

Fenchel-Moreau Conjugates of Inf-Transforms and Application to the Stochastic Bellman Equation

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Examples of inf-transforms in optimization

- ▶ Perturbation of constraints $\mathcal{Y} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{Y}(x)$ gives

$$\inf_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} g(y) \rightsquigarrow \inf_{y \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} g(y)$$

and value function

$$f(x) = \inf_y \left(\underbrace{\delta_{\mathcal{Y}(x)}(y)}_{\mathcal{K}(x,y)} \dot{+} g(y) \right)$$

- ▶ Two-stage linear stochastic programming

$$f_s(x) = \inf_y \left(\langle c_s, x \rangle \dot{+} \langle p_s, y \rangle \dot{+} \delta_{\{y \geq 0, A_s x + b_s + y \geq 0\}} \right)$$

Examples of inf-transforms in optimization (continued)

- ▶ Product from the left by a (linear) operator L

$$(Lg)(x) = \inf_y \left(\underbrace{\delta_{Ly=x}}_{\mathcal{K}(x,y)} \dot{+} g(y) \right)$$

- ▶ Moreau-Yosida approximation of g

$$f(x) = \inf_y \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{\alpha} \|x - y\|^2}_{\mathcal{K}(x,y)} \dot{+} g(y) \right)$$

- ▶ Inf-convolution of g_1 and g_2

$$f(x) = \inf_y \left(\underbrace{g_1(x - y)}_{\mathcal{K}(x,y)} \dot{+} g_2(y) \right)$$

Examples of inf-transforms in optimization (continued)

- ▶ Lasso problem

$$f(x) = \inf_y \left(\frac{1}{2} \|x - Ay\|_2^2 + \underbrace{\lambda \|y\|_1}_{\text{sparsity, regularization}} \right)$$

- ▶ Supervised learning and sparsity

$$f(x) = \inf_y \left(\underbrace{l(x, Ay)}_{\text{loss function}} + \underbrace{\lambda \|y\|_0}_{l_0 \text{ pseudo-norm}} \right)$$

- ▶ Bregman “distance”

$$f(x) = \inf_y \left(\underbrace{H(x) - H(y) - \langle \nabla H(x), x - y \rangle}_{\text{Bregman “distance” } \mathcal{K}(x,y)} + g(y) \right)$$

Examples of inf-transforms in optimization (continued)

- ▶ Upper envelope representations

$$V(\tau, \xi) = \inf_{\xi'} \left(E(\tau, \xi, \xi') + g(\xi') \right)$$

and Hamilton-Jacobi equation

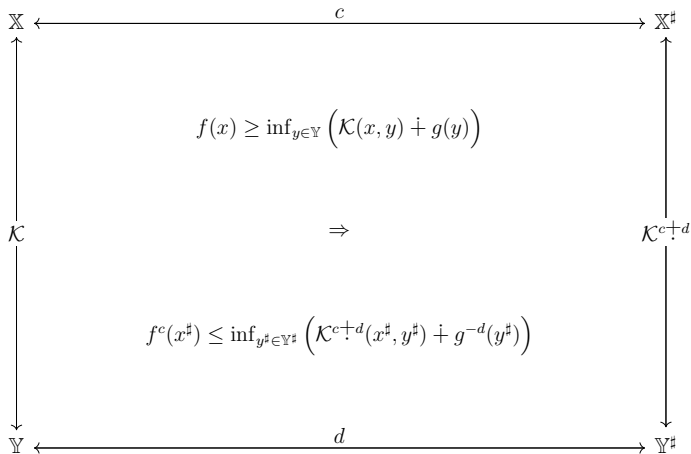
Question: what about their Fenchel **conjugate**

$$f^*(x^\sharp) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left(\langle x, x^\sharp \rangle \dagger (-f(x)) \right) ?$$

(hence **what about dual problems?**)

Main result

Two couplings c and d , and an inf-operation with kernel \mathcal{K}



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Basic spaces

- ▶ We introduce a first couple of spaces in bilinear duality

$$\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^{n_x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{X}^\sharp = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$$

- ▶ and a second couple of spaces in bilinear duality

$$\mathbb{Y} = \mathbb{L}^p((\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}), \mathbb{R}^{n_x}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{Y}^\sharp = \mathbb{L}^q((\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}), \mathbb{R}^{n_x})$$

p and q -integrable **random variables** with values in \mathbb{R}^{n_x} , where

- ▶ $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is a probability space
- ▶ $1 \leq p < +\infty$ and q are such that $1/p + 1/q = 1$
- ▶ Random variables, elements of $\mathbb{Y} = \mathbb{L}^p((\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}), \mathbb{R}^{n_x})$ will be denoted by bold letters like **\mathbf{X}** and elements of $\mathbb{Y}^\sharp = \mathbb{L}^q((\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}), \mathbb{R}^{n_x})$ by **\mathbf{X}^\sharp**
- ▶ All Fenchel conjugates will be denoted by

