

## 付强习题解答

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(a)

**Lemma:**  $f$  is a continuously differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then for any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

$$f(\mathbf{y}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) + \frac{L}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

**Proof:** Let  $g(t) = f(\mathbf{x} + t(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}))$ . Then  $g'(t) = \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x} + t(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle$ . By the Newton - Leibniz formula, we can obtain

$$f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}) = \int_0^1 \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x} + t(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle dt$$

The above equation is equivalent to

$$f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle + \int_0^1 \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x} + t(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle dt$$

From the Lipschitz continuous and Cauchy - Schwarz inequality, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle| &= \left| \int_0^1 \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x} + t(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 |\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x} + t(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x} + t(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_2 dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 tL \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 dt \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$f(\mathbf{y}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) + \frac{L}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad \square$$

Fix  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Define the function

$$q(\mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) + \frac{L}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

From the Lemma,  $f(\mathbf{y}) \leq q(\mathbf{y})$  holds for all  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Therefore,

$$\inf_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{y}) \leq \inf_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n} q(\mathbf{y})$$

Let  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}$ . Then

$$q(\mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{d} + \frac{L}{2} \|\mathbf{d}\|_2^2$$

The gradient of this quadratic function with respect to  $\mathbf{d}$  is  $\nabla_q = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + L\mathbf{d}$ . Set this gradient to zero:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + L\mathbf{d} = 0 \implies \mathbf{d} = -\frac{1}{L} \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$$

Therefore, the minimum point is

$$\mathbf{y}^* = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{L} \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$$

Substitute into  $q(y)$  to get the minimum value:

$$q(\mathbf{y}^*) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \left( -\frac{1}{L} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \right) + \frac{L}{2} \left\| -\frac{1}{L} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \right\|_2^2 = f(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$$

That is,

$$\inf_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n} q(\mathbf{y}) = q(\mathbf{y}^*) = f(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$$

From  $f(\mathbf{y}) \leq q(\mathbf{y})$  and  $\inf_{\mathbf{y}} f(\mathbf{y}) \leq \inf_{\mathbf{y}} q(\mathbf{y})$ , we get

$$\inf_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{y}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$$

This inequality holds for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(b)

Fix  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Define the function

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{y}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y}$$

Since  $f$  is a convex function, after subtracting a linear term,  $p$  is still a convex function. Because  $\nabla f$  is  $L$ -Lipschitz continuous,  $\nabla p$  is also  $L$ -Lipschitz continuous.

At the point  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}$ , calculate the gradient:

$$\nabla p(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

Since  $p$  is a convex function and  $\nabla p(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ ,  $p$  attains the global minimum at  $\mathbf{x}$ , that is

$$\inf_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(\mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{x})$$

Problem (a) shows that

$$\inf_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(\mathbf{z}) \leq p(\mathbf{y}) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla p(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2, \quad \forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Substitute  $\inf_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(\mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{x})$ , we get

$$p(\mathbf{x}) \leq p(\mathbf{y}) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla p(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2$$

Equivalently,

$$p(\mathbf{x}) - p(\mathbf{y}) \leq -\frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla p(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2$$

Then, we inspect  $p(\mathbf{x}) - p(\mathbf{y})$  and  $\|\nabla p(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}) - p(\mathbf{y}) &= [f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{x}] - [f(\mathbf{y}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y}] \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\nabla p(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2 = \|\nabla f(\mathbf{y}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 = \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2$$

Summarizing

$$f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \leq -\frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2$$

## 2

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

Assume that  $A$  is not positive semi - definite. Then there exists a vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , such that  $\mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v} < 0$ . Consider  $\mathbf{x}_t = t\mathbf{v}$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Substitute it into  $q$ :

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t) = q(t\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(t\mathbf{v})^T A(t\mathbf{v}) - B^T(t\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2}t^2(\mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v}) - t(B^T \mathbf{v})$$

Since  $\mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v} < 0$ , when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , the quadratic term  $\frac{1}{2}t^2(\mathbf{v}^T A \mathbf{v}) \rightarrow -\infty$ , and another term  $-t(B^T \mathbf{v})$ , so  $q(t\mathbf{v}) \rightarrow -\infty$ . This contradicts the fact that  $q$  is bounded below. Therefore,  $A$  must be positive semi - definite, namely,  $A \succeq 0$ .

Since  $A$  is symmetric, there is an orthogonal decomposition  $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{range}(A) \oplus \ker(A)$ . Let  $B = B_r + B_n$ , where  $B_r \in \text{range}(A)$ ,  $B_n \in \ker(A)$ , and  $B_r^T B_n = 0$ . Assume  $B_n \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Consider  $\mathbf{x}_t = tB_n$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Substitute it into  $q$ :

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t) = q(tB_n) = \frac{1}{2}(tB_n)^T A(tB_n) - B^T(tB_n) = \frac{1}{2}t^2(B_n^T A B_n) - t(B^T B_n)$$

Because  $B_n \in \ker(A)$ , we have  $AB_n = \mathbf{0}$ , so  $B_n^T A B_n = 0$ . Further:

$$B^T B_n = (B_r + B_n)^T B_n = B_r^T B_n + B_n^T B_n = 0 + \|B_n\|^2 > 0 \quad (\text{since } B_n \neq \mathbf{0})$$

Then:

$$q(tB_n) = -t\|B_n\|^2$$

When  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $q(tB_n) \rightarrow -\infty$ , which contradicts the fact that  $q$  is bounded below. Therefore,  $B_n = \mathbf{0}$ , that is,  $B \in \text{range}(A)$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

Assume that  $A \succeq 0$  and  $B \in \text{range}(A)$ . Then there exists  $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A\mathbf{x}^* = B$ . Calculate the gradient:

$$\nabla q(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} - B$$

At  $\mathbf{x}^*$ :

$$\nabla q(\mathbf{x}^*) = A\mathbf{x}^* - B = \mathbf{0}$$

The Hessian matrix is  $\nabla^2 q(\mathbf{x}) = A$ , and since  $A \succeq 0$ , the Hessian at  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is positive semi-definite. Therefore,  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a local minimum point of  $q$ . So  $q$  has a local minimum.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d)

Assume that  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a local minimum point. At  $\mathbf{x}^*$ : The gradient is zero:  $\nabla q(\mathbf{x}^*) = A\mathbf{x}^* - B = \mathbf{0}$ , so  $A\mathbf{x}^* = B$ , that is,  $B \in \text{range}(A)$ . The Hessian matrix  $A$  is positive semi-definite (is a local minimum point), so,  $A \succeq 0$ .

From  $A \succeq 0$  and  $A\mathbf{x}^* = B$ , consider the function values:

$$q(\mathbf{x}) - q(\mathbf{x}^*) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} - B^T \mathbf{x} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}^*)^T A \mathbf{x}^* - B^T \mathbf{x}^* \right)$$

Substitute  $B = A\mathbf{x}^*$ :

$$B^T \mathbf{x} = (A\mathbf{x}^*)^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}^*, \quad B^T \mathbf{x}^* = (A\mathbf{x}^*)^T \mathbf{x}^* = (\mathbf{x}^*)^T A \mathbf{x}^*$$

Therefore:

$$q(\mathbf{x}) - q(\mathbf{x}^*) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}^* - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}^*)^T A \mathbf{x}^* + (\mathbf{x}^*)^T A \mathbf{x}^* = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}^* + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}^*)^T A \mathbf{x}^*$$

Thus:

$$q(\mathbf{x}) - q(\mathbf{x}^*) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)^T A (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)$$

Because  $A \succeq 0$ , we have  $(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)^T A (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) \geq 0$ . So  $q(\mathbf{x}) - q(\mathbf{x}^*) \geq 0$ , that is,  $q(\mathbf{x}) \geq q(\mathbf{x}^*)$  holds for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a global minimum point, that is,  $q$  has a global minimum. So (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d).

