

Assignment-1

1. Find maxima and minima points of these functions:

(a) $f(x) = x^2 + 1$, $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$

(b) $f(x) = \sin x$, $[0, 2\pi]$

(c) $f(x) = x^2 + 1$, $x \in [-2, 2]$

(d) $f(x) = 1/x$, $x \in [-1, 1]$

(e) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ -x + 4, & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 2x - 2, & \text{if } 2 \leq x \leq 3 \end{cases}$

(f) $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

2. Check these sets are convex or non-convex:

(a) $X = \{x : Ax = b, A \in M_{m \times n}, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$

(b) $X = \{x : \|x - x_c\| \in r, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x_c \in \mathbb{R}^n, r \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(c) $X = \{(x, y) : y \geq -x^2, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(d) $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

3. Check weather these functions are convex or not:

(a) $f(x) = ax + b$, $a, b, x \in \mathbb{R}$

(b) $f(x) = e^{ax}$, $a, x \in \mathbb{R}$

(c) $f(x) = |x|^p$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $p \geq 1$

(d) $f(x) = -x^2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

(e) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$

4. Find closure and interior of these sets:

(a) $A = [0, 1]$

(b) $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$

(c) $A = \{ax + b : a, b, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(d) $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \geq 0, y \geq 0\}$

5. Find convex hull of these sets:

- (a) $A = [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
- (b) $A = [0, 1] \cup \{2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
- (c) $A = \{(0, 0)\} \cup \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > 0, y > 0\}$
- (d) $A = \{(0, 0)\} \cup \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$

6. True and False:

- (a) Feasible set of linear programming problem is always polyhedral.
- (b) A function is improper if it is not proper function.
- (c) If C is compact then support function σ_C may take the value $+\infty$.
- (d) If C is not compact then support function σ_C may take the value $+\infty$.

7. True and False:

- (a) $A = \{(x, y) : x > 0, y > 0\} \cup \{(x, y) : x < 0, y < 0\}$ and $B = \{(x, y) : x < 0, y > 0\} \cup \{(x, y) : x > 0, y < 0\}$ can be separated.
- (b) $A = \{1\}$ and $B = (1, 2]$ can be strictly separated.
- (c) Strongly convex function may have more than one minimizer over a closed convex set.
- (d) Distance function is convex function.
- (e) C_1 -convex and compact, C_2 -convex and closed with $C_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$. Then strict separation is possible.
- (f) If we assume closedness in place of compactness of C_1 then also strict separation is possible.
- (g) If $C_1 = \text{epi graph of } 1/x, x > 0$ and $C_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \leq 0\}$ then strict separation is not possible.
- (h) If f is strictly convex then minimizer of $f(x)$ is unique.

8. True and False:

- (a) Every convex function is continuous.
- (b) $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, f is convex then f may or may not be continuous.

- (c) $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, f is convex differentiable then ∇f has monotonicity property.
- (d) $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, C -closed convex set then f may or may not be continuous.
- (e) $f(x) = |x|$ is differentiable function.
- (f) $f(x) = x^3 + x$ is convex function.

9. Write down argmin of given functions:

- (a) $f(x) = x^2, x \in \mathbb{R}$
- (b) $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

10. True and False:

- (a) If $f(x) = |x|$ then $\partial f(0) = [-1, 1]$.
- (b) Necessary and sufficient condition for optimality of local minima \bar{x} is $0 \in \partial f(\bar{x})$
- (c) $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex then $\partial f(x)$ can be empty for some function.
- (d) If f is differentiable then $\partial f(x)$ is singleton.
- (e) $\partial f(x)$ is convex and compact set for $x \in \text{dom}(f)$.
- (f) If $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and f is convex then f is locally Lipschitz.
- (g) If $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and locally Lipschitz then f is convex.
- (h) $f'(x, h) = \max_{\xi \in \partial f(x)} \langle \xi, h \rangle$.