$$g^* \quad , \quad g^{(-*)}$$

Ingredients for a stochastic optimal control problem

- ▶ Let **time** $t = 0, 1, \dots, T$ be discrete, with $T \in \mathbb{N}^*$
- ▶ Consider a stochastic optimal control problem with
 - ▶ **state space** $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$
 - ▶ **control space** $\mathbb{U} = \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$
 - ▶ **white noise process** $\{\mathbf{W}_t\}_{t=1, \dots, T}$
taking values in **uncertainty space** $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^{n_w}$
and defined over the probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$
- ▶ For each time $t = 0, 1, \dots, T - 1$, we have
 - ▶ **dynamics** $F_t : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$
 - ▶ **instantaneous costs** $L_t : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{W} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$
 - ▶ **final cost** $K : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$

We introduce the Bellman functions

- ▶ We define **Bellman functions** by,
for all $x \in \mathbb{X}$ and $t = T - 1, \dots, 0$,

$$V_T(x) = K(x)$$

$$V_t(x) = \inf_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U}} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{s=t}^{T-1} L_s(\mathbf{X}_s, \mathbf{U}_s, \mathbf{W}_{s+1}) + K(\mathbf{X}_T) \right]$$

where $\mathbf{X}_t = x \in \mathbb{X}$, $\mathbf{X}_{s+1} = F_s(\mathbf{X}_s, \mathbf{U}_s, \mathbf{W}_{s+1})$ and $\sigma(\mathbf{U}_s) \subset \sigma(\mathbf{X}_s)$, for $s = t, \dots, T - 1$

- ▶ If the Bellman functions are measurable, they satisfy the backward **Bellman inequation**, for $t = T - 1, \dots, 0$

$$\underbrace{V_t(x)}_{\text{Bellman function}} \geq \inf_{u \in \mathbf{U}} \mathbb{E} \left[\underbrace{L_t(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{t+1})}_{\text{instantaneous cost}} + V_{t+1} \left(\underbrace{F_t(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{t+1})}_{\text{dynamics}} \right) \right]$$

Fenchel conjugates of the Bellman functions

Theorem

The Bellman functions satisfy the backward inequalities

$$V_t(x) \geq \inf_{\mathbf{X}} \left(\inf_{u \in \mathbb{U}} \left((-\mathcal{H}(x, u, \cdot))^{(-*)}(\mathbf{X}) \right) \dot{+} \mathbb{E}[V_{t+1}(\mathbf{X})] \right)$$

for $t = T - 1, \dots, 0$, where the *Hamiltonian* \mathcal{H} is defined by

$$\mathcal{H}(x, u, \mathbf{X}^\sharp) = \mathbb{E} \left[L_t(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}) \dot{+} \left\langle F_t(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}), \mathbf{X}^\sharp \right\rangle \right]$$

Moreover, letting $\{V_t^*\}_{t=0,1,\dots,T}$ be the *Fenchel conjugates of the Bellman functions*, we have, for all $x^\sharp \in \mathbb{X}^\sharp$ and $t = T - 1, \dots, 0$,

$$V_t^*(x^\sharp) \leq \inf_{\mathbf{X}^\sharp} \left(\sup_{u \in \mathbb{U}} \left(\mathcal{H}(\cdot, u, \mathbf{X}^\sharp)^*(x^\sharp) \right) \dot{+} \mathbb{E}[V_{t+1}^*(\mathbf{X}^\sharp)] \right)$$

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Obtaining upper and lower estimates in approximations of Bellman functions (I)

- ▶ Suppose that the Bellman functions $\{V_t\}_{t=0,1,\dots,T}$ satisfy the Bellman equation and are **convex l.s.c. and proper**, that is,

$$V_t = V_t^{**}, \quad \forall t = 0, 1, \dots, T$$

- ▶ This is the case in **Stochastic Dual Dynamic Programming (SDDP)**, when
 - ▶ the **dynamics** F_t are jointly **linear** in state and control
 - ▶ the **instantaneous costs** L_t are jointly **convex** in state and control
 - ▶ the **final cost** K is **convex**
 - ▶ together with technical assumptions

Obtaining upper and lower estimates in approximations of Bellman functions (II)

- ▶ The Fenchel conjugates $\{V_t^*\}_{t=0,1,\dots,T}$ of the Bellman functions are convex l.s.c. and proper, by construction
- ▶ Suppose that they satisfy a “Bellman like” equation

$$V_t^*(x^\sharp) = \inf_{\mathbf{x}^\sharp} \left(\sup_{u \in \mathbb{U}} \left(\mathcal{H}(\cdot, u, \mathbf{x}^\sharp)^*(x^\sharp) \right) \dot{+} \mathbb{E}[V_{t+1}^*(\mathbf{X}^\sharp)] \right)$$

for $t = T - 1, \dots, 0$

Obtaining upper and lower estimates in approximations of Bellman functions (III)

