

# **Convex Analysis Approach to Discrete Optimization, I**

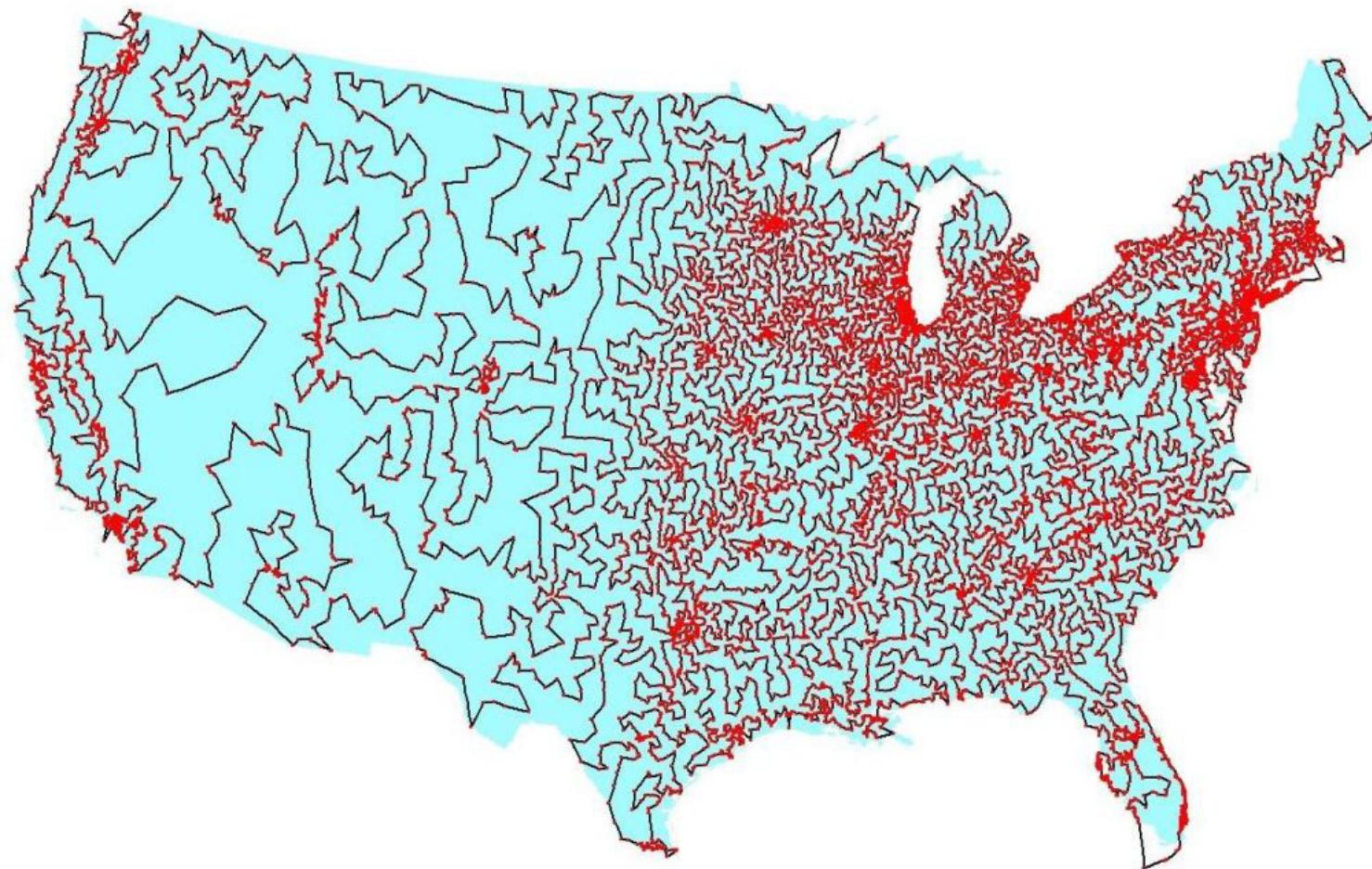
## **Concepts of Discrete Convex Functions**

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# **Discrete Optimization**

**Traveling Salesman Problem  
Minimum Spanning Tree Problem**

# Traveling Salesman Problem

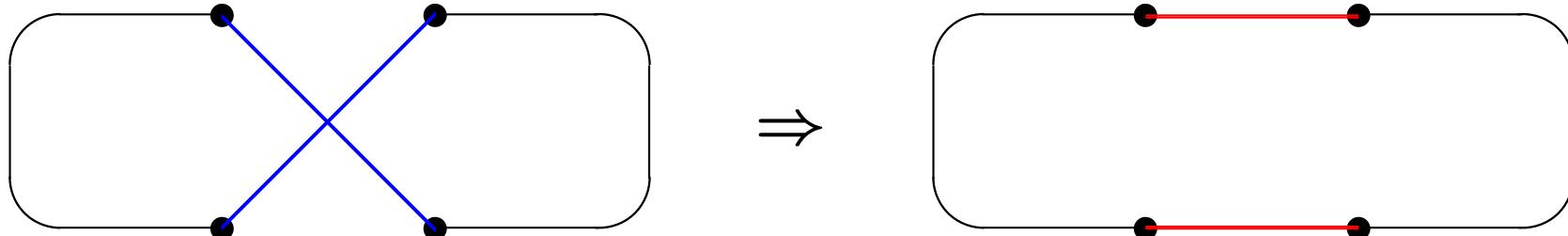


**13,509 cities, D. Applegate, R. Bixby, V. Chvatal, and W. Cook (1998)**

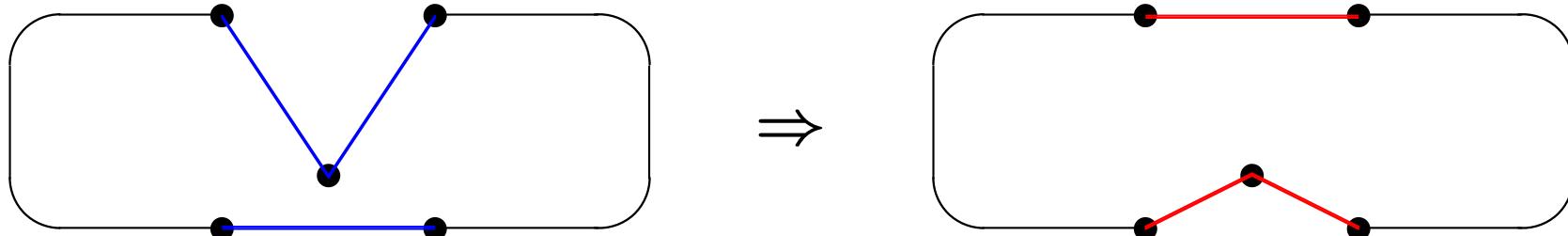
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# Local Improvements in TSP

