

# ANLY 561 HW3

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In [12]:

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'''
This code imports numpy packages and allows us to pass data from python to global javascript
objects. It was developed by znah@github
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import json
import numpy as np
import numpy.random as rd
from ipywidgets import widgets
from IPython.display import HTML, Javascript, display

def json_numpy_serializer(o):
    if isinstance(o, np.ndarray):
        return o.tolist()
    raise TypeError("{} of type {} is not JSON serializable".format(repr(o), type(o)))

def jsglobal(**params):
    code = [];
    for name, value in params.items():
        jsdata = json.dumps(value, default=json_numpy_serializer)
        code.append("window. {}={};".format(name, jsdata))
    display(Javascript("\n".join(code)))
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In [13]: %%javascript
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// Loading the compiled MathBox bundle.
require.config({
  baseUrl:'', paths: {mathBox: 'http://localhost:8888/tree/Desktop/static/mathbox/build/
  // online compilation
  //baseUrl: '', paths: {mathBox: '../static/mathbox/build/mathbox-bundle'}
  // online compilation without local library-- remove baseUrl
  //paths: {mathBox: '//cdn.rawgit.com/unconed/mathbox/eaeb8e15/build/mathbox-bundle'}
});

// Minified graphing functions

window.with_mathbox=function(element,func){require(['mathBox'],function(){var mathbox=math
var intervalId=setInterval(function(){if(three.element.offsetParent===null){clearInterval(
var visible=isVisible(three.canvas);if(three.Loop.running!=visible){visible?three.Loop.
view.area({id:'yaxis',width:1,height:1,axes:[1,3],expr:function(emit,x,y,i,j){emit(4,0,0);
window.addSequence=function(view,seq,col){var idx=0;var d=new Date();var start=d.getTime(C
start=now}
emit(seq[idx][1],seq[idx][2],seq[idx][0])},items:1,channels:3)).point({color:col,points:'<
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<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>
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## Problem 1

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

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In [14]: %javascript

with_mathbox(element, function(mathbox) {

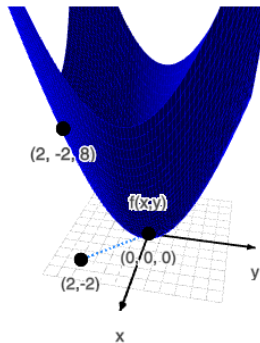
    var fcn = function(x, y) {
        return (x*x + y*y);
    };

    var view = plotGraph(mathbox, fcn);

    addSegment(view, [2, -2, 0], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
    addPoint(view, [2, -2, 0], 0x000000, ' (2, -2)' );
    addPoint(view, [0, 0, 0], 0x000000, ' (0, 0, 0)' );

    addSegment(view, [2, -2, fcn(2, -2)], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
    addPoint(view, [2, -2, 8], 0x000000, ' (2, -2, 8)' );

})
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**Comment:** It is strictly convex.

$$f(x, y) = x^2$$

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In [52]: %%javascript
with_mathbox(element, function(mathbox) {

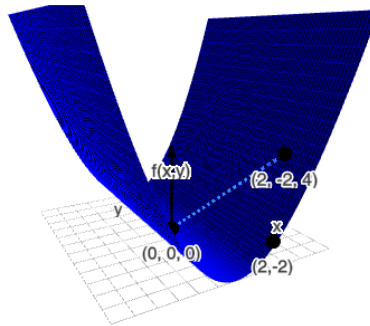
    var fcn = function(x, y) {
        return (x*x);
    };

    var view = plotGraph(mathbox, fcn);

    addSegment(view, [2, -2, 0], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
    addPoint(view, [2, -2, 0], 0x000000, '(2,-2)');
    addPoint(view, [0, 0, 0], 0x000000, '(0, 0, 0)');

    addSegment(view, [2, -2, fcn(2, -2)], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
    addPoint(view, [2, -2, 4], 0x000000, '(2, -2, 4)');