- ▶ With the Bellman operators deduced from the Bellman equation and “Bellman like” equation, one can produce (by an adequate algorithm like the SDDP algorithm) **lower bound functions**

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \begin{cases} \underline{V}_{t,(k)} \leq \underline{V}_{t,(k+1)} \leq V_t \\ \tilde{\underline{V}}_{t,(k)} \leq \tilde{\underline{V}}_{t,(k+1)} \leq V_t^* \end{cases}$$

that are **piecewise affine**

- ▶ Since the Bellman functions $\{V_t\}_{t=0,1,\dots,T}$ are convex l.s.c. and proper, we deduce that

$$\underline{V}_{t,(k)} \leq \underline{V}_{t,(k+1)} \leq V_t = V_t^{**} \leq \tilde{\underline{V}}_{t,(k+1)} \leq \tilde{\underline{V}}_{t,(k)}$$

- ▶ Thus, we can control the evolution of the SDDP algorithm

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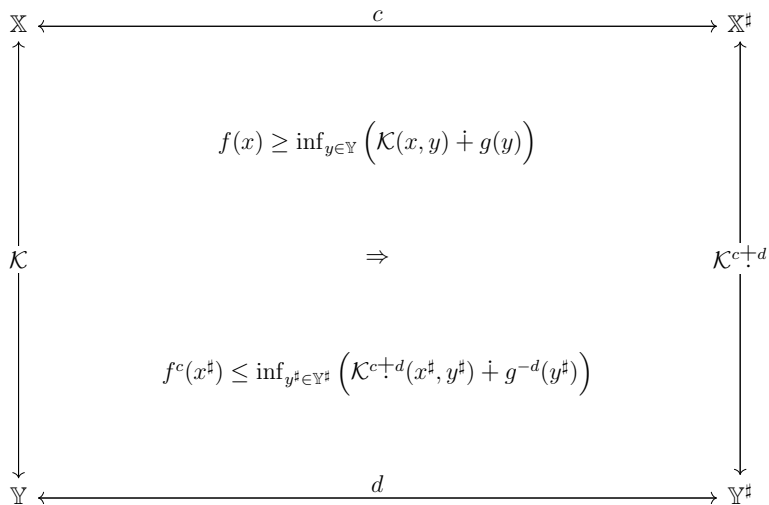
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The Fenchel conjugacy

Definition

Two vector spaces \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{X}^\sharp , paired by a bilinear product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, (in the sense of convex analysis), give rise to the classic **Fenchel conjugacy**

$$f^*(x^\sharp) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left(\langle x, x^\sharp \rangle + (-f(x)) \right), \quad \forall x^\sharp \in \mathbb{X}^\sharp$$

for any function $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$

Fenchel conjugate	Fourier transform
\sup	$\rightarrow +$
$+$	$\rightarrow \times$
$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left(\langle x, x^\sharp \rangle + (-f(x)) \right)$	$\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \exp(\langle x, x^\sharp \rangle) f(x) dx$

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Moreau lower and upper additions

- ▶ The Moreau **lower addition** extends the usual addition with

$$(+\infty) \dot{+} (-\infty) = (-\infty) \dot{+} (+\infty) = -\infty$$

- ▶ The Moreau **upper addition** extends the usual addition with

$$(+\infty) \dot{+} (-\infty) = (-\infty) \dot{+} (+\infty) = +\infty$$

Background on couplings and Fenchel-Moreau conjugacies

- ▶ Let be given two sets \mathbb{X} (“primal”) and \mathbb{X}^\sharp (“dual”)
- ▶ Consider a **coupling** function $c : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X}^\sharp \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} = [-\infty, +\infty]$
- ▶ We also use the notation $\mathbb{X} \overset{c}{\leftrightarrow} \mathbb{X}^\sharp$ for a coupling

Definition

The **c-Fenchel-Moreau conjugate** of a function $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$, with respect to the coupling c , is the function $f^c : \mathbb{X}^\sharp \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ defined by

$$f^c(x^\sharp) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left(c(x, x^\sharp) \dot{+} (-f(x)) \right), \quad \forall x^\sharp \in \mathbb{X}^\sharp$$

Fenchel-Moreau conjugate (max, +)	Kernel transform (+, ×)
$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left(c(x, x^\sharp) \dot{+} (-f(x)) \right)$	$\int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} c(x, x^\sharp) f(x) dx$

Background on couplings and Fenchel-Moreau conjugacies

With the coupling c , we associate the **reverse coupling** c'

$$c' : \mathbb{X}^\# \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \quad c'(x^\#, x) = c(x, x^\#), \quad \forall (x^\#, x) \in \mathbb{X}^\# \times \mathbb{X}$$

