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## Lecture - 19

$$\|\cdot\|_p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\left[ \|\vec{x}\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \right]$$

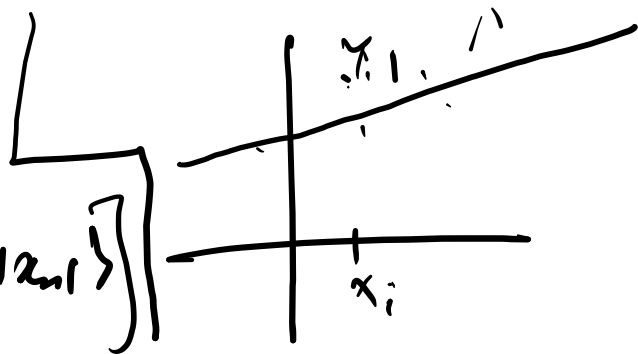
$$p \geq 1.$$

$$\|\vec{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

$$\|\vec{x}\|_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

norm  $\rightarrow$  way of measuring  
size of a vector.

$$\left[ \|\vec{x}\|_\infty = \max \{ |x_1|, \dots, |x_n| \} \right]$$



$$(x_1, y_1) \dots$$

$$(x_n, y_n)$$

$$y_{ni} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

min  
 $\beta_0, \beta_1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2$$

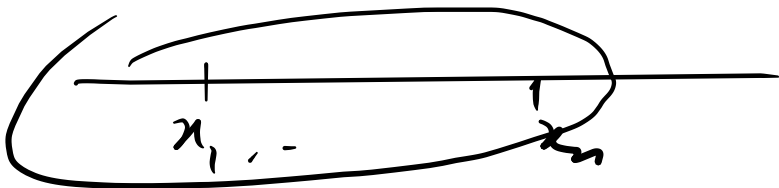
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

min  
 $\beta_0, \beta_1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i|$$

min  
 $\beta_0, \beta_1$

$$\max_i |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i|$$



I want to measure central tendency

$$\text{mean} = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n} = y$$

$$\min_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\arg \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y)^2 = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

$$\arg \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y|$$

$$= \boxed{\text{median}}$$

$$\arg \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}} |x_i - y|_0$$

$$= \text{mode.}$$

$$\left( l^0 \text{ - "norm".} \right)$$

$$\sum (x_i)_0$$

$\rightarrow 1$  if  $x_i \neq 0$   
 $0$  if  $x_i = 0$

"Chekhov's gun":

Operations that preserve convexity of functions;

(Building new convex functions from old).

(1) Non-negative weighted sums:

If  $f$  is convex (on  $\Omega$ ), and  $\alpha \geq 0$ , then  $\alpha f$  is convex.

If  $f_1, f_2$  are convex (on  $\Omega$ ), then  $f_1 + f_2$  is convex.

$(\alpha_1 f_1 + \dots + \alpha_k f_k)$  is convex if  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ,  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  are convex on  $\Omega$ .

(2) Composition with an affine mapping.

If  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex  $\left( A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^k \right)$   
 $\downarrow : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$

$$g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(\bar{x}) := f(A\bar{x} + b)$$

then  $g$  is convex on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(3) Pointwise maximum and infimum.

$$f(\bar{x}) := \max \{ f_1(\bar{x}), \dots, f_k(\bar{x}) \}$$

$\bar{x} \rightarrow x_1, \dots, \bar{x} \rightarrow x_n$   $f_1, \dots, f_k$  are convex on  $\Omega$

Example.

For  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x_{(i)}$  —  $i^{\text{th}}$  largest component of  $\vec{x}$ .

$$x_{(1)} \geq \dots \geq x_{(n)}$$

$$f(\vec{x}) = \boxed{\sum_{i=1}^r x_{(i)}} \quad (\text{sum of the } r \text{ largest elements of } \vec{x}).$$

$$\leq \max \left( \boxed{x_{(1)} + \dots + x_{(r)}}, 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n \right)$$

(maximum of all possible sums of  $r$  different  $x_i$ 's).

