

## Convex Sets (II)

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# Orthogonal Complements

## Orthogonal Complement

The **orthogonal complement** of a nonempty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , denoted by  $S^\perp$  (read “ $S$  perp”), is the set of all vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  that are **orthogonal** to every vector in  $S$ . That is,

$$S^\perp = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \forall \mathbf{u} \in S\}.$$

## Properties of Orthogonal Complements

1. The orthogonal complement of any nonempty subset of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .
2. For any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , we have  $S^\perp = (\text{Span } S)^\perp$ . In particular, the orthogonal complement of a basis for a subspace is the same as the orthogonal complement of the subspace.
3. For any matrix  $A$ , the **orthogonal complement** of the **row space** of  $A$  is the **null space** of  $A$ ; that is

$$(\text{Row } A)^\perp = \text{Null } A.$$

# Orthogonal Projections (1/2)

## Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Then, for any vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , there exist unique vectors  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $W$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  in  $W^\perp$  such that  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{z}$ . In addition, if  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W$ , then

$$\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}_2)\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}_k)\mathbf{v}_k.$$

## Property

For any subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $\dim W + \dim W^\perp = n$ .

## Orthogonal Projection

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . The **orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  on  $W$**  is the unique vector  $\mathbf{w}$  such that  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w} \in W^\perp$ .

## Closest Vector Property

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  be a vector in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Among all vectors in  $W$ , the vector **closest to  $\mathbf{u}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  on  $W$** .

# Orthogonal Projections (2/2)

## Orthogonal Projection Operator

The function  $U_W : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  such that  $U_W(\mathbf{u})$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  on  $W$  for every  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{R}^n$  is called the **orthogonal projection operator** on  $W$ .

## Orthogonal Projection Matrix

The **standard matrix** of orthogonal projection operator  $U_W$  on a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is called the **orthogonal projection matrix** for  $W$  and is denoted as  $P_W$ .

## Theorem for the Orthogonal Projection Matrix

Let  $C$  be an  $n \times k$  matrix whose columns form a basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

Then

$$P_W = C(C^T C)^{-1} C^T.$$

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

$$\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

- Let  $T$  be a **linear operator** on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A **nonzero vector**  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called an **eigenvector** of  $T$  if  $T(v)$  is a multiple of  $v$ , that is,

$$T(v) = \lambda v$$

for some  $\lambda$ . The scalar  $\lambda$  is called the **eigenvalue** of  $T$  that corresponds to  $v$ .

- Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. A nonzero vector  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called an **eigenvector** of  $A$  if

$$Av = \lambda v$$

for some scalar  $\lambda$ . The scalar  $\lambda$  is called the **eigenvalue** that corresponds to  $v$ .

# Diagonalizability

## Diagonalizability

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called **diagonalizable** if  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for some diagonal  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  and some invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$ .

## Diagonalizability and Eigen-decomposition

- (a) An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **diagonalizable** if and only if there is a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^n$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$ . 找得到  $n$  組 L.I. 的 eigenvector
- (b) If  $P \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$  invertible and  $D \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$  is **diagonal**, then conducting a basis  

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$
 D 上的 components 是 eigenvalue

if and only if the columns of  $P$  are a **basis** for  $\mathbf{R}^n$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$  and the **diagonal entries** of  $D$  are the **eigenvalues** corresponding to the respective columns of  $P$ .

Diagonalizable : If we can find  $A\vec{p}_i = \lambda_i \vec{p}_i$

$$A\vec{p}_2 = \lambda_2 \vec{p}_2$$

$$\vdots$$
$$A\vec{p}_n = \lambda_n \vec{p}_n$$

$$\Rightarrow A[\vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2 \dots \vec{p}_n] = [\lambda_1 \vec{p}_1 \lambda_2 \vec{p}_2 \dots \lambda_n \vec{p}_n]$$

$$\text{P matrix} = [\vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2 \dots \vec{p}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{A\vec{P}}^I = P D P^{-1} \Rightarrow A = PDP^{-1} \quad \text{D matrix}$$

# Orthogonal Diagonalizability

## Orthogonal Matrix

A matrix  $P$  is called an **orthogonal matrix** if  $P^T P = I_n$ .

$$P^{-1} = P^T$$

## Orthogonal Diagonalizability

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called **orthogonally diagonalizable** if  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for some diagonal  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  and some  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix  $P$ .

- If  $A$  is **orthogonally diagonalizable**, then  $A = PDP^{-1} = PDP^T$ . A = PDP<sup>T</sup> 有  
意義需要他
- Then, we have  $A^T = (PDP^T)^T = PD^T P^T = PDP^T = A$ , i.e.,  $A$  is symmetric.
- Conversely, if  $A \in \mathbf{S}^n$ , then  $A$  is **orthogonally diagonalizable**.
- There exists an **orthonormal basis** of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  in which every vector is an **eigenvector** of  $A$ .

# Properties of Symmetric Matrices

- Let  $A \in \mathbf{S}^n$ . Then there exist a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that

$$A = PDP^T.$$

- For any  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$A^n = \underbrace{(PDP^T)(PDP^T) \cdots (PDP^T)}_{n \text{ times}} = \cdots = PD^n P^T.$$

- If  $A \in \mathbf{S}_+^n$ , then all diagonal entries of  $D$  are nonnegative, i.e.,  $D = \text{diag}([\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n]^T)$  where  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$ . i.e. positive semidefinite

S+

Square root of a (positive semidefinite) symmetric matrix

We define  $D^{1/2} = \text{diag}([\lambda_1^{1/2}, \dots, \lambda_n^{1/2}]^T)$  and  $A^{1/2} \cdot A^{1/2} = P D^{1/2} P^T$

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$$\begin{aligned} A^{1/2} \cdot A^{1/2} &= P D^{1/2} P^T \\ &= P D P^T \end{aligned}$$

## Properties of Symmetric

### Properties of Symmetric Matrices

Let  $X \in S^n$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

- $\text{tr}X = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k.$

- $\det X = \prod_{k=1}^n \lambda_k.$

### Some more properties of traces and determinants

- $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$  for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ .
- $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$  for any  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

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# Norms

## Norms

A function  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  (with  $\text{dom } f = \mathbf{R}^n$ ) is called a **norm** if for any  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^n, t \in \mathbf{R}$ , we have

- $f(x) \geq 0$  ( $f$  is **nonnegative**).
- $f(x) = 0$  only if  $x = 0$  ( $f$  is **definite**). 只有在  $x$  為 0 時 norm 為 0 (某種程度上 norm 還是在找與原點的距離)
- $f(tx) = |t|f(x)$  ( $f$  is **homogeneous**).
- $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  ( $f$  satisfies the **triangle inequality**).

