

## Math Homework Week #5, Convex Analysis

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### 1. (7.1)

If  $S$  is a nonempty set,

$$\lambda_1 x_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k x_k \in \text{conv}(S), x_i \in S, k \in \mathbb{N}$$

where  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ , and  $\lambda_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k = 1$

It means that  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in \text{conv}(S) \quad \forall \lambda \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$

It is the definition of convex set.

### 2. (7.2)

1) hyperplane is convex.

$$P = \{x \in V \mid \langle a, x \rangle = b\} \text{ where } a \in V, a \neq 0, \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{R}$$

It means that, in the condition of  $a_1 x_1 + \cdots + a_n x_n = b$ , those  $x_1, \cdots, x_n$  has to be members of  $P$ .

By the definition of convex,  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in P$

$\therefore$  it is totally same expression to definition of hyperplane.

2) half space is convex.

$$H = \{x \in V \mid \langle a, x \rangle \leq b\}$$

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### 3. (7.4)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \|x - p + p - y\|^2 &= \|x - p\|^2 + \|p - y\|^2 + 2\|x - p\|\|p - y\|\cos\theta \\ &= \|x - p\|^2 + \|p - y\|^2 + 2\langle x - p, p - y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad \|x - y\|^2 \geq \|x - p\|^2 \text{ from (i) and assumption (7.14)}$$

$$\therefore \|x - y\| > \|x - p\|$$

$$\therefore y \neq p$$

$$\therefore \|p - y\| > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad \|x - \lambda y - (1 - \lambda)p\|^2 &= \|x - p + \lambda(p - y)\|^2 \\ &= \|x - p\|^2 + 2\|x - p\|\|\lambda(p - y)\|\cos\theta + \lambda^2\|p - y\|^2 \\ &= \|x - p\|^2 + 2\lambda\langle x - p, p - y \rangle + \lambda^2\|p - y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

(iv)  $\frac{\|x-z\|^2 - \|x-p\|^2}{\lambda} = 2\langle x-p, p-y \rangle + \lambda^2\|y-p\|^2$  from (iii)

By the definition of projection, LHS  $\geq 0$

Also, when  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $0 \leq \langle x-p, p-y \rangle$

4. (7.6)

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y) = c$$

RHS = c, Then,  $x \in \text{domain}$ ,  $y \in \text{domain}$ , so,  $(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \in \text{domain}$  for satisfying convex function definition.

5. (7.7)

$$\lambda_1 \theta_1 f_1(x) + \lambda_1 (1-\theta_1) f_1(y) + \cdots + \lambda_n \theta_n f_n(x) + \lambda_n (1-\theta_n) f_n(y) \geq \lambda_1 f_1(\theta_1 x + (1-\theta_1)y) + \cdots + \lambda_n f_n(\theta_n x + (1-\theta_n)y)$$

$$\therefore \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y) \geq f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$$

6. (7.13)

If  $f$  is not constant,  $\exists x$  and  $y$  s.t.  $f(x) \neq f(y)$

1) Let  $x$  be the point of  $\max(f(x))$

If  $y_1 < x$  and  $f(y_1) \neq f(x)$ ,  $f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y_1) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y_1)$  and  $f(y_1) \leq f(x)$

If  $y_2 > x$  and  $f(y_2) \neq f(x)$ ,  $f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y_2) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y_2)$  and  $f(y_2) \leq f(x)$

Now,  $\exists \lambda$  s.t.  $f(x) = \lambda f(y_1) + (1-\lambda)f(y_2) > \lambda f(y_1) + (1-\lambda)f(y_2)$ ,

( $\because f(x) \neq f(y_1), f(y_2)$ )

then, it is contradiction to the convex definition.

2) If there is no maximum point of the function, it has to be increasing function as  $x$  goes to infinity or it has to be decreasing function as  $x$  goes to infinity. If function increases and decreases, it has to be concave by the proof of "1)". I will prove the case of the increasing function in a reason that the way of proving method is same.

(i) First, we can pick  $x < y$  and  $f(x) < f(y)$ . If  $f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) = \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$ , then, it should not be bounded because it is a line.

(ii) Second, we can pick  $x < y$  and  $f(x) < f(y)$ . If  $\lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y) < \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$ , then,  $f(t) \geq f(x) + (t-x)\frac{f(y)-f(x)}{y-x}$  s.t.  $t > y$  by convexity. Then, as  $t$  goes infinity, it diverges and this is contradiction.

I showed every possible cases. Therefore, Q.E.D..

7. (7.20)

By the assumption,  $\lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y) = f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$

$$\therefore f(0) + \lambda f(x) = f(\lambda x) \text{ when } y = 0.$$

This is a general case and exactly affine form.

8. (7.21)

$[\phi(f(x))]' = \phi'(f(x))f'(x) = 0$  by the chain rule.

Then,  $\phi(x)$  is strictly increasing, so  $\phi'(f(x)) \neq 0$ .

Therefore,  $f'(x) = 0$ , and this is same FONC with  $(\min f(x))$ .

## References