

Dealing with Uncertainty *in Decision Making Models*

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A product mix problem

Choose $x_j \geq 0$, $j = 1, \dots, 4$, to maximize:

$$\sum_{j=1}^4 c_j x_j = 12x_1 + 25x_2 + 21x_3 + 40x_4$$

such that (constraints)

$$t_{c1}x_1 + t_{c2}x_2 + t_{c3}x_3 + t_{c4}x_4 \leq d_c \quad (\text{carpentry})$$

$$t_{f1}x_1 + t_{f2}x_2 + t_{f3}x_3 + t_{f4}x_4 \leq d_f \quad (\text{finishing})$$

d_c (d_f) = total time available for carpentry (finishing)

Linear Programming Sol'n

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Taking recourse into account

What if $\sum_{j=1}^4 (t_{cj} + \eta_{cj})x_j > d_{cj} + \varsigma_{cj}$?? \Rightarrow overtime

With $\xi = (\eta_{\{\cdot,\cdot\}}, \zeta_{\{\cdot\}})$, recourse: $y = (y_c(\xi), y_f(\xi))$ at cost (q_c, q_f)

$$\begin{array}{lllllll} \max & \langle c, x \rangle & -p_1 \langle q, y^1 \rangle & -p_2 \langle q, y^2 \rangle & \cdots & -p_L \langle q, y^L \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} & T^1 x & -y^1 & & & & \leq d^1 \\ & T^2 x & & -y^2 & & & \leq d^2 \\ & \vdots & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & T^L x & & & & -y^L & \leq d^L \\ & x \geq 0, & y^1 \geq 0, & y^2 \geq 0, & \cdots & y^L \geq 0. & \end{array}$$

Structured large scale l.p. ($L \approx 10^6$)

Equivalent Deterministic Program

not done

Define $\Xi = \{\xi = (\eta, \zeta)\}$, $p_\xi = [\xi = \xi]$

$$Q(\xi, x) = \max \left\{ \langle -q, y \rangle \mid T_\xi x - y \geq d_\xi, y \geq 0 \right\}$$

EQ concave

$$EQ(x) = E\{Q(\xi, x)\} = \sum_{\xi \in \Xi} p_\xi Q(\xi, x)$$

(DEQ) $\max \langle c, x \rangle + EQ(x)$ such that $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$

non-smooth convex optimization problem

Robust Solutions !!!

DEQ Optimal: $x^* = (257, 0, 665.2, 33.8)$

while $x^d = (1,333.33, 0, 0, 66.67)$

Expected profit x^* : \$18,051, x^d : \$17,942

x^d not close to optimal (- 6.5%)

x^d isn't pointing in the right direction

x^* robust, considered all 10^6 possibilities.

NewsVendor Problem

$$\max -cx + (c+r)y, \quad x \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq y \leq \min\{x, \xi\}$$

$$\Xi = [0, 150]$$

$$c = 10, \quad r = 15$$

Pick ξ^1, \dots, ξ^L (*scenarios*), and find :

$$(x^l, y^l) \in \underset{x \geq 0, y \geq 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ -cx + (c+r)y \mid y \leq \min[\xi^l, x] \right\}$$

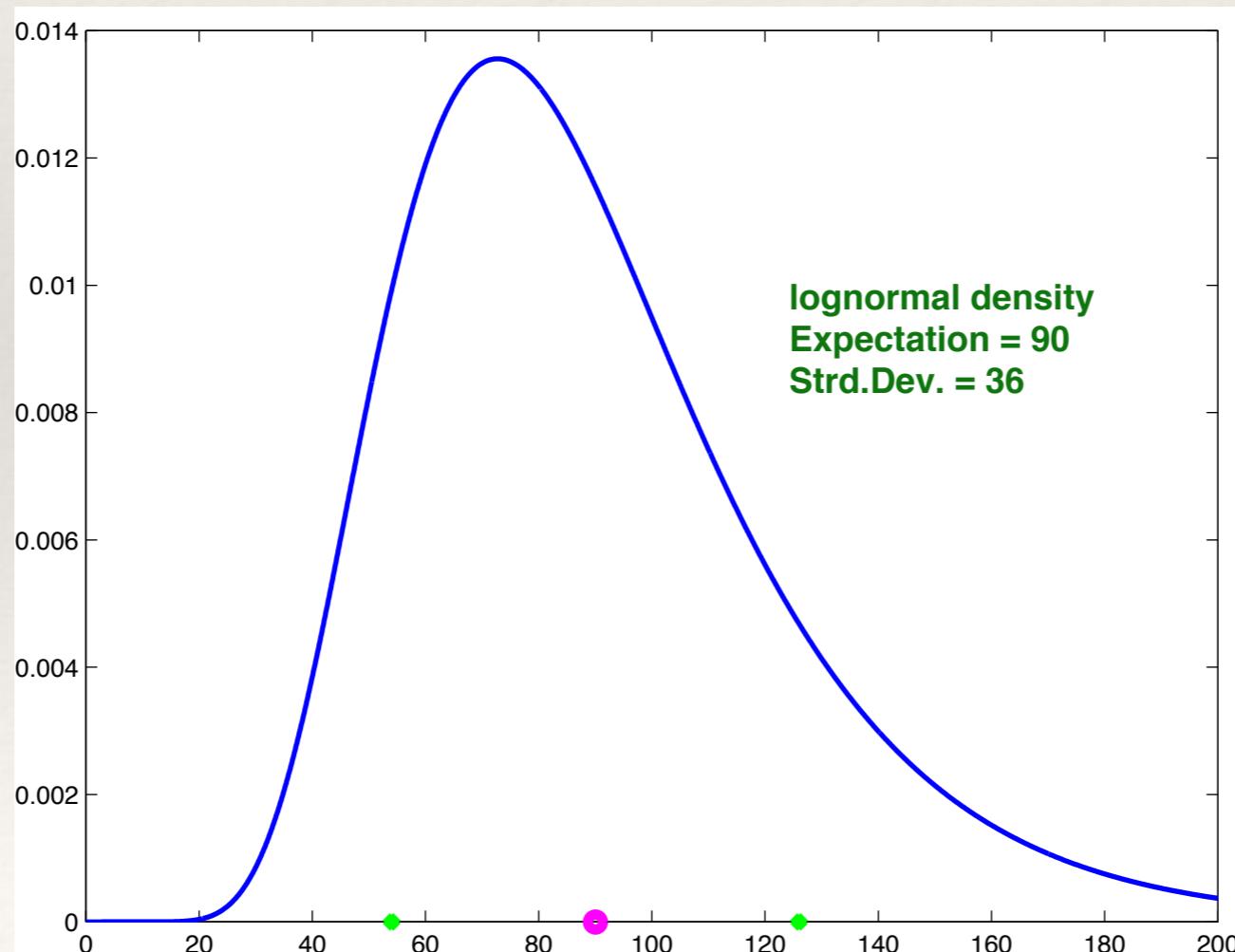
Wait-and-see sol'ns: $x^l = \xi^l$. "Reconciliation"

no help in choosing x^* optimal!

