

HW3-Theoretical

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Maximum of a convex function over a polyhedron

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- 3.1 Maximum of a convex function over a polyhedron.** Show that the maximum of a convex function f over the polyhedron $\mathcal{P} = \text{conv}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ is achieved at one of its vertices, i.e.,

$$\sup_{x \in \mathcal{P}} f(x) = \max_{i=1, \dots, k} f(v_i).$$

(A stronger statement is: the maximum of a convex function over a closed bounded convex set is achieved at an extreme point, i.e., a point in the set that is not a convex combination of any other points in the set.) *Hint.* Assume the statement is false, and use Jensen's inequality.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{اذا } f \text{ كثيرة الاتجاهات و } \sum \lambda_i = 1 \text{ موجب فـ } \sum \lambda_i v_i \in \text{conv}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \text{ polyhedron} \\
 & \text{و } \lambda_i \text{ vertex if } \sup_{x \in \mathcal{P}} f(x) \\
 & \sup_{x \in \mathcal{P}} f(x) = f(\bar{x}) \stackrel{a \neq v_i}{=} f\left(\sum \lambda_i v_i\right) \leq \sum \lambda_i f(v_i) \leq \sum \lambda_i \times \max_i f(v_i) = \max_i f(v_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

Convex & Concave Functions

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- 3.17 Suppose $p < 1$, $p \neq 0$. Show that the function

$$(f(x) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p})$$

with $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}_{++}^n$ is concave. This includes as special cases $f(x) = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{1/2})^2$ and the harmonic mean $f(x) = (\sum_{i=1}^n 1/x_i)^{-1}$. Hint. Adapt the proofs for the log-sum-exp function and the geometric mean in §3.1.5.

$$\begin{aligned} h(n) &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^p \right)^{1/p} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} = x_i^{p-1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^p \right)^{1/p-1} = \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{1-p} \\ i \neq j: \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} &= \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{-p} \times (1-p) \times \frac{1}{x_i} \times \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_j} \right)^{1-p} = \frac{1-p}{h(n)} \left(\frac{h(n)^2}{x_i^p x_j^p} \right)^{1-p} \\ \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} &= \frac{1-p}{h(n)} \left(\frac{h(n)^2}{x_i^{p-2}} \right)^{1-p} - \frac{(1-p)h(n)}{x_i^{p-2}} \times \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{-p} = \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} \right) &= \frac{1-p}{h(n)} \left(\frac{h(n)^2}{x_i^{p-2}} \right)^{1-p} - \frac{1-p}{x_i} \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{1-p} \end{aligned}$$

log \mathcal{L} \propto $-h(n)$ \Leftarrow $y^T D^2 h y \leq 0$ $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ \Rightarrow $h(n)$ is Concave \Leftarrow \mathcal{L} is ok

$$\begin{aligned} y^T D^2 h y &= \sum y_j \left\{ \sum \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} y_i \right\} = \frac{1-p}{h(n)} \left(\sum y_i \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{1-p} \right)^2 \\ &\quad - (1-p) \times \sum \frac{y_i^2}{x_i} \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{1-p} \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^T D^2 h y = \frac{1-p}{h(n)} \left\{ \left(\sum y_i \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{1-p} \right)^2 - \sum \left(y_i \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{1-p} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$a^T b \leq \|a\|_2 \|b\|_2 \quad \text{and} \quad a = y_i \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{1-p/2}, b = \left(\frac{h(n)}{x_i} \right)^{-p/2} \Rightarrow$$

- 3.18 Adapt the proof of concavity of the log-determinant function in §3.1.5 to show the following.

