

## 2.1

When  $k = 2$ , according to the definition of convexity,

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in C, \forall \theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_i \geq 0, \theta_1 + \theta_2 = 1 \implies \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \in C$$

Assuming  $k = t$ , the following equation holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x_1, x_2 \dots x_t \in C, \forall \theta_1, \theta_2 \dots \theta_t \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_i \geq 0, \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_t = 1 \\ \implies \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_t x_t \in C(1) \end{aligned}$$

On the basis of  $k = t$ , prove that  $k = t + 1$  also holds:

$C$  is the convex set, obviously  $\exists \theta^* \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq \theta_t^* \leq \theta_t$  and  $x_t^*, x_{t+1} \in C$

$$x_t = \frac{\theta_t^*}{\theta_t} x_t^* + (1 - \frac{\theta_t^*}{\theta_t}) x_{t+1}$$

$$\text{so } (1) = \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_t^* x_t^* + (\theta_t - \theta_t^*) x_{t+1} \in C(2)$$

$$\text{Let } \theta_t - \theta_t^* = \theta_{t+1}$$

$$(2) = \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_t^* x_t^* + \theta_{t+1} x_{t+1} \in C$$

So on the basis of  $k = t$ , when  $k = t + 1$  the following equation also holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x_1, x_2 \dots x_t, x_{t+1} \in C, \forall \theta_1, \theta_2 \dots \theta_t, \theta_{t+1} \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_i \geq 0, \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_t + \theta_{t+1} = 1 \\ \implies \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_t x_t + \theta_{t+1} x_{t+1} \in C \end{aligned}$$

The proof is over.

## 2.3

$C$  is midpoint convex. Prove  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in C, \forall \theta \in [0, 1], \theta x_1 + (1 - \theta) x_2 \in C$

According to the definition of midpoint convex,  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in C, \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} \in C$

$$\text{So } \frac{x_1 + \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}}{2} \in C, \frac{x_2 + \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}}{2} \in C$$

By iteratively using this property, it can be obtained that

$$(\sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-i} c_i) x_1 + (1 - \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-i} c_i) x_2 \in C, c_i = \{0, 1\}$$

$$\text{Let } \theta_k = \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-i} C_i$$

$$\theta_k x_1 + (1 - \theta_k) x_2 \in C$$

$$\forall \theta \in [0, 1], \exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \{0, 1\}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \theta_k = \theta$$

Since  $C$  is closed

$$\text{So } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \theta_k x_1 + (1 - \theta_k) x_2 = \theta x_1 + (1 - \theta) x_2 \in C$$

The proof is over.

## 2.5

$$\forall x_1 \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | a^T x = b_1\}, \forall x_2 \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | a^T x = b_2\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \left| \left( x_2 - x_1 \right), \frac{a}{\|a\|_2} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\|a\|_2} \left| \left( x_2 - x_1 \right), a \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\|a\|_2} |a^T (x_2 - x_1)| \\ &= \frac{1}{\|a\|_2} |b_1 - b_2| \end{aligned}$$

## 2.8

(a)

$$(b) S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | x \succeq 0, Ax = b\}, A = (1^T, (a_1, \dots, a_n), (a_1^2, \dots, a_n^2))^T$$

$$b = (1, b_1, b_2)^T$$

(c)

$$x^T y \leq \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2 = \|x\|_2$$

Since  $x^T y \leq 1$ , So  $\|x\|_2 \leq 1$ , which means the set is the intersection of the unit ball and the nonnegative orthant  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$

The set contains the intersection of infinite halfspaces, so it's not a polyhedron.

(d)

$$x^T y \leq |x^T y| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| |y_i| \leq \max_i |x_i|$$

$$\text{since } x^T y \leq 1, \text{ so } \max_i |x_i| \leq 1$$

so  $1 \succeq x \succeq 0$ , which means

$$x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$x_i \leq 1, i = 1, \dots, n$$

So the set is a polyhedron.

## 2.12

(a) A slab obviously is a polyhedron, so it's a convex set.

(b) A rectangle is a polyhedron, so it's a convex set.

(c) A wedge is a polyhedron, so it's convex set.

$$(d) \forall y \in C, \|x - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x - y\|_2$$

$$(x - x_0)^T (x - x_0) \leq (x - y)^T (x - y)$$

$$(y - x_0)^T x \leq \frac{\|y\|_2 \|x_0\|_2}{2}$$

It's an intersection of halfspaces, so it's a convex set.

(e) The set is not a convex set:

$$\text{Let } S = \{x | 1 \leq \|x\|_2 \leq 4, x \in \mathbb{R}^2\}, T = \{x | \|x\|_2 \leq 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$$

$$\text{Obviously, } x_1 = (2, 0)^T, x_2 = (-2, 0)^T \in \{x | \text{dist}(x, S) \leq \text{dist}(x, T)\}$$

$$\text{Let } \theta = \frac{1}{2}, \theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2 = (0, 0)^T \notin \{x | \text{dist}(x, S) \leq \text{dist}(x, T)\}$$

So the set is not a convex set.

(f)

$$\{x | x + S_2 \subseteq S_1\} = \cap_{y \in S_2} \{x | x + y \in S_1\} = \cap_{y \in S_2} (S_1 - y)$$

$$\forall y \in S_2, (S_1 - y) \text{ obvious is a convex set}$$

The intersection of convex set is still convex.

