

16 (a)  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$

$$X \mapsto \text{tr}(AX^T B)$$

$$f(X+\varepsilon) = f(X) + Df(X)(\varepsilon) + O(\varepsilon)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(A(X+\varepsilon)^T B) &= \text{tr}(AX^T B + A\varepsilon^T B) \\ &= \text{tr}(AX^T B) + \text{tr}(A\varepsilon^T B) \\ &= \text{tr}(BA X^T) + \text{tr}(BA\varepsilon^T) \\ &= \underbrace{\langle BA, X \rangle_F}_{f(x)} + \underbrace{\langle BA, \varepsilon \rangle_F}_{Df(x)\varepsilon} + \underbrace{O(\|\varepsilon\|)}_0 \end{aligned}$$

Differential of  $f$  at  $x$   $D_x f(x)\varepsilon : \langle BA, \varepsilon \rangle_F$   
Derivative of  $f$  at  $x$ :  $BA$

(b)  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$X \mapsto \text{tr}(X^n)$$

$$f(X+\varepsilon) = f(X) + Df(X)\varepsilon + O(\varepsilon)$$

First we consider that  $(X+\varepsilon)^n$

$$(X+\varepsilon)^n = X^n + nX^{n-1}\varepsilon + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}X^{n-2}\varepsilon^2 + \dots$$

taking trace of this term

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(X+\varepsilon)^n &= \text{tr}(X^n) + n \text{tr}(X^{n-1}\varepsilon) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \text{tr}(X^{n-2}\varepsilon^2) + \dots \\ &= \text{tr}(X^n) + n \text{tr}(X^{n-1}\varepsilon) + O(\|\varepsilon\|) \\ &= \underbrace{\text{tr}(X^n)}_{f(x)} + \underbrace{\langle n(X^{n-1})^T, \varepsilon \rangle_F}_{Df(x)\varepsilon} + O(\|\varepsilon\|) \end{aligned}$$

Differential of  $f$  at  $x$   $D_x f(x)\varepsilon : \langle n(X^{n-1})^T, \varepsilon \rangle_F$   
Derivative of  $f$  at  $x$ :  $n(X^{n-1})^T$

$$(C) \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$X \mapsto \text{tr}(e^X)$$

$$f(x+\varepsilon) = f(x) + \langle D_x f, \varepsilon \rangle_F + O(\|\varepsilon\|_F)$$

$$\text{tr}(e^{x+\varepsilon}) = \text{tr}\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (x+\varepsilon)^k\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \text{tr}((x+\varepsilon)^k)$$

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17] (a) Consider two arbitrary points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $P$ , where  $x_i \geq 0$ ,  $y_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_i x_i = 1$ ,  $\sum_i y_i = 1$

$$\text{Let } z = \lambda x + (1-\lambda)y, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$$

We need to show that  $z$  is in  $P$

$$z_i = \lambda x_i + (1-\lambda)y_i$$

since  $x_i \geq 0$  and  $y_i \geq 0$ , then  $\lambda x_i + (1-\lambda)y_i \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_i z_i &= \sum_i \lambda x_i + \sum_i (1-\lambda)y_i \\ &= \lambda \sum_i x_i + (1-\lambda) \sum_i y_i\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_i x_i = 1$  and  $\sum_i y_i = 1$

$$\sum_i z_i = \lambda + 1 - \lambda = 1$$

Therefore  $\sum_i z_i = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  any convex combination of points in  $P$  is also in  $P$ .

So  $P$  is a convex subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(b) Assume that  $A$  is a vector  $(a_1, \dots, a_m)$

$$E(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot a_i = Ap$$

This is an affine function:  $P \mapsto Ap$

Since  $P$  is convex, then  $E(P)$  is convex

$$\begin{aligned}(c) \text{Var}(P) &:= \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (a_i - E(P))^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^2 - E(P)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } h(x) = x^2$$

$$\text{then } h''(x) = 2 > 0$$

Therefore  $h(x) = x^2$  is a convex function

18] (a) For  $f(x,y) = \frac{x}{y}$ , the Hessian matrix is

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute 1st and 2nd derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{y}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{x}{y^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -\frac{1}{y^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

$$\text{So } H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{y^2} \\ -\frac{1}{y^2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, check the definiteness of  $H$ .

for any vector  $[a, b]$ , if  $H$  is positive semidefinite, then

$$[a, b]^T H \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [a, b]^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{y^2} \\ -\frac{1}{y^2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{b^2}{y^2} + \frac{2abx}{y^3} \geq 0$$

consider that  $a=1$  and  $b=1$

$$\text{we can get } -\frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{2x}{y^3}$$

if  $y$  is positive and  $x$  is negative, this expression can be negative  
thus, the Hessian matrix is not positive, the function is not convex.

(b) The quadratic function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex iff. the Hessian matrix  $f$  is positive semidefinite.

$$f(x) = x^T A x + b^T x + c$$

$$H = \nabla^2 f(x) = 2A$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A \geq 0$$

This means that  $A$  should be positive semidefinite or all eigenvalues of  $A$  are nonnegative.

(c)  $f: P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $f(p) := \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log p_i$

Now, let's find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial p_j}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial p_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log(p_i) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} p_i \log(p_i) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial p_j} \log(p_j) + p_i \frac{\partial \log(p_i)}{\partial p_j} \right)$$

for  $i = j$ ,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial p_j} =$$