

1. Polyhedral

$$P = \{x : Ax \leq b, Cx = D\}$$

2. Euclidean Ball

$$B(x_c, r) = \{x : \|x - x_c\|_2 \leq r\}$$

Can use affine combination and triangular inequality of norm to prove convexity.

3. Ellipse

$$E(x_c, P) = \{x : (x - x_c)^T P^{-1} (x - x_c) \leq 1\}, P > 0$$

$$P = r^2 I \implies \text{Euclidean Ball}$$

$$P = Q \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots \\ \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} Q^T$$

$$(x - x_c)^T Q \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots \\ \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} Q^T (x - x_c) \leq 1$$

$$\tilde{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots \\ \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \leq 1$$

$$\tilde{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1} & \dots \\ \dots & \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x} = \frac{\tilde{x}_1^2}{\lambda_1} + \dots + \frac{\tilde{x}_n^2}{\lambda_n} \leq 1$$

$$\text{volume of ellipsoid proportional to } \sqrt{\det(P)} = \sqrt{\prod_i \lambda_i}$$

4. Norm Ball

$$C = \{x : \|x\| \leq 1\} \text{ for any } \|\cdot\|$$

Example: lp-norm

5. Cone

$$(\forall x \in C, \forall \theta \geq 0) \theta x \in C$$

6. Convex Cone Eg: S^n, S_+^N are convex cones
convexity check for S_+^N :

$$x_1 \in S_+^n \implies v^T x_1 v \geq 0$$

$$x_2 \in S_+^n \implies v^T x_2 v \geq 0$$

$$v^T (\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta) x_2) v \geq 0$$

$$v^T \theta x_1 v + (1 - \theta) v^T x_2 v \implies x \in S_+^n$$

convexity check for cone:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 \in S_+^n &\implies \theta x_1 \in S_+^n, \theta \geq 0 \\(\forall v) v^T x v \geq 0 &\implies v^T (\theta x) v \geq 0 \implies \text{cone}\end{aligned}$$

7. Proper Cone

Definition:

- convex
- closed (contains all boundary points)
- solid (non-empty interior)
- pointed (contains no line): $x \in K \implies -x \in K$

Then the proper cone K defines a generalized inequality (\leq_K) in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\begin{aligned}x \leq_K y &\implies y - x \in K \\x <_K y &\implies y - x \in \text{int}(K)\end{aligned}$$

Example: $K = R_+^n$ (non-negative orthant):

$$\begin{aligned}n &= 2 \\x \leq_{R_+^2} y &\implies y - x \in R_+^2\end{aligned}$$

Cone provides partial ordering using difference of 2 objects Example: $X \text{ leq}_{S_+^n} Y \implies Y - X \in S_+^n$ (Y-X is PSD)

8. Operations Preserving Convexity

- intersection

S_α is affine, convex, convex cone $\forall \alpha \in A$

$\cap_{\alpha \in A} S_\alpha$ is affine, convex, convex cone

Example: Polyhedral is the intersection of some halfspaces and hyperplanes, so it is convex.

Any closed convex set can be represented by possibly infinitely many half spaces.

- affine functions

let $f(x) = Ax + b, f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

then if S is a convex set we have:

– project forward: $f(S) = \{f(X) : X \in S\}$ is convex

– project back: $f^{-1}(S) = \{X : f(X) \in S\}$ is convex

Example:

$$C = \{y : y = Ax + b, \|x\| \leq 1\}$$

$\|x\| \leq 1$ is convex, $Ax + b$ is affine $\implies C$ is convex

Example:

$$C = \{x : \|Ax + b\| \leq 1\}$$

$$\{y : \|y\| \leq 1\}$$

y is an affine function of $x \implies C$ is convex

9. Affine Functions $A(x) = \sum_i x_i A_i + B, A_i \in S^n, B \in S^n, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

is $\{X : \sum_i x_i A_i = \tilde{A}(x) \leq B\}$ convex?

let $y = B - \tilde{A}(x)$

$\{y : 0 \leq y\}$ is convex

We know $\{y : 0 \leq y\}$ is convex. Further y is an affine function of $x \implies$

$\{X : \sum_i x_i A_i \leq B\}$ is also convex

$\{X : \sum_i x_i A_i \leq B\}$ is a Linear Matrix Inequality

10. Properties of convex sets

- Separating Hyperplanes: if $S, T \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ are convex and disjoint, then $\exists a \neq 0, b$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned}a^T x &\geq b, \text{ for all } x \in S \\a^T x &\leq b, \text{ for all } x \in T\end{aligned}$$

11. Supporting Hyperplane:

if S is convex, $\forall x_0 \in \partial S$ (boundary of S), then $\exists a \neq 0$ such that $a^T x \leq a^T x_0, \forall x \in S$