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

Easy to prove.

### 3

For  $\forall t < t_0$ , we can get  $\mathcal{L}(t) \subset \mathcal{L}(t_0)$ . Because of the Boundedness of  $\mathcal{L}(t_0)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(t)$  is bounded. Therefore, we just need to prove  $\forall t > t_0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(t)$  is bounded.

Assume that  $\exists t_1 > t_0$ , such that  $\mathcal{L}(t_1)$  is unbounded, namely  $\exists \{\mathbf{x}_k\} \subset \mathcal{L}(t_1)$ , such that,  $\|\mathbf{x}_k\|_2 \rightarrow \infty$ . Consider that  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathcal{L}(t_0)$  and  $\mathbf{x}_k$ , let

$$\mathbf{y} = \lambda \mathbf{x}_0 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_k, \quad \lambda \in (0, 1)$$

According to convexity:

$$f(\mathbf{y}) \leq \lambda f(\mathbf{x}_0) + (1 - \lambda) f(\mathbf{x}_k) \leq \lambda t_0 + (1 - \lambda) t_1$$

Let  $\lambda = \frac{k-1}{k}$ ,  $f(\mathbf{y}) \leq \frac{k-1}{k} t_0 + \frac{t_1}{k}$ . When  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f(\mathbf{y}) \leq t_0$ , namely  $\mathbf{y}$  is bounded. But when  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}_k\|_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , this contradicts  $\mathbf{y}$  is bounded. Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}(t)$  is bounded, when  $t_1 > t_0$ .

## 4

**Lemma:** Subgradients on a compact set must be bounded.

**Proof:**

Take  $\delta > 0$ , and define  $K_\delta = \{\mathbf{y} : d(\mathbf{y}, K) = \inf_{\mathbf{z} \in K} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\| \leq \delta\}$ . Since  $K$  is compact,  $K_\delta$  is compact.

Since  $f$  is convex function,  $f$  is continuous on the compact set  $K_\delta$ , so there  $\exists$ :

$$M_\delta = \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in K_\delta} f(\mathbf{z}), \quad m_\delta = \inf_{\mathbf{z} \in K_\delta} f(\mathbf{z}), \quad \omega = M_\delta - m_\delta < \infty$$

For any  $\mathbf{x} \in K$  and  $g \in \partial f(\mathbf{x})$ , let  $d = g/\|g\|$  (if  $g \neq 0$ ) and  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \delta d \in \overline{B}(\mathbf{x}, \delta) \subset K_\delta$ . By the definition of subgradients:

$$f(\mathbf{y}) \geq f(\mathbf{x}) + g^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \delta \|g\|$$

From  $f(\mathbf{y}) \leq M_\delta$  and  $f(\mathbf{x}) \geq m_\delta$ , we can get:

$$\delta \|g\| \leq f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}) \leq \omega \implies \|g\| \leq \frac{\omega}{\delta} \quad \square$$

For any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in K$ , consider  $(1 - t)\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{y}$  ( $t \in [0, 1]$ ). By convexity, there  $\exists g_t \in \partial f((1 - t)\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{y})$  such that:

$$f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}) = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} f((1 - t)\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{y}) dt = \int_0^1 g_t^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) dt$$

$$|f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x})| \leq \int_0^1 |g_t^\top(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})| dt \leq \int_0^1 \|g_t\| \cdot \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\| dt$$

From the lemma we know the subgradient on  $K$  set is bounded. And

$$|f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x})| \leq \frac{\omega}{\delta} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|$$

Therefore, the convex function  $f$  is  $L$ - Lipschitz continuous on the compact set  $K$ , where  $L = \frac{\omega}{\delta}$ .

## 5

We need prove that  $\|\mathbf{x} - t\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2$ .

That is

$$\|\mathbf{x} - t\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2$$

Consider that  $\|\mathbf{x} - t\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2$

$$\|\mathbf{x} - t\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2 + t^2 \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 - 2t \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle$$

That is prove

$$t^2 \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \leq 2t \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle$$

Becasue of  $t > 0$ , collating the above inequation, that is

$$t \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \leq 2 \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle$$

$f$  is convex function, and  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  is  $L$ -Lipschitz continous. From the question(1), we know that

$$\frac{1}{L} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{y})\|_2^2 \leq \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

Let  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^*$ , that is

$$\frac{1}{L} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \leq \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle$$

So

$$\frac{2}{L} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \leq 2 \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle$$

We can easily know that,  $\|\mathbf{x} - t\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2$ . where  $t \in (0, \frac{2}{L})$ . If and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^*$  the inequation takes an equal sign, otherwise the inequation strictly holds.

## 6

I don't think such a function exists.

Assume that there exists a convex function  $f$  that is differentiable but not continuously differentiable on an open convex set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there exists a point  $\mathbf{x} \in U$  and a sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\} \subseteq U$  converging to  $\mathbf{x}$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ ), but the sequence of gradients  $\{\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\}$  does not converge to  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ . That is:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \not\rightarrow \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Since  $U$  is an open set and  $\mathbf{x} \in U$ , there exists a neighborhood  $K \subseteq U$  containing  $\mathbf{x}$ . Because  $f$  is convex on  $U$ , it is Lipschitz continuous on  $K$ . Let the Lipschitz constant be  $L$ . If  $f$  is differentiable, then the gradient is bounded on  $K$ : for all  $\mathbf{y} \in K$ ,  $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{y})\| \leq L$ .

The sequence  $\{\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\}$  is bounded, so it has a convergent subsequence. Assume the entire sequence converges (otherwise take a subsequence), that is:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \rightarrow \mathbf{g} \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

where  $\mathbf{g} \neq \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ .

Since  $f$  is convex and differentiable on  $U$ , for any  $\mathbf{y} \in U$ , the subgradient inequality holds:

$$f(\mathbf{y}) \geq f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_k \rangle$$

Take the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ :  $f(\mathbf{x}_k) \rightarrow f(\mathbf{x})$  (because  $f$  is continuous; a convex function is continuous on an open set).  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \rightarrow \mathbf{g}$ .  $\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ , so  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}$ .

Thus:

$$f(\mathbf{y}) \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} [f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_k \rangle] = f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle$$

This shows that  $\mathbf{g}$  is a subgradient of  $f$  at  $\mathbf{x}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{g} \in \partial f(\mathbf{x})$ . But  $\partial f(\mathbf{x}) = \{\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\}$ . Therefore, we must have  $\mathbf{g} = \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ , which contradicts the assumption  $\mathbf{g} \neq \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ .



## 7

At  $x^* = 0$ ,  $f$  does not necessarily have a local minimum.

Let  $g(t) = f(t\mathbf{d})$ ,  $g'(t) = \langle \nabla f(t\mathbf{d}), \mathbf{d} \rangle$ ,  $g''(t) = \langle \nabla^2 f(t\mathbf{d}), \|\mathbf{d}\|_2^2 \rangle$ . Since  $t \mapsto f(t\mathbf{d})$  has a local minimum at  $t^* = 0$ , we can know that

$$g'(0) = \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{0}), \mathbf{d} \rangle = 0$$

$$g''(0) = \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{0}) \geq 0$$

Therefore,  $\nabla f(\mathbf{0}) = 0$ ,  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{0}) \geq 0$ . this implies that  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{0})$  is positive semi - definite. This means that  $f$  has a local minimum or a saddle point at  $\mathbf{x}^* = 0$ .

