

$$1. \forall x, f(x) = \infty \Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{proof: } f = \infty \Leftrightarrow \text{dom}(f) = \emptyset$$

$\because \text{dom}(f)$ is projection of $\text{epi}(f)$

$$\therefore \text{dom}(f) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f) = \emptyset$$

$$2. \exists x \in X, \text{ s.t. }, f(x) = -\infty \Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f) \text{ contains a vertical line.}$$

$$\text{proof: } \exists x, \text{ s.t. }, f(x) = -\infty \Leftrightarrow f(x) \leq w, \forall w \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ contains a vertical line.

3. f is proper if $\text{epi}(f) \neq \emptyset$ and $\text{epi}(f)$ doesn't contain a vertical line.

4. forbidden sum $-\infty + \infty$ (may) happen in $\alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$

$\Leftrightarrow f$ is improper.

5. $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ convex, $f: C \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ convex if $\text{epi}(f)$ convex.

definition:

6. $f: C \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ convex $\Rightarrow \text{dom}(f)$ convex, level set convex.

~~proof:~~

7. $f: C \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ convex

proof: \Rightarrow , let $(x, u), (y, v) \in \text{epi}(f)$, $\because f(x), f(y) \leq u, v$

$p = \alpha(x, u) + (1-\alpha)(y, v) \in \text{epi}(f)$?

$$= (\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y, \alpha u + (1-\alpha)v)$$

$\because f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y) \leq \alpha u + (1-\alpha)v, \therefore p \in \text{epi}(f)$

\Leftarrow let $x, y \in C, u = f(x), v = f(y)$, $\because (x, u), (y, v) \in \text{epi}(f)$

$\because \text{epi}(f)$ convex, $\therefore p = \alpha(x, u) + (1-\alpha)(y, v) \in \text{epi}(f)$

$$\therefore f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha u + (1-\alpha)v = \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$$

8. $f: C \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ convex

proof: ① \Rightarrow same as the proof 7.①

② Similar to the proof 7.① if $f(x), f(y) \neq -\infty$.

if $f(x) = -\infty, \Rightarrow \forall u \in \mathbb{R}, (\infty, u) \in \text{epi}(f)$.

$\because p \in \text{epi}(f), \therefore f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha u + (1-\alpha)v, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}, v = f(y)$

$\therefore f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) = -\infty = \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y), \alpha \neq 0$.

9. $f: C \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty], \therefore f|_{\text{dom}(f)}$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f|_{\text{dom}(f)})$ convex
(from 8)

$\therefore f|_{\text{dom}(f)}$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ convex

5. \therefore definition: $f: C \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ convex if $f|_{\text{dom}(f)}$ convex.

10. $f: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty) \Leftrightarrow X = \text{dom}(f)$

11. $f: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ convex $\Rightarrow \text{dom}(f)$ convex, level set convex.

proof: ① f convex $\therefore X$ convex $\therefore \text{dom}(f)$ convex.

② f convex \Rightarrow level set convex. (see page 6)

6. $f: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ convex $\Rightarrow \text{dom}(f)$ convex, level set convex.

12. $f: X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty], \Rightarrow \text{level set of } f = \text{level set of } f|_{\text{dom}(f)}$

proof: ① $x \in \text{level set of } f, \therefore f(x) \leq r, \therefore x \in \text{dom}(f)$.

$\therefore f|_{\text{dom}(f)}(x) \leq r \therefore x \in \text{level set of } f|_{\text{dom}(f)}$

② $x \in \text{level set of } f|_{\text{dom}(f)}, \therefore f(x) = f|_{\text{dom}(f)}(x) \leq r$
 $\therefore x \in \text{level set of } f$

6 proof: $\because f$ convex $\therefore f|_{\text{dom}(f)}$ convex

$\therefore \text{dom}(f|_{\text{dom}})$ convex, level set $(f|_{\text{dom}})$ convex

$\therefore \text{dom}(f)$ convex, level set (f) convex.

13. $f: C \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ convex.

proof: ① \Rightarrow same as the proof of 7.10

② \Leftarrow if $f(x), f(y) \neq \infty$, similar to the proof of 7.10

if $f(x), f(y) = \infty$, $\Rightarrow f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$

if $f(x) = \infty, f(y) \neq \infty, \alpha \neq 0, \Rightarrow$ convex.

$\therefore f$ convex.

14. $\because f: C \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ convex. (definition)

$f: C \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ convex

$f: C \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ convex

\therefore The definition $f: C \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}(f)$ convex
is consistent with the definition of convex function.

15. $\text{epi}(f)$ convex $\Rightarrow \text{dom}(f)$ convex

16. page 7: 3.10: $\exists u = f(x)$, if $f(x) \neq -\infty$, $\therefore u \in \mathbb{R}$.
 $= 0$, if $f(x) = -\infty$

15. proof: $\forall x, y \in \text{dom}(f)$, $\therefore f(x), f(y) < \infty$,

method 1: let $u = (f(x) = -\infty ? 0 : f(x))$, $v = (f(y) = -\infty ? 0 : f(y))$

$\therefore f(x) \leq u, f(y) \leq v$, $\therefore (x, u), (y, v) \in \text{epi}$

$\because \text{epi}(f)$ convex, $\therefore \alpha(x, u) + (1-\alpha)(y, v) = (\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y, \alpha u + (1-\alpha)v) \in \text{epi}$

$\therefore f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha u + (1-\alpha)v < \infty$

$\therefore \alpha x + (1-\alpha)y \in \text{dom}$ $\therefore \text{dom}$ convex.

method 2: $\because \text{dom}(f)$ is projection of epi , epi convex, $\therefore \text{dom}$ convex.