

# Lecture 9

Recall:

Def: Given sets  $X$  and  $U$  and  
a convex function  $F: X \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  
proper and

primal problem:  $P_0 := \inf_{x \in X} f(x), f(x) = F(x, 0)$

dual problem:  $D_0 := \sup_{v \in U^*} g(v), g(v) = -F^*(0, v)$

Thm (Equivalence of Primal + Dual)

Given  $F: X \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  proper, convex,  
suppose  $P_0 < +\infty$   $\leftarrow$  "primal problem is  
feasible"

Define the inf-projection  $P(u) = \inf_{x \in X} F(x, u)$ .

Then,

- (i)  $P_0 = D_0 \Leftrightarrow P$  is lsc at  $u=0$ .
- (ii)  $P_0 = D_0$  and  $v^*$  is a maximizer  
of dual problem  
 $\Leftrightarrow v^* \in \partial P(0)$ .

# Kantorovich Duality

$(X, d_X)$ ,  $(Y, d_Y)$  Polish spaces

$\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$

$c: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$  lsc, bdd below

$\mathcal{K}(\gamma)$

$$\min_{\gamma: \gamma \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)} \underbrace{\int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\gamma(x, y)}_{(KP)}$$

We can also write dual problem

as a saddle point problem:

$$g(v) = -F^*(0, v) = -\sup_{(x, u) \in X \times U} \langle 0, x \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle - F(x, u)$$

$$= \inf_{(x, u) \in X \times U} F(x, u) - \langle v, u \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow D_0 = \sup_{v \in V^*} \inf_{(x, u) \in X \times U} F(x, u) - \langle v, u \rangle$$

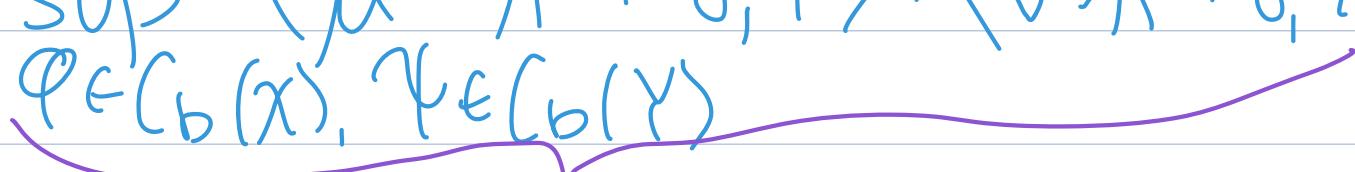
Moral: Introducing a Lagrange multiplier to remove constraint can shed light on how to choose perturbation function  $F(x, u)$ .

Fact: If  $X$  is locally cpt,  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ , then  $C_c(X)$  are dense in  $L^1(\mu)$ .  
(See Folland Thm 7.8, 7.9.)

Lemma: Given  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$ ,  
 $\gamma \in \mathcal{M}(X \times Y)$ ,

$$\chi_{\Pi(\mu, \nu)}(\gamma)$$

$$= \sup_{\varphi \in C_b(X), \psi \in C_b(Y)} \langle \mu - \pi^1 \# \gamma, \varphi \rangle + \langle \nu - \pi^2 \# \gamma, \psi \rangle$$

(X) 

Pf: The equality is clearly true if  $\gamma \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)$ .  $\pi^1 \# \gamma(A) = \gamma(A \times Y)$

If  $\gamma \in \mathcal{M}(X \times Y) \setminus \mathcal{P}(X \times Y)$ , then  $|\# m_0| := \gamma(X \times Y) = \pi^1 \# \gamma(X)$ . Thus,  $\mu \neq \pi^1 \# \gamma$ .

taking  $\varphi_n(x) = n(1-m_0)$ ,  $\psi(y) \equiv 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\ast) &\geq \sup_n \langle \mu - \pi^1 \# \gamma, \varphi_n \rangle + 0 \\ &= \sup_n n(1-m_0) \left( \int_X \mu - \int_X \pi^1 \# \gamma \right) \\ &= \sup_n n(1-m_0)^2 \\ &= +\infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence, equality holds in Lemma statement.

Finally, if  $\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(X \times Y) \setminus \Gamma(\mu, \nu)$ ,  
 then either  $\pi^1 \# \gamma \neq \mu$  or  $\pi^2 \# \gamma \neq \nu$ .  
 WLOG  $\pi^1 \# \gamma \neq \mu$ .

Claim: there must exist  $\varphi \in C_c(X)$   
 s.t.  $\int \varphi_0 d\pi^1 \# \gamma - \int \varphi_0 d\mu \neq 0$ .

