

LECTURE 6

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REVIEW LECTURE 5:

- QUADRATIC FORMS
- DEFINITENESS
- QUADRATIC FORMS WITH LINEAR CONSTRAINTS, BORDERED HESSIANS



Ex: $Q(x_1, x_2) = 12x_1^2 - 6x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2$ subject to $3x_1 - 5x_2 = 0$

$$H = \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 3 & -5 \\ \hline 3 & 12 & -3 \\ -5 & -3 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

bordered
hessian
matrix

Last $n-m=2-1=1$ leading principal minors:

$$|H| = -3(3 \cdot 3 - (-3)(-5)) + (-5)(3(-3) - 12(-5))$$

$$= (-3)(-6) + (-5)(51) = 18 - 255 < 0$$

same sign as $(-1)^n = -1$.

\Rightarrow positive definite

$x = 0$ is global minimum

In the case
with

- (a) $n=2$ variables
- (b) $m=1$ constraints

} $|H| < 0 \Rightarrow$ positive definite
 $|H| > 0 \Rightarrow$ negative definite

↑
same sign as $(-1)^m = 1$

Conclusion:

$Q(x_1, x_2) = 12x_1^2 - 6x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2$ subject to $3x_1 - 5x_2 = 0$
is positive definite

\Rightarrow global minimum for the constrained optimization problem.

Plan for Lecture 6:

① Sets and topology

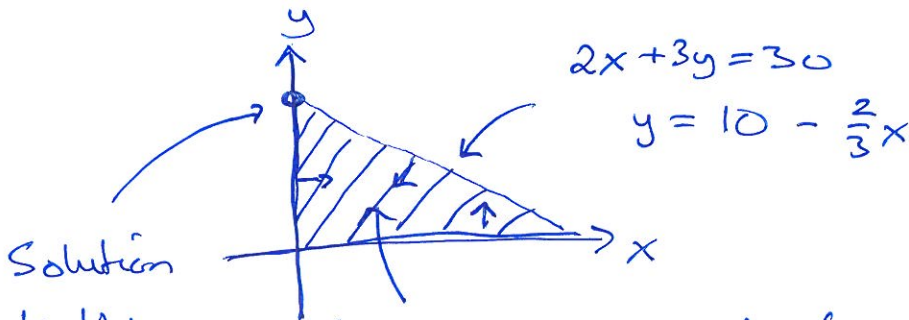
② Convex and concave functions

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① Sets and topology

Ex 1 Max $f(x,y) = x^2 + 3y^2$ subject to $\begin{cases} x \geq 0, y \geq 0, \\ 2x + 3y \leq 30 \end{cases}$



Solution

to the maximization problem: $(x,y) = (6,10)$; $f = 300$.

= domain of definition for f
= D_f

Notation:

$$D_f = \{ (x,y) : x \geq 0, y \geq 0, 2x + 3y \leq 30 \}$$

= the set of all points (x,y) such that $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, 2x + 3y \leq 30$

If the domain of definition were all points (x,y) , then we write $D_f = \mathbb{R}^2$.

$\mathbb{R}^3 =$ all pts (x,y,z)

all points (x,y)

- Open sets, closed sets
- Bounded sets
- Convex sets

Defn: If $\underline{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ is a point and $r > 0$, then

$$B(\underline{a}, r) = \{ \underline{x} : \text{the distance from } \underline{x} \text{ to } \underline{a} \text{ is less than } r \}$$

→
open ball
around \underline{a}
with radius r

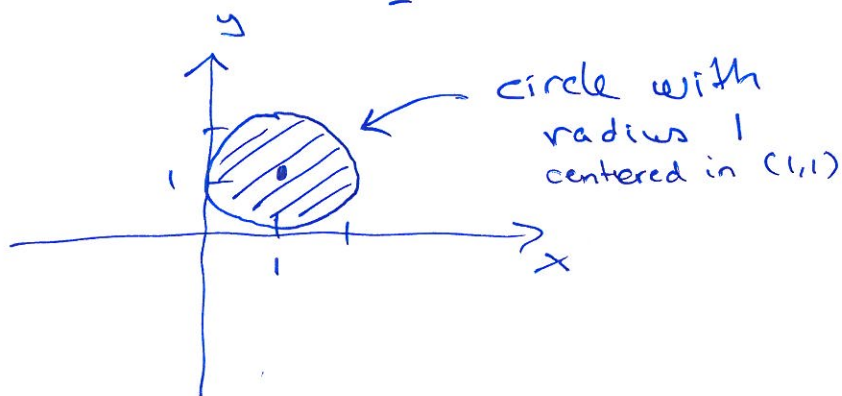
$$= \{ \underline{x} : d(\underline{x}, \underline{a}) < r \}$$