(g)

$$\|x - a\|_2 \leq \theta \|x - b\|_2$$

$$(x - a)^T (x - a) \leq \theta (x - b)^T (x - b)$$

$$x^T x - \frac{2(a - \theta b)^T x}{1 - \theta} \leq \frac{\theta b^T b - a^T a}{1 - \theta}$$

$$x^T x - \frac{2(a - \theta b)^T x}{1 - \theta} + \frac{(a - \theta b)^T (a - \theta b)}{(1 - \theta)^2} \leq \frac{\theta(a - b)^T (a - b)}{(1 - \theta)^2}$$

$$\left\| x - \frac{(a - \theta b)}{1 - \theta} \right\|_2 \leq \frac{\sqrt{\theta} \|a - b\|_2}{1 - \theta}$$

The set is a ball, so it's a convex set.

## 2.10

(a)

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

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in C, f(x_1) \leq 0, f(x_2) \leq 0$$

$$\forall \theta \in [0, 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2) &= (\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2)^T A (\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2) \\ &\quad + b^T (\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2) + c \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } g(\theta) = f(\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} g(\theta) &= (x_1 - x_2)^T A (x_1 - x_2) \theta^2 + (x_1 - x_2)^T (2Ax + b) \theta \\ &\quad + (x_2^T A x_2 + b^T x_2 + c) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A \succeq 0$

$$\text{So } (x_1 - x_2)^T A (x_1 - x_2) \geq 0$$

$$g(0) = x_2^T A x_2 + b^T x_2 + c = f(x_2) \leq 0$$

$$g(1) = x_1^T A x_1 + b^T x_1 + c = f(x_1) \leq 0$$

So  $g(\theta) \leq 0$  holds for  $\forall \theta \in [0, 1]$

So  $C$  is convex if  $A \succeq 0$

The converse is false:

if  $A \preceq 0, b = 0, c < 0$

$C = \mathbb{R}^n$  is convex

(b)

$\forall x \in \{x \in \mathbb{R} | g^T x + h = 0\}, x = y - \frac{h}{\|g\|_2} g$  where  $g^T y = 0$

If  $x \in C, (y - \frac{h}{\|g\|_2} g)^T A (y - \frac{h}{\|g\|_2} g) + b^T (y - \frac{h}{\|g\|_2} g) + c \leq 0$

So  $y^T A y + (b - \frac{h}{\|g\|_2^2} A g)^T y + (\frac{h^2}{\|g\|_2^4} g^T A g - \frac{h}{\|g\|_2^2} b^T g) + c \leq 0$

Let  $d(y) = y^T A y + (b - \frac{h}{\|g\|_2^2} A g)^T y + (\frac{h^2}{\|g\|_2^4} g^T A g - \frac{h}{\|g\|_2^2} b^T g) + c$

$D = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n | d(y) \leq 0\}$

It can be known from affine transformation that  $D$  is convex for  $C$  is convex.

$\forall y_1, y_2 \in D, d(y_1) \leq 0, d(y_2) \leq 0, g^T y_1 = 0, g^T y_2 = 0$

$\forall \theta \in [0, 1]$

$d(\theta y_1 + (1 - \theta) y_2) =$   
 $(y_1 - y_2)^T A (y_1 - y_2) \theta^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^T (2A y_2 + b - \frac{2h}{\|g\|_2^2} A g) + d(y_2)$

Let  $G(\theta) = d(\theta y_1 + (1 - \theta) y_2)$

Since  $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, A + \lambda g g^T \succeq 0$

So  $(y_1 - y_2)^T A (y_1 - y_2) = (y_1 - y_2)^T (A + \lambda g g^T) (y_1 - y_2) \geq 0$

$G(0) = d(y_1) \leq 0$

$G(1) = d(y_2) \leq 0$

So  $G(\theta) \leq 0$ , holds for  $\forall \theta \in [0, 1]$

So  $D$  is convex.

The converse if false:

Let  $\mathbf{A} \preceq 0, b = 0, c < 0$

So  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathbf{C} \cap \{x \in \mathbb{R} | g^T x + h = 0\}$  is convex

But  $\mathbf{A} + \lambda g g^T$  is not necessary.

2.16

$$\forall (x_1, y_{11} + y_{21}), (x_2, y_{12} + y_{22}) \in S$$

$$(x_1, y_{11}), (x_2, y_{12}) \in S_1, (x_1, y_{21}), (x_2, y_{22}) \in S_2$$

Since  $S_1, S_2$  is convex set.

$$\forall \theta \in [0, 1], \theta(x_1, y_{11}) + (1 - \theta)(x_2, y_{12}) = (\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2, \theta y_{11} + (1 - \theta)y_{12}) \in S_1$$

$$\theta(x_1, y_{21}) + (1 - \theta)(x_2, y_{22}) = (\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2, \theta y_{21} + (1 - \theta)y_{22}) \in S_2$$

So

$$(\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2, \theta(y_{11} + y_{21}) + (1 - \theta)(y_{12} + y_{22})) \in S$$

$$\theta(x_1, y_{11} + y_{21}) + (1 - \theta)(x_2, y_{21} + y_{22}) \in S$$

So  $S$  is convex set.