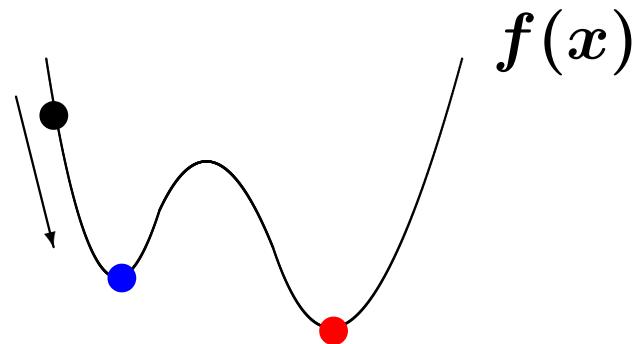
**2-opt**



**Or-opt**



# Local Search (Descent Method)



S0: Initial sol  $x^*$

S1: Minimize  $f(x)$  in **nbhd** of  $x^*$  to obtain  $x^\bullet$

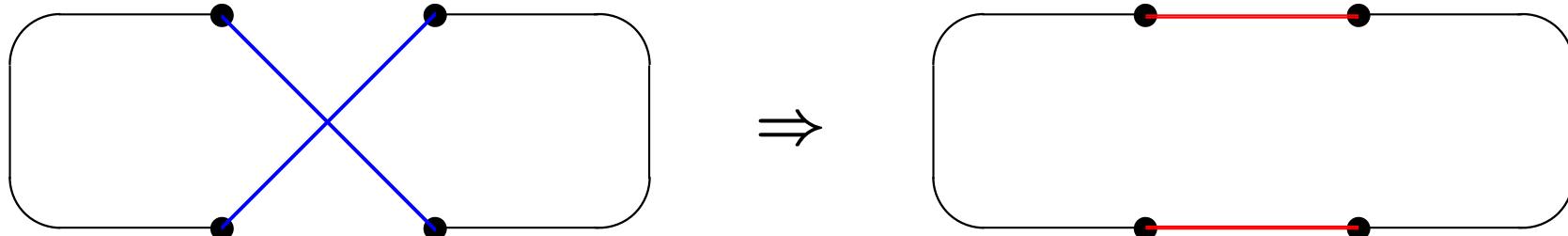
S2: If  $f(x^*) \leq f(x^\bullet)$ , return  $x^*$  (**local opt**)

S3: Update  $x^* := x^\bullet$ ; go to S1

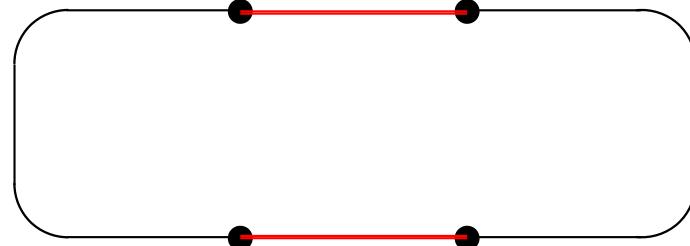
What is **neighborhood**?

# Neighborhood in TSP

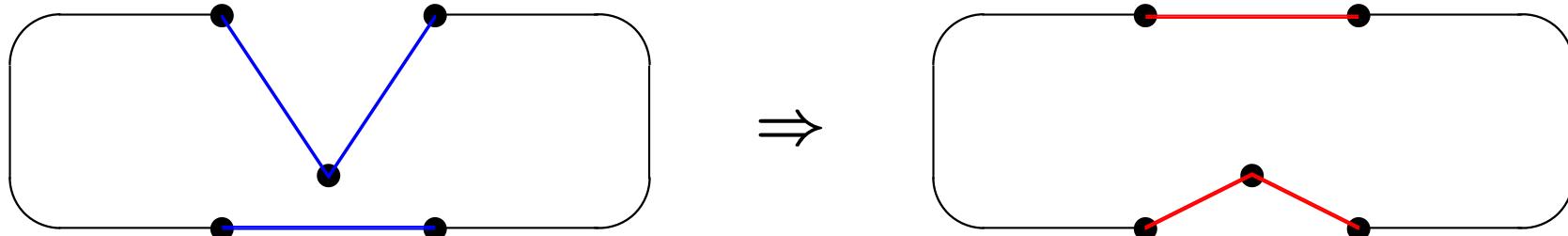
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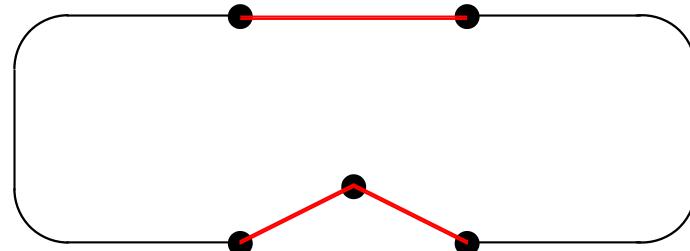
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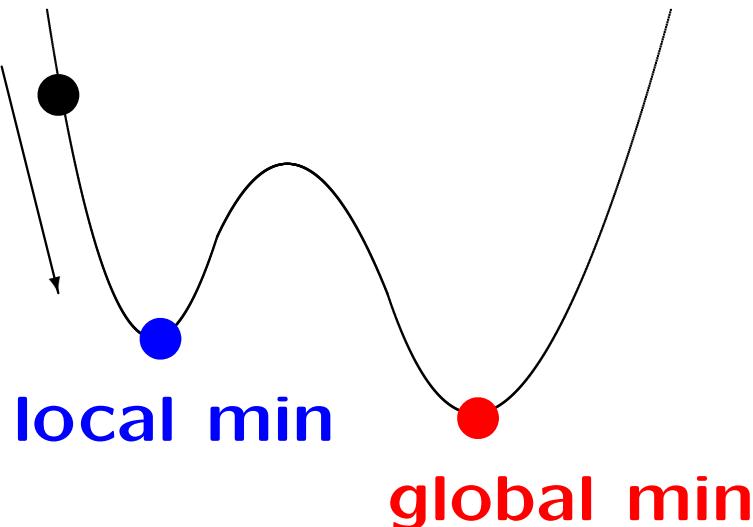
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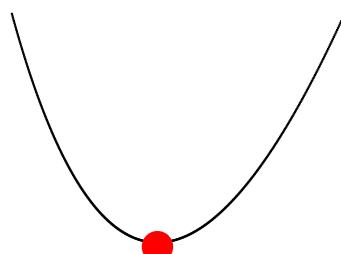
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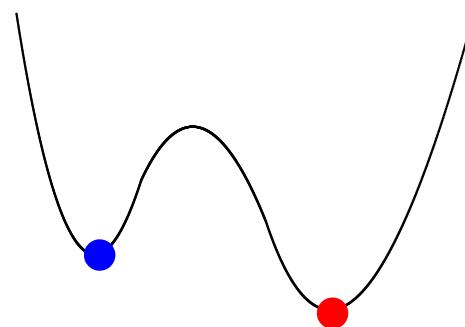
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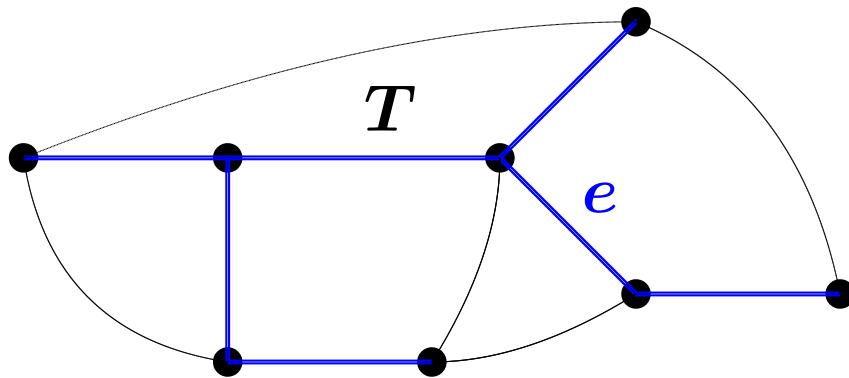
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# Min Spanning Tree Problem

