

**MATLAB Exercises for  
22MAT220:  
MATHEMATICS FOR COMPUTING 3**

Specify whether the function is strongly convex, strictly convex, convex, or nonconvex, and give a brief justification for each.

1. Plot the function  $f(x)=x \log(x)$  for  $x>0$  and  $\log$  is to the base 10, and check whether it is convex or concave. What if the base of logarithm is 'e'?
2. Plot the function  $f(x)=\log(1+\exp(b x))$  for  $b,x>0$  and  $\log$  is to the base e, and check whether it is convex or concave for  $b$  positive and  $b$  negative.
3. Plot the function  $2x^2 - 3xy + 5y^2$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  positive. Check whether it is convex or concave or neither.