

Some perspectives on Bregman divergences*

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Outline of the talk

- Bregman divergences and some usages
- Boolean geometry of Bregman balls
- Bregman divergences derived from comparative convexity

Bregman divergences (1960's)

- $F: \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a strictly convex and smooth real-valued function on a finite dim. Hilbert space $\langle \dots \rangle$

Bregman divergence $B_F: \Theta \times \text{RelInt}(\Theta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

$$B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = F(\theta_1) - F(\theta_2) - \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \nabla F(\theta_2) \rangle$$

Smooth measure of discrepancy, not a metric distance because it violates the triangle inequality, and is asymmetric when F is not quadratic function. Hence the delimiter notation “:” instead of $B_F(\theta_1, \theta_2)$

BD interpreted as **remainder** of a first order Taylor expression of $F(\theta_1)$ around θ_2 :

$$F(\theta_1) = F(\theta_2) + \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \nabla F(\theta_2) \rangle + \underbrace{B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2)}_{\text{Taylor remainder}}$$

Example of remainder: Lagrange remainder (smooth C^2 generators): $\nabla^2 F$ SPD $\Rightarrow B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) \geq 0$

$$B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = \frac{1}{2} (\theta_2 - \theta_1)^\top \nabla^2 F(\theta) (\theta_2 - \theta_1) \geq 0, \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$$



Lev M. Bregman

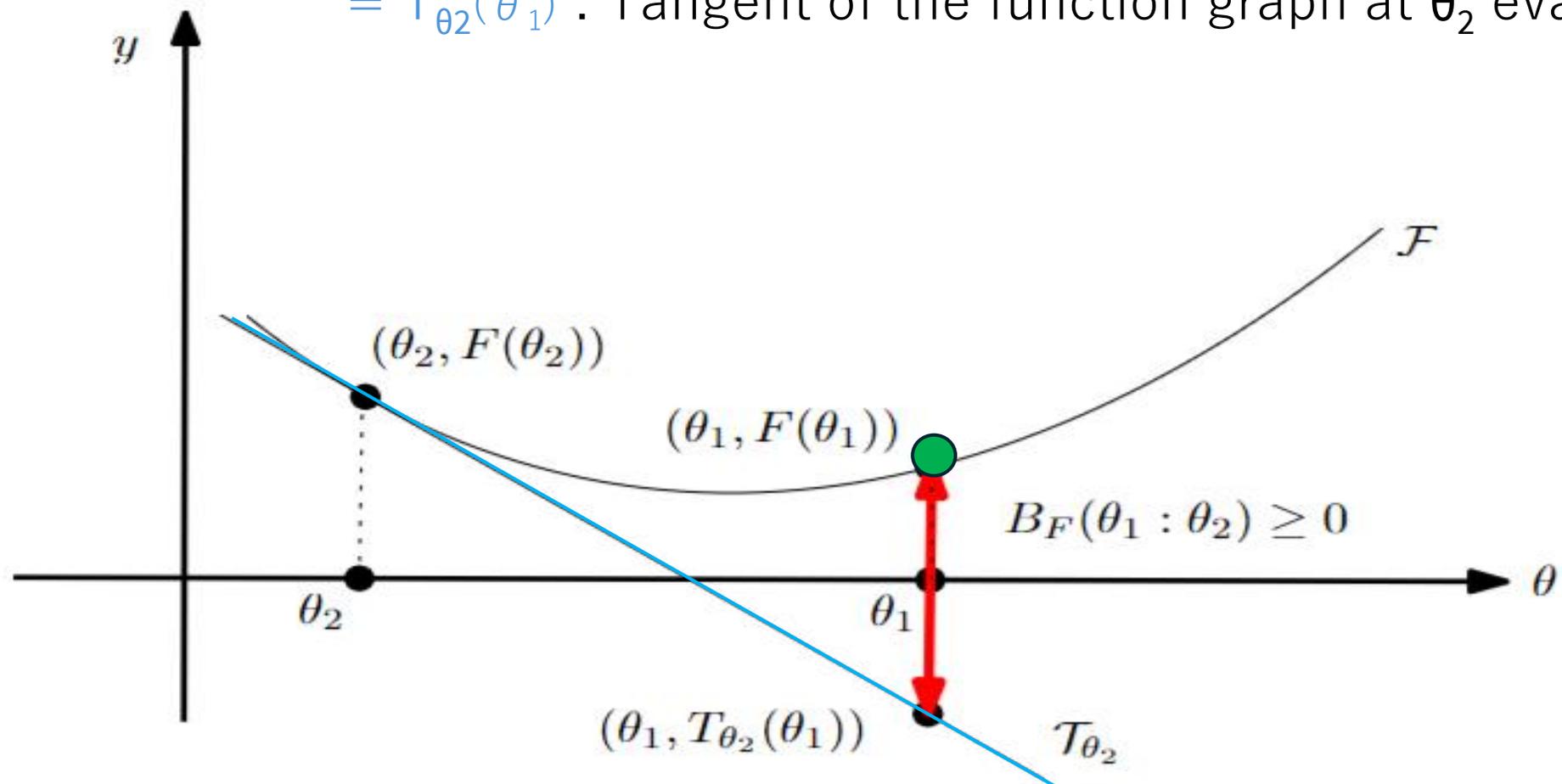
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Alexander Fradkov

Geometric interpretation as a **vertical gap** using the graph $(\theta, F(\theta))$:

$$B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = F(\theta_1) - \underbrace{(F(\theta_2) + \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \nabla F(\theta_2) \rangle)}$$

$= T_{\theta_2}(\theta_1)$: Tangent of the function graph at θ_2 evaluated at θ_1



BDs: Versatile and popular in OR, ML, IT, signal processing

Originally motivated for finding an **intersection point** in a set of convex objects using **Bregman projections**.
(ex. of convex objects: halfspaces, balls, etc.)

BDs unify:

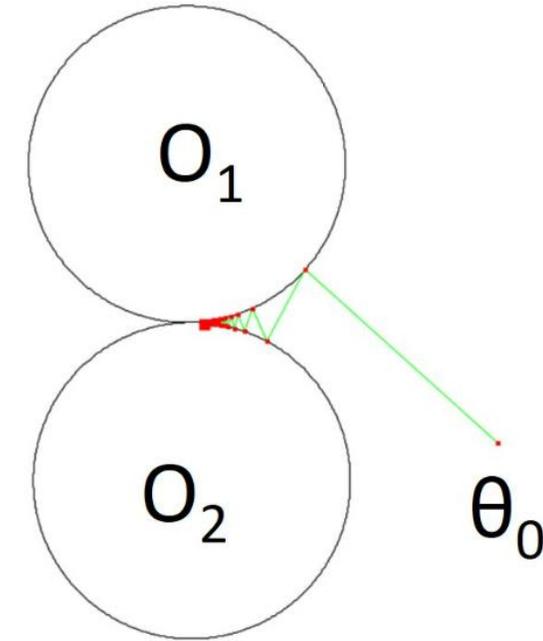
- *squared Euclidean divergence* $F(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \langle \theta, \theta \rangle$
- *Kullback-Leibler divergence* $F(\theta) = \sum_i \theta_i \log(\theta_i)$
(relative Shannon entropy)
- *Itakura-Saito divergence* $F(\theta) = \sum_i -\log(\theta_i)$
(relative Burg entropy)

$$B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = F(\theta_1) - F(\theta_2) - \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \nabla F(\theta_2) \rangle$$

L22 ($\beta = 2$), KLD ($\beta \rightarrow 0$), ISD ($\beta = 1$), belong to a *family* of **β -divergences**, learn ad hoc $\beta \geq 0$

$$x, y > 0, \beta \geq 0 \quad d_\beta(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{y} - \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - 1 & \beta = 0 \\ x(\log x - \log y) + (y - x) & \beta = 1 \\ \frac{x^\beta + (\beta - 1)y^\beta - \beta xy^{\beta-1}}{\beta(\beta - 1)} & \beta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Bregman Generator: } \phi_\beta(x) = \begin{cases} -\log x + x - 1 & \beta = 0 \\ x \log x - x + 1 & \beta = 1 \\ \frac{x^\beta}{\beta(\beta - 1)} - \frac{x}{\beta - 1} + \frac{1}{\beta} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



$$\theta_0 \in \Theta, t \leftarrow 0$$

$$\theta_{t+1} = \arg \min_{\theta \in O_{1+(t \bmod n)}} B_F(\theta_t : \theta)$$

Bregman divergences in machine learning...