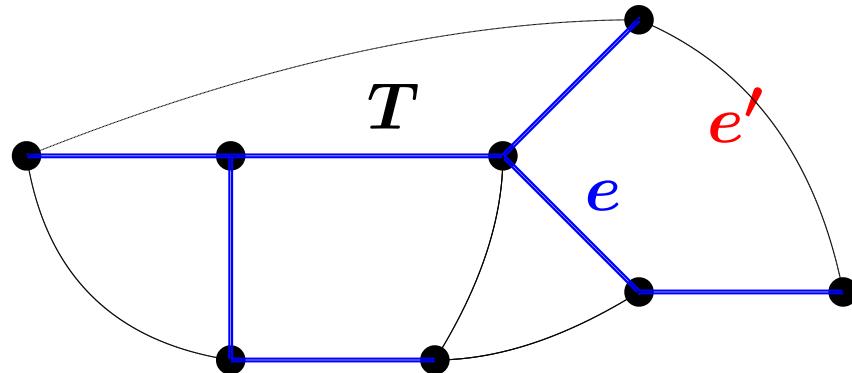


**edge length**  $d : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

**total length of  $T$**

$$\tilde{d}(T) = \sum_{e \in T} d(e)$$

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**Thm**

$$\begin{aligned} T: \text{ MST} &\iff \tilde{d}(T) \leq \tilde{d}(T - e + e') \quad (\text{local min}) \\ &\iff d(e) \leq d(e') \quad \text{if } T - e + e' \text{ is tree} \end{aligned}$$

**Algorithms** Kruskal, Kalaba;  
Prim, Dijkstra, Borůvka, Jarník, ...

# Kruskal's Greedy Algorithm for MST

Kruskal (1959)

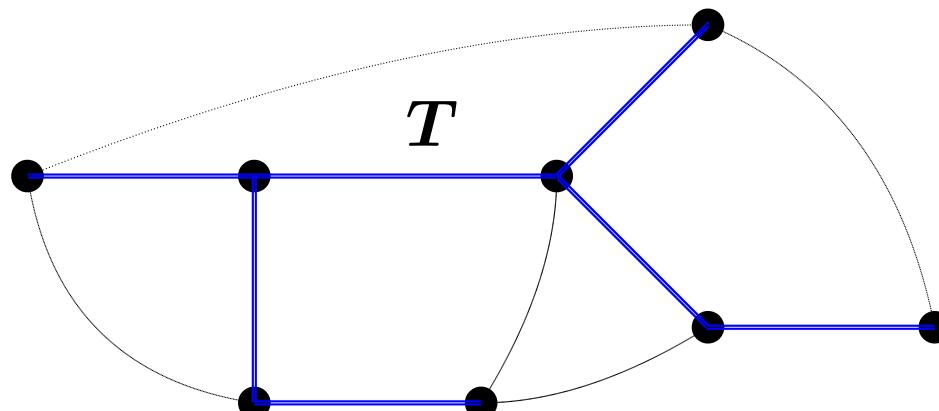
**S0:** Order edges by length:  $d(e_1) \leq d(e_2) \leq \dots$

**S1:**  $T = \emptyset; i = 1$

**S2:** Pick edge  $e_i$

**S3:** If  $T + e_i$  contains a cycle, discard  $e_i$

**S4:** Update  $T = T + e_i; i = i + 1;$  go to **S2**



# Kalaba's Algorithm for MST

Kalaba (1960), Dijkstra (1960)

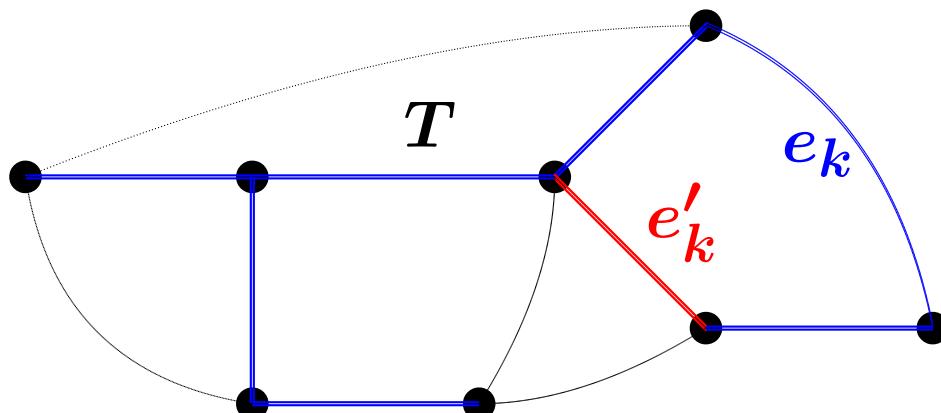
S0:  $T = \text{any spanning tree}$

S1: Order  $e' \notin T$  by length:  $d(e'_1) \leq d(e'_2) \leq \dots$

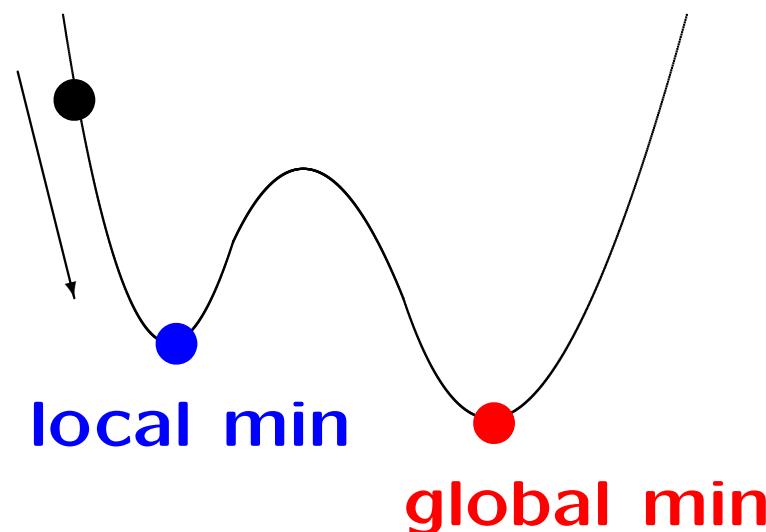
$k = 1$

S2:  $e_k$  = longest edge s.t.  $T - e_k + e'_k$  is tree

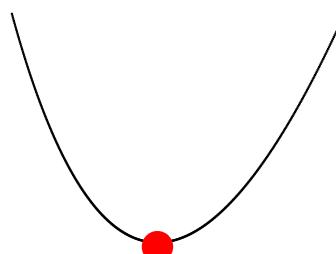
S3:  $T = T - e_k + e'_k$ ;  $k = k + 1$ ; go to S2