2.19

(a)

$$g^T \frac{\mathbf{A}x + \mathbf{b}}{c^T x + d} \leq h \implies (\mathbf{A}^T g - hc)^T x \leq hd - g^T b$$

$$f^{-1}(C) = \{x | (\mathbf{A}^T g - hc)^T x \leq hd - g^T b, c^T x + d > 0\}$$

(b)

$$\frac{G(\mathbf{A}x + \mathbf{b})}{c^T x + d} \succeq h \implies G\mathbf{A}x + G\mathbf{b} \succeq hc^T x + hd \implies (G\mathbf{A} - hc^T) \succeq dh - G\mathbf{b}$$

$$f^{-1}(C) = \{x | (G\mathbf{A} - hc^T) \succeq dh - G\mathbf{b}, c^T x + d > 0\}$$

(c)

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x} + d}\right)^T \mathbf{P}^{-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x} + d}\right) \leq 1$$

$$(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{b}^T) \mathbf{P}^{-1} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) \leq (\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + d)^2$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{c}\mathbf{c}^T) \mathbf{x} + 2(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P}\mathbf{b} - d\mathbf{c})^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{b} - d^2 \leq 0$$

$$f^{-1}(\mathbf{C}) = \{x | \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{c}\mathbf{c}^T) \mathbf{x} + 2(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P}\mathbf{b} - d\mathbf{c})^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{b} - d^2 \leq 0, \\ \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + d > 0\}$$

(d)

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{a}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n^T)^T, \mathbf{a}_i = (a_{i1}, \dots, a_{in})^T, \mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)^T, \mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_n)^T \\ \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$$

So

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{x} + b_1}{\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + d}\right) \mathbf{A}_1 + \dots + \left(\frac{\mathbf{a}_n^T \mathbf{x} + b_n}{\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + d}\right) \mathbf{A}_n \preceq \mathbf{B}$$

$$(\mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{x} + b_1) \mathbf{A}_1 + \dots + (\mathbf{a}_n^T \mathbf{x} + b_n) \mathbf{A}_n \preceq \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + d)$$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} \mathbf{A}_i - c_1 \mathbf{B}\right) x_1 + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni} \mathbf{A}_i - c_n \mathbf{B} x_1 \preceq d\mathbf{B} - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \mathbf{A}_i$$

$$f^{-1}(\mathbf{C}) = \{x | \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} \mathbf{A}_i - c_1 \mathbf{B}\right) x_1 + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni} \mathbf{A}_i - c_n \mathbf{B} x_1 \preceq d\mathbf{B} - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \mathbf{A}_i \\ , \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + d > 0\}$$

### 3.5

$f(x)$  is convex, so  $\forall s \in \mathbb{R}, f(sx)$  is convex.

Since the nonnegative weighted sum is convexity preserving,

$\int_0^1 f(sx) ds = \sum f(sx) \Delta s$  is also convex.

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t) dt = \int_0^1 f\left(\frac{t}{x}x\right) d\left(\frac{t}{x}\right)$$

So  $F(x)$  is convex.

### 3.6

(a) When  $\text{epi } f$  is a halfspace

$$\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a}_0, a_{n+1})^T$$

$$\mathbf{a}^T(\mathbf{x}, t) \leq b \implies \mathbf{a}_0^T \mathbf{x} \leq b - ta_{n+1}$$

$$\implies \left(\frac{-\mathbf{a}_0}{a_{n+1}}\right)^T \mathbf{x} + \frac{b}{a_{n+1}} \leq t$$

$$\text{So } f(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\frac{-\mathbf{a}_0}{a_{n+1}}\right)^T \mathbf{x} + \frac{b}{a_{n+1}}$$

The  $f(\mathbf{x})$  should be affine.

(b) When  $\text{epi } f$  is a convex cone:

$$\forall (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \text{epi } f, \forall \theta \geq 0, \theta(\mathbf{x}, t) \in \text{epi } f$$

$$f(\theta \mathbf{x}) \leq \theta t$$

$$\text{Given that } f(\mathbf{x}) \leq t \implies \theta f(\mathbf{x}) \leq \theta t \text{ with } \forall (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \text{epi } f, \forall \theta \geq 0$$

$$\text{So the only feasible case for } \text{epi } f \text{ to be a cone is that } \forall \theta \geq 0, f(\theta \mathbf{x}) = \theta f(\mathbf{x})$$

Thus, when  $\text{epi } f$  is a convex cone,  $f(\mathbf{x})$ , must be positively homogeneous and convex.

(c) When  $\text{epi } f$  is a polyhedron,  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) \preceq \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{d}$

$$\mathbf{A} = ((\mathbf{a}_1^T, a_1^*), \dots, (\mathbf{a}_n^T, a_n^*))^T, \mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)^T$$

$$\mathbf{A} \text{ must satisfy } a_i^* < 0$$

$$\mathbf{C} = ((\mathbf{c}_1^T, c_1^*), \dots, (\mathbf{c}_n^T, c_n^*))^T, \mathbf{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_n)^T$$

$$\mathbf{C} \text{ must satisfy } c_i^* = 0$$

$$\text{So } \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) \preceq \mathbf{b} \implies \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x} + a_i^* t \leq b_i \implies \left(-\frac{a_i}{a_i^*}\right)^T \mathbf{x} + \frac{b_i}{a_i^*} \leq t \implies \max_i \left[ \left(-\frac{a_i}{a_i^*}\right)^T \mathbf{x} + \frac{b_i}{a_i^*} \right] \leq t$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{d} \implies \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{x} = d_i \implies \text{dom } f = \{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{c}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}\}$$

So when  $\text{epi } f$  is a polyhedron,  $f(\mathbf{x})$  should be piecewise affine.



