

Lecture 28, Wed., 6/1/2022

Review Given $c: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. $P \subseteq X \times Y$ is c -cyclically monotone, if

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c(x_i, y_i) < \sum_{i=1}^N c(x_i, y_{\sigma(i)})$$

for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, any $(x_i, y_i) \in P$ ($i=1, \dots, N$), any permutation σ of $\{1, \dots, N\}$.

Theorem Let X and Y be Polish spaces, $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$, $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$, and $c: X \times Y \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ continuous. Let $\gamma = \arg \min_{\mathcal{A}(\mu, \nu)} E_\gamma$ with $E_\gamma[\gamma] = \int_{X \times Y} c d\gamma$, $\min_{\mathcal{A}(\mu, \nu)} E_\gamma < \infty$. Then, $\text{Supp } \gamma \subseteq X \times Y$ is c -cyclically monotone.

Today ○ Definition / properties of c -concave functions, and subdifferential.

○ Theorem: a generalized Rockafellar Theorem.

Theorem (A generalized Rockafellar theorem). Let X and Y be two nonempty sets and $c: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a function. Let $P \subseteq X \times Y$ be c -cyclically monotone. Then, there exists a c -concave function $\phi: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$, $\phi \not\equiv -\infty$, such that $P \subseteq \text{Graph}(\partial^c \phi)$.

c -Concave functions

Definition Let X, Y be nonempty sets and $c: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a function. For any $\phi: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ and $\psi: Y \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$, we define

$$\phi^c(y) = \inf_{x \in X} [c(x, y) - \phi(x)] \quad \forall y \in Y.$$

$$\psi^c(x) = \inf_{y \in Y} [c(x, y) - \psi(y)] \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Call ϕ^c, ψ^c c -concave functions (or c -conjugate

functions) of φ, ψ , respectively. Call (φ^c, φ^c) a c-conjugate pair (if $\varphi^c \neq +\infty$).

Remark Sometimes we include $-\infty$, or $+\infty$. The rule is that we cannot have $\infty - \infty$, as that is not defined.

Definition (c-Concavity) A function $\varphi: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ is c-concave if it is the infimum of a family of c-affine functions $c(\cdot, y) + \alpha$, i.e.,

$$\varphi(x) = \inf_{y \in B} \{ c(x, y) + \alpha_y \},$$

for some $B \subseteq Y$ and $\alpha_y \in \mathbb{R}$ ($y \in B$). A function

$\psi: Y \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ is c-concave if it is the infimum of a family of c-affine functions $c(x, \cdot) + \beta$.

Example $X = Y = \mathbb{R}^d$, $c(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} |x - y|^2 = \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |y|^2 - x \cdot y$.
 $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\gamma \in \mathcal{A}(\mu, \nu)$

$$E_\gamma[x] = \int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\gamma(x, y)$$

$$= \int_{X \times Y} \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 d\gamma(x, y) + \int_{X \times Y} \frac{1}{2} |y|^2 d\gamma(x, y) - \int_{X \times Y} x \cdot y d\gamma(x, y)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 d\mu(x) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2} |y|^2 d\nu(y) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} x \cdot y d\gamma(x, y)$$

If $\hat{c}(x, y) = -x \cdot y$, then for $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ we have

$$\varphi^c(y) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \{ -x \cdot y - \varphi(x) \} = - \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \{ x \cdot y - (-\varphi(x)) \}.$$

$= -(-\varphi)^*(y)$, $(-\varphi)^*$ is the Legendre transform of $-\varphi$.

Definition (c -Subdifferential). Let X and Y be two nonempty sets and $c: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Let $\phi: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ and $x \in X$ with $\phi(x) \in \mathbb{R}$. Define the c -subdifferential of ϕ at x as

$$\partial^c \phi(x) = \{y \in Y : c(z, y) - \phi(z) \text{ is minimal at } z=x\}.$$

Define the graph of $\partial^c \phi$ to be

$$\text{Graph}(\partial^c \phi) = \bigcup_{x \in X} \{x\} \times \partial^c \phi(x).$$

