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$\because f$ 是定义在 E^n 上的凸函数, 当 $k = 2$ 时, 有

$$\forall x^{(1)}, x^{(2)} \in E^n$$

$$f(\lambda_1 x^{(1)} + \lambda_2 x^{(2)}) \leq \lambda_1 f(x^{(1)}) + \lambda_2 f(x^{(2)}), \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda \geq 0$$

$\because E^n$ 是个凸集, $\therefore \lambda_1 x^{(1)} + \lambda_2 x^{(2)} \in E^n$

当 $k = 3$ 时, 令 $\lambda_1 x^{(1)} + \lambda_2 x^{(2)} = x^{(12)}, \lambda_3 \geq 0$, 则

$$f(\lambda_1 x^{(1)} + \lambda_2 x^{(2)} + \lambda_3 x^{(3)}) = f(x^{(12)} + \lambda_3 x^{(3)}) \leq f(x^{(12)}) + \lambda_3 f(x^{(3)})$$

$$= f(\lambda_1 x^{(1)} + \lambda_2 x^{(2)}) + \lambda_3 f(x^{(3)}) \leq \lambda_1 f(x^{(1)}) + \lambda_2 f(x^{(2)}) + \lambda_3 f(x^{(3)})$$

将此推导运用 $k - 2$ 次, 即得

$$f(\lambda_1 x^{(1)} + \cdots + \lambda_k x^{(k)}) \leq \lambda_1 f(x^{(1)}) + \cdots + \lambda_k f(x^{(k)}), \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_k = 1, \lambda \geq 0$$

2

容易看出 S 是 4 个半空间的交集, \because 半空间是凸集, 凸集 \cap 凸集 = 凸集

$\therefore S$ 是凸集

$$\because \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial^2 x_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8x_2 - 24x_1^2 & 8x_1 \\ 8x_1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ 且二阶主子式为 } -4 < 0$$

\therefore Hessian 矩阵不是半正定的, 所以 $f(x_1, x_2)$ 不是 S 上的凸函数

3

易知 $f(x)$ 在 R^2 上二阶可微, 且 x_1 和 x_2 对调函数表达式不变, 具有轮换对称性

$$f' = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{cases} \text{ 或 } \begin{cases} x_1 = -1 \\ x_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

当 $\begin{cases} x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$ 时, 令 $f''_{x_1 x_1} = A, f''_{x_1 x_2} = B, f''_{x_2 x_2} = C$, 易知 $A = C$

$\because AC - B^2 > 0, A < 0 \therefore$ 此点是极大值点

当 $\begin{cases} x_1 = -1 \\ x_2 = -1 \end{cases}$ 时, 同上, $\because AC - B^2 > 0, A > 0$

\therefore 此点是极小值点, 极小值为 $-\frac{1}{3}$