## 8

$x^*$  is not necessarily a global minimizer. The following is a counterexample.

Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2(1 - x)^3$$

This function is twice continuously differentiable.

Calculate the gradient:

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

where

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x - 3y^2(1 - x)^2, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y(1 - x)^3$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$  gives  $2y(1 - x)^3 = 0$ , so  $y = 0$  or  $x = 1$ .

If  $x = 1$ , then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2(1) - 3y^2(1 - 1)^2 = 2 \neq 0$ . Thus,  $x = 1$  does not satisfy the condition that the gradient is zero.

If  $y = 0$ , then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x - 0 = 2x$ . Setting this equal to zero gives  $x = 0$ .

Therefore, the unique critical point is  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ .

At  $(0, 0)$ ,  $f(0, 0) = 0$ .

The Hessian matrix is:

$$H_f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 2 + 6y^2(1 - x), \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 2(1 - x)^3, \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = -6y(1 - x)^2$$

At  $(0, 0)$ :

$$H_f(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are  $2 > 0$ , so the matrix is positive definite. Therefore,  $(0, 0)$  is a local minimizer.

Take the point  $(2, 3)$ :

$$f(2, 3) = 2^2 + 3^2(1 - 2)^3 = 4 + 9 \cdot (-1) = 4 - 9 = -5 < 0 = f(0, 0)$$

Thus,  $f(2, 3) < f(0, 0)$ , so  $(0, 0)$  is not a global minimizer.

$x^*$  is not necessarily a global minimizer.

## 9

Since  $\mathbb{P}(X_k = 1) \geq p$  and the goal is to find an upper bound for  $\mathbb{P}(S_n \leq tn)$  (where  $t \leq p$ ), consider the case when  $\mathbb{P}(X_k = 1) = p$  for all  $k$ . In this case, the probability  $\mathbb{P}(S_n \leq tn)$  reaches the maximum. Therefore, to find the upper bound, we can assume that each  $X_k$  is an independent Bernoulli random variable with parameter  $p$ , that is,  $S_n \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ .

For the lower tail of a binomial distribution, the standard Chernoff bound states: Let  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[S_n] = np$ . For  $\delta \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n \leq (1 - \delta)\mu) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{\delta^2 \mu}{2}\right)$$

Let  $(1 - \delta)\mu = tn$ . Substitute  $\mu = np$ :

$$(1 - \delta)np = tn \implies 1 - \delta = \frac{t}{p} \implies \delta = 1 - \frac{t}{p} = \frac{p - t}{p}$$

Substitute into the Chernoff bound:

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n \leq tn) \leq \exp \left( -\frac{\left(\frac{p-t}{p}\right)^2 \cdot (np)}{2} \right) = \exp \left( -\frac{(p-t)^2 \cdot np}{2p^2} \right) = \exp \left( -\frac{(p-t)^2 n}{2p} \right)$$

In the general case,  $\mathbb{P}(X_k = 1) = p_k \geq p$ . To prove the upper bound, we use the general form of the Chernoff bound: For any  $\lambda \leq 0$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n \leq tn) \leq e^{-\lambda tn} \prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda X_k}]$$

For each  $k$ , the moment - generating function  $\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda X_k}] = 1 - p_k + p_k e^\lambda$ . Consider the function  $h(p) = 1 - p + p e^\lambda$ . Its derivative is

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial p} = -1 + e^\lambda$$

Since  $\lambda \leq 0$ ,  $e^\lambda \leq 1$ , so  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial p} \leq 0$ , that is,  $h(p)$  is non - increasing in  $p$ . Therefore, when  $p_k \geq p$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda X_k}] = h(p_k) \leq h(p) = 1 - p + p e^\lambda$$

Thus,

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda X_k}] \leq (1 - p + p e^\lambda)^n$$

So,

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n \leq tn) \leq e^{-\lambda tn} (1 - p + p e^\lambda)^n$$

This is the same as in the case of independent and identically distributed Bernoulli( $p$ ) random variables. By choosing  $\lambda$ , we can obtain the same upper bound.

## 10

$A \in \mathbb{R}^n$  should be  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  in the question

$\rho$  is not a consistent matrix norm on  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\rho$  satisfies (a), and violates (b), (c), (d).

(a)

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $\alpha\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\alpha A$ . Thus,  
 $\rho(\alpha A) = \max |\alpha\lambda| = |\alpha| \max |\lambda| = |\alpha|\rho(A)$ .

(b)

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\rho(A) = 0$ ,  $\rho(B) = 0$ , but

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are  $1, -1$ , so  $\rho(A + B) = 1$ .

So  $1 = \rho(A + B) > \rho(A) + \rho(B) = 0$ .

(c)

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are  $0, 0$ , so  $\rho(A) = 0$ , but  $A \neq 0$ .

(d)

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are  $1, 0$ , so  $\rho(AB) = 1$ .

We have  $\rho(A) = 0$ ,  $\rho(B) = 0$ , so  $\rho(A)\rho(B) = 0$ , but  $1 = \rho(AB) > \rho(A)\rho(B) = 0$ .

# 11

(a)

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p^p \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p^p \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^p$$

we only need to prove that, for every  $x_i, y_i > 0$ ,  $(x_i + y_i)^p \leq x_i^p + y_i^p$

Consider  $f(t) = t^p (t \geq 0, p \in (0, 1])$ ,  $f''(t) = p(p-1)t^{p-2}$ , easy to know  $f''(t) \geq 0$ , so  $f(t)$  is a concave function. Therefore, we can know  $x_i, y_i > 0$ ,  $(x_i + y_i)^p \leq x_i^p + y_i^p$

(b)

From the (a), we have  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p^p \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p^p$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p &\leq (\|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= (\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p) \left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} \right)^p + \left( \frac{\mathbf{y}_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} \right)^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= (\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p) \left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} \right)^p + \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} \right)^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g(t) = t^p + (1-t)^p$ , where  $0 < p < 1, t \in (0, 1)$

$g'(t) = pt^{p-1} + (1-t)^{p-1}$  When  $t=0.5$ ,  $g'(t) = 0$ , easy to know  $g_{max} = g(0.5) = 2^{1-p}$

$\frac{\mathbf{x}_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} \in (0, 1)$ , so  $\left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} \right)^p + \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} \right)^p \right]_{max} = 2^{1-p}$

From the above inequality, we can have:

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p \leq (2^{p-1})^{\frac{1}{p}} (\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p) = 2^{\frac{1}{p}-1} (\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p)$$

(c)

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p \geq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p \Leftrightarrow \frac{\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} \geq 1$$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p} = \left[ \frac{\sum (x_i + y_i)^p}{(\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p)^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

For function  $g(u) = u^p$ ,  $p \in (0, 1)$ ,  $g$  is the concave function, so we can have

$$\left[ \frac{\sum (x_i + y_i)^p}{(\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p)^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \left[ \frac{\sum (x_i^p + y_i^p)}{(\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p)^p} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} = \frac{(\|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{(\|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p)} \geq 1$$

(d)

We need to prove that for  $q > p > 0$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_q \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , then all norms are 0, and the statement holds. Let  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Set  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = 1$ , then  $\sum |x_i|^p = 1$ . We need to prove  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_q \leq 1$ , that is:  $(\sum |x_i|^q)^{1/q} \leq 1$

Let  $y_i = |x_i|^p \geq 0$ , then  $\sum y_i = 1$ , and:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_q = \left( \sum |x_i|^q \right)^{1/q} = \left( \sum (|x_i|^p)^{q/p} \right)^{1/q} = \left( \sum y_i^{q/p} \right)^{1/q}$$

Let  $r = q/p > 1$ , then  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_q = (\sum y_i^r)^{1/q}$ . Since  $\sum y_i = 1$  and  $y_i \geq 0$ , we have  $y_i \leq 1$ . Since  $r > 1$  and  $y_i \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $y_i^r \leq y_i$ . Thus:

$$\sum y_i^r \leq \sum y_i = 1$$

Therefore:

$$\left( \sum y_i^r \right)^{1/q} \leq (1)^{1/q} = 1$$

That is,  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_q \leq 1 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$ . Equality holds when  $\mathbf{x}$  has only one non-zero component.

