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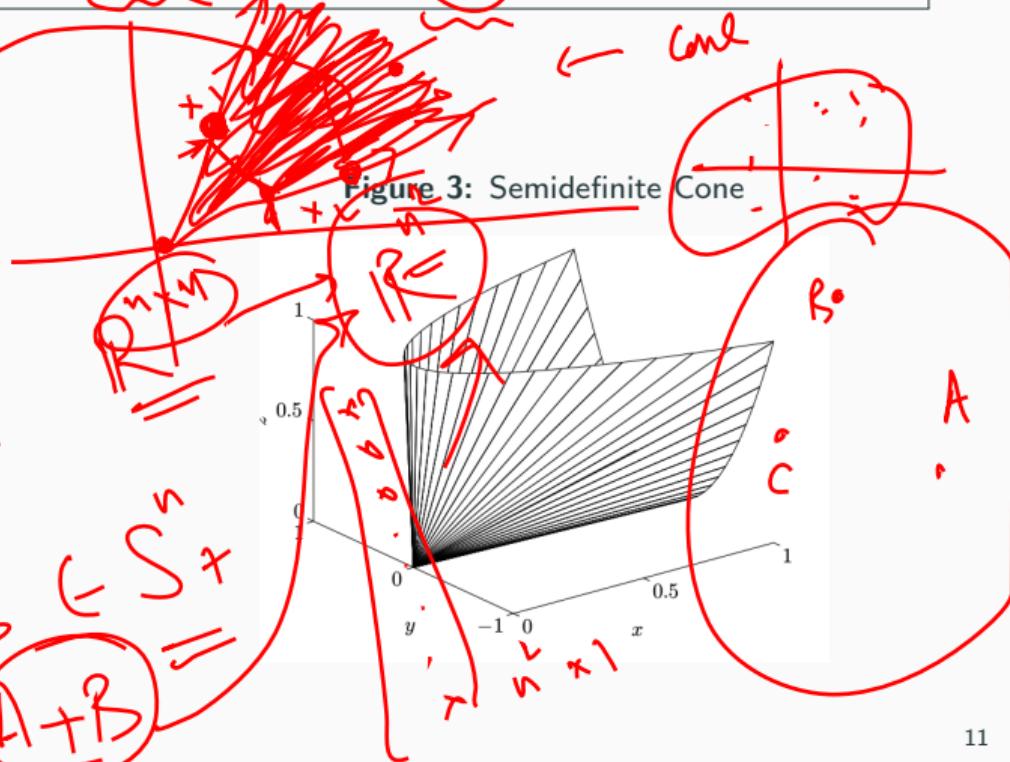
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Let  $A, B \in S_+^n$

$$\tilde{x}(0_1 A + 0_2 B)x$$

$$= \underbrace{\theta_1 \tilde{x} A \tilde{x}}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\theta_2 \tilde{x} B \tilde{x}}_{\geq 0} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_1 A + \theta_2 B \in S_+^n$$



## Scratch Space

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$x^T A x > 0 \Rightarrow \text{eig. val } (A) > 0$$

Let  $v_1, v_2$  be the eigenvectors of  $A$

$$\Rightarrow A v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1 \quad \& \quad A v_2 = \lambda_2 v_2 \quad \begin{cases} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{cases} \left| \begin{array}{l} v_1^T v_2 = 0 \\ v_1^T v_1 = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Claim:  $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0$

$$v_1^T A v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1^T v_1 = \lambda_1$$

Show  $A$  is +ve def.

$$\Rightarrow v_1^T A v_1 > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 > 0$$