- Kullback-Leibler divergence between two probability densities:

$$D_{\text{KL}}[p(x):q(x)] = \int p(x) \log(p(x)/q(x)) d\mu(x)$$

is **difficult to calculate in closed form** because of the integral $\int \dots$

- But Kullback-Leibler divergence between two probability densities of a **natural exponential family** with densities $p(x|\theta) \propto \exp(\langle x, \theta \rangle)$

amount to a **reverse Bregman divergence** $B_F^{\text{rev}}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) := B_F(\theta_2 : \theta_1)$

$$D_{\text{KL}}[p(x|\theta_1) : p(x|\theta_2)] = B_F^{\text{rev}}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = B_F(\theta_2 : \theta_1)$$

Bypass the \int , ∇F in BD easy to calculate! \Rightarrow Easy calculations of KLDs

Representational Bregman divergences (2009)

- Use a **representation function** R :

$$\begin{aligned} B_{F,R}(\lambda_1 : \lambda_2) &:= B_F(R(\lambda_1) : R(\lambda_2)) \\ &= F(R(\lambda_1)) - F(R(\lambda_2)) - \langle R(\lambda_1) - R(\lambda_2), \nabla F(R(\lambda_2)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Note that $F \circ R$ may not be a Bregman generator, i.e., not be strictly convex.

For example, consider the KLD between two densities of a **generic exponential family (natural parameter from representation function)**

$$p_\lambda(x) \propto \tilde{p}_\lambda(x) = \exp(\langle \theta(\lambda), t(x) \rangle) h(x) \quad \text{include normal, Gamma/Beta, Wishart, Poisson, etc.}$$

$\theta(\lambda)$: natural parameter corresponding to λ , representation function $R(\cdot) = \theta(\cdot)$

$$D_{KL}[p(x|\lambda_1) : p(x|\lambda_2)] = B_F^{\text{rev}}(\theta(\lambda_1) : \theta(\lambda_2)) = B_F(\theta(\lambda_2) : \theta(\lambda_1))$$

$$\text{NEF density } p(x|\theta) \propto \exp(\langle x, \theta \rangle) \quad D_{KL}[p(x|\theta_1) : p(x|\theta_2)] = B_F^{\text{rev}}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = B_F(\theta_2 : \theta_1)$$

Extended α -divergences are representational BDs

α -divergences extended to m -dimensional positive measures are **representational Bregman divergences**:

$$D_{\alpha}^{+}(q_1 : q_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{1-\alpha^2} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{2} q_1 + \frac{1+\alpha}{2} q_2 - q_1^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} q_2^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} \right), & \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 1\} \\ D_{\text{KL}}^{*+}(q_1 : q_2) = D_{\text{KL}}^{+}(q_2 : q_1) = \sum_{i=1}^m q_2^i \log \frac{q_2^i}{q_1^i} + q_1^i - q_2^i & \alpha = 1 \\ D_{\text{KL}}^{+}(q_1 : q_2) = \sum_{i=1}^m q_1^i \log \frac{q_1^i}{q_2^i} + q_2^i - q_1^i & \alpha = -1. \end{cases}$$


$D_{\alpha}^{+}(q_1 : q_2) = B_{F_{\alpha}}(R_{\alpha}(q_1) : R_{\alpha}(q_2))$

Bregman generator: $F_{\alpha}(r) = \sum_{i=1}^m f_{\alpha}(r_i), \quad f_{\alpha}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{1+\alpha} \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{2} x \right)^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}}, & \alpha \neq 1 \\ \log x, & \alpha = 1. \end{cases}$

Representation function: $R_{\alpha}(q) = (r_{\alpha}(q_1), \dots, r_{\alpha}(q_m)), \quad r_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{2}{1-\alpha} x^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}}$

Bregman divergence: $B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = F(\theta_1) - F(\theta_2) - \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \nabla F(\theta_2) \rangle$

Convex duality via Legendre-Fenchel transform

- Legendre-Fenchel transform of a convex function F :

$$F^*(\eta) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \{ \langle \theta, \eta \rangle - F(\theta) \}$$

- Problem: some *tricky functions* with gradient map ∇F domain not convex...

Example: $h(\xi_1, \xi_2) = [(\xi_1^2/\xi_2) + \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2]/4$ on upper plane domain $\Xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$

- Thus, we consider “**nice convex functions**” = **Legendre-type functions** $(\Theta, F(\theta))$
(i) Θ open, and (ii) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \partial\Theta} \|\nabla F(\theta)\| = \infty$

Then we get:

- 1 **reciprocal gradient maps** $\eta = \nabla F(\theta)$ and $\theta = \nabla F^*(\eta)$, $\nabla F^* = (\nabla F)^{-1}$
- 2 conjugation yields $(H, F^*(\eta))$ of Legendre type
- 3 biconjugation is an **involution**: $(H, F^*(\eta))^* = (H^* = \Theta, F^{**} = F(\theta))$

- Convex conjugate: $F^*(\eta) = \langle \nabla F^{-1}(\eta), \eta \rangle - F(\nabla F^{-1}(\eta))$ since $\eta = \nabla F(\theta)$

Fenchel-Young divergences & convex duality

- Young inequality: $F(\theta_1) + F^*(\eta_2) \geq \langle \theta_1, \eta_2 \rangle$ with equality when $\eta_2 = \nabla F(\theta_1)$
- Build the Fenchel-Young divergence from the inequality: lhs-rhs ≥ 0

$$Y_{F, F^*}(\theta_1, \eta_2) = F(\theta_1) + F^*(\eta_2) - \langle \theta_1, \eta_2 \rangle \geq 0$$

- **Mixed parameterizations** θ and η : $B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = Y_{F, F^*}(\theta_1, \eta_2)$
- Duality: $B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = Y_{F, F^*}(\theta_1, \eta_2) = Y_{F^*, F}(\eta_2, \theta_1) = B_{F^*}(\eta_2, \eta_1)$
- Dual BDs + Dual FYs from involution $F^{**} = F$
- Note : $B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta_1 = \theta_2 \Leftrightarrow \eta_1 = \eta_2$ i.e., $\nabla F(\theta_1) = \nabla F(\theta_2)$

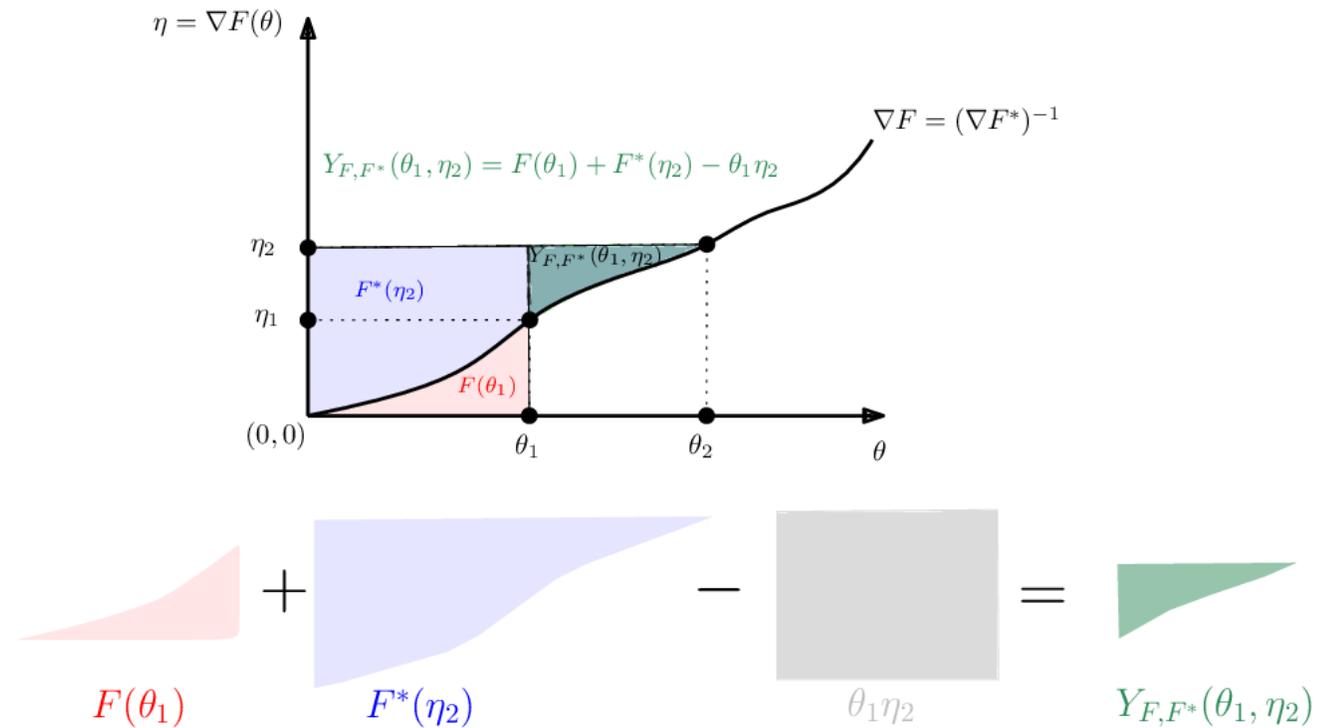
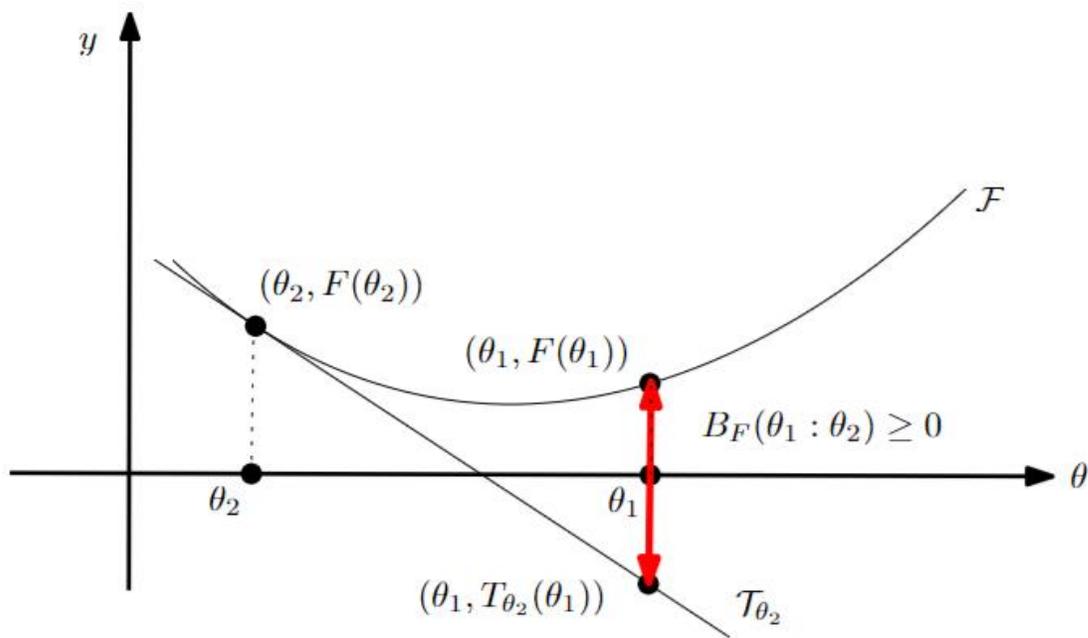
(FY initially called Legendre-Fenchel divergences...)