(e)

Failed to prove it

$$\log \|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \frac{\log(\sum x_i^p)}{p}$$

Let  $h(p) = \log(\sum x_i^p)$ ,  $g(p) = \frac{h(p)}{p}$

$$h'(p) = \frac{\sum x_i^p \log x_i}{\sum x_i^p}, \quad h''(p) = \frac{(\sum x_i^p (\log x_i)^2)(\sum x_i^p) - (\sum x_i^p \log x_i)^2}{(\sum x_i^p)^2} \geq 0$$

$h$  is a convex function.

$$g'(t) = \frac{ph'(p) - h(p)}{p^2}, \quad g''(t) = \frac{p^2h''(p) - 2ph'(p) + 2h(p)}{p^3}$$

Since  $p > 0$ , that is  $p^3 > 0$ , we only need to prove  $p^2h''(p) - 2ph'(p) + 2h(p) \geq 0$

(f)

$\|A\|_p$  is neither monotonically increasing nor monotonically decreasing for  $p > 0$ .

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

When  $p = 1$ :

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = (|x_1|^1 + |x_2|^1)^2$$

Easy to know that  $\|A\|_1 = 1$

When  $p = 2$ :

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = (|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2)^{1/2} = 1 = x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

$\|A\mathbf{x}\|_2 = |x_1 + x_2|$ . Let  $L(x_1, x_2, \lambda) = |x_1 + x_2| - \lambda(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$ .

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = | - 2\lambda x_1 | = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = | - 2\lambda x_2 | = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = | - 2\lambda x_2 | = 0$$

We can know that  $|x_1 + x_2|$  achieve the maximum value, when  $x_1 = x_2$ , that is,  $|x_1 + x_2| \leq \sqrt{2}\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{2}$ . Therefore,  $\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{2}$ .

$\|A\|_1 = 1 < \sqrt{2} = \|A\|_2$ , that is, when  $p$  increases from 1 to 2,  $\|A\|_p$  increases.

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

When  $p = 0.5$ :

$$\|A\mathbf{x}\|_{0.5} = (|x_1 + x_2|^{0.5} + |x_1 + x_2|^{0.5})^2 = (2|x_1 + x_2|^{0.5})^2 = 4|x_1 + x_2|$$

$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{0.5} = (|x_1|^{0.5} + |x_2|^{0.5})^2 = 1$ , that is,  $|x_1|^{0.5} + |x_2|^{0.5} = 1$ . Let  $a = |x_1|^{0.5}, b = |x_2|^{0.5}$ , then  $a + b = 1, a, b \geq 0$ . Then  $\|A\mathbf{x}\|_{0.5} = 4|x_1 + x_2| \leq 4(|x_1| + |x_2|) = 4(a^2 + b^2)$ . Since  $a + b = 1, a^2 + b^2 = (a + b)^2 - 2ab = 1 - 2ab$ . The maximum value is achieved when  $ab = 0$ . Therefore,  $\|A\|_{0.5} = 4$ .

When  $p = 1$ :

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| = 1$$

$\|A\mathbf{x}\|_1 = |x_1 + x_2| + |x_1 + x_2| = 2|x_1 + x_2| \leq 2(|x_1| + |x_2|) = 2$ . Therefore,  $\|A\|_1 = 2$ .

$\|A\|_{0.5} = 4 > 2 = \|A\|_1$ . That is, when  $p$  increases from 0.5 to 1,  $\|A\|_p$  decreases.

$\|A\|_p$  is neither monotonically increasing nor monotonically decreasing.

## 12 Failed to prove it

### 13

(a)

(1)

The eigenvalues of  $AB$  are all eigenvalues of  $BA$ :

$\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $AB$  and the corresponding eigenvector is  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^m$ , that is  $AB\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ , so

$$BAB\mathbf{x} = B(\lambda\mathbf{x})$$

$$BA(B\mathbf{x}) = \lambda(B\mathbf{x})$$

It shows that  $B\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $BA$ ,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $AB$ . If  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , then the original equation becomes  $AB\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we must have  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , which contradicts the fact that an eigenvector is non-zero. Therefore,  $B\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , that is,  $\lambda$  is a non-zero eigenvalue of  $BA$ .

The eigenvalues of  $BA$  are all eigenvalues of  $AB$ :

If  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $BA$ , and the corresponding eigenvector is  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , that is,  $BA\mathbf{y} = \lambda\mathbf{y}$ .



$$AB\mathbf{y} = A(\lambda\mathbf{y}) \implies AB(A\mathbf{y}) = \lambda(A\mathbf{y})$$

Similarly, if  $A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $BA\mathbf{y} = \lambda\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ , which leads to  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $A\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , that is,  $\lambda$  is a non-zero eigenvalue of  $AB$ .

(2)

Consider linear mappings: Let  $A : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$  and  $B : \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  be linear mappings. Then  $AB : \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$  and  $BA : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ .

The eigenvalues of  $AB$  are all eigenvalues of  $BA$ :

If  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $AB$ , then there  $\exists$  a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^m$  such that  $AB\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ .  $B : \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ , then  $\mathbf{y} = B\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . We have  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$  (as mentioned before). Then:

$$BA\mathbf{y} = BA(B\mathbf{x}) = B(AB\mathbf{x}) = B(\lambda\mathbf{x}) = \lambda B\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{y}$$

This shows that  $\mathbf{y}$  is an eigenvector of  $BA$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

The eigenvalues of  $BA$  are all eigenvalues of  $AB$ :

If  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $BA$ , then there exists a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $BA\mathbf{z} = \lambda\mathbf{z}$ .  $A : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ , then  $\mathbf{w} = A\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^m$ . We have  $\mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{0}$  (as mentioned before). Then:

$$AB\mathbf{w} = AB(A\mathbf{z}) = A(BA\mathbf{z}) = A(\lambda\mathbf{z}) = \lambda A\mathbf{z} = \lambda\mathbf{w}$$

This shows that  $\mathbf{w}$  is an eigenvector of  $AB$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

(3)

See (1) for details.

(b)

Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be a common eigenvalue of  $AB$  and  $BA$ . Define the eigenspaces:

$$E_\lambda(AB) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^m \mid AB\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}\}, E_\lambda(BA) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid BA\mathbf{y} = \lambda\mathbf{y}\}.$$

Since  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we can construct linear mappings:

Define  $T : E_\lambda(AB) \rightarrow E_\lambda(BA)$  as  $T(\mathbf{x}) = B\mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{x} \in E_\lambda(AB)$ .