$v_1 \neq 0$  because  $v_1$  is an eigenvector

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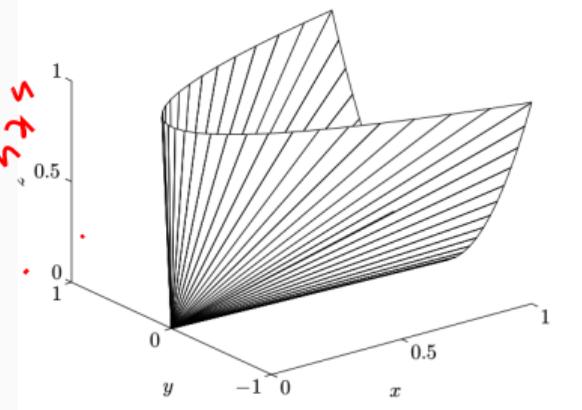
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Example f N.S

$$p_n(x) = \underbrace{a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n}_{u(x)} + \underbrace{(a_0 + b_0)x + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n}_{v(x)} = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n$$

$a_i \leftarrow \theta_1 a_i + \theta_2 b_i$

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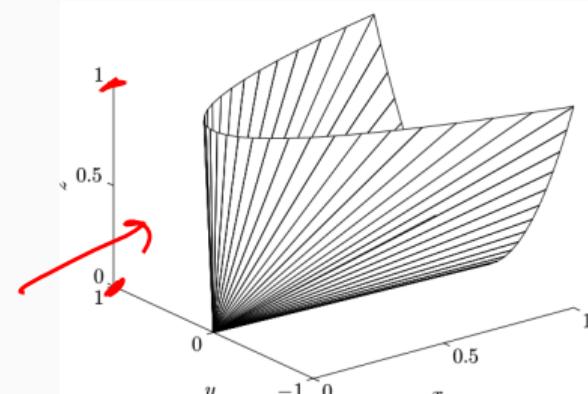
Example: Positive definite cone in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} \in S_+^2$$

$$\iff x \geq 0, z \geq 0, xz \geq y^2 \quad (\text{Why?})$$

$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ y & z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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- What are positive definite cones in  $S_+^1, S_+^3$ ?

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Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$   
be two  
eig. values  
 $\Rightarrow$

For  $X$  to be Positive definite

$$c_{ij}(x) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 > 0$$

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$$\textcircled{2} \quad x > 0, \quad z > 0$$

$$\text{Ans} \quad |x < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^{\circ} \stackrel{[1,0]}{\sim} [0,1]$$

$$x_2 \neq c$$

$$x^T A x \geq 0$$

for all  $x \in P$

$$\cdot \bar{x}^T A x > 0$$

$\equiv P.D$

$x \neq 0$

$x$  is not P.D  
a contr.

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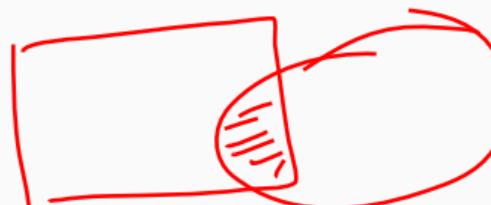
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$\Rightarrow S_1 \cap S_2$  is Cvx

$$\theta > 1$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 1$$



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More generally,

**Fact-2:** If  $S_\alpha$  is convex for every  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} S_\alpha$  is convex

$$(S_1 \cap S_2) \cap S_3$$
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**Proof:** By induction.

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$C$  is cvx cone if  $C$  is cone & it is cvx.  
 $C$  is cone if  $\forall x \in C, \theta x \in C$ , when  $\theta \geq 0$   
 $\theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \in C$  for any  $x_1, x_2 \in C$ ,  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \geq 0$

Let  $C_1$  &  $C_2$  be two cones.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } x_1, x_2 \in C_1 \cap C_2 \Rightarrow x_1, x_2 \in C_1 \\ & \quad \& x_1, x_2 \in C_2 \\ & \Rightarrow \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \in C_1 \quad \& \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \in C_2 \\ & \Rightarrow \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \in C_1 \cap C_2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$S_+^n = \{ \text{all positive semi-def} \overset{\text{matrices}}{\text{matrices}} \}$$
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Since linear functions are convex, using Fact-1, the arbitrary intersections of linear functions in (1) is convex. Hence proved.