- (a) $f(X) = \text{tr}(X^{-1})$ is convex on $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{S}_{++}^n$.

$$g(t) = h(z + tv) \rightarrow z + tv > 0, z > 0, v > 0$$

$$g(t) = f(Z + tV) \rightarrow Z + tV > 0, Z > Q, V > 0$$

$$g(t) = \text{tr}((Z + tV)^{-1}) = \text{tr}\left(Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z + tVZ^{-\frac{1}{2}})^{-1}Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) = \text{tr}\left(Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z + tVZ^{-\frac{1}{2}})^{-1}\right)$$

$$Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}VZ^{-\frac{1}{2}} = Q \Lambda Q^T \rightsquigarrow g(t) = \text{tr}\left(Q Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}Q^T(Z + t\Lambda)^{-1}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) \leq (Q Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}Q^T)_{ii} \times \frac{1}{1+t\lambda_i} \rightarrow \text{Convex}$$

(b) $f(X) = (\det X)^{1/n}$ is concave on $\text{dom } f = \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) = f(Z + tV) &= (\det(Z + tV))^{1/n} = \left(\det\left(Z^{\frac{1}{2}}(Z + tVZ^{-\frac{1}{2}})Z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\right)^{1/n} = \\ &= \left(\det Z^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \left(\det(Z + tVZ^{-\frac{1}{2}})\right) \det Z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{1/n} = (\det Z)^{1/n} \times \left(\det(Z + t\Lambda)\right)^{1/n} \Rightarrow \\ &\quad Z^{-\frac{1}{2}}VZ^{-\frac{1}{2}} = Q \Lambda Q^T \checkmark \\ \Rightarrow g(t) &= (\det(Z))^{\frac{1}{n}} \times \left(\prod (1 + t\lambda_i)\right)^{1/n} \rightarrow \text{Concave} \end{aligned}$$

A perspective composition rule

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3.5 A perspective composition rule [Maréchal]. Let $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a convex function with $f(0) \leq 0$.

- (a) Show that the perspective $tf(x/t)$, with domain $\{(x, t) \mid t > 0, x/t \in \text{dom } f\}$, is nonincreasing as a function of t .

$$0, \frac{x}{t_1}, \frac{x}{t_2} \in \text{dom } f$$

$$\frac{x}{t_2} = \theta \frac{x}{t_1} + (1-\theta) \cdot 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Since } t_2 > t_1 > 0 \quad \text{implies} \\ & \theta \frac{1}{t_1} > \theta \frac{1}{t_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$h\left(\frac{x}{t_2}\right) = h\left(\theta \frac{x}{t_1} + (1-\theta) \cdot 0\right) \leq \theta h\left(\frac{x}{t_1}\right) + (1-\theta) h(0) \leq \theta h\left(\frac{x}{t_1}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow t_2 h\left(\frac{x}{t_2}\right) \leq t_1 h\left(\frac{x}{t_1}\right) \Rightarrow t h\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) \text{ is nonincreasing on } t$$

- (b) Let g be concave and positive on its domain. Show that the function

$$h(x) = g(x)f(x/g(x)), \quad \text{dom } h = \{x \in \text{dom } g \mid x/g(x) \in \text{dom } f\}$$

is convex.

$$g \text{ is concave} \rightarrow x_1, x_2 \in g \rightarrow g(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2) \geq \theta g(x_1) + (1-\theta)g(x_2)$$

$$A(x, t) = t f\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) \rightarrow \text{non increasing on } t$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \text{dom } h \rightarrow x_1, x_2 \in \text{dom } g, \frac{x_1}{g(x_1)}, \frac{x_2}{g(x_2)} \in \text{dom } f$$

$$h(x) = A(x, g(x)) \quad x = \theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2$$

$$A(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2, g(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2)) \leq A(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2, \theta g(x_1) + (1-\theta)g(x_2))$$

$$A(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2, \theta g(x_1) + (1-\theta)g(x_2)) \leq \theta A(x_1, g(x_1)) + (1-\theta)A(x_2, g(x_2)) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow h(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2) \leq \theta h(x_1) + (1-\theta)h(x_2) \rightarrow \text{Convex}$$

- (c) As an example, show that

$$h(x) = \frac{x^T x}{(\prod_{k=1}^n x_k)^{1/n}}, \quad \text{dom } h = \mathbf{R}_{++}^n$$

is convex.

