

a) The slab is an intersection of two halfspaces  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a^T x \leq \beta\}$  and  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (-a)^T x \leq -\alpha\}$  (for  $a \neq 0$ ). Since halfspaces are convex and the intersection preserves convexity, then, the slab is convex.

Notice that if  $a=0$ , the slab is either  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\emptyset$ , which remains convex.

b) Let  $R$  denote the set of the form  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \alpha_i \leq x_i \leq \beta_i \quad \forall i \in [1, n]\}$ . Let  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  be the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\text{Then, } R = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid e_i^T x \leq \beta_i\} \cap \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (-e_i)^T x \leq -\alpha_i\})$$

$R$  is an intersection of halfspaces so it is convex. Then, a rectangle is convex.

c) Let  $W := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_1^T x \leq b_1, a_2^T x \leq b_2\} \Rightarrow W = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_1^T x \leq b_1\} \cap \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_2^T x \leq b_2\}$ .

- If  $a_1 \neq 0$  and  $a_2 \neq 0$ :  $W$  is an intersection of two halfspaces, then,  $W$  is convex.

- If  $a_1 = 0$  and  $a_2 \neq 0$ :  $W = \begin{cases} \{a_2^T x \leq b_2\} & \text{if } b_1 \geq 0 \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . So,  $W$  is convex.

- If  $a_1 = 0$  and  $a_2 = 0$ :  $W$  is either  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\emptyset$ , so, it's convex.

Therefore, a wedge is convex.

d) Let  $B := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x - y\|_2 \quad \forall y \in S\}$ .

$$\text{Then, } B = \bigcap_{y \in S} B_y \quad \text{where } B_y := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x - y\|_2\}.$$

$$x \in B_y \Leftrightarrow \|x - x_0\|_2^2 - \|x - y\|_2^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x - x_0)^T (x - x_0) - (x - y)^T (x - y) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (y - x_0)^T (2x - (x_0 + y)) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (y - x_0)^T x \leq \frac{1}{2} (y - x_0)^T (y + x_0) = \frac{\|y\|_2^2 - \|x_0\|_2^2}{2}$$

we use the formula:  $\|u\|_2^2 - \|v\|_2^2 = \langle u-v, u+v \rangle$

Thus, if  $y \neq x_0$ ,  $B_y$  is a halfspace and if  $y = x_0$ ,  $B_y$  is  $\emptyset$  or  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

In both cases,  $B_y$  is convex.

$B$  is an intersection of convex sets. Then,  $B$  is convex.

e) Counter example: Let us consider the case  $n=1$ :  $T = \{0\}$  and  $S = \{-2, 2\}$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \quad \text{dist}(x, S) \leq \text{dist}(x, T) \Leftrightarrow |x-2| \leq |x| \text{ or } |x+2| \leq |x|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-2)^2 \leq x^2 \text{ or } (x+2)^2 \leq x^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1 \Leftrightarrow x \in ]-\infty, -1] \cup [1, +\infty[$$

$]-\infty, -1] \cup [1, +\infty[$  is not convex. Then, the set of points closer to one set than another is in general not convex.

f) Let  $E := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x + S_2 \subseteq S_1\}$

Then,  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \forall y \in S_2, x+y \in S_1\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \forall y \in S_2, x \in S_1 - y\}$

Thus,  $E = \bigcap_{y \in S_2} (S_1 - y)$

For  $y \in S_2$ ,  $S_1 - y$  is obtained by a translation of  $S_1$ . Since  $S_1$  is convex and, the translation preserves convexity, then,  $S_1 - y$  is convex.