## $\ell_p$ -norm

Let  $p \geq 1$ . Then the  **$\ell_p$ -norm** is defined as

$$\|x\|_p = (|x_1|^p + \cdots + |x_n|^p)^{1/p}.$$

Question: When  $p < 1$ , is  $\|x\|_p$  still a norm? *No!* *not satisfy the triangle inequality*

## Examples of $\ell_p$ -norm

- When  $p = 2$ , the  $\ell_2$ -norm is actually the Euclidean norm:

$$\|x\|_2 = (x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^{1/2}.$$

Assume  $|x_i|$  is max

- When  $p = 1$ , the  $\ell_1$ -norm is the sum-absolute-value:

$$\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + \cdots + |x_n|.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (|x_1|^p + |x_2|^p + \cdots + |x_n|^p)^{1/p} \\ &= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (|x_i|^p)^{1/p} = |x_i| \end{aligned}$$

- When  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , the  $\ell_\infty$ -norm is defined as:

$$\|x\|_\infty \triangleq \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (|x_1|^p + \cdots + |x_n|^p)^{1/p}.$$

It can be shown that  $\|x\|_\infty = \max \{|x_1|, \dots, |x_n|\}$ .

# Unit Ball

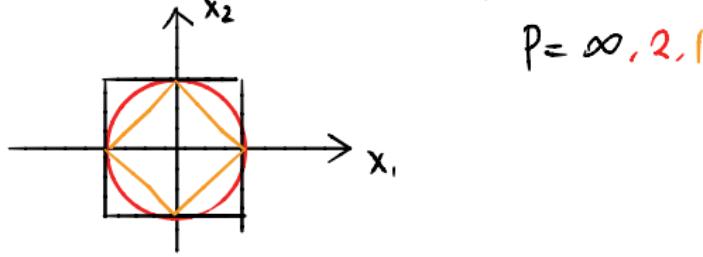
## Unit ball

Given a norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , the unit ball with respect to the norm is defined as

$$\{x \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$$

使 norm  $\leq 1$  的 set

- What are the unit balls with respect to the  $\ell_p$ -norm with  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ ?



# $P$ -Quadratic Norms

- For  $P \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$ , the  **$P$ -quadratic norm** is defined as

$$\|x\|_P = (x^T P x)^{1/2} = \|P^{1/2} x\|_2.$$

$P=I, \|x\|_P = (x^T x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $= \|x\|_2$

想成每個方向依  $P$  的 value 有所不同  
norm 也有所不同

- If rank  $P < n$ , is  $\|x\|_P$  still a norm? **NO!**  $\because$  可能有  $\|x\|_P = 0$  when  $x \neq 0$
- The **unit ball** of a quadratic norm,

$\Rightarrow P$  必為半正定

$$\{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid \|x\|_P \leq 1\},$$

is an **ellipsoid**.

# Matrix Norms – Norms Defined On $\mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ (1/2)

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- $f(tX) = |t|f(X)$  ( $f$  is **homogeneous**).
- $f(X + Y) \leq f(X) + f(Y)$  ( $f$  satisfies the **triangle inequality**).

- The **Frobenius norm**, defined on  $\mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ , is

$$\|X\|_F = (\text{tr}(X^T X))^{1/2} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

- The **sum-absolute-value norm**:  $\|X\|_{\text{sav}} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |X_{ij}|$ .
- The **maximum-absolute-value norm**:  

$$\|X\|_{\text{max}} = \max\{|X_{ij}| \mid i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

## Matrix Norms – Norms Defined On $\mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ (2/2)

### Review SVD

- Suppose  $\|\cdot\|_a$  and  $\|\cdot\|_b$  are norms on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , respectively. The **operator norm** of  $X \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ , induced by the norms  $\|\cdot\|_a$  and  $\|\cdot\|_b$ , is defined as

$$\|X\|_{a,b} = \sup\{\|Xu\|_a \mid \|u\|_b \leq 1\}.$$

把  $b$  norm 的 unit ball  
 投影到  $R^m$  上取 a norm  
 的 sup

- If  $a = b = 2$ , we obtain the **spectral norm** of  $X$ , which equals to the **maximum singular value** of  $X$ :

$$\|X\|_2 = \sigma_{\max}(X) = (\lambda_{\max}(X^T X))^{1/2}.$$

It is also called  **$\ell_2$ -norm** of  $X$ .

P.S. Singular value 也是個  
matrix norm

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# Polyhedra 複數

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## Polyhedron

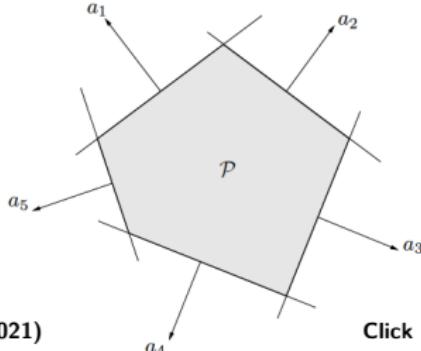
A **Polyhedron** is defined as the solution set of a finite number of linear equations and linear inequalities:  $\Rightarrow$  hyperplane  $\cap$  halfspace

表 hyperplane

表 halfspace

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ x \mid a_i^T x \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m, c_j^T x = d_j, j = 1, \dots, p \right\}.$$

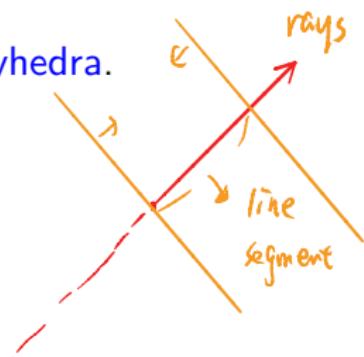
- A polyhedron is the intersection of a finite number of halfspaces and hyperplanes.



# Polyhedra

- Polyhedra are convex sets. 任選2點都會在第1, 2, ..., n個 halfspace 內
  - Affine sets (including subspaces, hyperplanes, and lines) are polyhedra.
  - A bounded<sup>1</sup> polyhedron is called a **polytope**.
- 可限大  
half-line
- $\{x + \theta v | \theta \geq 0\}$
- Rays, line segments, and hyperplanes are polyhedra.