Define  $S : E_\lambda(BA) \rightarrow E_\lambda(AB)$  as  $S(\mathbf{y}) = A\mathbf{y}$ , where  $\mathbf{y} \in E_\lambda(BA)$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in E_\lambda(AB)$ , and  $T(\mathbf{x}_1) = T(\mathbf{x}_2)$ , that is,  $B\mathbf{x}_1 = B\mathbf{x}_2$ .

Then  $B(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ .

Since  $\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 \in E_\lambda(AB)$ , we have  $AB(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = \lambda(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)$ .

But  $B(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ , so:

$$AB(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = A(B(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)) = A(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$$

Thus,  $\lambda(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we get  $\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ , that is,  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2$ .

Therefore,  $T$  is injective.

Similarly, we can prove that  $S$  is injective.

Since  $T : E_\lambda(AB) \rightarrow E_\lambda(BA)$  is injective. Therefore

$$\dim E_\lambda(AB) \leq \dim E_\lambda(BA)$$

Similarly,

$$\dim E_\lambda(BA) \leq \dim E_\lambda(AB)$$

So

$$\dim E_\lambda(AB) = \dim E_\lambda(BA)$$

Therefore, the geometric multiplicities of  $\lambda$  in  $AB$  and  $BA$  are the same.

(c)

Denote the characteristic polynomial of  $AB$  as  $f_{AB}(\lambda) = |(\lambda I_m - AB)|$ ,

and the characteristic polynomial of  $BA$  as  $f_{BA}(\lambda) = |(\lambda I_n - BA)|$ .

Consider the polynomials:

$$\lambda^n f_{AB}(\lambda) = \lambda^n |(\lambda I_m - AB)|$$

and

$$\lambda^m f_{BA}(\lambda) = \lambda^m |(\lambda I_n - BA)|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^n |\lambda I_m - AB| &= \lambda^n \left| \lambda \left( I_m - \frac{1}{\lambda} AB \right) \right| = \lambda^n \lambda^m \left| I_m - \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} A \right) B \right| \\ &= \lambda^n \lambda^m \left| I_n - B \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} A \right) \right| = \lambda^m |\lambda I_n - BA|. \end{aligned}$$

there is an identity:

$$\lambda^n |(\lambda I_m - AB)| = \lambda^m |(\lambda I_n - BA)|$$

In the polynomial  $\lambda^n f_{AB}(\lambda)$ , the multiplicity of  $\lambda_0$  as a root is equal to its algebraic multiplicity in  $f_{AB}(\lambda)$ .

Similarly, in the polynomial  $\lambda^m f_{BA}(\lambda)$ , the multiplicity of  $\lambda_0$  as a root is equal to its algebraic multiplicity in  $f_{BA}(\lambda)$ .

Since the above identity shows that  $\lambda^n f_{AB}(\lambda)$  and  $\lambda^m f_{BA}(\lambda)$  are the same polynomial, their roots and their multiplicities are completely the same. Therefore, for any non-zero eigenvalue  $\lambda_0 \neq 0$ , its algebraic multiplicities in  $AB$  and  $BA$  are the same.

## 14

(a)

(1)

$\Rightarrow$

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then there  $\exists$  a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that:

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

For a polynomial  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_mx^m$ , we have:

$$p(A) = a_0I + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \cdots + a_mA^m$$

Since  $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ , we can obtain that:

$$A^k\mathbf{v} = \lambda^k\mathbf{v} \quad \text{for all } k \geq 0$$

Therefore:

$$p(A)\mathbf{v} = (a_0I + \cdots + a_mA^m)\mathbf{v} = a_0\mathbf{v} + \cdots + a_m\lambda^m\mathbf{v} = p(\lambda\mathbf{v})$$

This shows that  $p(\lambda)$  is an eigenvalue of  $p(A)$ .

$\Leftarrow$

If  $p(\lambda)$  is an eigenvalue of  $p(A)$ , then there  $\exists$  a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that:

$$p(A)\mathbf{v} = p(\lambda)\mathbf{v}$$

Since  $p(A) = a_0I + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \cdots + a_mA^m$ , we have:

$$(a_0I + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \cdots + a_mA^m)\mathbf{v} = p(\lambda)\mathbf{v}$$

Let  $q(x) = p(x) - p(\lambda)$ . Then  $q(\lambda) = 0$ , and  $q(A)\mathbf{v} = 0$ . Since  $q(x)$  is a polynomial and  $q(\lambda) = 0$ , we can write  $q(x) = (x - \lambda)r(x)$ , where  $r(x)$  is a polynomial.

Therefore:

$$q(A) = (A - \lambda I)r(A)$$

Since  $q(A)\mathbf{v} = 0$ , we have:

$$(A - \lambda I)r(A)\mathbf{v} = 0$$

If  $r(A)\mathbf{v} \neq 0$ , then  $A - \lambda I$  must have a non-zero vector  $r(A)\mathbf{v}$  that makes it zero, which means  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . If  $r(A)\mathbf{v} = 0$ , we can continue to apply this process recursively, eventually, we will get that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

(2)

$\Rightarrow$

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then there  $\exists$  a one - dimensional subspace  $V = \text{span}(\mathbf{v})$  such that the action of  $A$  on  $V$  is a scaling, i.e.,  $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$  (From the a(1)). For the polynomial  $p(A)$ , its action on  $V$  is  $p(A)\mathbf{v} = p(\lambda)\mathbf{v}$ . Therefore,  $p(\lambda)$  is an eigenvalue of  $p(A)$ .

$\Leftarrow$

If  $p(\lambda)$  is an eigenvalue of  $p(A)$ , then there exists a one - dimensional subspace  $V = \text{span}(\mathbf{v})$  such that the action of  $p(A)$  on  $V$  is a scaling, i.e.,  $p(A)\mathbf{v} = p(\lambda)\mathbf{v}$ . From the a(1), we will get that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

(3)

See (1) for details.

(b)

In a(1) we have already proven that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ ,  $p(\lambda)$  is an eigenvalue of  $p(A)$ . Therefore, we will only consider multiplicities in this question.

If  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with multiplicity  $k$ , then there exist  $k$  linearly independent eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_{i1}, \mathbf{v}_{i2}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{ik}$  such that:

$$A\mathbf{v}_{ij} = \lambda_i\mathbf{v}_{ij} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

Through the above process, we can obtain:

$$p(A)\mathbf{v}_{ij} = p(\lambda_i)\mathbf{v}_{ij} \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

This shows that  $p(\lambda_i)$  is an eigenvalue of  $p(A)$  with multiplicity at least  $k$ .

Therefore, if  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$  (with repeated roots counted by their multiplicities), then  $p(\lambda_1), p(\lambda_2), \dots, p(\lambda_n)$  are the eigenvalues of  $p(A)$  (multiple eigenvalues counted with multiplicity).

## 15

(a)

Let  $A = (1 - x)I + xJ$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix and  $J$  is the all - one matrix.

The rank of the all - one matrix  $J$  is 1. Its non - zero eigenvalue is  $n$  (with algebraic multiplicity 1), and the remaining eigenvalues are 0 (with algebraic multiplicity  $n - 1$ ).

After multiplying  $J$  by  $x$ , the non - zero eigenvalue becomes  $x \cdot n$ , and the remaining eigenvalues are still 0. After adding  $(1 - x)I$ , each eigenvalue increases  $(1 - x)$ .