ξ : Estimated Density h

$$\xi \text{ log-normal: } h(z) = \left(z\tau\sqrt{2\pi} \right)^{-1} e^{-\frac{(\ln z - \theta)^2}{2\tau^2}}$$

$$\theta = 4.43, \tau = 0.38; H(z) = \int_0^z h(s) ds$$



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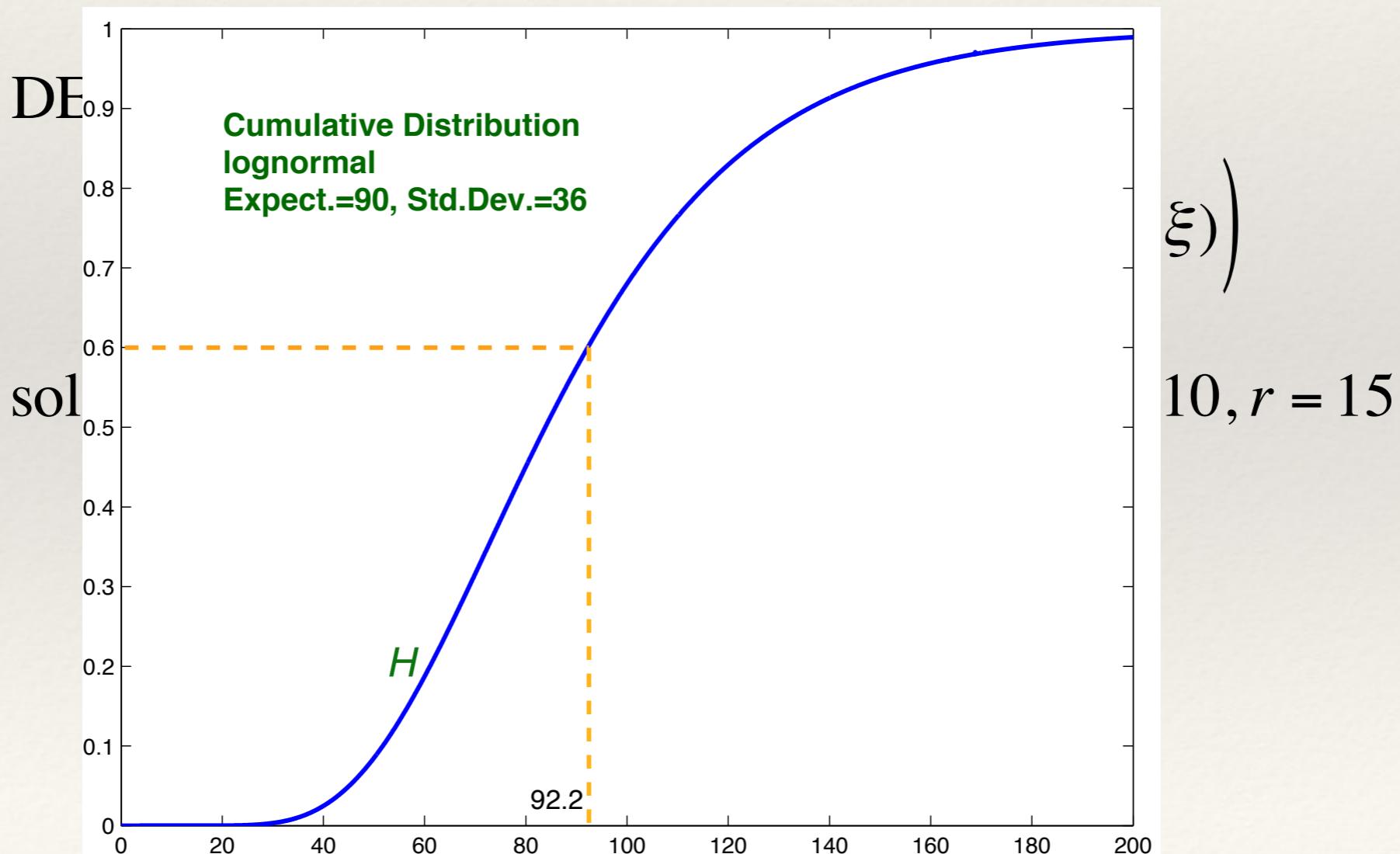
$$-cx + \left((c+r) \int_0^x \xi H(d\xi) + \int_x^\infty x H(d\xi) \right)$$

sol'n: $x^* = H^{-1} \left(\frac{r}{c+r} \right) = H^{-1}(0.6) = 99.2; c = 10, r = 15$

