

Eg: Laplace Trans. $P(z) = \int p(x) e^{-z^T x} dx, p \geq 0$

$f(x, z) = p(x) e^{-z^T x}$ log-convex in $z \Rightarrow P(z)$ log-convex.

$$M(z) = P(-z) \Rightarrow \nabla M(0) = \int p(x) x dx = E v$$

$$\nabla^2 M(0) = E v v^T$$

$f: R^n \rightarrow R$ (Multi-objectives: $f: R^n \mapsto R^m$)

① $K \subseteq R^m$: proper cone.

$f: (R^n \mapsto R)$
 K -nondecreasing $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \preceq_K y \Rightarrow f(x) \preceq f(y)$

K -increasing $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \preceq_K y, x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y)$

Eg: $K = R_+^n, x_1 \leq y_1, \dots, x_n \leq y_n \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(y)$

$K = S_+^n, X \preceq Y \Rightarrow f(X) \leq f(Y)$

$$f(x) = \text{Tr}(Wx), W \succeq 0$$

Prop: $f: K$ -nondecreasing $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in \text{dom} f \rightarrow \nabla f(x) \succeq_{K^*} 0$

(if $K = R_+^n \Rightarrow \nabla f(x) \in R_+^n$)

Proof: " \Leftarrow " Assume f is not K -nondecreasing

$$\exists x \preceq_K y \text{ s.t. } f(x) > f(y)$$

Since $f \in C' \Rightarrow \exists t \in (0, 1)$ s.t.

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x + t(y-x)) = \nabla f(x + t(y-x))^T (y-x) < 0$$

Since $y-x \in K \Rightarrow \nabla f(x + t(y-x)) \notin K^*$ (contradiction)

" \Rightarrow " Assume $\exists z, \nabla f(z) \notin K^*, \exists v \in K$

$$\text{s.t. } \nabla f(z)^T v < 0$$

$$h(t) = f(z + tv) \rightarrow h'(0) = \nabla f(z)^T v < 0$$

$\exists t_0 > 0$, s.t. $h(0) > h(t_0)$ but $v \in K$ (contradiction)

Prop: $f: K$ -convex $\Leftrightarrow \underline{w^T f}$ convex for any $w \succeq_{K^*} 0$

Consider $g(x) = w^T f(x): R^n \mapsto R$.

Proof: " \Rightarrow " $g(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) = w^T f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y)$ (1)

Since $f: K$ -convex.

$$f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) \leq_k \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y)$$

Define $v = \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y) - f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y)$

$$\Rightarrow v \succeq_{k^*} 0 \quad (v \in k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \Rightarrow w^T (\theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y) - v) \\ = w^T \theta f(x) + w^T (1-\theta)f(y) - w^T v \\ \leq \theta g(x) + (1-\theta)g(y) \end{aligned}$$

" \Leftarrow " Assume f is not k -convex.

$$\Rightarrow \exists x, y \in \text{dom } f, \text{ s.t. } v = \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y) - \underbrace{f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y)}_{\notin k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists w \in k^*, \text{ s.t. } w^T v < 0. \quad (k = k^{**})$$

Define $g(\theta) = w^T f(y + \theta(x-y))$ convex.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow g(\theta) &\leq \theta g(1) + (1-\theta)g(0) \\ &= \theta w^T f(x) + (1-\theta)w^T f(y) \\ &= w^T (\theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y)) \\ &= w^T (f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) + v) \\ &= g(\theta) + w^T v < g(\theta) \quad (\text{contradiction}) \end{aligned}$$

Problem : C is convex $\Leftrightarrow (\alpha+\beta)C = \alpha C + \beta C, \forall \alpha, \beta \geq 0$

Proof: " \Rightarrow " $\forall z = \alpha x + \beta y = (\alpha+\beta) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} x + \frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta} y \right)$

Since C is convex $\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} x + \frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta} y \in C$

$$\Rightarrow z \in (\alpha+\beta)C \Rightarrow \alpha C + \beta C \subseteq (\alpha+\beta)C$$

$$(\alpha+\beta)C = \{(\alpha+\beta)x \mid x \in C\} = \{\alpha x + \beta x \mid x \in C\} \subseteq \alpha C + \beta C$$

" \Leftarrow " Choose $\alpha = \theta, \beta = (1-\theta) \Rightarrow C$ is convex.