

Lagrange Multipliers.

Lagrangian Dual.

Find x , subject to

$$f_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Remember calculus (constrained optimization.)

Lagrangian: $L(x, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x)$

$\lambda_i \geq 0$ - Lagrangian multiplier for inequality i .

For feasible solution x , $L(x, \lambda)$ is

(A) non-negative in expectation

(B) positive for any λ .

(C) non-positive for any valid λ .

If $\exists \lambda \geq 0$, where $L(x, \lambda)$ is positive for all x

(A) there is no feasible x .

(B) there is no x, λ with $L(x, \lambda) < 0$.

Lagrangian: constrained optimization.

$$\begin{aligned} & \min f(x) \\ & \text{subject to } f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

Lagrangian function:

$$L(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x)$$

If (primal) x has value v $f(x) = v$ and all $f_i(x) \leq 0$

For all $\lambda \geq 0$ have $L(x, \lambda) \leq v$

Maximizing λ , only positive λ_i when $f_i(x) = 0$
which implies $L(x, \lambda) \geq f(x) = v$

If there is λ with $L(x, \lambda) \geq \alpha$ for all x

Optimum value of program is at least α

Primal problem:

x , that minimizes $L(x, \lambda)$ over all $\lambda \geq 0$.

Dual problem:

λ , that maximizes $L(x, \lambda)$ over all x .

Why important: KKT.

Karash, Kuhn and Tucker Conditions.

$$\begin{aligned} & \min f(x) \\ & \text{subject to } f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

$$L(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x)$$

Local minima for feasible x^* .

There exist multipliers λ , where

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_i \lambda_i \nabla f_i(x^*) = 0$$

Feasible primal, $f_i(x^*) \leq 0$, and feasible dual $\lambda_i \geq 0$.

Complementary slackness: $\lambda_i f_i(x^*) = 0$.

Launched nonlinear programming! See paper.

Linear Program.

$$\min cx, Ax \geq b$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min c \cdot x \\ & \text{subject to } b_i - a_i \cdot x \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

Lagrangian (Dual):

$$L(\lambda, x) = cx + \sum_i \lambda_i (b_i - a_i x).$$

or

$$L(\lambda, x) = -(\sum_j x_j (a_j \lambda - c_j)) + b \lambda.$$

Best λ ?

$$\max b \cdot \lambda \text{ where } a_j \lambda = c_j.$$

$$\max b \lambda, \lambda^T A = c, \lambda \geq 0$$

Duals!

Linear Systems...