11. Find directional derivatives of these functions:

- (a) $f(x) = |x|, x \in \mathbb{R}$, find $f'(0, v), v \in \mathbb{R}$
- (b) $f(x) = \langle x, b \rangle$, b -fix, $x, b \in \mathbb{R}^2$, find $f'(x, v), v \in \mathbb{R}, x = (1, 1)$

12. True and False:

- (a) $\partial(f_1 + f_2)(x) \subseteq \partial f_1(x) + \partial f_2(x)$ but reverse inclusion does not hold.
- (b) $\partial(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda \partial f(x)$ only for $\lambda > 0$
- (c) If $f(x) = \max\{f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)\}$ then $\partial f(x) = \text{conv}\{\nabla f_i(x) : i \in J(x)\}$, where $J(x) = \{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} : f_i(x) = f(x)\}$

- (d) If x is point of f such that f is not finite. then $\partial f(x)$ can be non empty.
- (e) $\partial \delta_C(x) = \{v : \langle v, y - x \rangle \leq 0, \forall y \in C\}$ where C is convex set.
- (f) \bar{x} is minimizer of $f(x)$ iff \bar{x} is also a minimizer of the problem $(f + \delta_C)(x)$

13. Find normal cone of these sets:

- (a) $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|x\|_2 \leq 1\}$, find $N_C(x_0)$, where $\|x_0\| = 1$
- (b) $C = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$ find $N_C((1, 1))$
- (c) $C = [0, 1]$, find $N_C(1)$
- (d) $C = \{(x, y) : y = 0\}$, find $N_C((0, 0))$

14. True and False

- (a) $\delta_{C_1 \cap C_2}(x) = \delta_{C_1}(x) + \delta_{C_2}(x)$
- (b) $N_{C_1 \cap C_2}(x) \neq N_{C_1}(x) + N_{C_2}(x)$
- (c) If $C = \{x : Ax = b\}$ then $N_C(\bar{x}) = \text{Im}A^T$, where \bar{x} is solution of the problem $\min_{x \in C} f(x)$

15. Check weather these functions are lower semi-continuous function:

- (a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 2, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 1/2, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$
- (b) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/x, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$
- (c) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$
- (d) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$

16. True and False:

- (a) Polyhedral set is intersection of infinite number of closed half spaces.
- (b) \mathbb{R}_n^+ is polyhedral set.

- (c) Polyhedral cone is finitely generated.
- (d) A convex cone which is polyhedral may have infinite number of generators.

17. True and False:

- (a) If \bar{x} is minimizer for $f(x)$ over C then $f(\bar{x} + \lambda w) - f(\bar{x}) \geq 0, \forall w \in T_C(\bar{x}), \lambda > 0$.
- (b) For cone $K, (K^0)^0 = K$.
- (c) If K is closed convex cone then $(K^0)^0 = K$.
- (d) $T_C(\bar{x})^0 = N_C(\bar{x})$.
- (e) $N_C(\bar{x})^0 \neq T_C(\bar{x})$.
- (f) If f is proper convex function the f^* not always proper function.

18. Fill the blanks:

- (a) If $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2}, x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $f^*(x^*) = \dots\dots$
- (b) If $f(x) = \frac{\|x\|^2}{2}, x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $f^*(x^*) = \dots\dots$
- (c) $f(x) = \delta_C(x), C - \text{closed set}$, then $f^*(x^*) = \dots\dots$

19. True and False:

- (a) Behind every minimization problem there is a maximization problem.
- (b) $\text{Val}(\text{CP})$ is always equal to $\text{Val}(\text{DP})$.
- (c) If slater condition hold then $\text{Val}(\text{CP}) = \text{Val}(\text{DP})$.

20. Fill the blanks:

- (a) Bounded polyhedral sets are called $\dots\dots$
- (b) Extreme points of a polyhedral set are $\dots\dots$
- (c) Extreme points are in the $\dots\dots$ of sets.
- (d) x is extreme point then if $x = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$ then $x = \dots\dots$