- ▶ The **c' -Fenchel-Moreau conjugate** of a function $g : \mathbb{X}^\# \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$, with respect to the coupling c' , is the function $g^{c'} : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$

$$g^{c'}(x) = \sup_{x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#} \left(c(x, x^\#) \dot{+} (-g(x^\#)) \right), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}$$

- ▶ The **c -Fenchel-Moreau biconjugate** $f^{cc} : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ of a function $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is given by

$$f^{cc}(x) = \sup_{x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#} \left(c(x, x^\#) \dot{+} (-f^c(x^\#)) \right), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}$$

The **$(-c)$ -Fenchel-Moreau conjugate** of $g : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is given by

$$g^{-c}(x^\#) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left((-c(x, x^\#)) \dot{+} (-g(x)) \right), \quad \forall x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#$$

Fenchel inequality with a general coupling

- ▶ Conjugacies are special cases of dualities, that make it possible to obtain dual problems

$$\sup_{x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#} \left((-f^c(x^\#)) \dot{+} (-g^{-c}(x^\#)) \right) \leq \inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left(f(x) \dot{+} g(x) \right)$$

- ▶ In particular, optimization **under constraints** $x \in X$ gives

$$\sup_{x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#} \left((-f^c(x^\#)) \dot{+} (-\delta_X^{-c}(x^\#)) \right) \leq \inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left(f(x) \dot{+} \delta_X(x) \right)$$

$$\text{where } \delta_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in X \\ +\infty & \text{if } x \notin X \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Hence, the issue is to **find a coupling** c that gives **nice expressions** for f^c and δ_X^{-c}

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A present for Kazuo Murota

"Primal"	"Dual"	Coupling
\mathbb{R}^n	\mathbb{R}^n	$\star(x, x^\sharp) = \langle x, x^\sharp \rangle$
\mathbb{Z}^n	\mathbb{Z}^n	$\bullet(z, p) = \langle z, p \rangle$
\mathbb{Z}^n	\mathbb{R}^n	$(\star)(z, x^\sharp) = \langle z, x^\sharp \rangle$
\mathbb{Z}^n	$\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$	$c(z, (x, x^\sharp)) = \langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dagger (-\delta_{\mathcal{N}(x)}(z))$

where **integer neighbours** $\mathcal{N}(x)$ of $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are such that

$$\{z\} \subset \mathcal{N}(z) \subset \mathbb{Z}^n, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

Conjugacies for discrete convexity

- ▶ For any function $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$, we define

$$f^\bullet(p) = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \left(\langle z, p \rangle \dot{+} (-f(z)) \right) \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$f^{(\star)}(x^\sharp) = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \left(\langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dot{+} (-f(z)) \right) \quad \forall x^\sharp \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$f^c(x, x^\sharp) = \sup_{z \in \mathcal{N}(x)} \left(\langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dot{+} (-f(z)) \right) \quad \forall (x, x^\sharp) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

- ▶ and we have the following relations

$$f^\bullet = f^{(\star)} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$f^{(\star)} = (f \dot{+} \delta_{\mathbb{Z}^n})^\star \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f^c(x, \cdot) = f^{(\star)} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n$$

Biconjugacies for discrete convexity

- ▶ For any function $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$, we define

$$f^{\bullet\bullet}(z) = \sup_{p \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \left(\langle z, p \rangle \dot{+} (-f^{\bullet}(p)) \right) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$f^{(\ast)(\ast)}(z) = \sup_{x^{\#} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\langle z, x^{\#} \rangle \dot{+} (-f^{(\ast)}(x^{\#})) \right) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$f^{cc}(z) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}^{-1}(z)} \sup_{x^{\#} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\langle z, x^{\#} \rangle \dot{+} (-f^c(x, x^{\#})) \right) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

- ▶ and we have the following relations

$$f^{\bullet\bullet} = \left((f \dot{+} \delta_{\mathbb{Z}^n})^{\ast} \dot{+} \delta_{\mathbb{Z}^n} \right)^{\ast'} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$f^{(\ast)(\ast)} = f^{(\ast)\ast'} = (f \dot{+} \delta_{\mathbb{Z}^n})^{\ast\ast} \geq f^{\bullet\bullet} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$f^{cc} \geq f^{\bullet\bullet} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{Z}^n$$

Convex extensible functions

- ▶ For any function $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$, we define the **convex closure** $\bar{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ by

$$\bar{f}(x) = \sup_{x^\# \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ \langle x, x^\# \rangle + \alpha \mid \langle z, x^\# \rangle + \alpha \leq f(z), \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n \right\}$$

- ▶ Convex closure and Fenchel biconjugate are related by

$$\bar{f}(x) = (f \dot{+} \delta_{\mathbb{Z}^n})^{**}(x) = f^{(*)\prime}(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Definition