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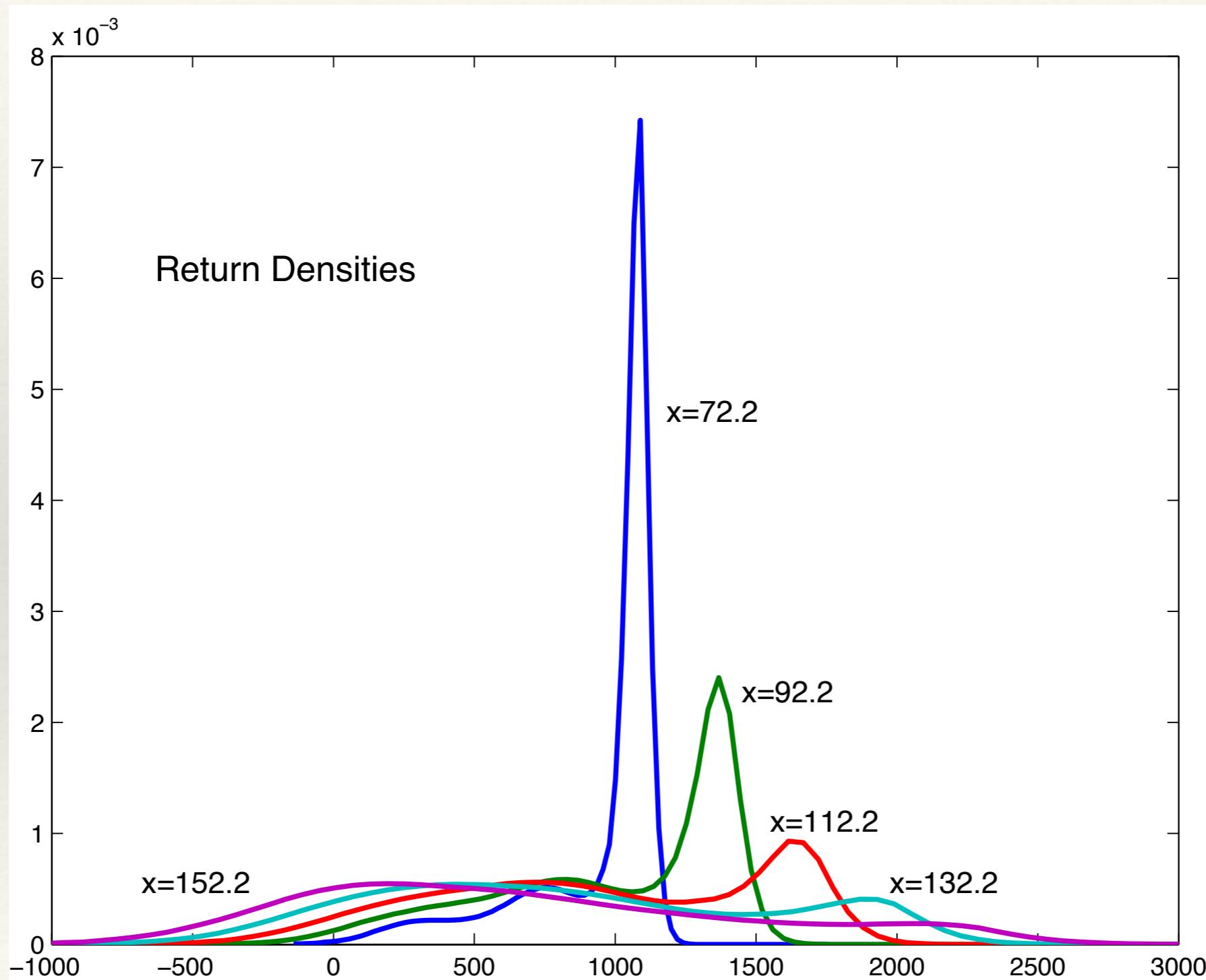
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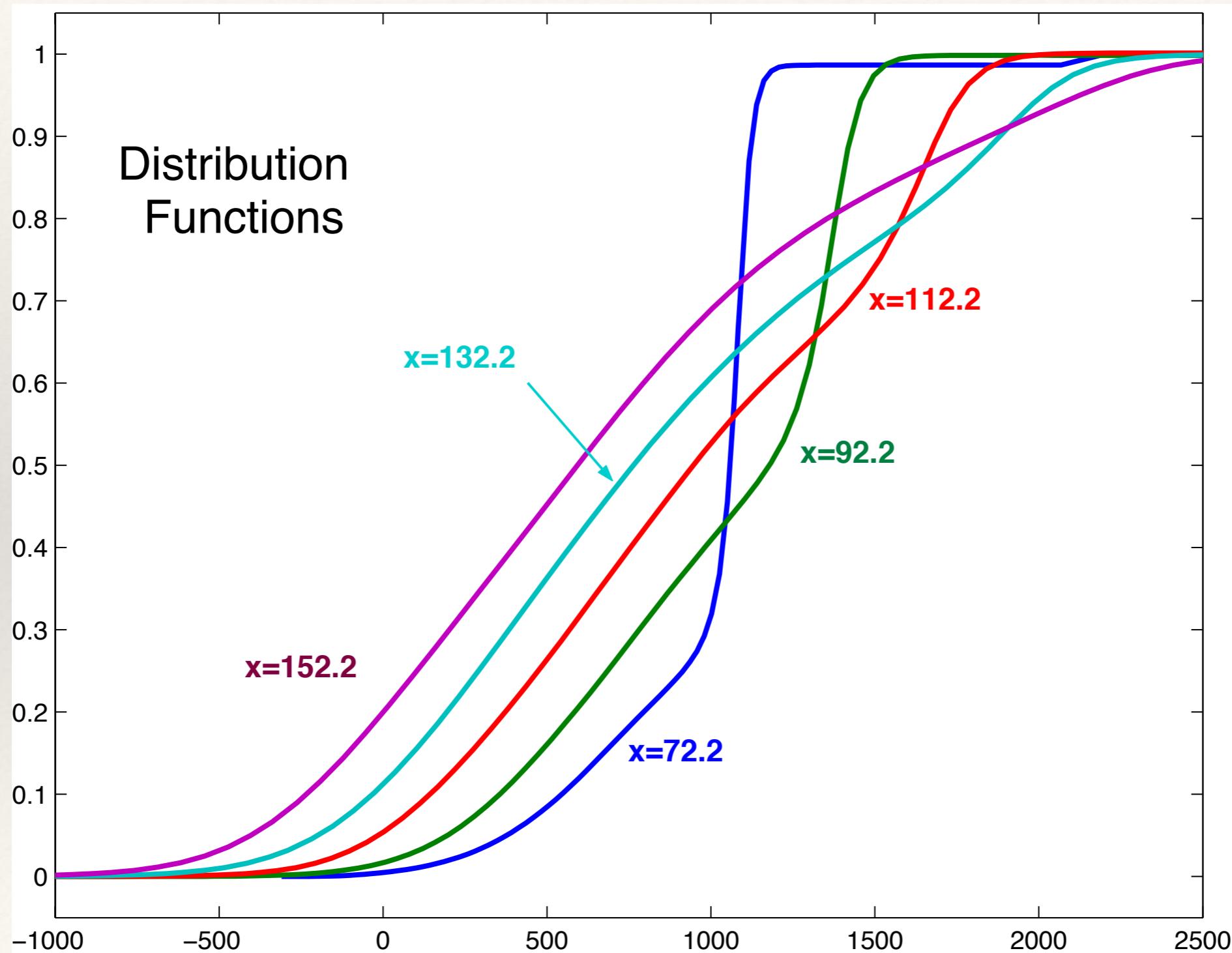


*... but is maximum expected
return the “real” objective?*

The “returns” densities



Choosing: “returns” distribution



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- ❖ minimize a “safeguarding” measure, ...

$$\max E\left\{f(\xi, x)\right\} \Rightarrow \max E\left\{u\left(f(\xi, x)\right)\right\}$$

V@E: Value-at-Risk

$$F(v; x) = \text{prob} [-cx + Q(\xi, x) \leq v]$$

Value-at-Risk(V@R) for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$:

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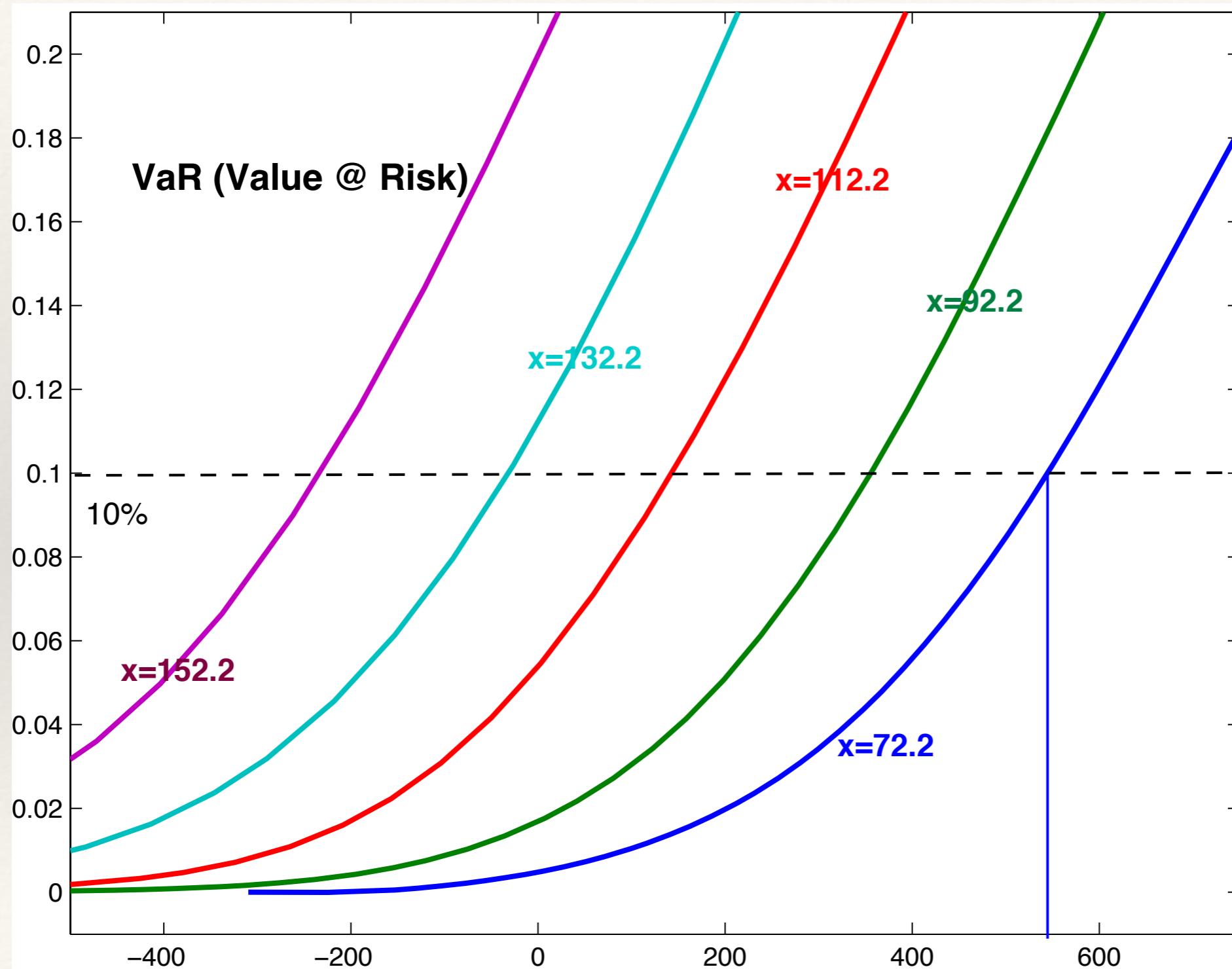
Objective: find x that maximizes $V@R(\alpha; x)$ given α

Challenge: $x \mapsto V@R(\alpha; x)$ isn't concave!

