

# Neural Network Verification

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# Tutorial Outline

- Neural Networks
- Formulation of Verification
- Unsound Methods
- Incomplete Methods
- Complete Methods

# Neural Network Verification

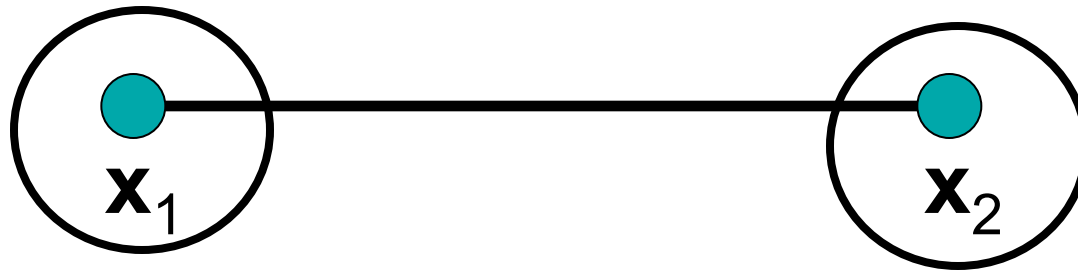
## Part 0: *Preliminaries*

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- Convex Sets
- Convex Functions
- Convex Program

# Convex Set

## Line Segment

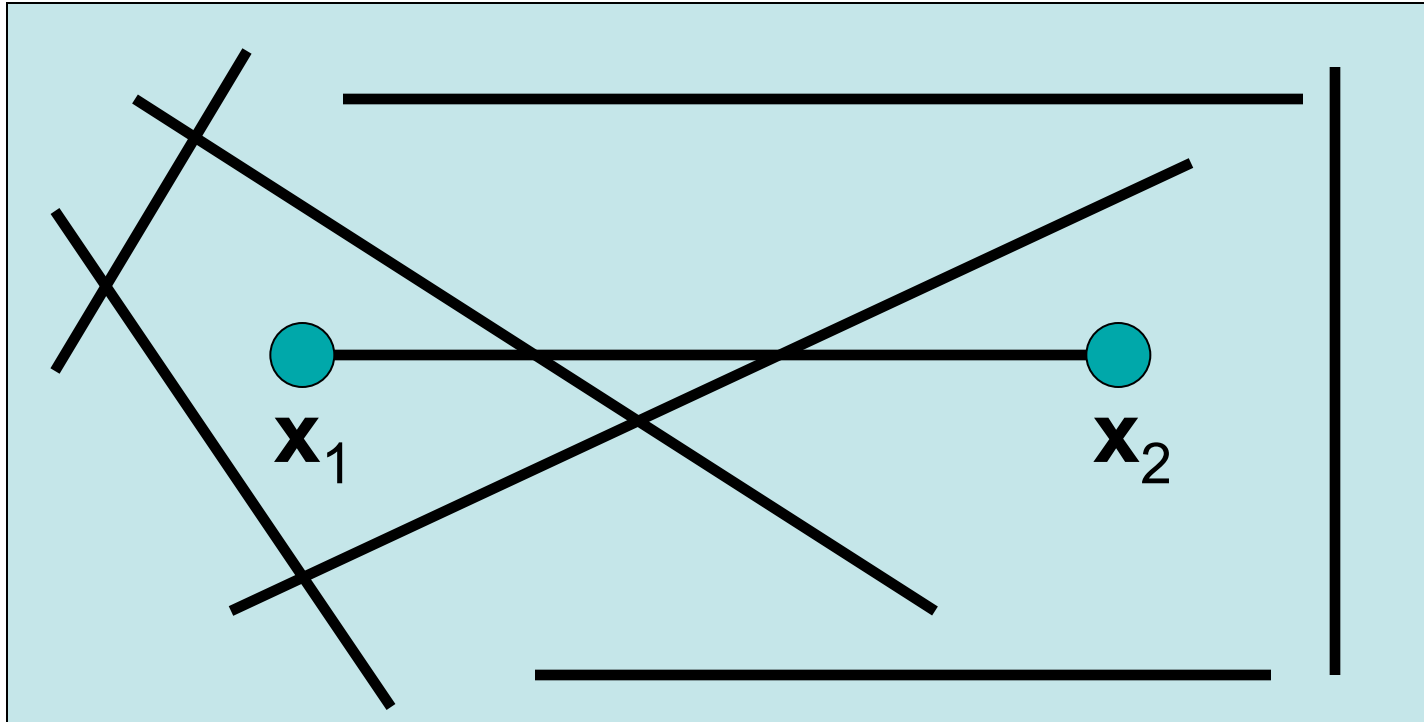