$\underbrace{\int \varphi_0 d\pi^1 \# \gamma - \int \varphi_0 d\mu}_{C_0} \neq 0.$

Pf of Claim: Otherwise, by  
 density of  $C_c$  in integrable fns,  
 the measures would have to  
 agree for all  $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ , hence  
 be the same measure.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{let } \varphi_n(x) = -n c_0 \varphi_0(x). \text{ Then} \\ (\ast) & \geq \sup_n \langle \mu - \pi^1 \# \gamma, \varphi_n \rangle + 0 \\ &= \sup_n (-n c_0)(-c_0) \\ &= +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

$\psi \equiv 0$ .

Proposition: Suppose  $X$  is a Polish space and  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  is lsc and bdd below. Then  $\forall \mu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,

$$\int f d\mu = \sup \left\{ \int g d\mu : g \in C_b(X), g \leq f \right\}$$

Pf: Exercise 19

formerly  $X$   $\leftarrow$  formerly  $x$   $\downarrow$

How should we choose  $Z, U, F(z, u)$  so that KP coincides with...

$$D_0 = \sup_{v \in U^*} \inf_{(z, u) \in Z \times U} F(z, u) - \langle v, u \rangle ?$$

In the case of KP...

$$-KP = \inf_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}^*(X \times Y)} |K_c(\gamma)| + \chi_{\Gamma(\mu, \nu)}(\gamma)$$

$$= \inf_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}^*(X \times Y)} \sup_{(\varphi, \psi) \in C_b(X) \times C_b(Y)} |K_c(\gamma) + \langle \mu - \pi^1 \# \gamma, \varphi \rangle + \langle \nu - \pi^2 \# \gamma, \psi \rangle|$$

$$= \sup_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}^*(X \times Y)} \inf_{(\varphi, \psi) \in C_b(X) \times C_b(Y)} -|K_c(\gamma) + \langle \pi^1 \# \gamma - \mu, \varphi \rangle + \langle \pi^2 \# \gamma - \nu, \psi \rangle|$$

Gathering the  $\gamma$ 's...

$$\begin{aligned} & -|K_c(\gamma) + \langle \pi^1 \# \gamma - \mu, \varphi \rangle + \langle \pi^2 \# \gamma - \nu, \psi \rangle| \\ &= -\int Q d\mu - \int \psi d\nu - \int c(x, y) - \varphi(\pi^1(x, y)) - \psi(\pi^2(x, y)) dx \\ & \quad \text{lsc and bdd below} \\ &= -\int Q d\mu - \int \psi d\nu - \sup_{\substack{u \in C_b(X \times Y), \\ u(x, y) \leq c(x, y) - \varphi(x) - \psi(y)}} \int u(x, y) d\gamma \end{aligned}$$

$$= \inf_{u \in C_b(X \times Y)} - \underbrace{\int \varphi d\mu - \int \psi d\nu + \chi(u)}_{F((\varphi, \psi), u)} - \underbrace{\int u(x, y) dx}_{C := \{u \in C_b(X \times Y) : u(x, y) \leq c(x, y) - \varphi(x) - \psi(y)\}}$$

THUS

-KP

$$= \sup_{\delta \in \mathcal{M}(X \times Y)} \inf_{(\varphi, \psi) \in C_b(X) \times C_b(Y)} \inf_{u \in C_b(X \times Y)} F((\varphi, \psi), u) - \langle u, \delta \rangle$$

For simplicity, assume  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  are compact metric spaces.

$$\text{Fact: } (C(X))^* = \mathcal{M}^s(X)$$

What is the corresponding primal problem?

Primal problem:  $P_0 := \inf_{x \in X} f(x)$ ,  $f(x) = F(x, 0)$

By defn of  $F$ ,

$$P_0 = \inf_{(\varphi, \psi) \in C_b(X) \times C_b(Y)} - \int \varphi d\mu - \int \psi d\nu + \chi_c(0)$$

$$= \inf_{(\varphi, \psi) \in C_b(X) \times C_b(Y)} - \int \varphi d\mu - \int \psi d\nu$$

$$0 \leq c(x, y) - \varphi(x) - \psi(y) \quad \forall x \in X, y \in Y$$

$$= - \sup_{(\varphi, \psi) \in C_b(X) \times C_b(Y)} \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu$$