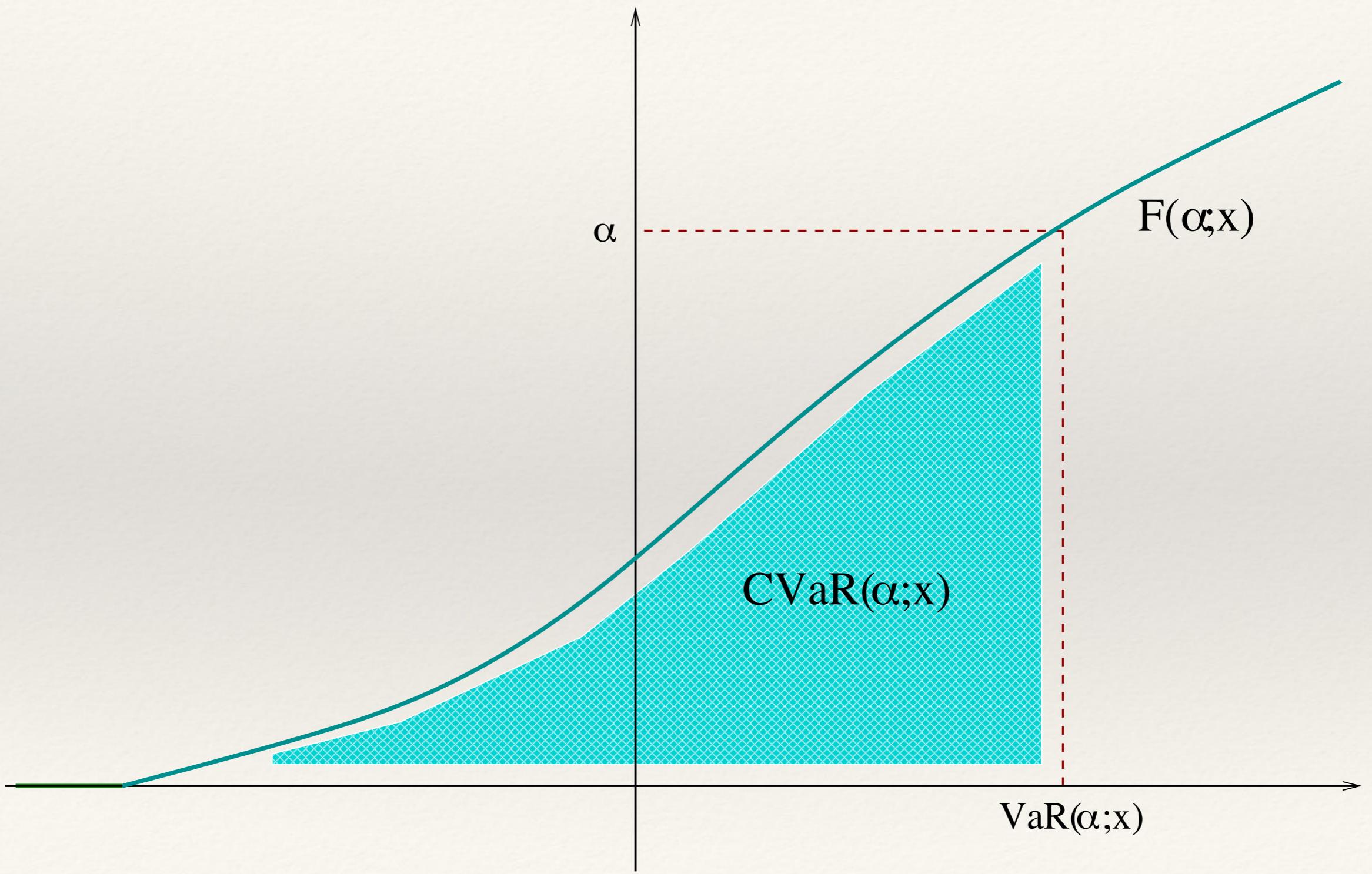
Heuristic: F is $\mathcal{N}(\mu(x), \sigma(x)^2)$ and

$$V@R(\alpha; x) = \mathcal{N}(\alpha; \mu(x), \sigma(x)^2)$$

V@E": the NewsVendor



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$x \mapsto \text{CV@R}(\alpha; x)$ is concave (convenient u)

Stochastic Programs with Recourse

.. with Simple Recourse

decision: $x \rightsquigarrow$ observation: $\xi \rightsquigarrow$ recourse cost evaluation.

cost evaluation ‘simple’ \Rightarrow simple recourse, i.e.,

$$\min_{x \in S \subset \mathbb{R}^n} f_0(x) + \mathbb{E}\{Q(\xi, x)\} \quad Q \text{ ‘simple’}$$

Product mix problem. With $\xi = (T, d)$,

$$f_0(x) = \langle c, x \rangle, \quad S = \mathbb{R}_+^4, \quad Q(\xi, x) = \sum_{i=c,f} \max [0, \gamma_i (\langle T_i, x \rangle - d_i)]$$

NewsVendor: cost: γ , sale price δ ,

ξ , demand distribution P , order x , \Rightarrow explicit sol’n

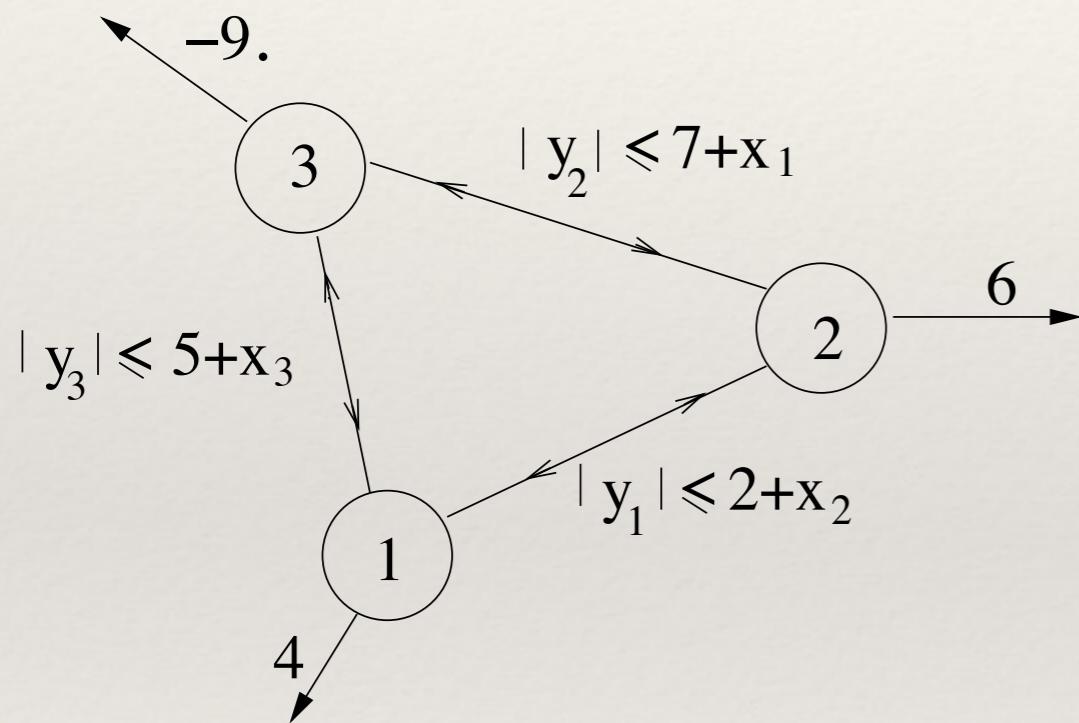
expected “loss”: $\gamma x + \mathbb{E}\{Q(\xi, x)\}$

$$Q(\xi, x) = -\delta \cdot \min\{x, \xi\}$$

Network capacity expansion

Deterministic Version:

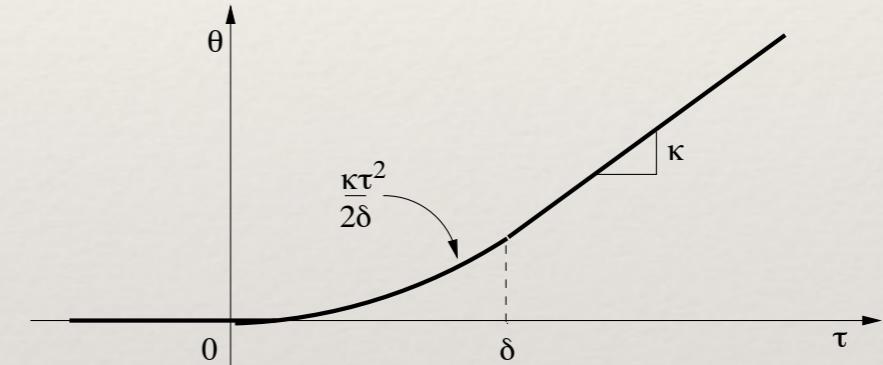
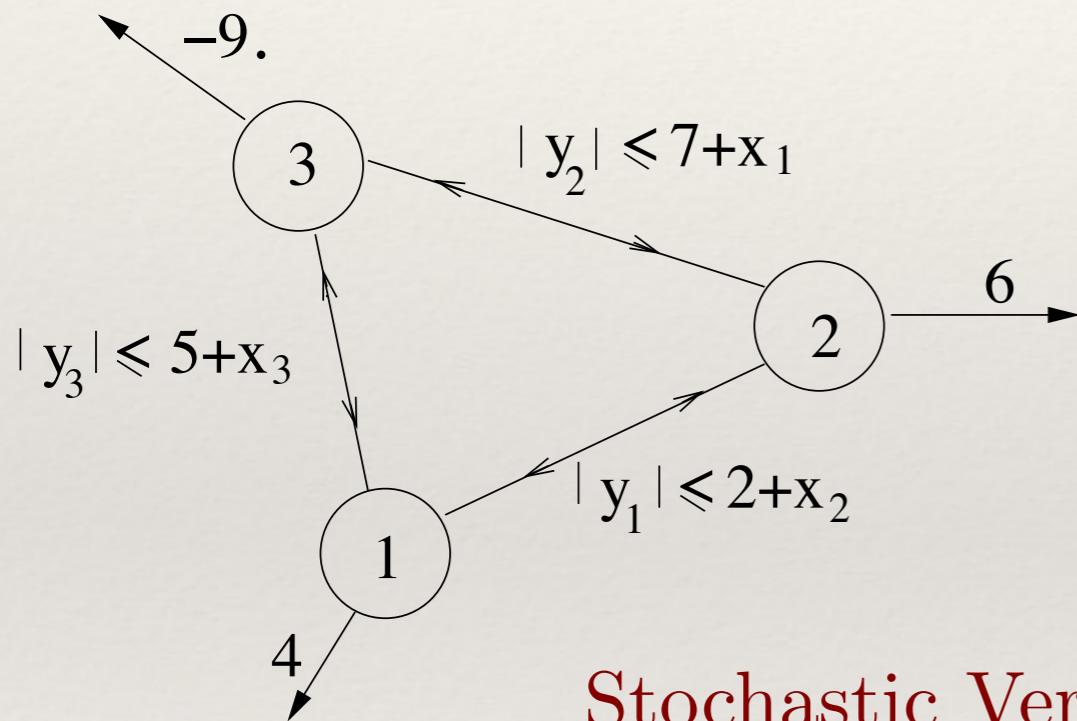
$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n \psi_j(x_j), \text{ such that } 0 \leq x_j \leq v_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \\ & |y_j| \leq \gamma_j + x_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad \sum_{j \in \odot(i)} y_j \geq e_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$



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Stochastic Version: $\xi^l, l = 1, \dots, L$,

$$\min_{x,y^l} \sum_{l=1}^L \left[p_l \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i (\xi_i^l - \sum_{j \in \odot(i)} y_j^l) \right]$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{j=1}^n \psi_j(x_j) \leq \beta, \quad 0 \leq x_j \leq v_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$|y_j^l| - x_j \leq \gamma_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad l = 1, \dots, L$$

monitoring function

Extensive formulation

$$\begin{array}{lllllll} \min & \langle -c, x \rangle & + p_1 \langle q, y^1 \rangle & + p_2 \langle q, y^2 \rangle & \cdots + & p_L \langle q, y^L \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} & T^1 x & & -y^1 & & & \leq d^1 \\ & T^2 x & & & -y^2 & & \leq d^2 \\ & \vdots & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & T^L x & & & & -y^L & \leq d^L \\ & x \geq 0, & y^1 \geq 0, & y^2 \geq 0, & \cdots & y^L \geq 0. & \end{array}$$

Deterministic Equivalent Problem

$$Q(\xi, x) = \min \left\{ \langle q, y \rangle \mid T_\xi x + y \geq d_\xi, y \geq 0 \right\}$$
$$EQ(x) = \mathbb{E}\{Q(\xi, x)\} = \sum_{\xi \in \Xi} p_\xi Q(\xi, x)$$

the equivalent deterministic program:

$$\text{DEP} \quad \min \langle -c, x \rangle + EQ(x) \quad \text{such that } x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

product mix problem

RHS: random right-hand sides

deterministic version:

$$\min \langle c, x \rangle \text{ such that } Ax = b, Tx = \hat{\xi}, x \geq 0$$

stochastic program with simple recourse RHS:

$$\min_x \langle c, x \rangle + \mathbb{E}\{Q(\xi, x)\} \text{ such that } Ax = b, x \geq 0$$

Deterministic Equivalent Problem: (SPwSR)

$$\min_x \langle c, x \rangle + EQ(x) \text{ such that } Ax = b, x \geq 0$$

- $f_0 = \langle c, x \rangle$ is linear;
- $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \mid Ax = b\}$ is a polyhedral set, A is $m_1 \times n$;
- $Q(\xi, x) = q(\xi - Tx)$, T a non-random $m_2 \times n$ matrix;
- the *recourse cost function* $q: \mathbb{R}^{m_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex;
- the *expectation functional* $EQ(x) = \int_{\Xi} q(\xi - Tx) P(d\xi)$.