Bregman divergence vs Fenchel-Young divergence

Same parameterization $B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = Y_{F, F^*}(\theta_1, \eta_2)$ mixed parameterization

F strictly convex and differentiable

$F' \nearrow$ strictly increasing



$$B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = F(\theta_1) - F(\theta_2) - \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \nabla F(\theta_2) \rangle$$

$$Y_{F, F^*}(\theta_1, \eta_2) = F(\theta_1) + F^*(\eta_2) - \langle \theta_1, \eta_2 \rangle$$

Kullback-Leibler divergence between non-normalized exponential family densities

- Kullback-Leibler divergence between two **positive measures**:

$$D_{KL}^+[p_1(x):p_2(x)] = \int \{ p_1(x) \log (p_1(x)/p_2(x)) + p_2(x) - p_1(x) \} d\mu(x)$$

- Exponential family density:

- Normalized: $p(x|\theta) = \exp(\langle x, \theta \rangle - F(\theta)) d\mu(x)$
- Non-normalized: $q(x|\theta) = \exp(\langle x, \theta \rangle) d\mu(x)$

- Hence, $p(x|\theta) = q(x|\theta)/Z(\theta)$ with **partition function** $Z(\theta) = \exp(F(\theta))$ and **cumulant function** $F(\theta) = \log Z(\theta)$

- When F is convex, $Z = \exp(F)$ is log-convex

- log-convex functions are convex functions: So **both F and Z are convex functions**

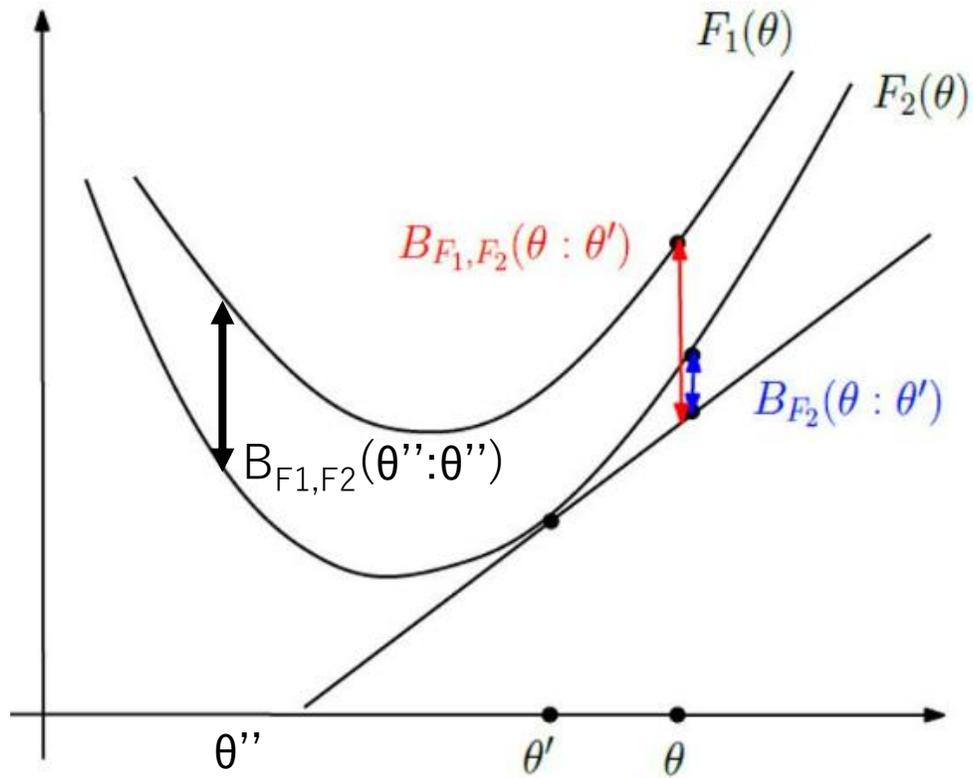
- KLD between normalized densities = **reverse Bregman** wrt F :

$$D_{KL}[p_{\theta_1}(x):p_{\theta_2}(x)] = B_F^*[\theta_1:\theta_2] = B_F[\theta_2:\theta_1]$$

- KLD between non-normalized densities = **reverse Bregman** wrt Z :

$$D_{KL}^+[q_{\theta_1}(x):q_{\theta_2}(x)] = B_Z^*[\theta_1:\theta_2] = B_Z[\theta_2:\theta_1]$$

Duo Bregman divergences: Generalize BDs with a pair of generators



One generator **majorizes** the other one:

$$\mathbf{F}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \geq \mathbf{F}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} B_{F_1, F_2}(\boldsymbol{\theta} : \boldsymbol{\theta}') &= F_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - F_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}') - (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}')^\top \nabla F_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}') \\ &\geq B_{F_2}(\boldsymbol{\theta} : \boldsymbol{\theta}') \end{aligned}$$

- Recover Bregman divergence when $\mathbf{F}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{F}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

$$B_F(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 : \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) = F(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) - F(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) - \langle \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \nabla F(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \rangle$$
- Only **pseudo-divergence** because $B_{F_1, F_2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}'' : \boldsymbol{\theta}'')$ positive, not zero

KLD between nested exponential families amount to duo Bregman pseudo-divergences

$$\frac{q(x|\theta) \gg p(x|\theta)}{p(x|\theta)} \quad \begin{matrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{matrix}$$

- Consider an exponential family on support X_1 : $D_{KL}[p(x):q(x)] = \int p(x) \log(p(x)/q(x)) d\mu(x)$

$$p(x|\theta) = \exp(\langle x, \theta \rangle - F_1(\theta)) d\mu(x) \quad 0 \log(0/0) = 0$$

with cumulant function $F_1(\theta) = \log \int_{X_1} \exp(\langle x, \theta \rangle) d\mu(x)$

- Another exponential family with **nested supports: $X_1 \subseteq X_2$**

$$q(x|\theta) = \exp(\langle x, \theta \rangle - F_2(\theta)) d\mu(x)$$

is an exponential family with $F_2(\theta) = \log \int_{X_2} \exp(\langle x, \theta \rangle) d\mu(x) \geq F_1(\theta)$

- Then KLD amounts to a **reverse duo Bregman pseudo-divergence**:

$$D_{KL}[p(x|\theta_1) : q(x|\theta_2)] = B_{F_2, F_1}^{rev}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = B_{F_2, F_1}(\theta_2 : \theta_1)$$

