

1 Affine and Convex Sets

1. Line

Definition 1.1 (Line and line segment) Suppose $x_1 \neq x_2$ are two points $\in \mathbb{R}^n$, Points of the form $y = \theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2$ is called a line.

If we restrict $\theta \in [0, 1]$, call it a line segment.

Remark Also we write it as

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2 \\ &= \underbrace{x_2}_{\text{base point}} + \theta \underbrace{(x_1 - x_2)}_{\substack{(x_2 \rightarrow x_1) \text{ direction} \\ \text{scale by factor } \theta}} \end{aligned}$$

2. Affine sets

Definition 1.2 A set of points $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is affine if the line through any two distinct points in C lies in C .

Example 1.1 The set of line is a affine set.

Definition 1.3 (Affine Combination) Call a point of the form $\theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_k x_k$ as an affine combination where $\theta_1 + \dots + \theta_k = 1$.

Remark • Affine Combination is the special form of linear combination, with each coeffs summing up to 1. This will be provided with some useful scenarios.

- Each θ s has no restrictions as $\theta > 0$.

Proposition 1.1 (An affine set contains every affine combination of its points) *If C is an affine set, $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in C$, and $\theta_1 + \dots + \theta_k = 1$, then $\theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_k x_k \in C$.*

Proof. (rough idea): by induction, i.e. as $n = 3$, and $\theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + (1 - \theta_1 - \theta_2) x_3 \in C$, recombining the terms, getting $(\theta_1 x_1 + (1 - \theta_1) x_3) + \theta_2 x_2 - \theta_2 x_3 \in C$. The first term is a point on C , and this forms the form in the remark.

Definition 1.4 (Subspace) *If C is an affine set and $x_0 \in C$, then the set*

$$V = C - x_0 = \{x - x_0 \mid x \in C\}$$

is a subspace.

Proposition 1.2 *It is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.*

Proof. Done in *Advanced Algebra II*.

Hence we use the notation

$$C = V + x_0 = \{v + x_0 \mid v \in V\}.$$

Analogy:

- V : null space of a matrix/linear eq

- x_0 : special solution of a matrix/linear eq.
- $V + x_0 \Rightarrow$ General solution.

Definition 1.5 (Affine Hull) *Affine hull* The set of all affine combination of points in some set (not possibly affine) $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called the affine hull of C , and denoted as $\text{aff } C$.

Formally, $\text{aff } C = \{\theta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \theta_k x_k \mid x_1, \cdots, x_k \in C, \theta_1 + \cdots + \theta_k = 1\}$

Proposition 1.3 (Affine hull is the smallest affine set that contains C .) If S is any affine set with $C \subseteq S$, then $\text{aff } C \subseteq S$.

3. Affine dimension, Relative interior

Definition 1.6 (Affine dimension, Relative interior) *Affine Dimension:* The Affine dimension of a set C as the dimension of its affine hull.

Remark Not possibly consistent with other definition of dimensions.

Example 1.2 The dimension of unit circle is 2, for its affine hull (\mathbb{R}^2) is 2 dimension.

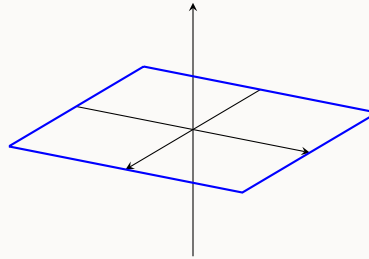
Definition 1.7 (Relative interior) If affine dimension of a set $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is less than n , then the set lies in the affine set of $C \neq \mathbb{R}^n$. We define relative interior of set C , denoted as $\text{relint } C$, as its interior relative to $\text{aff } C$.

$$\text{relint } C = \{x \in C \mid (B(x, r) \cap \text{aff } C) \subseteq C \quad (\exists r > 0)\}$$

where $B(x, r) = \{y \mid \|y - x\| < r\}$, a sphere with radius r .

Definition 1.8 (Relative Boundary) Define relative boundary of a set C as $clC \setminus \text{relint}C$, where clC is the closure (all combination mentioned above) of C ,

Example 1.3 Consider a square in (x_1, x_2) plane in \mathbb{R}^3 , defined as $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid -1 \leq x_1 \leq 1, -1 \leq x_2 \leq 1, x_3 = 0\}$



- $\text{relint}C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid -1 < x_1 < 1, -1 < x_2 < 1, x_3 = 0\}$, the boundary is filtered.
- reason: at boundary, no ball can satisfy the condition.
- Affine hull of this is \mathbb{R}^2 .