$$h(x) = g(x) f\left(\frac{x}{g(x)}\right)$$

$$g(x) = (\prod_{k=1}^n x_k)^{1/n}, \quad f(x) = x^T x$$

$$\therefore \text{Convex} \rightarrow \text{Convex}$$

$$h_{(n)} = \left(\frac{1}{\pi n_k}\right)^{1/n} \left(\left(\frac{n}{(\pi n_k)^{1/n}}\right)^T \left(\frac{n}{(\pi n_k)^{1/n}}\right) \right) = \frac{n^T n}{\left(\frac{n}{(\pi n_k)^{1/n}}\right)^{1/n}} \rightarrow \text{Convex}$$

More functions of eigenvalues

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3.26 More functions of eigenvalues. Let $\lambda_1(X) \geq \lambda_2(X) \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n(X)$ denote the eigenvalues of a matrix $X \in \mathbb{S}^n$. We have already seen several functions of the eigenvalues that are convex or concave functions of X .

- The maximum eigenvalue $\lambda_1(X)$ is convex (example 3.10). The minimum eigenvalue $\lambda_n(X)$ is concave.
- The sum of the eigenvalues (or trace), $\text{tr } X = \lambda_1(X) + \dots + \lambda_n(X)$, is linear.
- The sum of the inverses of the eigenvalues (or trace of the inverse), $\text{tr}(X^{-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n 1/\lambda_i(X)$, is convex on \mathbb{S}_{++}^n (exercise 3.18).
- The geometric mean of the eigenvalues, $(\det X)^{1/n} = (\prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(X))^{1/n}$, and the logarithm of the product of the eigenvalues, $\log \det X = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \lambda_i(X)$, are concave on $X \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^n$ (exercise 3.18 and page 74).

In this problem we explore some more functions of eigenvalues, by exploiting variational characterizations.

- (a) *Sum of k largest eigenvalues.* Show that $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i(X)$ is convex on \mathbb{S}^n . Hint. [HJ85, page 191] Use the variational characterization

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i(X) = \sup\{\text{tr}(V^T X V) \mid V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, V^T V = I\}.$$

- (b) *Geometric mean of k smallest eigenvalues.* Show that $(\prod_{i=n-k+1}^n \lambda_i(X))^{1/k}$ is concave on \mathbb{S}_{++}^n . Hint. [MO79, page 513] For $X \succ 0$, we have

$$\left(\prod_{i=n-k+1}^n \lambda_i(X) \right)^{1/k} = \frac{1}{k} \inf\{\text{tr}(V^T X V) \mid V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, \det V^T V = 1\}.$$

- (c) *Log of product of k smallest eigenvalues.* Show that $\sum_{i=n-k+1}^n \log \lambda_i(X)$ is concave on \mathbb{S}_{++}^n . Hint. [MO79, page 513] For $X \succ 0$,

$$\prod_{i=n-k+1}^n \lambda_i(X) = \inf \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^k (V^T X V)_{ii} \mid V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, V^T V = I \right\}.$$

a) $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i(X) = \sup \{ \text{tr}(V^T X V) \mid V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, V^T V = I \}$

Point-wise supremum of $\text{tr}(V^T X V)$ over a set which is convex

Linear

b) $\left(\prod_{i=n-k+1}^n \lambda_i(X) \right)^{1/k} = \frac{1}{k} \inf \{ \text{tr}(V^T X V) \mid V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, \det V^T V = 1 \}$

Point-wise infimum of $\text{tr}(V^T X V)$ over a set which is concave

Concave

c) $\sum_{i=n-k+1}^n \log \lambda_i(X) = \inf \{ \text{tr}(V^T X V) \mid V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, V^T V = I \}$

Point-wise infimum of $\text{tr}(V^T X V)$ which keeps concavity

3.49 Show that the following functions are log-concave.

(a) Logistic function: $f(x) = e^x / (1 + e^x)$ with $\text{dom } f = \mathbf{R}$.

