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Lecture 4

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Recall:

- $X$  is a real Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and induced norm.

- $A: X \rightarrow X$  is mono. if  
 $(\forall (x, x^*) \in \text{gr } A) (\forall (y, y^*) \in \text{gr } A)$

$$\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0.$$

- Let  $A: X \rightarrow X$  is mono. Then

$A$  is MAX mono if  $B: X \rightarrow X$  is mono,

$$\text{gr } A \subseteq \text{gr } B \Rightarrow A = B.$$

## Fact L4-1: Minty

$A: X \Rightarrow X$  is mono. Then

$A$  is max. mono  $\Leftrightarrow \text{ran}(\text{Id} + A) = X$ .

Proof:

" $\Rightarrow$ " is hard. Doable when  $A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix. See HW2.

" $\Leftarrow$ " Suppose  $\text{ran}(\text{Id} + A) = X$ .

Goal:  $A$  is max mono.

Let  $(x, x^*) \in X \times X$  be monotonically

related to  $\text{gr} A$ , i.e.,  $\forall (a, a^*) \in \text{gr} A$

$$\langle x - a, x^* - a^* \rangle \geq 0$$

Done if:  $(x, x^*) \in \text{gr} A$ .

Observe that  $x + x^* \in X = \text{ran}(\text{Id} + A)$

i.e.,  $(\exists a \in \text{dom} A = \text{dom}(\text{Id} + A))$

such that

$$x + x^* \in (\text{Id} + A)a$$

Let  $a^* \in Aa$  such that

$$x + x^* = a + a^*$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} x^* - a^* &= a - x \\ &= -(x - a) \end{aligned}$$

By   and  

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle x - a, x^* - a^* \rangle \\ &= \langle x - a, -(x - a) \rangle \\ &= -\|x - a\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|x - a\|^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|x - a\|^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = a \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} x = a \\ x^* = a^* \end{matrix}} \right\}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (x, x^*) = (a, a^*) \in \text{gr} A$$



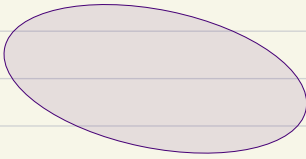
# Convex Sets

## Definition L4-2

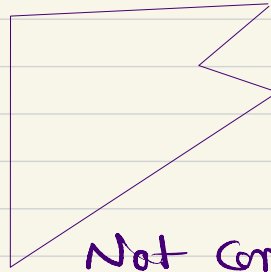
$V$  is a vector space,  $S \subseteq V$ . Then

$S$  is convex if  $(\forall s_1 \in S) (\forall s_2 \in S) (\forall \lambda \in ]0,1[)$

$$\lambda s_1 + (1-\lambda)s_2 \in S.$$



Convex



Not Convex

Let  $f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, +\infty]$

The epigraph of  $f$  is

$$\text{epi } f = \left\{ (x, \alpha) \mid f(x) \leq \alpha \right\}.$$

$\subseteq X \times \mathbb{R}$

$f$  is convex  $\Leftrightarrow$  epi  $f$  is convex.

Equivalently,  $(\forall x \in \text{dom } f) (\forall y \in \text{dom } f) (\forall \lambda \in ]0,1[)$

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y).$$

$f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, +\infty]$  is lower semi continuous if  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$

$$\Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) \geq f(x).$$

### Fact L4-3

$f$  is l.s.c.  $\Leftrightarrow$  epi  $f$  is closed.

### Example L4-4

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow ]-\infty, +\infty]$$

$$f = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in [-1, 1] \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