4. Convex sets

Definition 1.9 (Convex) A set C is convex if the line segment between any two points in C lies in C . That is, if for any $x_1, x_2 \in C$, and any θ with $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$, we have

$$\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2 \in C$$

- Remark**
- Every affine set is convex;
 - Note the restriction here for θ is greater than 0.

Definition 1.10 (Convex hull) The convex hull of a set C , denoted $\text{conv}C$, is the set of all convex combinations of points in C .

$$\text{conv}C = \left\{ \theta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \theta_k x_k \left| \begin{array}{l} x_i \in C, \theta_i \geq 0, \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, k. \\ \theta_1 + \cdots + \theta_k = 1 \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

Remark We can generalize it to infinite case: Suppose $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots$ satisfies $\theta_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots$, and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \theta_i = 1$, and $x_1, x_2, \dots \in C$, where $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex, then $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \theta_i x_i \in C$, if the series converges.

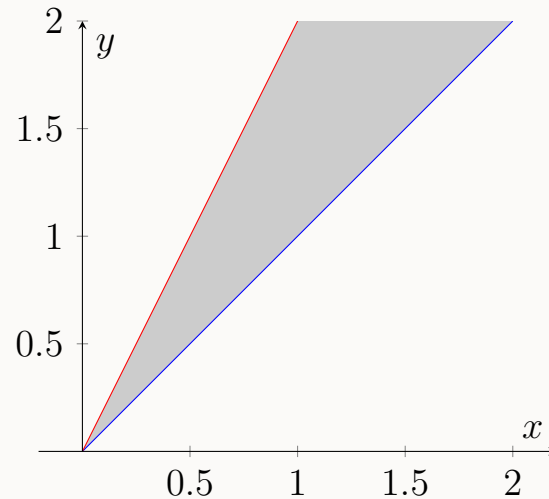
We can also replace sum with integral: Suppose $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, satisfies $p(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in C$ and $\int_C P(x)dx = 1$, where $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex, then $\int_C P(x)x dx \in C$, if the internal exists.

The most general form is: Suppose $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex and x is a random vector with $x \in C$ with probability 1. Then $\mathbb{E}x \in C$.

5. Cones

Definition 1.11 (Cones(nonnegative homogeneous)) A set C is called Cones(nonnegative homogeneous) if $\forall x \in C, \theta \geq 0$, we have $\theta x \in C$.

Definition 1.12 (Convex cone) A set C is a convex cone, if it is a convex and a cone, which means that for any $x_1, x_2 \in C$ and $\theta_1, \theta_2 \geq 0$, we have $\theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 \in C$.



Definition 1.13 (Conic combination) A point of the form $\theta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \theta_k x_k$ with $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \geq 0$ is called a conic combination (nonnegative linear combination). of x_1, \dots, x_k . (This can also generalize to infinite cases).

Definition 1.14 (Convex hull) The Convex hull of set C is the set of all conic combinations of points in C , i.e., $\{\theta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \theta_k x_k \mid x_i \in C, \theta_i \geq 0, i = 1, k\}$.

2 Some important examples

0. Some simple examples:

- \emptyset , any single point $\{x_0\}$, whole space \mathbb{R}^n affine, convex subsets of \mathbb{R}^n
- Line affine. + pass O convex.

- Line segment convex, not affine.
- Ray. $\{x_0 + \theta v \mid \theta > 0\}$, $v \neq 0$, convex, not affine convex cone if $x_0 = 0$.
- \forall subspace affine, convex cone.

1. Hyperplane and halfplane

Definition 2.1 (Hyperplane) A hyperplane is a set of the form $\{x \mid a^\top x = b\}$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark The meaning of a and b :

- a set of points with a constant inner product to a given vector a .
- $b \in \mathbb{R}$: how far it is from the origin. Hence can write as

$$\{x \mid a^\top (x - x_0) = 0\}.$$

Remark We define $\{x \mid a^\top (x - x_0) = 0\} =: x_0 + a^\perp$.

