

Let $h(x) = \sum_i^n e^{-x_i}$ then $h(x) = \exp(\underbrace{\log - \text{sum} - \text{expr}(-x)}_{\text{convex}})$, so h is a con-

vex function, because $e^{g(x)}$ is convex if $g(x)$ is convex.

Thus $\{x : x \in \sum_i^n e^{-x_i} \leq 1\}$ is a convex set as it is a 1-sublevel set of a convex function h .

$$f(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - e^{-x_i}) \quad g(x) = -\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - e^{-x_i})$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x)_{i,j} = \begin{cases} e^{-x_i} e^{x_j} \prod_{k \neq i,j}^k (1 - e^{-x_k}), & \text{when } i \neq j; \\ -e^{-x_i} \prod_{k \neq i}^k (1 - e^{-x_k}), & \text{when } i = j. \end{cases}$$

Thus:

$$\nabla^2 g(x)_{i,j} = \begin{cases} -e^{-x_i} e^{x_j} \prod_{k \neq i,j}^k (1 - e^{-x_k}), & \text{when } i \neq j; \\ e^{-x_i} \prod_{k \neq i}^k (1 - e^{-x_k}), & \text{when } i = j. \end{cases}$$

So $\nabla^2 g(x) = M \circ (\text{diag}(e^{x_i} - J_n)$ where:

$$M_{i,j} = \begin{cases} e^{-x_i} e^{x_j} \prod_{k \neq i,j}^k (1 - e^{-x_k}), & \text{when } i \neq j; \\ \frac{e^{-2x_i}}{(1 - e^{-x_i})} \prod_{k \neq i}^k (1 - e^{-x_k}), & \text{when } i = j. \end{cases}$$

Matrix M is PSD because $M = m * m^T$ where m is a vector such that $m_i = \frac{e^{-x_i}}{(1 - e^{-x_i})} \sqrt{\prod_{k=1}^n (1 - e^{-x_k})}$.

The assumptions that $\sum_i^n e^{-x_i} \leq 1$ and all $x_i > 0$ implies that the value of $z(\text{diag}(e^{x_i}) - J_n)z^T$ is minimal when $\sum_i^n e^{-x_i} = 1$ and $\forall_i e^{-x_i} = \frac{1}{n}$, so:
 $z(\text{diag}(e^{x_i}) - J_n)z^T \geq z(\text{diag}(n) - J_n)z^T$ and as $\text{diag}(n) - J_n$ is PSD (its only eugenvalues are 1 and $n + 1$) the $\text{diag}(e^{x_i}) - J_n$ is PSD as well. So the domain of $g(x)$ is convex and its hessian is PSD as the coordinate-wise matrix product of PSD matrices and thus $g(x)$ is a convex function, so $f(x)$ is concave QED.