

quadratic – Schur complements allowed us to make it linear. [Similarly, we can bound the *lowest* eigenvalue: $\lambda_{\min}(A) \geq s \Leftrightarrow A \succeq sI$] $\square$

- **Example (portfolio optimization):** Say we know $L_{ij} \leq \Sigma_{ij} \leq U_{ij}$.

Given a portfolio $\mathbf{x}$, can maximize $\mathbf{x}^\top \Sigma \mathbf{x}$ s.t. that constraint and $\Sigma \succeq 0$ to get worst-case variance. We can add additional convex constraints

- **Known portfolio variances:** $\mathbf{u}_k^\top \Sigma \mathbf{u}_k = \sigma_k^2$
- **Estimation error:** If we estimate $\Sigma = \hat{\Sigma}$ but within an ellipsoidal confidence interval, we have $C(\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}) \leq \alpha$, where $C(\cdot)$ is some positive definite quadratic form.
- **Factor models:** Say $\mathbf{p} = F\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{d}$, where $\mathbf{z}$ are random *factors* and $\mathbf{d}$ represents additional randomness. We then have $\Sigma = F\Sigma_{\text{factor}}F^\top + D$, and we can constraint each individually.
- **Correlation coefficients:** $\rho_{ij} = \frac{\Sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{\Sigma_{ii}\Sigma_{jj}}}$. In a case where we know the volatilities exactly, constraints on ρ_{ij} are linear... $\square$

- **Example (expressing QP and SOCP as SDP):** Using Schur complements, we can make these non-linear constraints linear

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^\top P\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I & P^{1/2}\mathbf{x} \\ (P^{1/2}\mathbf{x})^\top & -\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{h} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$\|F\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{q}\| \leq \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h})I & F\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{q} \\ (F\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{q})^\top & \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

• Geometric Programming

- o A function $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K c_k x_1^{a_{1k}} x_2^{a_{2k}} \cdots x_n^{a_{nk}}$, with $c_k > 0$ and $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is a **posynomial** (closed under $+$, $\times$). $K = 1$ gives a **monomial** (closed under $\times$, $\div$).

- Posynomial $\times$ Monomial = Posynomial
- Posynomial $\div$ Monomial = Posynomial

- o A **geometric program** is of the form

$$\min f_0(\mathbf{x}) \text{ s.t. } f_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1, h_i(\mathbf{x}) = 1, \mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$$

The dual function is $g(\lambda, \nu) = \nu \cdot (Ax - b) + \min_s [(1 - \mathbf{1} \cdot \lambda)s]$. This is only finite if $\mathbf{1} \cdot \lambda = 1$. So the dual is $d^* = \left(\max g(\lambda, \nu) \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{1} \cdot \lambda = 1, \lambda \geq 0 \right)$. Provided strict feasibility holds, strong duality holds and $p^* = d^*$. So if the original system is infeasible ($p^* \geq 0$), then there exists a $g(\lambda, \nu) \geq 0, \lambda > 0$. Similarly, if there exists such a (λ, ν) , then $p^* \geq 0$.

$$f(x) < 0, Ax = b \begin{matrix} \text{feasible} \\ \text{infeasible} \end{matrix} \Leftrightarrow g(\lambda, \nu) \geq 0, \lambda > 0 \begin{matrix} \text{infeasible} \\ \text{feasible} \end{matrix}$$

- **Non-strict inequalities:** Consider $f(x) \leq 0, Ax = b$ the program is the same as above, but we need the optimum to be attained so that $p^* > 0$ if the system is infeasible. In that case, $\lambda \geq 0, g(\lambda, \nu) > 0$ is clearly feasible.
- o **Example:** Consider $Ax \leq b$. Then $g(\lambda) = -\lambda \cdot b$ if $A^\top \lambda = 0$ and $-\infty$ o.w. The strong system of alternative inequalities is $\lambda \geq 0, A^\top \lambda = 0, \lambda \cdot b < 0$. $\square$

- o **Example:** Take m ellipsoids $\mathcal{E}_i = \{x : f_i(x) = x^\top A_i x + 2b_i^\top x + c_i \leq 0\}, A_i \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^n$. We ask if the intersection has a non-empty interior. This is equivalent to solving the system $f(x) < 0$. Here $g(\lambda) = \inf_x x^\top \left(\sum \lambda_i A_i \right) x + 2 \left(\sum \lambda_i b_i \right) \cdot x + \left(\sum \lambda_i c_i \right)$. Differentiating, setting to 0 and using obvious notation, $g(\lambda) = -b_\lambda^\top A_\lambda^{-1} b_\lambda + c_\lambda$. As such, the alternative system is $\lambda > 0, -b_\lambda^\top A_\lambda^{-1} b_\lambda + c_\lambda \geq 0$.

