

\* Recap  $\rightarrow$  Convex functions

$\hookrightarrow$  Strongly convex functions

$\hookrightarrow$   $L$ -smooth functions

$\hookrightarrow$  Recap:

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\|$$

$$\underbrace{\mu I}_{\text{strongly convex}} \preceq \nabla^2 f \preceq L I$$

when  $f$  is  $\mu$ -SC  $\Rightarrow L \geq \mu$

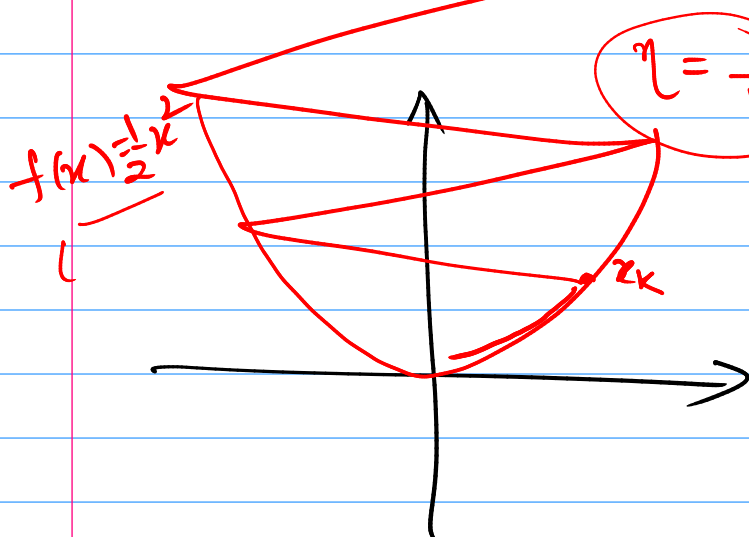
$$\boxed{\frac{\mu}{L} \leq 1}$$

\* Slater's condition  $\Rightarrow$  Strong duality

(Dual formulation of primal optimization problems)

GD:  $x_{k+1} = x_k - \eta \nabla f(x_k)$   $\leftarrow f$  is  $L$ -smooth

$\hookrightarrow$  Step-size!



$$\eta = \frac{1}{L}$$

$\leftarrow$  A suitable choice of learning rate

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \eta x_k$$

$$= (1 - \eta) x_k$$

$\hookrightarrow \eta < 1$  convergent  
 $\eta > 2$  diverges



\* Ex: Dual of an LP (Linear Program)

$$\begin{array}{l} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad Ax \leq b \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \min \\ \text{s.t.} \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ m < n \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda) &:= \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ f(x) + \lambda^T h(x) \right\} \\ &= \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ c^T x + \lambda^T (Ax - b) \right\} \\ &= \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ -\lambda^T b + \underbrace{(A^T \lambda + c)^T}_{=0} x \right\} \end{aligned}$$

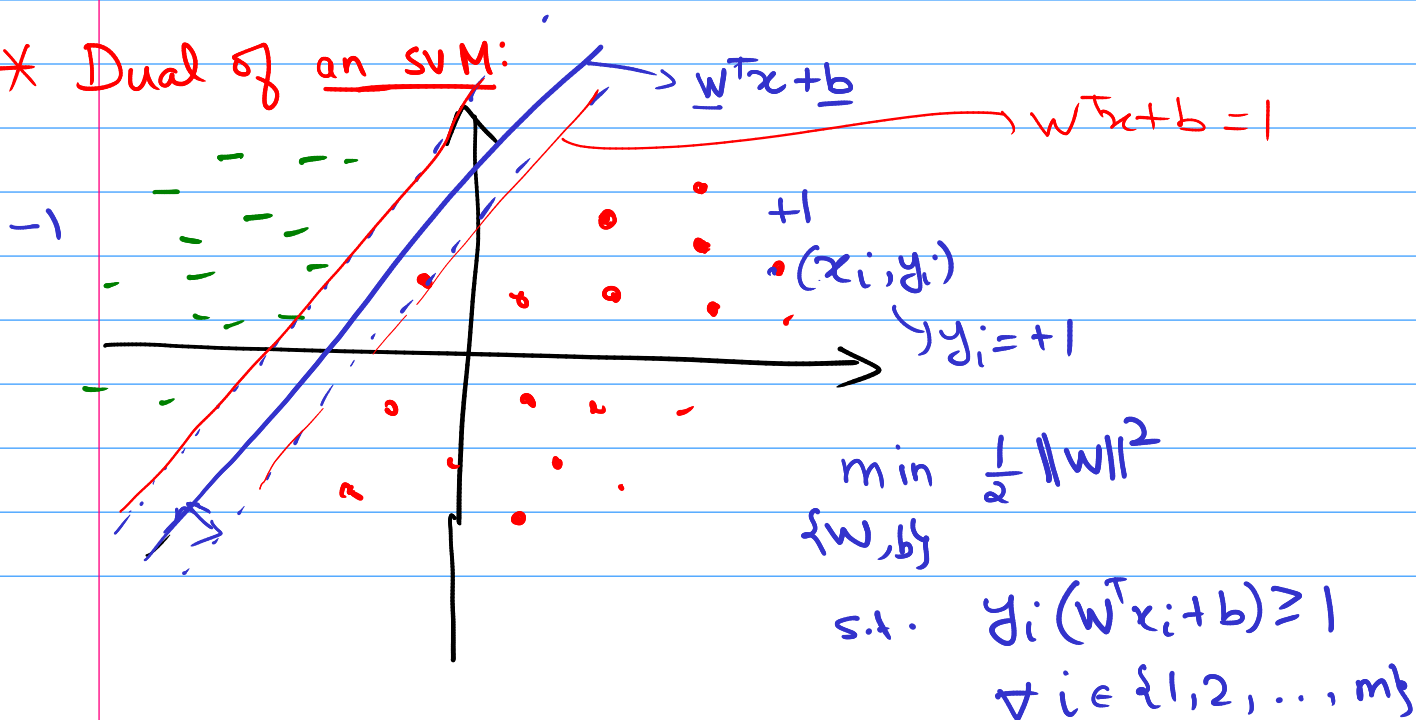
$$g(\lambda) = \begin{cases} -\lambda^T b & \text{if } A^T \lambda + c = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Suppose  $p^*$  is finite  $\Rightarrow$  Strong duality

