

## Halfspace.

since  $\|x\|_2 \geq 0$  for any  $x$

$$\therefore \|x - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x - x_1\|_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x - x_0\|_2^2 \leq \|x - x_1\|_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - x_0)^T (x - x_0) \leq (x - x_1)^T (x - x_1)$$

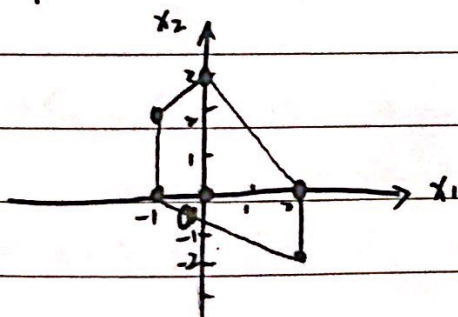
$$\Rightarrow x^T x - 2x_0^T x + x_0^T x_0 \leq x^T x - 2x_1^T x + x_1^T x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x_1^T - x_0^T)x \leq (x_1^T x_1 - x_0^T x_0)$$

It satisfies the definition of halfspace. A non-strict linear inequality means a closed halfspace.

## • Polyhedron

all points are shown in the figure.



It's easy to see that lines are the convex hull.

Therefore, the polyhedron can be represented by 5 halfspaces.

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 \leq 2\}, \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 2x_1 + 3x_2 \geq -2\}, \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 \geq -1\}, \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid -x_1 + x_2 \leq 3\},$$

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 6\}.$$

Therefore, the polyhedron is in the form  $Ax \leq b$ . could be.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$



2.12.

a) it's a convex set since it's an intersection of 2 halfspaces.

b) it's convex since it's an intersection of halfspaces.

c) it's convex since it's an intersection of 2 halfspaces

d) it's convex since for each  $y$ ,  $\{x \mid \|x - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x - y\|_2\}$  is a halfspace. For all  $y \in S$  it's an intersection of halfspaces

e) it's not convex. for example:



° for points in  $S$

\* for points in  $T$

the shadow is not convex

f) it's convex.

Proof.

$$x + S_2 \subseteq S_1 \Leftrightarrow \text{for all } t \in S_2, x + t \in S_1$$

$$\therefore \{x \mid x + S_2 \subseteq S_1\} \Leftrightarrow \bigcap_{t \in S_2} \{x \mid x + t \in S_1\}$$

$\therefore S_1$  is convex and  $t$  is a certain point

$\therefore S_1 - t$  is also ~~convex~~ convex

$\therefore$  it's an intersection of convex sets

$\therefore$  it's convex

g) it's convex.

Proof. since  $\|x\|_2 \geq 0$ , for any  $x$ .

$$\therefore \|x - a\|_2 \leq \theta \|x - b\|_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x - a\|_2^2 \leq \theta^2 \|x - b\|_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \theta^2) x^T x - 2(a - \theta^2 b)^T x + (a^T a - \theta^2 b^T b) \leq 0$$





$\therefore$  if  $\theta=0$ , the set is just one point,  $a$ , it's convex.

if  $\theta=1$ , ~~that~~ it's a halfspace. it's convex

if  $0 < \theta < 1$ , it can be represented, a sphere

$$\left(x - \frac{a-\theta^2 b}{1-\theta}\right)^T \left(x - \frac{a-\theta^2 b}{1-\theta}\right) \leq \frac{\theta^2(a-b)^2 + (1-\theta^2)b^T b}{(1-\theta^2)^2}, \text{ which is larger than } 0.$$

2.15.

a)  $\alpha \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(a_i) \leq \beta$ , which is an intersection of 2 halfspace. Therefore it's convex

b) It's convex since  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \leq \beta$  is a halfspace.

c) It's convex since  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^2 \geq \alpha$  is a halfspace

f) It's not convex.