### 3.8

1. Consider the case firstly,  $f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(1).  $f''(x) \geq 0 \implies f$  is convex

$$\int_x^y f''(z)(y-z)dz = \int_x^y (y-z)df'(z) = [f'(z)(y-z)]_x^y + \int_x^y f'(z)dz = -f'(x)(y-x) + f(y) - f(x)$$

Since  $f''(x) \geq 0$

So  $-f'(x)(y-x) + f(y) - f(x) \geq 0 \implies f(y) \geq f(x) + f'(x)(y-x) \implies f(x)$  is convex

(2).  $f$  is convex  $\implies f''(x) \geq 0$

Since  $f(x)$  is convex

So  $f(x) - f(y) \geq f'(y)(x-y)$  and  $f(y) - f(x) \geq f'(x)(y-x)$

$$\implies f'(x)(y-x) \leq f(y) - f(x) \leq f'(y)(y-x)$$

$$\implies \frac{f'(y) - f'(x)}{y-x} \geq 0$$

$$f''(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{f'(y) - f'(x)}{y-x} \geq 0$$

2. Consider the case  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex if and only if  $g(t) = f(\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{v})$ ,  $\text{dom } g = \{t \in \mathbb{R} | \mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{v} \in \text{dom } f\}$  is convex

$$g''(t) = \mathbf{v}^T \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v}$$

As proved before,  $g(t)$  is convex if and only if  $g''(t) \geq 0$

And  $g''(t) \geq 0$  if and only if  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{v}) \succeq 0$

Thus  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex if and only if  $\text{dom } f$  is convex and  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \succeq 0$

### 3.11

Since  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex

$$f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}) \geq \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \text{ and } f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y}) \geq \nabla f(\mathbf{y})^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

$$\text{So } \nabla f(\mathbf{y})^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y}) \leq \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

$$\text{So } (\nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T - \nabla f(\mathbf{y})^T)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \geq 0$$

Thus  $\nabla f$  is monotone.

The converse is false:

$$\text{Consider } \psi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\psi(\mathbf{x}) - \psi(\mathbf{y}))^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = ((x_1 - y_1) - \frac{1}{2}(x_2 - y_2))^2 + \frac{3}{4}(x_2 - y_2)^2 \geq 0$$

But  $\psi(\mathbf{x})$  can not be the gradient of any differentiable convex  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Since  $\psi(\mathbf{x})$  is differentiable, which means that  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is twice differentiable,

$$\text{there is no such function satisfying } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} = 0 = -1$$

### 3.12

Since  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex,  $\text{epi } f$  is convex

Since  $g(\mathbf{x})$  is concave,  $\text{hypo } g$  is convex

$$\text{Since } \text{epi } f \cap \text{hypo } g = \emptyset$$

there exists  $\mathbf{a} \neq 0, b > 0$

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + bt \geq c, t \rightarrow f(\mathbf{x})^+ \text{ and } \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + bg(\mathbf{x}) \leq c$$

$$\text{So } g(\mathbf{x}) \leq \left(-\frac{\mathbf{a}}{b}\right)^T \mathbf{x} + \frac{c}{b} \leq t$$

$$\text{Thus, there exists } h(\mathbf{x}) = \left(-\frac{\mathbf{a}}{b}\right)^T \mathbf{x} + \frac{c}{b} \text{ satisfying } g(\mathbf{x}) \leq h(\mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x})$$

### 3.15

(a)

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \mu_\alpha(x) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^\alpha - 1}{\alpha} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^\alpha \log x}{1} = \log x = \mu_0(x)$$

(b)

$$\mu'_\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & \alpha = 0 \\ x^{\alpha-1} & \alpha \neq 0 \end{cases} = x^{\alpha-1} > 0$$

Thus  $\mu_\alpha(x)$  is monotone increasing.

$$\mu''_\alpha(x) = (\alpha - 1)x^{\alpha-2} \leq 0$$

Thus  $\mu_\alpha(x)$  is concave.

$$\mu_\alpha(1) = \begin{cases} \log 1 & \alpha = 0 \\ \frac{1^\alpha - 1}{\alpha} & \alpha \neq 0 \end{cases} = 0$$

### 3.16

(a)

$$f'(x) = e^x > 0, f''(x) = e^x > 0$$

Thus  $f(x)$  is convex.

$$\forall x, y \in \text{dom } f, \forall \theta \in [0, 1]$$

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

Since  $f(x)$  is monotone increasing,

$$\text{Thus } f(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \leq \begin{cases} f(x) & x \geq y \\ f(y) & x < y \end{cases}$$

$$\implies f(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}$$

Thus  $f(x)$  is quasiconvex

$$\text{Obviously, } f(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \geq \min\{f(x), f(y)\}$$

Thus  $f(x)$  is quasiconcave

(b)

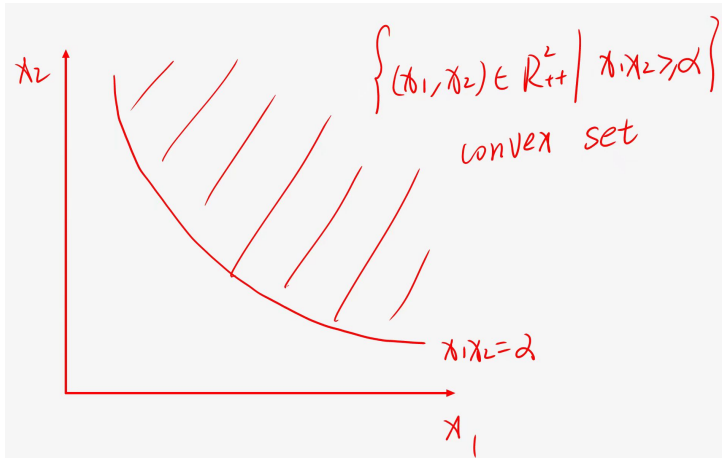
$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = (x_2, x_1)^T$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Hessian of  $f$  is neither positive semidefinite nor negative semidefinite.