To explain geometrically, consider that the ellipsoid with $f(x) = \lambda \cdot f(x)$ contains the intersection of all the ellipsoids above, because if $f(x) \leq 0$, then clearly a positive linear combination of them is also ≤ 0 . This ellipsoid is empty if and only if the alternative is satisfied [prove by finding $\inf f(x)$]. $\square$

- o **Example:** Farkas' Lemma: the following two systems are strong alternatives

$$Ax = b, x \geq 0$$

$$A^\top y \geq 0, y \cdot b < 0$$

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• Duality & Decentralization

- o Consider $\min \sum_{i=1}^k f_i(x^i) \text{ s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^k g^i(x^i) \leq 0, x^i \in \Omega_i$ [note: the vector g represents a number of inequality constraints]. The Lagrangian is $\mathcal{L}(x, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^k f_i(x^i) + \mu \cdot \sum_{i=1}^k g^i(x^i)$. The dual is $g(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(\mu) \text{ s.t. } \mu \geq 0$ where $g_i(\mu) = \inf_{x^i \in \Omega_i} f_i(x^i) + \mu \cdot g^i(x^i)$

- If φ is bounded, $|\varphi(z)| \leq M \|z\| \quad \forall z$ and so $|\varphi(z)| \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall z : \|z\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$. So φ is continuous at 0, and therefore everywhere.
 - **Example of a non-bounded linear functional:** Let V be the space of all sequences with finitely many non-zero elements, with norm $\|x\| = \max_k |x_k|$. Then $\varphi(x) = \sum_k k x_k$ is unbounded because we can push the non-zero elements of x to infinity without changing the norm but making the functional grow to infinity. $\square$
- o **Theorem (Riesz-Frechet):** If $\varphi(x)$ is a continuous linear functional, then there exists a $z \in H$ such that $\varphi(x) = \langle x, z \rangle$

Proof: Let $M = \{y : \varphi(y) = 0\}$. Since the functional is continuous, M is closed. If $M = H$, set $z = 0$. Else, choose $\gamma \in M^\perp$.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi\left(x - \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(\gamma)} \gamma\right) &= \varphi(x) - \varphi(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x - \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(\gamma)} \gamma \in M \\ &\Rightarrow 0 = \left\langle x - \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(\gamma)} \gamma, \gamma \right\rangle = \langle x, \gamma \rangle - \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(\gamma)} \langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle \\ &\Rightarrow \varphi(x) = \frac{\langle x, \gamma \rangle \varphi(\gamma)}{\langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle} = \langle x, z \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Note also that by Cauchy-Schwarz, $|\varphi(x)| \leq \|z\| \|x\| \Rightarrow \|\varphi\| = \|z\|$. $\blacksquare$

- o This means that Hilbert spaces are self-dual (see later), and that we can write $\varphi(x) = \langle x, \varphi \rangle$.
- o **Theorem (Special case of the Hahn-Banach Theorem):** Let $M \subseteq H$ be a closed subspace and φ_M be a continuous linear functional on M . Then there exists a continuous linear functional φ on H such that $\varphi(x) = \varphi_M(x) \quad \forall x \in M$ and $\|\varphi\| = \|\varphi_M\|$.
- Proof:** Easy in the case of a Hilbert space. Since M is closed, it is also a Hilbert space, and so $\exists m \in M$ such that $\varphi_M(x) = \langle x, m \rangle$. Then define $\varphi(x) = \langle x, m \rangle$ for $x \in H$. By the CS inequality, $\|\varphi_M\| = \|\varphi\| = \|m\|$. $\blacksquare$

• Banach Spaces & Their Duals

- o A Banach space is a normed, complete vector space with *no* inner product.
- $C[0,1]$ is the space of continuous function on $[0,1]$, with

$$\|f\| = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f(t)|$$

[As we showed above, the choice of this norm ensures completeness]. An example of a linear functional on this space is

$$\varphi(\mathbf{f}) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{x}(t) \, dv(t) \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \int_0^1 dv(t) \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \text{TV}(v)$$

Provided the total variation of v , $\text{TV}(v) < \infty$, where

$$\text{TV}(v) = \sup_{\text{All partitions } 0=t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n=1} \sum_{i=1}^n |v(t_i) - v(t_{i-1})|$$

- $\ell_p = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^\infty : \|\mathbf{x}\|_p < \infty\}$, where

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{or} \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \sup_i |x_i| \quad \text{if } p = \infty$$

- $\mathcal{L}_p[0,1] = \left\{ \mathbf{x} : \int_0^1 |\mathbf{x}(t)|^p \, dt < \infty \right\}$, with

$$\|\mathbf{f}\|_p = \left(\int_0^1 |\mathbf{f}(t)|^p \, dt \right)^{1/p} \quad 1 \leq p < \infty \quad \square$$

o **Definition:** We say $V^* = \{\varphi : \varphi \text{ is continuous linear functional on } V\}$ is the dual space of V , with norm $\|\varphi\|_* = \sup\{|\varphi(\mathbf{x})| : \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq 1\}$. $(V^*, \|\cdot\|_*)$ is always a Banach space.