})
```



**Comment:** It is convex but not strictly convex.

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$$

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In [53]: %%javascript
with_mathbox(element, function(mathbox) {

    var fcn = function(x, y) {
        return (x*y-y*y);
    };

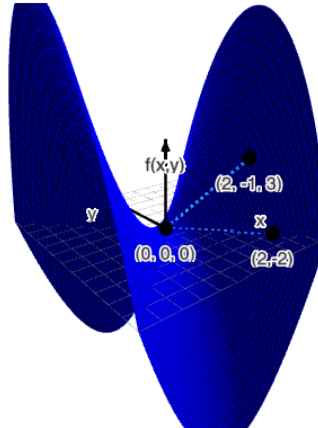
    var view = plotGraph(mathbox, fcn);

    addSegment(view, [2, -2, 0], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
    addPoint(view, [2, -2, 0], 0x000000, '(2,-2)');
    addPoint(view, [0, 0, 0], 0x000000, '(0, 0, 0)');

    addSegment(view, [2, -1, fcn(2, -1)], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
    addPoint(view, [2, -1, 3], 0x000000, '(2, -1, 3)');

})

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**Comment:** It is NOT convex.

$$f(x, y) = -x^2$$

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In [54]: %%javascript
with_mathbox(element, function(mathbox) {

    var fcn = function(x, y) {
        return (-x*x);
    };

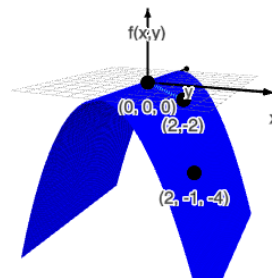
    var view = plotGraph(mathbox, fcn);

    addSegment(view, [2, -2, 0], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
    addPoint(view, [2, -2, 0], 0x000000, '(2,-2)');
    addPoint(view, [0, 0, 0], 0x000000, '(0, 0, 0)');

    addSegment(view, [2, -1, fcn(2, -1)], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
    addPoint(view, [2, -1, -4], 0x000000, '(2, -1, -4)');

})

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**Comment:** It is NOT convex.

$$f(x, y) = -x^2 - y^2$$

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In [55]: %javascript
with_mathbox(element, function(mathbox) {

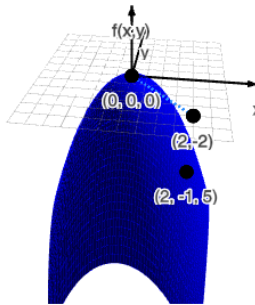
  var fcn = function(x, y) {
    return (-x*x-y*y);
  };

  var view = plotGraph(mathbox, fcn);

  addSegment(view, [2, -2, 0], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
  addPoint(view, [2, -2, 0], 0x000000, '(2,-2)');
  addPoint(view, [0, 0, 0], 0x000000, '(0, 0, 0)');

  addSegment(view, [2, -1, fcn(2, -1)], [0, 0, 0], 0x3090FF);
  addPoint(view, [2, -1, -5], 0x000000, '(2, -1, 5)');

})
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**Comment:** It is NOT convex.

## Problem 2

Try to prove that  $f(x_1, x_2) \geq f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \in X$  or  $f(x_1, x_2) > f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \in X$

**OR**

disprove it.

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

**Proof:**

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

$$f(y_1, y_2) = y_1^2 + y_2^2$$

$$\partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) = 2y_1(x_1 - y_1)$$

$$\partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) = 2y_2(x_2 - y_2)$$

**So**

$$f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= y_1^2 + y_2^2 + 2y_1(x_1 - y_1) + 2y_2(x_2 - y_2) \\
&= y_1^2 + y_2^2 + 2y_1x_1 - 2y_1^2 + 2y_2x_2 - 2y_2^2 \\
&= 2y_1x_1 + 2y_2x_2 - y_2^2 - y_1^2 \\
&f(x_1, x_2) - [f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)] \\
&= x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2y_1x_1 - 2y_2x_2 + y_2^2 + y_1^2 \\
&= (y_1 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - x_2)^2 > 0 \text{ since } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}, y_1 - x_1 \neq 0, \text{ and } y_2 - x_2 \neq 0 \text{ at the same time.} \\
&\text{Therefore,} \\
&f(x_1, x_2) > f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \in X, \text{ so this} \\
&\text{function is strictly convex.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(x, y) = x^2$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x_1, x_2) &= x_1^2 \\
f(y_1, y_2) &= y_1^2 \\
\partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) &= 2y_1(x_1 - y_1) \\
\partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) &= 0 \\
\text{So} \\
f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) \\
&= y_1^2 + 2y_1(x_1 - y_1) \\
&= y_1^2 + 2y_1x_1 - 2y_1^2 \\
&= 2y_1x_1 - y_1^2 \\
f(x_1, x_2) - [f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)] \\
&= x_1^2 - 2y_1x_1 + y_1^2 \\