$$\varphi(x) + \psi(y) \leq c(x, y) \quad \forall x \in X, y \in Y.$$

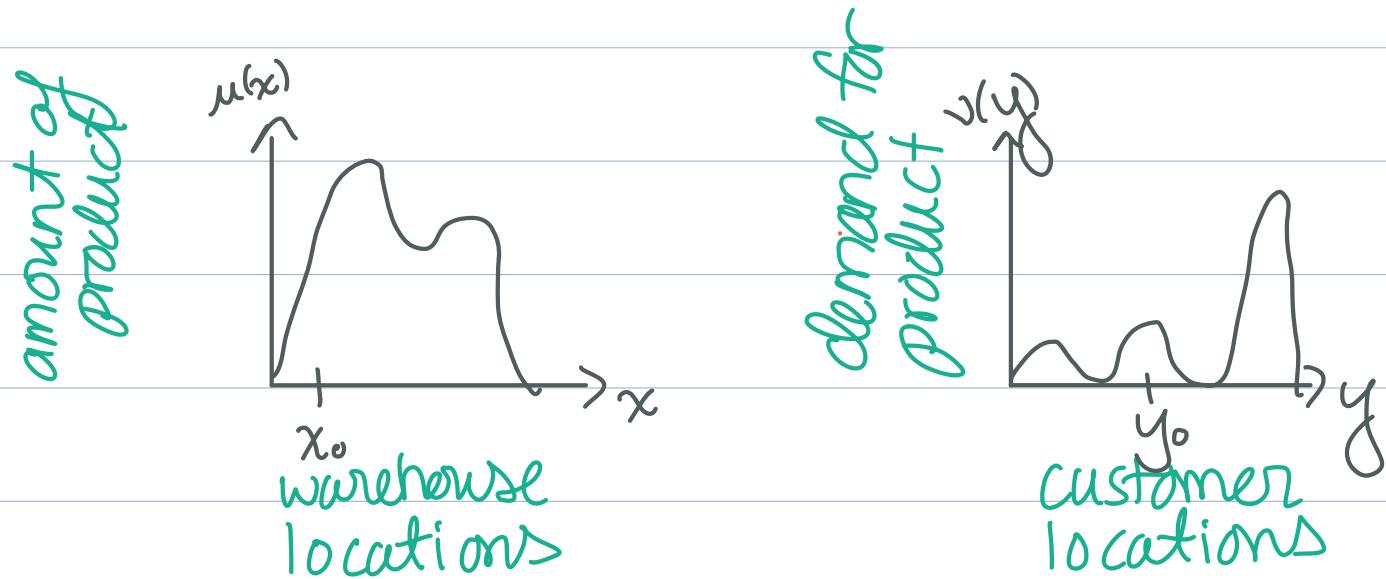
# Optimal Transport MeAT LTBs!

Name of retailer: Buckeys

Type of product: Silly string

Worthy cause: Espresso for grad offices

# The Shipper's Problem (Caffarelli)



- It costs Buckeys  $c(x, y)$  dollars to move one can of silly string from  $x$  to  $y$ .
- You want to make extra \$\$\$ to support espresso for grad offices

- You charge Buckeys  $\varphi(x)$  dollars to pick up one can of silly string from location  $x$  and  $\psi(y)$  dollars to deliver to  $y$ .

Obviously, if Buckeys will let you ship, the following must be true:

$$\varphi(x) + \psi(y) \leq c(x, y).$$

- $P_0 = \sup_{(\varphi, \psi) \in C_b(X) \times C_b(Y)} \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu$
- $\varphi(x) + \psi(y) \leq c(x, y) \quad \forall x \in X, y \in Y.$
- = largest amt of money you can make

$$D_0 = \inf_{\delta \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)} \int c(x^1, x^2) d\delta(x^1, x^2)$$

= least amt it would cost Buckey's to do it themselves

We always have  $P_0 \geq D_0 \Leftrightarrow -D_0 \geq -P_0$ .  
If there is no duality gap,  $P_0 = D_0$ .

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Now: prove  $P_0 = D_0$  for (KP)

Thm: Suppose  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  are cpt Polish spaces and  $c \in C(X \times Y)$ ,  $c \geq 0$ . Then  $\forall \mu \in \mathcal{P}(X), \nu \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$ ,

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mu, \nu)} K(\gamma) = \sup_{\substack{(\varphi, \psi) \in C(X) \times C(Y) \\ \varphi + \psi \leq c}} \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu$$

$\underbrace{\phantom{\sup_{\substack{(\varphi, \psi) \in C(X) \times C(Y) \\ \varphi + \psi \leq c}} \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu}}_{= -D_0}$

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Furthermore, the maximum is attained.

Lemma: Let  $(X, d_X)$  be a metric space and  $\mathcal{A}$  a set. Suppose  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is a collection of functions  $f: X \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $\{f(\cdot, \alpha) : f \in \mathcal{F}_1, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is e-cts. Then  $\{\inf_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} f(\cdot, \alpha) : f \in \mathcal{F}_1\}$  is e-cts.

Exercise 19