Convex optim., linear constraints

\mathcal{P} : $f_0: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex, X polyhedral,

$$\min f_0(x), \quad x \in X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{such that } \langle A_i, x \rangle \geq b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, s,$$

$$\langle A_i, x \rangle = b_i, \quad i = s+1, \dots, m,$$

x^* is an optimal solution of $(\mathcal{P}) \iff \exists$, KKT-multipliers $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$:

- (a) $\langle A_i, x^* \rangle \geq b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, s, \quad \langle A_i, x^* \rangle = b_i, \quad i = s+1, \dots, m,$
- (b) for $i = 1, \dots, s$: $y_i \geq 0, \quad y_i(\langle A_i, x^* \rangle - b_i) = 0,$
- (c) $x^* \in \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ f_0(x) - \langle A^\top y, x \rangle \mid x \in X \right\}.$

~ version of (c): $\exists -v \in N_X(x^*) = \{u \mid \langle u, x - x^* \rangle \leq 0, \forall x \in X\}$

Optimality: Simple Recourse

(SPwSR)

Suppose EQ finite-valued, x^* solves SP-simple recourse
 \iff one can find KKT-multipliers $u \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1}$
& summable KKT-multipliers $v : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$:

1. $x^* \geq 0, \quad Ax^* = b;$
2. for all $\xi \in \Xi: \quad v(\xi) \in \partial q(\xi - Tx^*);$
3. $x^* \in \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \langle c - A^\top u - T^\top \bar{v}, x \rangle \mid x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \right\}$

where $\bar{v} = E\{v(\xi)\}.$

Approximation

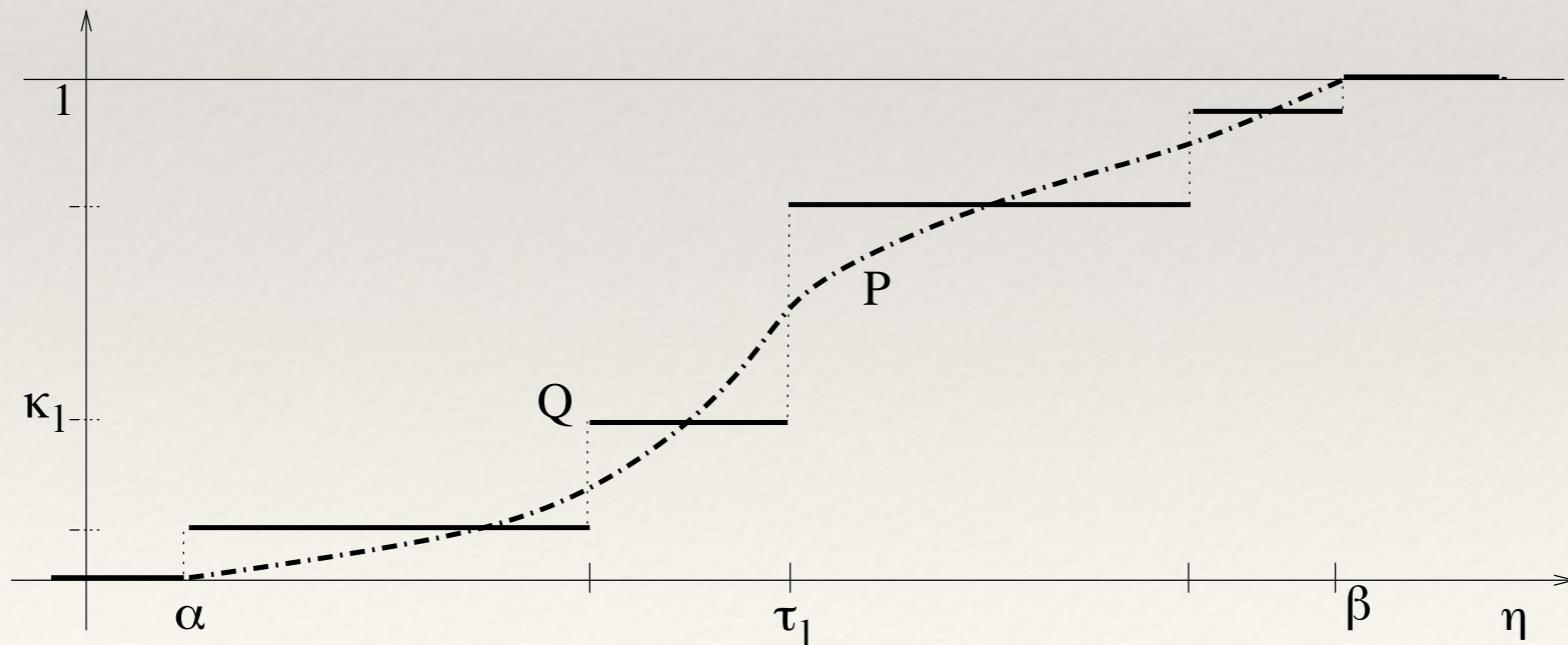
Let $P : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ continuous, increasing on interval Ξ ,

$$E\psi(\chi) = \delta(\bar{\xi} - \chi) + (\delta - \gamma) \left[\chi P(\chi) - \int_{-\infty}^{\chi} \zeta P(d\zeta) \right];$$

Hence,

$$P(\chi^*) = \frac{\delta - \bar{v}}{\delta - \gamma} =: \kappa, \quad \boxed{\chi^* = P^{-1}(\kappa)}.$$

When Q has the same κ -quantile, $Q^{-1}(\kappa) = P^{-1}(\kappa)$, same optimal sol'n.
 \implies choose Q is ‘quantile close’ to P



Lagrangian Duality

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f_0(x), \quad x \in X \subset \mathbb{R}^n \text{ polyhedral} \\ & \langle A_i, x \rangle \geq b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, s, \quad \langle A_i, x \rangle = b_i, \quad i = s+1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian:

$$L(x, y) = f_0(x) + \langle y, b - Ax \rangle \quad \text{on } X \times Y, \quad Y = \mathbb{R}_+^s \times \mathbb{R}^{m-s}.$$

x^* optimal $\iff \exists$ a pair (x^*, y^*) that satisfies:

$$x^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(x, y^*), \quad y^* \in \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in Y} L(x^*, y).$$

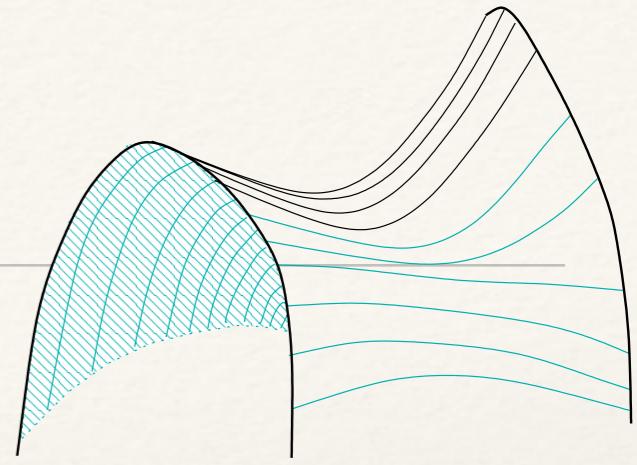
primal & dual problems:

linear programs: $\min \langle c, x \rangle, \quad Ax = b, \quad x \geq 0 \quad \& \quad \max \langle b, y \rangle, \quad A^\top y \leq 0$

quadratic programs: $\min \langle c, x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle x, Qx \rangle, \quad Ax \geq b, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\max \alpha + \langle d, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle y, Py \rangle, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \langle c, Q^{-1}c \rangle, \quad d = b + AQ^{-1}c \quad \text{and} \quad P = AQ^{-1}A^\top.$$



