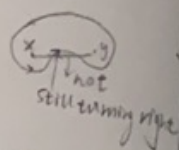
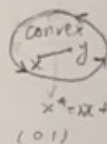


Def 2.1 (Convex sets)

Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$. We say that C is convex if for any two points $x, y \in C$, for any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, $\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y \in C$.



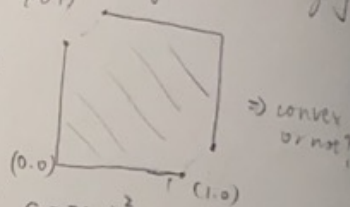
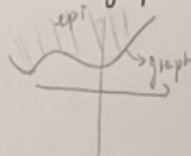
Def 2.2 (Graph-Epigraph)

Let $f: \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

• The graph of f is the set of points $\{(x, f(x)), x \in \text{dom}(f)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$

• The epigraph of f is the set of points above the graph:

$$\text{epi}(f) = \{(x, y) | x \in \text{dom}(f), y \geq f(x)\}$$



$$C = [0, 1]^2 - \{(x, 0), x \geq 0.75\} \\ - \{(x, 1), x \leq 0.25\} \\ - \{(0, y), y \geq 0.75\} \\ - \{(1, y), y \leq 0.25\}$$

Def 2.3 (Convex function)

Let $f: \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We say that f is convex if:

① $\text{dom}(f)$ is convex, and

② for all $x, y \in \text{dom}(f)$, for all $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, we have

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

Eg 2.1

Let $f(x) = a^T x + c$ for a given vector $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$. f is convex.

Take $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) &= a^T(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) + c \\ &= \lambda a^T x + a^T((1-\lambda)y) + c \\ &= \lambda a^T x + (1-\lambda)a^T y + c \\ &\stackrel{1-\lambda+\lambda}{=} \lambda a^T x + (1-\lambda)a^T y + \lambda c + (1-\lambda)c \\ &\stackrel{\text{special}}{=} \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y) \end{aligned}$$

equality instead of inequality

Eg 2.2

Let $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ be a positive definite matrix and define $f(x) = x^T Q x$. f is a convex function

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d, \lambda \in [0, 1]: f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda x^T Q x + (1-\lambda)y^T Q y \geq (\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)^T Q (\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda x^T Q x + (1-\lambda)y^T Q y \geq \lambda^2 x^T Q x + (1-\lambda)^2 y^T Q y + 2\lambda(1-\lambda)x^T Q y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda - \lambda^2)x^T Q x + ((1-\lambda) - (1-\lambda)^2)y^T Q y - 2\lambda(1-\lambda)x^T Q y \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda(1-\lambda)x^T Q x + (1-\lambda)\lambda y^T Q y - 2\lambda(1-\lambda)x^T Q y \geq 0$$

$$\text{Assuming } \lambda \neq 1, \lambda \neq 0: \Leftrightarrow x^T Q x + y^T Q y - 2x^T Q y \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-y)^T Q (x-y) \geq 0 \text{ which is true because } Q > 0$$

Let's look at $\lambda = 0, \lambda = 1$. then either $x^T Q x \geq x^T Q x$ or $y^T Q y \geq y^T Q y$ both are true.

Proposition 2.2

Let $f: \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. f is convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ is convex.

\Rightarrow Assume f is convex, remember $(x, y) \in \text{epi}(f) \Leftrightarrow y \geq f(x)$

Consider $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in \text{epi}(f)$, $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

We know that $f(x_1) \leq y_1$, $f(x_2) \leq y_2$

Convexity of f implies: $f(\underbrace{\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2}_{\tilde{x}}) \leq \underbrace{\lambda f(x_1) + (1-\lambda)f(x_2)}_{\leq \lambda y_1 + (1-\lambda)y_2}$

$f(\tilde{x}) \leq \tilde{y} \Rightarrow (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \in \text{epi}(f)$

$\lambda(x_1, y_1) + (1-\lambda)(x_2, y_2) = (\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2, \lambda y_1 + (1-\lambda)y_2)$
 $= (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \in \text{epi}(f)$
 $\Rightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ is convex.

\Leftarrow Assume $\text{epi}(f)$ is convex.

Consider $x_1, x_2 \in \text{dom}(f)$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

By definition of the epigraph $(x_1, f(x_1)), (x_2, f(x_2)) \in \text{epi}(f)$

But $\text{epi}(f)$ is convex

$\Rightarrow \lambda(x_1, f(x_1)) + (1-\lambda)(x_2, f(x_2)) \in \text{epi}(f)$

$\Rightarrow (\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2, \lambda f(x_1) + (1-\lambda)f(x_2)) \in \text{epi}(f)$

By definition, $\lambda f(x_1) + (1-\lambda)f(x_2) \leq y$

$f(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1-\lambda)f(x_2) \Rightarrow f$ is convex

Proposition 2.3 (Jensen's inequality)

Let $f: \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function. Let x_1, \dots, x_n be n points in $\text{dom}(f) \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ be n nonnegative numbers such that $\sum \lambda_i = 1$. Then

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f(x_i)$$

Proposition 2.4

Let f be a convex function on the open set $\text{dom}(f)$. Then f is continuous.

Def 2.4 (Lipschitz continuity)

A function $f: \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant L (sometimes expressed as L -Lipschitz or, if context is clear, simply f is Lipschitz) if $\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|$, $\forall x, y \in \text{dom}(f)$.