- a^\perp : the orthogonal complement of a .
- i.e. (the set of all vectors orthogonal to it $a^\perp := \{v \mid a^\top v = 0\}$.)

Definition 2.2 (Half planes) A hyperplane divides \mathbb{R}^n into 2 halfspaces. A closed (or open) form of halfspace is by the form $\{x \mid a^\top x \leq b\}$ (or $\{x \mid a^\top x < b\}$) where $a \neq 0$.

There is a property that it is convex but not affine.

Remark Alternative form: $\{x \mid a^\top (x - x_0) \leq 0\}$.

2. Euclidean balls and ellipsoids

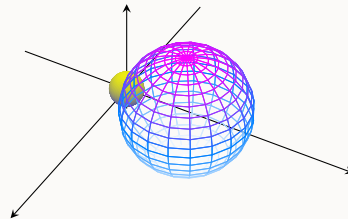
Definition 2.3 ((Euclidean balls)) Euclidean balls in \mathbb{R}^n has the form

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_c, r) &= \{x \mid \|x - x_c\|_2 \leq r\} \\ &= \left\{x \mid (x - x_c)^\top (x - x_c) \leq r^2\right\} \end{aligned}$$

. where $r > 0$, $\|u\|_2 = \sqrt{u^\top u}$. $x_c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the center of the ball, scalar r is its radius.

Remark Another common repr for ball is

$$B(x_c, r) = \left\{x_c + r \underbrace{u}_{\text{normalize to 1}} \mid \|u\|_2 \leq 1\right\}$$



Proposition 2.1 (A Euclidean ball is a convex set) If $\|x_1 - x_c\|_2 \leq r$, $\|x_2 - x_c\|_2 \leq r$, and $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$, then $\|\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2 - x_c\|_2 \leq r$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2 - x_c\|_2 \\
&= \|\theta (x_1 - x_c) + (1 - \theta) (x_2 - x_c)\|_2 \\
&\leq \theta \|x_1 - x_c\|_2 + (1 - \theta) \|x_2 - x_c\|_2 \\
&\leq r.
\end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.4 (Ellipsoid) Ellipsoid is a set of points that $\varepsilon = \left\{x \mid (x - x_c)^T P^{-1} (x - x_c) \leq 1\right\}$, where $P = P^T \succ 0$, i.e. symmetric and positive definite.

Remark Each parameter in the formula:

- The vector $x_c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the center of ellipsoid.
- The matrix P determines how far the ellipsoid extends in every direction from x_c .
- The lengths of semi-axes of \mathcal{E} are given by $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$, λ_i : eigenvalues of P .

Remark A ball in the form is $P = r^2 I$.

Remark We may also represent as

$$\varepsilon = \{x_c + Au \mid \|u\|_2 \leq 1\}.$$

where A is square and nonsingular. still symmetric and pos. def.

And If sym. pos. semidef, singular, it is called a degenerlized ellipsoid.

The affine dimension is defined as $r(A)$, and it is convex.

3. Norm balls and Norm cones Suppose $\|\cdot\|$ is any norm on \mathbb{R}^n ,

Definition 2.5 (Norm balls & Norm Cones) A norm ball of radius r and centre x_c is given by

$$\{x \mid \|x - x_c\| \leq r\}.$$

A norm cone associated with the norm $\|\cdot\|$ is the set

$$C = \{(x, t) \mid \|x\| \leq t\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}.$$

Proposition 2.2 Norm balls and Norm cone are convex.

Example 2.1 The 2nd order cone is the norm cone of the Euclidean norm, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \|x\|_2 \leq t\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{bmatrix} x \\ t \end{bmatrix}^\top \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ t \end{bmatrix} \leq 0, t \geq 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

4. Polyhedra

Definition 2.6 (Polyhedron) A polyhedron is defined as the solution set of a finite number of linear equalities and inequalities.

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ x \mid \begin{array}{ll} a_j^\top x \leq b_j, & c_j^\top x = d_j \\ (1 \leq j \leq m), & (1 \leq j \leq p) \end{array} \right\}$$

Remark a more compact notation looks like

$$Q = \{x \mid Ax \preceq b, Cx = d\}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} c_1^T \\ \vdots \\ c_m^T \end{bmatrix}$$

where $u \preceq v$ means $u_i \preceq v_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$. We will see how this come into effect later.

