# Assignment 2

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#### Question 1

According to the definition of norm, the equation  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_0}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_1}\|_2$  is the same as:

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_0})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_0}) \le (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_1})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_1})$$

Which can be further expressed as:

$$\mathbf{x}^{T}(\mathbf{x_{1}} - \mathbf{x_{0}}) + (\mathbf{x_{1}} - \mathbf{x_{0}})^{T}\mathbf{x} \le \mathbf{x_{1}}^{T}\mathbf{x_{1}} - \mathbf{x_{0}}^{T}\mathbf{x_{0}}$$
 (1)

Since  $\mathbf{x}^T(\mathbf{x_1} - \mathbf{x_0}) = ((\mathbf{x_1} - \mathbf{x_0})^T \mathbf{x})^T$ , which produce a constant, we have:

$$\mathbf{x}^{T}(\mathbf{x}_{1} - \mathbf{x}_{0}) = (\mathbf{x}_{1} - \mathbf{x}_{0})^{T}\mathbf{x}$$
(2)

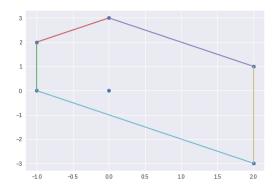
Replace equation 2 to equation 1, there is:

$$2(\mathbf{x_1} - \mathbf{x_0})^T \mathbf{x} < \mathbf{x_1}^T \mathbf{x_1} - \mathbf{x_0}^T \mathbf{x_0}$$

Which follow the definition of half-space:  $\lambda^T \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\lambda = 2(\mathbf{x_1} - \mathbf{x_0})$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{x_1}^T \mathbf{x_1} - \mathbf{x_0}^T \mathbf{x_0}$ .

## Question 2

The polyhedron constructed by the convex hull is the area with the 5 color line as boundary, shown in following figure:



Denote  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  as the point within  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the hyper-plane defined by the 5 color line shown in above figure are:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

As a result, the polyhedron constructed by these hyper-plane can be expressed as:

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

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Where 
$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Question 3

(a)

Denote set  $\{\mathbf{x} | \alpha \leq \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} \leq \beta\}$  as  $\mathcal{C}$ , then,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a convex set. The prove is as follow:

Assume  $\mathbf{x_1}, \mathbf{x_2} \in \mathcal{C}$ , their convex combination follow:

$$\mathbf{a}^{T}(\theta \mathbf{x}_{1} + (1 - \theta)\mathbf{x}_{2}) = \theta \mathbf{a}^{T} \mathbf{x} + (1 - \theta)\mathbf{a}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{2}$$
(3)

Since  $\mathbf{x_1}, \mathbf{x_2} \in \mathcal{C}$ , there is:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x_1} \ge \alpha \\ \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x_2} \ge \alpha \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

Combine equation 3 and 4, we have:

$$\theta \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + (1 - \theta) \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x_2} \ge \theta \alpha + (1 - \theta) \alpha$$

$$= \alpha$$

The equation  $\theta \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + (1 - \theta) \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x_2} \le \beta$  can be proved by using the same method. As a result, when  $\mathbf{x_1}, \mathbf{x_2} \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\theta \mathbf{x_1} + (1 - \theta) \mathbf{x_2} \in \mathcal{C}$  hold for any  $0 \le \theta \le 1$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a convex set.

(b)

The rectangle set  $\mathcal{G}$  can be thought as the intersection of different sets that follow:

$$\mathcal{G} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{G}_i$$

Where  $\mathcal{G}_i$  is the set:  $\{\mathbf{x} | \alpha \leq x_i \leq \beta\}$ . It is obvious that  $\mathcal{G}_i$  is the slab defined in (a) with

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In which, the ith element  $a_i$  that corresponding to  $x_i$  within **x** is set to be 1 and the other elements is 0. Therefore,  $\mathcal{G}_i$  is convex, which means,  $\mathcal{G}$  is the intersection of convex set, which is also convex.