有限大



<sup>1</sup>A subset  $C$  of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is called **bounded** if there exists  $B > 0$  such that any  $x \in C$  satisfies  $|x_i| \leq B$  for any  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

# Polyhedra

The polyhedron

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ x \mid a_i^T x \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m, c_j^T x = d_j, j = 1, \dots, p \right\}$$

$d = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \vdots \\ d_p \end{bmatrix}$

can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{P} = \{x \mid Ax \preceq b, Cx = d\}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} c_1^T \\ \vdots \\ c_p^T \end{bmatrix},$$

and the symbol  $\preceq$  denotes **vector inequality** or **componentwise inequality** in  $\mathbf{R}^m$ :  $u \preceq v$  means  $u_i \leq v_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

# Polyhedra – An example

The set of nonnegative numbers

Let  $\mathbf{R}_+$  denote the set of nonnegative numbers. Let  $\mathbf{R}_{++}$  denote the set of positive numbers.

Nonnegative orthant

The **nonnegative orthant** in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is

象限

$$\mathbf{R}_+^n = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n\} = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid x \succeq 0\}.$$

*n*條 inequality

- The **nonnegative orthant** is a **polyhedron** and a **cone** (called a **polyhedral cone**). 非負且乘上非負的仍在該  
set 內

# Simplexes – Another example of polyhedra

## Affinely Independent

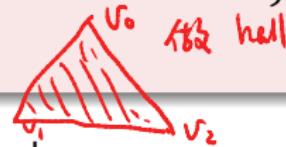
The  $k + 1$  points  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbf{R}^n$  are called **affinely independent** if  $\{v_1 - v_0, \dots, v_k - v_0\}$  is linearly independent.

## Simplex

Suppose the  $k + 1$  points  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbf{R}^n$  are affinely independent. The **simplex** determined by these  $k + 1$  points is

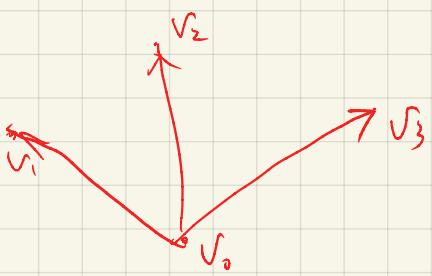
$$C = \mathbf{conv} \{v_0, \dots, v_k\} = \left\{ \theta_0 v_0 + \dots + \theta_k v_k \mid \theta \succeq 0, \mathbf{1}^T \theta = 1 \right\}$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the vector with all entries one.



- The above defined simplex is sometimes called a  **$k$ -dimensional simplex in  $\mathbf{R}^n$** , since its **affine dimension** is  $k$ .

Affinely Independent :



此三個為 L.I.

# Examples of Simplexes

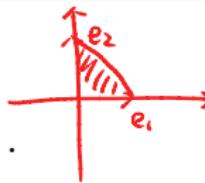
- A 1-dimensional simplex is a line segment.
- A 2-dimensional simplex is a triangle (including its interior).
- A 3-dimensional simplex is a tetrahedron.

## Unit Simplex

The **unit simplex** in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is the  $n$ -dimensional simplex determined by the zero vector and the **unit vectors**:  $\{0, e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ .

The **unit simplex** can be expressed as

$$\left\{ x \mid x \succeq 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T x \leq 1 \right\}.$$



# Example of Simplexes – Probability Simplex

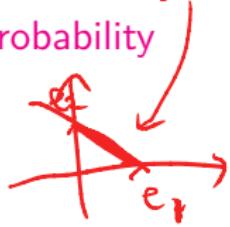
- The **probability simplex** in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is the  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional simplex determined by the unit vectors  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ . 沒有  $\vec{0}$
- It can be expressed as

$$\left\{ x \mid x \succeq 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T x = 1 \right\}.$$

Q 那就是個 ~~hyperplane~~?

line  
segment

- Vectors in the probability simplex corresponds to **probability distributions** on a set with  $n$  elements.



# Expressing A Simplex as A Polyhedron

- Consider the simplex 紹讀!

$$C = \text{conv} \{v_0, \dots, v_k\} = \left\{ \theta_0 v_0 + \dots + \theta_k v_k \mid \theta \succeq 0, \mathbf{1}^T \theta = 1 \right\}$$

- Let

$$B = [ \begin{array}{cccc} v_1 - v_0 & \cdots & v_k - v_0 \end{array} ] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \text{ L.I.}$$

and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a **nonsingular matrix** such that

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} I_k \\ 0_{(n-k) \times k} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$A_2 B P$  is the orthogonal complement

- Then, we have  $x \in C$  if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 x &= A_2 v_0, & A_1 x &\succeq A_1 v_0, & \mathbf{1}^T A_1 x &\leq 1 + \mathbf{1}^T A_1 v_0. \end{aligned}$$

(a form of a polyhedron)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \theta_0 v_0 + \theta_1 v_1 + \cdots + \theta_k v_k \\ &= v_0 + \theta_1 (v_1 - v_0) + \theta_2 (v_2 - v_0) + \cdots + \theta_k (v_k - v_0) \\ &= v_0 + [B] \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_k \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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# Convex Hull Description of Polyhedra

- Consider the **convex hull** of the finite set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{conv}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \\ = & \left\{ \theta_1 v_1 + \dots + \theta_k v_k \mid \theta_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, k, \theta_1 + \dots + \theta_k = 1 \right\} \\ = & \left\{ \theta_1 v_1 + \dots + \theta_k v_k \mid \theta \succeq 0, \mathbf{1}^T \theta = 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- It is a **polyhedron** and is **bounded**. (why?)  $\because$  是 finite points
- How can we express  $\mathbf{conv}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  in the form

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ x \mid a_i^T x \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m, c_j^T x = d_j, j = 1, \dots, p \right\}$$

# Convex Hull Description of Polyhedra

- Conversely, how do we express a polyhedron

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ x \mid a_i^T x \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m, c_j^T x = d_j, j = 1, \dots, p \right\}$$

in the form of convex hull description  $\text{conv} \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ ?

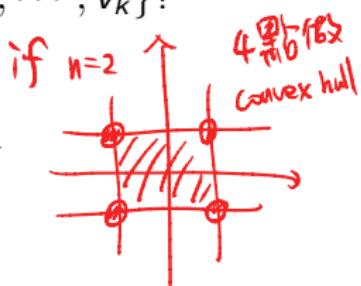
- Example: consider

$$C = \{x \mid |x_i| \leq 1, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

(with  $2n$  linear inequalities). Then we have

$$x_i \leq 1, x_i \geq -1$$

$$C = \text{conv} \{v_1, \dots, v_{2^n}\},$$



where  $v_1, \dots, v_{2^n}$  are the  $2^n$  vectors whose components are all 1 or -1.