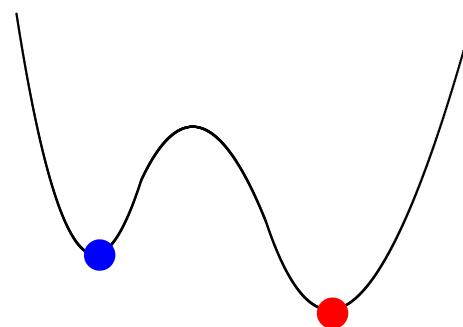
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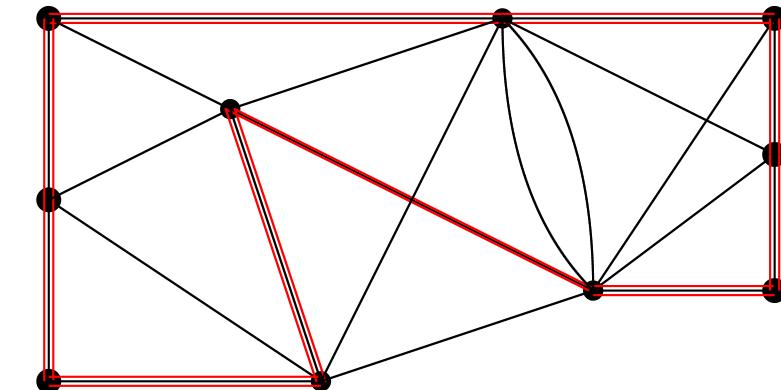
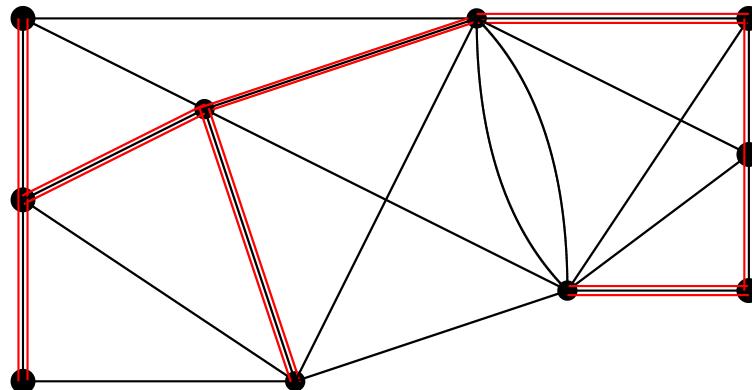
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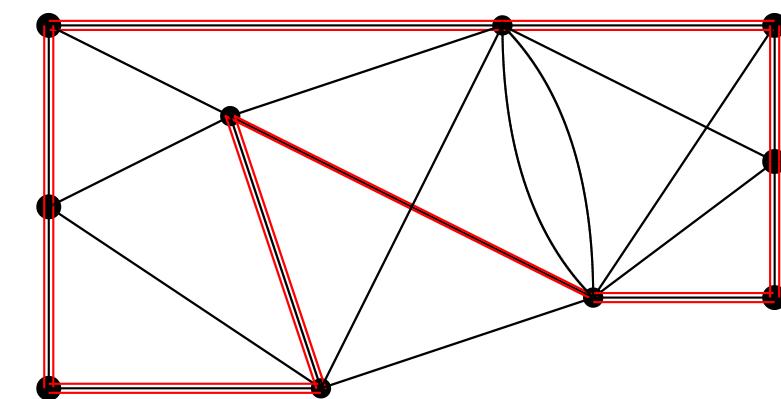
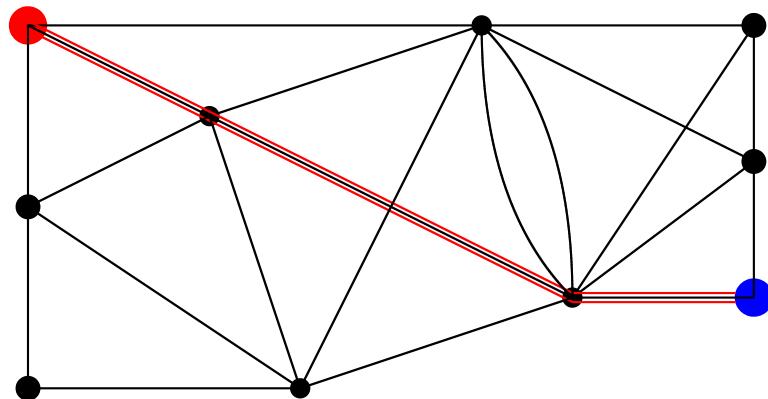
# Min.Span.Tree vs Traveling Salesman



	Min.Span.Tree	Travel.Salesman
Empirical Fact	easy	difficult
Complexity Theory	poly-time	NP-hard (?)
Convexity View	“convex”	non-“convex”

- Kruskal/Kalaba for MST  
= steepest descent for M-convex minimization

# Shortest Path vs Traveling Salesman



	Shortest Path	Travel.Salesman
Empirical Fact	easy	difficult
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- Dijkstra for shortest path  
= steepest descent for L-convex minimization

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**C2. Classes of Discrete Convex Functions**

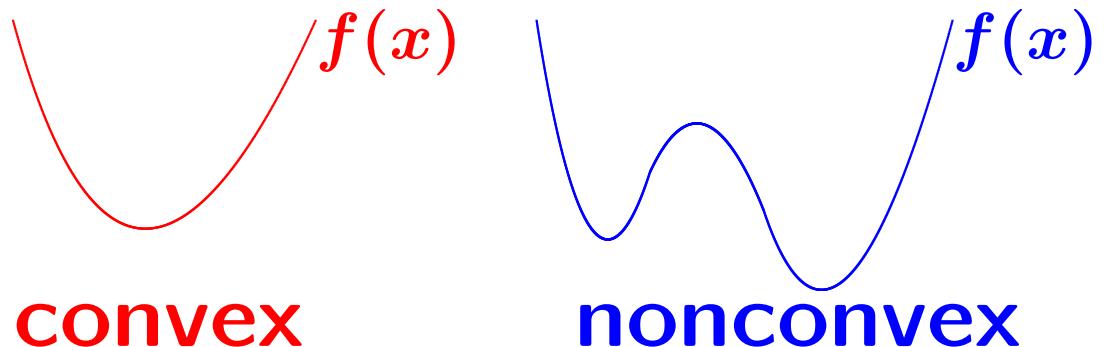
**C3. L-convex Functions**

**C4. M-convex Functions**

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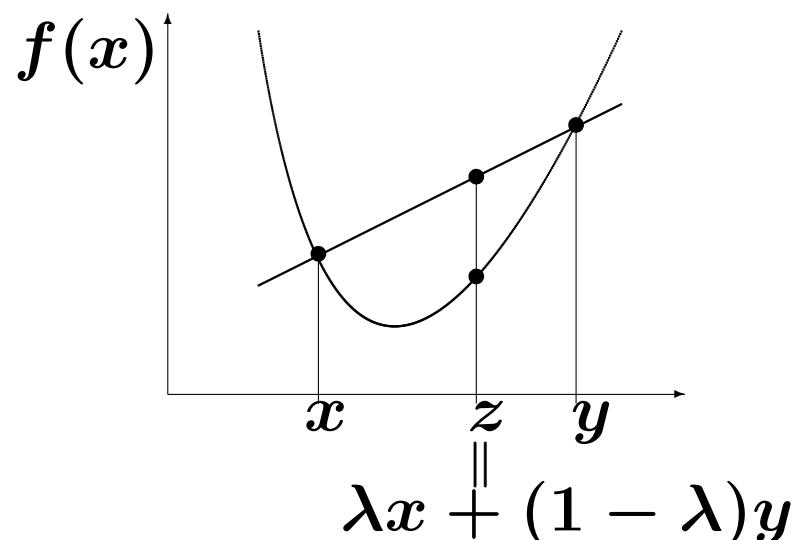
**Part III: Algorithms**

# Convex Function



$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is convex  $\iff$

$$\lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y) \geq f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \quad (0 < \forall \lambda < 1)$$



$$\overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

C1.

