

4. Examples

Norm ball: $B = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x_c\| \leq r \}$ $r \geq 0$
 $x_c \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$x \mapsto x + ru$ any norm

$= \{ x + ru \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|u\| \leq 1 \}$

Ellipsoid

$$E(x_c, P) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (x - x_c)^T P^{-1} (x - x_c) \leq 1 \}$$

$P \succ 0$

B when $P = rI$ (special case of E)

Q: generalize for other norms?

Aside: Square root decomposition

$$P \in S^n, P \succ 0$$

$$P = E \Lambda E^T \quad \text{where} \quad E E^T = I = E^T E$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \sqrt{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \sqrt{\lambda_2} & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

since $\sqrt{\Lambda} \sqrt{\Lambda} = \Lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } P &= E \Lambda E^T = E \sqrt{\Lambda} \sqrt{\Lambda} E^T \\ &= E \sqrt{\Lambda} E^T E \sqrt{\Lambda} E^T \\ &= \sqrt{P} \sqrt{P} \quad \text{matrix square root} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \sqrt{P}^2 = P$$

MATLAB: `sqrtm()`

valid for $P \succ 0$

$$E(x_c, P) = \{ x_c + \sqrt{P} u \mid \|u\| \leq 1 \}$$

l_2 case: $x = x_c + \sqrt{P}u$

$$\sqrt{P}^{-1}(x - x_c) = u$$

$$\|u\|_2^2 \leq 1 \iff (x - x_c)^T P^{-1} (x - x_c)$$

since $\sqrt{P}^{-1} \sqrt{P}^{-1} = P^{-1}$ (prove)

Is $B(x_c, r)$ convex?

$$B(0, 1) = \{x \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$$

$$x, y \in B(0, 1) \Rightarrow \|x\| \leq 1, \|y\| \leq 1$$

$$z = \theta x + (1 - \theta)y$$

$$\|z\| = \|\theta x + (1 - \theta)y\| \leq \|\theta x\| + \|(1 - \theta)y\|$$

triangle inequality

$$= |\theta| \|x\| + |1 - \theta| \|y\|$$

homogeneity

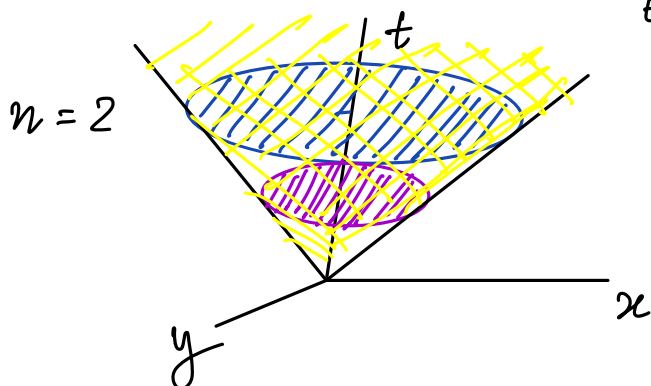
$$(\text{since } \theta \in [0, 1]) = \theta \|x\| + (1 - \theta) \|y\|$$

$$\leq \theta + (1 - \theta) = 1 \quad x, y \in B(0, 1)$$

Prove for $E(x_c, P)$ §

Norm Cone $C = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ t \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \begin{array}{l} x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ t \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \mid \|x\|_2 \leq t \right\}$

implies $t \geq 0$



ice-cream cone
lorentz-cone