

**Definition 0.1.** Given a vector space  $V$  a **norm**  $\|\cdot\|$  is mapping from  $V$  to  $[0, +\infty)$  such that

1. **positive definiteness:**  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .
2. **absolute homogeneity:**  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda|\|x\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .
3. **triangle inequality:**  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

## 1 Problem set

- (i) (2P) Show that all norms are *convex* functions.
- (ii) (2P) Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$  a linear operator (matrix). Show that  $f(\cdot) = g(A\cdot)$  is also convex.
- (iii) (3P) Let  $x^*$  be local minimum of a convex function  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $x^*$  is a global minimum.
- (iv) (2P) If  $\bar{x}$  is a stationary point of the **convex** function  $f$ , then  $\bar{x}$  is a global minimizer of  $f$  (give a geometric intuition).
- (v) (1P) Install and familiarize yourself with python and Jupyter Notebook.