

证明

proof

$f(x) \in \text{conv } X$ yields $\inf_{x \in X} c^T x \leq \inf_{x \in f(x)} c^T x$

Any $x \in \text{conv } X$ can be written as $x = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i x_i$, where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m = 1$. Since $c^T x_i \geq \inf_{x \in X} c^T x$, we have

$$c^T x = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i c^T x_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \inf_{x \in X} c^T x = \inf_{x \in X} c^T x$$

Take the infimum for the LHS for $x \in \text{conv } X$

To summarize,

$$\inf_{x \in \text{conv } X} c^T x = \inf_{x \in X} c^T x$$

推

could show $X \subset \text{conv } X$ and $\inf_{x \in X} c^T x = \inf_{x \in \text{conv } X} c^T x$, the optimal point is in X with respect to $c^T x$ (the linear functional).

On the other hand, assume function $c^T x$ reaches the minimum in $\text{conv } X$, which is x^* . For $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ and $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = 1$ with $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \geq 0$ we construct $x = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i x_i$, then we

$$\inf_{x \in X} c^T x = \inf_{x \in \text{conv } X} c^T x \leq \inf_{x \in X} c^T x = \inf_{x \in \text{conv } X} c^T x$$

LHS equals to RHS, hence, for all i and $\alpha_i > 0$, $c^T x_i = \inf_{x \in X} c^T x$ must hold. As a result, the minimum of $c^T x$ is attainable in X .

续：将一般形式的线性规划问题转化为标准形式

1. 引入松弛变量，将不等式约束转化为等式的约束
2. 将4个转化为两个正数的差，将4个近义地转换为标准形式并处理非负变量

Convert the following LP to the standard form:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T x + d \\ &\text{subject to} && Gx \leq h \\ &&& Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

Introducing the slack variables

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T x + d \\ &\text{subject to} && Gx + s = h \\ &&& Ax = b \\ &&& s \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

let $x = x^+ - x^-$:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T x^+ - c^T x^- + d \\ &\text{subject to} && Gx^+ - Gx^- + s = h \\ &&& Ax^+ - Ax^- = b \\ &&& x^+ \geq 0, x^- \geq 0, s \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

续：线性规划标准形式和不等式的形式

标准形式要求仅有不等的非负变量的约束，即 $x \geq 0$

如果线性规划没有等式约束，则称为不等式形式线性规划

Standard form for LP:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T x \\ &\text{subject to} && Ax = b \\ &&& x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Standard LP without equality constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T x \\ &\text{subject to} && Ax \leq b \end{aligned}$$