(c)

The set  $\{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{a_1}^T \mathbf{x} \leq b_1, \mathbf{a_2}^T \mathbf{x} \leq b_2\}$  is the same as:

$$\{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{a_1}^T \mathbf{x} < b_1\} \cap \{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{a_2}^T \mathbf{x} < b_2\}$$

For any  $i \in \{0,1\}$ , the set  $\{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{a_i}^T \mathbf{x} \leq b_i\}$  define a half-space, which is a convex set. As a result, the set  $\{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{a_1}^T \mathbf{x} \leq b_1, \mathbf{a_2}^T \mathbf{x} \leq b_2\}$  is the intersection of two convex set, which is also convex.

(d)

Assume  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \cdots, s_n\}$ . The original set  $\{x | \|x - x_0\|_2 \le \|x - s\|_2$  for any  $s \in S\}$  can be expressed as:

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} \{\mathbf{x} | \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_0}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s_i}\|_2 \}$$

The same concept can be expanded to set S which has infinite element  $(n \to \infty)$ . According to Question 1, the single set  $\mathbf{x} | \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_0}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s_i}\|_2$  define a half-space and is convex. As a result, the intersection of these convex is also convex, which means,  $\{\mathbf{x} | \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_0}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}\|_2$  for any  $\mathbf{s} \in S\}$  is convex.

(e)

We first consider the set:

$$G_i = \{ \mathbf{x} | \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s_i}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}\|_2 \text{ for all } \mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S} \}$$
 (5)

Where  $s_i \in \mathcal{S}$  is a fixed point within  $\mathcal{S}$ . This set is consist of points x that have the minimum distance to  $\mathcal{S}$  through  $s_i$ . It is obvious that

$$\{\mathbf{x} | \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s_i}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}\|_2\} \cap \{\mathbf{x} | \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s_i}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}\|_2\} = \emptyset$$
(6)

when  $\mathbf{s_i}, \mathbf{s_j} \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathbf{s_i} \neq \mathbf{s_j}$  as a point  $\mathbf{x}$  can only achieve the minimum distance to  $\mathcal{S}$  by hold  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s_i}\| < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s_j}\|$  or the inverse. Now assume  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{s_1}, \mathbf{s_2}, \cdots, \mathbf{s_n}\}$  and  $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathbf{t_1}, \mathbf{t_2}, \cdots, \mathbf{t_k}\}$ . We define the set:

$$Q_i = \{\mathbf{x} | \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s_i}\|_2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{t}\|_2 \text{ for all } \mathbf{t} \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

Where  $\mathbf{s_i} \in \mathcal{S}$ . This set describe the point  $\mathbf{x}$  that the distance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and a point  $\mathbf{s_i} \in \mathcal{S}$  is less than the distance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and set  $\mathcal{T}$ . As a result, the set  $\{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{S}) < \mathbf{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{T})\}$  can be then expressed as:

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{G}_i \cap \mathcal{Q}_i)$$

According to equation 6, for any  $1 \le i, j \le n$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_i \cap \mathcal{G}_j = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $(\mathcal{G}_i \cap \mathcal{Q}_i) \cup (\mathcal{G}_j \cap \mathcal{Q}_j) = \emptyset$ , which means, the set  $\{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{E}) < \mathbf{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{E})\}$  is separated and therefore can not be convex.

(f)

Assume  $S_1 = \{\mathbf{s_1}, \mathbf{s_2}, \dots, \mathbf{s_n}\}$ . Then, the set  $C = \{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x} + S_1 \subset S_2\}$  can be replaced as the intersection of different set as:

$$\mathcal{C} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{C}_i$$

Where  $C_i = \{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s_i} \in S_2\}$ . It can be proved that  $C_i$  is convex: Assume  $\mathbf{x_1}, \mathbf{x_2} \in C_i$ . The equation  $\theta \mathbf{x_1} + (1 - \theta)\mathbf{x_2} + \mathbf{s_i}$  can be expressed as:

$$\theta \mathbf{x_1} + (1 - \theta)\mathbf{x_2} + \mathbf{s_i} = \theta(\mathbf{x_1} + \mathbf{s_i}) + (1 - \theta)(\mathbf{x_2} + \mathbf{s_i})$$

Since  $\mathbf{x_1} + \mathbf{s_i}$ ,  $\mathbf{x_2} + \mathbf{s_i} \in \mathcal{S}_2$  and  $\mathcal{S}_2$  is convex, we have  $\theta(\mathbf{x_1} + \mathbf{s_i}) + (1 - \theta)(\mathbf{x_2} + \mathbf{s_i}) \in \mathcal{S}_2$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is convex. As a result,  $\mathcal{C}$  is convex as it is the intersection of convex set.