Univariate

Discrete Convex Functions

(Ingredients of convex analysis)

# Definition of “Convex” Function

$$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$$

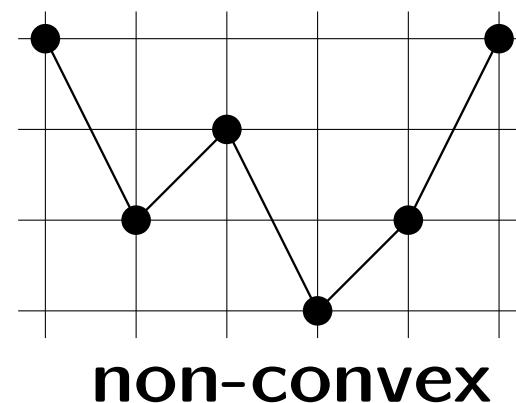
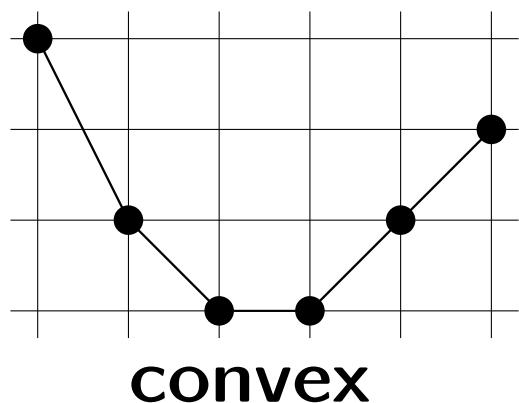
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$$f(\textcolor{red}{x} - 1) + f(\textcolor{red}{x} + 1) \geq 2f(\textcolor{red}{x})$$

$$\iff f(\textcolor{red}{x}) + f(\textcolor{blue}{y}) \geq f(\textcolor{red}{x} + 1) + f(\textcolor{blue}{y} - 1) \quad (\textcolor{red}{x} < \textcolor{blue}{y})$$

$\iff$   $f$  is **convex-extensible**, i.e.,

$\exists$  **convex**  $\bar{f} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  s.t.  $\bar{f}(x) = f(x)$  ( $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ )



# Local vs Global Optimality

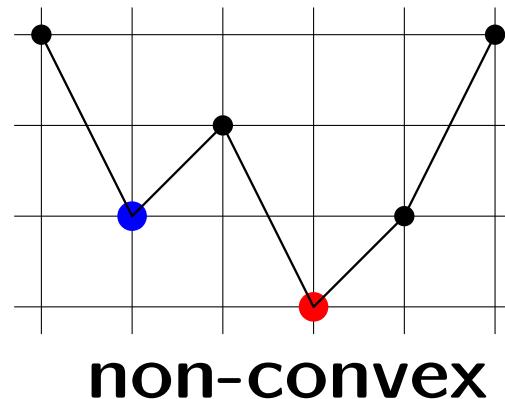
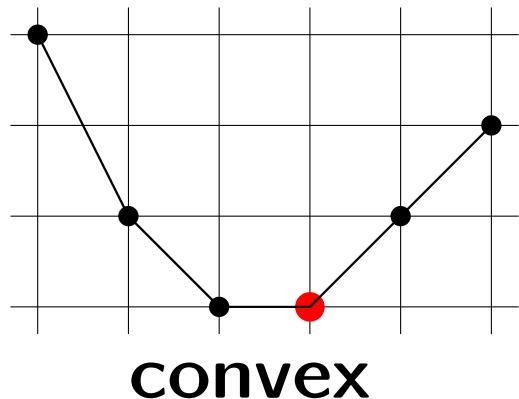
$$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$$

**Theorem:**

$x^*$ : global opt (min)

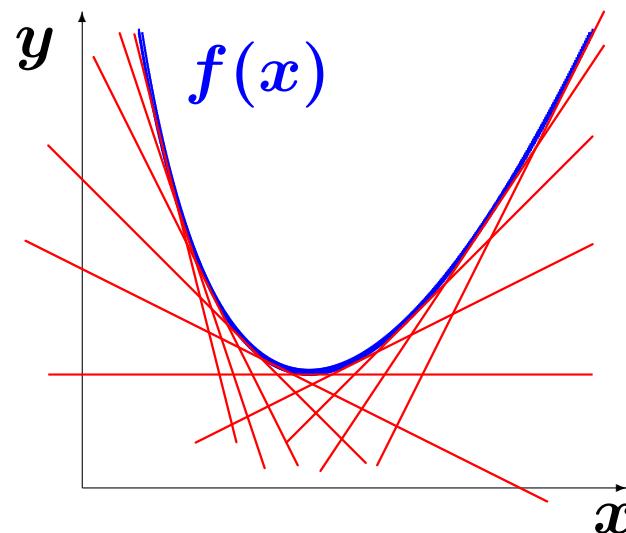
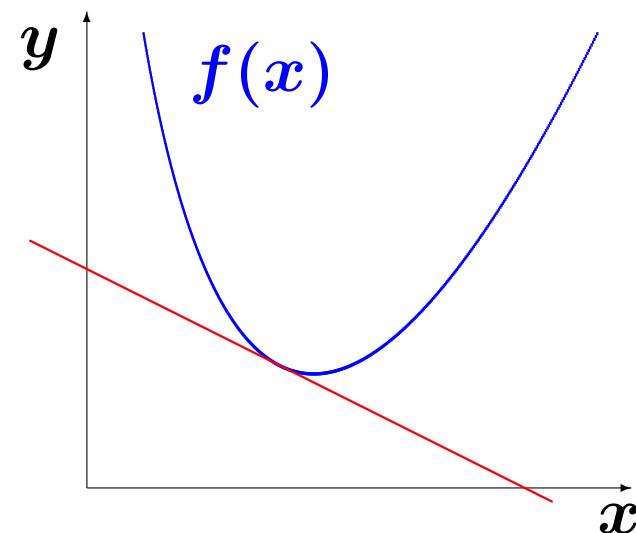
$\iff x^*$ : local opt (min)

$$f(x^*) \leq \min\{f(x^* - 1), f(x^* + 1)\}$$

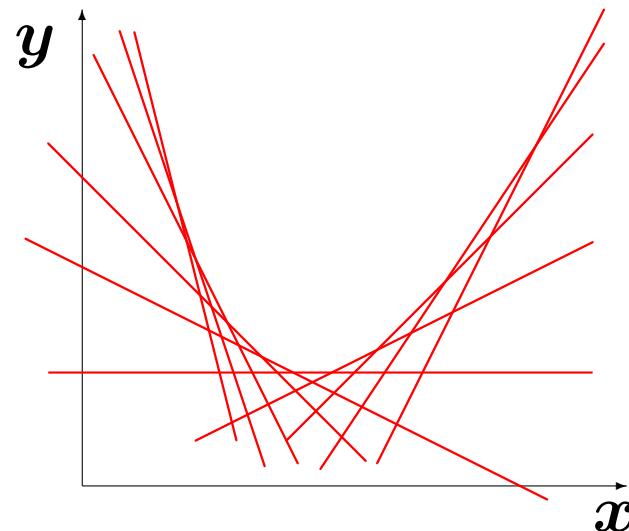
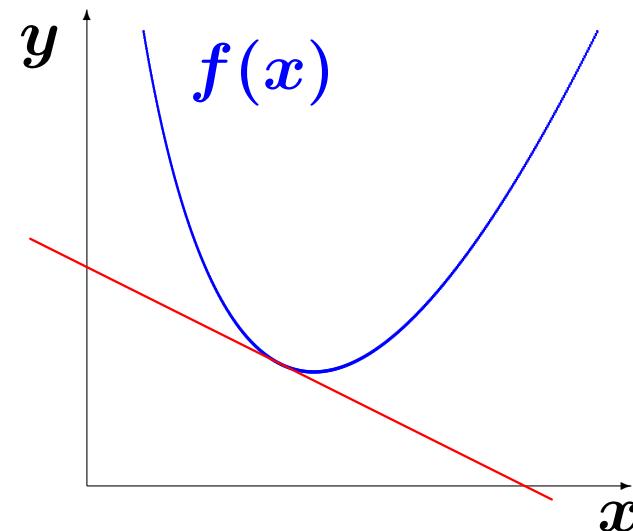