$$f(n) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-n}} \Rightarrow \log(f(n)) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 + e^{-n})$$

which makes $\log(f(n))$ concave

(b) Harmonic mean:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1/x_1 + \dots + 1/x_n},$$

$$\log(f(n)) = -\log\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right) \Rightarrow \log(f(n)) \text{ is convex} \Rightarrow \log\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right) \text{ is concave}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left\{ \log\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right) \right\} = -\frac{1}{x_i^2} \times \frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{x_k}}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \left\{ \log\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right) \right\} = -\frac{1}{x_i^2 x_j^2} \times \frac{1}{\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right)^2} \Rightarrow \text{if } j \neq i$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \left\{ \log\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right) \right\} = \frac{2}{x_i^3} \times \frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{x_k}} - \frac{1}{x_i^4} \times \frac{1}{\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right)^2}$$

$$y^T \nabla^2 \left(\log\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right) \right) y = \sum \frac{2 y_i^2}{x_i^3} \times \frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{x_k}} - \left(\frac{\sum y_i}{x_i^2} \right)^2$$

$$= \left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k} \right)^2 \left\{ 2 \sum \frac{1}{x_k} \times \sum \frac{y_i^2}{x_i^3} - \left(\sum \frac{y_i}{x_i^2} \right)^2 \right\} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} a_i &:= \frac{1}{x_i^2} \\ b_i &:= \frac{y_i}{x_i^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$y^T \nabla^2 \left(\log\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right) \right) y = \frac{1}{\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k} \right)^2} \left\{ 2 \times \|a\|_2^2 \|b\|_2^2 - (a^T b)^2 \right\} \rightarrow \text{Convex}$$

Cauchy-Schwarz: $a^T b \leq \|a\|_2 \|b\|_2 \Rightarrow \|a\|_2^2 \|b\|_2^2 - (a^T b)^2 \geq 0$

$$\|a\|_2^2 \|b\|_2^2 \geq 0$$

• Convex $\log\left(\sum \frac{1}{x_k}\right)$ \Rightarrow Convex

(c) Product over sum:

$$f(x) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}, \quad \text{dom } f = \mathbf{R}_{++}^n.$$

$$J(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad \omega_{++} = \omega_{++}.$$

$$g_{(n)} \log f_{(n)} = \sum (\log(x_k)) \rightarrow \log(\sum x_k) \text{ wr } \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \{ \log f_{(n)} \} = \frac{1}{x_i} - \frac{1}{\sum x_k}$$

$$i \neq j: \frac{\partial^2 g_{(n)}}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} = \frac{1}{(\sum x_k)^2} \quad \frac{\partial^2 g_{(n)}}{\partial x_i^2} = \frac{1}{(\sum x_k)^2} - \frac{1}{x_i^2}$$

$$y^T \nabla^2 g_{(n)} y = \left(\frac{\sum y_i}{\sum x_k} \right)^2 - \sum \frac{y_i^2}{x_i^2} = \frac{1}{(\sum x_k)^2} \left\{ (\sum y_i)^2 - (\sum x_k)^2 \left(\sum \left(\frac{y_i}{x_i} \right)^2 \right) \right\}$$

$$\sum x_k^2 \leq (\sum x_k)^2 \text{ wr } -\sum x_k^2 \geq -(\sum x_k)^2$$

$$y^T \nabla^2 g_{(n)} y \leq \frac{1}{(\sum x_k)^2} \left\{ (\sum y_i)^2 - (\sum x_k)^2 \left(\sum \left(\frac{y_i}{x_i} \right)^2 \right) \right\} = h_{(n,y)} \rightarrow \begin{cases} a_i = \frac{y_i}{x_i} \\ b_i = x_i \end{cases}$$

$$h_{(n,y)} = \frac{1}{(\sum x_k)^2} \left\{ (a^T b)^2 - \|a\|_2^2 \|b\|_2^2 \right\} \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{Cauchy-Schawrtz}$$

