

The goal of this discussion section is to get familiar to definitions and tools for optimization. Participation in discussion section counts as 5% of the grade. Completion of the worksheets counts as 20% of the grade. **Submit your worksheet work by March 31st at 2:59pm.**

Consider the functions  $J_1 : K_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $J_2 : K_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$J_1(v) = b^\top v, \quad J_2(v) = \frac{1}{2}v^\top A v - b^\top v,$$

where the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ , and the vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^3$  are defined by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We consider the sets  $K_1 = \{v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid v_2 + v_3 \leq 4, v_1 \leq 4, v_1, v_2, v_3 \geq 0\}$ , and  $K_2 = \{v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid v_2 + v_3 = 0, v_1 \geq 0\}$ . The goal is to study the problems

$$\max_{v \in K_1} J_1(v), \quad \min_{v \in K_2} J_2(v)$$

1. Sketch the sets  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ . You may use your computer to graph (any tool you'd like).
2. Show that  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are convex sets.
3. Is  $K_1$  bounded ?
4. Show that  $J_1$  is a concave function and that  $J_2$  is a strictly convex function.
5. Conclude if we can find a unique solution for each problem or not.
6. Submit your work on Catcourses under the assignment **Worksheet 9 as a .pdf**.