Proof: Want to show that $\forall \{\mathbf{x}_n^*\} \subseteq V^*$ with $\|\mathbf{x}_n^* - \mathbf{x}_m^*\|_* \leq \varepsilon \, \forall n, m \geq M_\varepsilon$ converges to a point $\mathbf{x}^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_n^* \in V^*$. First fix $\mathbf{x} \in V$ and note that

$$|\mathbf{x}_n^*(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}_m^*(\mathbf{x})| = |(\mathbf{x}_n^* - \mathbf{x}_m^*)(\mathbf{x})| \leq \|\mathbf{x}_n^* - \mathbf{x}_m^*\|_* \|\mathbf{x}\|$$

As such, $\{\mathbf{x}_n^*(\mathbf{x})\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $\mathbb{R}$. Since $\mathbb{R}$ is complete, $\mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{x}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_n^*(\mathbf{x})$ exists. Define $\mathbf{x}^*$ pointwise using this limit. Now

- **Linearity:** By linearity of expectations, $\mathbf{x}^*$ is linear.
- **Continuity/boundedness:** Fix m_0 such that $\|\mathbf{x}_n^* - \mathbf{x}_m^*\|_* \leq \varepsilon \, \forall n, m \geq m_0$.

Then by the definition of $\mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{x})$, $|\mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}_m^*(\mathbf{x})| \leq \varepsilon \|\mathbf{x}\|$, and

$$|\mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{x})| \leq |\mathbf{x}^*(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}_{m_0}^*(\mathbf{x})| + |\mathbf{x}_{m_0}^*(\mathbf{x})| \leq (\varepsilon + \|\mathbf{x}_{m_0}^*\|_*) \|\mathbf{x}\| \Rightarrow \text{bounded} \quad \blacksquare$$

Examples

- We have already shown (Riesz-Frechet Theorem) that Hilbert spaces are self-dual.

- o **Theorem:** If $M \subseteq X$, then ${}^\perp(M^\perp) = M$.

Proof: Clearly, $M \subseteq {}^\perp(M^\perp)$. To show the converse, we'll show that $x \notin M \Rightarrow x \notin {}^\perp(M^\perp)$. Define a linear functional f on the space spanned by M and x which vanishes on M so that $f(m + \alpha x) = \alpha$. It can be shown that $\|f\| < \infty$, and so by the HB Theorem, we can extend it to some F which also vanishes on M . As such, $F \in M^\perp$. However, $F(x) = \langle F, x \rangle = 1 \neq 0$, and so $x \notin {}^\perp(M^\perp)$. ■

- **Minimum Norm Problems**

- o Let us consider a vector $x \in X$. There are clearly two ways to take the norm of that vector – as an element of X or as an element of X^{**} (a functional on X^*).

$$\|x\| \quad \text{or} \quad \max_{\|x^*\|=1} \langle x, x^* \rangle$$

It is clear these two should be equal, because $\langle x, x^* \rangle \leq \|x\| \|x^*\|$ (or, more intuitively, because the second norm finds the most x can yield under a functional of norm 1 – clearly, the answer is its norm). Let us now restrict ourselves to a subspace M of X . We can, again, define two norms

$$\|x\|_M = \inf_{m \in M} \|x - m\| \quad \text{or} \quad \|x\|_{M^\perp} = \sup_{\|x^*\|=1, x^* \in M^\perp} \langle x, x^* \rangle$$

The first simply consists of the minimum distance between x and M (as opposed to between x and 0). The second is the most x can yield under a functional of norm 1 that annihilates any element of M . Intuitively, the “remaining bit” that’s “not annihilated” is $x - m$; this is maximized when it is aligned with x^* – at m_0 . So it makes sense that the two should be equal.