(d) Determinant over trace:

$$f(X) = \frac{\det X}{\text{tr } X}, \quad \text{dom } f = \mathbb{S}_{++}^n.$$

$$\chi > 0 \text{ wr } \lambda_i > 0$$

$$f(X) = \frac{\det X}{\text{tr } X} = \frac{\prod \lambda_i}{\sum \lambda_i} \rightarrow \text{log-concave} \quad \chi = Z + V$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_{(X)} &= \log(f(X)) = \log\left(\frac{\det(X)}{\text{tr}(X)}\right) = \log(\det(X)) - \log(\text{tr}(X)) = \\ &= \log(\det(Z)) + \log(\det(Z + Z^{-1/2}VZ^{-1/2})) - \log(\text{tr}(Z(Z + Z^{-1/2}VZ^{-1/2}))) \end{aligned}$$

$$Z^{-1/2}VZ^{-1/2} = Q \Lambda Q^T = \sum \lambda_i q_i q_i^T$$

$$g_{(X)} = \log(\det(Z)) + \sum \log(1 + \lambda_i) - \log\left(\sum (q_i^T Z q_i)(1 + \lambda_i)\right) =$$

$$\underbrace{\log(\det(Z))}_{\text{Const.}} - \underbrace{\sum \log(q_i^T Z q_i)}_{\text{Convex}} + \sum \log((q_i^T Z q_i)(1 + \lambda_i))$$

$$- \log\left(\sum (q_i^T Z q_i)(1 + \lambda_i)\right)$$

\hookrightarrow Concave \rightarrow Convex

\hookrightarrow log-Concave

Generalization of the convexity of $\log \det X^{-1}$

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- 3.26 Generalization of the convexity of $\log \det X^{-1}$.** Let $P \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$ have rank m . In this problem we show that the function $f : \mathbf{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, with $\text{dom } f = \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$, and

$$f(X) = \log \det(P^T X^{-1} P)$$

is convex. To prove this, we assume (without loss of generality) that P has the form

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where I . The matrix $P^T X^{-1} P$ is then the leading $m \times m$ principal submatrix of X^{-1} .

- (a) Let Y and Z be symmetric matrices with $0 \prec Y \preceq Z$. Show that $\det Y \leq \det Z$.

$$\begin{aligned} Z \succ 0 &\Leftrightarrow Z - Y \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall z: z^T(Z - Y)z \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow h^T Y^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z - Y)Y^{-\frac{1}{2}}h \succ 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow h^T(Y^{-\frac{1}{2}}Z Y^{-\frac{1}{2}} - I)h \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow Y^{\frac{1}{2}}Z Y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \succ I \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \lambda_i(Y^{\frac{1}{2}}Z Y^{-\frac{1}{2}}) > 1 &\Leftrightarrow \prod \lambda_i > 1 \Leftrightarrow \det(Y^{\frac{1}{2}}Z Y^{-\frac{1}{2}}) > 1 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \det(Y^{-1}) \det(Z) > 1 &\Rightarrow \det(Y) \leq \det(Z) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let $X \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$, partitioned as

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12}^T & X_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

with $X_{11} \in \mathbf{S}^m$. Show that the optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \log \det Y^{-1} \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{bmatrix} Y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \preceq \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12}^T & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \end{array}$$

$$\hookrightarrow X \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n \longrightarrow \begin{cases} X_{11} \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^m \\ X_{22} \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^{n-m} \end{cases}$$

with variable $Y \in \mathbf{S}^m$, has the solution

$$Y = X_{11} - X_{12} X_{22}^{-1} X_{12}^T.$$

(As usual, we take \mathbf{S}_{++}^m as the domain of $\log \det Y^{-1}$.)