# Representation of convex functions as pointwise supremum of affine functions

(convex domain)

Theorem: Let  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function (with closed epigraph),

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$$f(x) = \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} h(x);$$

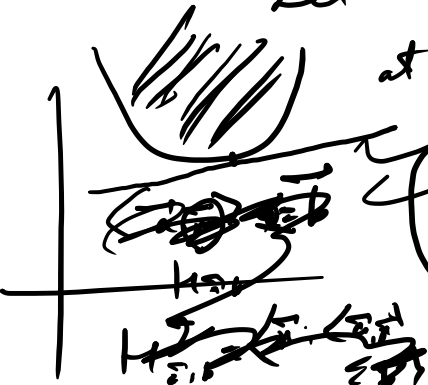
$\mathcal{H}$  is an affine underestimator of  $f$

$$\underline{h(x)} \leq \underline{f(x)}$$

Proof:  $\text{epi}(f)$  is a closed convex set of  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$

$(\bar{x}, f(\bar{x}))$  is in  $\partial \text{epi}(f) = \text{bd}(\text{epi}(f))$ .

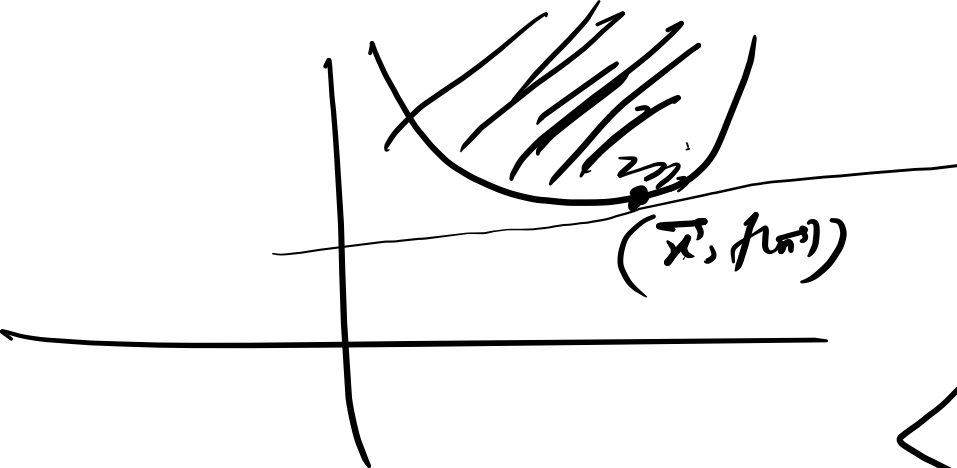
Let  $H(\bar{a}, b)$  be a supporting hyperplane  
at  $(\bar{x}, f(\bar{x}))$ .  $(\bar{a}, b) \neq 0$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} \\ b \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} - \bar{x} \\ f(\bar{x}) - b \end{bmatrix} \leq 0, \forall \bar{x}, b \in \text{epi}(f)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} \\ b \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ f(\bar{x}) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} \\ b \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ t \end{bmatrix} \leq 0$$



$$\mathbb{R}^{h+1} \cong \mathbb{R}^h \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$H(\underline{a}, b), \alpha$$

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \underline{a} \\ b \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x} \\ f(\underline{x}) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \underline{a} \\ b \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x} \\ t \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$= \alpha$$

$$\leq \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \underline{a} \\ b \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x} \\ f(\underline{x}) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{a}', (\vec{x}' - \vec{z}) \rangle + b(f(\vec{x}') - t)$$

$$\leq 0$$

$$(\vec{z}', t) \in \text{epi}(f)$$

$$\Rightarrow t \geq f(\vec{z}')$$

$$\textcircled{s} \quad t - f(\vec{z}')$$

$$\langle \vec{a}', \vec{x}' - \vec{z}' \rangle$$

$$\forall \vec{z}' \in \Omega$$

$$+ \textcircled{b} (f(\vec{x}') - f(\vec{z}'))$$

$$= -s \geq 0$$

Assume  $\bar{x} \notin \text{int}(\Omega)$ .