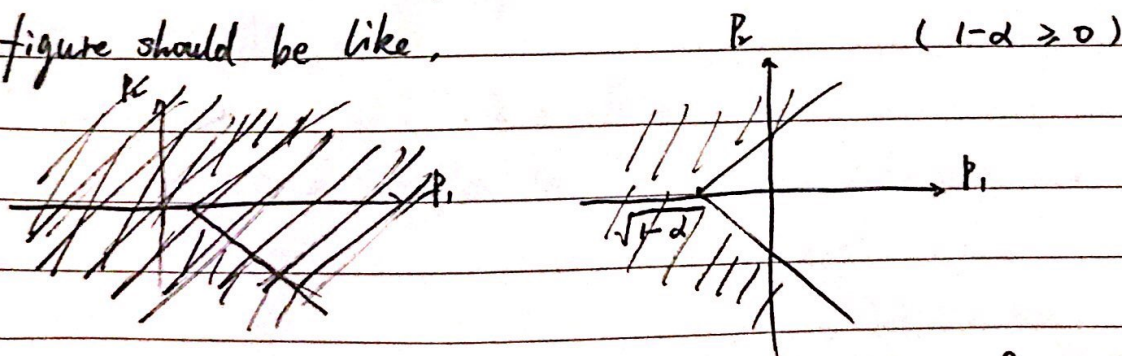
Proof.  $\text{var}(x) = E x^2 - (E x)^2$   
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i\right)^2$

for example, let  $a_1 = -1, a_2 = 1$ .

$$\therefore \text{var}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^2 p_i - (p_2 - p_1)^2 = -(p_2 - p_1)^2 + 1$$

$$\therefore \text{var}(x) \leq \alpha \Rightarrow (p_2 - p_1)^2 \geq 1 - \alpha \Rightarrow p_2 - p_1 \geq \sqrt{1-\alpha} \text{ or } p_2 - p_1 \leq -\sqrt{1-\alpha}$$

the figure should be like,



It's easy to see, the shadow is not convex. for example,  $(0, \sqrt{1-\alpha})$ ,  $(0, -\sqrt{1-\alpha})$  in the set, but  $(0, 0)$  is not in the set. which could be  $(0, \sqrt{1-\alpha}) + (0, -\sqrt{1-\alpha})$  represented by





3.14

a) Since  $f(x, z)$  is a concave function of  $z$ , for each fixed  $x$ .

$$\therefore \nabla_{zz}^2 f(x, z) = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, z)}{\partial z_i \partial z_j} \leq 0$$

in a similar way,  $\nabla_{xx}^2 f(x, z) = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, z)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \leq 0$ .

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(x, z) = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{xx}^2 f(x, z) & \nabla_{xz}^2 f(x, z) \\ \nabla_{zx}^2 f(x, z) & \nabla_{zz}^2 f(x, z) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  For Hessian  $\nabla^2 f(x, z)$ , the top-left ~~matrix~~  $n \times n$  matrix  $\geq 0$   
the bottom-right  $m \times m$  matrix  $\leq 0$ .

b) Fix  $\tilde{x}$ ,  $\nabla_z f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) = 0$ . Since it's concave, therefore  $\nabla f(\tilde{x}, z)$  is non-increasing

$\therefore (\tilde{x}, \tilde{z})$  is the ~~mini-maximum~~ for  $f(\tilde{x}, z)$

~~minimum point~~

$$f(\tilde{x}, z) \leq f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z})$$

$$\therefore \text{for } z < \tilde{z}, \nabla_z f(\tilde{x}, z) \geq 0$$

$$\text{for } z > \tilde{z}, \nabla_z f(\tilde{x}, z) \leq 0$$

$\Rightarrow f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z})$  is the maximum for  $f(\tilde{x}, z)$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) \geq f(\tilde{x}, z)$$

in a similar way,  $f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) \leq f(x, \tilde{z})$

$$\Rightarrow f(\tilde{x}, z) \leq f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) \leq f(x, \tilde{z})$$

c) Since  $f(\tilde{x}, z) \leq f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) \leq f(x, \tilde{z})$

