

Q 1.9.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f(x) = x^3, \quad x \geq 0$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 6x \geq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow f(x) = x^3$ is convex for $x \geq 0$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$$

$$= \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} (\lambda x_i + (1-\lambda)y_i)$$

$$\leq \lambda \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} x_i + (1-\lambda) \max_{i \in \{1,2\}} y_i$$

$$= \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$$

$\Rightarrow f(x_1, x_2) = \max(x_1, x_2)$ is convex on \mathbb{R}^2

$\textcircled{3}$ Because f and g are univariate, according to derivative rule:

$$(f+g)'' = f'' + g''$$

Because $f'' \geq 0$, $g'' \geq 0$, on set S

$$(f+g)'' \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow f+g$ is convex on Set S .

$$\textcircled{4} \quad (fg)'' = (f'g + fg')' = f''g + 2f'g' + fg''$$

Because, f and g are convex and non-negative on S , $f''g \geq 0$.

Because, f and g share same minimum at x' , $f'g' \geq 0$.

1. When $x < x'$, $f' \leq 0$ and $g' \leq 0 \Rightarrow f'g' \geq 0$

2. When $x \geq x'$, $f' \geq 0$ and $g' \geq 0 \Rightarrow f'g' \geq 0$.

So all three terms in $(fg)'' \geq 0 \Rightarrow fg$ is convex on S .