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d = distance

Ex: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \underline{a} = (1, 1) \\ r = 1 \end{array} \right\}$

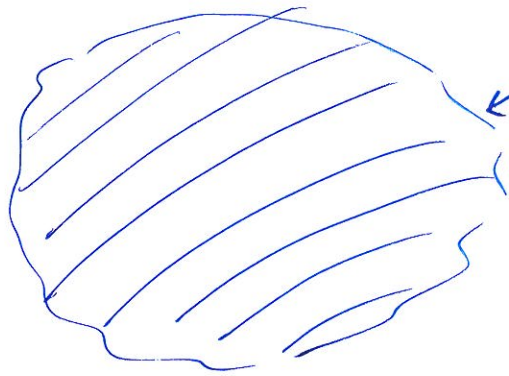
$$B(\underline{a}, r) = \{ (x, y) : d(\underline{x}, \underline{a}) < 1 \}$$

= \underline{x}



$B(\underline{a}, r)$ is the disk inside the circle.

Open and closed sets



boundary:
the curve that is
on the boundary
(between points in
the set and outside
the set).

S : a set (points in S marked)

open set: no boundary points are in the set

closed set: all boundary points are in the set.

Ex:

$\overline{B}(a, r) = \{x : d(x, a) \leq r\}$ closed

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disk including the circle
= closed

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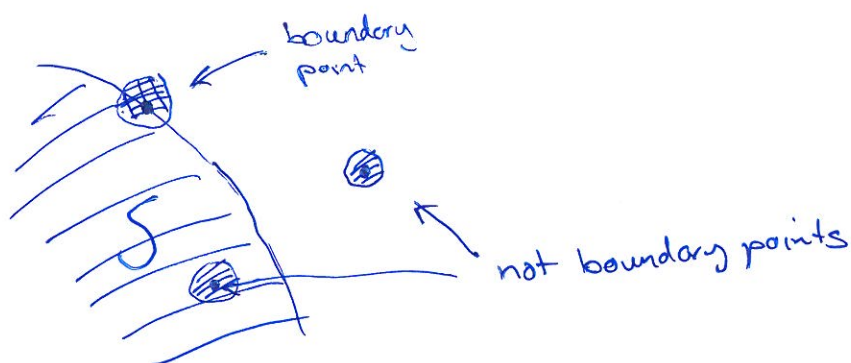
disk excluding the circle
= open

$B(a, r) = \{x : d(x, a) < r\}$
is an open set

An open set is a set that does not include any boundary points. A closed set is a set that includes all boundary points.

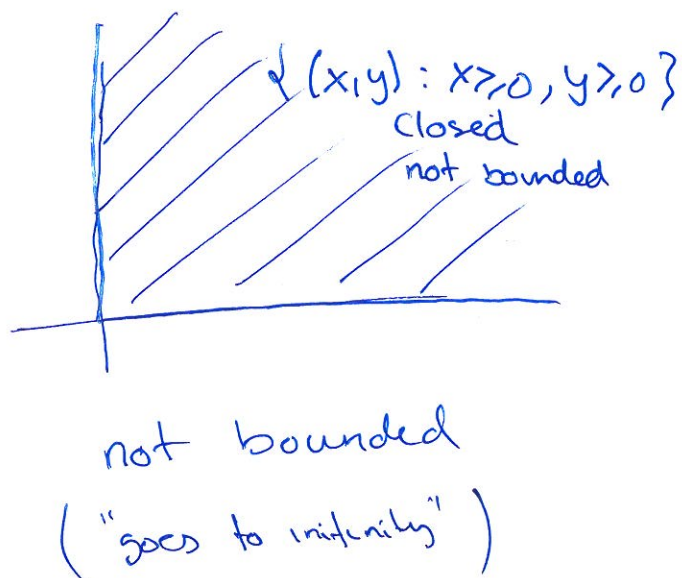
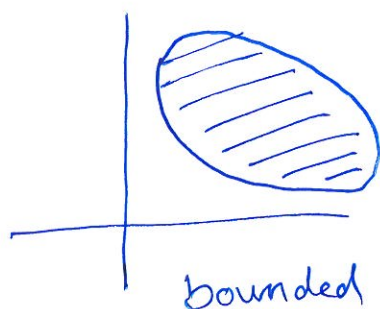
The sets \mathbb{R}^n is considered both open and closed, $n=1,2,3,\dots$

A point x is a boundary point of a set S if any open ball centered in x includes both points in S and points outside S .