(g)

The equation  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|_2 \le \theta \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$  is the same as  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\|_2^2 \le \theta^2 \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$ . Now, let  $\theta^2 = p$ , the equation mentioned before can be expanded as:

$$\mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{x} + \frac{2(p\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})^{T}}{1 - p}\mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{a}^{T}\mathbf{a} - p\mathbf{b}^{T}\mathbf{b}}{1 - p} \le 0$$

$$(7)$$

Which has the same form as the equation that describe a ball:

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_0}\|_2^2 = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x_0}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x_0}^T \mathbf{x_0} \le r^2$$
(8)

Compare equation 7 with 8, it is easy to figure out that:

$$\mathbf{x_0} = \frac{\mathbf{a} - p\mathbf{b}}{1 - p}$$
 and  $r^2 = \mathbf{x_0}^T \mathbf{x_0} - \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} - p\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b}}{1 - p}$ 

If  $r^2 \ge 0$  can be verified, then, equation 7 always describe a ball. Indeed,  $r^2$  can be expanded as:

$$r^{2} = \frac{(\mathbf{a} - p\mathbf{b})^{T}(\mathbf{a} - p\mathbf{b})}{(1 - p)^{2}} - \frac{\mathbf{a}^{T}\mathbf{a} - p\mathbf{b}^{T}\mathbf{b}}{1 - p}$$

Which is the same as:

$$r^2 = \frac{p(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b})}{(1 - p)^2}$$

Since  $\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T\mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 \ge 0$ ,  $r^2$  is also greater or equal to zero. Hence, equation 7 describe a ball, which is a convex set.

#### Question 4

In this question, we firstly define the vector:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \tag{9}$$

Which contain all possible value that random variable x may take. After that, the vector  $\mathbf{p}$  which describe the probability distribution of x:

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{bmatrix} \tag{10}$$

Where the element  $p_i$  within  $\mathbf{p}$  corresponding to the probability that  $x = a_i$ . It is obvious that the set  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{p} | \|\mathbf{p}\| = 1 \text{ and for each } p_i \text{ within } \mathbf{p}, p_i \geq 0\}$  is a convex set.

(a)

Follow the definition used in 9 and 10, we can define vector  $\mathbf{f}$  as:

$$\mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f(a_1) \\ f(a_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(a_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

The condition  $\alpha \leq \mathcal{E}f(x) \leq \beta$  define a set  $\mathcal{Q}$  which is a intersection of two half-space:

$$Q = \{\mathbf{p} | -\mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{p} \le -\alpha\} \cap \{\mathbf{p} | \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{p} \le \beta\}$$

As a result, the set of **p** that satisfied the condition  $\alpha \leq \mathcal{E}f(x) \leq \beta$  is the intersection of  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$ , which produce a convex set.

(b)

We firstly define a indicator vector  $\mathbf{i}$  as:

$$\mathbf{i} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{I}(a_1 > \alpha) \\ \mathbb{I}(a_2 > \alpha) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{I}(a_n > \alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $\mathbb{I}(s)$  is defined as:

$$\mathbb{I}(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if s is true} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the constrain can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{i}^T \mathbf{p} \leq \beta$$

Which obviously, define a half-space. Therefore, the set defined by this half-space:  $Q = \{\mathbf{p} | \mathbf{i}^T \mathbf{p} \leq \beta\}$  is a convex set. Consequently, the set of  $\mathbf{p}$  that satisfied the constrain can be expressed as  $\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , which is convex.