# Notations for Sets of Symmetric Matrices

- The notation  $\mathbf{S}^n$  denotes the set of symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices:

$$\mathbf{S}^n = \left\{ X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid X = X^T \right\}.$$

onto mapping  
 $\mathbf{S}^n \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$   $\Rightarrow$  isomorphism

- $\mathbf{S}^n$  is a vector space with dimension  $n(n + 1)/2$ . 只有  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  個 entries 是自由的
- The notation  $\mathbf{S}_+^n$  denotes the set of symmetric positive semidefinite matrices:

$$\mathbf{S}_+^n = \{X \in \mathbf{S}^n \mid X \succeq 0\}.$$

O matrix  
 p.s.  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$      $A, B \in \mathbf{S}^n$   
 $a \succeq b$                    $A \succeq B$   
 $\Rightarrow a_i \geq b_i$            $\Rightarrow A - B \in \mathbf{S}_+^n$

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# Isomorphism of Symmetric Matrix Subspace

## Symmetric Vectorization

We define  $\text{svec} : \mathbf{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n(n+1)/2}$  with  $\text{dom svec} = \mathbf{S}^n$  and

取下△

$$\text{svec}(Y) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} \\ \sqrt{2}Y_{12} \\ Y_{22} \\ \sqrt{2}Y_{13} \\ \sqrt{2}Y_{23} \\ Y_{33} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^{n(n+1)/2}.$$

由  $\sqrt{2}$  是  $\sqrt{\lambda}$  的  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  个 isometric  
 $\times 2$  norm-preserving i.e. norm at  $\mathbf{S}^n$  = at  $\mathbf{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$

↑

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The symmetric vectorization is an isometric isomorphism

It can be shown that  $\text{svec}$  is an isometric isomorphism:

- $\|\text{svec } X - \text{svec } Y\|_2 = \|X - Y\|_F$ .

- $(\text{svec } X)^T \text{svec } Y = \text{tr}(XY)$ .

Forbbinein inner product

# Positive Semidefinite Cone

## Convexity of Positive Semidefinite Cones

The set  $\mathbf{S}_+^n$  is a **convex cone**:

if  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \geq 0$  and  $A, B \in \mathbf{S}_+^n$ , then  $\theta_1 A + \theta_2 B \in \mathbf{S}_+^n$ .

Proof: We say that  $A$  is p.s.d. iff  $\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n, v^T A v \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n, v^T (\theta_1 A + \theta_2 B) v &= \theta_1 (v^T A v) + \theta_2 (v^T B v) \geq 0 + 0 \quad (\because \text{PSD}) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

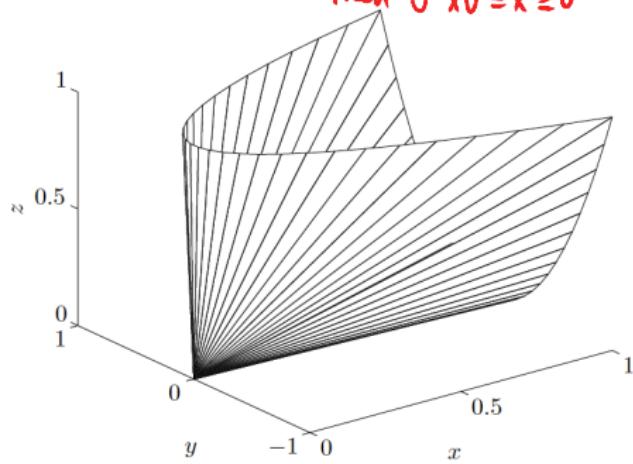
# Positive Semidefinite Cone in $S^2$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} \in S_+^2 \iff x \geq 0, z \geq 0, xz \geq y^2.$$

map to  $R^3 (R^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}})$

Let  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
then  $v^T X v = x \geq 0$

Let  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



# Norm Balls and Norm Cones

## Norm Balls and Norm Cones

- Suppose  $\|\cdot\|$  is a **norm** on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .
- It can be shown that a **norm ball** of radius  $r$  and center  $x_c$ , given by  $\{x \mid \|x - x_c\| \leq r\}$ , is **convex**.
- The **norm cone** associated with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is the set

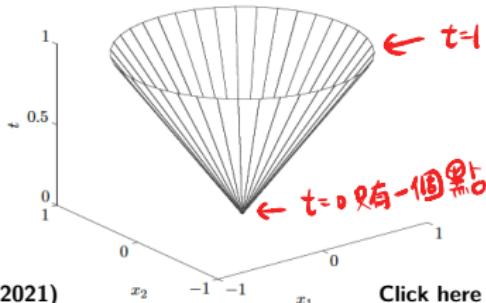
$$C = \{(x, t) \mid \|x\| \leq t\} \subseteq \mathbf{R}^{n+1}.$$

# Second-Order Cone

The **second-order cone** is the norm cone for the Euclidean norm, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \left\{ (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} \mid \|x\|_2 \leq t \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{bmatrix} x \\ t \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ t \end{bmatrix} \leq 0, \quad t \geq 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is also known as the **quadratic cone**, the **Lorentz cone**, or **ice-cream cone**.



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- Second-order cone

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- Affine functions
- Linear-fractional and perspective functions

## 4 Separating and supporting hyperplanes (§2.5)

- Separating hyperplane theorem
- Supporting hyperplanes

# Intersection Preserves Convexity

## Intersection Preserves Convexity

If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are convex, then  $S_1 \cap S_2$  is convex. *finite intersection can be proven by induction*

## Intersection of an infinite number of sets

If  $S_\alpha$  is convex for every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ , then

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} S_\alpha$$

is convex. Here,  $\mathcal{A}$  is the set of indices and can be finite or infinite.

- Example: A polyhedron is the intersection of halfspaces and hyperplanes (which are convex), and therefore is convex.

$\forall x, y \in S_1 \cap S_2, x, y \notin S_1$

$\therefore \forall \theta \in [0, 1], \theta x + (1-\theta)y \notin S_1$

Similarly,  $\theta x + (1-\theta)y \notin S_2$

(ii)(2)  $\Rightarrow \theta x + (1-\theta)y \notin S_1 \cap S_2$

# Positive Semidefinite Cone

## Positive Semidefinite Cone

The positive semidefinite cone  $\mathbf{S}_+^n$  can be expressed as

infinite  $\Rightarrow$  not polyhedron

$$\bigcap_{z \neq 0} \left\{ X \in \mathbf{S}^n \mid z^T X z \geq 0 \right\}$$

很多 hyperplane 的交集

$$Z^T X Z = \text{tr}(Z^T \underbrace{X Z}_{A B}) = \text{tr}(X Z Z^T) \\ = \text{tr}(X Z)$$

Where  $Z = z z^T$

and is convex.