&= (y_1 - x_1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ since } y_1 \text{ could be equal to } x_1 \text{ as long as } y_2 \neq x_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$f(x_1, x_2) \geq f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , so this function is convex.

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{As } (x_1, x_2) = (1, -1) \text{ and } (y_1, y_2) = (1, 1) \\
f(x_1, x_2) &= x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0 \\
f(y_1, y_2) &= y_1^2 - y_2^2 = 0 \\
\partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) &= 2y_1(x_1 - y_1) = 0 \\
\partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) &= -2y_2(x_2 - y_2) = 4 \\
\text{So} \\
f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) &= 4 \\
f(x_1, x_2) = 0 &< 4 = f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$\exists \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.  $f(x_1, x_2) < f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$ , so this function is NOT convex.

$$f(x, y) = -x^2$$

Proof:

As  $(x_1, x_2) = (1, 0)$  and  $(y_1, y_2) = (-1, 0)$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = -x_1^2 = -1$$

$$f(y_1, y_2) = y_1^2 = -1$$

$$\partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) = -2y_1(x_1 - y_1) = 4$$

$$\partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) = 0$$

So

$$f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) = 3$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = -1 < 3 = f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$$

Therefore,

$\exists \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.  $f(x_1, x_2) < f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$ , so this function is NOT convex.

$$f(x, y) = -x^2 - y^2$$

Proof:

As  $(x_1, x_2) = (1, 0)$  and  $(y_1, y_2) = (-1, 0)$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 = -1$$

$$f(y_1, y_2) = y_1^2 - y_2^2 = -1$$

$$\partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) = -2y_1(x_1 - y_1) = 4$$

$$\partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) = -2y_2(x_2 - y_2) = 0$$

So

$$f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) = 3$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = -1 < 3 = f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$$

Therefore,

$\exists \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.  $f(x_1, x_2) < f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$ , so this function is NOT convex.

### Problem 3

$$f(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

#### Part a

Let  $x = r\cos(\theta)$ ,  $y = r\sin(\theta)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) = f(r, \theta) &= \frac{r^2 \sin^2(\theta)}{\sqrt{r^2 \cos^2(\theta) + r^2 \sin^2(\theta)}} = \frac{r^2 \sin^2(\theta)}{\sqrt{r^2 (\cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta))}} \\ &= \frac{r^2 \sin^2(\theta)}{\sqrt{r^2}} = \frac{r^2 \sin^2(\theta)}{r} = r \sin^2(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Now if we let  $r \rightarrow 0$ , then

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} f(r, \theta) = r \sin^2(\theta) = 0$$

Therefore,  $f(x, y)$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

## Part b

$$g(t) = \frac{b^2 t^2}{\sqrt{a^2 t^2 + b^2 t^2}} = \frac{b^2 t^2}{t \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} t$$

So  $g(t)$  is just a line with slope  $\frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$ .

Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $k \in (0, 1)$

$g((1 - k)x + ky)$

$$= \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} ((1 - k)x + ky)$$

$$= (1 - k) \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} x + k \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} y$$

$$= (1 - k)g(x) + kg(y)$$

So, by definition,  $g(t)$  is convex.

## Part c

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In [19]: %%javascript

with_mathbox(element, function(mathbox) {

    var fcn = function(x, y) {
        return (y*y) /Math.sqrt(x*x+y*y);
    };

    var view = plotGraph(mathbox, fcn);

})
```