Defn:

A bounded set is a set that is contained in an open ball with a large enough radius.



THEOREM: (EXTREME VALUE THEOREM)

If f is a continuous function defined on a closed and bounded set, then f has a global maximum and a global minimum.



D_f closed and bounded
 f continuous

\Rightarrow

global min/max exists.

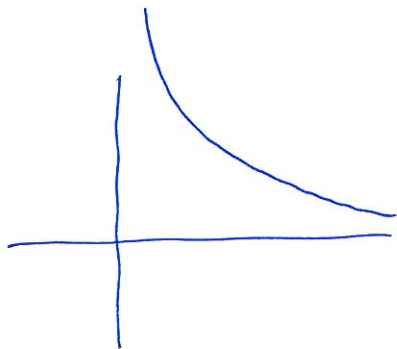
Ex: $f(x) = 1/x$, $x > 0$

$D_f = (0, \infty)$

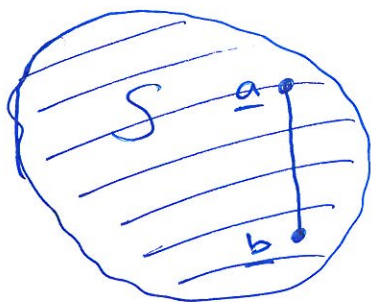
open, not closed set.

no global max since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \infty$$



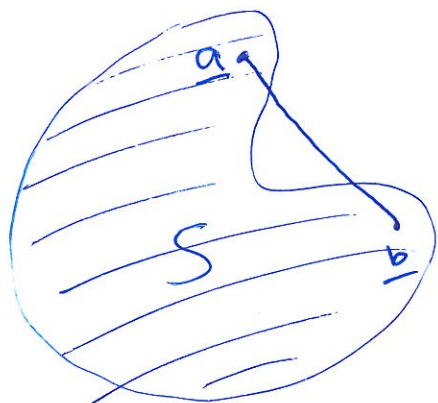
Convex sets:



a convex set

Defn: A set S is convex if the following condition holds:

If \underline{a} and \underline{b} are points in S , then the line segment $[\underline{a}, \underline{b}]$ is contained in S .



not convex

$\underline{a}, \underline{b}$ is in S

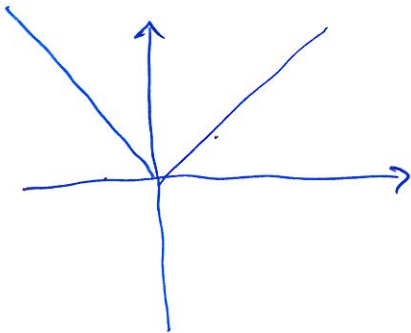
$[\underline{a}, \underline{b}]$ is not in S

② Convex and concave functions

A function $f(\underline{x}) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ is called C^2 if f , and all the partial derivatives of f of order one or two are continuous.

All functions in this course are C^2 ,
(except this example)

Ex: $f(x) = |x|$



$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$f'(x)$ not defined in $x=0$.

Ex:

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy(x^2-y^2)}{x^2+y^2}, & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0, & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

This function is
not C^2 .

Thm: (Clairaut's thm)

If f is a C^2 function, then

$$f''_{ij} = f''_{ji} \quad (f''_{x_i x_j} = f''_{x_j x_i})$$

The Hessian matrix:

Ex: $f(x,y) = x^2 + 6xy + y^2 \rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$f'_x = 2x + 6y$$

$$f'_y = 6x + 2y$$

$$f''_{xx} = 2$$

$$f''_{xy} = 6 = f''_{yx}$$

$$f''_{yy} = 2$$

$$H(f) = f'' = \begin{pmatrix} f''_{xx} & f''_{xy} \\ f''_{xy} & f''_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}}$$

If f is a quadratic form, with symmetric matrix A , then $H(f) = 2A$.