$E$  is an intersection of convex sets. Then,  $E$  is convex

g) Let  $F := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x-a\|_2 \leq \theta \|x-b\|_2\}$

$$x \in F \Leftrightarrow \|x-a\|_2^2 - \theta^2 \|x-b\|_2^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ((x-a) - \theta(x-b))^T ((x-a) + \theta(x-b)) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ((1-\theta)x - (a-\theta b))^T ((1+\theta)x - (a+\theta b)) \leq 0$$

• IP  $\theta=1$ :  $x \in F \Leftrightarrow -2(a-b)^T x + (a-b)^T (a+b) \leq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2(a-b)^T x \leq \|b\|^2 - \|a\|^2$$

Since  $a \neq b$ , So,  $F$  is a halfspace then convex.

• IP  $\theta \neq 1$ :  $x \in F \Leftrightarrow (1-\theta^2) \left(x - \frac{a-\theta^2 b}{1-\theta^2}\right)^T \left(x - \frac{a+\theta b}{1+\theta}\right) \leq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(x - \frac{(1+\theta)(a-\theta b)}{1-\theta^2}\right)^T \left(x - \frac{(a+\theta b)(1-\theta)}{1-\theta^2}\right) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(x - \frac{a-\theta^2 b}{1-\theta^2} - \frac{\theta(a-b)}{1-\theta^2}\right)^T \left(x - \frac{a-\theta^2 b}{1-\theta^2} + \frac{\theta(a-b)}{1-\theta^2}\right) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\|x - \frac{a-\theta^2 b}{1-\theta^2}\right\|_2^2 \leq \frac{\theta^2 \|a-b\|_2^2}{(1-\theta^2)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\|x - \frac{a-\theta^2 b}{1-\theta^2}\right\|_2 \leq \frac{\theta \|a-b\|_2}{1-\theta^2}$$

Then,  $F$  is the ball  $\bar{B}\left(\frac{a-\theta^2 b}{1-\theta^2}, \frac{\theta \|a-b\|_2}{1-\theta^2}\right)$ , which is convex.

Therefore,  $F$  is convex



Ex 3.21:

(3)

a)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, f(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} \|A^{(i)}x - b^{(i)}\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} f_i(x)$

where  $f_i: x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \|A^{(i)}x - b^{(i)}\|$ .

$f_i$  is the composition of a norm with an affine function and since a norm is convex, then,  $f_i$  is convex.

$f$  is the pointwise maximum of  $k$  convex functions, then,  $f$  is convex

b)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, f(x) = \max_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_n \leq m} \sum_{k=1}^n |x_{i_k}|$

For  $i_k \in [1, m]$ ,  $g: x \mapsto |x_{i_k}|$  is convex (it's easy to verify that  $\forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, g(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda g(x) + (1-\lambda)g(y)$ )

Then,  $x \mapsto \sum_{k=1}^n |x_{i_k}|$  is convex as a finite sum of convex functions.

$f$  is the pointwise maximum of  $\binom{m}{n}$  convex functions, then,  $f$  is convex

Ex 3.32:

a) Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are convex, nondecreasing and positive over an interval  $I$ .

Let  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $(x, y) \in I^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (fg)(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) &= f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) g(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \\ &\leq [\lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)] [\lambda g(x) + (1-\lambda)g(y)] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{since } f \text{ and } g \\ \text{are convex} \\ \text{and positive} \end{array} \right. \\ &\leq \lambda^2 f(x)g(x) + \lambda(1-\lambda)[f(x)g(y) + g(x)f(y)] + (1-\lambda)^2 f(y)g(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } (fg)(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) - [\lambda(fg)(x) + (1-\lambda)(fg)(y)] &\leq \underbrace{(\lambda^2 - \lambda)}_{\lambda(\lambda-1)} f(x)g(x) + \lambda(1-\lambda)[f(x)g(y) + g(x)f(y)] \\ &\quad + \underbrace{[(1-\lambda)^2 - (1-\lambda)]}_{\lambda(1-\lambda)} f(y)g(y) \\ &\stackrel{=}{=} \lambda(1-\lambda) [f(x)g(y) + g(x)f(y) - f(x)g(x) - f(y)g(y)] \\ &\stackrel{=}{=} \lambda(1-\lambda) [f(x)(g(y) - g(x)) - f(y)(g(y) - g(x))] \\ &\stackrel{=}{=} \lambda(1-\lambda) \underbrace{(f(x) - f(y))}_{\substack{\text{positive} \\ \text{since } 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1}} \underbrace{(g(y) - g(x))}_{\substack{\text{negative since } f \uparrow \\ \text{positive since } g \uparrow}} \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $(fg)(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda(fg)(x) + (1-\lambda)(fg)(y)$ . Thus,  $fg$  is convex over  $I$

b) Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are concave and positive over an interval  $I$  such that  $f \nearrow$  and  $g \searrow$ . (same if  $f \searrow$  and  $g \nearrow$ )

Using the reversed inequalities in a), we get:

$$\forall \lambda \in [0, 1], \forall (x, y) \in I^2:$$

$$(fg)(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) - [\lambda(fg)(x) + (1-\lambda)(fg)(y)] \geq \underbrace{\lambda(1-\lambda)}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{(f(x)-f(y))}_{\leq 0 \text{ because } f \nearrow} \underbrace{(g(y)-g(x))}_{\leq 0 \text{ because } g \searrow}$$

i.e.  $(fg)(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq \lambda(fg)(x) + (1-\lambda)(fg)(y)$

Then,  $fg$  is concave over  $I$ .

c)  $g$  is concave and  $g > 0$ , then,  $\frac{1}{g}$  is convex and  $> 0$ .

In fact:  $\forall \lambda \in [0, 1], \forall (x, y) \in I^2:$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \frac{1}{g(x)} + (1-\lambda) \frac{1}{g(y)} &= \lambda h(g(x)) + (1-\lambda) h(g(y)) \quad \text{where } h: x \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \mapsto \frac{1}{x} \\ &\geq h(\lambda g(x) + (1-\lambda)g(y)) \quad \text{because } h \text{ is convex over } \mathbb{R}_+^* \text{ (} h'' > 0 \text{)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda g(x) + (1-\lambda)g(y)} \end{aligned}$$

$g$  is concave, then,  $\lambda g(x) + (1-\lambda)g(y) \leq g(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$

so  $\frac{1}{\lambda g(x) + (1-\lambda)g(y)} \geq \frac{1}{g(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)}$

Then,  $\frac{1}{g}$  is convex.

$g$  is decreasing and positive so  $\frac{1}{g}$  is increasing.

We apply a) to  $f$  and  $\frac{1}{g}$ . Then,  $\frac{f}{g} = f \times \frac{1}{g}$  is convex



Ex 3.36:

Notation: Let  $(e_k)_{1 \leq k \leq m}$  the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Let  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^m e_k$

a) Let  $F: x \mapsto y^T x - f(x)$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

• Compute the domain of  $f^*$ :

\* If there exists  $k \in [1, m]$  such that  $y_k < 0$ :

$\forall t \geq 0$ ,  $F(-te_k) = -ty_k \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$ . Then,  $F$  is unbounded.

Then, if  $y \in \text{dom}(f^*) \Rightarrow y \geq 0$ .

\* Suppose  $y \geq 0$ .

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, F(tu) = t \left( \sum_{i=1}^m y_i - 1 \right)$$

■ If  $\sum_{i=1}^m y_i < 1$ :  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F(tu) = +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded

■ If  $\sum_{i=1}^m y_i > 1$ :  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} F(tu) = +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded.

Therefore,  $y \in \text{dom}(f^*) \Rightarrow y \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m y_i = 1$ .

• Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $y \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m y_i = 1$

$$\forall x, F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i y_i - \max_j(x_j) \begin{cases} \leq (\sum_{i=1}^m y_i - 1) \max_j(x_j) = 0 & \text{if } \max_j(x_j) > 0 \\ \leq 0 & \text{if } \max_j(x_j) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, F(x) \leq 0$ . } Then,  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} F(x) = 0$ .

