}}$   
 $\|x\|_\infty^* = \mathbb{I}_{\{\|y\|_1 \leq 1\}}$

Linear  $f(x) = a^T x$   
 $f^*(y) = \mathbb{I}_{\{y=a\}}$   
 If  $g(x) = f(x) + a^T x + b$   
 $g^*(y) = f^*(y-a) - b$   
 $\min_x f(Ax) + g(x)$   
 $f^*(y) = \sup_z y^T z - f(z)$   
 $g^*(s) = \sup_x s^T x - g(x)$

Fenchel Dual:  

$$\max_y -f^*(y) - g^*(-A^T y)$$

# Vector Derivatives Stuff

$\nabla_x a^T x = a = \nabla_x x^T a$   
 $\nabla_x c = 0, \nabla_x x^T x = \nabla_x \|x\|_2^2 = 2x$   
 $\nabla_x (x^T Q x) = (Q + Q^T)x$   $\nabla^2 (\frac{1}{2} x^T Q x) = Q$  if  $Q = Q^T$   
 $\nabla_x \|Ax - b\|_2^2 = 2A^T(Ax - b)$   
 $\nabla_x^2 \|Ax - b\|_2^2 = 2A^T A$   $\nabla_x \|Ax\|_2^2 = 2A^T A x$   
 $\nabla_x^2 (\frac{1}{2} (Ax - b)^T Q (Ax - b)) = A^T Q (Ax - b)$   
 $\nabla_y (A^T f(Ay)) = A^T \text{diag}(f'(Ay)) A$  if  $f$  is elementwise  
 For  $\min_x \frac{1}{2} \|x - z\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_1$   
 $x_i^* = S_\lambda(z_i)$  for  $S_\lambda(z_i) = \text{sgn}(z_i) \max\{|z_i| - \lambda, 0\}$   
 if  $A^T A = I, x^* = S_\lambda(A^T b)$

Grad. Desc.  
 convex  $f \Rightarrow f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x)$   
 $\Rightarrow (\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (x-y) \geq 0$   
 convex + L-smooth:  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{L}]$ .  
 if  $\mu$ -str-convex + L-smooth:  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{2}{L}]$   
 for QP,  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}(Q)}]$

# Newton's Method

$\Delta x_{nt} = -(\nabla^2 f(x))^{-1} \nabla f(x)$   
 $x^{k+1} = x^k + (\Delta x_{nt})$  for  $t \in (0, 1]$  step  
 $\lambda(x)^2 = \nabla f(x)^T (\nabla^2 f(x))^{-1} \nabla f(x)$   
 $\equiv \lambda(x)^2 = -\nabla f(x)^T \Delta x_{nt}$   
 Stopping criterion  $\frac{\lambda(x)^2}{2} \leq \epsilon$

Support Vector Machines  $(x_i, y_i)$   $y_i \in \{\pm 1\}$   
 $\hat{y} = \text{sgn}(w^T x + b)$ . functional margin:  $y_i(w^T x_i + b)$   
 dec. boundary:  $w^T x + b = 0$  margin width:  $\frac{2}{\|w\|_2}$   
 If data linearly separable  $\min_{w, b} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$  s.t.  
 $y_i(w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 \forall i$   
 support vectors satisfy  $y_i(w^T x_i + b) = 1$   
 Data not separable:  $\min_{w, b, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$  s.t.  
 $y_i(w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \xi_i \geq 0$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  class A pt is a convex comb of class B pts.

# Slack Vars & Formulation Stuff

$|a^T x - b| \leq t \rightarrow \pm (a^T x - b) \leq t$   
 $\min_x \max_i f_i(x) \Leftrightarrow \min_{x, t} \text{s.t. } f_i(x) \leq t$   
 $\|u\|_1 \leq t \Leftrightarrow \exists s \pm u \leq s \quad \mathbf{1}^T s \leq t$   
 $\|u\|_\infty \leq t \Leftrightarrow \pm u \leq t \mathbf{1} \quad \|u\|_2 \leq t \Leftrightarrow \text{sep}$   
Leftover slack  $a^T x \leq b \Leftrightarrow a^T x + s = b$  for  $s \geq 0$

# Epigraph Reformulation: standard form

$\rightarrow \min_{\substack{t \in \mathbb{R} \\ \tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n}} t$  s.t.  $t \geq f_0(\tilde{x})$   
 $f_i(\tilde{x}) \leq 0 \forall i \in [m]$   
 $\min_x \sum_i \max(0, a_i^T x + b_i)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\min_{x, t} \sum_i t_i$   
 $t_i \geq 0, t_i \geq a_i^T x + b_i$  s.t.

Farkas' Lem. for  $A, b$   
 (i)  $Ax = b, x \geq 0$   
 (ii)  $A^T y \leq 0, y^T b > 0$   
 exactly one holds  
 for  $f = Ax, \nabla f = A$   
 $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{f}{g} = \frac{g \nabla f - f \nabla g}{g^2}$