(c)

Let f(x) in (a) equal to  $x^2$ . Hence, there is:

$$\mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^2 \\ a_2^2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The constrain  $\mathcal{E}x^2 \geq \alpha$  can then be expressed as:

$$-\mathbf{f}^T\mathbf{p} \le -\alpha$$

Which define a half-space. Hence, the set of  $\mathbf{p}$  under this constrain is convex.

(d)

Assume  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{p_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{p_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Set  $\alpha = 0.2$ . Therefore, for  $\mathbf{p_1}$ , we have:

$$Var(\mathbf{x}) = 0 < 0.2$$

For  $\mathbf{p_2}$ , we have:

$$Var(\mathbf{x}) = 0 < 0.2$$

However, for  $\mathbf{p_3} = 0.5\mathbf{p_1} + 0.5\mathbf{p_2}$ , there is:

$$Var(\mathbf{x}) = 0.25 > 0.2$$

Hence, the set of  $\mathbf{p}$  that satisfied this constrain is not convex.

### Question 5

(a)

As the function  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  is convex over  $\mathbf{x}$ , it's Hessian Matrix over  $\mathbf{x}$  is:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Which satisfied  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{x}} \succeq 0$ . The Hessian Matrix of f over  $\mathbf{z}$ :  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{z}}$  has the similar form as  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{x}}$  and satisfied:  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{z}} \preceq 0$ . As a result, the Hessian Matrix over  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  should be:

$$\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{x}} & \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{z}} & \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{x}} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

Firstly, we fix  $\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ . Since f is concave over  $\mathbf{z}$  and  $\nabla f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) = 0$ , according to the first-order condition of concave function, we have, for any  $\mathbf{z}$ :

$$f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z}) < f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) \tag{11}$$

In order to prove  $f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) < f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$ . We fix  $\mathbf{z} = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}$ . Since f is convex over  $\mathbf{x}$ , according to the first-order condition of convex function, there is:

$$f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) + \nabla f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})(\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) < f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$$

Since  $\nabla f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) = 0$ , we can prove that:

$$f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) < f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$$

Then, we start to prove  $\sup_{\mathbf{z}} \inf_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$ : For any  $\mathbf{z}$ , if  $\inf_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{z})$ , we have:

$$f(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{z}) < f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z})$$

Which means,  $\inf_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \leq f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z})$ . The equality hold when  $\mathbf{x}^* = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ . Furthermore, according to equation 11,  $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$  maximize  $f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z})$  over  $\mathbf{z}$ . Therefore, we can conclude that the infimum of  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  is smaller than or equal to  $f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z})$ , which has the maximum value  $f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$ . This conclusion is the same as:

$$\sup_{\mathbf{z}} \inf_{\mathbf{x}} = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$$

The similar method can be used to prove:

$$\inf_{\mathbf{x}} \sup_{\mathbf{z}} = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$$

Hence,  $\sup_{\mathbf{x}} \inf_{\mathbf{x}} = \inf_{\mathbf{x}} \sup_{\mathbf{z}} = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$ 

(c)

We firstly fix  $\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ . According to  $f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z}) \leq f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$ ,  $f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$  is the maximum value of function  $f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z})$  over  $\mathbf{z}$ . Hence, there is:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) = 0$$

Furthermore, we can identify that  $f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$  is the minimum of  $f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})$  over  $\mathbf{x}$  when we fix  $\mathbf{z} = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}$ , there is:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) = 0$$

Combine the above two equation, we have:  $\nabla f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) = 0$ 

## Question 6

(a)

This function is convex and quasi-convex. Furthermore, this function is also quasi-concave but not concave.

(b)

This function is neither convex nor concave as it's Hessian Matrix is not semi-definite or negative semi-definite. However, this function is quasi-convex but not quasi-concave.

(c)

This function is convex and quasi-convex as it's Hessian Matrix is semi-definite. This function is neither concave nor quasi-concave.

(d)

This function is neither convex nor concave. However, this function is both quasi-convex and quasi-concave.

(e)

This function is convex and quasi-convex but not concave and quasi-concave.

(f)

This function is concave and quasi-concave but not convex and quasi-convex.

## Question 7