

1.  $\forall y_1 = f(x_1), y_2 = f(x_2)$ , where  $y_i \in C, i = 1, 2$  and  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ , need to show that  $\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2 \in f^{-1}(C)$ , namely  $f(\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2) \in C$ .

Since  $f$  is an affine function,  $\theta y_1 + \bar{\theta} y_2 = \theta f(x_1) + \bar{\theta} f(x_2) = A(\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2) + b$ .

Since  $C$  is convex set,  $\theta y_1 + \bar{\theta} y_2 = A(\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2) + b \in C$ .

So,  $\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2 \in f^{-1}(C)$ ,  $f^{-1}(C)$  is convex set.

2.  $\forall \theta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x_{11}, x_{12} \in C_1$ ,  $x_{21}, x_{22} \in C_2$ , then  $x_{11} - x_{21}$  and  $x_{12} - x_{22} \in C$ .

Since  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are convex set,  $\theta x_{11} + \bar{\theta} x_{12} \in C_1$  and  $\theta x_{21} + \bar{\theta} x_{22} \in C_2$ .

Then  $\theta(x_{11} - x_{21}) + \bar{\theta}(x_{12} - x_{22}) = (\theta x_{11} + \bar{\theta} x_{12}) - (\theta x_{21} + \bar{\theta} x_{22})$ .

Thus,  $\theta(x_{11} - x_{21}) + \bar{\theta}(x_{12} - x_{22}) \in C$ .

If  $0 \in C$ ,  $\exists x_1 \in C_1$  and  $x_2 \in C_2$  such that  $x_1 = x_2$ .

While  $C_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$ .

Therefore,  $0 \notin C$ .

3. a)  $\forall x_i \in \text{int } C, i = 1, 2$  and  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ .

Since  $C$  is convex set,  $\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2 \in C$ .

Since  $x_i \in \text{int } C, i = 1, 2$ , there exists  $r$  such that  $B(x_i, r) \subset C, i = 1, 2$ .

Select a  $\rho$  which  $\|\rho\| < r$ ,  $(x_i + \rho) \in B(x_i, r) \subset C, i = 1, 2$ .

Therefore,  $\theta(x_1 + \rho) + \bar{\theta}(x_2 + \rho) \in C$ .

Thus,  $\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2 \in \text{int } C$ , namely  $\text{int } C$  is convex set.

- b) Let  $x_i \in \bar{C}, i = 1, 2$ , need to show that  $\forall \theta \in [0, 1], \theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2 \in \bar{C}$ .

$\exists r$  such that  $B(x_i, r) \cap C \neq \emptyset, i = 1, 2$ . Let  $y_i \in B(x_i, r) \cap C \neq \emptyset, i = 1, 2$ .

Since  $C$  is convex set,  $\forall \theta \in [0, 1], \theta y_1 + \bar{\theta} y_2 \in C \subset \bar{C}$ .

Because  $\|(\theta y_1 + \bar{\theta} y_2) - (\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2)\| \leq r$ ,  $\theta x_1 + \bar{\theta} x_2 \in \bar{C}$ .

Namely,  $\bar{C}$  is convex set.

4. a)  $\forall y_i = \sum_{k=1}^m \theta_{ik} x_k$ , where  $\sum_{k=1}^m \theta_{ik} = 1$  and  $i = 1, 2$

$\forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\alpha y_1 + (1 - \alpha) y_2 = \sum_{k=1}^m (\alpha \theta_{1k} + (1 - \alpha) \theta_{2k}) x_k$ ,

Since  $\sum_{k=1}^m \theta_{ik} = 1, i = 1, 2$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha \theta_{1k} = \alpha$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^m (1 - \alpha) \theta_{2k} = 1 - \alpha$ ,

$\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha \theta_{1k} + (1 - \alpha) \theta_{2k} = 1$ .

So  $\alpha y_1 + (1 - \alpha) y_2 \in C$ . Namely,  $C$  is convex set.

- b)  $\forall x_k \in S$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , let  $k = i, j$ ,  $\theta_k = \begin{cases} \alpha, k = j \\ (1 - \alpha), k = i, \text{ so } C \subset \text{conv } S. \\ 0, k \neq i, j \end{cases}$

So  $C = \text{conv } S$ .

5.  $\|x_0 - x\|_2 < \|x_i - x\|_2, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$(x_0^T - x^T)(x_0 - x) \leq (x_i^T - x^T)(x_i - x)$$

$$2(x_i^T - x_0^T)x \leq x_i^T x_i - x_0^T x_0$$

Let  $A = 2(x_1^T - x_0^T, x_2^T - x_0^T, \dots, x_k^T - x_0^T)^T$  and  $b = (x_2^T x_1 - x_0^T x_0, x_2^T x_2 - x_0^T x_0, \dots, x_k^T x_k - x_0^T x_0)^T$ .

Then,  $V = \{x: Ax \leq b\}$ .