Curved Bregman divergences

Consider a domain U which maps to a subset of Θ by $\theta = c(u)$
with $\dim(U) < \dim(\Theta)$:

$B_{F,u}(u_1 : u_2) := B_F(c(u_1) : c(u_2))$ is not Bregman when $\{c(u) \mid u \in U\}$ not convex
usually not a Bregman divergence unless $c(\cdot)$ is affine

Example: Symmetrized Bregman divergences (Jeffreys-Bregman div.)
are curved Bregman divergences: $S_F(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \eta_1 - \eta_2 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} S_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) &= B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) + B_F(\theta_2 : \theta_1), \\ &= B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) + B_{F^*}(\nabla F(\theta_1) : \nabla F(\theta_2)) \\ &= \check{B}_{F_{\zeta}}(\zeta(\theta_1) : \zeta(\theta_2)), \end{aligned}$$

$$F^*(\eta) = \langle \theta, \eta \rangle - F(\theta) \quad F_{\zeta}(\theta, \eta) := F(\theta) + F^*(\eta) \quad \zeta(\theta) = (\theta, \nabla F(\theta))$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \{(\theta, \nabla F(\theta)) : \theta \in \Theta\} \quad \text{m-dimensional submanifold in 2m-dimensional space}$$

Curved Bregman centroid is the Bregman projection of the full Bregman centroid

Theorem:

$$\arg \min_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i B_F(\theta_i : \theta(u)) = \arg \min_{u \in \mathcal{U}} B_F(\bar{\theta} : \theta(u)) \quad [\text{Bregman projection}]$$

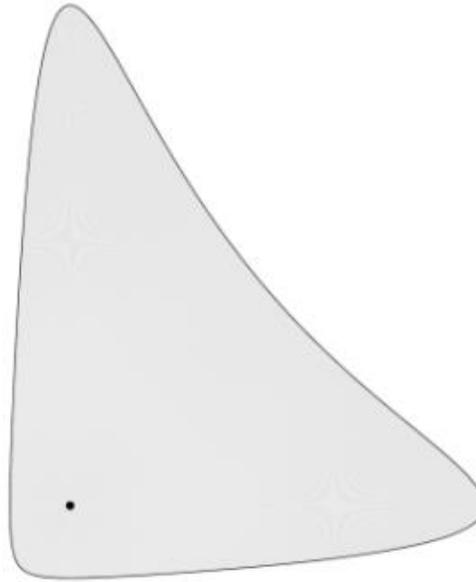
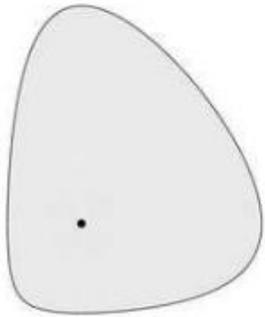
$$\theta_i = \theta(u_i) \quad \bar{\theta} = \sum_i w_i \theta_i$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i B_F(\theta_i : \theta(u)) &= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (F(\theta_i) - F(\theta(u)) - \langle \theta_i - \theta(u), \nabla F(\theta(u)) \rangle), \\ &\equiv -F(\theta(u)) - \langle \bar{\theta} - \theta(u), \nabla F(\theta(u)) \rangle, \\ &\equiv F(\bar{\theta}) - F(\theta(u)) - \langle \bar{\theta} - \theta(u), \nabla F(\theta(u)) \rangle \\ &= B_F(\bar{\theta} : \theta(u)). \end{aligned}$$

"What is... an information projection?" Notices of the AMS 65.3 (2018): 321-324.

Space of Bregman balls



Example:
Itakura-Saito right and left spheres

Right-sided Bregman ball:

$$\sigma_F(\theta, r) = \{\theta' \in \Theta : B_F(\theta' : \theta) \leq r\}$$

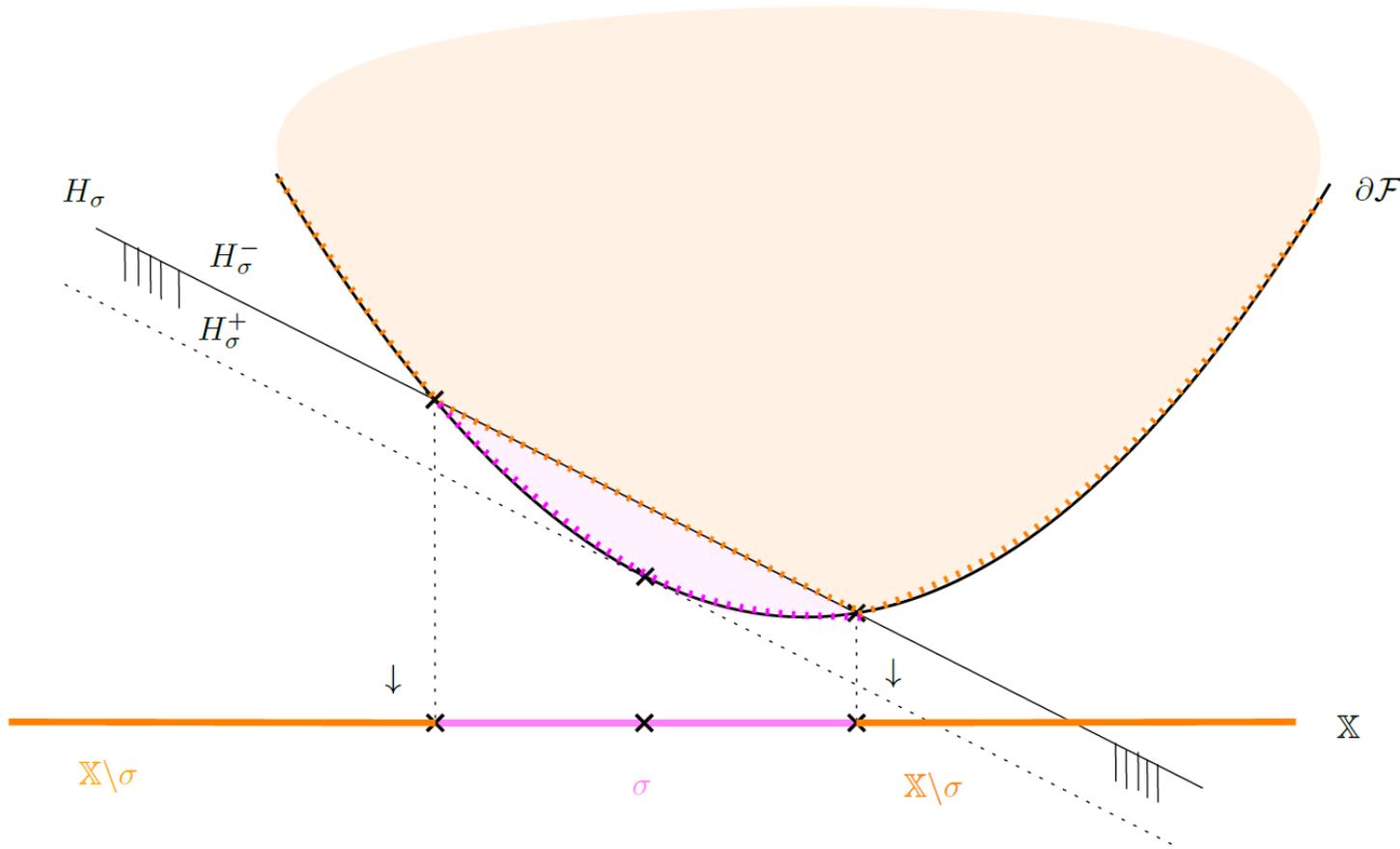
Left-sided Bregman ball:

$$\sigma_F^*(\theta, r) = \{\theta' \in \Theta : B_F(\theta : \theta') \leq r\}$$

Application: Boolean algebra of unions & intersections of Bregman balls

Right Bregman ball and its complement

$$\mathcal{F} := \{(\theta, y \geq F(\theta)) : \theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^m\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$$



↓ means vertical projection

S^c : complement of set S

To any sphere, associate an hyperplane:

$$H_{\theta,r} : y = \langle \theta' - \theta, \nabla F(\theta) \rangle + F(\theta) + r$$