- For each  $z \neq 0$ ,  $z^T X z$  is a linear function of  $X$ , so the set

$$\left\{ X \in \mathbf{S}^n \mid z^T X z \geq 0 \right\}$$

is a halfspace in  $\mathbf{S}^n$ .

# An Example

- Consider the set

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid |p(t)| \leq 1 \text{ for } |t| \leq \pi/3\}$$

where  $p(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m x_k \cos kt$ .

- The set  $S$  can be expressed as the intersection of an infinite number of **slabs**:

$$S = \bigcap_{|t| \leq \pi/3} S_t$$

where

*halfspace*

$$S_t = \{x \mid \underbrace{-1}_{\text{hyperplane}} \leq [\cos t, \dots, \cos mt] x \leq 1\}.$$

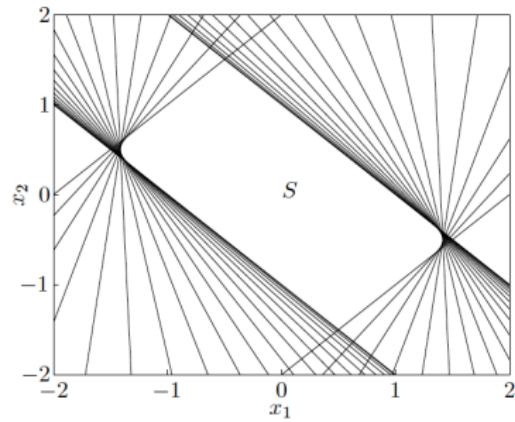
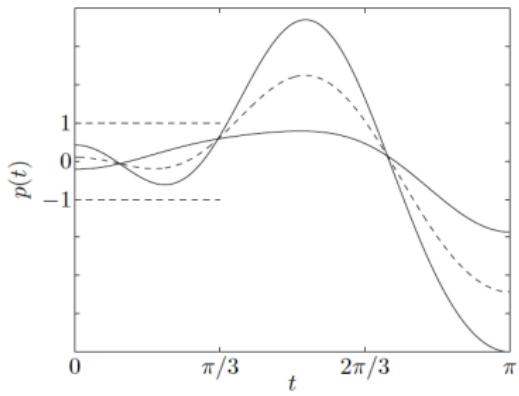
*halfspace*  $\langle t \rangle$  associate  $\parallel$

*hyperplane*  $\parallel$



- So,  $S$  is convex.

# An Example

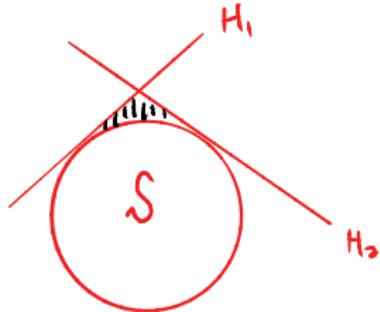


$$p(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m x_k \cos kt$$

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# Convex Sets as Intersection of Halfspaces

- We have seen that the intersection of (possibly infinite) halfspaces is convex.
- It will be shown that a converse is true: every closed convex set  $S$  is the intersection of (usually infinite) halfspaces.
- A closed convex set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is the intersection of all halfspaces that contain it: open set 就會有疏漏



$$S = \bigcap_{\substack{S \subseteq \mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n}} \mathcal{H}.$$

$\mathcal{H}$  is a halfspace 可能是 infinite

# Affine functions

## Affine function

A function  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$  is **affine** if it is a sum of a **linear function** and a **constant**. That is, it has the form

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$$f(x) = Ax + b$$

where  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $b \in \mathbf{R}^m$ .

## Affine functions preserve convexity

Suppose  $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is **convex** and  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$  is an **affine function**. Then the **image** of  $S$  under  $f$ ,

$$f(S) = \{f(x) \mid x \in S\},$$

在  $f(x)$  取任意點，  
其直線 segment 仍在  $f(x)$  內

is **convex**.

## Affine functions

### Affine functions preserve convexity

Suppose  $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is convex and  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$  is an affine function.  
Then the **image** of  $S$  under  $f$ ,

$$f(S) = \{f(x) \mid x \in S\},$$

is convex.

### Inverse Image under Affine functions

Suppose  $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is convex and  $f : \mathbf{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  is an affine function.  
Then the **inverse image** of  $S$  under  $f$ ,

沒有 inverse 的點也行,

$$f^{-1}(S) = \{x \mid f(x) \in S\}, \because \phi \text{ 也是 convex}$$

is convex.

## Examples – Scaling, Translation, and Projection

- **Scaling:** If  $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is convex, then for any  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ , the set

$$\alpha S = \{\alpha x \mid x \in S\}$$

is convex.

- **Translation:** If  $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is convex, then for any  $a \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , the set

$$S + a = \{x + a \mid x \in S\}$$

is convex.

- **Projection** onto some coordinates: If  $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^n$  is convex, then

$$T = \{x_1 \in \mathbf{R}^m \mid (x_1, x_2) \in S \text{ for some } x_2 \in \mathbf{R}^n\}$$

is convex.

# Cartesian Products of Sets and Sums of Sets

## Cartesian Product of two sets

Suppose  $S_1 \subseteq \mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $S_2 \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ , then the **Cartesian Product** of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  is defined as

$$S_1 \times S_2 = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 \in S_1, x_2 \in S_2\}.$$

- If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are **convex**, then  $S_1 \times S_2$  is **convex**.

## Sum of two sets

The **sum** of two sets is defined as

$$S_1 + S_2 = \{x + y \mid x \in S_1, y \in S_2\}$$

where  $S_1, S_2 \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ .

- If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are **convex**, then  $S_1 + S_2$  is **convex**.

# Partial Sums of Sets

## Partial sum of two sets

The **partial sum** of  $S_1, S_2 \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^m$  is defined as

$$S = \{(x, y_1 + y_2) \mid (x, y_1) \in S_1, (x, y_2) \in S_2, x \in \mathbf{R}^n, y_i \in \mathbf{R}^{m_i}\}.$$

- Partial sums of convex sets are convex.
- Partial sums are general cases for set intersection ( $m = 0$ ) and set addition ( $n = 0$ ).

