

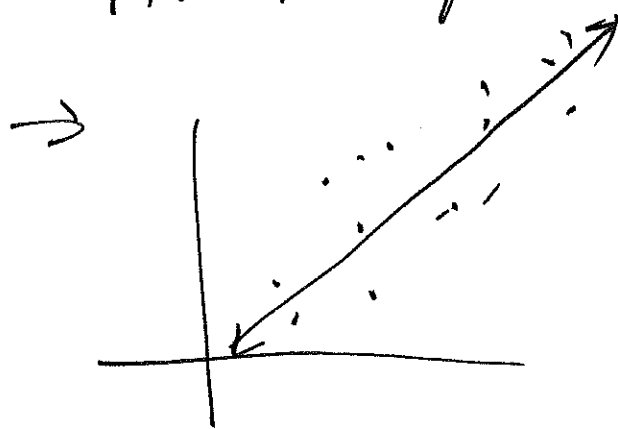
# One More Inequality: Jensen's

↳ Introduce abstract algebra.  
(Inner product spaces).

A theorem/formula we prove from

about inner product spaces using only the axioms can  
be applied to any inner product. The same formula  
lets us:

→ Find closest point on a plane to a given pt



→ Find best fit line/parabola

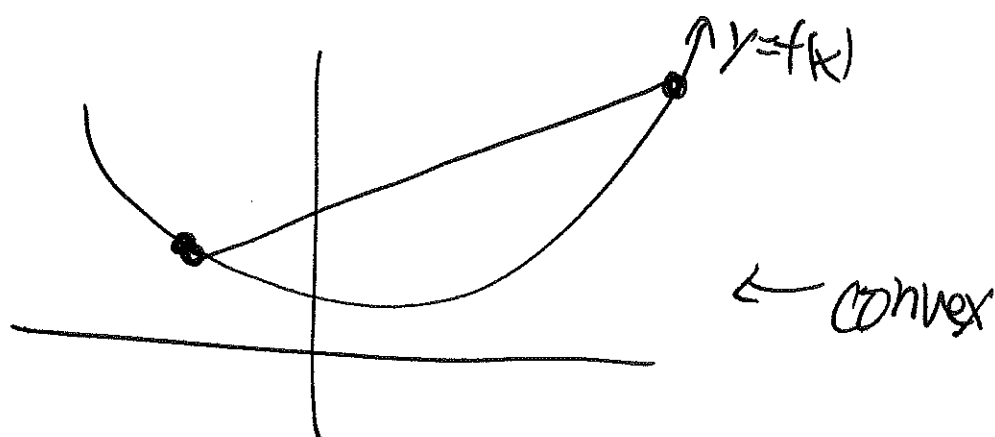
→ Fourier series

→ Best polynomial approx.  
to a non-polynomial fct.

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

# Jensen's Inequality

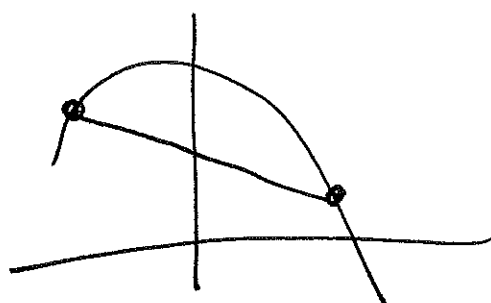
A function  $f$  is convex <sup>on an interval.</sup> if a secant <sup>segment</sup> ~~line~~ always lies above <sup>(or on)</sup> the graph.