$$\lambda \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x}_2$$

$$\lambda \in [0, 1]$$

Endpoints

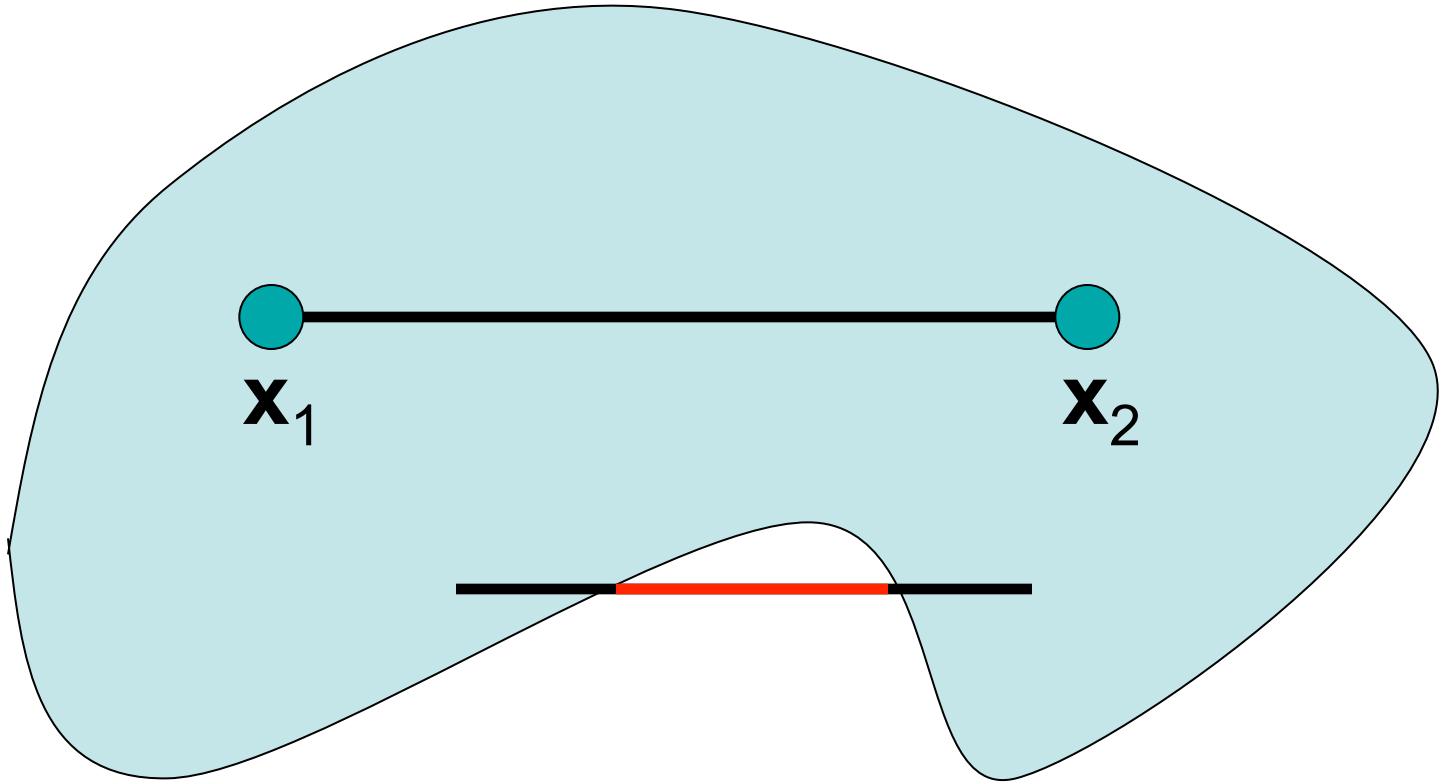
# Convex Set



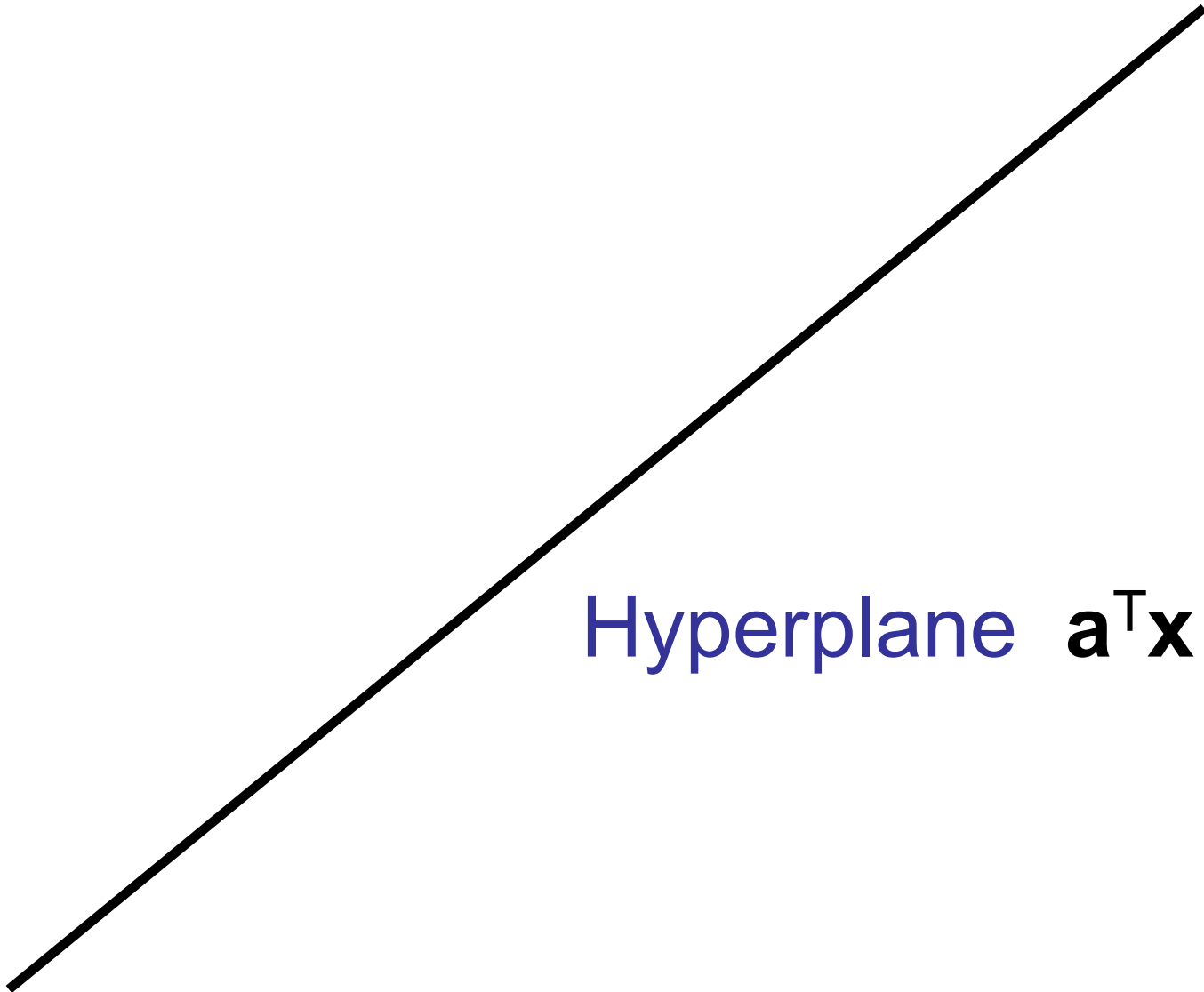
All points on the line segment lie within the set

