

B.1

Objective: Given the definition for the L2, L1 and the Infinity norm of real vector, show that $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1$.

First we are going to show that $\|x\|_2^2 \leq \|x\|_1^2$, starting from the definition of the norms we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x\|_1^2 &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \right)^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(|x_i| \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j| \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(|x_i|^2 + |x_i| \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |x_j| \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \left(\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |x_j| \right) \\
 &= \|x\|_2^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 2|x_i||x_j|}_{\geq 0} \\
 &\implies \|x\|_2^2 \leq \|x\|_1^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{B.1.1}$$

And now we are going to show that $\|x\|_\infty^2 \leq \|x\|_2^2$. By the definition of the infinity norm, we know that there exists $1 \leq m \leq n$ such that $x_m = \|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (x_i)$. Then it can be said that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_m^2 &\leq x_m^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1, i \neq m}^n x_i^2}_{\geq 0} \\
 x_m^2 &= \|x\|_\infty^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = \|x\|_2^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{B.1.2}$$

And then combining together, we can take the square root because the function $\sqrt{\bullet}$ is monotone increase, hence it preserves the inequality, which will give us $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1$.

B.2

B.2.a

Objective: The function $\|x\|$ is a convex function.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y\| &\leq \|\lambda x\| + \|(1 - \lambda)y\| \\
 &= \lambda\|x\| + (1 - \lambda)\|y\|
 \end{aligned} \tag{B.2.a.1}$$

Note, I just directly apply the Triangular inequality of the norm to get the inequality, and then because $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, so there is no absolute value, and notice that the resulting expression is the definition of Convexity the given function.

B.2.b

Objective: Show that the set $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ is a convex set. Let the set be denoted as S . Let's take any 2 points in the set like $x \in S$, $y \in S$, then $\|x\| \leq 1$ and $\|y\| \leq 1$ for any line defined by the 2 points:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y\| &\leq \lambda \underbrace{\|x\|}_{\leq \lambda} + \underbrace{(1 - \lambda)\|y\|}_{\leq 1 - \lambda} & (\text{B.2.b.1}) \\ \implies \|\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y\| &\leq 1 \\ \implies \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y &\in S\end{aligned}$$

The first by the inequality of norm, and the second is by the definition of the fact that $x, y \in S$, and the third is by the definition of the set.