Moreover,  $F(\vec{0}) = 0$

Thus, 
$$f^*: y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^m y_i = 1 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b)  $F(x) = y^T x - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{[i]}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

• Domain of  $f^*$ :

\* If  $\exists k \in [1, n]$  such that  $y_k < 0$ :

$\forall t \geq 0$ ,  $F(-te_k) = -ty_k \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded.

\* Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $y \geq 0$ . Suppose that  $\exists k \in [1, n]$  such that  $y_k > 1$ .

$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $F(te_k) = ty_k - t = t(y_k - 1) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded

\* Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $0 \leq y \leq u$ .

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, F(tu) = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i t - nt = t \left( \sum_{i=1}^m y_i - n \right)$$

■ If  $\sum_{i=1}^m y_i > n$ :  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} F(tu) = +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded

■ If  $\sum_{i=1}^m y_i < n$ :  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F(tu) = +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded.

Then,  $y \in \text{dom}(f^*) \Rightarrow 0 \leq y \leq u$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = n$ . (6)

• Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $0 \leq y \leq u$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = n$ :

Let  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$  such that  $x_{[1]} = x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{[m]} = x_{i_m}$

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{k=1}^n x_{i_k} y_{i_k} \quad (\text{ie } x_{i_1} \leq \dots \leq x_{i_m})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m x_{i_k} y_{i_k} - \sum_{k=1}^n x_{i_k} y_{i_k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n x_{i_k} (y_{i_k} - 1) + \sum_{k=n+1}^m \underbrace{x_{i_k}}_{x_{i_n}} y_{i_k}$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^n x_{i_k} (y_{i_k} - 1) + x_{i_n} \times \underbrace{\sum_{k=n+1}^m y_{i_k}}_{= n - \sum_{k=1}^n y_{i_k} = \sum_{k=1}^n (1 - y_{i_k})}$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{(1 - y_{i_k})}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{(x_{i_n} - x_{i_k})}_{\leq 0}$$

$$F(x) \leq 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F(x) \leq 0 \\ \text{Notice that, } F(\vec{0}) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} F(x) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $f^* : y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq u \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = n \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

c)

$$f(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} (a_i x + b_i)$$

$$F: x \mapsto xy - \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} (a_i x + b_i), \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

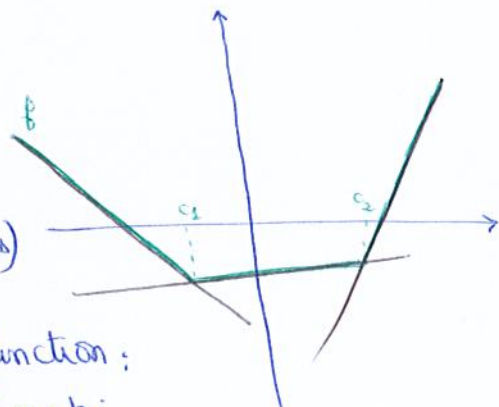
For  $i \in \llbracket 2, m-1 \rrbracket$ , let  $c_{i+1} = \frac{b_i - b_{i+1}}{a_{i+1} - a_i}$  (abscissas of intersection)

By definition,  $f$  is a piecewise-affine function:

$$\begin{cases} \bullet \forall i \in \llbracket 2, m-1 \rrbracket, \forall x \in [c_i, c_{i+1}] & f(x) = a_i x + b_i \\ \bullet \forall x \in ]-\infty, c_1] & f(x) = a_1 x + b_1 \\ \bullet \forall x \in [c_m, +\infty[ & f(x) = a_m x + b_m \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \blacksquare \text{ If } y > a_m, & \text{then } \forall x \in [c_m, +\infty[, F(x) = x(y - a_m) + b_m \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty \\ \blacksquare \text{ If } y < a_1, & \text{then } \forall x \in ]-\infty, c_1], F(x) = x(y - a_1) + b_1 \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow -\infty} +\infty \end{cases}$$

Then,  $y \in \text{dom}(f^*) \Rightarrow y \in [a_1, a_m]$ .