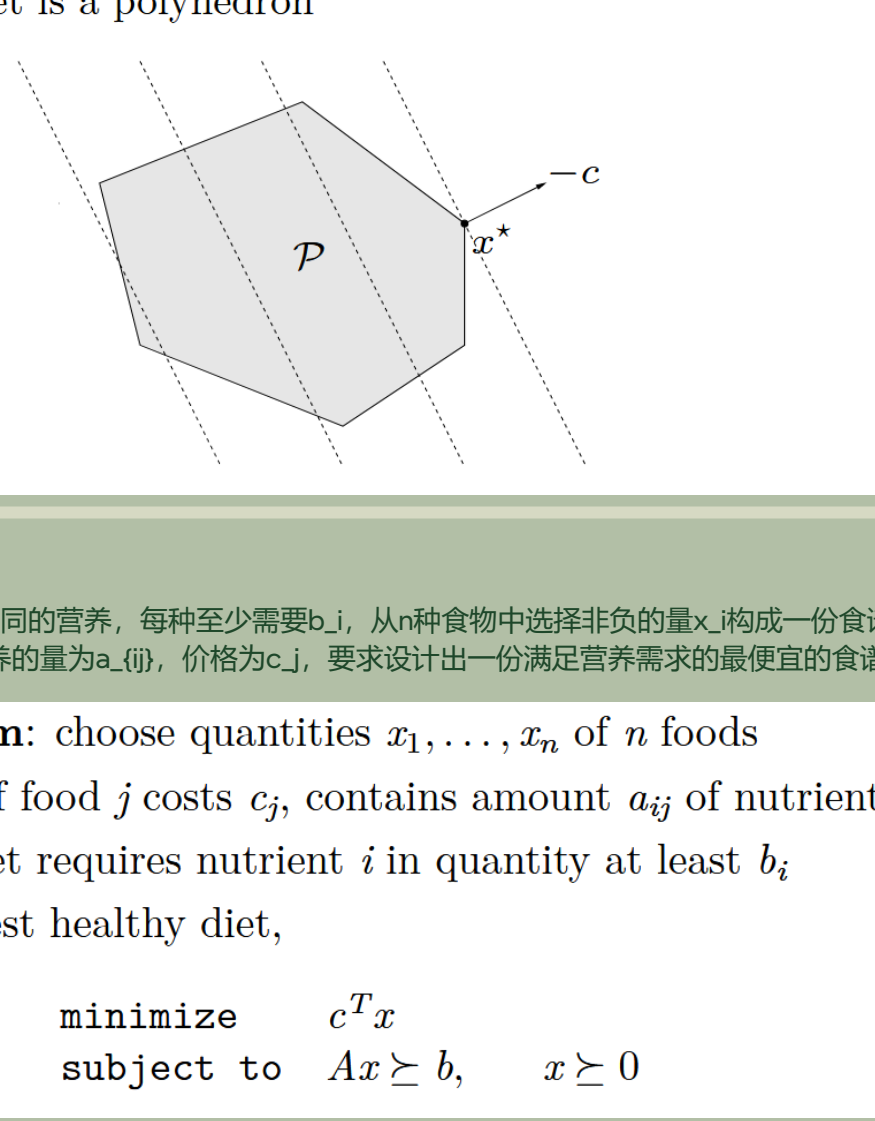
线性规划问题

1. 具有线性目标函数和线性约束的凸问题
2. 可行集是多面体

图中给出了线性规划问题的一般形式

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T x + d \\ &\text{subject to} && Gx \leq h \\ &&& Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

1. Convex problem with affine objective and constraint functions
2. Feasible set is a polyhedron



例1: 食谱问题

一份食谱中包含 n 种不同的食物，每种至少需要 a_i 克。从 n 种食物中选择非负量 x_i 构成一份食谱，使得每份食谱包含的营养量为 b_i 克。问如何设计一份满足营养要求且总成本最小的食谱。

Diet problem: choose quantities x_1, \dots, x_n of n foods

1. One unit of food j costs c_j , contains amount a_{ij} of nutrient i
2. Healthy diet requires nutrient i in quantity at least b_i to find cheapest healthy diet.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T x \\ &\text{subject to} && Ax \geq b, \quad x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

例2: 分片线性最小化

很熟悉了，无穷范数最小化的 L_∞ 形式

Piecewise-linear minimization

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \max_{i=1, \dots, m} (a_i^T x + b_i) \end{aligned}$$

equivalent to an LP

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && t \\ &\text{subject to} && a_i^T x + b_i \leq t, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

例3: 多面体的 Chebyshev 中心

多面体切比雪夫中心是多面体内部离所有的顶点和边最远的中心。

完整描述所有包含多面体内部的所有非空子集的下边界最大的半径。

Chebyshev center of a polyhedron

Chebyshev center of $P = \{x \mid a_i^T x \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$ is center of largest inscribed ball $B = \{x \mid \|x - c\|_2 \leq r\}$

1. $a_i^T x \leq b_i$ for all $x \in B$ if and only if

$$\sup \{a_i^T (c + u) \mid \|u\|_2 \leq r\} \leq b_i = a_i^T c + r \|a_i\|_2 \leq b_i$$

2. hence, c, r can be determined by solving the LP

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && r \\ &\text{subject to} && a_i^T c + r \|a_i\|_2 \leq b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

例4: 线性分式规划

给出了一个线性分式函数的优化问题，这是一个拟凸函数（实际上是拟线性函数），可以转化为如下所示的线性规划问题。

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \frac{f_0(x)}{f_1(x)} \\ &\text{subject to} && Gx \leq h, \quad Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

linear-fractional program

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{f}_0(x) = \frac{c^T x + d}{e^T x + f} \quad \text{dom } \tilde{f}_0(x) = \{x \mid e^T x + f > 0\} \end{aligned}$$

a quasiconvex optimization problem, can be solved by bisection also equivalent to the LP (variables y, z)

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T y + d \\ &\text{subject to} && Gz \leq h \\ &&& Ay = bz \\ &&& e^T y + fz = 1 \\ &&& z \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

续：等价性的证明

其中可行域 x 和 z 满足的关系由标准形式

为显示这个等价性，我们首先假设如果 x 是 (4.32) 的可行解，那么

$$y = \frac{x}{e^T x + f}, \quad z = \frac{1}{e^T x + f}$$

是 (4.33) 的可行解，并且其目标函数值 $c^T y + d = \tilde{f}_0(x)$ ，从而可知 (4.32) 的最优值大于或等于 (4.33) 的最优值。