**For all line segments with endpoints in the set**

# Non-Convex Set



# Examples of Convex Sets



Hyperplane  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - b = 0$

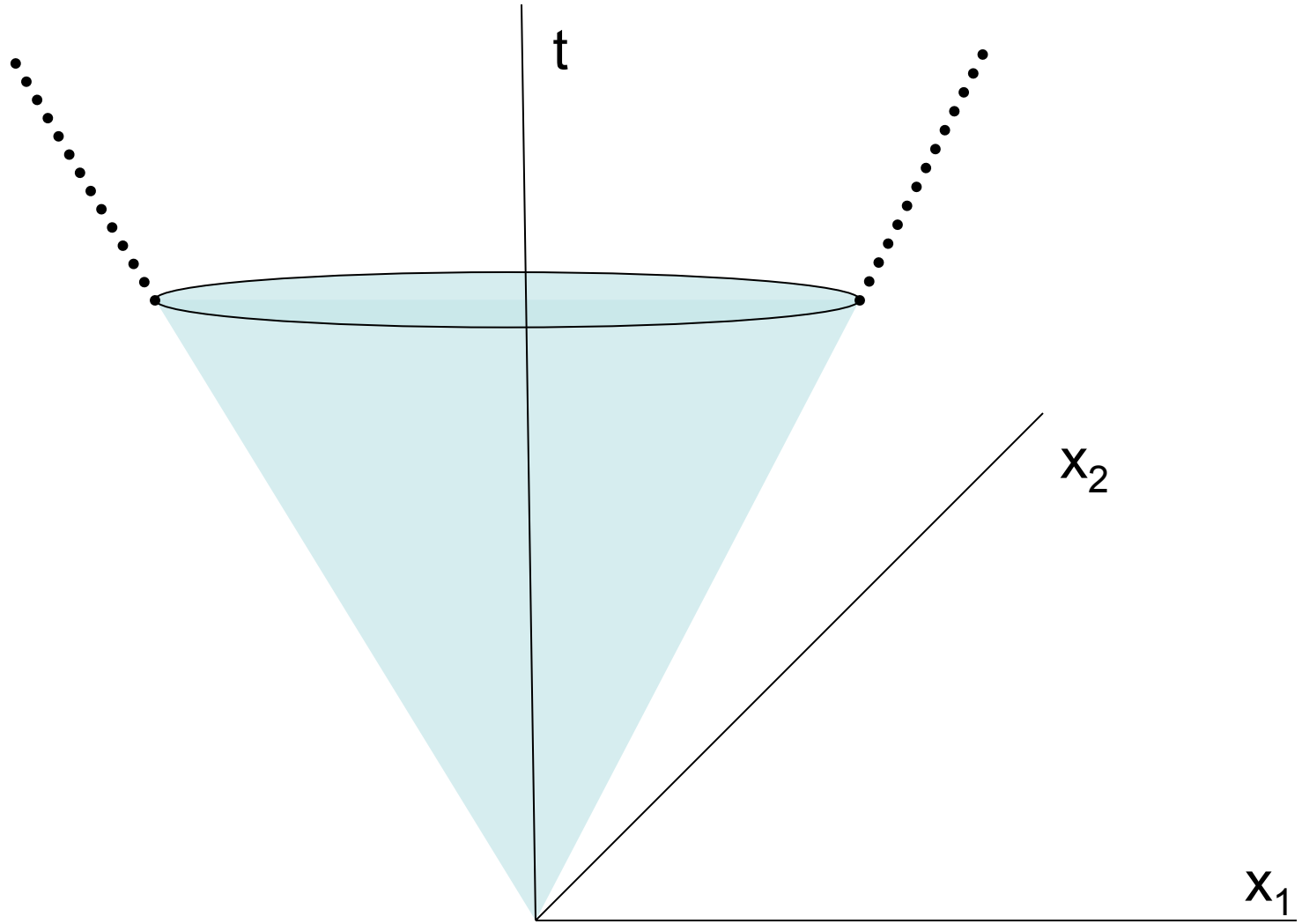


# Examples of Convex Sets



Halfspace  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} - b \leq 0$

# Examples of Convex Sets



Second-order Cone  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq t$

# Examples of Convex Sets

Semidefinite Matrices  $\{X \mid X \succeq \mathbf{0}\}$

$$\mathbf{a}^T X \mathbf{a} \geq \mathbf{0}, \text{ for all } \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