Therefore, the eigenvalues of matrix  $A$  are:

$(n - 1)x + 1$ , with corresponding algebraic multiplicity 1;

$1 - x$ , with corresponding algebraic multiplicity  $n - 1$ .

(b)

The matrix is positive definite  $\Leftrightarrow$  all its eigenvalues greater than 0.  
 From (a), we can easy to know  $A$  is positive definite  $\Leftrightarrow (n-1)x+1 > 0$   
 and  $1-x > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1-n} < x < 1$ .

## 16

(a)

Consider the singular value decomposition of matrix  $X$ :  $X = U\Sigma V^H$ ,  
 where  $U$  and  $V$  are unitary matrices, and  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix whose  
 diagonal entries are the singular values  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ . Construct the matrix

$Y$  in set  $S$  as  $Y = U \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V^H$ , where  $\begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix.

$\forall Y \in S, Y^H Y = I_n$ .

We can get  $\|X-Y\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i - 1)^2}$ ,  $\|I_n - X^H X\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i^2)^2}$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i - 1)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i^2)^2$$

Therefore,  $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i - 1)^2} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i^2)^2}$ , that is,  $\text{dist}(X, S) \leq \|I_n - X^H X\|_F$ .

(b)

Construct a sequence of matrices  $X_k$ , where the first singular value is  $k$   
 and others are 1. At this time,  $\|I_n - X_k^H X_k\|_F = |1 - k^2|$ , and  $\text{dist}(X_k, S) = |k - 1|$ .  
 When  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , the ratio  $\frac{|1 - k^2|}{|k - 1|} = k + 1 \rightarrow \infty$ , which shows that  
 there is no such constant  $C$ .

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(a)

The eigenvalues of  $J$  should be  $\pm i\sqrt{\sigma_j}$ , otherwise  $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ -A^H & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  should be  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^H & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Here we modify the proof to show that the eigenvalues of  $J$  are  $\pm i\sqrt{\sigma_j}$  to ensure the consistency between parts (a) and (b).

Consider the eigenvalue equation of  $J$ :  $J\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ , where  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then

$$J\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ -A^H & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A\mathbf{y} \\ -A^H\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

That is,

$$A\mathbf{y} = \lambda\mathbf{x}, \quad (1)$$

$$-A^H\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{y}. \quad (2)$$

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A^H\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $A$  is non-singular, we get  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , that is,  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , a contradiction, so  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Solve  $\mathbf{x} = \lambda^{-1}A\mathbf{y}$  from (1) and substitute into (2):

$$-A^H(\lambda^{-1}A\mathbf{y}) = \lambda\mathbf{y} \implies -\lambda^{-1}A^HA\mathbf{y} = \lambda\mathbf{y} \implies A^HA\mathbf{y} = -\lambda^2\mathbf{y}$$

Therefore,  $\lambda^2$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^HA$ , that is,  $\lambda^2 = -\sigma_j$ . Since  $\sigma_j > 0$ , we have

$$\lambda = \pm i\sqrt{\sigma_j}$$

(b)

Failed to prove it

According to the eigenvalue decomposition, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
J &= \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \\ V_1 & V_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & 0 \\ 0 & -\Sigma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1^H & V_1^H \\ U_2^H & V_2^H \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \\ V_1 & V_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma U_1^H & \Sigma U_2^H \\ -\Sigma V_1^H & -\Sigma V_2^H \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \Sigma U_1^H + U_2 (-\Sigma V_1^H) & U_1 \Sigma U_2^H + U_2 (-\Sigma V_2^H) \\ V_1 \Sigma U_1^H + V_2 (-\Sigma V_1^H) & V_1 \Sigma U_2^H + V_2 (-\Sigma V_2^H) \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ -A^H & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
U_1 \Sigma U_1^H + U_2 (-\Sigma V_1^H) &= 0 \\
U_1 \Sigma U_2^H + U_2 (-\Sigma V_2^H) &= A \\
V_1 \Sigma U_1^H + V_2 (-\Sigma V_1^H) &= -A^H \\
V_1 \Sigma U_2^H + V_2 (-\Sigma V_2^H) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

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(a)

$\mathbf{e}_i$  is the standard basis vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 + \cdots + \mathbf{e}_n$  is the all-one vector, and  $a$  is a positive number. Let  $\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{e}_i - a\mathbf{s}$

For different  $i$  and  $j$

$$\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = (\mathbf{e}_i - a\mathbf{s})^T (\mathbf{e}_j - a\mathbf{s}) = -2a + a^2 n$$

When  $a \in (0, 2/n)$ , the inner product  $-2a + a^2 n < 0$ .

Add the vector  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1} = -b\mathbf{s}$ , where  $b > 0$ .

$$\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1} = (\mathbf{e}_i - a\mathbf{s})^T (-b\mathbf{s}) = b(-1 + an)$$

When  $a \in (0, 1/n)$ , the inner product  $b(-1 + an) < 0$ .

In conclusion, When  $a \in (0, 1/n)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j < 0 \quad i \neq j$



(b)

Failed to prove it

## 19

Define a linear operator  $T : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  as  $T(X) = AX - XB$ . Then the original equation is equivalent to  $T(X) = C$ . Since  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is a finite - dimensional vector space, the following are equivalent for the linear operator  $T$  to have a unique solution for all  $C$ :  $T$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is bijective  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is injective, that is, the equation  $T(X) = 0$  has only the zero solution:  $AX - XB = 0 \Leftrightarrow AX = XB$  has a unique solution  $X = 0$ .

Therefore, we only need to prove that:  $AX = XB$  has only the zero solution  $\Leftrightarrow A$  and  $B$  have no common eigenvalues.

$\Rightarrow$

Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  have a common eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be an eigenvector of  $A$  belonging to  $\lambda$  (i.e.,  $A\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ), and let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a left eigenvector of  $B$  belonging to  $\lambda$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{v}^T B = \lambda\mathbf{v}^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ). Construct the matrix  $X = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .  $X \neq \mathbf{0}$  because  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

$$AX = A(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T) = (A\mathbf{u})\mathbf{v}^T = (\lambda\mathbf{u})\mathbf{v}^T = \lambda\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$$

$$XB = (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T)B = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^T B) = \mathbf{u}(\lambda\mathbf{v}^T) = \lambda\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$$

Thus,  $AX = \lambda\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T = XB$ , that is,  $AX = XB$  has a non - zero solution  $X = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$ .

$\Leftarrow$

**Lemma:** Suppose  $X$  satisfies  $AX = XB$ .  $\forall k \geq 0$ , we have  $A^k X = XB^k$ .

**Proof:** When  $k = 0$ ,  $A^0 X = IX = X$ , and  $XB^0 = XB^0 = XI = X$ . Thus,  $A^0 X = XB^0$  holds.

Suppose for some integer  $k \geq 0$ ,  $A^k X = XB^k$  holds.

$$A^{k+1} X = A \cdot A^k X = A \cdot (XB^k) = (AX)B^k = (XB)B^k = XB^{k+1}$$

Thus, by mathematical induction, we prove  $A^k X = XB^k$  holds for all integers  $k \geq 0$

Let  $f(\lambda)$  be the characteristic polynomial of matrix  $A$ . According to the Cayley - Hamilton theorem,  $f(A) = 0$ .

Since  $A$  and  $B$  have no common eigenvalues, all eigenvalues of  $B$  are not roots of  $f(\lambda)$ . So  $f(B)$  is an invertible matrix.