• Let  $y \in [a_1, a_m]$ . Then,  $\exists i \in [1, m-1]$  such that  $y \in [a_i, a_{i+1}]$ . (7)

\* Over  $] -\infty, c_2]$ ,  $F: x \mapsto x(y-a_1) - b_1$  is increasing (since  $y-a_1 \geq 0$ ) and reaches its maximum at  $c_2$ .

$$\text{This max} = c_2(y-a_1) - b_1$$

\* Over  $[c_j, c_{j+1}]$  (where  $j \leq i$ ):  $F: x \mapsto x(y-a_j) - b_j$

$F$  is increasing (since  $y-a_j \geq 0$ ) and reaches its maximum at  $c_{j+1}$ .

$$\text{This max} = c_{j+1}(y-a_j) - b_j$$

\* Over  $[c_j, c_{j+1}]$  (where  $j > i$ ):  $F: x \mapsto x(y-a_j) + b_j$

$F$  is decreasing (because  $y-a_j < 0$ ) and reaches its maximum at  $c_j$ .

$$\text{This max} = c_j(y-a_j) - b_j$$

\* Over  $[c_m, +\infty[$ :  $F: x \mapsto x(y-a_m) + b_m$  is decreasing. It reaches its maximum at  $c_m$ .

$$\text{This max} = c_m(y-a_m) - b_m$$

Then, for  $y \in [a_i, a_{i+1}]$ ,  $\sup_{\mathbb{R}} F = \max \left( \max_{1 \leq j \leq i} (c_{j+1}(y-a_j) - b_j), \max_{i < j \leq m} (c_j(y-a_j) - b_j) \right)$

$$= c_{i+1}(y-a_i) - b_i$$

$$= (y-a_i) \frac{b_{i+1}-b_i}{a_i-a_{i+1}} - b_i$$

Therefore

$$f^*: y \mapsto \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \left[ \frac{b_{i+1}-b_i}{a_i-a_{i+1}} (y-a_i) - b_i \right] \mathbb{1}_{[a_i, a_{i+1}]}(y) & \text{if } y \in [a_1, a_m] \\ +\infty & \text{if } y < a_1 \text{ or } y > a_m \end{cases}$$

d) Case 1: if  $p > 1$ :

$$F: x \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \mapsto yx - x^p, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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$F$  is differentiable over  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ ;  $\forall x > 0$ ,  $F'(x) = y - px^{p-1}$

• If  $y \leq 0$ : Since  $-px^{p-1} < 0$  then  $F'(x) < 0$  so  $F \searrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$

Since  $F$  is continuous and  $\searrow$  then  $F$  realizes a bijection of

$]0, +\infty[$  on  $F(]0, +\infty[) = ]\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} F[ = ]-\infty, 0[$ . Then,  $\sup_{\mathbb{R}_+^*} F = 0$ .

• If  $y > 0$ :

$$F'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = px^{p-1} \Leftrightarrow x = \left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$$

$$F''(x) = -p(p-1)x^{p-2} < 0 \quad \forall x > 0$$

Then,  $F$  reaches its maximum (global over  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ ) at  $\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$

$$\text{and } F\left(\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}\right) = y\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} - \left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}} = y \times \left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} - \left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}} = (p-1)\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}}$$

$$\text{Then, } f^*: y \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto \begin{cases} (p-1)\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}} & \text{if } y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Case 2: if  $p < 0$

• If  $y > 0$ :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) = +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded.