$$\begin{array}{l} \max_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m} \quad -\lambda^T b \\ \text{s.t.} \quad A^T \lambda + c = 0, \lambda \geq 0 \end{array}$$

} Dual LP

\* Dual of an SVM:



Dual of SVM:

$$g(\lambda) := \min_{\{w, b\}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (1 - y_i (w^T x_i + b)) \right)$$

$$\nabla_w L(w, b) = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} w^* - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\nabla_b L = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$g(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i \right)^T \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i x_i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i$$

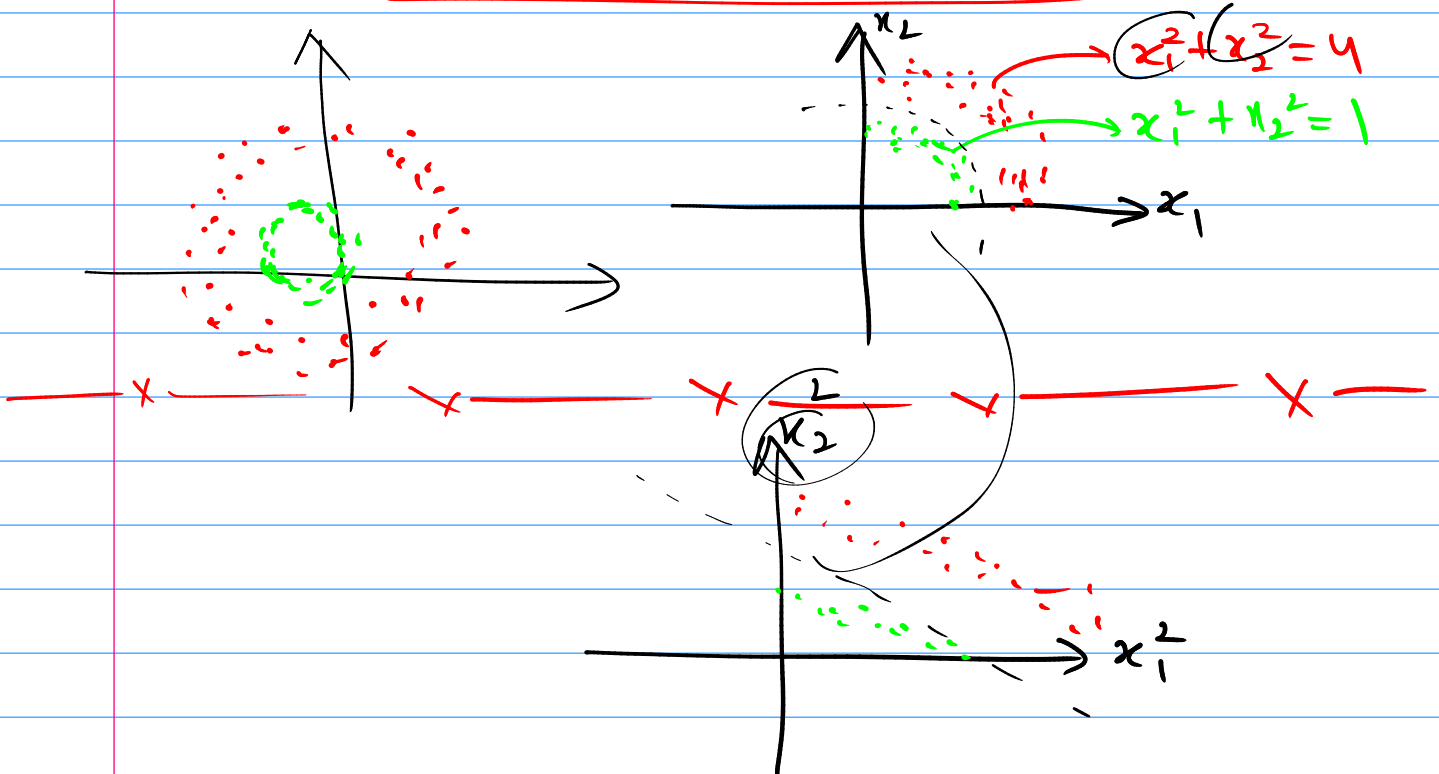
$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j y_j x_j \right)^T x_i - b \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i$$