反之，如果 (y, z) 是 (4.33) 的可行解，并且 $z > 0$ ，那么 $x = y/z$ 是 (4.32) 的可行解，并且具有相同的目标函数值 $\tilde{f}_0(x) = c^T y + d = \tilde{f}_0(x)$ 。如果 (y, z) 是 (4.33) 的可行解， $z = 0$ ，并且 y_0 是 (4.32) 的可行解，那么我们可以得到 $y_0 = -y/z$ ，那么 (4.32) 的可行解，并且 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t(y_0 + y) = c^T y + d$ ，因此我们可以得到 (4.32) 的可行解使其目标函数值任意接近 (y, z) 的目标函数值。由此，我们可以得到 (4.32) 的最优解小于或等于 (4.33) 的最优解。

最小二乘

1. 无约束解
2. 可以加正则化项

Examples: least-squares

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \|Ax - b\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

analytical solution

can add linear constraints, e.g., $b \geq x \geq u$

关于随机游走的线性规划

Linear program with random cost

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && c^T x + \gamma^T \Sigma x + E c^T x + \gamma \text{var}(c^T x) \\ &\text{subject to} && Gx \leq h, \quad Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

1. c is random vector with mean \bar{c} and covariance Σ
2. hence, $c^T x$ is random variable with mean $\bar{c}^T x$ and variance $x^T \Sigma x$
3. $\gamma > 0$ is risk aversion parameter; controls the trade-off between expected cost and variance (risk)

意义补充：构造凸与正项式

Examples: Geometric Programming

单项式函数或单形式: $f: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, \text{dom } f = \mathbf{R}_{++}^n$,

$$f(x) = c a_1^{x_1} a_2^{x_2} \dots a_n^{x_n}, \quad c > 0, \quad a_i \in \mathbf{R}$$

正项式函数:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K c_k a_1^{x_1} a_2^{x_2} \dots a_n^{x_n}$$

其中 $c_k > 0$

续：将一个问题转化为几何规划问题

Examples

考虑下面的问题:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && x/y \\ &\text{subject to} && 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ &&& x^2 + 3y^2 \leq \sqrt{y} \\ &&& x/y = x^2 \end{aligned}$$

可以转化为

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && x^{-1} y \\ &\text{subject to} && 2x^{-1} \leq 1, \quad (1/3)y \leq 1 \\ &&& x^2 y^{-1/2} + 3y^{3/2} x^{-1} \leq 1 \\ &&& xy^{-1} x^{-2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

凸形式的几何规划

凸形式的集合规划

定义 $u = \log x$, 那么 $a_i = e^{u_i}$

如果 $f(x) = c a_1^{x_1} a_2^{x_2} \dots a_n^{x_n}$, 那么

$$f(x) = e^{c_0 + c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_n u_n}$$

其中, $c = \log c$

类似地, 正项式 $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K c_k a_1^{x_1} a_2^{x_2} \dots a_n^{x_n}$ 可以转化为相应形式:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K e^{c_k + c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_n u_n}$$

转换: GP到LP

几何规划可以使用的变量 y 表示:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \sum_{i=1}^m c_i y_i^{a_i} \\ &\text{subject to} && \sum_{i=1}^m c_i y_i^{b_i} \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ &&& y_i^{a_i} y_j^{b_j} = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \end{aligned}$$

采用对数函数对目标和约束的条件进行转换:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \log(\sum_{i=1}^m c_i y_i^{a_i}) \\ &\text{subject to} && \log(\sum_{i=1}^m c_i y_i^{b_i}) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ &&& \log(y_i^{a_i} y_j^{b_j}) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \end{aligned}$$

证明

通过证明可行域和拟凸函数的最小值与 \log 的大小关系，如果可行域问题是可行的，那么 \log 可行；如果不可行，则不可行。

Quasiconvex optimization via convex feasibility problems

$$\phi_i(x) \leq 0, \quad f_0(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad Ax = b$$

1. For fixed t , a convex feasibility problem in x
2. If feasible, we can conclude that $t \geq p^*$; if infeasible, $t \leq p^*$

Bisection method for quasiconvex optimization

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requires exactly $\lceil \log_2((u-l)/\epsilon) \rceil$ iterations (where u, l are initial values)