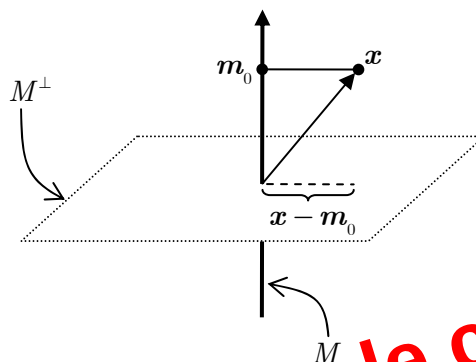
- o **Theorem:** Consider a normed linear space X and a subspace M therein. Let $x \in X$. Then

$$d = \inf_{m \in M} \|x - m\| = \max_{\substack{\|x^*\| \leq 1 \\ x^* \in M^\perp}} \langle x, x^* \rangle \quad \left(= \max_{\substack{\|x^*\|=1 \\ x^* \in M^\perp}} \langle x - m_0, x^* \rangle \right).$$

Or, in our terminology above, $\|x\|_M = \|x\|_{M^\perp}$. The maximum on the right is achieved for some $x_0^* \in M^\perp$; if the infimum on the left is achieved for some $m_0 \in M$, then $x - m_0$ is aligned with x_0^* .

Intuitively, this is because at the optimal $\mathbf{m}$, the residual $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0$ is aligned to some vector in $M^\perp$. As such, for that vector, $\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{x}^* \rangle = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0\|$. For every other $\mathbf{x}^*$, it'll be smaller than that.

Pictorially, looking for the point on M that minimizes the norm is equivalent to looking for a point on $M^\perp$ that is aligned with $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0$.



This also implies that a vector $\mathbf{m}_0$ is the minimum-norm projection if and only if there is a non-zero vector $\mathbf{x}^* \in M^\perp$ aligned with $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0$.

- o **Theorem:** Let M be a subspace in a real normed space X . Let $\mathbf{x}^* \in X^*$. Then

$$\inf_{\mathbf{m}^* \in M^\perp} \|\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{m}^*\| = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in M, \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq 1} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^* \rangle$$

where the minimum on the left is achieved for some $\mathbf{m}_0^* \in M^\perp$. If the supremum is achieved for some $\mathbf{x}_0 \in M$, then $\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{m}_0^*$ is aligned with $\mathbf{x}_0$.

Because the minimum on the left is always achieved, it is *always* more desirable to express optimization problems in a dual space.

- o In many optimization problems, we seek to minimize a norm over an affine subset of a dual space rather than subspace. More specifically, subject to a set of linear constraints of the form $\langle \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{x}^* \rangle = c_i$. In that case, if $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^*$ is some vector that satisfies these constraints,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(T) &= \int_0^T \int_0^t u(s) \, ds \, dt - \frac{T^2}{2} \\
 x(T) &= \left[t \int_0^t u(s) \, ds \right]_0^T - \int_0^T tu(t) \, dt - \frac{T^2}{2} \\
 x(T) &= T \int_0^T u(s) \, ds - \int_0^T tu(t) \, dt - \frac{T^2}{2} \\
 \int_0^T (T-t)u(s) \, ds &= x(T) + \frac{T^2}{2} \\
 \boxed{\langle T-t, v \rangle} &= x(T) + \frac{T^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Where v is the function in $NBV[0,1]$ associated with u , as described above.

- Our problem is then a minimum norm problem subject to a single linear constraint. We want $x(T) = 1$, and using our theorem, as we did above

$$\min_{\langle T-t, v \rangle = 1 + \frac{1}{2}T^2} \|v\| = \max_{\|(T-t)a\| \leq 1} \left[a \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}T^2 \right) \right]$$

This is a one-dimensional problem. The norm is in $C[0,1]$, the space to which NBV is dual. As such, $\|(T-t)a\| = \max_{t \in [0,1]} |(T-t)a| = T|a|$, and the optimum occurs at $a = 1/T$. We then have $\min_{\langle T-t, v \rangle = 1 + \frac{1}{2}T^2} \|v\| = \frac{1}{T} + \frac{1}{2}T$.

Differentiating this with respect to T , we find that the minimum fuel expenditure of $\sqrt{2}$ is achieved at $T = \sqrt{2}$.

- To find the optimal u , note that the optimal v must be aligned to $(T-t)a$. As we discussed above when characterizing alignment of C and NBV , this means that v must be a step function at $t = 0$, rising to $\sqrt{2}$ at $t = 0$, and as such, u must be an impulse (delta function) at $t = 0$.

• Hyperplanes & the Geometric Hahn-Banach Theorem

- o **Definition:** A hyperplane H of a normed linear space X is a maximal proper affine set. ie: if $H \subseteq A$ and A is affine, then either $A = H$ or $A = X$.
- o **Theorem:** A set H is a hyperplane if and only if it is of the form $\{x \in X : f(x) = c\}$ where f is a non-zero linear functional, and c is a scalar.

Proof:

- **If:** Let $H = x_0 + M$, where M is a linear subspace