$\therefore f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z})$  is the maximum for  $f(\tilde{x}, z)$

$\therefore \nabla f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z})$  is non-increasing

$$\therefore \nabla_z f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) = 0$$

in a similar way,  $\nabla_x f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) = 0$$





3.16.

a)  $f(x) = e^x - 1 \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^x > 0$

$\therefore$  it's convex and quasiconvex and quasiconcave. It's not concave.

b)  $f(x) = x_1 x_2$  on  $\mathbb{R}_{++}^2$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  eigenvalues are 1, -1

$\therefore$  it's not convex and it's not concave.

for  $\{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^2 \mid x_1 x_2 \geq \alpha\}$ , it's a convex set

$\therefore$  it's quasiconcave but it's not quasiconvex.

c)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x_1 x_2}$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{x_1^3 x_2} & \frac{1}{x_1^2 x_2^2} \\ \frac{1}{x_1^2 x_2^2} & \frac{2}{x_1 x_2^3} \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvalues are  $(\frac{1}{x_1^2} + \frac{1}{x_2^2}) \pm \sqrt{(\frac{1}{x_1^2} + \frac{1}{x_2^2})^2 - \frac{3}{x_1^2 x_2^2}} > 0$

$\therefore$  it's convex and quasiconvex, but it's not concave or quasiconcave.

d)  $f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$  on  $\mathbb{R}_{++}^2$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{x_2^2} \\ -\frac{1}{x_2^2} & \frac{2x_1}{x_2^3} \end{bmatrix}$$

let  $\lambda$  be eigenvalue

$$\therefore \lambda(\frac{2x_1}{x_2^3} - \lambda) = -\frac{1}{x_2^4} < 0$$

it's easy to see that  $\lambda_1 < 0$  and  $\lambda_2 > \frac{2x_1}{x_2^3} > 0$  (assume  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$ )

$\therefore$  it's not convex or concave.

$\{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^2 \mid \frac{x_1}{x_2} \geq \alpha\}$  is a halfspace.

$\therefore$  it's quasiconvex and quasiconcave.





e)  $f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1^2}{x_2}$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_{++}$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1^{-1} & -2x_1x_2^{-2} \\ -2x_1x_2^{-2} & 2x_1^2x_2^{-3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  eigenvalues are  $\frac{2x_1^2x_2^{-2}+1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{2x_1^2x_2^{-2}+1}{2}\right)^2 - x_1^4x_2^{-2}} > 0$

$\therefore$  it's convex and quasiconvex but not concave or quasiconcave.

f)  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^\alpha x_2^{1-\alpha}$ , where  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , on  $\mathbb{R}_{++}^2$

$$\nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) = -\alpha(1-\alpha)x_1^\alpha x_2^{1-\alpha} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{-2} & -x_1^{-1}x_2^{-1} \\ -x_1^{-1}x_2^{-1} & x_2^{-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\alpha(1-\alpha)x_1^\alpha x_2^{1-\alpha}$$

$$\text{let } t = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{-1} \\ -x_2^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) = -\alpha(1-\alpha)x_1^\alpha x_2^{1-\alpha} \cdot t t^T$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$

$$\therefore -\alpha(1-\alpha) \leq 0$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) \leq 0$$

$\therefore$  it's concave and quasiconcave but not convex or quasiconvex.

3.36

$$f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \text{dom } f} (y^T x - f(x))$$

a)

1) if  $y$  has a negative value, let  $y_k < 0$ . so we could let a  $x_k \rightarrow -\infty$ . Therefore

$$y_k x_k \rightarrow \infty, f^*(y) \rightarrow \infty$$

2)  $y \geq 0$  and if  $\sum_i y_i < 1$ . so we could let  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \rightarrow -\infty$ .

$$\therefore f^*(y) \rightarrow \infty$$

3)  $y \geq 0$  and if  $\sum_i y_i > 1$ , so we could let  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \rightarrow +\infty$ .  $\therefore f^*(y) \rightarrow \infty$