Thus  $f$  is neither convex nor concave.

As the following graph,  $f$  is quasiconcave:



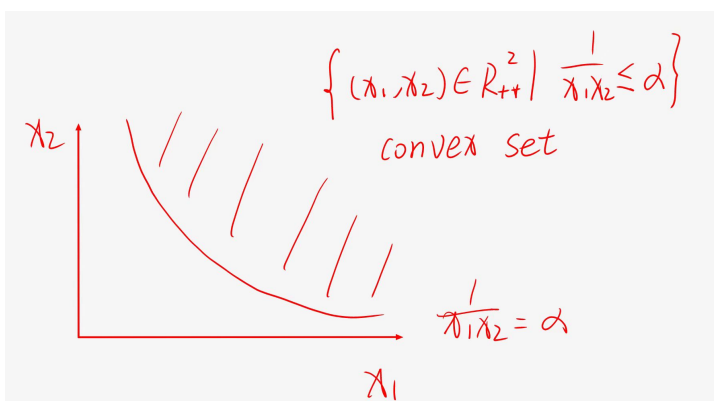
(c)

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{1}{x_1x_2} \left( \frac{1}{x_1}, \frac{1}{x_2} \right)^T$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{x_1x_2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1^2} & \frac{1}{x_1x_2} \\ \frac{1}{x_1x_2} & \frac{1}{x_2^2} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

Thus  $f$  is convex

As the following graph,  $f$  is quasiconvex:



(d)

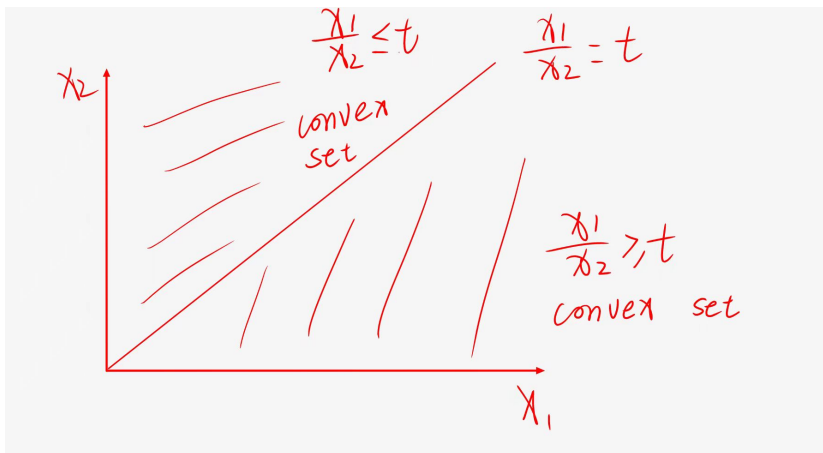
$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{x_2} \left( 1, -\frac{x_1}{x_2} \right)^T$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{x_2^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{2x_1}{x_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

The Hessian of  $f$  is neither positive semidefinite nor negative semidefinite.

Thus  $f$  is neither convex nor concave.

As the following graph,  $f$  is quasiconvex and quasiconcave:



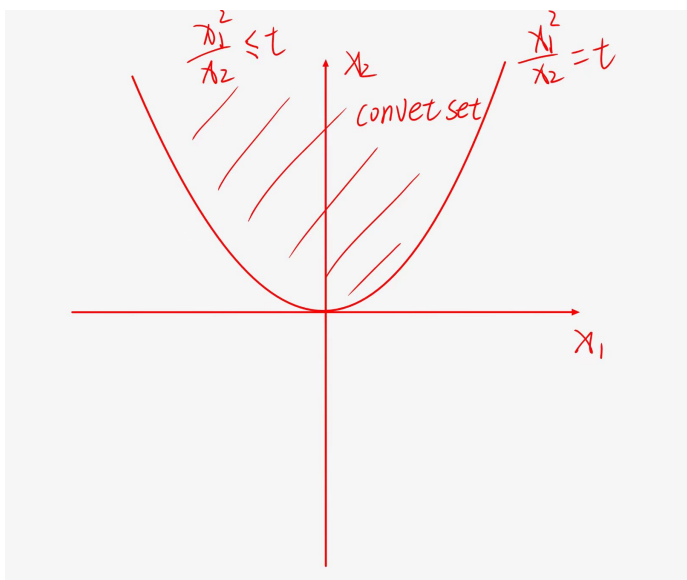
(e)

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1}{x_2} (2, -\frac{x_1}{x_2})^T$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{2}{x_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{x_1}{x_2} \\ -\frac{x_1}{x_2} & \frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

Thus  $f$  is convex

As the following graph,  $f$  is quasiconvex :