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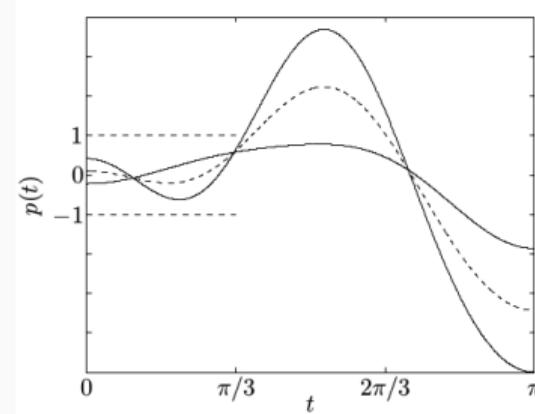
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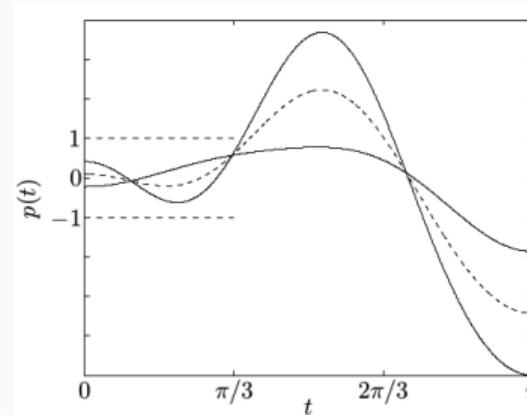
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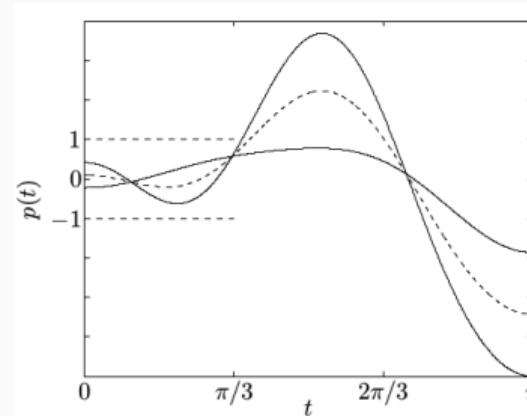
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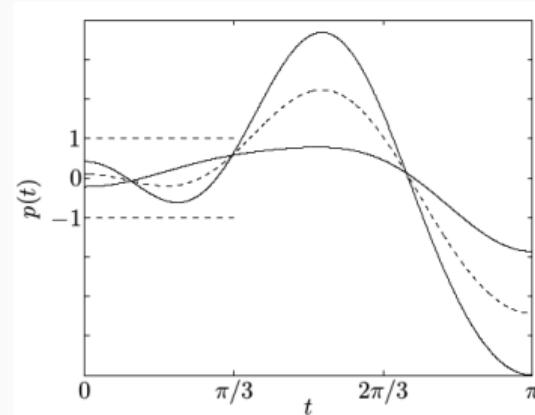
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Hint: Write  $p(t)$  as  $a^T y$ ? What would be  $a$  and  $y$ ?



Fact: Every closed convex set is an intersection of halfspaces

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**Fact:** If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is convex and  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is an **affine** function. Then the **image** of  $S$  under  $f$  is

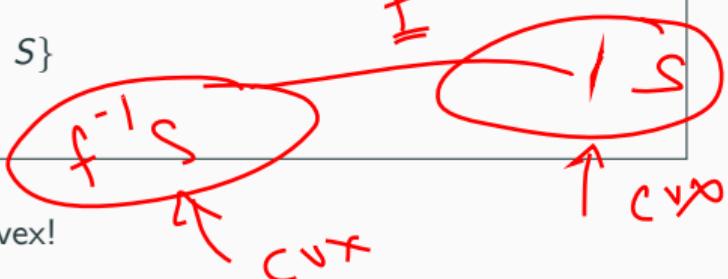
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Similarly, if  $f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is an **affine** function, then the **inverse image** of  $S$  under  $f$ ,

$$f^{-1}S = \{x \mid f(x) \in S\}$$



is convex.