$\langle x_i, x_j \rangle$

$$g(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m \lambda_i \lambda_j y_i y_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \max_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m} g(\lambda) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i y_i = 0, \lambda_i \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Dual of SVM



# \* KKT Conditions:

( Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & h_i(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \\ & l_j(x) = 0 \quad \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{L(x, \lambda, \nu)} = \underline{f(x)} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i h_i(x)}_{\leq 0} + \sum_{j=1}^r \nu_j \underbrace{l_j(x)}_{\leq 0}$$

\* Stationarity:  $0 \in \nabla_x L(x, \lambda, \nu)$

\* Complementary Slackness:  $\lambda_i h_i(x) = 0 \quad \forall i$

\* Primal feasibility:  $h_i(x) \leq 0, \quad \underline{l_j(x) = 0} \quad \forall i, j$

\* Dual feasibility:  $\lambda_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$

Thm: For an optimization problem with strong duality,  $x^*$  is a primal optimal sol<sup>n</sup>, and  $(\lambda^*, \nu^*)$  is a dual optimal sol<sup>n</sup>

$\underline{x^*}, \underline{\lambda^*}, \underline{\nu^*}$  satisfy KKT conditions.

Check optimality  
Suboptimality

Ex: QP with equality constraint.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} & \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax = b \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad Q \succ 0 \right.$$

$$L(x, \nu) = \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + c^T x + \nu^T (Ax - b)$$

Stationarity:  $\nabla_x L(x, \nu) = 0 \Big|_{x^*, \nu^*}$

$$\begin{aligned} Qx^* + c + A^T \nu^* &= 0 \\ Ax^* - b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ \nu^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -c \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: Dual of SVM:

Inequality constraints:

$$y_i (w^T x_i + b) \geq 1$$

$$\text{or } 1 - y_i (w^T x_i + b) \leq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

Complementary Slackness:

$$\lambda_i^* (1 - y_i (w^{*T} x_i + b^*)) = 0$$

$\lambda_i = 0$

$\lambda_i \neq 0$

Support vectors

$$1 - y_i (w^{*T} x_i + b^*) = 0$$



Gradient Descent:  $f$  is convex. } Assumptions  
 $f$  is  $L$ -smooth. }

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \eta \nabla f(x_k)$$

Current iterate is  $x_k$ .

$$f(y) = f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (y - x_k) + \frac{1}{2} (y - x_k)^T \nabla^2 f(z) (y - x_k)$$

[Taylor's expansion]

$z$  lies on the line joining  $x_k$  and  $y$ .

$$\|\nabla^2(z)\| \leq L$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &\leq f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (y - x_k) + \frac{L}{2} \|y - x_k\|^2 \\ &= f(x_k) + \frac{L}{2} \left\{ \|y - x_k\|^2 + \frac{2}{L} \nabla f(x_k)^T (y - x_k) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{L^2} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 - \frac{1}{L^2} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(y) \leq f(x_k) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 + \frac{L}{2} \|y - x_k + \frac{1}{L} \nabla f(x_k)\|^2$$

$$x_{k+1} \leftarrow y = x_k - \frac{1}{L} \nabla f(x_k)$$

$$f(x_{k+1}) \leq f(x_k) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2$$

$$\boxed{x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_k - \frac{1}{L} \nabla f(x_k)} \rightarrow \eta = \frac{1}{L}$$

Thm: Suppose  $f(x)$  is convex and  $L$ -smooth, then for GD with step-size  $1/L$ , we have

$$f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{L}{2} \frac{\|x_0 - x^*\|^2}{(k+1)} = O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$$

$$g(x) = O(h(x))$$

$$|g(x)| \leq M h(x) \quad \forall x \geq x_0$$

$$h(n) = n^2 - 2n + 3n^3$$

$$|h(n)| \leq n^3 + 2n^3 + 3n^3 = 6n^3 \quad h(n) = O(n^3) \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

\* Rate of convergence and order of convergence.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - x^*|}{|x_n - x^*|^q} = \rho \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Rate of convergence} \\ q \geq 1, \text{ order of convergence} \end{array}$$