All eigenvalues of  $X$  are non-negative

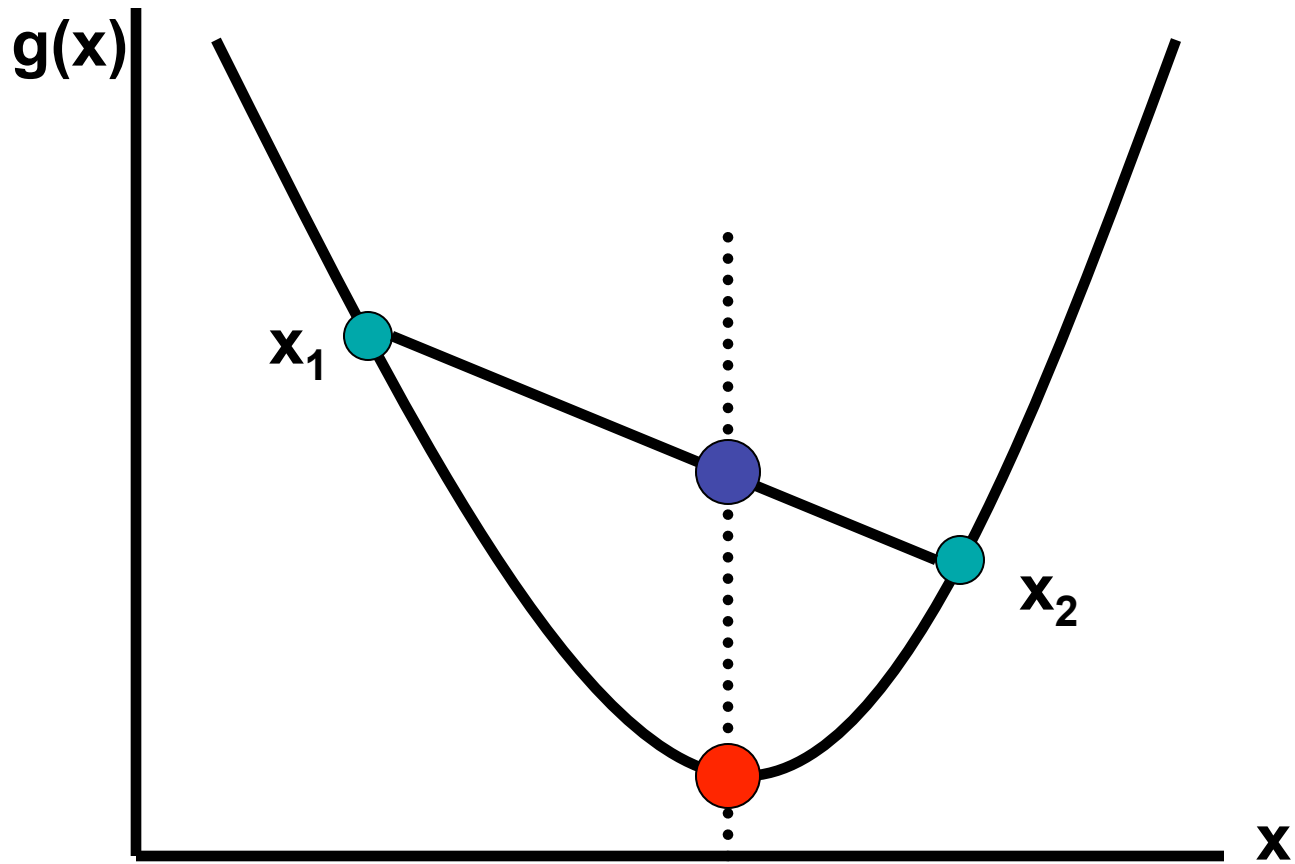
$$\mathbf{a}^T X_1 \mathbf{a} \geq \mathbf{0} \qquad \mathbf{a}^T X_2 \mathbf{a} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^T (\lambda X_1 + (1-\lambda) X_2) \mathbf{a} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