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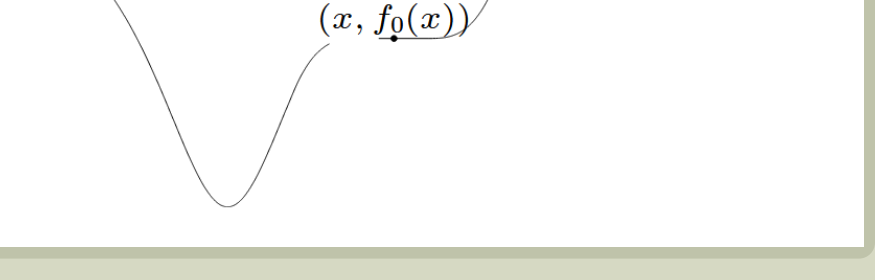
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等式约束的凸优化问题

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && f_0(x) \\ &\text{subject to} && f_i(x) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

x is optimal if and only if there exists a ν such that

$$x \in \text{dom } f_0, \quad Ax = b, \quad \nabla f_0(x) + A^T \nu = 0$$

一般凸优化问题的实例

非负象限上的最小化

这个最小化问题的可行域，对于每一个点 x ，都存在可行域 y (即非负象限) 使得 $y \geq x$ 。因此，对于每个点 x ，都存在可行域 y 使得 $y \geq x$ 。因此，对于每个点 x ，都存在可行域 y 使得 $y \geq x$ 。因此，对于每个点 x ，都存在可行域 y 使得 $y \geq x$ 。

Minimization over nonnegative orthant:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && f_0(x) \\ &\text{subject to} && x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

x is optimal if and only if

$$x \in \text{dom } f_0, \quad x \geq 0, \quad \begin{cases} \nabla f_0(x) \geq 0 & x_1 = 0 \\ \nabla f_0(x) = 0 & x_1 > 0 \end{cases}$$

证明: Optimality condition: $x \geq 0, \nabla f_0(x)^T (y - x) \geq 0, \forall y \geq 0$. Second condition yields $\nabla f_0(x)^T \geq 0$, since we can always find $y \geq x$. Moreover, let $y = 0$, the second condition is converted to $-\nabla f_0(x)^T x \geq 0$. Consider $x \geq 0$ and $\nabla f_0(x)^T \geq 0$, we have $\nabla f_0(x)^T x = 0$, or $(\nabla f_0(x))_i x_i = 0$, for $\forall i$. This completes the proof.

提示: 通过等价转化, 将一个非凸优化问题转化为一个凸问题

等价转化是指通过引入新的变量 t 来求解, 但是它的解可以很容易地从另一个问题中求得

Example

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && f_0(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ &\text{subject to} && f_1(x) = x_1(1 + x_2) \leq 0 \\ &&& f_2(x) = (1 + x_2)x_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

f_0 is convex; feasible set $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 = -x_2 \leq 0\}$ is convex

Not a convex problem (according to our definition): f_1 is not convex, f_2 is not affine

Equivalent (but not identical) to the convex problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && t^2 + t^2 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1 \leq 0 \\ &&& x_1 + x_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

1. 等式约束的消除

»通过线性方程组 $Ax=b$ 求解, 将非凸约束 $f_2(x) \leq 0$ 转换为 $Ax=b$ 的形式

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is equivalent to

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4. Epigraph form: standard form convex problem is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize (over } t) && t \\ &\text{subject to} && f_0(x) \leq t \\ &&& Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

5. 优化部分变量

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize (over } x_1) && f_0(x_1, x_2) \\ &\text{subject to} && f_1(x_1, x_2) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize (over } x_1) && \tilde{f}_0(x_1) \\ &\text{subject to} && \tilde{f}_1(x_1) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{f}_0(x_1) = \inf_{x_2} f_0(x_1, x_2)$