- This fact allows us to prove that variety of sets are convex!

Scratch Space  $f \text{ affine} \Rightarrow f(\underline{s}) = \underline{Ax+b}$

$$\Rightarrow A(\underline{\theta s_1 + (1-\theta)s_2}) + \underline{b} = \underline{\theta s_1 + (1-\theta)s_2}$$

Since  $S$  is convex if  $s_1, s_2 \in S$

$S$  convex,  $f$  affine  $\Rightarrow f(S)$  convex

$$f(S) = \{ f(s) \mid s \in S \} \quad \Rightarrow \underline{y \in S} \Rightarrow f(y) \in f(S)$$

Claim  $f(S)$  is convex

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in f(S) \Rightarrow \exists s_1, s_2 \in S$  s.t.  $f(s_1) = x_1$   
 and  $f(s_2) = x_2$

Claim  $\underline{\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2} \in f(S)$

$\theta f(s_1) + (1-\theta)f(s_2) \xrightarrow{\text{f-affine}} f(\underline{\theta s_1}) + f(\underline{(1-\theta)s_2})$

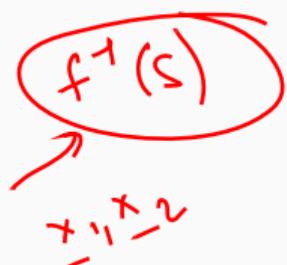
$$\theta(\underline{As_1+b}) + (1-\theta)(\underline{As_2+b}) = f(\underline{\theta s_1 + (1-\theta)s_2}) \in S$$

$f(y)$

## Scratch Space

$Ax + b \Rightarrow f \text{ affine} \Rightarrow f^{-1} \text{ affm}$

$S$  convex  $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(S)$  is conv Given that  $f$  is affine.  
 Let  $x_1, x_2 \in f^{-1}(S)$  we have to prove that  $\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2 \in f^{-1}(S)$



For  $\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2 \in f^{-1}(S)$   
 I must find  $z \in S$  s.t  
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We have  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  s.t  $x_1 = f^{-1}(s_1)$  &  $x_2 = f^{-1}(s_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2 &= \theta f^{-1}(s_1) + (1-\theta)f^{-1}(s_2) \\ &= f^{-1}(\theta s_1 + (1-\theta)s_2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$S \xrightarrow{f} S + a$$

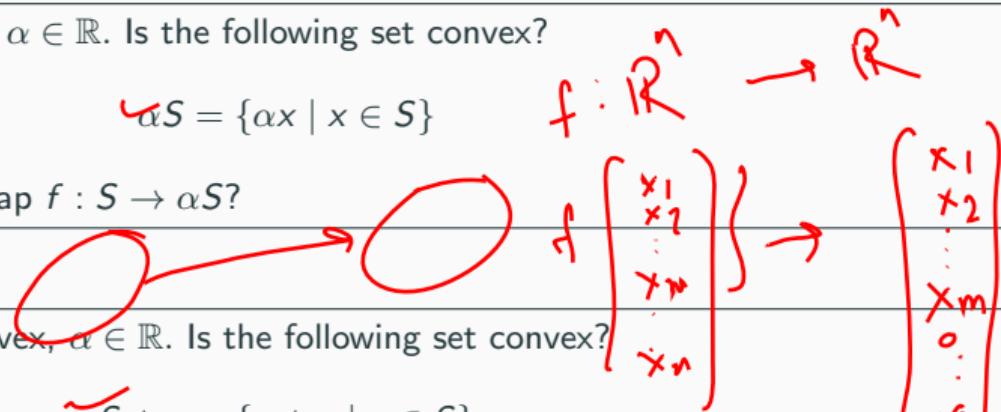
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(Projection) Consider the projection of a convex set onto some of its coordinates

$$T = \{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid (x_1, x_2) \in S \text{ for some } x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

Is  $T$  convex?