We say that **the function** $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ **is convex extensible** if

$$f(z) = \bar{f}(z), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

We introduce a suitable coupling (\star) for which
convex extensible functions = (\star) -convex functions

- ▶ Integer space \mathbb{Z}^n coupled with real space \mathbb{R}^n
by the bilinear coupling $(\star) = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$
- ▶ The conjugate $f^{(\star)} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ of $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is given by

$$f^{(\star)}(x^\sharp) = (f \dot{+} \delta_{\mathbb{Z}^n})^\star(x^\sharp) = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \left(\langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dot{+} (-f(z)) \right), \quad \forall x^\sharp \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- ▶ The biconjugate $f^{(\star)(\star)} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is given by

$$f^{(\star)(\star)}(z) = \sup_{x^\sharp \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dot{+} (-f^{(\star)}(x^\sharp)) \right), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

Proposition

$$f \text{ is convex extensible} \iff f = f^{(\star)(\star)}$$

Local convex extension

- ▶ For any function $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$, we define the **local convex extension** $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ by

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \sup_{x^\# \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ \langle x, x^\# \rangle + \alpha \mid \langle z, x^\# \rangle + \alpha \leq f(z), \forall z \in \mathcal{N}(x) \right\}$$

where **integer neighbours** $\mathcal{N}(x)$ of $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are such that

$$\{z\} \subset \mathcal{N}(z) \subset \mathbb{Z}^n, \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

- ▶ The local convex extension is larger than the convex extension:

$$\tilde{f}(x) \geq \bar{f}(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- ▶ When integer neighbours are few, the local convex extension coincides with the original function on the integers:

$$\{z\} = \mathcal{N}(z), \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n \Rightarrow \tilde{f}(z) = f(z), \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

We introduce a suitable coupling

- ▶ Integer space \mathbb{Z}^n coupled with real space $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ by **localization** of the bilinear coupling $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ w.r.t. **neighbours** $\mathcal{N}(x) \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$:

$$c(z, (x, x^\sharp)) = \langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dagger (-\delta_{\mathcal{N}(x)}(z)) = \langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dagger (-\delta_{\mathcal{N}^{-1}(z)}(x))$$

- ▶ The **c-conjugate** $f^c : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ of $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is

$$f^c(x, x^\sharp) = \sup_{z \in \mathcal{N}(x)} \left(\langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dagger (-f(z)) \right), \quad \forall (x, x^\sharp) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

- ▶ The **c-biconjugate** $f^{cc} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is

$$f^{cc}(z) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}^{-1}(z)} \sup_{x^\sharp \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\langle z, x^\sharp \rangle \dagger (-f^c(x, x^\sharp)) \right), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

Integrally convex functions

- ▶ We have that

$$f^c(x, x^\sharp) \leq f^{(*)}(x^\sharp)$$

- ▶ The **local convex extension** satisfies

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \sup_{x^\sharp \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\langle x, x^\sharp \rangle \dagger (-f^c(x, x^\sharp)) \right) \geq f^{(*)\star'}(x) = \bar{f}(x)$$

- ▶ The **c-biconjugate** $f^{cc} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ satisfies

$$f^{cc}(z) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}^{-1}(z)} \tilde{f}(x), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

Definition

We say that **the function** $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ **is integrally convex** if

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \bar{f}(x) = f^{(*)\star'}(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

When integer neighbours are few,
all functions are c -convex functions!

- ▶ From $\{z\} = \mathcal{N}(z)$, $\forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ and

$$\tilde{f}(z) \leq \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}^{-1}(z)} \tilde{f}(x) = f^{cc}(z) \leq f(z) = \tilde{f}(z), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

we deduce that

$$\tilde{f}(z) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}^{-1}(z)} \tilde{f}(x) = f^{cc}(z) = f(z), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

- ▶ Therefore, if the function $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is integrally convex:

$$\bar{f}(z) = \tilde{f}(z) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}^{-1}(z)} \tilde{f}(x) = f(z), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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Optimal transport

The optimal transport problem is

$$\inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}} c(x, y) d\pi(x, y)$$

where

- ▶ the sets \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} are two Polish spaces
- ▶ we denote by $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})$, $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ and $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Y})$ the corresponding **probability spaces** (rectangle and marginals)
- ▶ the set $\Pi(\mu, \nu)$ is made of **probabilities** $\pi \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})$ on the rectangle, whose **marginals** are $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ and $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Y})$
- ▶ the measurable **cost function** $c : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$, where $c(x, y)$ represents the cost to move from $x \in \mathcal{X}$ towards $y \in \mathcal{Y}$

We introduce a suitable coupling between probabilities and functions

- ▶ We denote by $C_b^0(\mathcal{X})$ and $C_b^0(\mathcal{Y})$
the **spaces of continuous bounded functions**
- ▶ We introduce the **bilinear coupling**