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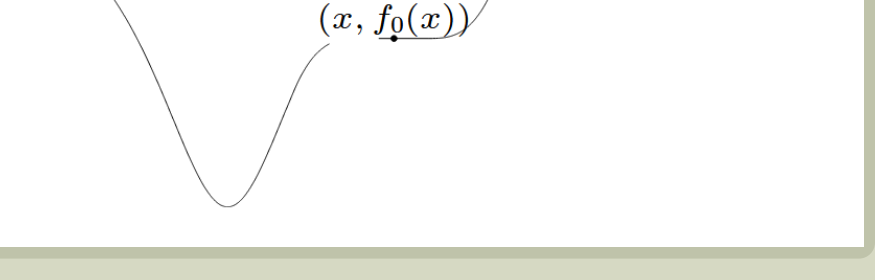
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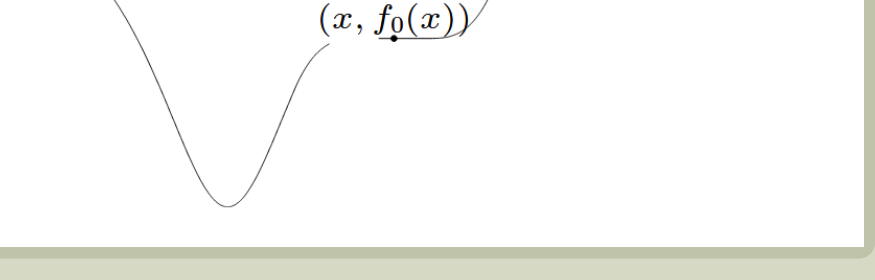
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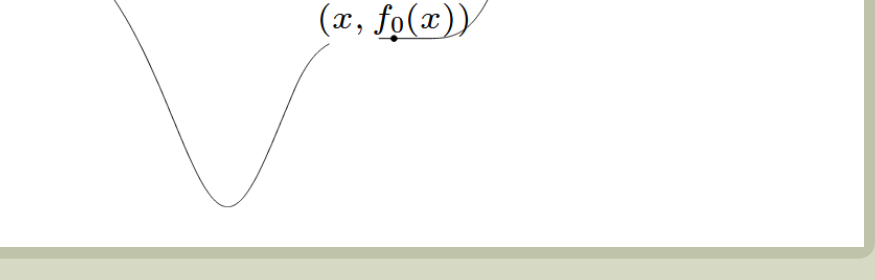
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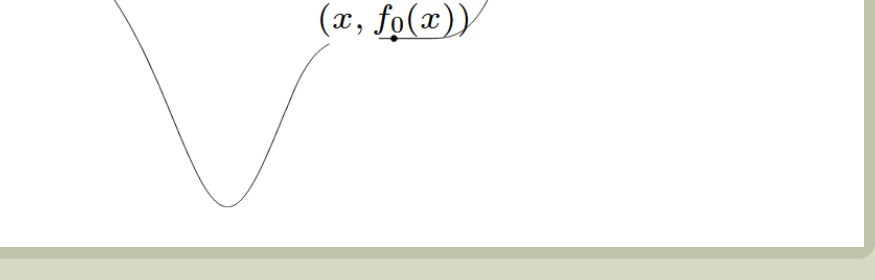
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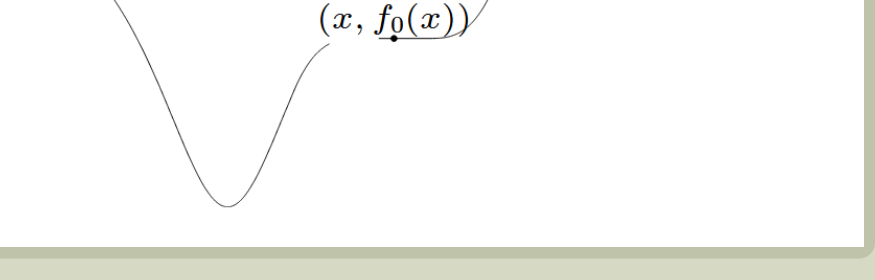
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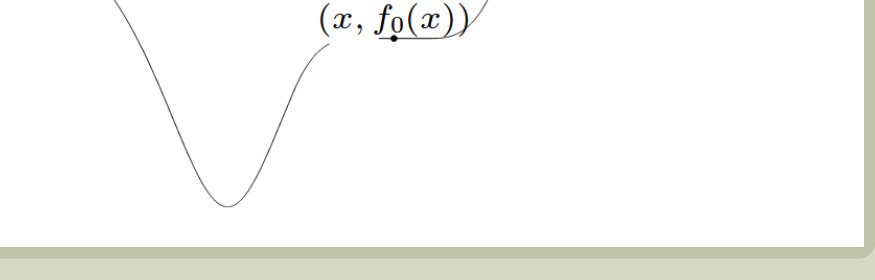