## Examples – Polyhedra

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- The polyhedron  $\{x \mid Ax \preceq b\}$  can be expressed as the inverse image of the nonnegative orthant under the affine function  $f(x) = b - Ax$ :

再看細一點

$$\{x \mid Ax \preceq b\} = \{x \mid f(x) \in \mathbf{R}_+^m\}.$$

- More generally, the polyhedron  $\{x \mid Ax \preceq b, Cx = d\}$  can be expressed as the inverse image of the Cartesian product of the nonnegative orthant and the origin under the affine function  $f(x) = (b - Ax, d - Cx)$ :

$$\{x \mid Ax \preceq b, Cx = d\} = \{x \mid f(x) \in \mathbf{R}_+^m \times \{0\}\}.$$

Convex set → inverse  
 ↓  
 Convex set      Convex set      Convex set

## Examples – Ellipsoid

- The ellipsoid

$$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ x \mid (x - x_c)^T P^{-1} (x - x_c) \leq 1 \right\},$$

where  $P \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$  is the **image** of the **unit Euclidean ball**  $\{u \mid \|u\|_2 \leq 1\}$  under the **affine mapping**  $f(u) = P^{1/2}u + x_c$ .

- It is also the **inverse image** of the **unit Euclidean ball** under the **affine mapping**  $g(x) = P^{-1/2}(x - x_c)$ .

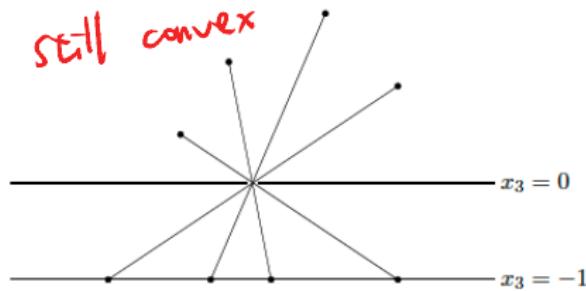
# Perspective Functions

## Perspective function

The **perspective function**  $P : \mathbf{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ , with domain  $\text{dom } P = \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}_{++}$ , is defined as  $P(z, t) = z/t$ .

The perspective function can be interpreted as the action of a pin-hole camera.

想成拍照  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  map to  $\mathbf{R}^2$   
still convex



# Perspective Functions Preserve Convexity

- Let  $C \subseteq \text{dom } P = \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}_{++}$  be convex, then its **image** under the **perspective function**  $P : \mathbf{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ , defined as  $P(z, t) = z/t$ , i.e.,

$$P(C) = \{P(x) \mid x \in C\}$$

is also **convex**.

Proof idea: a **line segment** in  $C$  is mapped to a **line segment**  $P(C)$  under  $P(\cdot)$ .

# Perspective Functions Preserve Convexity

- The inverse image of a **convex** set under the **perspective function** is also **convex**:
- If  $C \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is **convex**, then

$$P^{-1}(C) = \{(x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} \mid x/t \in C, t > 0\}$$

is **convex**.

# Linear-fractional functions

- A **linear-fractional function** is formed by composing the **perspective function** with an **affine function**.

## Linear-fractional functions

Let  $g : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{m+1}$  be **affine**:

$$g(x) = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ c^T \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $c \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , and  $d \in \mathbf{R}$ . The function  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$  given by  $f = P \circ g$ , i.e.,

$$f(x) = \frac{Ax + b}{c^T x + d}, \quad \text{dom } f = \left\{ x \mid c^T x + d > 0 \right\},$$

is called a **linear-fractional** (or **projective**) function.

- Affine functions** and **linear functions** are special cases of **linear-fractional functions**.

# Projective Interpretation

- A **linear-fractional** function can be represented as a matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ c^T & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^{(m+1) \times (n+1)}.$$

- The matrix  $Q$  maps the point  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} Ax + b \\ c^T x + d \end{bmatrix}$ , a scalar multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} f(x) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

# Projective Interpretation

- Let us associate  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with a set of **rays** in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  as follows.
- For any  $z \in \mathbf{R}^n$  we associate the (open) **ray**

$$\mathcal{P}(z) = \left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid t > 0 \right\}$$

in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ .

- Conversely, any **ray** in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ , with base at the origin and last component which takes on positive value, can be written as

$$\mathcal{P}(v) = \left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \geq 0 \right\} \text{ for some } v \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

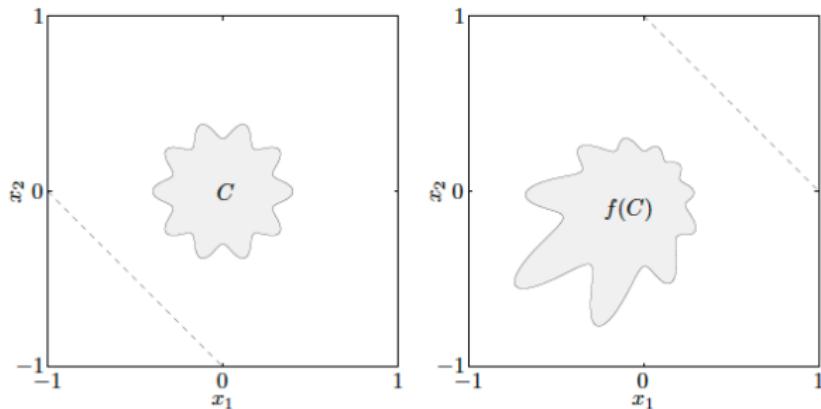
- The correspondence  $\mathcal{P}$  is therefore **one-to-one** and **onto**.
- The **linear-fractional function**  $f$  can be expressed as

$$f(x) = \mathcal{P}^{-1}(Q\mathcal{P}(x)).$$

# Linear-fractional Functions Preserve Convexity

- Linear-fractional functions preserve convexity.
- If  $C$  is convex and  $C \subseteq \text{dom } f = \{x \mid c^T x + d > 0\}$ , then its image  $f(C)$  is convex.
  - Proof idea:  $f = P \circ g$  where  $P$  is the perspective function and  $g$  is an affine function.
- Similarly, if  $C \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is convex, then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(C)$  is convex.

# Linear-fractional Functions – An Example



- A set  $C \subseteq \mathbf{R}^2$  and its image under the **linear-fractional** function

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x_1 + x_2 + 1}, \quad \text{dom } f = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid x_1 + x_2 + 1 > 0 \right\}.$$

## Linear-fractional Functions – An Example

- Suppose  $u$  and  $v$  are **random variables** that take on values in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ , respectively.
- Let  $p_{ij} = \mathbf{prob}(u = i, v = j)$ . Then the **conditional probability**  $f_{ij} = \mathbf{prob}(u = i | v = j)$  is

$$f_{ij} = \frac{p_{ij}}{\sum_{k=1}^n p_{kj}}.$$

- Then  $f$  is obtained by a **linear-fractional** mapping from  $p$ . (what is the mapping?)