Reciprocally, to an hyperplane cutting the function graph, associate a sphere

$$z = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a} \rangle + b$$

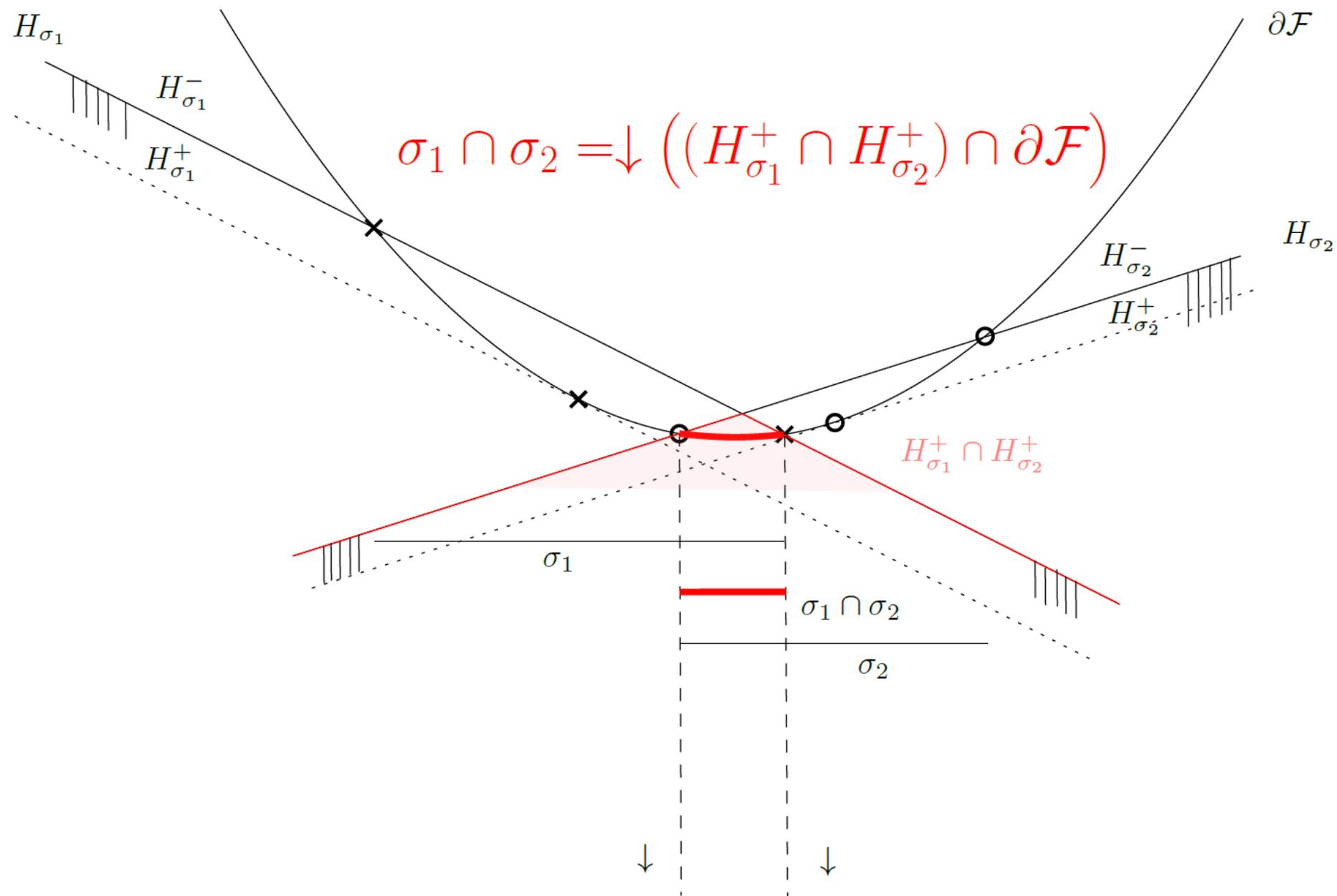
Center: $\mathbf{c} = \nabla^{-1} F(\mathbf{a})$

Radius: $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c} \rangle - F(\mathbf{c}) + b$

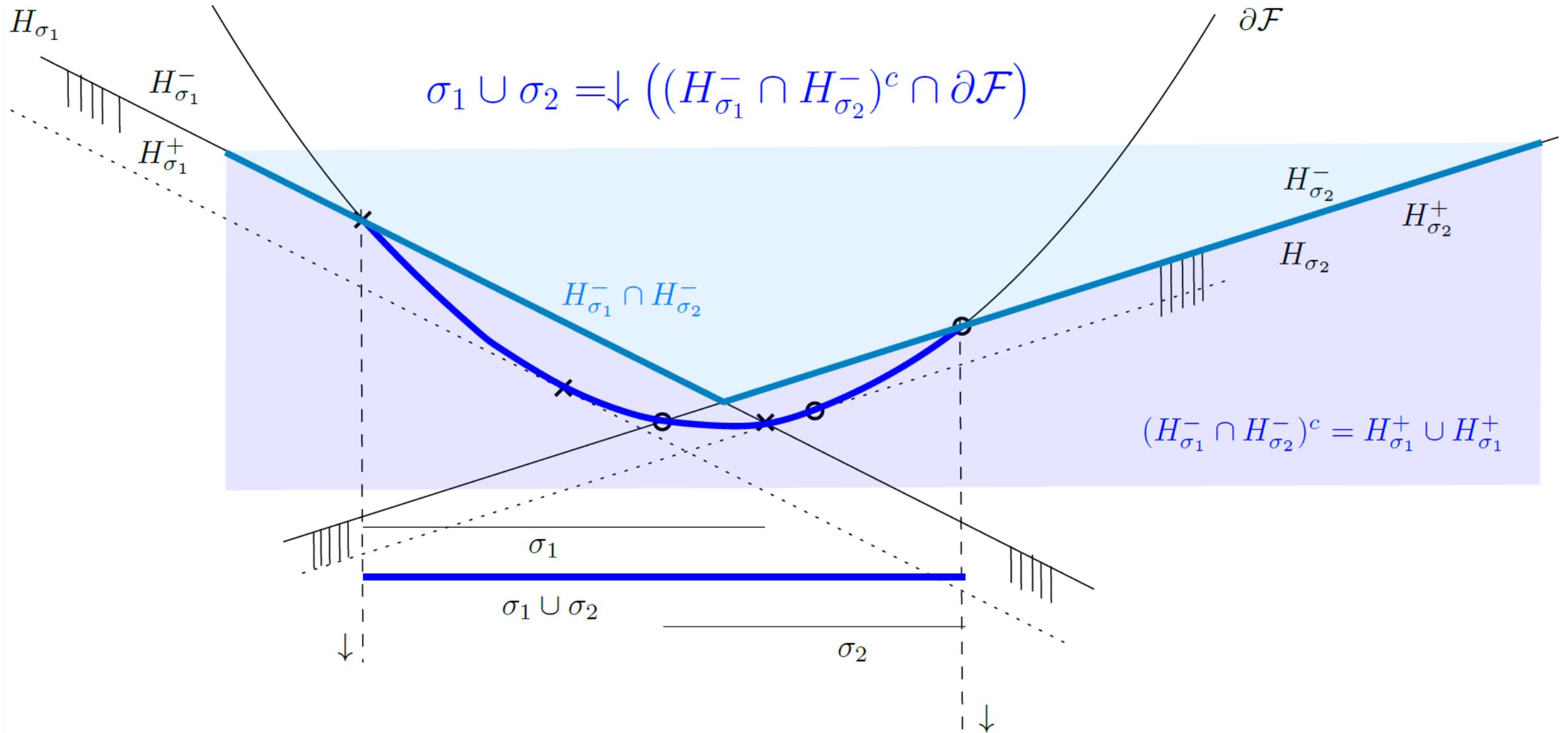
$$\sigma^c = \mathbb{X} \setminus \sigma = \downarrow (H_\sigma^- \cap \partial \mathcal{F}) \quad \sigma = \downarrow (H_\sigma^+ \cap \partial \mathcal{F}) \quad \sigma^c = \mathbb{X} \setminus \sigma = \downarrow (H_\sigma^- \cap \partial \mathcal{F})$$