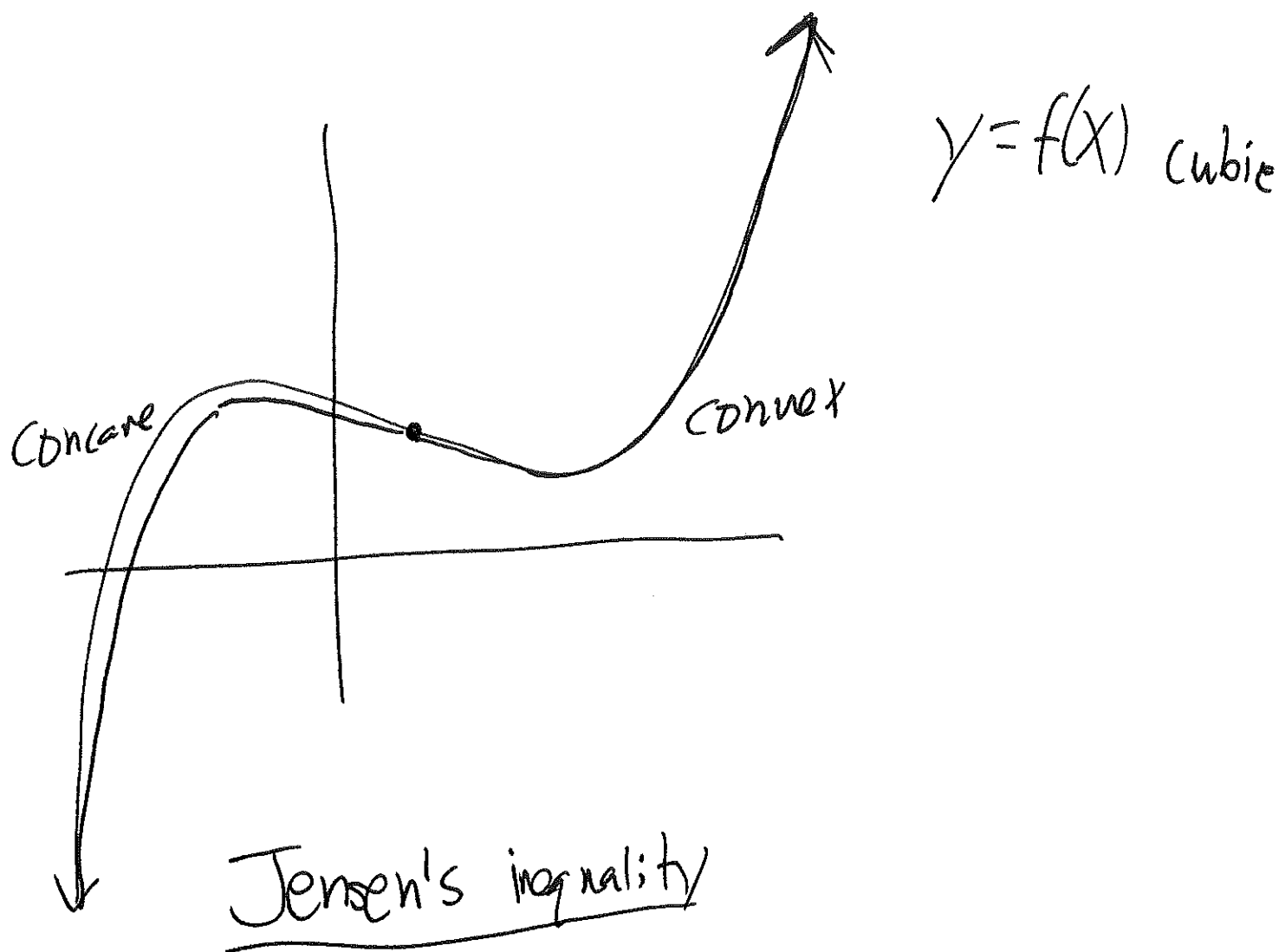
If  $f'' \geq 0$ , it's convex.

But  $f$  can be convex even if not differentiable!  $|x|$

A concave fct has <sup>secant</sup> segments below or on the graph.



$f$  convex  $\iff -f$  concave



Version 1: Suppose  $f$  convex on interval  $(a, b)$ .

Then for  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in (a, b)$  we have

$$f\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n}\right) \leq \frac{f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_n)}{n}.$$

If  $f$  is concave, reverse the inequality!

e.g.  $f(x) = x^2$ .