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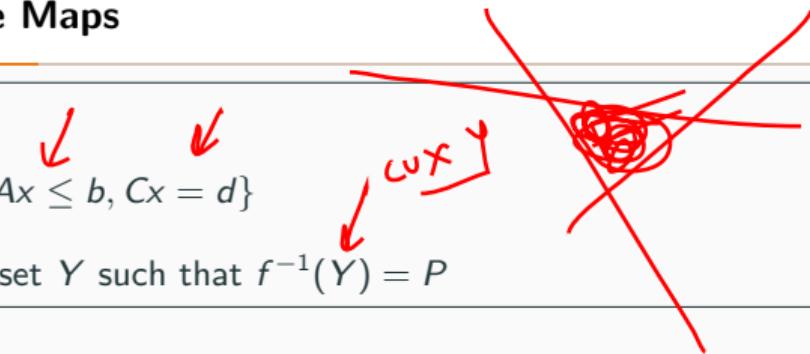
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$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

$$f(x) = (b - Ax, d - Cx) \in Y \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b - Ax \geq 0 \\ d - Cx = 0 \end{cases}$$

Consider the affine function

Check  $f^{-1}(P) = S ?$

$$f^{-1}(Y) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in Y\}$$

$$= \{x \in X \mid \begin{cases} b - Ax \geq 0 \\ d - Cx = 0 \end{cases}\}$$

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Check that

$$f^{-1}(S) = P$$

Note: Inverse image of a convex set under affine map is convex!

## Analysis: Infimum and Supremum

$$\sup(S) = 11$$

$$\inf(S) = 10$$

$$S = \left\{ 10 + \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

$\left\{ 11, 10 + \frac{1}{2}, 10 + \frac{1}{3}, \dots \right\}$

**Supremum:** Let  $S$  be a set of real numbers. If there is a real number  $b$  such that  $x \leq b$  for every  $x \in S$ , then  $b$  is called an upper bound for  $S$  and we say that  $S$  is bounded above by  $b$ .

- We say an upper bound, because any number greater than  $b$  will be an upper bound
- If  $b$  is also an element of  $S$ , then it is called maximum element of  $S$
- A set with no upper bound is called unbounded above
- Supremum of set  $\sup(S)$  = least of all upper bounds

$$10 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \frac{1}{3}$$

$$10 - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\left\{ 10 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right\}$$

$\stackrel{g = \inf}{=} \stackrel{10 \cdot 5 = \sup}{\{ 5, \left( 10 + \frac{1}{2} \right), \dots, 10 - \frac{1}{3}, \left( 10 + \frac{1}{4} \right), 10 - \frac{1}{4} \}}$

## Analysis: Infimum and Supremum



**Infimum:** Let  $S$  be a set of real numbers. If there is a real number  $b$  such that  $x \geq b$  for every  $x \in S$ , then  $b$  is called a lower bound for  $S$  and we say that  $S$  is bounded below by  $b$ .

- We say an lower bound, because any number less than  $b$  will be an lower bound
- If  $b$  is also an element of  $S$ , then it is called minimum element of  $S$
- A set with no lower bound is called unbounded below
- Infimum of set,  $\inf(S) =$  greatest of all lower bounds

$$S = (0, 1) = \{x \mid 0 < x < 1\}$$

Diagram illustrating the set  $S = (0, 1)$ . The set is represented as an open interval on a number line, with arrows at both ends pointing away from the set. The endpoints 0 and 1 are circled in red. To the right of the set, the value 0 is labeled as  $\inf$  and 1 is labeled as  $\sup$ .