From the lemma, for any polynomial  $p(\lambda)$ , we have  $p(A)X = Xp(B)$ . Let  $p(\lambda) = f(\lambda)$ . Then by the Cayley - Hamilton theorem,  $f(A) = 0$ . Thus:

$$0 = f(A)X = Xf(B)$$

Since  $f(B)$  is invertible, from  $Xf(B) = 0$ , we can obtain:

$$Xf(B) = 0 \implies X = Xf(B)f(B)^{-1} = 0 \cdot f(B)^{-1} = 0$$

Thus, when  $A$  and  $B$  have no common eigenvalues, the equation  $AX - XB = 0$  has only the zero solution:  $X = 0$

Thus,  $AX - XB = C$  has a unique solution for all  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \iff A$  and  $B$  have no common eigenvalues.

## 20

Suppose the tangent line equation of the function  $f(x)$  at  $x = x_0$  is:  $l(x) = ax + b$ , where  $a = f'(x_0)$  and  $b = f(x_0) - ax_0$ .

Since  $f$  is a convex functions, it satisfies:

$$f(x_1) \geq f(x_2) + f'(x_2)(x_1 - x_2)$$

So

$$f(x) \geq f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0) = ax + b$$

Taking expectations on both sides simultaneously, we have:

$$E[f(x)] \geq E[ax + b] = aE[x] + b$$

We take  $x_0 = E[x]$ , and correspondingly  $a = f'(x_0)$ ,  $b = f(x_0) - ax_0$ . Substituting into the above formula at this time, we have:

$$E[f(x)] \geq aE[x] + b = ax_0 + b = f(x_0) = f(E[x])$$

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$f$  is a convex function on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\forall x, y \in [0, 1]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq tf(x) + (1-t)f(y)$$

Let  $x = 0, y = 1, t = \frac{1}{2}$ , we can get  $f(\frac{1}{2}) \leq \frac{1}{2}f(0) + \frac{1}{2}f(1)$

$$f(x) \geq f(0) + \frac{f(1) - f(0)}{1 - 0}x = f(0) + (f(1) - f(0))x.$$

So

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx \geq \int_0^1 [f(0) + (f(1) - f(0))x] dx = \frac{1}{2}f(0) + \frac{1}{2}f(1)$$

So

$$f(\frac{1}{2}) \leq \int_0^1 f(x)dx$$

By the property of convex functions, for any  $x \in [0, 1]$ , we have:

$$f(x) \leq (1-x)f(0) + xf(1)$$

So

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx \leq \int_0^1 (1-x)f(0) + xf(1)dx$$

Calculating the right-hand side integral:

$$\int_0^1 (1-x)f(0) + xf(1)dx = \frac{1}{2}f(0) + \frac{1}{2}f(1)$$

So

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \leq \frac{1}{2}[f(0) + f(1)]$$

Therefore

$$f(\frac{1}{2}) \leq \int_0^1 f(x)dx \leq \frac{1}{2}[f(0) + f(1)]$$

## 22

Consider two independent and identically distributed random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , both of which have the same distribution as  $X$ . Since  $f$  and  $g$  are increasing functions, for any real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , we have:

When  $x \geq y$ ,  $f(x) \geq f(y)$  and  $g(x) \geq g(y)$ , so  $(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) \geq 0$ . When  $x < y$ ,  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  and  $g(x) \leq g(y)$ , so  $(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) \geq 0$ .

Therefore, for all  $x, y$ , we have:

$$(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) \geq 0$$

Take the expectation, we can obtain:

$$\mathbb{E}[(f(X) - f(Y))(g(X) - g(Y))] \geq 0$$

Expand the left - hand side, that is,  $\mathbb{E}[f(X)g(X) - f(X)g(Y) - f(Y)g(X) + f(Y)g(Y)]$

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and identical distribution:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)g(Y)] = \mathbb{E}[f(X)]\mathbb{E}[g(Y)] = \mathbb{E}[f(X)]\mathbb{E}[g(X)]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[g(Y)] = \mathbb{E}[g(X)]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[f(Y)g(X)] = \mathbb{E}[f(Y)]\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \mathbb{E}[f(X)]\mathbb{E}[g(X)]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[f(Y)g(Y)] = \mathbb{E}[f(X)g(X)]$$

Substitute these in:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)g(X)] - \mathbb{E}[f(X)]\mathbb{E}[g(X)] - \mathbb{E}[f(X)]\mathbb{E}[g(X)] + \mathbb{E}[f(X)g(X)] \geq 0$$

That is:

$$2\mathbb{E}[f(X)g(X)] - 2\mathbb{E}[f(X)]\mathbb{E}[g(X)] \geq 0$$

Therefore:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)g(X)] \geq \mathbb{E}[f(X)]\mathbb{E}[g(X)]$$

## 23

### Proof 1

From the Chebyshev's inequality we can obtain that for two sequences  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  that are monotonic in the same direction, we have:

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_k \geq \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right) \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n b_k \right)$$

So

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_k \geq \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^n b_k \right)$$

Consider  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_{n-k}\}$ . Since  $\{b_k\}$  and  $\{a_k\}$  are monotonic in the same direction, if  $\{b_k\}$  is increasing, then  $\{b_{n-k}\}$  is decreasing. At this time,  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_{n-k}\}$  are monotonic in opposite directions. According to Chebyshev's inequality, sequences that are monotonic in opposite directions satisfy:

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \leq \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right) \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n b_{n-k} \right)$$

Since  $\sum_{k=0}^n b_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n b_k$ , the right - hand side becomes:

$$\left( \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right) \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n b_k \right)$$

So

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^n b_k \right)$$

## 24

Failed to prove it

### Consider the Converse Proposition

The converse proposition is: If the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  converges, then  $\sum_{|x_k| > \epsilon} |x_k - x_{k+1}| < \infty$  holds for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Suppose  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $a$ . Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N > 0$  such that for all  $k > N$ ,  $|x_k - a| < \epsilon/2$ . Therefore, for  $k > N$ , we have:

$$|x_k - x_{k+1}| \leq |x_k - a| + |a - x_{k+1}| < \epsilon$$

From the condition, we can get  $|x_k - x_{k+1}| < \epsilon$ , since  $\{x_k\}$  converges,  $\exists N_1 > 0$  such that when  $k > N$ , we have  $x_k < \epsilon$ . Therefore,  $\sum_{|x_k| > \epsilon} |x_k - x_{k+1}| < \infty$  has only finitely many terms. So  $\sum_{|x_k| > \epsilon} |x_k - x_{k+1}| < \infty$

## 25

Failed to prove it

## 26

### (a)

Consider the function  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \|T(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|$ . Since  $T$  is continuous,  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is continuous on the compact set  $X$ .  $f$  attains its minimum value on  $X$ . Let the minimum value be attained at  $\mathbf{x}^* \in X$ , i.e.,  $f(\mathbf{x}^*) = d \geq 0$ .

If  $d = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a fixed point.

If  $d > 0$ , then  $\mathbf{x}^* \neq T(\mathbf{x}^*)$ . Consider  $T(\mathbf{x}^*) \in X$ . According to the problem's condition,  $\|T(T(\mathbf{x}^*)) - T(\mathbf{x}^*)\| < \|T(\mathbf{x}^*) - \mathbf{x}^*\| = d$ , i.e.,  $f(T(\mathbf{x}^*)) < d$ , which contradicts the fact that  $d$  is the minimum value. Therefore,  $d$  must be 0, meaning a fixed point exists.