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}) \times \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Y}) \xleftrightarrow{\beta} C_b^0(\mathcal{X}) \times C_b^0(\mathcal{Y})$$

$$\beta((\mu, \nu); (\psi, \phi)) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \phi(y) d\nu(y) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \psi(x) d\mu(x)$$

Conjugacy properties in optimal transport

$$C(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}} c(x, y) d\pi(x, y)$$

$$D(\psi, \phi) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}} [\phi(y) - \psi(x) - c(x, y)] = \sup_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (\phi(y) + \psi^{-c}(y))$$

We have the following conjugacy equalities and inequalities

$$C^\beta(\psi, \phi) = D(\psi, \phi) = D^{\beta'\beta}(\psi, \phi)$$

$$C(\mu, \nu) \geq C^{\beta\beta'}(\mu, \nu) = D^{\beta'}(\mu, \nu)$$

$$= \sup_{\psi, \phi} \left(\int_{\mathcal{Y}} \phi(y) d\nu(y) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \psi(x) d\mu(x) - D(\psi, \phi) \right)$$

$$\geq \sup_{\phi - \psi \leq c} \left(\int_{\mathcal{Y}} \phi(y) d\nu(y) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \psi(x) d\mu(x) \right)$$

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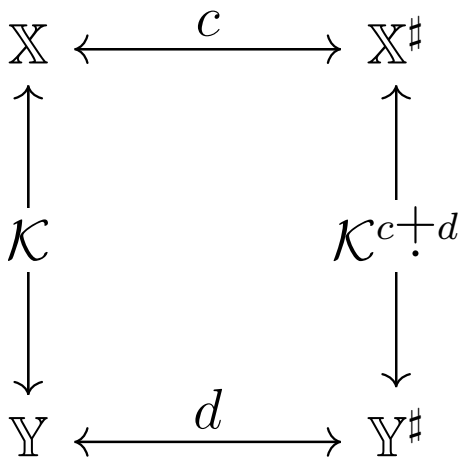
- ▶ Let be given two “primal” sets \mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}
- ▶ and two “dual” sets $\mathbb{X}^\sharp, \mathbb{Y}^\sharp$,
- ▶ together with two coupling functions

$$c : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X}^\sharp \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \quad d : \mathbb{Y} \times \mathbb{Y}^\sharp \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$$

We define the **sum coupling** $c \dot{+} d$ — coupling the “primal” product set $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ with the “dual” product set $\mathbb{X}^\sharp \times \mathbb{Y}^\sharp$ — by

$$\begin{aligned} c \dot{+} d : (\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}) \times (\mathbb{X}^\sharp \times \mathbb{Y}^\sharp) &\rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \\ ((x, y), (x^\sharp, y^\sharp)) &\mapsto c(x, x^\sharp) \dot{+} d(y, y^\sharp) \end{aligned}$$

A kernel \mathcal{K} , two couplings c and d
and a new kernel \mathcal{K}^{c+d}



We introduce the conjugate of a kernel bivariate function w.r.t. a sum coupling

With any **kernel** bivariate function

$$\mathcal{K} : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}},$$

defined on the “primal” product set $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$, we associate the conjugate, with respect to the coupling $c \dagger d$, defined on the “dual” product set $\mathbb{X}^\# \times \mathbb{Y}^\#$, by

$$\mathcal{K}^{c \dagger d}(x^\#, y^\#) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}, y \in \mathbb{Y}} \left(c(x, x^\#) \dagger d(y, y^\#) \dagger (-\mathcal{K}(x, y)) \right)$$
$$\forall (x^\#, y^\#) \in \mathbb{X}^\# \times \mathbb{Y}^\#$$

Main result: Fenchel-Moreau conjugation inequalities with three couplings

Theorem

For any bivariate function $\mathcal{K} : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$

and univariate functions

$f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and $g : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$,

all defined on the “primal” sets, we have that

$$f(x) \geq \inf_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} \left(\mathcal{K}(x, y) \dot{+} g(y) \right), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X} \Rightarrow$$

$$f^c(x^\#) \leq \inf_{y^\# \in \mathbb{Y}^\#} \left(\mathcal{K}^{c \dot{+} d}(x^\#, y^\#) \dot{+} g^{-d}(y^\#) \right), \quad \forall x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#$$

Main result

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$$f(x) \geq \inf_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} (\mathcal{K}(x, y) \dot{+} g(y)) \Rightarrow$$

$$\underbrace{f^c(x^\#)}_{\substack{c\text{-Fenchel-} \\ \text{Moreau conjugate} \\ \text{of } f}} \leq \inf_{y^\# \in \mathbb{Y}^\#} \left(\underbrace{\mathcal{K}^{c \dot{+} d}(x^\#, y^\#)}_{\substack{c+d\text{-Fenchel-} \\ \text{Moreau conjugate} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{K}}} \right) \dot{+} \underbrace{g^{-d}(y^\#)}_{\substack{(-d)\text{-Fenchel-} \\ \text{Moreau conjugate} \\ \text{of } g}}$$