We take a look at important series of poly hedra:

Definition 2.7 Suppose $k + 1$ points $v_0, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are affinely independent: (meaning $v_i - v_0, \dots, v_k - v_0$ are linearly independent) The simplex determined by

$$C = \text{conv} \{v_0, \dots, v_k\} = \{\theta_0 v_0 + \dots + \theta_k v_k \mid \theta \geq 0, 1^\top \theta = 1\}$$

where 1 means vector with all entries 1. The affine dimension of this simplex is k .

Remark This is sometimes referred to as a R -dimensional simplex in \mathbb{R}^n .

- Unit simplex: n dimensional simplex determined by zero vector & unit vectors, that is $0, \underbrace{e_1, \dots, e_n}_{\text{Unit vectors}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
satisfying $x \geq 0, 1^\top x \leq 1$.
- Probability simplex: $(n - 1)$ dimensional simplex determined by unit vector $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$. It is set of vecs:

$$x \geq 0, \quad I^\top x = 1$$

Example 2.2 Describe the simplex in form of polyhedron.

- Write the form of Polyhedron: $\mathcal{P} = \{x \mid Ax \preceq b, Cx = d\}$
- Write the form of simplex: $x \in C \Leftrightarrow x = \theta_0 v_0 + \cdots + \theta_k v_k, \exists \theta \geq 0, 1^\top \theta = 1.$
- Define

$$y = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \cdots, \theta_k)$$

$$B = [v_1 - v_0, v_2 - v_0, \cdots, v_k - v_0] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \quad (\text{rank } B = k)$$

- $x \in C \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{x = v_0 + By}_{(*_1)}, \exists y \geq 0, 1^\top y \leq 1.$

Hence \exists invertible matrix $A := (A_1, A_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, s.t.

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ \textcolor{red}{A_2} \end{bmatrix} \textcolor{red}{B} = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply $*_1$ left on A , getting

$$A_1 x = A_1 v_0 + y$$

$$A_2 x = A_2 v_0 + \underbrace{\textcolor{red}{A_2 B}_y}_{\text{here is 0}}$$

Hence we see that

$$x \in C \Leftrightarrow (A_2 x = A_2 v_0) \wedge (y = A_1 x - A_1 v_0, y \geq 0, 1^\top y \leq 1)$$

Conclusion: $x \in C$ iff

$$\cdot A_2 x = A_2 v_0 \quad \cdot A_1 x \succeq A_1 v_0 \quad \cdot I^\top A_1 x \leq 1 + 1^\top A_1 v_0$$

Example 2.3 *Convex hull description of polyhedra.*

First we Generalize convex hull's definition. $\text{conv} \{v_1 \cdots v_k\} = \{\theta_1 v_1 + \cdots + \theta_k v_k \mid \theta \succeq 0, 1^\top \theta = 1\}$

We make only first m values add up to 1, i.e.

$$\{\theta_1 v_1 + \cdots + \theta_k v_k \mid \theta_1 + \cdots + \theta_m = 1, \quad \theta_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1 \dots k\}.$$

as $m < k$.

Example 2.4 *Unit ball in l_∞ -norm in \mathbb{R}^n .*

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \{x \mid |x_i| \leq 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}. \\ &= \{x \mid \pm e_i^\top x \leq 1\}, e_i = i_{th} \text{ unit vector} \end{aligned}$$

To describe it in convex nl form needs 2^n points, each of them chooses from $\{-1, 1\}$.

$$C = \{v_1, \dots, v_{2^n}\}.$$

5. The pos. def. cone. We use \mathbb{S}^n to denote set of sym $n \times n$ mats. and $\mathbb{S}_+^n = \{X \in \mathbb{S}^n \mid X \succeq 0\}$

$$\mathbb{S}_{++}^n = \{X \in \mathbb{S}^n \mid X \succ 0\}.$$

Proposition 2.3 *The set \mathbb{S}_+^n is a cone: if $\theta_1, \theta_2 \geq 0$ and $A, B \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$, then $\theta_1 A + \theta_2 B \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$.*

Proof. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have

$$x^\top (\theta_1 A + \theta_2 B) x = \theta_1 x^\top A x + \theta_2 x^\top B x$$

if $A \succeq 0, B \succeq 0, \theta_1, \theta_2 > 0$.