(1) Let  $s \rightarrow \infty$

$$b(f(s) - f(\bar{x}) - s) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\nexists b < 0$$

$\hookrightarrow$

Thus,

$$\boxed{b \geq 0} -$$

(2) If  $b = 0$ , then



(not  
barrier)



$$\langle \vec{a}, \bar{x} - \vec{z} \rangle \leq 0$$

$$\forall \vec{z} \in \Omega.$$

$$\vec{a} = \vec{0}.$$

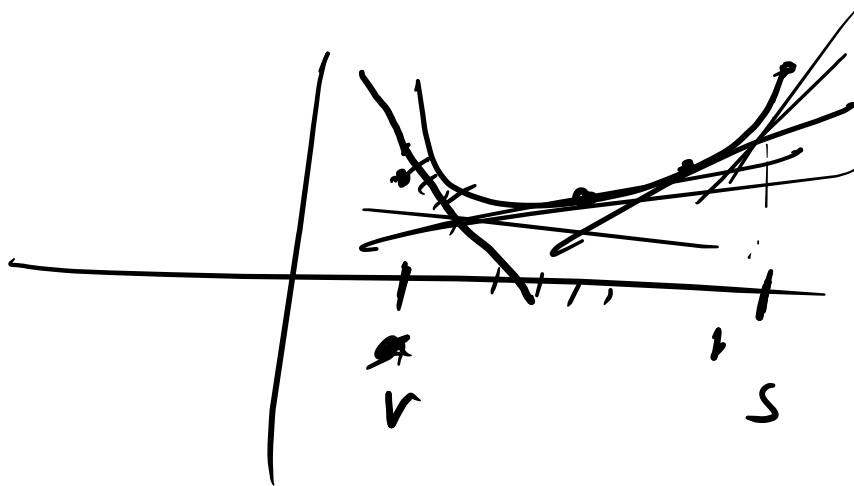
For  $\vec{x} \in \text{int}(\Omega)$ , the separating hyperplane has ~~found~~ strictly positive offset.

$$\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x} - \vec{z} \rangle + b(f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{z})) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b f(\vec{z}) \geq \langle \vec{a}, \vec{x} - \vec{z} \rangle + b f(\vec{x}) \quad \text{aff}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ f(\vec{z}) \geq \left\langle \frac{1}{b} \vec{a}, \vec{x} - \vec{z} \right\rangle + f(\vec{x}) \right]$$

$\forall \vec{z} \in \Omega$ . affine underestimator of  $f(\vec{x})$  on this affine hyperplane



$$h \leq f$$

affine hyperplane

Let  $f$  be convex.

