

# 最佳化 HW1

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- Property 5** The set of  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices  $\mathbb{S}^n$ , positive semidefinite (PSD) cone  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$  and positive definite (PD) cone  $\mathbb{S}_{++}^n$  are all convex sets.  $\square$

Proof:

( $\mathbb{S}^n$ )

(Homework) Prove that  $\mathbb{S}^n$  is convex.

$$\text{Convex: } \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \in C, \forall x_i \in C, \forall \alpha_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$$

$$\hat{\sum} \alpha_i A_i = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} & \dots & q_{1n} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} & \dots & q_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ q_{n1} & q_{n2} & \dots & q_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{S}^n, \forall i=1, \dots, k$$

$$\sum \alpha_i \geq 0 \text{ 且 } \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i = 1$$

$$\text{由 } \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i A_i = \alpha_1 A_1 + \alpha_2 A_2 + \dots + \alpha_k A_k$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{11} & \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{12} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{1n} \\ \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{21} & \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{22} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{n1} & \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{n2} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\because A_i \in \mathbb{S}^n, \forall i=1, \dots, k \Rightarrow q_{ij}^T = q_{ji}, \forall i, j=1, \dots, n$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{ij}^T = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i q_{ji}, \forall i, j=1, \dots, n \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i A_i \in \mathbb{S}^n$$

Therefore,  $\mathbb{S}^n$  is convex.  $\star$

- Property 10** The set of  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices  $\mathbb{S}^n$ , the set of PSD matrices  $\mathbb{S}_+^n$  and the set of PD matrices  $\mathbb{S}_{++}^n \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}$  are all cones.  $\square$

(Homework) Prove this property.

$$\text{cone: } \{ \alpha v \mid v \in C, \alpha \geq 0 \} \subseteq C$$

①  $S^n$ :

$$\text{if } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \in S^n, \quad \alpha \geq 0$$

$$\text{if } \alpha A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha a_{11} & \alpha a_{12} & \cdots & \alpha a_{1n} \\ \alpha a_{21} & \alpha a_{22} & \cdots & \alpha a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha a_{n1} & \alpha a_{n2} & \cdots & \alpha a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \Rightarrow a_{ij} = a_{ji}, \forall i, j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha a_{ij} = \alpha a_{ji}, \forall i, j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha A \in S^n$$

Therefore,  $S^n$  is a cone.

②  $S_+^n$ :

def: A symmetric matrix  $M$  with real entries is PSD if the real number

$\vec{z}^T M \vec{z}$  is nonnegative for every nonzero real column vector  $\vec{z}$ .

$$\text{if } M \in S_+^n \Leftrightarrow \vec{z}^T M \vec{z} \geq 0, \text{ for any } \vec{z} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$\alpha > 0$$

$$\text{if } \vec{z}^T (\alpha M) \vec{z} = \alpha \vec{z}^T M \vec{z} \quad (\because \alpha \text{ is a scalar})$$

$$\text{if } \vec{z}^T M \vec{z} \geq 0 \quad \text{if } \alpha \geq 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{z}^T (\alpha M) \vec{z} = \alpha \vec{z}^T M \vec{z} \geq 0, \text{ for any } \vec{z} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore \alpha M \in S_+^n$$

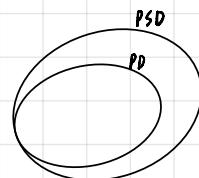
Therefore,  $S_+^n$  is a cone.

### ③ $S_{++}^n \cup \{0\}$ :

def: A symmetric matrix  $M$  with real entries is PD if the real number  $\mathbf{z}^T M \mathbf{z}$  is positive for every nonzero real column vector  $\mathbf{z}$ .

In fact,  $S_{++}^n \subseteq S_+^n$

Thus, if  $S_+^n$  is a cone, then  $S_{++}^n$  is a cone.



$$\text{if } M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \in \{0\}, \text{且 } b > 0$$

$$\text{if } M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \in \{0\}$$

Therefore,  $\{0\}$  is a cone.

" $S_{++}^n$  is a cone, and  $\{0\}$  is a cone.

$\therefore S_{++}^n \cup \{0\}$  is also a cone.

- Think about an interesting question:

(Homework) Since convex hull, affine hull and conic hull of a finite set  $\mathcal{S} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  can be written as ( $\theta_i$ 's are real)

$$\text{conv } \mathcal{S} = \{\theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n \mid \theta_1 + \dots + \theta_n = 1, \theta_i \geq 0\},$$

$$\text{aff } \mathcal{S} = \{\theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n \mid \theta_1 + \dots + \theta_n = 1\},$$

$$\text{conic } \mathcal{S} = \{\theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_n x_n \mid \theta_i \geq 0\},$$

one may conclude that  $\text{conv } \mathcal{S} = \text{aff } \mathcal{S} \cap \text{conic } \mathcal{S}$ . Is this conclusion correct? If so, please prove it; otherwise, give a counterexample.

Counterexample:  $x_1 = (1, 0, 0)$     $x_2 = (0, 1, 0)$     $x_3 = (-1, 0, 0)$

$\text{conv } \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is the triangle with vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

$\text{aff } \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is the 2D plane passing through  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

$\text{conic } \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is the X-Y plane for  $y \geq 0$