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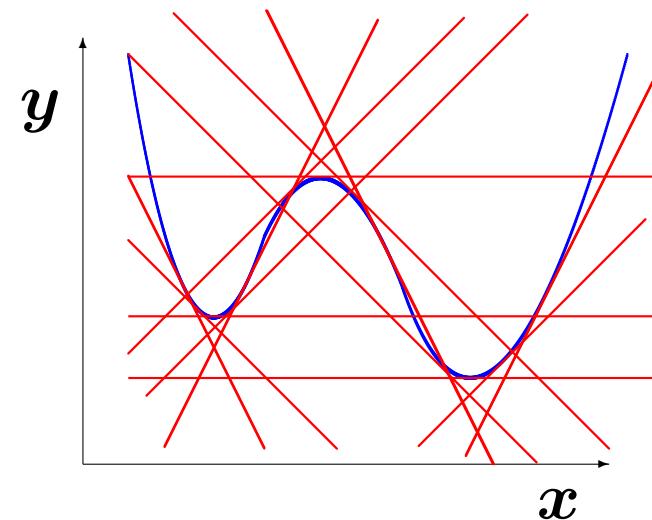
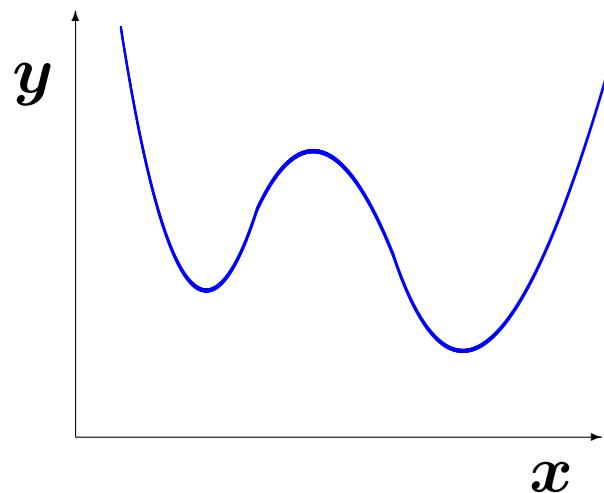
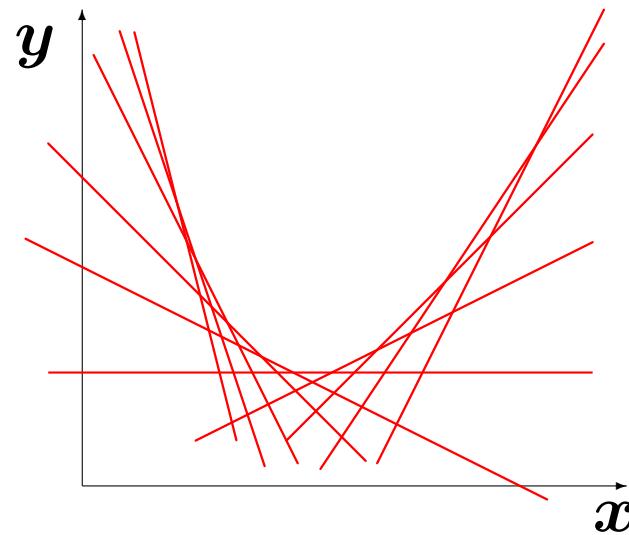
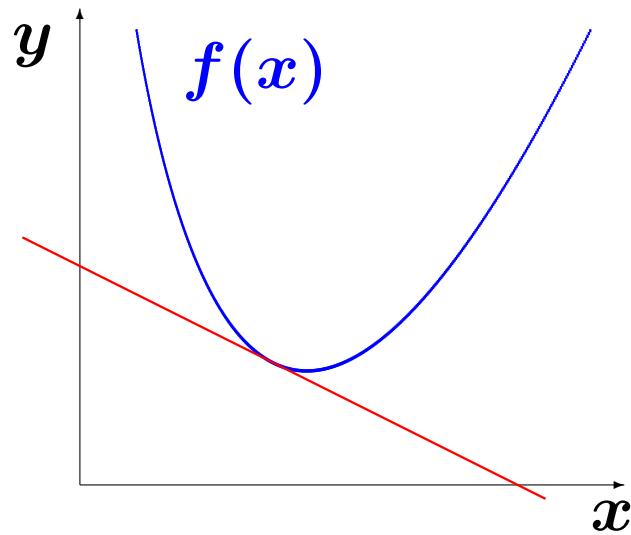
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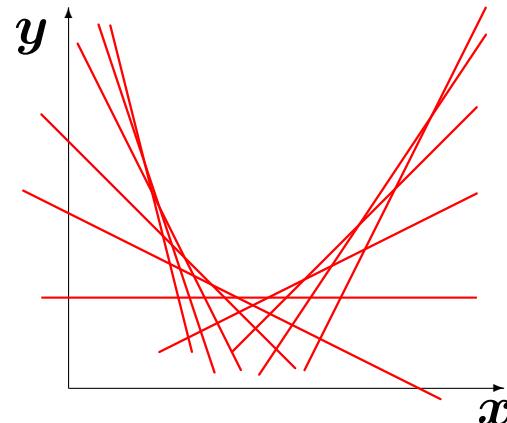
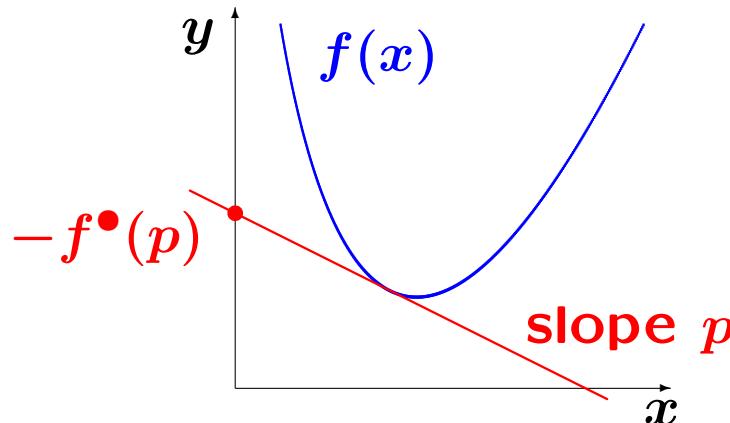


# Legendre Transformation

$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  (integer-valued)

Define **discrete Legendre transform** of  $f$  by

$$f^\bullet(p) = \sup\{px - f(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad (p \in \mathbb{Z})$$



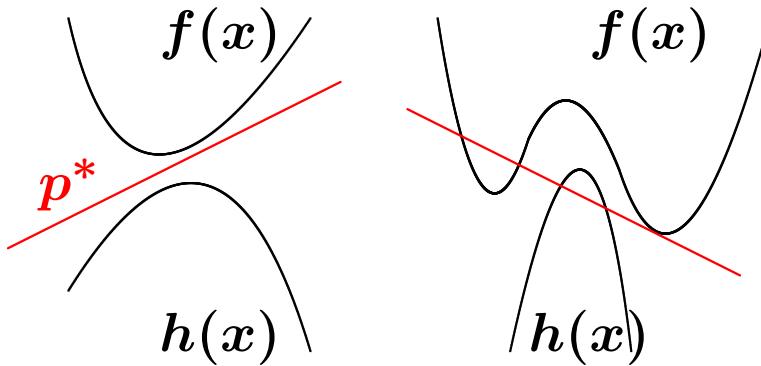
**Theorem:**

- (1)  $f^\bullet$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -valued convex function,  $f^\bullet : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$
- (2)  $(f^\bullet)^\bullet = f$  (biconjugacy)

# Separation Theorem

$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$   
convex

$h : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{R}}$   
concave



## Theorem (Discrete Separation Theorem)

(1)  $f(x) \geq h(x) \quad (\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow \exists \alpha^* \in \mathbb{R}, \exists p^* \in \mathbb{R}:$