• If  $y < 0$ :  $F'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = px^{p-1} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} = x$

$$F''(x) = \underbrace{-p(p-1)}_{< 0} x^{p-2} < 0 \quad \forall x > 0$$

Then,  $F$  reaches its maximum (global over  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ ) at  $\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$

$$\text{and } F\left(\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}\right) = y\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} - \left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}} = (p-1)\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}}$$

• If  $y = 0$ :  $F(x) = -x^p$ .  $F$  is continuous and  $\nearrow$  then  $F(]0, +\infty[) = ]\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} F[ = ]-\infty, 0[$

$$\text{Then, } \sup_{\mathbb{R}_+^*} F = 0. \quad (0 = (p-1)\left(\frac{0}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}})$$

Therefore,

$$f^*: y \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto \begin{cases} (p-1)\left(\frac{y}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}} & \text{if } y \geq 0 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$0^0 = 0 \\ \forall x > 0$$



c)  $F: x \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^n \mapsto y^T x + \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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• Domain of  $f^*$ :

⊛ If  $\exists k \in [1, n]$  such that  $y_k \geq 0$ :

$$\forall t > 0, F(u + (t-1)e_k) = F\left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{t} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{t} \\ \vdots \\ t \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{t} \end{pmatrix}\right) = y_k t + \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^n y_i + t^{\frac{1}{n}} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$$

Then,  $F$  is unbounded.

⊛ Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $y < 0$ : Let  $z = -y$  (i.e.  $\forall i \in [1, n]$   $z_i = -y_i$ ).

$$\forall t > 0: F\left(\frac{t}{z}\right) = F\left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{t}{z_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{t}{z_n} \end{pmatrix}\right) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{t}{z_i}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - nt = t \left( \underbrace{\left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{z_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}}_{= \left(\prod_{i=1}^n z_i\right)^{-\frac{1}{n}}} - n \right)$$

• If  $\left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{z_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} > n$ :  $F\left(\frac{t}{z}\right) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded.

Then,  $y \in \text{dom}(f^*) \Rightarrow y < 0$  and  $\left(\prod_{i=1}^n -y_i\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \frac{1}{n}$ .

• Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $y < 0$  and  $\left(\prod_{i=1}^n -y_i\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \frac{1}{n}$ :

Let  $z = -y$ :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n: F(x) = n \left( \frac{1}{n} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i z_i \right)$$

$$\leq n \left( \left(\prod_{i=1}^n z_i\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i z_i \right)$$

$$F(x) \leq n \left( \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i z_i\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i z_i \right)$$

We know that  $\ln$  is concave over  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ , then:

$$\ln\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i z_i}{n}\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \ln(x_i z_i)$$

we compose by exp, which increasing

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i z_i}{n} \geq \frac{\exp\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i z_i)\right)}{= \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i z_i\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}}$$

Then  $F(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \forall t > 0, F\left(\frac{t}{z}\right) = \frac{1}{t} \left( \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{z_i}\right) - n \right) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} 0 \\ \sup_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} F = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

Therefore,

$$f^*: y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y < 0 \text{ and } \left(\prod_{i=1}^n (-y_i)\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \frac{1}{n} \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1) Let  $\mathcal{E} := \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \mid \|x\|_2 < t\}$   
 $F: (x, t) \in \mathcal{E} \mapsto y^T x + \lambda t + \ln(t^2 - x^T x)$ .

for  $(y, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$ .

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• Domain of  $f^*$ :

\* If  $\lambda > 0$ :  $\forall t, F(0, t) = \lambda t + 2 \ln(t) = t \left( \lambda + \frac{2 \ln(t)}{t} \right) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty \Rightarrow F$  is unbounded.

\* Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  et  $\lambda \leq 0$ :

let  $\alpha > 0$ :  $(\alpha y, \alpha \|y\|_2 + 1) \in \mathcal{E}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F(\alpha y, \alpha \|y\|_2 + 1) &= \alpha \|y\|_2^2 + \lambda (\alpha \|y\|_2 + 1) + \ln((\alpha \|y\|_2 + 1)^2 - \alpha^2 \|y\|_2^2) \\ &= \alpha \|y\|_2 (\|y\|_2 + \lambda) + \lambda + \ln(2\alpha \|y\|_2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

■ if  $\|y\|_2 + \lambda > 0$ :  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +\infty} F(\alpha y, \alpha \|y\|_2 + 1) = +\infty$

■ if  $\|y\|_2 + \lambda = 0$  and  $y \neq 0$ :  $F(\alpha y, \alpha \|y\|_2 + 1) = \lambda + \ln(2\alpha \|y\|_2 + 1) \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$

■ if  $y = 0$  and  $\lambda = 0$ :  $F(0, t) = \ln(t^2) = 2 \ln(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} +\infty$ .

Then  $(y, \lambda) \in \text{dom}(f^*) \Rightarrow \|y\|_2 < -\lambda$ .

• Now, let  $(y, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_-$  such that  $\|y\|_2 < -\lambda$ : (i.e.  $\lambda^2 - \|y\|_2^2 > 0$ )

$F$  is differentiable.

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(x, t) = \lambda + \frac{2t}{t^2 - \|x\|_2^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x, t) = y + \frac{-2x}{t^2 - x^T x} \quad (\text{it is a vector})$$

$\hookrightarrow$  a better notation:  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = y_i - \frac{2x_i}{t^2 - \|x\|_2^2}$

Critical Points:  $\nabla F(x, t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda = -\frac{2t}{t^2 - \|x\|_2^2} & (1) \\ y = \frac{2x}{t^2 - \|x\|_2^2} & (2) \end{cases}$

$$(1)^2 - (2)^2 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - y^T y = \frac{4t^2}{(t^2 - \|x\|_2^2)^2} - \frac{4\|x\|_2^2}{(t^2 - \|x\|_2^2)^2} = \frac{4}{t^2 - \|x\|_2^2}$$

Then,  $\nabla F(x^*, t^*) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} t^* = -\frac{1}{2} (t^{*2} - \|x^*\|_2^2) \lambda \\ x^* = \frac{1}{2} (t^{*2} - \|x^*\|_2^2) y \\ \lambda^2 - \|y\|_2^2 = \frac{4}{t^{*2} - \|x^*\|_2^2} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} t^* = \frac{-2\lambda}{\lambda^2 - \|y\|_2^2} \\ x^* = \frac{2y}{\lambda^2 - \|y\|_2^2} \end{cases}$

We can show (\*) that:  $\nabla^2 F(x, t) = \frac{-4}{(t^2 - \|x\|_2^2)^2} \left( \begin{array}{c|c} x x^T + \frac{1}{2} (t^2 - \|x\|_2^2) I_n & -tx \\ \hline -tx^T & t^2 - \frac{1}{2} (t^2 - \|x\|_2^2) \end{array} \right)$

(\*) : calculus in page (12)



Let us show that  $H \geq 0$ :

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Let  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\|z\|_2 < u$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (z^T, u) H \begin{pmatrix} z \\ u \end{pmatrix} &= z^T \left( x x^T + \frac{1}{2} (t^2 - \|x\|^2) I_n \right) z - u t x^T z - u t z^T x + u^2 \left( t^2 - \frac{1}{2} (t^2 - \|x\|^2) \right) \\
 &= (z^T x)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (t^2 - \|x\|^2) \|z\|^2 - 2 u t x^T z + u^2 t^2 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 (t^2 - \|x\|^2) \\
 &= (z^T x)^2 - 2 u t z^T x + u^2 t^2 - \frac{1}{2} (t^2 - \|x\|^2) (\|z\|^2 - u^2) \\
 &= (z^T x - u t)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (t^2 - \|x\|^2) (u^2 - \|z\|^2) \\
 &= (t - \|x\|)(t + \|x\|)(u - \|z\|)(\|z\| + u) \\
 &= (u t - \|x\| \|z\| + t \|z\| - u \|x\|)(u t - \|x\| \|z\| - t \|z\| + u \|x\|) \\
 &= (u t - \|x\| \|z\|)^2 - (t \|z\| - u \|x\|)^2 \\
 &= (z^T x - u t)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (u t - \|x\| \|z\|)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (t \|z\| - u \|x\|)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (z^T x - u t)^2 - (u t - \|x\| \|z\|)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} (z^T x - u t)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (t \|z\| - u \|x\|)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(z^T x - \|x\| \|z\|)}_{\leq 0 \text{ with Cauchy-Schwarz}} \underbrace{(z^T x + \|x\| \|z\| - 2 u t)}_{\leq 2 \|x\| \|z\| - 2 u t \text{ (with Cauchy-Schwarz)}} + \frac{1}{2} (z^T x - u t)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (t \|z\| - u \|x\|)^2 \\
 &\leq 0 \quad (\text{because } \|x\| < t \text{ and } \|z\| < u)
 \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $(z^T, u) H \begin{pmatrix} z \\ u \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \quad \forall (z, u) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \|z\|_2 < u$ .