Remark \odot The minimal condition is

$$c(x, y) - \phi(x) \leq c(z, y) - \phi(z) \quad \forall z \in Y,$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad \phi(z) \leq \phi(x) - c(x, y) + c(z, y) \quad \forall z \in Y.$$

\odot One can show that

$$y \in \partial^c \phi(x) \iff \phi(x) + \phi^c(y) = c(x, y) \iff x \in \partial^c \phi(y).$$

\odot A subset $\Gamma \subseteq X \times Y$ satisfies $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Graph}(\partial^c \phi)$ if and only if

$$\phi(x) \leq c(x, y_x) - c(x_x, y_x) + \phi(x_x) \quad \forall (x_x, y_x) \in \Gamma \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Theorem (Generalized Rockafellar Theorem). Let X and Y be nonempty sets and $c: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If $\Gamma \subseteq X \times Y$ is c -cyclically monotone, then there exists a c -concave function $\phi: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$, $\phi \not\equiv -\infty$, such that $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Graph}(\partial^c \phi)$.

Proof Fix $(x_0, y_0) \in \Gamma$. Construct ϕ s.t. $\phi(x_0) = 0$. Note that $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Graph}(\partial^c \phi)$ is equivalent to

$\phi(x) \leq c(x, y_*) - c(x_*, y_*) + \phi(x_*) \quad \forall (x_*, y_*) \in \Gamma \quad \forall x \in X.$
 Now, choose $(x_1, y_1) \in \Gamma$ and apply this condition to (x_1, y_1) first and (x_0, y_0) :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &\leq c(x, y_1) - c(x_1, y_1) + \phi(x_1) \\ &\leq c(x, y_1) - c(x_1, y_1) + c(x_1, y_0) - c(x_0, y_0). \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &\leq \inf \left\{ c(x, y_N) - c(x_N, y_N) + c(x_N, y_{N-1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - c(x_{N-1}, y_{N-1}) + c(x_{N-1}, y_{N-2}) - c(x_{N-2}, y_{N-2}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + c(x_1, y_0) - c(x_0, y_0) \right\} \\ &= \inf \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} [c(x_i, y_{i-1}) - c(x_{i-1}, y_{i-1})], \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

where $x_{N+1} = x$, and the infimum is taken over all $N \geq 1$ and $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N) \in \Gamma$.

Define $\phi: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ by $(*)$.

We check:

- (1) $\phi: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$. True since $c: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
- (2) ϕ is c -concave, as it is the infimum of c -affine functions $c(\cdot, y_N) + \alpha y_N$.
- (3) $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Graph}(\partial^c \phi)$, i.e.,

$$\phi(x) \leq c(x, y_*) - c(x_*, y_*) + \phi(x_*) \quad \forall (x_*, y_*) \in \Gamma \quad \forall x \in X.$$

From $(*)$, keeping (x_N, y_N) fixed, then

$$\varphi(x) = \inf_{(x_n, y_n) \in \Gamma} [C(x, y_n) - C(x_n, y_n) + \varphi(x_n)].$$

Thus, (*) is true.

(4) $\varphi(x_0) = 0$. First,

$$\varphi(x_0) \leq C(x_0, y_0) - C(x_0, y_0) = 0.$$

Now, since Γ is c -cyclically monotone, with particularly the cyclic permutation $x_i \mapsto x_{i+1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) and $x_n \mapsto x_0$, we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} [C(x_i, y_{i-1}) - C(x_{i-1}, y_{i-1})] \geq 0.$$

Hence $\varphi(x) \geq 0$. Particularly, $\varphi(x_0) \geq 0$. So, $\varphi(x_0) = 0$.

Where are we now?

Q.E.D

$X = Y = \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$. $C(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}|x - y|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} E_\gamma[\cdot] &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2}|x|^2 d\mu(x) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2}|y|^2 d\nu(y) \\ &- \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} x \cdot y d\gamma(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

If $\gamma = \arg \min_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} E_\gamma[\cdot]$. Then

① $\text{supp } \gamma \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ is c -cyclically monotone.

② $\text{supp } \gamma \subseteq \text{Graph}(\partial\varphi)$ for some convex function $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$.

Next: $T = \nabla\varphi$. $\gamma = (\text{Id} \times T) \# \mu$, and uniqueness.