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- ▶ The left hand side assumption is a primal inequality, which is rather weak (upper bound for an infimum)
- ▶ whereas the right hand side conclusion is a dual inequality, which is rather strong (lower bound for an infimum)

Main result (second formulation)

Three couplings c , d and \mathcal{K}

$$f \dagger \underbrace{g^{-\mathcal{K}}}_{\substack{(-\mathcal{K})\text{-Fenchel-} \\ \text{Moreau conjugate} \\ \text{of } g}} \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\underbrace{f^c}_{\substack{c\text{-Fenchel-} \\ \text{Moreau conjugate} \\ \text{of } f}} \dagger \underbrace{(g^{-d})^{-\mathcal{K}^c \dagger d}}_{\substack{(-\mathcal{K}^c \dagger d)\text{-Fenchel-} \\ \text{Moreau conjugate} \\ \text{of } g^{-d}}} \leq 0$$

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The duality equality case

The duality equality case is the property that

$$f(x) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} (\mathcal{K}(x, y) \dot{+} g(y)), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X} \Rightarrow$$

$$f^c(x^\#) = \inf_{y^\# \in \mathbb{Y}^\#} (\mathcal{K}^{c \dot{+} d}(x^\#, y^\#) \dot{+} g^{-d}(y^\#)), \quad \forall x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#$$

Sufficient conditions for the duality equality case

Corollary

Consider any bivariate function $\mathcal{K} : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$
and univariate functions $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and $g : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$,
all defined on the “primal” sets.

The equality case holds true when

1. $g^{(-d)(-d)} = g$
2. *the following function has a saddle point (or no duality gap)*

$$\begin{aligned} ((x, y), y^\#) \in (\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}) \times \mathbb{Y}^\# \mapsto \\ (c(x, x^\#) \dot{+} (-\mathcal{K}(x, y)) \dot{+} d(y, y^\#)) \dot{+} g^{-d}(y^\#) \end{aligned}$$

3. *the two coupling functions $c : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $d : \mathbb{Y} \times \mathbb{Y}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and the kernel $\mathcal{K} : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ all take finite values*

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all defined on the “primal” sets. We define

$$\mathcal{K}_{x^\#}(y) = -\left(\mathcal{K}(\cdot, y)^c(x^\#)\right) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \left((-c(x, x^\#)) \dot{+} \mathcal{K}(x, y) \right)$$

The equality case holds true when

$$\sup_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} \left((-\mathcal{K}_{x^\#}(y)) \dot{+} (-g(y)) \right) = \inf_{y^\# \in \mathbb{Y}^\#} \left(\mathcal{K}_{x^\#}^d(y^\#) \dot{+} g^{-d}(y^\#) \right)$$

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Consider any bivariate function $\mathcal{K} : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$
and univariate functions $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and $g : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow]-\infty, +\infty]$,
all defined on the “primal” sets.

The equality case holds true when

1. *the coupling $d : \mathbb{Y} \times \mathbb{Y}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the duality bilinear form $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ between \mathbb{Y} and its algebraic dual $\mathbb{Y}^\#$*
2. *the function g is a proper convex function (the function g never takes the value $-\infty$ and is not identically equal to $+\infty$),*
3. *for any $x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#$, the function $\mathcal{K}_{x^\#}$ is a proper convex function*
4. *for any $x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#$, the function g is continuous at some point where $\mathcal{K}_{x^\#}$ is finite*

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Perturbation + Fenchel-Moreau duality

- ▶ To **design a dual problem** to the original problem

$$\inf_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} (h(y) \dot{+} g(y))$$

- ▶ take a **bivariate function** $\mathcal{K} : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$,
where \mathbb{X} is a perturbation set, such that $\mathcal{K}(0, y) = h(y)$
- ▶ then define $f(x) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} (\mathcal{K}(x, y) \dot{+} g(y))$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{X}$
- ▶ then take **two couplings** c and d , and obtain

$$f^c(x^\#) \leq \inf_{y^\# \in \mathbb{Y}^\#} (\mathcal{K}^{c \dot{+} d}(x^\#, y^\#) \dot{+} g^{-d}(y^\#)), \quad \forall x^\# \in \mathbb{X}^\#$$

- ▶ and finally obtain the dual problem

$$\inf_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} (h(y) \dot{+} g(y)) = f(0) \geq$$

$$f^{cc}(0) \geq \underbrace{\sup_{y^\# \in \mathbb{Y}^\#} (\mathcal{K}^{c \dot{+} d}(\cdot, y^\#)^c(0) \dot{+} (-g^{-d}(y^\#)))}_{\text{dual problem}}$$