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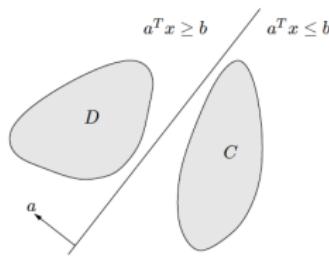
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# Separating Hyperplane Theorem

## Separating Hyperplane

The **hyperplane**  $\{x \mid a^T x = b\}$  is called a **separating hyperplane** for the sets  $C$  and  $D$ , or is said to **separate** the sets  $C$  and  $D$  if  $a^T x \leq b$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $a^T x \geq b$  for all  $x \in D$ .



## Separating Hyperplane Theorem

Suppose  $C$  and  $D$  are two **convex** sets that do not intersect, i.e.,  $C \cap D = \emptyset$ . Then there exist  $a \neq 0$  and  $b$  such that the **hyperplane**  $\{x \mid a^T x = b\}$  separates  $C$  and  $D$ .

# Separating Hyperplane Theorem – Proof

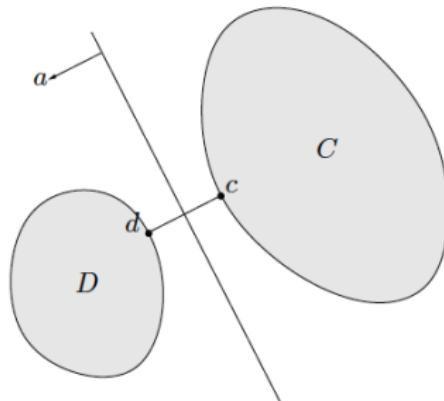
Proof of a special case

- Consider that  $C$  and  $D$  are both **convex**, **closed**, and **bounded**.
- Assume that the **Euclidean distance** between  $C$  and  $D$ , defined as

$$\text{dist}(C, D) = \inf \{ \|u - v\|_2 \mid u \in C, v \in D\},$$

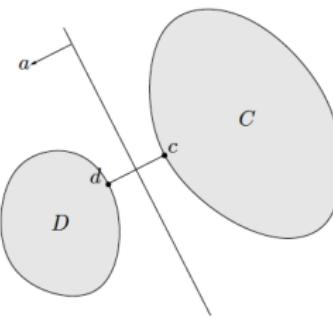
- is positive.
- Since  $C$  and  $D$  are both **closed** and **bounded**, there exist  $c \in C$  and  $d \in D$  such that

$$\|c - d\|_2 = \text{dist}(C, D).$$



# Separating Hyperplane Theorem – Proof

Proof of a special case



- Let

$$a = d - c, \quad b = \frac{\|d\|_2^2 - \|c\|_2^2}{2}.$$

- Then, it can be shown that the **affine function**

$$f(x) = a^T x - b = (d - c)^T \left( x - \frac{d + c}{2} \right)$$

is **nonpositive** on  $C$  and **nonnegative** on  $D$ .

## Example – A Convex Set and An Affine Set

- Matrix* *向量*
- 通常可以以參數式寫出
- Suppose  $C \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is convex and  $D \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  is affine, i.e.,  
 $D = \{Fu + g \mid u \in \mathbf{R}^m\}$ , where  $F \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$ ,  $g \in \mathbf{R}^n$ .
- Suppose  $C$  and  $D$  are disjoint, so by the separating hyperplane theorem there are  $a \neq 0$  and  $b$  such that  $a^T x \leq b$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $a^T x \geq b$  for all  $x \in D$ .  $x = Fu + g$  since  $x \in D$
  - $\because a^T x \geq b$  for all  $x \in D$ ,  $\therefore a^T F u \geq b - a^T g$  for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}^m$ .  $\forall u \text{ holds}$
  - But a linear function is bounded below on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  only when it is zero, so we conclude  $a^T F = 0$  (and hence,  $b \leq a^T g$ ).
  - Thus we conclude that there exists  $a \neq 0$  such that  $F^T a = 0$  and  $a^T x \leq a^T g$  for all  $x \in C$ .

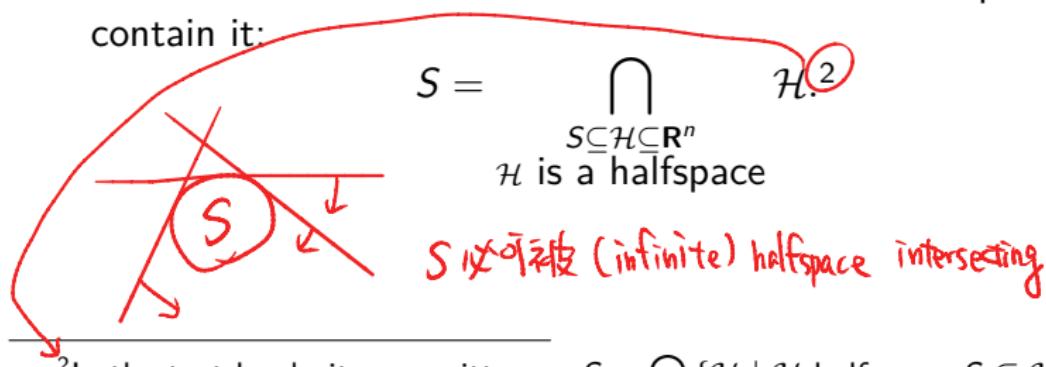
若  $a^T F$  為 non-0 vector,  $\because u$  是 any vector  $\in \mathbb{R}^m$

$\Rightarrow a^T F \cdot u$  要恆大於某常數. 若  $a^T F$ ,  $u$  為同方向則  $> 0$  但必然有負方向

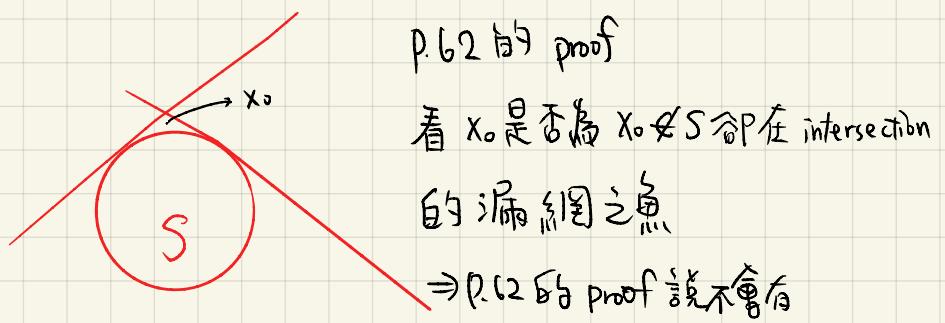
$\Rightarrow a^T F$  (視為 slope) 必為 0.