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>

**Proof:**

As  $(x_1, x_2) = (2, 1)$  and  $(y_1, y_2) = (-2, 1)$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$f(y_1, y_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) = (-y_1 y_2^2 (y_1^2 + y_2^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}})(x_1 - y_1) = 8 * 5^{-\frac{3}{2}} > 0$$

$$\partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) = 0 \text{ since } x_2 = y_2$$

So

$$f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + 8 * 5^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + 8 * 5^{-\frac{3}{2}} = f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$$



Therefore,

$\exists \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.  $f(x_1, x_2) < f(y_1, y_2) + \partial_1 f(y_1, y_2)(x_1 - y_1) + \partial_2 f(y_1, y_2)(x_2 - y_2)$ , so this function is NOT convex.

## Problem 4

$$p(x, y) = f(x^{(0)}, y^{(0)}) + \partial_1 f(x^{(0)}, y^{(0)})(x - x^{(0)}) + \partial_2 f(x^{(0)}, y^{(0)})(y - y^{(0)}) + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{1,1} f(x^{(0)}, y^{(0)})(x - x^{(0)})^2 + 2\partial_{1,2} f(x^{(0)}, y^{(0)})(x - x^{(0)})(y - y^{(0)}) + \partial_{2,2} f(x^{(0)}, y^{(0)})(y - y^{(0)})^2),$$

In this problem,

$$f(x_1, x_2) = -\log \left( \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 + x_1^2 & x_1 x_2 \\ x_1 x_2 & 1 + x_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = -\log ((1 + x_1^2)(1 + x_2^2) - x_1^2 x_2^2)$$

$$\partial_1 f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{-2x_1}{1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2}, \quad \partial_2 f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{-2x_2}{1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2}$$

$$\partial_{1,1} f(x_1, x_2) = \partial_1 \partial_1 f(x_1, x_2) = \partial_1 \frac{-2x_1}{(1 + x_1^2)(1 + x_2^2) - x_1^2 x_2^2} = \frac{2(x_1^2 - x_2^2 - 1)}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$\partial_{2,2} f(x_1, x_2) = \partial_2 \partial_2 f(x_1, x_2) = \partial_2 \frac{-2x_2}{(1 + x_1^2)(1 + x_2^2) - x_1^2 x_2^2} = \frac{2(x_2^2 - x_1^2 - 1)}{(x_2^2 + x_1^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$\partial_{1,2} f(x_1, x_2) = \partial_1 \partial_2 f(x_1, x_2) = \partial_1 \frac{-2x_2}{(1 + x_1^2)(1 + x_2^2) - x_1^2 x_2^2} = \frac{4x_1 x_2}{(x_2^2 + x_1^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$f(1, 1) = -\log 3, \quad \partial_1 f(1, 1) = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad \partial_2 f(1, 1) = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad \partial_{1,1} f(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{2}{9}, \quad \partial_{2,2} f(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{2}{9}, \quad \partial_{1,2} f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{4}{9}$$

Thus, the second order Taylor approximation to  $f$  at  $(1, 1)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1, x_2) &= -\log 3 - \frac{2}{3}(x_1 - 1) - \frac{2}{3}(x_2 - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{2}{9}(x_1 - 1)^2 + \frac{8}{9}(x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1) - \frac{2}{9}(x_2 - 1)^2 \right) \\ &= -\log 3 - \frac{2}{3}(x_1 - 1) - \frac{2}{3}(x_2 - 1) - \frac{1}{9}(x_1 - 1)^2 + \frac{4}{9}(x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1) - \frac{1}{9}(x_2 - 1)^2 \\ &= -\log 3 - \frac{1}{9}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4x_1 x_2 + 8x_1 + 8x_2 - 14) \end{aligned}$$

## Problem 5

### Part a

if  $A, B \in SPD(2)$ , then  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ , and  $\mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$\mathbf{x}^T (A + B) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T (A \mathbf{x} + B \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  (By the distributive property of matrix-vector multiplication)

Therefore,  $A + B \in SPD(2)$ .

### Part b

proof: Take  $A, B \in SPD(2)$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  
then  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ , and  $\mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $\mathbf{x}^T (tA + (1 - t)B) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T (tA \mathbf{x} + (1 - t)B \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T tA \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T (1 - t)B \mathbf{x} = t\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} + (1 - t)\mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{x}$   
(By the distributive property of matrix-vector multiplication)  
 $t, (1 - t) \geq 0$  since  $t \in [0, 1]$ .  
so  $t\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  and  $(1 - t)\mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{x} \geq 0$   
Therefore,  $\mathbf{x}^T (tA + (1 - t)B) \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ , also  $tA + (1 - t)B \in SPD(2)$   
 $SPD(2)$  is a convex subset.

### Part c

proof: if  $X \in M_{2,2}$ , then  $X$  is a 2x2 matrix, and  $X^T$  is also a 2x2 matrix. Then by the rule of matrix multiplication,  $X^T X$  is also a 2x2 matrix.  
Take a  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $\mathbf{v}^T X^T X \mathbf{v} = (X \mathbf{v})^T X \mathbf{v} = X \mathbf{v} \cdot X \mathbf{v} \geq 0$ .  
Therefore,  $X^T X \in SPD(2)$ .

### Part d

proof:  
 $A$  is positive semidefinite, and  $B$  is positive definite.  
 $\mathbf{x}^T (A + B) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T (A \mathbf{x} + B \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{x}$  (By the distributive property of matrix-vector multiplication)  
We have  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ , and  $\mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$   
So  $\mathbf{x}^T (A + B) \mathbf{x} > 0$   
Therefore,  $A + B$  is positive definite.

### Part e

proof:  
If  $A$  is positive definite, then all eigenvalues of  $A$  are positive. So 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then the determinant of  $A$  is not zero, therefore  $A^{-1}$  exists.