Labs **Optimization for Machine Learning**Spring 2020

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github.com/epfml/OptML\_course

## Problem Set 1, due Feb 29, 2020 (Convexity, Python Setup)

## Convexity

Solve Exercises 1, 2, 4, 4, 7, 8 from the lecture notes.

## **Getting Started with Python**

Follow the Python setup tutorial python\_setup\_tutorial.md provided on our github repository here:

github.com/epfml/OptML\_course/tree/master/labs/ex01/

After you are set up, clone the repository.

To get familiar with vector and matrix operations using NumPy arrays, you can go through the numpy\_primer.ipynb notebook in the folder /labs/ex01. For computational efficiency, explicit for-loops should be avoided in favor of NumPy's built-in commands. These commands are vectorized and thoroughly optimized, and bring the performance of numerical Python code (like for e.g. Matlab) closer to lower-level languages like C.