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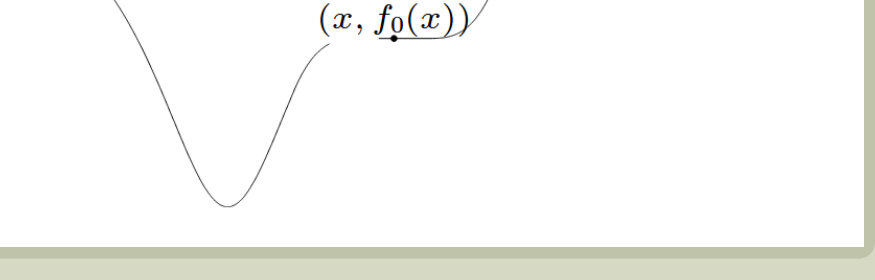
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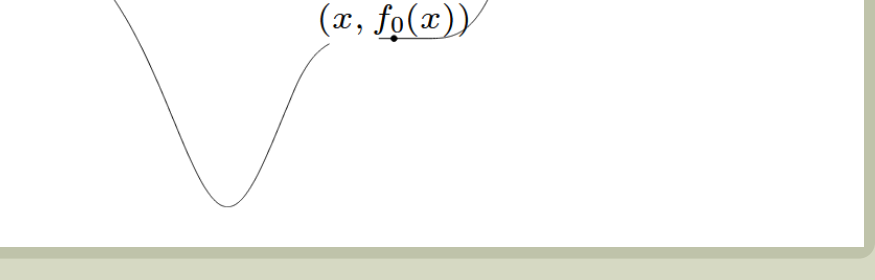
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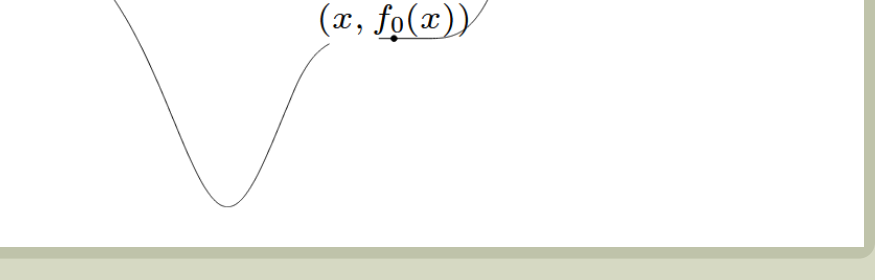
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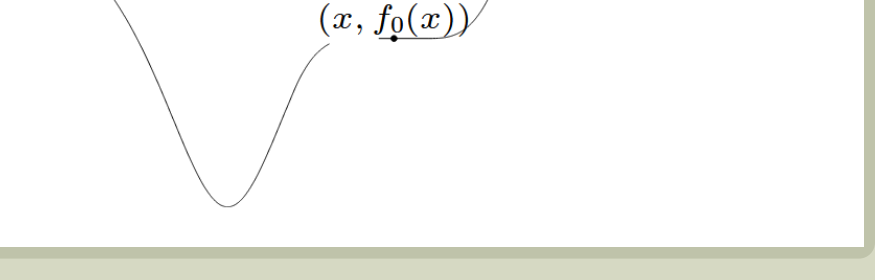
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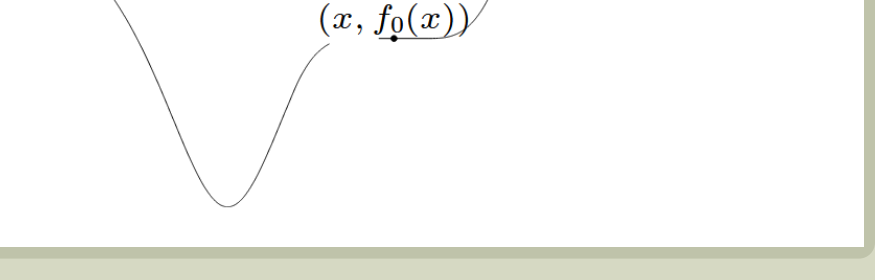
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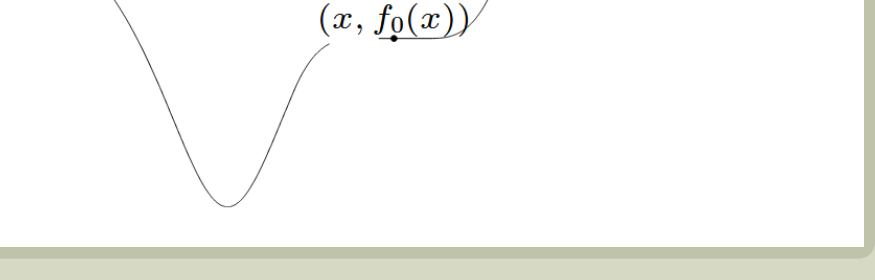
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