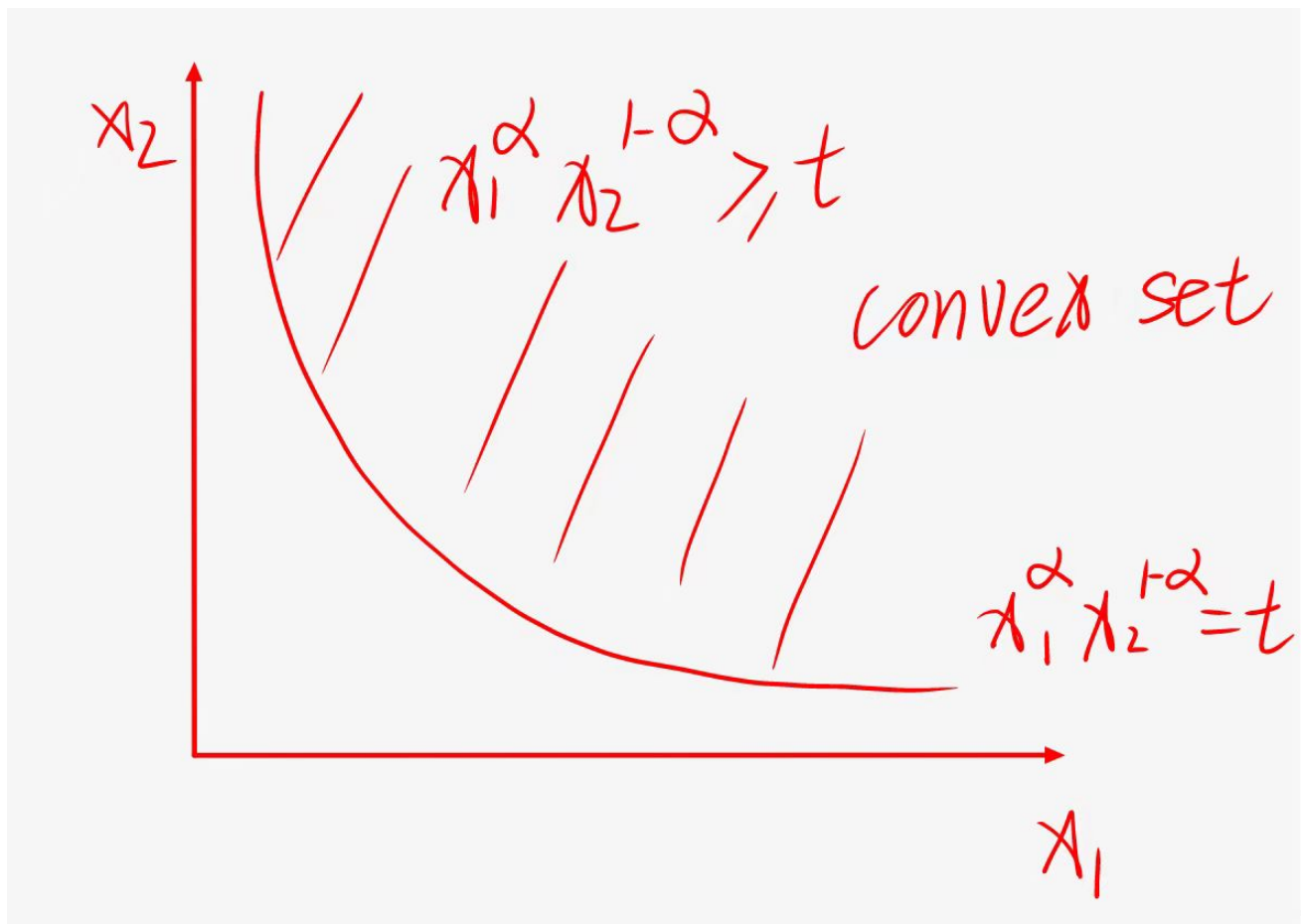
(f)

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)^{\alpha-1} (\alpha, (1-\alpha)\frac{x_1}{x_2})$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2) = \alpha(\alpha-1) \frac{x_1^{\alpha-2}}{x_2^{\alpha-1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{x_1}{x_2} \\ -\frac{x_1}{x_2} & \frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2} \end{bmatrix} \preceq 0$$

Thus  $f$  is concave.

As the following graph,  $f$  is quasiconcave :





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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) Let } g(t) &= f(X+tV) \\ &= \text{tr}((X+tV)^{-1}) \\ &= \text{tr}(\tilde{X}^{-1}(I+t\tilde{X}^{-1}V\tilde{X}^{-1})\tilde{X}^{-1}) \\ &= \text{tr}(\tilde{X}^{-1}(I+t\tilde{X}^{-1}V\tilde{X}^{-1})) \\ \tilde{X}^{-1}V\tilde{X}^{-1} &= Q\Lambda Q^T \text{ eigenvalue decomposition} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{SO } g(t) = \text{tr}(Q^T Q (I+t\Lambda) Q) \\ = \text{tr}(Q^T \tilde{X}^{-1} Q (I+t\Lambda) Q)$$

Since  $X \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$ ,  $Q$  is orthonormal  $Q^T \tilde{X}^{-1} Q \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$   
 Let  $\lambda_i$  be the eigenvalue of  $Q^T \tilde{X}^{-1} Q$ ,  $\lambda_i > 0$   
 Let  $\lambda_i$  be the eigenvalue of  $\Lambda$   
 Since  $X+tV \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$ ,  $Q^T \tilde{X}^{-1} Q \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$   
 SO  $1+t\lambda_i > 0$