Supp  $x_1 = 0.3$   
 $x_2 = 0.7$

$$f\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\right) = f(0.5) = 0.25$$

$$\text{vs } \frac{f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{2} = \frac{0.09 + 0.49}{2} = 0.29 \quad \checkmark$$

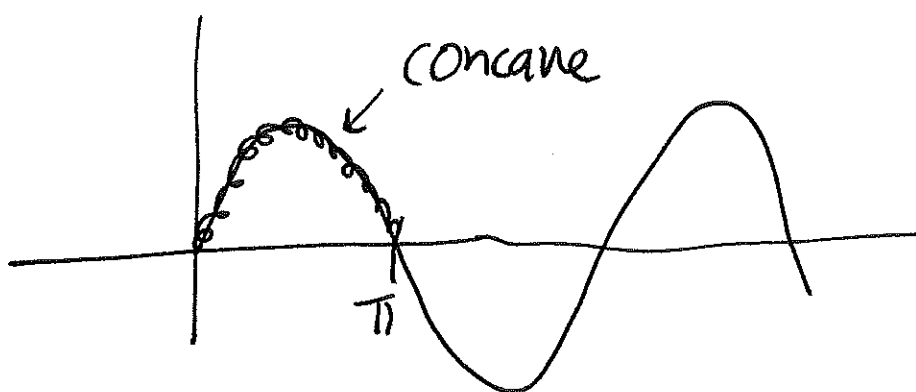
Ex Suppose  $ABC$  is a triangle.

Prove

$$\sin(A) + \sin(B) + \sin(C) \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$



Jensen's:

$$\sin\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) \geq \frac{\sin(A) + \sin(B) + \sin(C)}{3}$$

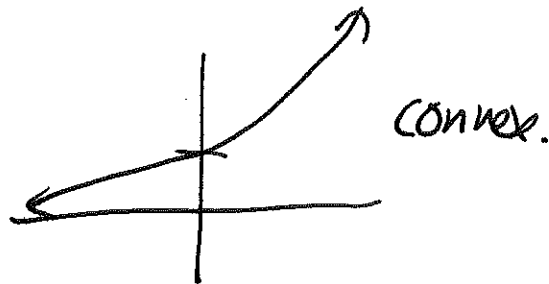
$$\frac{\sin(A) + \sin(B) + \sin(C)}{3} \leq \sin(60^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin(A) + \sin(B) + \sin(C) \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Suppose  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are positive.

Let  $x_i = \ln(a_i)$ .  $\ln(a_i) = x_i$

Consider  $f(x) = e^x$ .



What does Jensen's ineq tell you?

$$f\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n}\right) \leq \frac{f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_n)}{n}$$

$$e^{(\ln a_1 + \ln a_2 + \dots + \ln a_n)/n} \leq \frac{e^{\ln a_1} + \dots + e^{\ln a_n}}{n}$$

$$e^{\ln(a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)/n} \leq \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n}$$

$$(a_1 \dots a_n)^{1/n} \leq \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} \quad \left[ \text{AM-GM inequality!} \right]$$

## Example

Suppose  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a+b+c=abc$ .

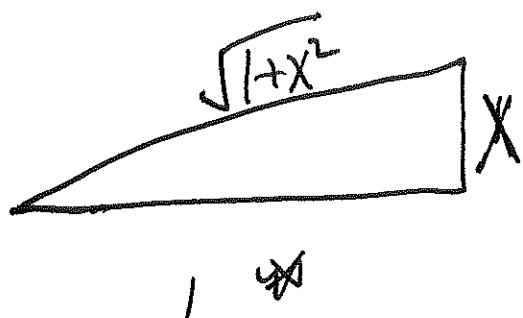
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+c^2}} \leq \frac{3}{2}.$$

Can't simply use Jensen with  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

because  $\nabla$

$\nabla$ : left side  $\approx \frac{f(a)+f(b)+f(c)}{3}$

right side:  $\frac{f(a+b+c)}{3}$  but I don't know  $a+b+c$ .