Lifting to potential Bregman generator graph

Intersection of two right Bregman balls



Union of two right Bregman balls

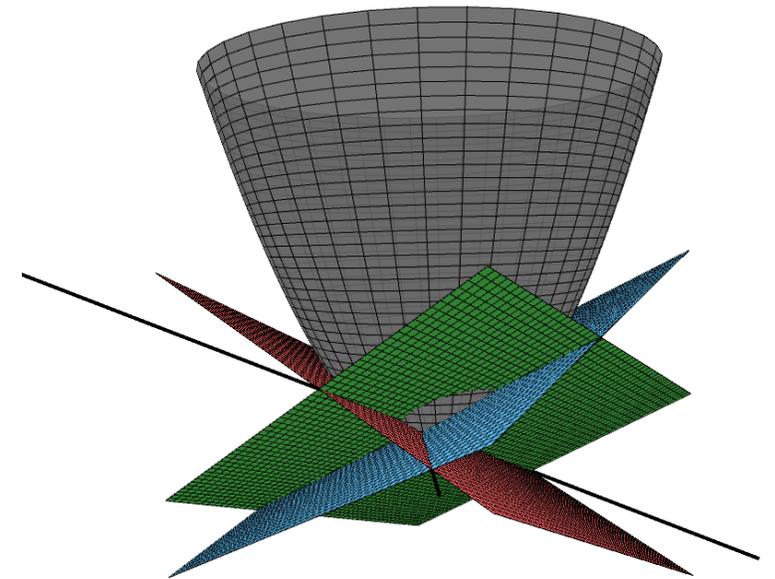
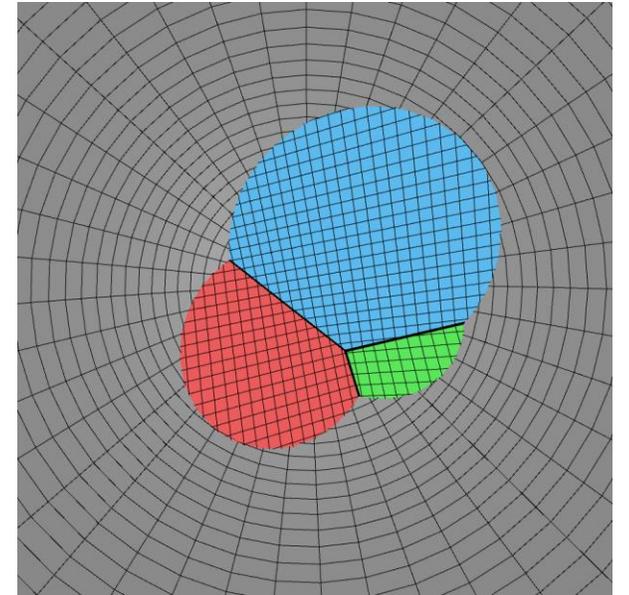
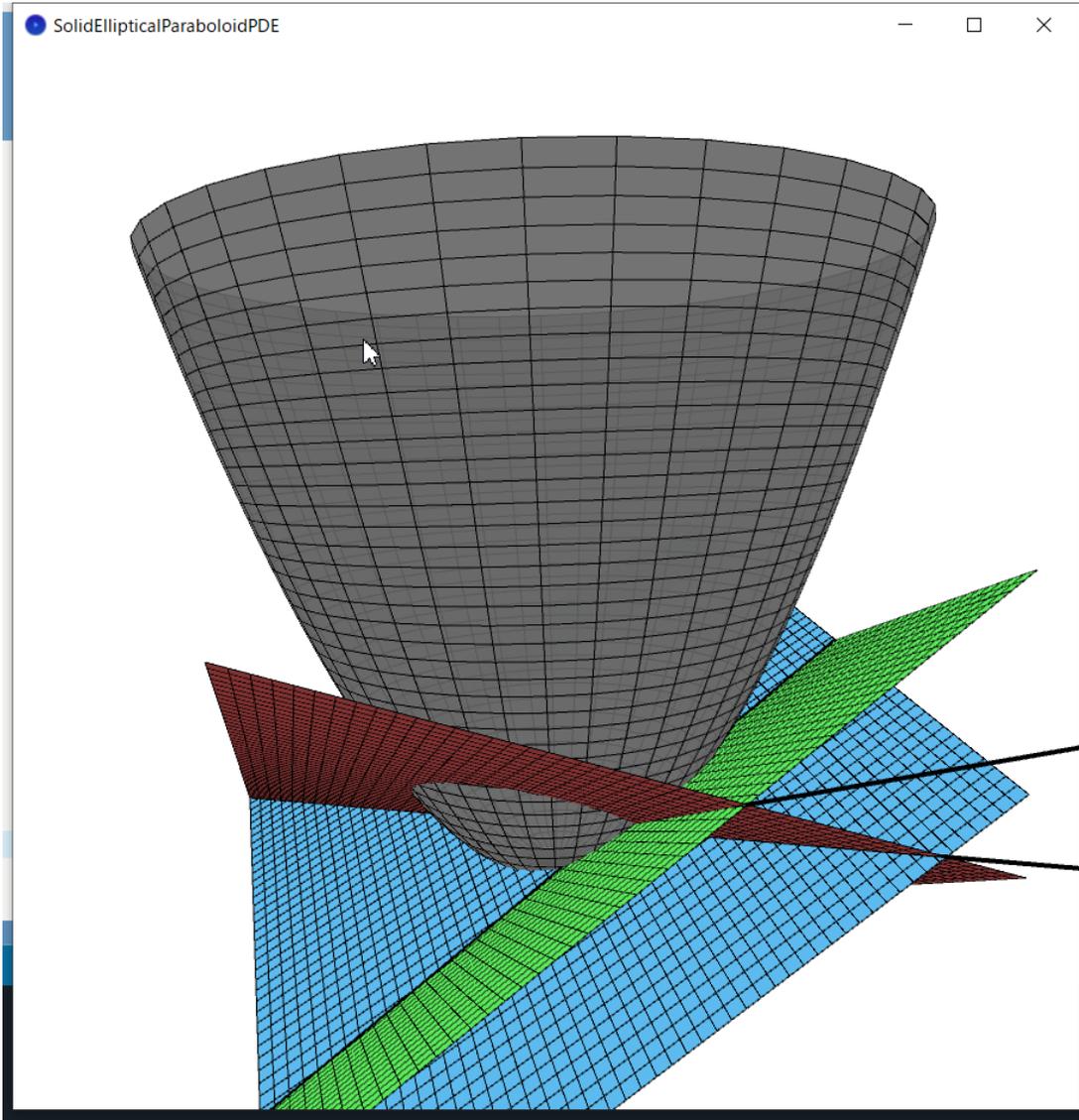


Set Morgan's law: $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Complement of halfspace $(H^+)^c = H^-$

Example: Euclidean spheres potential function: Paraboloid, L22

Top view displays the union of disks



$$B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = F(\theta_1) - F(\theta_2) - \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \nabla F(\theta_2) \rangle$$

Generalization of
Bregman divergences
using comparative convexity

Comparative convexity: (M,N)-convexity

Ordinary convexity of a function: $f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq tf(x_1) + (1-t)f(x_2)$
for all t in $[0,1]$

- Definition: A function Z is **(M,N)-convex** iff for α in $[0,1]$:

$$Z(M(x, y; \alpha, 1 - \alpha)) \leq N(Z(x), Z(y); \alpha, 1 - \alpha)$$

- Ordinary convexity = (A,A)-convexity wrt to arithmetic weighted mean

$$A(x, y; \alpha, 1 - \alpha) = \alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y \quad f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq tf(x_1) + (1-t)f(x_2)$$

for all t in $[0,1]$

- **Log-convexity: (A,G)-convexity** wrt to A/Geometric weighted means:

$$G(x, y; \alpha, 1 - \alpha) = x^\alpha y^{1-\alpha} \quad f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq f(x_1)^t f(x_2)^{1-t}$$

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for all t in $[0,1]$

Since $G \leq A$, (A,G)-functions are (A,A)-convex: Log-convex functions are convex

Comparative convexity wrt quasi-arithmetic means

- **quasi-arithmetic mean** for a strictly monotone generator $h(u)$:

$$M_h(x, y; \alpha, 1 - \alpha) = h^{-1}(\alpha h(x) + (1 - \alpha)h(y)).$$

- Includes **power means** which are *homogeneous means*:

$$M_p(x, y; \alpha, 1 - \alpha) = (\alpha x^p + (1 - \alpha)y^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} = M_{h_p}(x, y; \alpha, 1 - \alpha), \quad p \neq 0$$
$$h_p(u) = \frac{u^p - 1}{p} \quad h_p^{-1}(u) = (1 + up)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Include the **geometric mean** in the limit case $p \rightarrow 0$

Checking the comparative convexity wrt two quasi-arithmetic means via an ordinary convexity test:

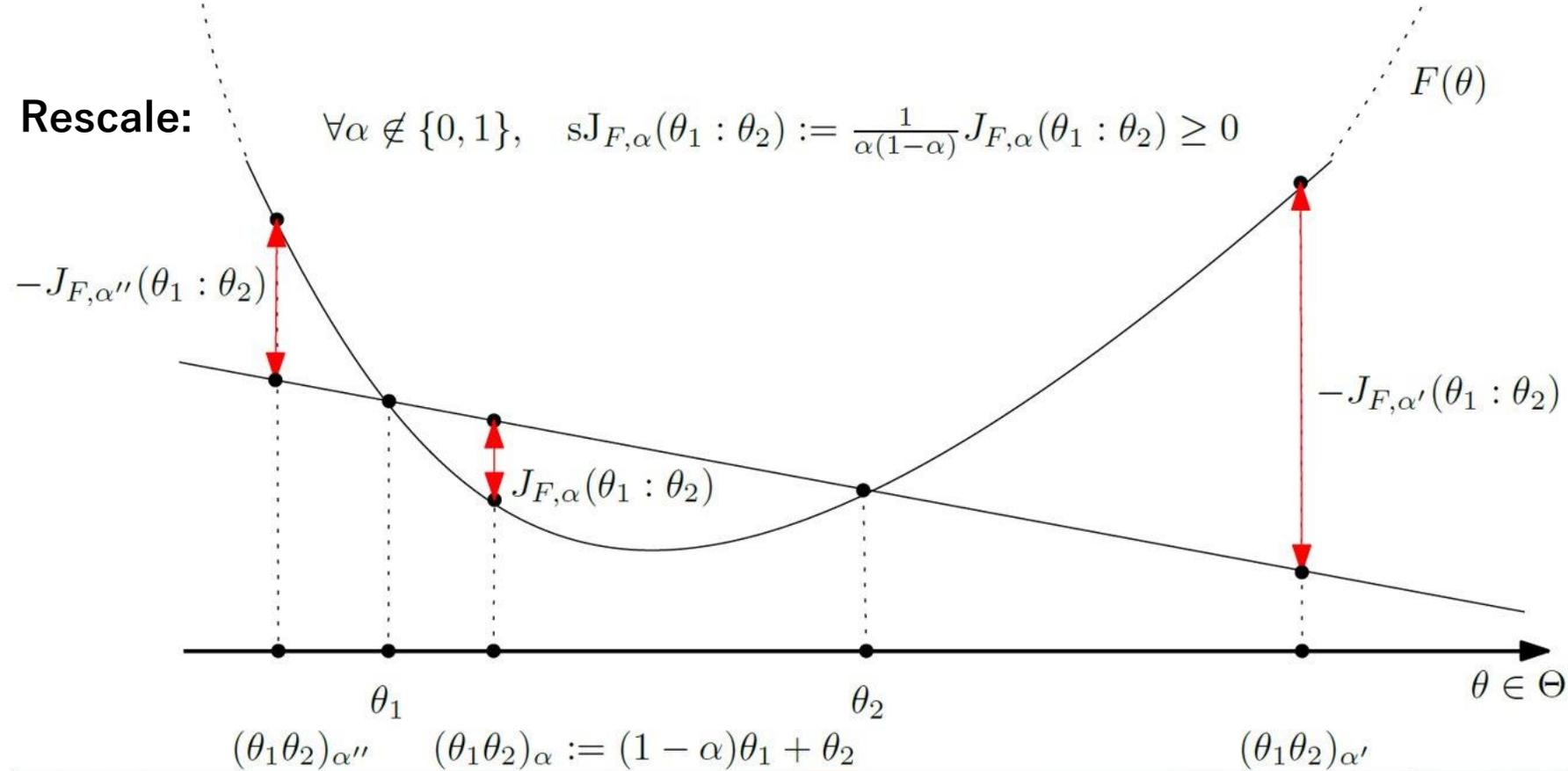
Proposition 6 ([1, 34]). *A function $Z(\theta)$ is strictly (M_ρ, M_τ) -convex with respect to two strictly increasing smooth functions ρ and τ if and only if the function $F = \tau \circ Z \circ \rho^{-1}$ is strictly convex.*

Scaled skewed Jensen divergences & Bregman divergences

$$\forall \alpha \in (0, 1), \quad J_{F,\alpha}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) := (1 - \alpha)F(\theta_1) + \alpha F(\theta_2) - F((1 - \alpha)\theta_1 + \alpha\theta_2)$$

Rescale:

$$\forall \alpha \notin \{0, 1\}, \quad sJ_{F,\alpha}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) := \frac{1}{\alpha(1-\alpha)} J_{F,\alpha}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) \geq 0$$



Jensen divergences
measures the vertical gap
induced by
a strictly convex function

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} sJ_{F,\alpha}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = B_F(\theta_1 : \theta_2) \quad (\text{Bregman divergence}) \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} sJ_{F,\alpha}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = B_F(\theta_2 : \theta_1) \quad (\text{reverse BD})$$

Generalizing Bregman divergences with (M,N)-convexity: (M,N)-Bregman divergences

- First, define skew Jensen divergence from (M,N)-comp. convexity:

Definition:

$$J_{F,\alpha}^{M,N}(p : q) = N_\alpha(F(p), F(q)) - F(M_\alpha(p, q)).$$

Non-negative for **(M,N)-convex generators** F, provided **regular means** M and N (e.g. all power means)

Definition 5 (Bregman Comparative Convexity Divergence, BCCD) *The Bregman Comparative Convexity Divergence (BCCD) is defined for a strictly (M,N)-convex function $F : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by*

$$B_F^{M,N}(p : q) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{\alpha(1-\alpha)} J_{F,\alpha}^{M,N}(p : q) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{\alpha(1-\alpha)} (N_\alpha(F(p), F(q))) - F(M_\alpha(p, q)) \quad (31)$$

This definition is by analogy to limit of scaled skewed Jensen divergences amount to forward/reverse Bregman divergences.

Generalizing Bregman divergences with quasi-arithmetic mean convexity

Theorem 1 (Quasi-arithmetic Bregman divergences, QABD) *Let $F : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued (M_ρ, M_τ) -convex function defined on an interval I for two strictly monotone and differentiable functions ρ and τ . The quasi-arithmetic Bregman divergence (QABD) induced by the comparative convexity is:*

$$B_F^{\rho, \tau}(p : q) = \frac{\tau(F(p)) - \tau(F(q))}{\tau'(F(q))} - \frac{\rho(p) - \rho(q)}{\rho'(q)} F'(q). \quad (45)$$

Amounts to a **conformal representational Bregman divergence** :

$$B_F^{\rho, \tau}(p : q) = \frac{1}{\tau'(F(q))} B_G(\rho(p) : \rho(q)) \quad \text{With convex generator: } G(x) = \tau(F(\rho^{-1}(x)))$$

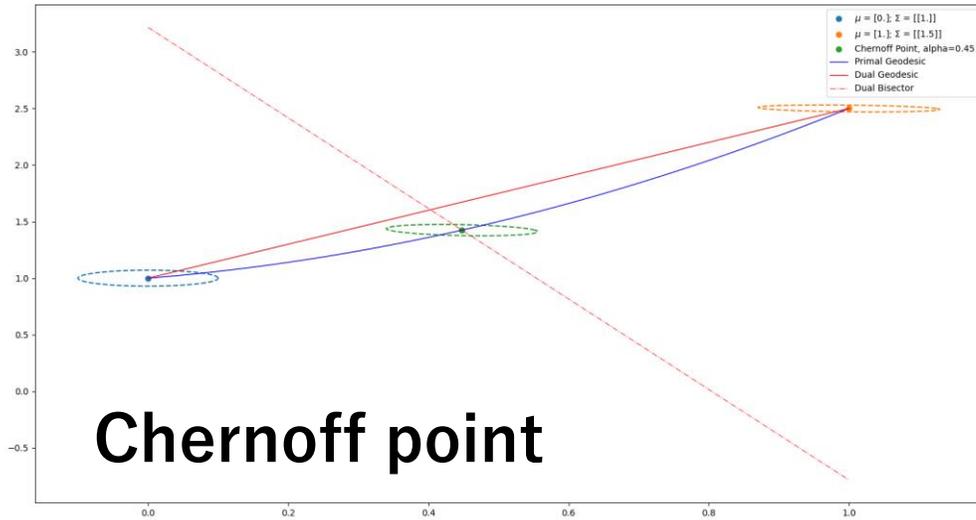
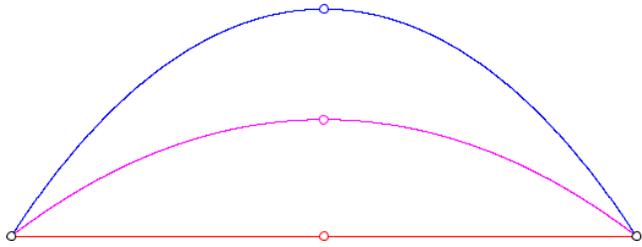
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Remark: Conformal Bregman divergences may yield **robustness** in applications