SO  $g(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda_i^{-1}}{1+t\lambda_i}$  is the nonnegative weighted sum of a group of convex functions  
 Thus  $g(t)$  is convex and further  $f(x)$  is convex

$$\text{(b) Let } g(t) = f(X+tV) \\ = (\det(X+tV))^{-1} = (\det X \det(I+t\tilde{X}^{-1}V\tilde{X}^{-1}))^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{X}^{-1}V\tilde{X}^{-1} = Q\Lambda Q^T \text{ eigenvalue decomposition}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } g(t) &= (\det X)^{-1} (\det(I+t\Lambda))^{-1} \\ &= (\det X)^{-1} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1+t\lambda_i) \right)^{-1} \quad (\lambda_i \text{ is the eigenvalue of } \Lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$\left( \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i} \right)^{-1}$  is the geometric mean which is concave

since  $x = \lambda t + 1$  is affine

so  $g(t)$  is concave and further  $f(x)$  is concave

3.19 Nonnegative weighted sums and integrals.

- (a) Show that  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i x_{[i]}$  is a convex function of  $x$ , where  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_r \geq 0$ , and  $x_{[i]}$  denotes the  $i$ th largest component of  $x$ . (You can use the fact that  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k x_{[i]}$  is convex on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .)

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \lambda_{[i]} = \alpha_r \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_{[i]} + \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} \left[ (\alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}) \sum_{j=1}^i \lambda_{[j]} \right]$$

which is the nonnegative weighted sum of a group of convex functions  $\sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{[j]}$ . thus  $f$  is convex

- (b) Let  $T(x, \omega)$  denote the trigonometric polynomial

$$T(x, \omega) = x_1 + x_2 \cos \omega + x_3 \cos 2\omega + \dots + x_n \cos(n-1)\omega.$$

Show that the function

$$f(x) = - \int_0^{2\pi} \log T(x, \omega) \, d\omega$$

is convex on  $\{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid T(x, \omega) > 0, 0 \leq \omega \leq 2\pi\}$ .

$$h(x) = -\log x \text{ is convex}$$

$$T(x, \omega) = a^T x \text{ is affine}$$

$$a = (1, \cos \omega, \dots, \cos(n-1)\omega)^T$$

$$\text{So } -\log T(x, \omega) = h(\tilde{T}(x, \omega)) \text{ is convex in } x$$

$$f(x) = \int_0^{2\pi} -\log(\tilde{T}(x, \omega)) \, d\omega$$

$$= \sum -\log(\tilde{T}(x, \omega)) \text{ is convex for the nonnegative weighted sum is convexity preserving}$$

Composition with an affine function. Show that the following functions  $f: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are convex.

- (a)  $f(x) = \|Ax - b\|$ , where  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbf{R}^m$ , and  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $\mathbf{R}^m$ .

$$h(x) = \|x\| \text{ is a norm and convex}$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x) = h(Ax+b) \text{ is convex}$$

- (b)  $f(x) = -(\det(A_0 + x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n))^{1/m}$ , on  $\{x \mid A_0 + x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n \succ 0\}$ , where  $A_i \in \mathbf{S}^m$ .

As is proved in 3.18 (b)

$$g(x) = -(\det X)^{-1/m} \text{ is convex on } \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x) = g(Ax+b) \text{ is convex}$$

- (c)  $f(X) = \text{tr}(A_0 + x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n)^{-1}$ , on  $\{x \mid A_0 + x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n \succ 0\}$ , where  $A_i \in \mathbf{S}^m$ . (Use the fact that  $\text{tr}(X^{-1})$  is convex on  $\mathbf{S}_{++}^m$ ; see exercise 3.18.)

As proved in 3.18 (a)

$$g(x) = \text{tr}(X^{-1}) \text{ is convex in } \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x) = g(Ax+b) \text{ is convex}$$

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- (a)  $f(x) = \max_{i=1, \dots, k} \|A^{(i)} x - b^{(i)}\|$ , where  $A^{(i)} \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b^{(i)} \in \mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $\mathbf{R}^m$ .

As proved in 3.20 (a)

$$f_i(x) = \|A^{(i)} x - b^{(i)}\| \text{ is convex}$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x) = \max\{f_1(x), \dots, f_k(x)\} \text{ is convex}$$

- (b)  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r |x|_{[i]}$  on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , where  $|x|$  denotes the vector with  $|x|_i = |x_i|$  (i.e.,  $|x|$  is the absolute value of  $x$ , componentwise), and  $|x|_{[i]}$  is the  $i$ th largest component of  $|x|$ . In other words,  $|x|_{[1]}, |x|_{[2]}, \dots, |x|_{[n]}$  are the absolute values of the components of  $x$ , sorted in nonincreasing order.

$$g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r |x|_i \text{ is a norm and convex}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r |x|_{[i]} = \max\{|x|_1 + \dots + |x|_r\}$$

( $x_1, \dots, x_r$  are  $r$  arbitrary elements of  $x$ )

$f(x)$  is the pointwise maximum of  $C_n$  convex functions

$$\text{Thus } f(x) \text{ is convex}$$

3.22 Composition rules. Show that the following functions are convex.

- (a)  $f(x) = -\log(-\log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{a_i^T x + b_i}))$  on  $\text{dom } f = \{x \mid \sum_{i=1}^m e^{a_i^T x + b_i} < 1\}$ . You can use the fact that  $\log(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{b_i})$  is convex.

$$g(x) = \log\left(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{a_i x}\right) \text{ is convex as proved before}$$

$$\text{So } -g(Ax+b) = -\log\left(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{a_i^T x + b_i}\right) \text{ is concave}$$

$$h(x) = -\log x \text{ is convex and nonincreasing}$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x) = h(-g(Ax+b)) \text{ is convex}$$