Monitoring Functions

penalty substitutes

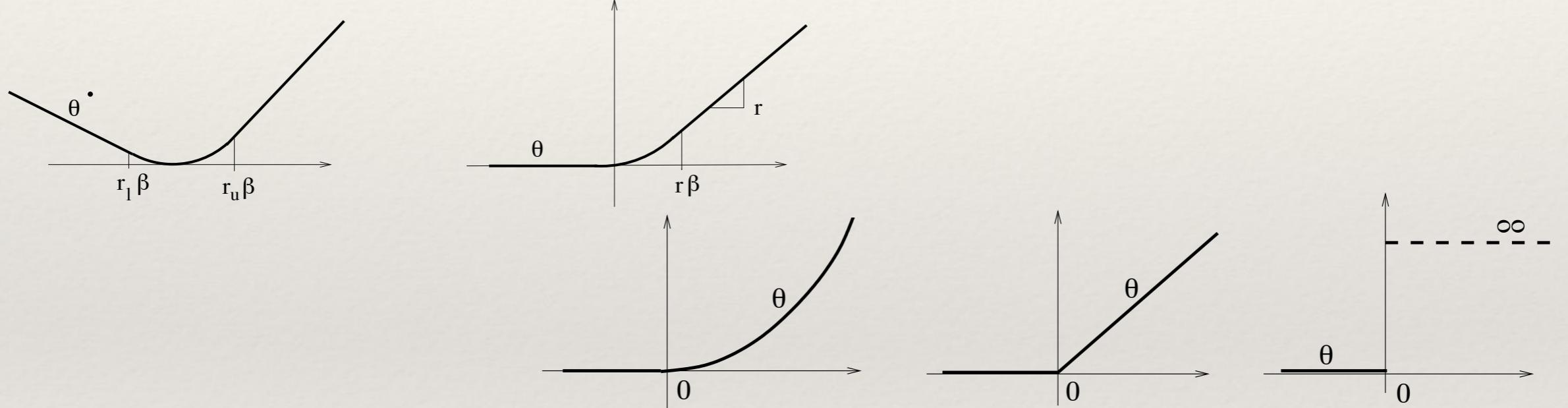
A *monitoring function* $\theta_{P,Q}(x) = \sup_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \langle x, v \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle v, Qv \rangle \mid v \in P \right\}$,
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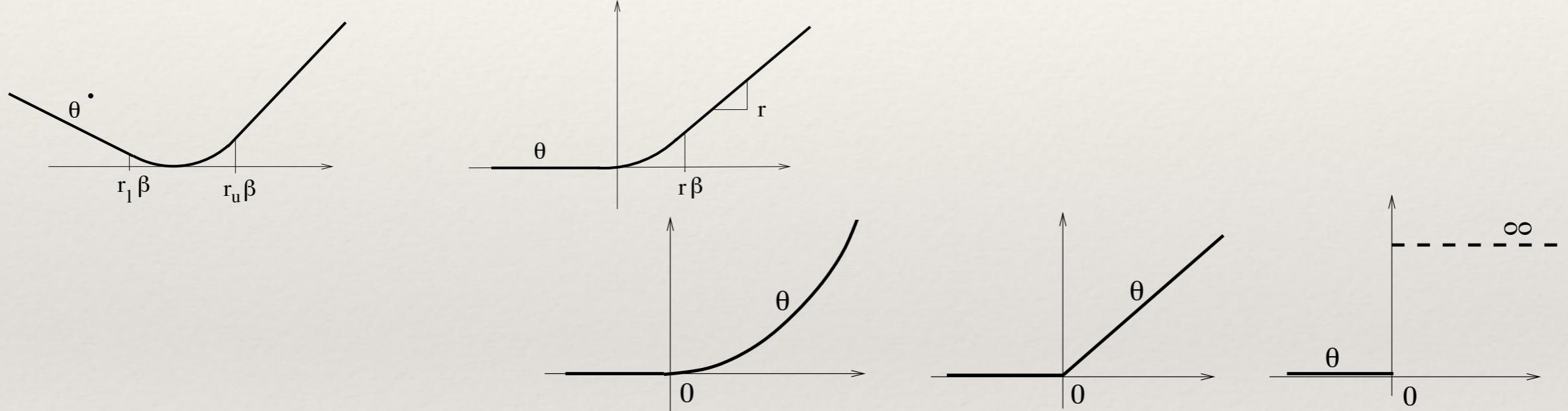
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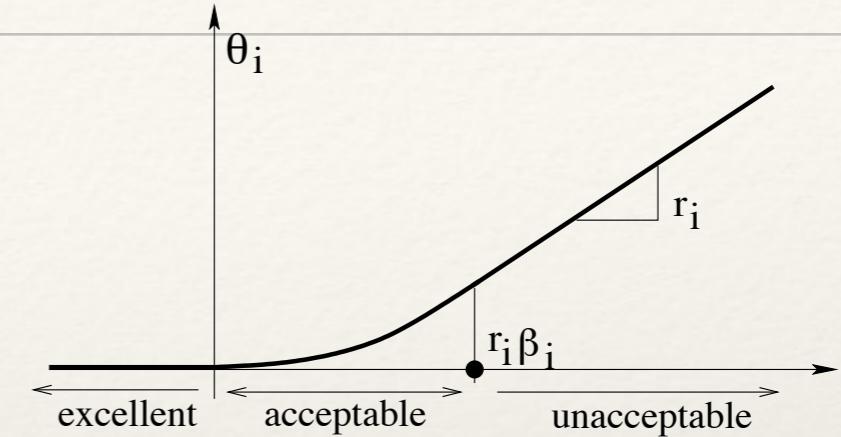
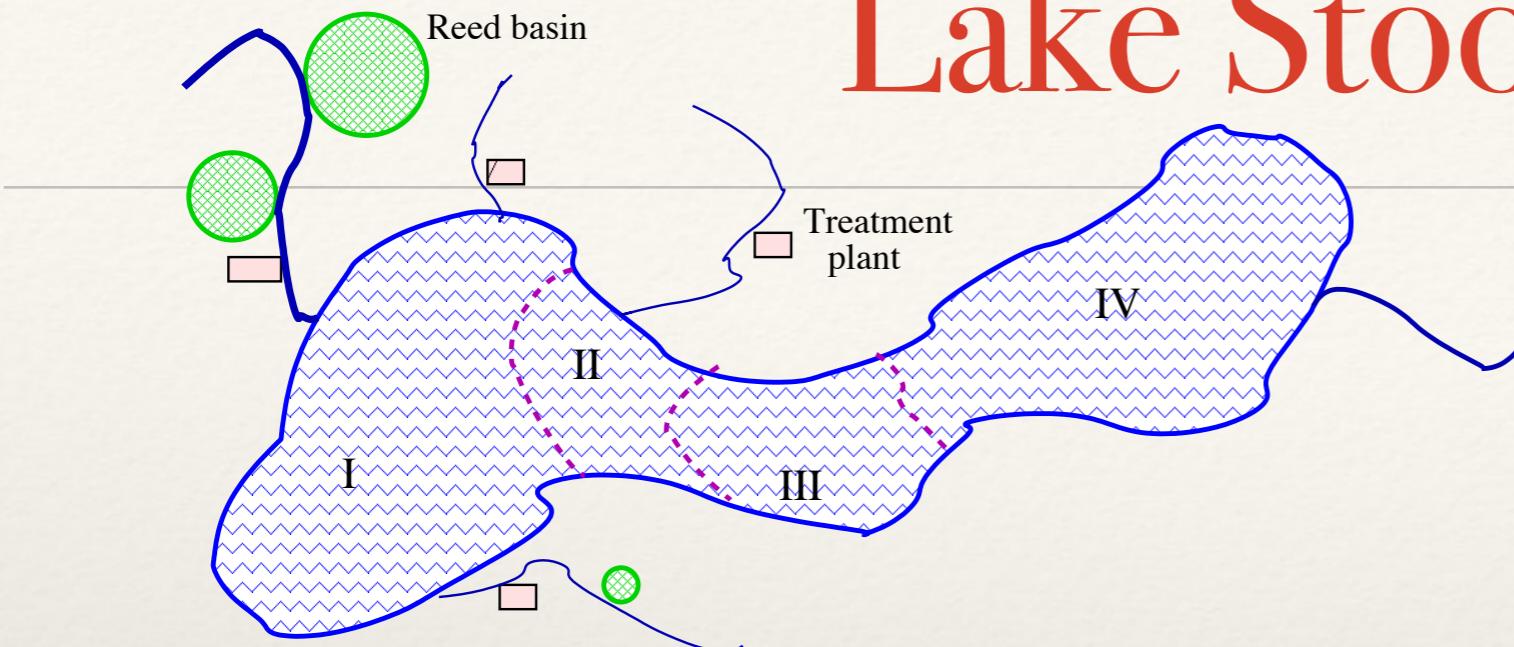
$$\min_{0 \leq x \leq s} \langle c, x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_j x_j^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_{r_i, \beta_i} (d_i - \langle T_i, x \rangle)$$