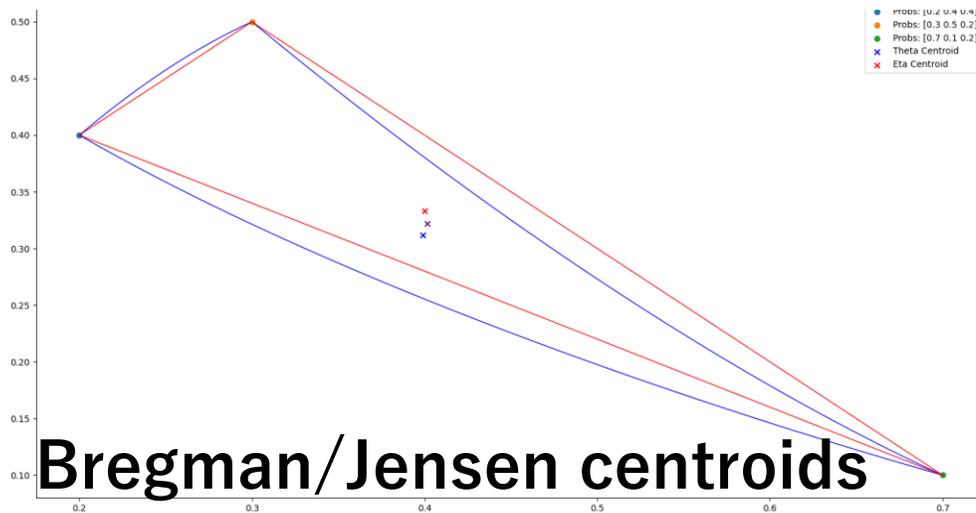
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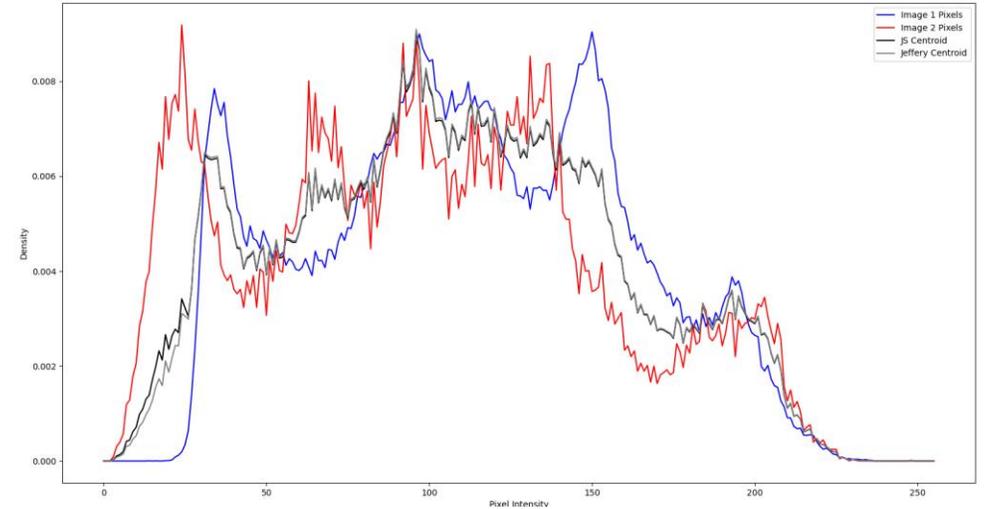
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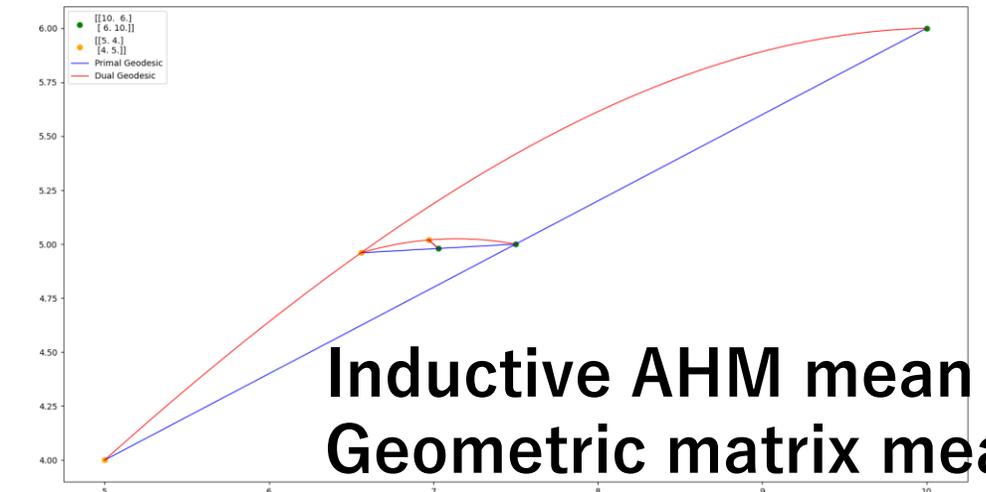
Chernoff point



Bregman/Jensen centroids



Jensen-Shannon centroid



**Inductive AHM mean
Geometric matrix mean**

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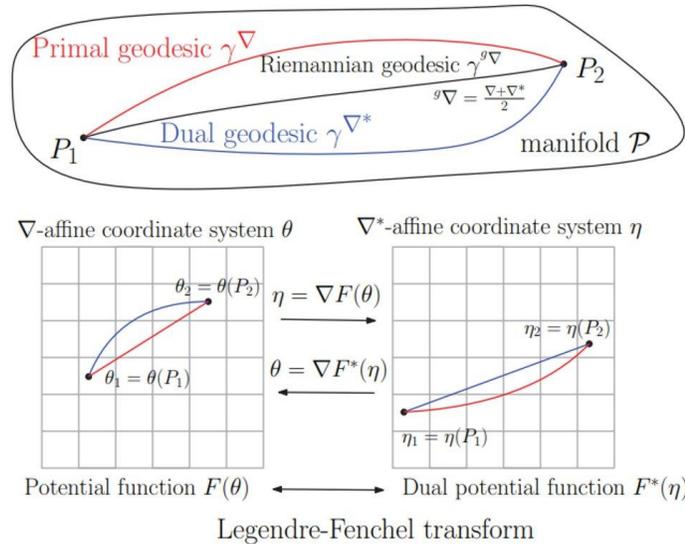
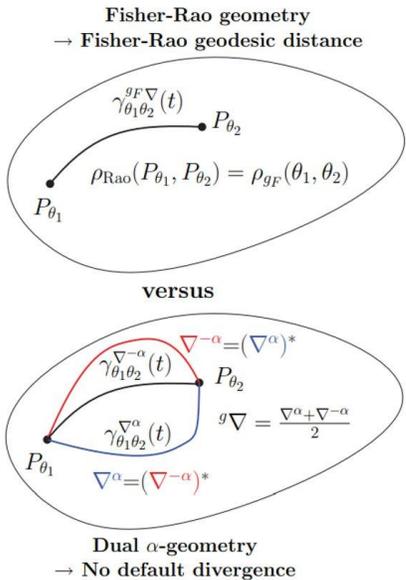
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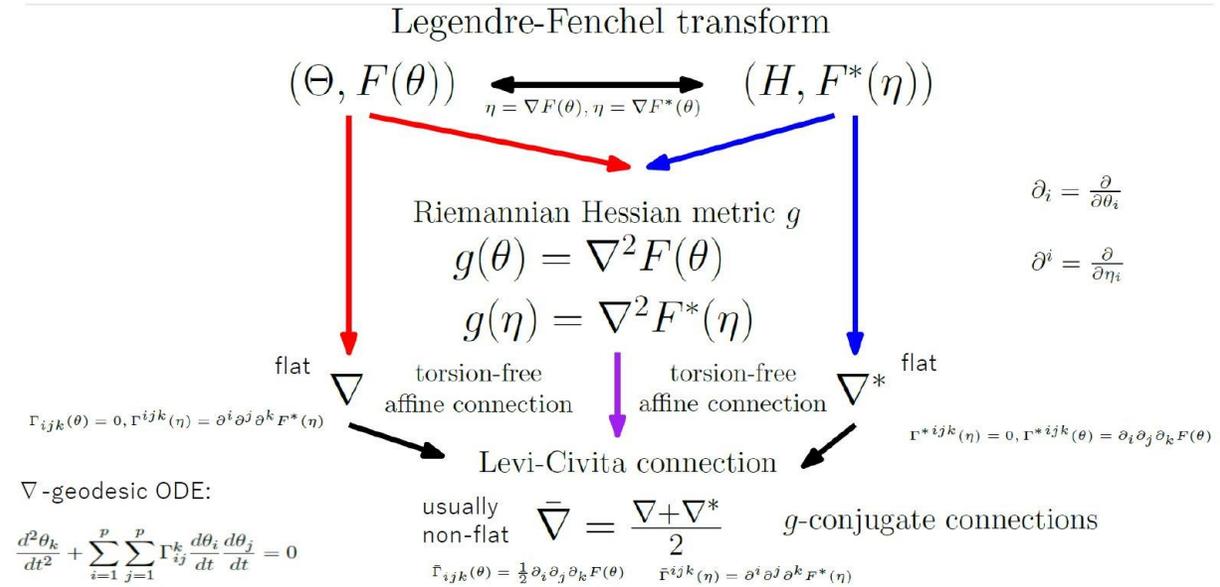
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