- (b)  $f(x, u, v) = -\sqrt{uv - x^T x}$  on  $\text{dom } f = \{(x, u, v) \mid uv > x^T x, u, v > 0\}$ . Use the fact that  $x^T x/u$  is convex in  $(x, u)$  for  $u > 0$ , and that  $-\sqrt{x_1 x_2}$  is convex on  $\mathbf{R}_{++}^2$ .

$$h(x, x_2) = -\sqrt{x_1 x_2} \text{ is convex and nonincreasing on } \mathbf{R}_{++}^2$$

$$g(x, u) = \frac{x^T x}{u} \text{ is convex in } (x, u) \text{ for } u > 0$$

$$v - g(x, u) \text{ is concave}$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x, u, v) = h(u, v - g(x, u)) = -\sqrt{uv - x^T x} \text{ is convex}$$

- (c)  $f(x, u, v) = -\log(uv - x^T x)$  on  $\text{dom } f = \{(x, u, v) \mid uv > x^T x, u, v > 0\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= -\log(u(v - \frac{x^T x}{u})) \\ &= -\log u - \log(v - \frac{x^T x}{u}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As is proved in (b), } g(x, u, v) = v - \frac{x^T x}{u} \text{ is concave}$$

$$h(x) = -\log x \text{ is convex and nonincreasing}$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x, u, v) = -\log u + h(g(x, u, v)) \text{ is convex}$$

- (d)  $f(x, t) = -(t^p - \|x\|_p^p)^{1/p}$  where  $p > 1$  and  $\text{dom } f = \{(x, t) \mid t \geq \|x\|_p\}$ . You can use the fact that  $\|x\|_p^p/u^{p-1}$  is convex in  $(x, u)$  for  $u > 0$  (see exercise 3.23), and that  $-x^{1/p}y^{1-1/p}$  is convex on  $\mathbf{R}_+^2$  (see exercise 3.16).

$$h(x, y) = -x^{\frac{1}{p}}y^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \text{ is convex and nonincreasing on } \mathbf{R}_+^2$$

$$g(x, u) = \frac{\|x\|_p^p}{t^{p-1}} \text{ is convex in } (x, u) \text{ for } u > 0$$

$$\text{So } u - g(x, u) \text{ is concave}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } f(x, t) &= h(t - g(x, t), t) \\ &= -(t^p - \|x\|_p^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ is convex} \end{aligned}$$

- (e)  $f(x, t) = -\log(t^p - \|x\|_p^p)$  where  $p > 1$  and  $\text{dom } f = \{(x, t) \mid t \geq \|x\|_p\}$ . You can use the fact that  $\|x\|_p^p/u^{p-1}$  is convex in  $(x, u)$  for  $u > 0$  (see exercise 3.23).

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, t) &= -\log\left(t^{p-1}\left(t - \frac{\|x\|_p^p}{t^{p-1}}\right)\right) \\ &= -(p-1)\log t - \log\left(t - \frac{\|x\|_p^p}{t^{p-1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

As is proved in (d)

$$g(x, t) = t - \frac{\|x\|_p^p}{t^{p-1}} \text{ is concave}$$

$$h(x) = -\log x \text{ is convex and nonincreasing}$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x, t) = -(p-1)\log t + h(g(x, t)) \text{ is convex}$$

3.23 Perspective of a function.

- (a) Show that for  $p > 1$ ,

$$f(x, t) = \frac{|x_1|^p + \dots + |x_n|^p}{t^{p-1}} = \frac{\|x\|_p^p}{t^{p-1}}$$

is convex on  $\{(x, t) \mid t > 0\}$ .

$$f(x) \text{ is the perspective function of } \|x\|_p^p$$

$$\text{Thus } f(x) \text{ is convex}$$

- (b) Show that

$$f(x) = \frac{\|Ax + b\|_2^2}{c^T x + d}$$

is convex on  $\{x \mid c^T x + d > 0\}$ , where  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $c \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $d \in \mathbf{R}$ .

$$\text{Let } g(x, t) = \frac{x^T x}{t}$$

$$\nabla^2 g(x, t) = 2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{t} & -\frac{x}{t^2} \\ -\frac{x}{t^2} & \frac{x^T x}{t^3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\forall (z, u)^T \in \mathbf{R}_{n+1}$$

$$(z, u)^T \nabla^2 g(x, t) (z, u)^T$$

$$= 2(z_1, \dots, z_n, u) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{t} & & -\frac{x_1}{t^2} \\ & \ddots & -\frac{x_n}{t^2} \\ -\frac{x_1}{t^2} & -\frac{x_2}{t^2} & \dots & -\frac{x_n}{t^2} & \frac{x^T x}{t^3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{z_1}{t} - \frac{x_1 u}{t^2}, \dots, \frac{z_n}{t} - \frac{x_n u}{t^2}, -\frac{x_1 z_1}{t^2} - \frac{x_2 z_2}{t^2} \dots - \frac{x_n z_n}{t^2} + u \frac{x^T x}{t^3} \right) \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{1}{t} z^T z + \frac{2x^T x}{t^2} - \frac{2u}{t^2} (x^T z) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{t^3} (tz - ux)^T (tz - ux) \geq 0$$

$$\text{Thus } \nabla^2 g(x, t) \succeq 0, \quad g(x, t) \text{ is convex.}$$

$$\text{Let } (x, t) = (Ax+b, c^T x+d), \text{ an affine transformation}$$

$$\text{so } f(x) = g(Ax+b, c^T x+d) \text{ is also convex.}$$