# Convex Sets as Intersection of Halfspaces (Revisit)

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- A closed convex set  $S$  is the intersection of all halfspaces that contain it:



<sup>2</sup>In the text book, it was written as  $S = \bigcap \{\mathcal{H} \mid \mathcal{H} \text{ halfspace}, S \subseteq \mathcal{H}\}$ .



# Strict Separation of Convex Sets

## Strict separation

For two sets  $C, D \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ , if there exists  $a \in \mathbf{R}^n, b \in \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$a^T x < b \quad \forall x \in C \text{ and } a^T x > b \quad \forall x \in D,$$

then  $C$  and  $D$  are said to be **strictly separable**, and the hyperplane  $\{x \mid a^T x = b\}$  is called **strict separation** of  $C$  and  $D$ .

不保證 strict

- Remark: The separating hyperplane theorem only dictates that two convex sets that are disjoint to be separated by a hyperplane. A strict separation is not guaranteed (even when the sets are closed).

## Example – A Point and A Closed Convex Set

直接把  $C, \{x_0\}$  視為 2 集合，可証 separate 但不 strict

- Let  $C$  be a closed convex set and  $x_0 \notin C$ . Then there exists a hyperplane that strictly separates  $\{x_0\}$  from  $C$ .
- Proof idea:
  - The two sets  $C$  and  $B(x_0, \epsilon)$  do not intersect for some  $\epsilon > 0$ .
  - Apply the separating hyperplane theorem on  $C$  and  $B(x_0, \epsilon)$  (getting  $a^T$  and  $b$ ).
  - The affine function

$$f(x) = a^T x - b - \epsilon \|a\|_2 / 2$$



strictly separates  $C$  and  $\{x_0\}$ .

- Corollary: A closed convex set is the intersection of all halfspaces that contain it.

# Converse of Separating Hyperplane Theorems

- Question: If there exists a **hyperplane** that **separates** convex sets  $C$  and  $D$ , does this imply  $C$  and  $D$  are **disjoint**? 
  - (No. Consider  $C = D = \{0\} \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ .)
- Suppose  $C$  and  $D$  are **convex** sets, with  $C$  **open**, and there exists an **affine function**  $f$  that is nonpositive on  $C$  and nonnegative on  $D$ . Then  $C$  and  $D$  are **disjoint**.
  - Hint:  $f$  is negative on  $C$ .

## Theorem

Any two convex sets, at least one of which is open, are **disjoint if and only if** there exists a **separating hyperplane**.

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Let  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $b \in \mathbf{R}^m$ . The inequalities

恰只有一組解

$$x \in \mathbf{R}^n, \lambda \in \mathbf{R}^m, \text{不同縮放}$$

$$Ax < b \quad \text{找 } x$$

are **infeasible** if and only if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}^m$  such that  $\lambda \geq 0$

$\lambda$  可視為  $C, D \in \mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $C, D$  disjoint,  $\lambda$  为 hyperplane 的法向量

$$\lambda \neq 0, \quad \lambda \geq 0, \quad A^T \lambda = 0, \quad \lambda^T b \leq 0.$$

這個有解,  $Ax < b$  有解

- Proof idea: consider the **open convex** set

$$D = \mathbf{R}_{++}^m = \{y \in \mathbf{R}^m \mid y > 0\}$$

and the **affine** set (hence **convex**)

$$C = \{b - Ax \mid x \in \mathbf{R}^n\}.$$

$C, D$  disjoint, by separating hyperplane,

有一個  $\lambda \in A^T \lambda = 0$

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Suppose  $C \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ , and  $x_0$  is a point in its boundary  $\mathbf{bd} C$ , i.e.,

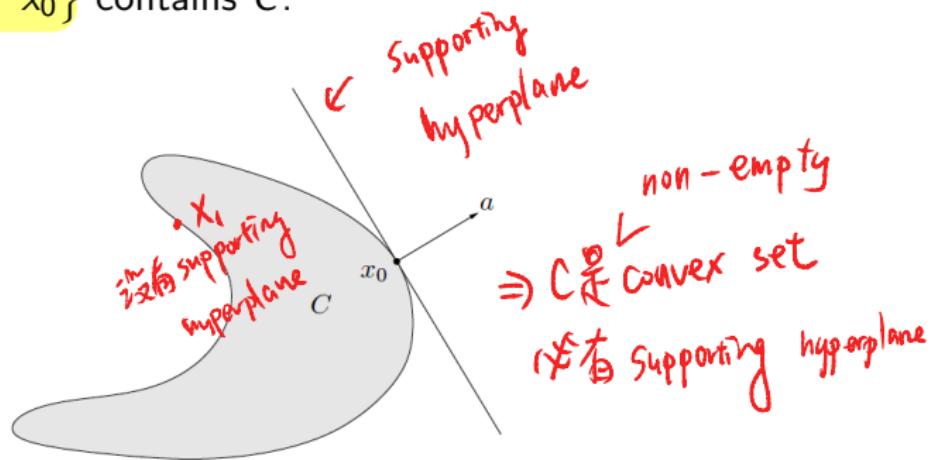
$$x_0 \in \mathbf{bd} C = \mathbf{cl} C \setminus \mathbf{int} C.$$

If  $a \neq 0$  satisfies  $a^T x \leq a^T x_0$  for all  $x \in C$ , then the **hyperplane**  $\{x \mid a^T x = a^T x_0\}$  is called a **supporting hyperplane** to  $C$  at the point  $x_0$ .

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For any **nonempty convex** set  $C$ , and any  $x_0 \in \text{bd } C$ , there exists a **supporting hyperplane** to  $C$  at  $x_0$ .

Proof: Use the **separating hyperplane theorem**.

- If  $\text{int } C \neq \emptyset$ : then by applying the **separating hyperplane theorem** on  $\{x_0\}$  and  $\text{int } C$ , the statement is proved.
- If  $\text{int } C = \emptyset$ : then  $C$  lies in an **affine** set of **dimension** less than  $n$ . Then any hyperplane that contains this affine set contains both  $C$  and  $x_0$  and therefore is a **supporting hyperplane**.

means  
aff hull < n

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If a set  $C$  is **closed**, has **nonempty interior**, and has a **supporting hyperplane** at any  $x_0 \in \text{bd } C$ , then  $C$  is convex.