Let  $a = \tan A$   
 $b = \tan B$   
 $c = \tan C$  all between  $0$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

and apply Jensen's inequality to  $A, B, C$  instead.

$a+b+c=abc$  tells us what about  $A, B, C$ ?

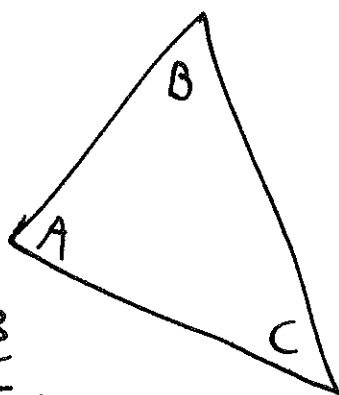
$$\tan(A+B+C) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C - \tan A \tan B \tan C}{1 - \tan A \tan B - \tan B \tan C - \tan C \tan A} = 0$$

↖  $a+b+c=abc$

so  $\tan(A+B+C) = 0$

and so  $A+B+C = \pi$

we want  $\cos(A) + \cos(B) + \cos(C) \leq \frac{3}{2}$ .



$$\cos(A) + \cos(B) + \cos(C) \leq 3 \cos\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) = 3 \cos(60^\circ) = \frac{3}{2}.$$



# Vector spaces

Suppose  $V$  is a set.

An addition rule on  $V$  means a rule assigning a sum  $u+v \in V$  for any  $u \in V$  and  $v \in V$ .

A scalar multiplication rule on  $V$  is a rule assigning a product  $av \in V$  for any  $v \in V$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(tells you how to do scalar  $\times$  vector)

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Def A vector space  $V$  is a set with an addition rule and a scalar mult rule that satisfy some axioms:

1)  $u+v = v+u$  (addition is commutative)

2)  $(u+v)+w = u+(v+w)$  and  $(ab)v = a(bv)$

3) There's an identity  $0 \in V$  so  $v+0 = 0+v = v$ .

4) For any  $v$ , there's a  $w$  so  $v+w = 0$

5)  $1v = v$

6)  $a(u+v) = au + av$ ,  $(a+b)v = av + bv$ .

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Examples:

- regular old vectors of <sup>dimension</sup> length  $n$  ( $\mathbb{R}^n$ )  
(for any  $n$ )
- $m \times n$  matrices are a vector space. ( $M^{m \times n}$ )
- complex numbers ( $\mathbb{C}$ )
- imaginary numbers ( $bi$ ) <sup>incl  $0i$ .</sup> ( $\mathbb{R}i$ )
- continuous fcts  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $C^0(\mathbb{R})$ )
- infinite sequences  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots)$  ( $\mathbb{R}^\infty$ )

What about:

a) Integers

No: can't multiply by  $\frac{1}{2}$

f) Functions with period  $\pi$

yes ✓

$f(x+\pi)=f(x)$  any  $x$ .

b) Positive real numbers

No: no additive identity 0 / can't mult by  $-1$ .

g) Periodic functions

$\sin(x) + \sin(\pi x)$

c) Functions  $f$  with  $f(1)=1$

No:  $x^2+1$  is one

$x^4+1$  is one

but  $x^4+x^2+\underline{2}$  has  $f(1)=2$ .

d) Functions  $f$  with  $f(1)=0$

yes ✓

e) Polynomials of any degree

✓

What if we defined addition by  $\oplus$

$$(f \oplus g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) - 1.$$

If  $f(1) = 1$  and  $g(1) = 1$  then  $(f \oplus g)(1) = 1$ .

Is functions with  $f(1) = 1$  a vector space if we use  $\oplus$ ?

Is  $a(u \oplus v) = au \oplus av$ ?

$$a(u+v-1) \stackrel{?}{=} au + av - 1$$

$$au + av - a \stackrel{?}{=} au + av - 1$$