Ex: $f(x,y) = e^{x+y}$

$$f'_x = e^{x+y} \cdot 1 = e^{x+y}$$

$$f'_y = e^{x+y} \cdot 1 = e^{x+y}$$

$$f''_{xx} = e^{x+y}$$

$$f''_{xy} = e^{x+y}$$

$$f''_{yy} = e^{x+y}$$

$$H(f) = \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} e^{x+y} & e^{x+y} \\ e^{x+y} & e^{x+y} \end{pmatrix}}}$$

Defn: The Hessian matrix of $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is the matrix

$$H(f) = \begin{pmatrix} f''_{11} & f''_{12} & f''_{13} & \dots & f''_{1n} \\ f''_{21} & f''_{22} & f''_{23} & \dots & f''_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f''_{n1} & f''_{n2} & f''_{n3} & \dots & f''_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

If f is C^2 , then $H(f)$ is symmetric.

Recall: Convex/concave functions on one variable
If $f(x)$ is defined on $[a, b]$, then a convex set

f convex

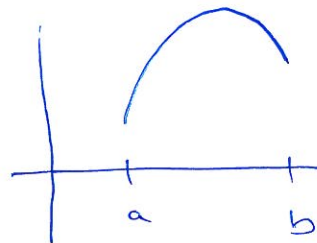
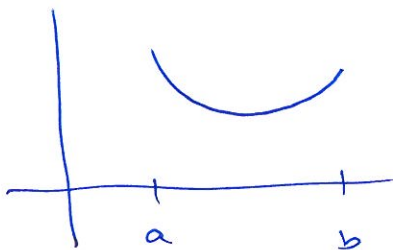


$f''(x) \geq 0$
for all $x \in [a, b]$

f is concave



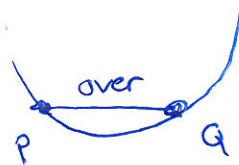
$f''(x) \leq 0$
for all $x \in [a, b]$



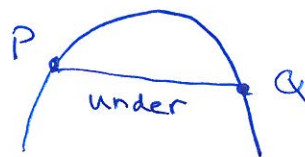
Defn:

Let $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ be a function defined on a convex set, D_f .

f is convex \Leftrightarrow If P, Q are points on the graph of f , then the line segment $[P, Q]$ lies over or on the graph of f .



f is concave \Leftrightarrow If P, Q are points on the graph of f , then the line segment $[P, Q]$ lies under or on the graph of f .



f is strictly convex / strictly concave

if the line segment $[P, Q]$ lies strictly over/under the graph (except at P, Q).

Result: Assume that f is defined on an open convex set D_f . Then we have

f convex $\iff H(f)$ is positive semidefinite
 f concave $\iff H(f)$ is negative semidefinite

f strictly convex $\iff H(f)$ is positive definite

f strictly concave $\iff H(f)$ is negative definite

Ex1 $f(x,y) = xe^y$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}^2$

Compute $H(f)$:

$$f'_x = e^y$$

$$f''_{xx} = 0$$

$$f'_y = x \cdot e^y$$

$$f''_{xy} = e^y$$

$$f''_{yy} = x e^y$$

$$H(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^y \\ e^y & x e^y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_1 = 0$$

$$D_2 = -(e^y)^2 < 0 \implies H(f) \text{ is } \underline{\text{indefinite}}$$

f is neither convex nor concave

Remember: Pos. semidefinite Neg. semidefinite

$$\Delta_1 \geq 0$$

$$\Delta_1 \leq 0$$

$$\Delta_2 \geq 0$$

$$\Delta_2 \geq 0$$

Ex: $f(x,y) = x^2 - 6xy + 12y^2$

$$H(f) = 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 12 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ -6 & 24 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_1 = 2$$

$$D_2 = 2 \cdot 24 - (-6)^2 = 48 - 36 = 12$$

} $H(f)$ is positive definite
 \Downarrow

f is convex
 (strictly convex)



Result: If Q is a quadratic form, then

Q convex $\iff Q$ is positive semidefinite
 Q concave $\iff Q$ is negative semidefinite

Ex: $f(x,y) = 12x - 13y + 4$

$$f'_x = 12$$

$$f'_y = -13$$

$$f''_{xx} = 0$$

$$f''_{xy} = 0$$

$$f''_{yy} = 0$$

$$H(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

~~positive definite~~
 positive semidefinite
 negative semidefinite

f is convex and concave

Ex: $f(x,y) = e^{x+y}$

$$H(f) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{x+y} & e^{x+y} \\ e^{x+y} & e^{x+y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_1 = e^{x+y} > 0 \quad \Delta_1 = e^{x+y}, e^{x+y} > 0$$

$$D_2 = 0 \quad \Delta_2 = 0$$

$H(f)$ is positive semidefinite $\Rightarrow f$ is convex