Then,  $H \succeq_{\mathcal{E}} 0$ . Therefore,  $\boxed{\nabla^2 F(x, t) \succeq_{\mathcal{E}} 0} \quad \forall (x, t) \in \mathcal{E}$ .  
 (Recall that  $\mathcal{E} := \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \mid \|x\|_2 < t\}$ , norm-cone, which is convex set).

Then,  $\sup_{(x, t) \in \mathcal{E}} F(x, t) = F(x^*, t^*)$  we use that  $t^{*2} - \|x^*\|_2^2 = \frac{4}{s^2 - \|y\|_2^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= y^T \left( \frac{2y}{s^2 - \|y\|_2^2} \right) + s \left( \frac{-2s}{s^2 - \|y\|_2^2} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{4}{s^2 - \|y\|_2^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2\|y\|_2^2}{s^2 - \|y\|_2^2} - \frac{2s^2}{s^2 - \|y\|_2^2} + \ln(4) - \ln(s^2 - \|y\|_2^2) \\
 &= -2 + \ln(4) + \ln(s^2 - \|y\|_2^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f^*: (y, s) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \mapsto \begin{cases} -2 + \ln(4) + \ln(s^2 - \|y\|_2^2) & \text{if } \|y\|_2 < s \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

# Details of calculus of $\nabla^2 F$ :

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we have :  $\begin{cases} \forall i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket & \frac{\partial F(x)}{\partial x_i} = y_i - \frac{2x_i}{t^2 - \|x\|^2} \\ \frac{\partial F(x, t)}{\partial t} = s + \frac{2t}{t^2 - \|x\|^2} \end{cases}$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i^2}(x, t) = -2 \frac{(t^2 - \|x\|^2) - x_i(-2x_i)}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2} = -4 \frac{x_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}(t^2 - \|x\|^2)}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2}$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial t^2}(x, t) = 2 \frac{(t^2 - \|x\|^2) - t \times 2t}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2} = -4 \frac{t^2 - \frac{1}{2}(t^2 - \|x\|^2)}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2}$$

$$i \neq j \bullet \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x, t) = 2x_i \frac{-2x_j}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2} = -4 \frac{x_i x_j}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2}$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i \partial t}(x, t) = -2x_i \frac{-2t}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2} = 4 \frac{x_i t}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2}$$

Notice that  $x_i^2 = [x x^T]_{ii}$  ,  $x_i x_j = [x x^T]_{ij}$

$$x_i t = [t x]_i$$

$$\text{So, } \nabla^2 F(x, t) = \frac{-4}{(t^2 - \|x\|^2)^2} \left( \begin{array}{c|c} x x^T + \frac{1}{2}(t^2 - \|x\|^2) I_n & -t x \\ \hline -t x^T & t^2 - \frac{1}{2}(t^2 - \|x\|^2) \end{array} \right)$$