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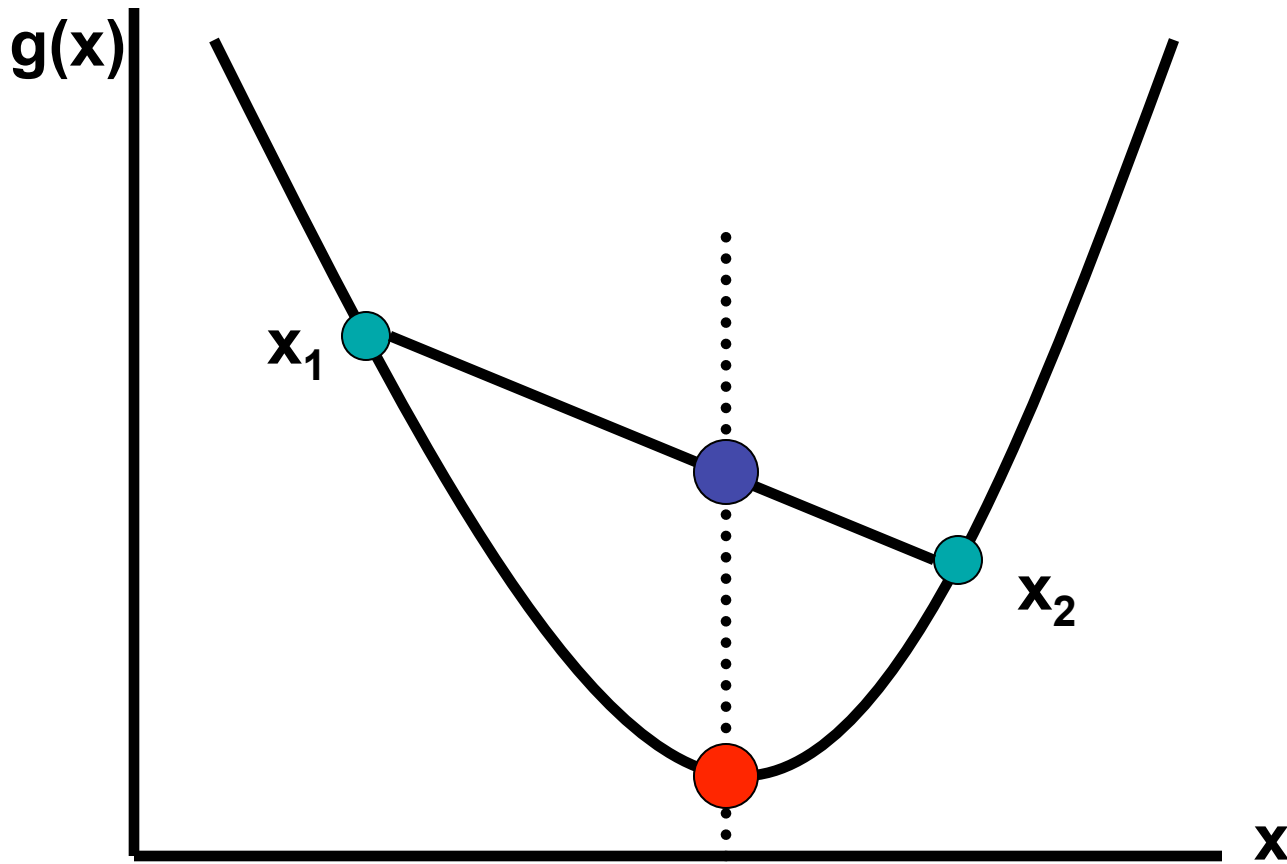
- Convex Sets
- **Convex Functions**
- Convex Program