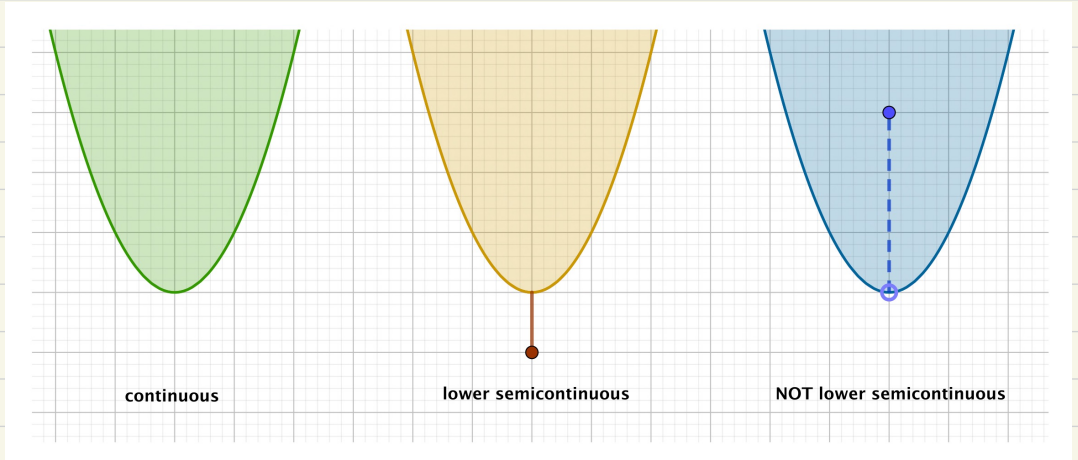
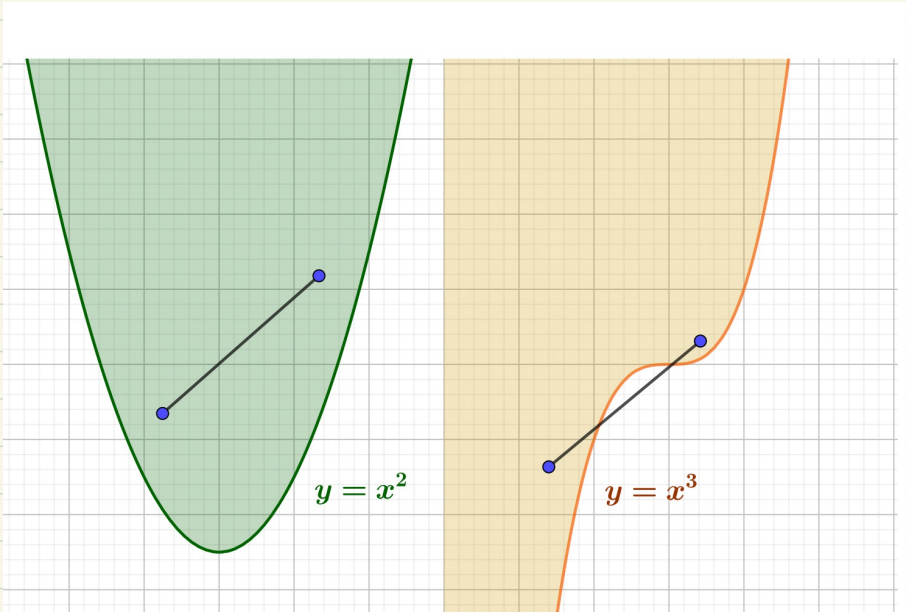
$$f(1) = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(1 + \frac{1}{n}) = +\infty$$

Similarly at  $x = -1$

$\forall$  sequences  $x_n \rightarrow x$  we have

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) \geq f(x).$$



## Fact L4-5

$f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, +\infty]$  Convex lsc proper.

- ① epi  $f$  closed      ② epi  $f$  Convex  
 ③  $\text{dom } f = \{x \mid f(x) < +\infty\} \neq \emptyset$ .

Then  $\partial f$  is maximally monotone.

## Fact L4-6

$f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, +\infty]$  is Convex

i  $\text{int dom } f \subseteq \text{dom } \partial f \subseteq \text{dom } f \subseteq \overline{\text{dom } f}$

ii  $\overline{\text{dom } \partial f} = \overline{\text{dom } f}$

iii If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$  then  
 $\partial f(x) = \{\nabla f(x)\}$ .

## Example L4-7

$C \subseteq X$ . Recall  $i_C(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in C; \\ +\infty, & x \notin C. \end{cases}$

$i_C$  is proper  $\Leftrightarrow C \neq \emptyset$ .

$i_C$  is l.s.c  $\Leftrightarrow C$  is closed

$i_C$  is Convex  $\Leftrightarrow C$  is Convex.

## Definition L4-8

$C \neq \emptyset$ . The normal cone operator of  $C$  at  $x$  is

$$N_C(x) = \begin{cases} \{u \mid \sup_{c \in C} \langle u, c-x \rangle \leq 0\}, & x \in C; \\ \emptyset, & x \notin C. \end{cases}$$



## Theorem 4.9

$\emptyset \neq C \subseteq X$  convex and closed. So  $i_C$  is convex fsc and proper. Moreover

$$N_C(x) = \partial i_C(x)$$

Proof..