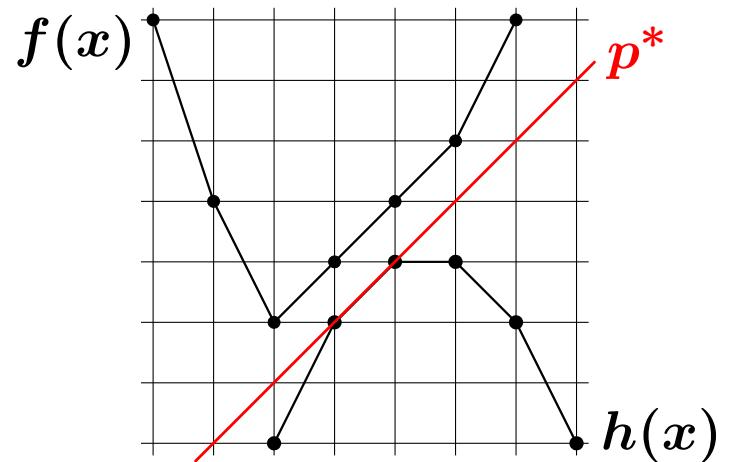
$$f(x) \geq \alpha^* + p^* x \geq h(x) \quad (\forall x \in \mathbb{Z})$$

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# Fenchel Duality (Min-Max)

$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Z}}$ : convex,     $h : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{Z}}$ : concave

**Legendre transforms:**

$$f^\bullet(p) = \sup\{px - f(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$h^\circ(p) = \inf\{px - h(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

**Theorem:**

$$\inf_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \{f(x) - h(x)\} = \sup_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \{h^\circ(p) - f^\bullet(p)\}$$

# Five Properties of “Convex” Functions

- 1. convex extension**
- 2. local opt = global opt**
- 3. conjugacy (Legendre transform)**
- 4. separation theorem**
- 5. Fenchel duality**

hold for **univariate**  
**discrete convex functions**

**C2.**

# **Classes of Discrete Convex Functions**

# Classes of Discrete Convex Functions

1. Submodular set fn (on  $\{0,1\}^n$ )
1. Separable-convex fn on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$
1. Integrally-convex fn on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$
  
2. L-convex ( $L^\natural$ -convex) fn on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$
2. M-convex ( $M^\natural$ -convex) fn on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$
  
3. M-convex fn on jump systems
3. L-convex fn on graphs

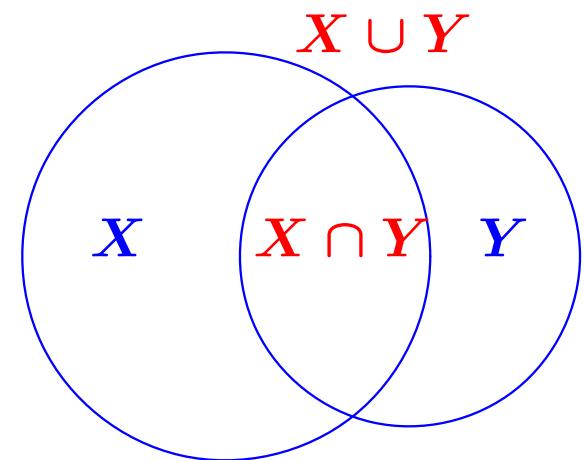
# Submodular Function

$$\bar{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

**Set function  $\rho : 2^V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is submodular**

$\iff$

$$\rho(X) + \rho(Y) \geq \rho(X \cup Y) + \rho(X \cap Y)$$



cf.  $|X| + |Y| = |X \cup Y| + |X \cap Y|$

**Set function  $\iff$  Function on  $\{0, 1\}^n$**

# Submodularity & Convexity in 1980's

$$\rho(X) + \rho(Y) \geq \rho(X \cup Y) + \rho(X \cap Y)$$

- min/max algorithms

(Grötschel–Lovász–Schrijver/ Jensen–Korte, Lovász)

**min  $\Rightarrow$  polynomial, max  $\Rightarrow$  exponential**

- Convex extension

(Lovász)

**set fn is submod  $\Leftrightarrow$  Lovász ext is convex**

- Duality theorems

(Edmonds, Frank, Fujishige)

**discrete separation, Fenchel min-max**

**Submodular set functions  
= Convexity + Discreteness**

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hold for **submodular set functions**

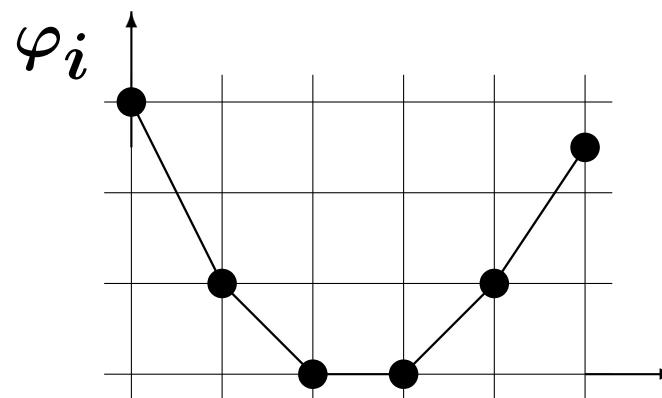
# Separable-convex Function

$f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is **separable-convex**

$\iff$

$$f(x) = \varphi_1(x_1) + \varphi_2(x_2) + \cdots + \varphi_n(x_n)$$

$\varphi_i$ : univariate convex



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discrete convex functions**

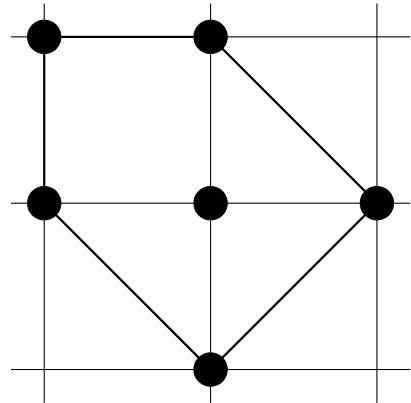
# Some History

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|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1935 | Matroid                                  | Whitney, Nakasawa                    |
| 1965 | Submodular function                      | Edmonds                              |
| 1969 | Convex network flow (electr.circuit)     | Iri                                  |
| 1982 | <b>Submodularity and convexity</b>       | Frank, Fujishige, Lovász             |
| 1990 | Valuated matroid<br>Integrally convex fn | Dress–Wenzel<br>Favati–Tardella      |
| 1996 | <b>Discrete convex analysis</b>          | Murota                               |
| 2000 | <b>Submodular minimization algorithm</b> | Iwata–Fleischer–Fujishige, Schrijver |
| 2006 | M-convex fn on jump system               | Murota                               |
| 2012 | L-convex fn on graph                     | Hirai, Kolmogorov                    |

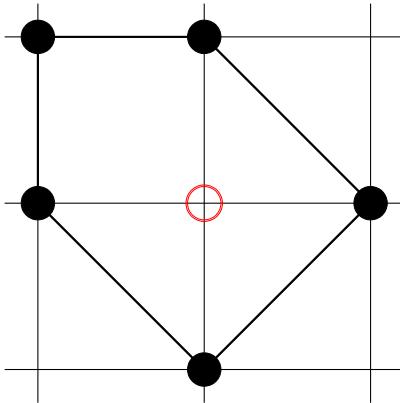
# Motivations/Applications/Connections

1. submodular	<b>MANY</b> problems graph cut, convex game
1. separable-conv	<b>MANY</b> problems min-cost flow, resource allocation
1. integrally-conv	economics, game
2. L-conv ( $\mathbb{Z}^n$ )	network tension, image processing OR (inventory, scheduling)
2. M-conv ( $\mathbb{Z}^n$ )	network flow, matching economics ( <b>game, auction</b> ) <b>mixed polynomial matrix</b>
3. M-conv (jump)	deg sequence, (2-)matching polynomial (half-plane property)
3. L-conv (graph)	<b>multiflow, multifacility location</b>