3 Ops that preserve convexity

1. Intersection

Theorem 3.1 *If S_1 and S_2 convex, then $S_1 \cap S_2$ convex. So is infinite set.*

Idea. This is trivial. Let two points chosen in $S_1 \cap S_2$.

Example 3.1 • *Positive semidefinite cone $\mathbb{S}_+^n : \bigcap_{z \neq 0} \underbrace{\{x \in \mathbb{S}^n \mid z^\top x z \geq 0\}}_{\text{half planes } \in \mathbb{S}^n}$*

• *Consider $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid |p(t)| \leq 1 \text{ for } |t| \leq \frac{\pi}{3}\}$ where $p(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m x_k \cos kt$, $S = \bigcap_{|t| \leq \frac{\pi}{3}} S_t, S_t := \{x \mid -1 \leq (\cos t, \dots, \cos mt)^\top x\}$, $S = \bigcap \{H \mid \mathcal{H} \text{ Halfspace}, S \subseteq \mathcal{H}\}$.*

2. Affine Functions Recall. Affine function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is affine if it is a sum of linear transform and a constant

- Linear transform: has the form $f(x) = Ax + b$ $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Theorem 3.2 Suppose $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex and $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is affine function. Then the image of S under f $f(S) = \{f(x) \mid x \in S\}$ is convex. If $f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is an affine function, the inverse image of S under f :

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

Reason. We may cancel out the difference between the coordinates.

Theorem 3.3 The projection of a convex set onto some of its coordinates is convex, ie. if $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex, then $T = \{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid (x_1, x_2) \in S \text{ for some } x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$.

i.e. if $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex, then $T = \{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid (x_1, x_2) \in S \text{ for some } x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$.

Reason[**proj-v**]: Affine map preserves convexity. Suppose $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then given some point $P = (x_1, y_1) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$, if you wanted to project P onto the X -space, you can simply obtain the projection of P i.e. $(\text{Proj}_X(P))$ by multiplying $[I_n; 0]_{n \times m} P$, where I_n is the $n \times n$ identity matrix, and $[0]_{n \times m}$ is the $n \times m$ zero matrix. The $n \times (n + m)$ matrix $[I_n; 0]_{n \times m}$ can be thought of as the affine map.

Definition 3.1 (Sum of sets) The sum of 2 sets is defined as $S_1 + S_2 = \{x + y \mid x \in S_1, y \in S_2\}$.

Theorem 3.4 If S_1, S_2 convex, then $S_1 + S_2$ is convex.

Proof. If S_1 and S_2 convex, so is the direct Cartesian product $S_1 \times S_2$. It follows directly Let linear function $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + x_2$. From the definition we see the case.

Definition 3.2 (Partial Sum) If $S_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n, S_2 \in \mathbb{R}^m$, the partial sum of S_1 and $S_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m$ defined as

$$S = \{(x, y_1 + y_2) \mid (x, y_1) \in S_1, (x, y_2) \in S_2\}.$$

Example 3.2 a) Polyhedron $\{x \mid Ax \leq b, Cx = d\}$ can be expressed as inv ing of Cartesian product of the nonnegative orthant and the origin under Affine function $f(x) = (b - Ax, d - Cx)$

$$\{x \mid Ax \leq b, Cx = d\} = \{x \mid f(x) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m \times \{0\}\}.$$

b) Solution set of a linear matrix inequality in x

$$A(x) = x_1 A_1 + \cdots + x_n A_n \preceq B$$

where $B, A_i \in \mathbb{S}^m$, Denoted as $\{x \mid A(x) \preceq B\}$. is convex. for it is the inverse ing of positive semidefinite cone under affine transf. $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^m$ by $f(x) = B - A(x)$.

c) Hyperbolic cone. The set

$$\left\{x \mid x^\top P_{n \times n} x \leq (c^\top x)^2, c^\top x \geq 0\right\}$$

where $P \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$, and $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex, for it's inverse ing of second order cone $\{(z, t) \mid z^\top z \leq t^2, t \geq 0\}$ under affine function $f(x) = ((P^{1/2}x, C^\top x)$

d) Ellipsoid. The ellipsoid

$$\varepsilon = \left\{x \mid (x - x_c)^\top P^{-1} (x - x_c) \leq 1\right\}$$

as $P \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^n$, is the image of Euclidean ball $\{u \mid \|u\|_2 \leq 1\}$ under affine mapping

$$f(u) = p^{1/2}u + x_c.$$

3. Linear fractional and persp funcs

Definition 3.3 (The persp func). $P : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ with domain $\text{dom } P = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_{++}$ as $P(z, t) = z/t$

- \mathbb{R}_{++} – Set of positive int.