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Fenchel conjugate of inf-convolution

The classic inf-convolution

$$(g_1 \square g_2)(x) = \inf_{y_1 + y_2 = x} (g_1(y_1) + g_2(y_2))$$

satisfies

$$(g_1 \square g_2)^* = g_1^* + g_2^*$$

Definition of generalized inf-convolution

Definition

- ▶ Let be given three sets \mathbb{X} , \mathbb{Y}_1 and \mathbb{Y}_2
- ▶ For any trivariate **convoluting function**

$$\mathcal{I} : \mathbb{Y}_1 \times \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}_2 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}},$$

we define the **\mathcal{I} -inf-convolution**

of two functions $g_1 : \mathbb{Y}_1 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and $g_2 : \mathbb{Y}_2 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ by

$$(g_1 \overset{\mathcal{I}}{\square} g_2)(x) = \inf_{y_1 \in \mathbb{Y}_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Y}_2} \left(g_1(y_1) \dot{+} \underbrace{\mathcal{I}(y_1, x, y_2)}_{\substack{\text{convoluting} \\ \text{function}}} \dot{+} g_2(y_2) \right)$$

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The classic inf-convolution corresponds to

$$\mathcal{I}(y_1, x, y_2) = \delta_x(y_1 + y_2):$$

$$(g_1 \square g_2)(x) = \inf_{y_1 + y_2 = x} \left(g_1(y_1) \dot{+} g_2(y_2) \right)$$

Fenchel-Moreau conjugate of generalized inf-convolution

Proposition

Let be given three “primal” sets \mathbb{X} , \mathbb{Y}_1 , \mathbb{Y}_2 and three “dual” sets \mathbb{X}^\sharp , \mathbb{Y}_1^\sharp , \mathbb{Y}_2^\sharp , together with three coupling functions

$$\mathbb{X} \overset{c}{\leftrightarrow} \mathbb{X}^\sharp, \quad \mathbb{Y}_1 \overset{d_1}{\leftrightarrow} \mathbb{Y}_1^\sharp, \quad \mathbb{Y}_2 \overset{d_2}{\leftrightarrow} \mathbb{Y}_2^\sharp$$

For any univariate functions $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$,

$g_1 : \mathbb{Y}_1 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and $g_2 : \mathbb{Y}_2 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$,

all defined on the “primal” sets, we have that

$$f(x) \geq (g_1 \overset{\mathcal{I}}{\square} g_2)(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X} \Rightarrow$$

$$f^c(x^\sharp) \leq (g_1^{(-d_1)} \overset{\mathcal{I}^\sharp}{\square} g_2^{(-d_2)})(x^\sharp), \quad \forall x^\sharp \in \mathbb{X}^\sharp,$$

where the convoluting function \mathcal{I}^\sharp on the “dual” sets is given by

$$\mathcal{I}^\sharp = \underline{\mathcal{I}}^c \dagger d_1 \dagger d_2$$

The \mathcal{I} -inf-convolution is minus
the Fenchel-Moreau conjugate of a sum

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The \mathcal{I} -inf-convolution is given by

$$g_1 \overset{\mathcal{I}}{\square} g_2 = -(g_1 + g_2)^{\mathcal{I}}$$

Fenchel-Moreau conjugate of generalized inf-convolution

Proposition

If there exist two coupling functions

$$\Gamma_1 : \mathbb{X}^\# \times \mathbb{Y}_1 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \quad \Gamma_2 : \mathbb{X}^\# \times \mathbb{Y}_2 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}},$$

such that the partial c -Fenchel-Moreau conjugate of the convoluting function \mathcal{I} splits as

$$\mathcal{I}(y_1, \cdot, y_2)^c(x^\#) = \Gamma_1(x^\#, y_1) \dot{+} \Gamma_2(x^\#, y_2),$$

then the c -Fenchel-Moreau conjugate of the inf-convolution $g_1 \overset{\mathcal{I}}{\square} g_2$ is given by a sum as

$$(g_1 \overset{\mathcal{I}}{\square} g_2)^c = g_1^{\Gamma_1} \dot{+} g_2^{\Gamma_2}$$

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This generalizes $(g_1 \square g_2)^* = g_1^* \dot{+} g_2^*$

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- ▶ We have proven a new **Fenchel-Moreau conjugation inequality with three couplings** (and given sufficient conditions for the equality case)
- ▶ We have provided a general method to **design dual problems** by means of **one kernel** and **two couplings**
- ▶ We have introduced a **generalized inf-convolution**, and have provided formulas for **Fenchel-Moreau conjugates**
- ▶ We have shown that **Fenchel conjugates of Bellman functions** satisfy a **“Bellman like” inequation**, and we have sketched an application to the **SDDP algorithm**

Thank you:-)

