

What are extreme points of  $\{u:[0,B]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid u(\mathbf{0})=0, u \text{ convex}, \nabla u(x) \in [0,1]^n \forall x\}$ ?

For  $n=1$ :  $u_c(x)=\max\{x-c,0\} \forall x$ , so " $\nabla u_c(x) \in \{0,1\}^n \forall x$ ."

Manelli & Vincent, JET 137:153-185 (2007). *Are extreme points dense in the set?*

Given  $n, B>0, X \subseteq [0,B]^n$  finite,  $\mathbf{0} \in X$ , and  $f \in \Delta(X)$ .

**Primal problem:** (with  $U(x) = \sum_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} x_i P_i(x) - T(x)$ )

maximize  $\sum_{x \in X} (\sum_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} x_i P_i(x) - U(x)) f(x) + U(\mathbf{0})$

over  $P_i(x) \geq 0, U(x), \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \forall x \in X$

subject to:  $P_i(x) \leq 1, \forall i, \forall x;$

$(U(y) + \sum_i (x_i - y_i) P_i(y)) - U(x) \leq 0, \forall x, \forall y \in X.$

$\beta_i(x)$

$\alpha(y|x)$

**Dual problem**

minimize  $\sum_{x \in X} \sum_i \beta_i(x)$

over  $\beta_i(x) \geq 0, \alpha(y|x) \geq 0, \forall x, \forall y, \forall i;$

subject to  $\sum_{y \in X} \alpha(y|x) - \sum_{y \in X} \alpha(x|y) = f(x) - \mathbb{1}_{\{x=0\}}, \forall x;$

$\beta_i(x) + \sum_{y \in X} \alpha(x|y)(y_i - x_i) \geq f(x)x_i, \forall i, \forall x.$

$U(x)$

$P_i(x)$

So  $\beta_i(x) = \max\{0, f(x)x_i + \sum_{y \in X} \alpha(x|y)(x_i - y_i)\}$

$= \max\{0, \sum_{y \in X} \alpha(y|x)x_i - \sum_{y \in X} \alpha(x|y)y_i\}.$

$f(x)x_i + \sum_y \alpha(x|y)(x_i - y_i) > 0 \Rightarrow P_i(x)=1. f(x)x_i + \sum_y \alpha(x|y)(x_i - y_i) < 0 \Rightarrow P_i(x)=0.$