Remark • The perspective function scales or normalizes vectors s.t. last component is 1, then drops the last component.

- This is actually describing a pin-hole camera.

Theorem 3.5 If $C \subseteq \text{dom } P$ is convex, then its image

$$P(C) = \{P(x) \mid x \in C\}$$

is convex.

Proof. Suppose $x = (\tilde{x}, x_{n+1}), y = (\tilde{y}, y_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ with $x_{n+1} > 0, y_{n+1} > 0$. Then for $\theta \in [0, 1]$

$$P(\underbrace{\theta x + (1 - \theta)y}_{\text{def of convex}}) = \frac{\theta \tilde{x} + (1 - \theta) \tilde{y}}{\theta x_{n+1} + (1 - \theta) y_{n+1}}$$

as $\mu = \frac{\theta x_{n+1}}{\theta x_{n+1} + (1 - \theta) y_{n+1}} \in [0, 1]$. and the correspondence of θ and μ is monotonic.

Remark This Thm's converse

Th 2's converse. The inv ing of a convex set under the perse funct, is also convex. if $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex, then

$$P^{-1}(c) = \left\{ (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \left(\frac{x}{t} = c, t > 0 \right) \right\}$$

Definition 3.4 (Linear fractional functions) A linear fractional function is formed by composing persp. f_n . and affine f_n . Suppose $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$

$$g(x) = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ c^\top \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $d \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark a) linear-fractional function as a matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ C^\top & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+1) \times (n+1)}$$

b) It's persp. func plus an affine transf.

4 Generalized inequalities

1. Proper cones and General inequalities

Definition 4.1 a convex cone $K \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ is a proper cone if

- K is closed (contains its boundary)
- K is solid (has nonempty interior)
- K is pointed (contains no line) $-x \in K, -x \in K \implies x = 0$

Example 4.1 a) nonnegative orthant $K = \mathbf{R}_+^n = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n\}$

b) positive semidefinite cone $K = \mathbf{S}_+^n$

c) nonnegative polynomials on $[0, 1]$:

$$K = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid x_1 + x_2 t + x_3 t^2 + \dots + x_n t^{n-1} \geq 0 \text{ for } t \in [0, 1]\}$$

Definition 4.2 (Generalized inequalities)(nonstrict and strict) generalized inequality defined by a proper cone K :

$$x \leq_K y \iff y - x \in K, \quad x \prec_K y \iff y - x \in \text{int } K$$

Example 4.2 • componentwise inequality ($K = \mathbf{R}_+^n$) : $x \mathbf{R}_+^n y \iff x_i \leq y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$

• matrix inequality ($K = \mathbf{S}_+^n$) : $X \leq_+^n Y \iff Y - X$ positive semidefinite

these two types are so common that we drop the subscript in \leq_K

Many properties are similar to $<$ on \mathbb{R} .

2. Minimum and minimal elements

Definition 4.3 A point $x \in S$ is the minimum element of S if and only if

$$S \subseteq x + K$$

where $x + K$ denotes all the points that are comparable to x and greater than or equal to x (according to \preceq_K). A point $x \in S$ is a minimal element if and only if

$$(x - K) \cap S = \{x\}.$$

Here $x - K$ denotes all the points that are comparable to x and less than or equal to x (according to \preceq_K); the only point in common with S is x .

5 Separating and supporting hyperplanes

1. Separating hyperplane theorem Idea: the use of hyperplanes or affine functions to separate convex sets that do not intersect

Theorem 5.1 if C and D are nonempty disjoint (i.e., $C \cap D = \emptyset$) convex sets, there exist $a \neq 0, b$ s.t.

$$a^T x \leq b \text{ for } x \in C, \quad a^T x \geq b \text{ for } x \in D$$