Hint. Use the Schur complement characterization of positive definite block matrices (page 651 of the book): if $C \succ 0$ then

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & C \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

if and only if $A - BC^{-1}B^T \succeq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } \log \det Y^{-1} &\Rightarrow \text{minimize } -\log \det Y \Leftrightarrow \text{maximize } \log \det Y \Leftrightarrow \text{maximize } \det Y \\ \text{s.t. } \begin{bmatrix} Y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \preceq \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12}^T & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} - Y & X_{12} \\ X_{12}^T & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow X_{11} - Y - X_{12} X_{22}^{-1} X_{12}^T &\succ 0 \Leftrightarrow Y \preceq X_{11} - X_{12} X_{22}^{-1} X_{12}^T \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \det Y \leq \det(X_{11} - X_{12} X_{22}^{-1} X_{12}^T) &\Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \max \det Y = \det(X_{11} - X_{12} X_{22}^{-1} X_{12}^T) &\Leftrightarrow \text{solution: } X_{11} - X_{12} X_{22}^{-1} X_{12}^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \det Y = \det(X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T) \rightsquigarrow \text{solution: } X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T$$

(c) Combine the result in part (b) and the minimization property (page 3-19, lecture notes) to show that the function

$$f(X) = \log \det(X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T)^{-1},$$

with $\text{dom } f = \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$, is convex.

$$g(X, Y) = \log \det Y^{-1} \rightarrow \text{dom } g : \left\{ (X, Y) \mid \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12}^T & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succ \begin{bmatrix} Y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

↳ This function is convex

$$h(X) = \min_Y \left(g(X, Y) \right) \rightarrow \text{Keeps Convexity}$$

(d) Show that $(X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T)^{-1}$ is the leading $m \times m$ principal submatrix of X^{-1} , i.e.,

$$(X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T)^{-1} = P^T X^{-1} P.$$

Hence, the convex function f defined in part (c) can also be expressed as $f(X) = \log \det(P^T X^{-1} P)$.

Hint. Use the formula for the inverse of a symmetric block matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & C \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C^{-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -I \\ C^{-1}B^T \end{bmatrix} (A - BC^{-1}B^T)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -I \\ C^{-1}B^T \end{bmatrix}^T$$

if C and $A - BC^{-1}B^T$ are invertible.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12}^T & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -Z \\ X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T \end{bmatrix} (X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -Z \\ X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow$$

$$P_s \begin{pmatrix} Z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow P^T X^{-1} P \quad (X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T)^{-1} \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\rightsquigarrow h(X) = \log (\det(P^T X^{-1} P)) = \log (\det(X_{11} - X_{12}X_{22}^{-1}X_{12}^T)^{-1})$$

↳ Convex

Infimal Convolution

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3.17 Infimal convolution. Let f_1, \dots, f_m be convex functions on \mathbf{R}^n . Their *infimal convolution*, denoted $g = f_1 \diamond \dots \diamond f_m$ (several other notations are also used), is defined as

$$g(x) = \inf\{f_1(x_1) + \dots + f_m(x_m) \mid x_1 + \dots + x_m = x\},$$

with the natural domain (*i.e.*, defined by $g(x) < \infty$). In one simple interpretation, $f_i(x_i)$ is the cost for the i th firm to produce a mix of products given by x_i ; $g(x)$ is then the optimal cost obtained if the firms can freely exchange products to produce, all together, the mix given by x . (The name ‘convolution’ presumably comes from the observation that if we replace the sum above with the product, and the infimum above with integration, then we obtain the normal convolution.)

- (a) Show that g is convex.
- (b) Show that $g^* = f_1^* + \dots + f_m^*$. In other words, the conjugate of the infimal convolution is the sum of the conjugates.

$$a) g(x) = \inf_h \left\{ h_1(x_1) + \dots + h_m(x_m) + h(x) \right\}$$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \sum x_i = x \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

↳ keeps Convexity

$$\begin{aligned} b) g^*(y) &= \sup_n \left\{ y^T x - h(x) \right\} = \sup_n \left\{ y^T x - \inf_{\sum x_i = x} \left\{ h_1(x_1) + \dots + h_m(x_m) \right\} \right\} = \\ &= \sup_{\sum x_i = x} \left\{ y^T x_1 - h_1(x_1) + y^T x_2 - h_2(x_2) + \dots + y^T x_m - h_m(x_m) \right\} = \\ &= \sup_{x_1} \left\{ y^T x_1 - h_1(x_1) \right\} + \sup_{x_2} \left\{ y^T x_2 - h_2(x_2) \right\} + \dots + \sup_{x_m} \left\{ y^T x_m - h_m(x_m) \right\} \\ &\Rightarrow f_1^*(y) + f_2^*(y) + \dots + f_m^*(y) = g^*(y) \end{aligned}$$

