

1. (a) set $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) \leq k\}$.

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in C. \quad f(x_1) \leq k, f(x_2) \leq k.$$

then if $f(x_1, x_2) \in C$ and $\forall \theta \in (0, 1)$. $f(x, y)$ is convex function.

$$f(\theta x_1 + (1-\theta)x_2) \leq \theta f(x_1) + (1-\theta)f(x_2) \leq \theta k + (1-\theta)k = k.$$

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

then set $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) \leq k\}$ is convex set.

(b). $f(x)$ $g(x)$ are convex functions. then:

$$f(x_1) \geq f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0)^T [x_1 - x_0] \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in C.$$

$$g(x_1) \geq g(x_0) + \nabla g(x_0)^T [x_1 - x_0] \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in C.$$

$$\text{then } f(x_1) + g(x_1) \geq f(x_0) + g(x_0) + (\nabla f(x_0)^T + \nabla g(x_0)^T) \cdot [x_1 - x_0]. \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

let $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$. to show $h(x)$ is convex function

$$h(x_1) = f(x_1) + g(x_1) \quad h(x_0) = g(x_0) + f(x_0)$$

$$\nabla h(x) = \nabla f(x) + \nabla g(x)$$

$$\therefore h(x_1) \geq h(x_0) + \nabla h(x_0)^T (x_1 - x_0)$$

\therefore the combination of $f(x)$, $g(x)$ is also convex.

$$2. \quad \min f(x, y) = 2x + 3y. \quad \text{st: } x + y = B \quad \begin{matrix} C_1 & C_2 \\ x \geq 0 & y \geq 0. \end{matrix}$$

$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. let Lagrange factor be λ . and KKT factor M_1, M_2 .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M_1 + M_2 \\ M_1 + M_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} M_1(x+y-B) = 0 \\ M_2 x = 0 \\ M_3 y = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

case (i): both C_1 and C_2 inactive.

$$\text{then } M_2 = M_3 = 0. \quad \begin{cases} M_1 + \lambda = 2 \\ M_1 + \lambda = 3 \end{cases} \quad \text{not exist.}$$

case (ii): C_2 active and C_3 inactive. $M_2 \neq 0, M_3 = 0$.

$$\text{then } \begin{cases} M_1 + M_2 + \lambda = 2 \\ M_1 + \lambda = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} M_2 = 1 \\ x^* = 0 \\ y^* = B \end{cases} \quad f(x^*, y^*) = 3B.$$

C_2 inactive and C_3 active $M_2 = 0, M_3 \neq 0$.

$$\text{then } \begin{cases} M_1 + \lambda = 2 \\ M_1 + \lambda + M_3 = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} M_3 = 1 \\ x^* = B \\ y^* = 0 \end{cases} \quad f(x^*, y^*) = 2B.$$

\therefore min $f(x, y) = 2B$.

case (ii) Both active. $M_2 \neq 0, M_3 \neq 0$.

$$\begin{cases} M_1 + M_2 + \lambda = 2 \\ M_1 + M_3 + \lambda = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^* = 0 \\ y^* = 0. \end{cases} \text{ not satisfied the constrain.}$$

\therefore As show above. $x^* = 0, y^* = 0$ make $f(x, y)$ min.

3. cones means for $\forall x \in C, \forall \alpha \geq 0, \Rightarrow \alpha x \in C$.

and we can judge from the graph. and formula

(a) (b) (d) are cones.

(c) (e) (f) are not cones.

$$(a) \text{ for } X(x_1, x_2) \begin{cases} x_2 \geq 3|x_1| \\ -3x_2 \geq |x_1| \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha X(\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) \begin{cases} \alpha x_2 \geq 3\alpha |x_1| \\ -3\alpha x_2 \geq \alpha |x_1| \end{cases}$$

αX is still in the original set C .

$$(b) \text{ for } X(x_1, x_2) \begin{cases} 2x_1 \geq x_1 \\ 2x_1 \geq x_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha X(\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) \begin{cases} 2\alpha x_1 \geq \alpha x_1 \\ 2\alpha x_1 \geq \alpha x_2 \end{cases}$$

αX is still in the original set C .

$$(d) \text{ for } X(x_1, x_2) \begin{cases} x_1 \geq -2x_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha X(\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) \begin{cases} \alpha x_1 \geq -2\alpha x_2 \end{cases}$$

αX is still in the original set C .

$$(c) \text{ for } X(x_1, x_2) \begin{cases} 2x_2 \geq x_1 + 1 \\ 2x_2 \geq x_1 + 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2\alpha x_2 \geq \alpha x_1 + \alpha \\ 2\alpha x_2 \geq \alpha x_1 + \alpha \end{cases} \begin{matrix} \text{not in set } C. \\ \text{for all } \alpha \geq 0. \end{matrix}$$

$$(e) \text{ for } X(x_1, x_2) \begin{cases} x_1^2 \leq x_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha^2 x_1^2 \leq \alpha x_2 \text{ not in set } C.$$

$$(f) \text{ for } X(x_1, x_2) \begin{cases} x_1^2 \geq x_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha^2 x_1^2 \geq \alpha x_2 \text{ not in set } C.$$

4. to show $\min_{x, y} f(x, y) = x \cdot y \quad 2(x+y) \leq 2 \quad x \geq 0 \quad y \geq 0$

$$2(x+y) \leq 2 \Rightarrow x+y \leq 1.$$

$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$ let KKT factor be M_1, M_2, M_3

$$\text{then } \begin{cases} M_1(x+y-1) = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1} \\ M_2 x = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{2} \\ M_3 y = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{3} \end{cases} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 + M_2 \\ M_1 + M_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = M_1 + M_2 \\ x = M_1 + M_3 \end{cases}$$

from $\textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}$ for $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$ then $M_2 = M_3 = 0$.

$$\therefore x = M_1 = y = M_1 \quad \therefore x = y = \frac{1}{2}$$

constrain $2(x+y) \leq 2$ is active and $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ is inactive.

5. (a) NO

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{\ln x} \quad f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x \ln^2 x}$$

$x > 0$ and $\ln^2 x > 0$.

$$\therefore f''(x) < 0$$

\therefore it is not convex function.

(b) YES

$$f'(x) = a \quad f''(x) = 0, \geq 0.$$

\therefore it is a convex function.

(c). YES.

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 4x^3 - 4y \\ 4y^3 - 4x \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 12x^2 & -4 \\ -4 & 12y^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Obviously, it is positive definite matrix.}$$

So, it's a convex function.