Suppose there exist two distinct fixed points  $\mathbf{x}^*$  and  $\mathbf{y}^*$ , i.e.,  $T(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{x}^*$  and  $T(\mathbf{y}^*) = \mathbf{y}^*$ . According to the problem's condition, when  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$ ,  $\|T(\mathbf{x}) - T(\mathbf{y})\| < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$ . But  $\|T(\mathbf{x}^*) - T(\mathbf{y}^*)\| = \|\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{y}^*\|$ , which contradicts the condition. Therefore, the fixed point must be unique.

In conclusion,  $T$  has exactly one fixed point on  $X$ .

### (b)

Since  $T$  satisfies  $\|T(x) - T(y)\| < \|x - y\|$ , we have:

$$\|x_{k+1} - x_k\| = \|T(x_k) - T(x_{k-1})\| < \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|$$

This shows that the sequence  $\{\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|\}$  is a decreasing sequence of positive numbers and converges to some limit  $a \geq 0$ .

Suppose  $a > 0$ . Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_1$  such that when  $k > N_1$ ,  $\|x_{k+1} - x_k\| < a + \epsilon$ . Since  $\{\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|\}$  is decreasing,  $a$  must be 0, that is:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| = 0$$

Since  $\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|$  is decreasing and converges to 0, according to the Monotone Convergence Theorem, the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|$  converges.

For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_2$  such that when  $n > N_2$

$$\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| < \epsilon$$

For any  $m > n > N_2$

$$\|x_m - x_n\| \leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| < \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| < \epsilon$$

This shows that the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $X$  is compact, the Cauchy sequence  $\{x_k\}$  must converge to some point  $x^*$  in  $X$ , that is,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x^*$ .

Since  $T$  is continuous, we have:

$$T(x^*) = T\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} T(x_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{k+1} = x^*$$

From the result of problem (a), the fixed point of  $T$  on  $X$  is unique. Therefore, no matter how the initial point  $x_0$  is chosen, the iterative sequence will converge to this unique fixed point  $x^*$ .

## 27

$f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a continuous function. The sequence  $x_k$  is bounded, and by the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem, we can know that there is a convergent subsequence  $x_{k_j}$ .

Let  $x_{k_j} \rightarrow a \in [0, 1]$ . Since  $f$  is a continuous function,  $x_{k_j+1} = f(x_{k_j}) \rightarrow a$ . Apply  $x_k - x_{k+1} \rightarrow 0$  to the subsequence, we can get  $f(a) = a$ ,  $a$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

Assume that both  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a \neq b$ ) are limit points of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ .  $a$  and  $b$  are fixed points of  $f$ . Let  $|a - b| = d$ , and  $\exists N > 0$  such that when  $k > N$ , there is  $x_k - x_{k+1} < \frac{d}{3}$

If for some  $k > N$ ,  $|x_k - a| < \frac{d}{3}$

$$|x_{k+1} - a| \leq |x_{k+1} - x_k| + |x_k - a| < \frac{2d}{3}$$

$$|x_{k+1} - b| \geq |a - b| - |x_{k+1} - a| > \frac{d}{3}$$

For  $k > N$ , we have  $|x_k - a| < d = |a - b|$ ,  $|x_k - b| > \frac{d}{3}$ .

If the sequence  $x_k$  converges to  $b$ , then there exists a sufficiently large  $k$  such that  $|x_k - b| < d/3$ , which contradicts  $|x_k - b| > \frac{d}{3}$ . Therefore,  $x_k$  have only one limit point. Sequence  $x_k$  convergence

## 28

Since  $f$  is a twice differentiable function, we can perform a Taylor expansion to the second derivative term for  $f$  at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ , respectively.

Taylor unfolds at  $x = 0$ :

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(\eta_1)}{2}x^2 = f(0) + \frac{f''(\eta_1)}{2}x^2, \quad \eta_1 \in (0, x)$$

Taylor unfolds at  $x = 1$ :

$$f(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(\eta_2)}{2}(x-1)^2 = f(1) + \frac{f''(\eta_2)}{2}(x-1)^2, \quad \eta_2 \in (x, 1)$$

Substitute  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = f(0) + \frac{f''(\eta_1)}{8}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = f(1) + \frac{f''(\eta_2)}{8}$$

We can have

$$|f''(\eta_2) - f''(\eta_1)| = 8|f(0) - f(1)|$$

Substitute  $x = 1$

$$f(1) = f(0) + \frac{f''(\eta_3)}{2}$$

We can have

$$|f(1) - f(0)| = \left|\frac{f''(\eta_3)}{2}\right|$$



Since Darboux's theorem,  $f''$  on  $[\eta_1, \eta_2]$  can take all the values between  $f''(\eta_1)$  and  $f''(\eta_2)$ .

If  $4|f(0) - f(1)|$  is between  $f''(\eta_1)$  and  $f''(\eta_2)$ ,  $\exists \xi \in (\eta_1, \eta_2)$ , such that  $f''(\xi) = 4|f(0) - f(1)|$ .

If  $-4|f(0) - f(1)|$  is between  $f''(\eta_1)$  and  $f''(\eta_2)$ , we can come to the same conclusion.

If  $f''(\eta_1) \geq 4|f(0) - f(1)|$  and  $f''(\eta_2) \geq 4|f(0) - f(1)|$ ,  $f''(\eta_3) = 2|f(0) - f(1)| < 4|f(0) - f(1)|$ , so  $\exists \xi \in (\eta_3, \eta_1)$ , such that  $f''(\xi) = 4|f(0) - f(1)|$ .

If  $f''(\eta_1) \leq -4|f(0) - f(1)|$  and  $f''(\eta_2) \leq -4|f(0) - f(1)|$ , we can come to the same conclusion.

## 29

Let  $m = \min_{x \in [0,1]} f(x)$ . Suppose  $m > 2$ . Then for any  $x \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $f(x) \geq m > 2$ . According to the given condition, the integral inequality is:

$$\int_0^x [f(t)]^2 dt \leq f(x)$$

Since  $f(t) \geq m$ , the lower bound of the integral is:

$$\int_0^x m^2 dt = m^2 x \leq f(x)$$

Let  $x = 1$ , we have  $m^2 \leq f(1) \geq m$ , that is,  $m^2 \leq m$ , which contradicts  $m > 2$ . Therefore, the assumption does not hold, so  $m \leq 2$ .

## 30

Failed to prove it

## 31

Consider the Singular Value Decomposition of  $A$ :

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

where  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices, and  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the singular values of  $A$ ,  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$ .

Let  $\mathbf{v}_n$  be the right singular vector of  $A$  corresponding to the minimum singular value  $\sigma_n$ . According to the properties of singular value decomposition, we have:

$$A\mathbf{v}_n = \sigma_n \mathbf{u}_n$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_n$  is the left singular vector and  $\|\mathbf{u}_n\|_2 = 1$ .

Take  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_n$ . Obviously,  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1$ .

For the vector  $A\mathbf{x}$ , its infinity norm satisfies:

$$\|A\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \leq \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2$$

From the singular value decomposition, we know that:

$$\|A\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sigma_n$$

The Frobenius norm of  $A$  is:

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_n^2}$$

Since  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$

$$\sigma_n \leq \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_n^2}{n}} = \frac{\|A\|_F}{\sqrt{n}}$$

We can know that

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_\infty &\leq \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sigma_n \\ \sigma_n &\leq \frac{\|A\|_F}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{\|A\|_F}{n} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\|A\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \leq \frac{\|A\|_F}{n}$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_n$  is a unit vector.

In conclusion, for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , there exists a unit vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that:

$$\min_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{n} \|A\|_F$$

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