and

$$\max_{0 \leq v \leq r} \langle d, v \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i v_i^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_{s_j, \delta_j} (\langle T^j, v \rangle - c_j)$$

are a dual pair when $\delta_j, r_j, \beta_i, s_i$ strictly positive.

Lake Stoöpt



Water quality: $z_i = T_i(\xi)x - d(\xi)$, $i = I, \dots, IV$, technical, \dots : $Ax \leq b$
 Monitoring deviations from the desired quality: for $i = I, \dots, IV$,

$$\theta_{r_i, \beta_i}(\tau) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \tau < 0, \quad (\text{excellent}) \\ \tau^2/2\beta_i & \text{if } \tau \in [0, r_i \beta_i] \quad (\text{acceptable}) \\ r_i \tau - r_i^2 \beta_i / 2 & \text{if } \tau > r_i \beta_i \quad (\text{unacceptable}) \end{cases}$$

+ direct costs with building treatment plants and reed basins,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_j x_j^2, \quad D = \text{diag}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n): \quad \text{leads to}$$

$$\min \langle c, x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle x, Dx \rangle + \mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum_{i=I}^{IV} \theta_{r_i, \beta_i} (d_i(\xi) - \langle T_i(\xi), x \rangle) \right\}, \quad Ax \leq b, \quad 0 \leq x \leq$$

with random rhs & technology T -matrix (hydro-dynamics, atmospheric).

Exploiting duality

$$\min \langle c, x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle x, Dx \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^{m_2} \mathbb{E}^i \{\theta_{r_i, \beta_i}(\mathbf{w}_i)\}, \quad Ax \geq b, \quad \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{T}x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq s$$

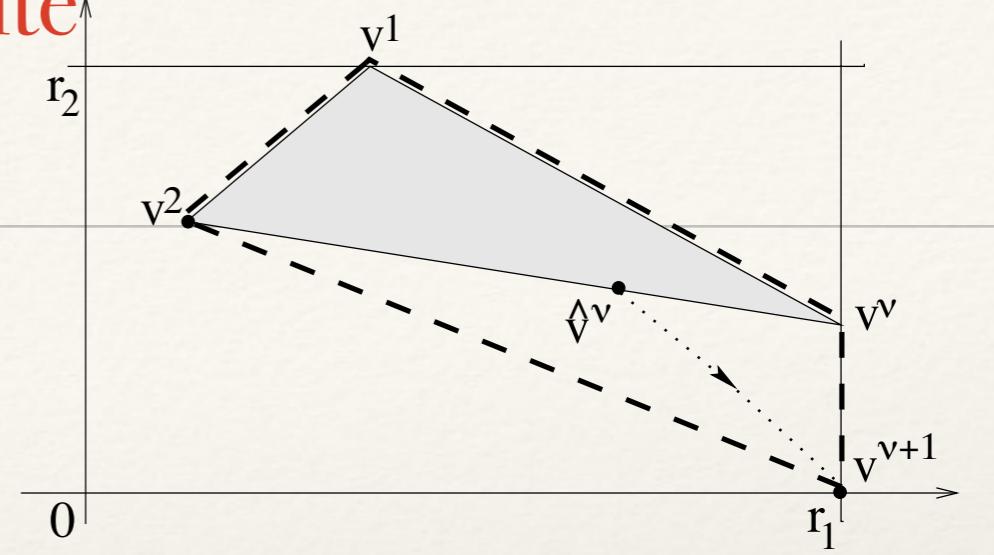
for all i , $\xi_i = (\mathbf{r}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}_i, \mathbf{d}_i, \mathbf{t}_{i1}, \dots, \mathbf{t}_{in})$, \mathbf{w} and, later, \mathbf{v} as *very long* vectors.
The dual takes on the form, with $u \geq 0$, $0 \leq \mathbf{v}_i \leq \mathbf{r}_i$, $\forall i$

$$\max \langle b, u \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_{s_j, \delta_j}(z_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{m_2} E^i \{\mathbf{d}_i \mathbf{v}_i - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \mathbf{v}_i^2\}$$

$$\text{such that } z_j = \langle A^j, u \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^{m_2} E^i \{\mathbf{t}_{ij} \mathbf{v}_i\} - c_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

Only “simple” stochastic box constraints: $0 \leq \mathbf{v}_i \leq \mathbf{r}_i$, $i = 1, \dots, m_2$.
Lake Stoöpt: r and β are non-random.

Lagrangian Finite Generation



Step 0. $\mathbf{V}_\nu = [\mathbf{v}^1, \dots, \mathbf{v}^\nu]$, $\mathbf{v}_i^k : \Xi_i \rightarrow [0, \mathbf{r}_i]$, $\forall i$

Step 1. Compute $d^\nu = E\{\mathbf{V}_\nu^\top \mathbf{d}\}$, $B^\nu = E\{\mathbf{V}_\nu^\top B \mathbf{V}_\nu\}$, $T_\nu^\top = E\{\mathbf{T}^\top \mathbf{V}_\nu\}$

Step 2. Solve the (deterministic) approximating dual program:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \langle b, u \rangle + \langle d^\nu, \lambda \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \lambda, B^\nu \lambda \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_{s_j, \delta_j}(z_j) \\ & \text{s.t } A^\top u + T_\nu^\top \lambda - z = c, \quad \sum_{k=1}^\nu \lambda_k = 1, \quad u \geq 0, \quad \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$(u^\nu, \lambda^\nu, z^\nu)$ optimal, and x^ν KKT-multipliers of equality constraints.

$$\text{set } \hat{\mathbf{v}}^\nu = \mathbf{V}_\nu \lambda^\nu, \quad \mathbf{w}_i^\nu = \mathbf{d}_i - \langle \mathbf{T}_i, x^\nu \rangle, \quad i = 1, \dots, m_2$$

Step 3 (saddle point check) Stop, if for each i ,

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^\nu \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{v}_i \in [0, \mathbf{r}_i]} \langle \mathbf{w}_i^\nu, \mathbf{v}_i \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \beta_i \mathbf{v}_i^2,$$

otherwise, for $i = 1, \dots, m_2$ and every $\zeta \in \Xi_i$, define

$$v_i^{\nu+1}(\zeta) \in \operatorname{argmax}_{0 \leq v \leq r_i} [w_i^\nu(\zeta)v - \frac{1}{2} \beta_i v^2] \text{ with value } \theta_{r_i, \beta_i}(w_i^\nu(\zeta))$$

Augment $\mathbf{V}_{\nu+1} = [\mathbf{V} \ \mathbf{v}^{\nu+1}]$, set $\nu \leftarrow \nu + 1$, return to Step 1.