Indeed, if  $x \notin C \Rightarrow N_C(x) = \emptyset$ .

Now let  $x \in C$ , and let  $u \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} u \in \partial i_C(x) &\Leftrightarrow (\forall y \in X) i_C(y) \geq i_C(x) + \langle u, y-x \rangle \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\forall y \in C) i_C(y) \geq i_C(x) + \langle u, y-x \rangle \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\forall y \in C) 0 \geq \langle u, y-x \rangle \\ &\Leftrightarrow u \in N_C(x). \end{aligned}$$

No kinks on the boundary of  $C$

$\Rightarrow N_C(x)$  is a ray.

Counterexample  $N_{\mathbb{R}_+^2}(0,0)$

## Example L4 - 10

Let  $U$  be a linear subspace of  $X$ . Then

$$N_U(x) = \begin{cases} U^\perp, & x \in U; \\ \emptyset, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

# The Projection Theorem

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## Theorem 4-11

$C \subseteq X$ ,  $C \neq \emptyset$ , convex, closed.

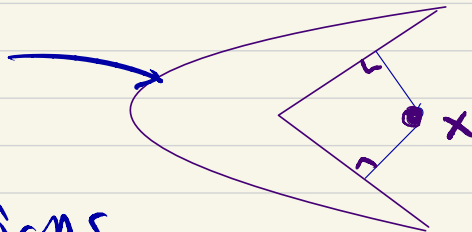
Then for every  $x \in X$ , there exists a unique point  $p \in C$  such that

$$\|x - p\| = \inf_{c \in C} \|x - c\| =: \underbrace{d_C(x)}_{\text{distance from } x \text{ to } C}$$

$p$  is called the projection of  $x$  onto  $C$ , also written as  $P_C(x) = P_C x$ .

Convex for uniqueness:

Not  
convex



two  
projections.

Closed for existence:

$$]0, 1[ \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Note that } 0 \in \overline{]0, 1[} = [0, 1] \\ d_{]0, 1[}(0) = 0 = \inf_{c \in ]0, 1[} \|0 - c\|$$

# Characterization of Projection

## Theorem L4-12

$\emptyset \neq C \subseteq X$  is convex closed. Let  $x \in X$ , let  $p \in X$ . Then  $p = P_C x$  if and only if

- i  $p \in C$
- ii  $(\forall c \in C) \quad \langle c-p, x-p \rangle \leq 0$ .

Proof

$$\|x-p\| = \inf_{c \in C} \|x-c\| =: d_C(x)$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) By defn. of inf, get a sequence

$$(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ such that } \|x-c_n\| \rightarrow d_C(x) = \inf_{c \in C} \|x-c\|$$

Note that:

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) (\forall m \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\|x - \frac{c_n + c_m}{2}\| \geq d_C(x)$$

$\frac{c_n + c_m}{2} \in C$  because  $C$  is convex

Apollonius: For any vectors  $a, b, c$

$$\|a-b\|^2 = 2\|a-c\|^2 + 2\|c-b\|^2 - 4\|c - \frac{a+b}{2}\|^2$$

[Proof: See HW2]

$$\|a-b\|^2 = 2\|a-c\|^2 + 2\|c-b\|^2 - 4\|c - \frac{a+b}{2}\|^2$$

Hence

$$0 \leq \|c_n - c_m\|^2 \stackrel{\text{Appl.}}{=} 2\|c_n - x\|^2 + 2\|c_m - x\|^2 - 4\|x - \frac{c_n + c_m}{2}\|^2$$

$$\stackrel{2}{\leq} 2\|c_n - x\|^2 + 2\|c_m - x\|^2 - 4d_c^2(x)$$

$$\stackrel{1}{\rightarrow} 2d_c^2(x) + 2d_c^2(x) - 4d_c^2(x) = 0$$

as  $(n, m) \rightarrow (\infty, \infty)$

By the squeeze theorem

$$\|c_n - c_m\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } (n, m) \rightarrow (\infty, \infty)$$

That is  $(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $X$  is Hilbert, and hence complete,  $(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

converges say  $c_n \xrightarrow{\text{seq. in } C} p \in C$   
Closed.

Moreover

$$0 \leq |\|p-x\| - \|c_n-x\|| \leq \|p-c_n\| \quad \text{"by } \Delta \text{ ineq."}$$

Again by the squeeze thm.  $d_c(x) \leftarrow \|x - c_n\| \rightarrow \|x - p\|$  "by the uniqueness of the limit".

