

Math 504

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1 Question 1

Let $z_1 = (x^1, y^1) \in \hat{C}$. $\|x^1\|^2 \leq y^1$
Let $z_2 = (x^2, y^2) \in \hat{C}$. $\|x^2\|^2 \leq y^2$ is convex
 $\iff \alpha z_1 + (1-\alpha) z_2 \in \hat{C}$
 $\iff \alpha x^1 + (1-\alpha)x^2, \alpha y^1 + (1-\alpha)y^2$
 $\| \alpha x^1 + (1-\alpha)x^2 \|^2 \leq (\alpha \|x^1\| + (1-\alpha)\|x^2\|)^2$
 $\| \alpha x^1 + (1-\alpha)x^2 \|^2 \leq \alpha \|y^1\| + (1-\alpha)\|y^2\|$
 $= \alpha^2 \|x^1\|^2 + (1-\alpha)^2 \|x^2\|^2 + 2\alpha(1-\alpha)\|x^1\|\|x^2\|$
 $= \alpha^2 \|x^1\|^2 + (1-\alpha)^2 \|x^2\|^2 + \alpha(1-\alpha)\|x^1\|^2 + \alpha(1-\alpha)\|x^2\|^2 \leq \alpha\|x^1\|^2 +$
 $(1-\alpha)\|x^2\|^2 \leq \alpha y^1 + (1-\alpha)y^2$ \hat{C} is convex

2 Question 2

Let $z_1 = (x_1, t_1) \in C$, $\|x_1\|_2 \leq t_1$
Let $z_2 = (x_2, t_2) \in C$, $\|x_2\|_2 \leq t_2$
 $z = \alpha z_1 + (1-\alpha)z_2 = (x_1 t)$
 $z = \alpha(x_1, t_1) + (1-\alpha)(x_2, t_2)$
 $= (\alpha x_1, \alpha t_1) + ((1-\alpha)x_2, (1-\alpha)t_2)$
 $= (\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2, (\alpha t_1 + (1-\alpha)t_2)$
Thus,
 $x = (\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2$
 $t = (\alpha t_1 + (1-\alpha)t_2$
Finally, $\|x\|_2 = \|(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2)\|_2 \leq \|\alpha x_1\| + \|(1-\alpha)x_2\|_2$
 $\leq \alpha\|x_1\| + (1-\alpha)\|x_2\|$
 $\leq \alpha t_1 + (1-\alpha)t_2 = t$
 $\|x\|_2 \leq t$
 C is a convex set

3 Question 3

3.1 a

From $f(x) = h(g(x))$, we have $f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) = h(g(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y)) \leq h(\alpha g(x) + (1-\alpha)g(y)) \leq \alpha h(g(x)) + (1-\alpha)h(g(y))$

Thus, $f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$

Thus, h is convex and non-decreasing

3.2 b

$f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) = h(g(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y)) \geq h(\alpha g(x) + (1-\alpha)g(y)) \leq \alpha h(g(x)) + (1-\alpha)h(g(y))$

Thus, $f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$

4 Question 4

$$f(x) = -x_1^2 - 4x_2^2$$

$$\nabla f = (-2x_1, -8x_2)^T$$

$$\bar{x} = [\sqrt{3}, 1/2]^T \text{ and } \tilde{x} = [2, 0]^T$$

$$-x_1^2 - 4x_2^2 = -2^2 - 4 \times 0^2 \text{ and } -x_1^2 - 4x_2^2 = -(\sqrt{3}^2 - 4 \times (1/2)^2)$$

$$-x_1^2 - 4x_2^2 = 4 \text{ and } -x_1^2 - 4x_2^2 = 4$$

Define the parametric curve as $x(t) = (2\cos(t) + \sin(t))^T$, then \tilde{x} corresponds to $\tilde{t} = 0$ and \bar{x} corresponds to $\bar{t} = \pi/6$

$$x'(t) = (-2\sin(t), \cos(t))^T$$

$$\nabla f(x(t)) = (-2 - 2\cos(t), -8\sin(t))^T = (-4\cos(t), -8\sin(t))^T$$

$$\nabla f(\tilde{x})^T = (-4\cos(0), -8\sin(0)) = (-4, 0)$$

$$\nabla f(\bar{x})^T = (-4\cos(\pi/6), -8\sin(\pi/6)) = (-4 \cdot \sqrt{3}/2, -8 \cdot 1/2) = (-2\sqrt{3}, -4)$$

$$x'(\tilde{t}) = (-2\sin(0), \cos(0)) = (0, 1)^T$$

$$\text{and } x'(\bar{t}) = (-2\sin(\pi/6), \cos(\pi/6)) = (-1, \sqrt{3}/2)^T$$

$$\nabla f(\tilde{x})^T x'(\tilde{t}) = (-4, 0) \cdot (0, 1)^T = (-4) \times 0 + 0 \times 1 = 0$$

$$\nabla f(\bar{x})^T x'(\bar{t}) = (-2\sqrt{3}, -4) \cdot (-1, \sqrt{3}/2)^T = 0$$

Thus, we prove that $\nabla f(\tilde{x})^T x'(\tilde{t}) = \nabla f(\bar{x})^T x'(\bar{t}) = 0$