# Convex Function



Blue point always lies above red point

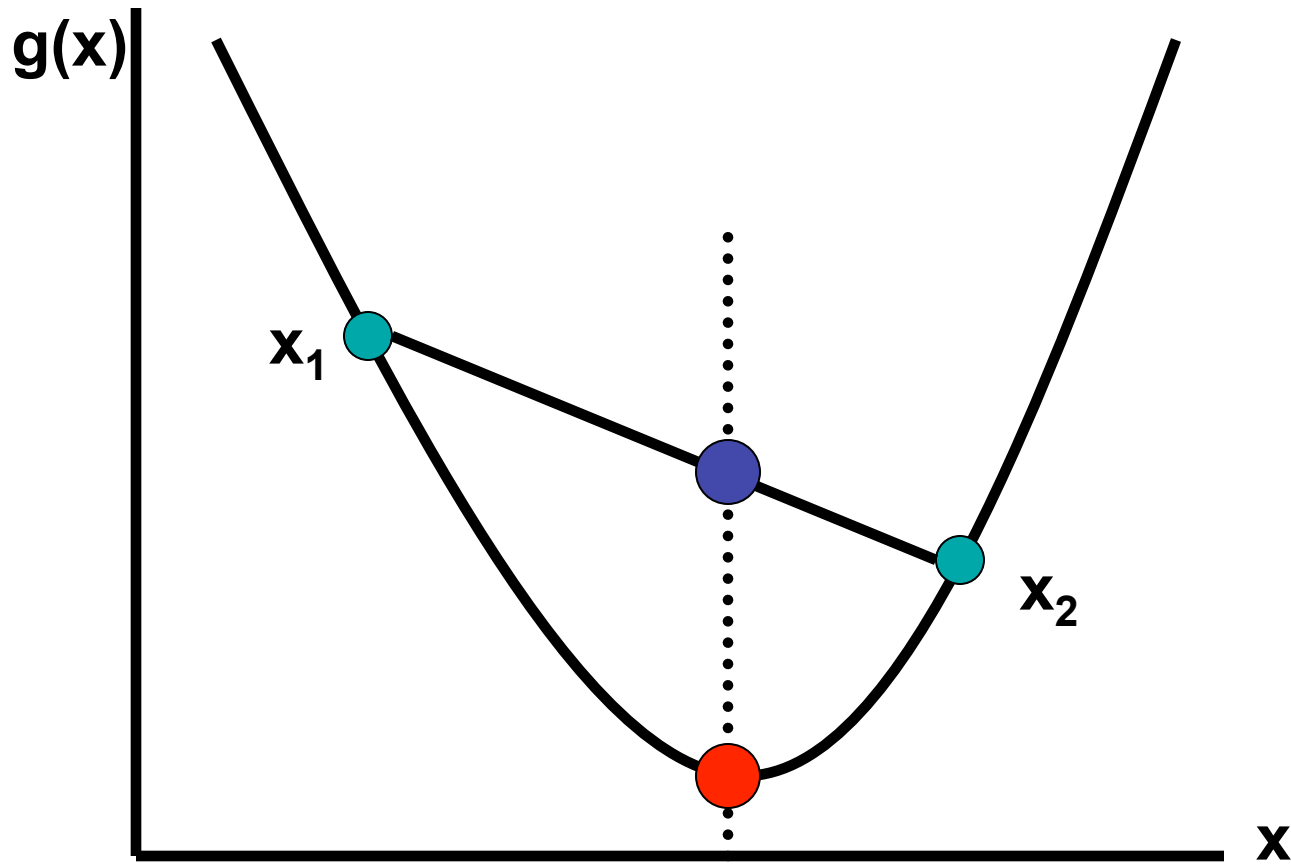
# Convex Function



$$g(c x_1 + (1 - c) x_2) \leq c g(x_1) + (1 - c) g(x_2)$$

Domain of  $g(\cdot)$  has to be convex

# Convex Function



$$g(c \mathbf{x}_1 + (1 - c) \mathbf{x}_2) \leq c g(\mathbf{x}_1) + (1 - c) g(\mathbf{x}_2)$$

$-g(\cdot)$  is concave

# Examples of Convex Functions

Linear function  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}$

p-Norm functions  $(x_1^p + x_2^p + \dots + x_n^p)^{1/p}$ ,  $p \geq 1$

Quadratic functions  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{Q} \succeq 0$$



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# Convex Program

Minimize a convex function

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{Objective function}$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \quad \text{Constraints}$$
$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Over a convex feasible region

# Local Minima are Global Minima

Unconstrained optimization  $\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$

Let  $\mathbf{x}^*$  be a local minimum

For all  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\exists \alpha$  small enough such that

$$f(\mathbf{x}^*) \leq f((1-\alpha)\mathbf{x}^* + \alpha\mathbf{y}) \quad \mathbf{x}^* \text{ is local minimum}$$

$$\leq (1-\alpha) f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \alpha f(\mathbf{y}) \quad f \text{ is convex}$$

Therefore,  $f(\mathbf{x}^*) \leq f(\mathbf{y})$ , for all  $\mathbf{y}$

# Local Minima are Global Minima

Constrained optimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\text{Indicator function } I_i(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \\ \infty, & \text{if } g_i(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \end{cases}$$

# Local Minima are Global Minima

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_i l_i(\mathbf{x})$$

Unconstrained convex optimization

Apply previous argument

Many convex programs have efficient solvers

**Questions?**