$$(\sup h)(v) \leq f(v)$$

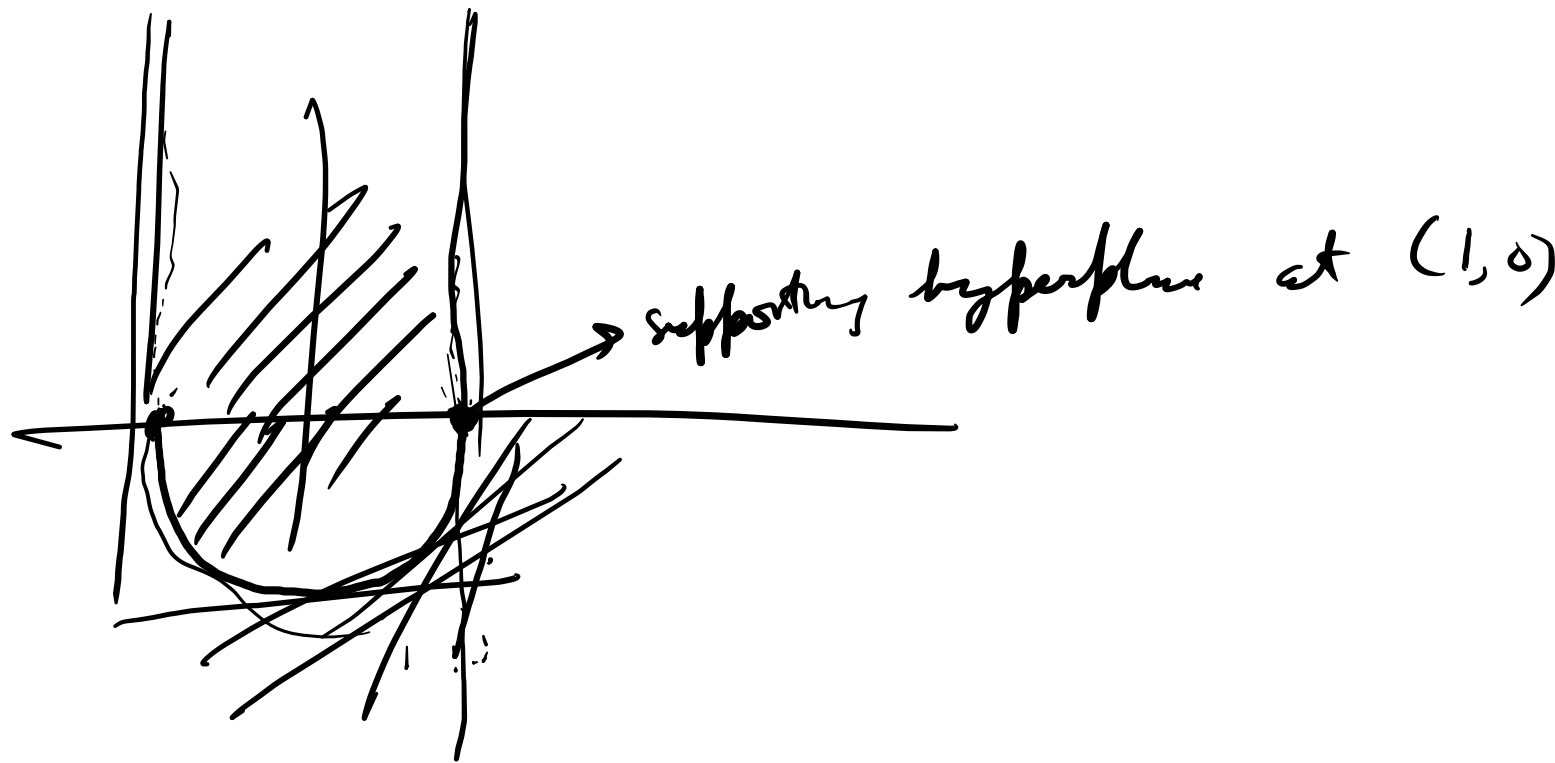
$$(\sup h)(x) = f(x)$$

$$\forall x \in \text{dom } f \Rightarrow$$

$$(v, (\sup h)(v)) \in \text{epi}(f)$$

By separating hyperplane theorem,  $\exists h$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } & h(x) \leq f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } & h(v) > (\sup h)(v) \end{aligned}$$



Minimization:

Supremum of an arbitrary family of convex functions is convex.

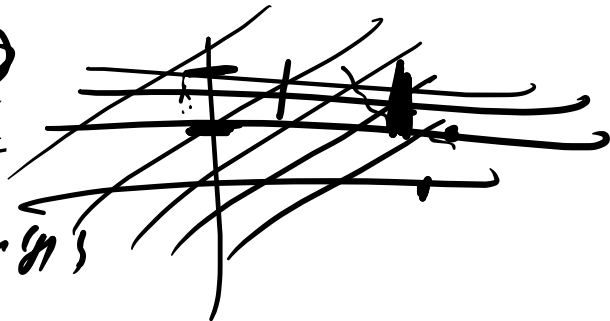
$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m$$

$f$  is convex on  $\Omega$ .

$\mathcal{C} \rightarrow$  nonempty convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$g(\bar{x}) = \inf_{\bar{y} \in \mathcal{C}} f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

$$\text{dom } g = \{ \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \text{dom } f \}$$



If  $g(\bar{x}) > -\infty$ , for some  $\bar{x} \in \text{dom}(g)$ ,

then  $g(\bar{x}') > -\infty$ , for all  $\bar{x}' \in \text{dom}(g)$ .

and  $g$  is convex.

Proof:  $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2 \in \text{dom}(g)$ ,  $(\bar{x}_1, \bar{y}_1) \in \text{dom}(f)$   
for  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2$  st.  $(\bar{x}_2, \bar{y}_2) \in \text{dom}(f)$ ,

$$f(\bar{x}_1, \bar{y}_1) \leq g(\bar{x}_1) + \epsilon,$$

$$f(\bar{x}_2, \bar{y}_2) \leq g(\bar{x}_2) + \epsilon,$$

$$g(\theta x, (1-\theta)x)$$

$$= \inf_{y \in C} f(\theta x, (1-\theta)x), \quad (5)$$

$$\leq f(\theta x, (1-\theta)x, \theta y + (1-\theta)x)$$

$$\leq \theta f(x, y) + (1-\theta) f(x, x)$$

$$\leq \theta g(x) + (1-\theta) g(x) + \varepsilon$$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow g(\theta x, (1-\theta)x) \leq \theta g(x) + (1-\theta) g(x)$$