Huber Penalty

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3.30 Huber penalty. The infimal convolution of two functions f and g on \mathbf{R}^n is defined as

$$h(x) = \inf_y (f(y) + g(x - y))$$

(see exercise 3.17). Show that the infimal convolution of $f(x) = \|x\|_1$ and $g(x) = (1/2)\|x\|_2^2$, i.e., the function

$$h(x) = \inf_y (f(y) + g(x - y)) = \inf_y (\|y\|_1 + \frac{1}{2}\|x - y\|_2^2),$$

is the *Huber penalty*

$$h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(x_i), \quad \phi(u) = \begin{cases} u^2/2 & |u| \leq 1 \\ |u| - 1/2 & |u| > 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= \inf_y \left(\sum |y_i| + \frac{1}{2} \sum (x_i - y_i)^2 \right) = \inf_y \left\{ \sum \left(|y_i| + \frac{1}{2}(x_i - y_i)^2 \right) \right\} = \\ &= \sum \underbrace{\inf_{y_i} \left\{ |y_i| + \frac{1}{2}(x_i - y_i)^2 \right\}}_{\mathcal{G}(x_i, y_i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \left(\mathcal{G}(x_i, y_i) \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \frac{y_i}{|y_i|} + y_i - x_i &= 0 \Rightarrow x_i = y_i + \frac{y_i}{|y_i|} \rightarrow y_i \neq 0 \\ \hookrightarrow |x_i| &= |y_i| + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{G}(x_i, y_i) \leq |x_i| - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \geq |x_i| - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{if } y_i = 0 \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{G}(x_i) \leq \frac{x_i^2}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{G}(x_i, y_i) = \min \left\{ \frac{x_i^2}{2}, |x_i| - \frac{1}{2} \right\} = \begin{cases} \frac{x_i^2}{2} & |x_i| \leq 1 \\ |x_i| - \frac{1}{2} & |x_i| > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$h(x) \leq \sum_i \phi(x_i)$$

Inequality

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فرض کنید a, b, c اعداد حقیقی مثبت باشند. با انتخاب یک تابع محدب مناسب و استفاده از نابرابری Jensen نابرابری زیر را ثابت کنید:

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 8bc}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + 8ca}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + 8ab}} \geq 1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f(x) = \frac{3}{4} x^{-\frac{5}{2}} > 0$$

برای دلیل $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ می‌باشد

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 8bc}} = \frac{ka'}{\sqrt{k^2 a'^2 + 8k^2 b'c'}} = \frac{a'}{\sqrt{a'^2 + 8b'c'}}$$

$$a+b+c=k$$

$$a' = \frac{a}{k}, b' = \frac{b}{k}, c' = \frac{c}{k}$$

فرض کنید

$a+b+c=1$ می‌باشد فرض کنید

$$(a+b+c)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(a^2b + a^2c + b^2a + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b) + 6abc$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{a^2b + a^2c + b^2a + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b}{6}}_{\geq \frac{6}{\sqrt{a^2b^2c^2}}} \geq \sqrt[6]{a^2b^2c^2} \quad \text{بنابراین صدق}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (a+b+c)^3 \geq a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(6abc) + 6abc = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 24abc$$

$$x_1 = a^2 + 8bc, \quad x_2 = b^2 + 8ac, \quad x_3 = c^2 + 8ab$$

$$f(ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3) \leq af(x_1) + bf(x_2) + cf(x_3) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\underbrace{\left(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 24abc \right)^{1/2}}_{\geq 1}} \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 8bc}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + 8ac}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + 8ab}} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 8bc}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + 8ac}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + 8ab}}$$