$\Rightarrow$   
 $\frac{\square}{p \in C} \rightarrow$

$$\|x - p\| = d_c(x)$$

$p$  is "a" projection (nearest point) to  $x$  in  $C$ .

Existence is proved  $\checkmark$

We now turn to uniqueness.

Assume that  $q \in C$  also satisfies that

$$\|x - q\| = d_C(x).$$

To show uniqueness it suffices to show that

Define  $(\tilde{c}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (p, q, p, q, \dots)$ .

Then  $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})$

$$\|x - \tilde{c}_n\| = d_C(x)$$

and  $(\tilde{c}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  lies in  $C$ .

Proceeding as before,  $(\tilde{c}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence (by what we just proved). Hence,

$(\tilde{c}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges. In particular,

$$0 \leftarrow \tilde{c}_n - \tilde{c}_{n+1} = p - q$$

$$\Rightarrow p = q$$

and  $p_C x$  is unique.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Done. 

We now prove ( $\Leftarrow$ ). First we recall the following lemma.

## Lemma L 4 - 13

Let  $a, b \in X$ . The following are equivalent:

i)  $\langle a, b \rangle \leq 0$

ii)  $(\forall \alpha > 0) \|a\| \leq \|a - \alpha b\|$

iii)  $(\forall \alpha \in [0, 1]) \|a\| \leq \|a - \alpha b\|$ .

Proof:

The key identity is  $(\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{aligned} \|a - \alpha b\|^2 - \|a\|^2 &= \|a\|^2 - 2\alpha \langle a, b \rangle + \alpha^2 \|b\|^2 - \|a\|^2 \\ &= \alpha (\alpha \|b\|^2 - 2 \langle a, b \rangle). \quad * \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i} \Rightarrow \text{ii} : \quad &\langle a, b \rangle \leq 0, \quad \alpha > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \underbrace{\alpha}_{>0} (\underbrace{\alpha \|b\|^2}_{\geq 0} - \underbrace{2 \langle a, b \rangle}_{\geq 0}) \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \|a - \alpha b\|^2 \geq \|a\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ii} \Rightarrow \text{iii} : \quad \text{Obvious.}$$

$$\text{iii} \Rightarrow \text{i} : \quad * \text{ is true for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \|b\|^2 - 2 \langle a, b \rangle \geq 0$$

In particular,  $\alpha = 0$  gives

$$\langle a, b \rangle \leq 0. \quad \checkmark$$

Back to the proof:

Let  $p \in X$ . Then

$$p = P_C x \iff \|x - p\| = \inf_{c \in C} \|x - c\|$$

$$\iff (\forall c \in C) \|x - p\| \leq \|x - c\| \text{ and } p \in C$$

$C$  is Convex  $\iff p \in C$  and  $(\forall c \in C) (\forall \alpha \in ]0, 1[)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - p\| &\leq \|x - ((1-\alpha)p + \alpha c)\| \\ &= \| \underbrace{(x-p)}_{=: a} - \alpha \underbrace{(c-p)}_{=: b} \| \end{aligned}$$

Lemma L 4-13

$$\iff p \in C \text{ and } (\forall c \in C) \langle \underbrace{x-p}_a, \underbrace{c-p}_b \rangle \leq 0.$$



Remark L4-14

We saw  $p = P_C x \iff p \in C$  and  $(\forall c \in C) \langle c-p, x-p \rangle \leq 0$

$$\iff (\forall c \in C) \langle x-p, c-p \rangle + i_C(p) \leq i_C(c)$$

$$\iff (\forall c \in X) \langle x-p, c-p \rangle + i_C(p) \leq i_C(c)$$

$$\iff x-p \in \partial i_C(p) = N_C(p)$$

$$\iff x \in p + N_C(p) = (Id + N_C)(p)$$

def of  $(\cdot)^{-1}$

$$p \in = (Id + N_C)^{-1}(x)$$

So  $P_C = (Id + N_C)^{-1}$

$X = \text{dom } P_C = \text{dom } (Id + N_C)^{-1}$   
 $= \text{ran } (Id + N_C) \xrightarrow{N_C = \partial i_C}$

by the projection theorem

mono because it is a subdiff.  $C \neq \emptyset$ .  $i_C$  proper.

Minty  $\Rightarrow N_C$  is max mono.