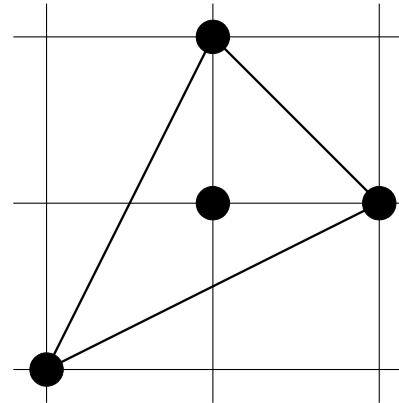
# Integrally Convex Set $\subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$



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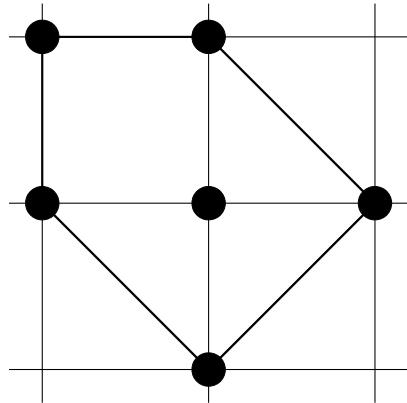


**NO**

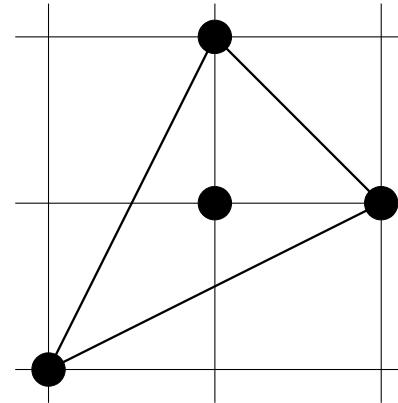


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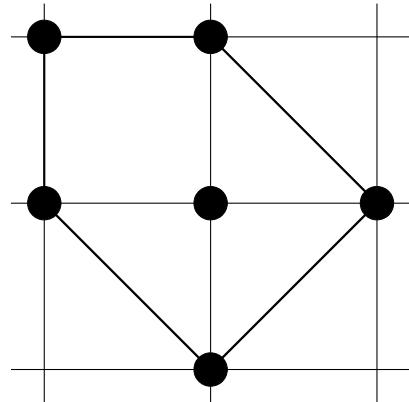


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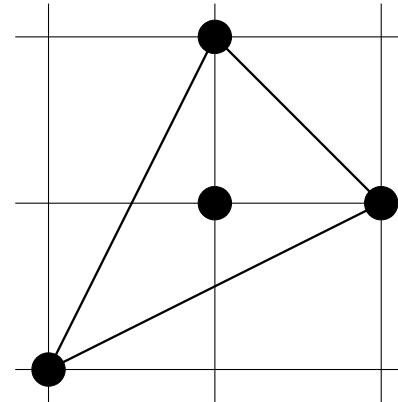


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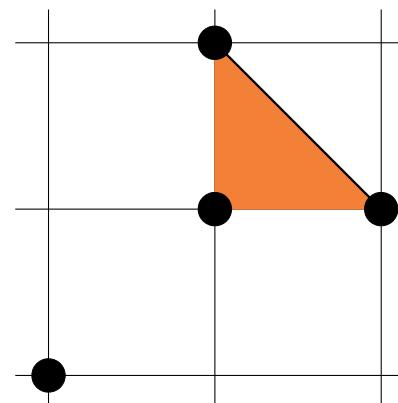
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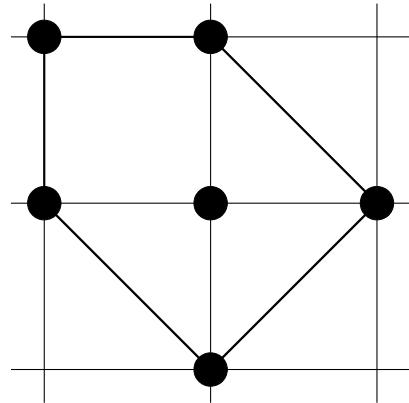
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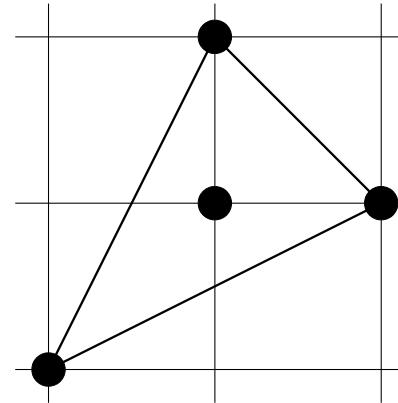
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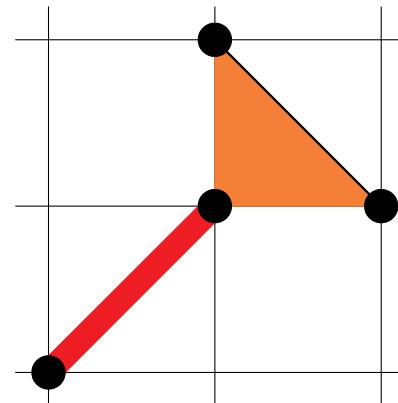
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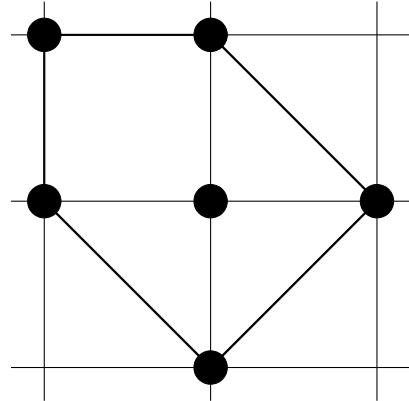
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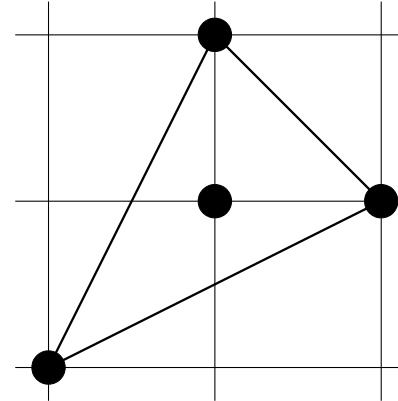
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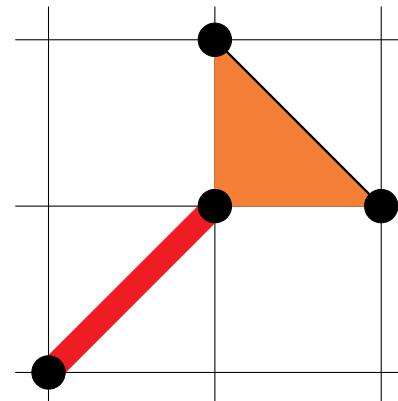
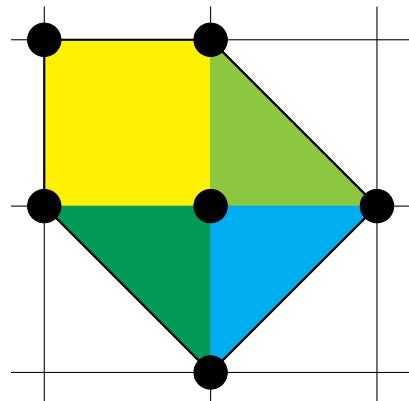
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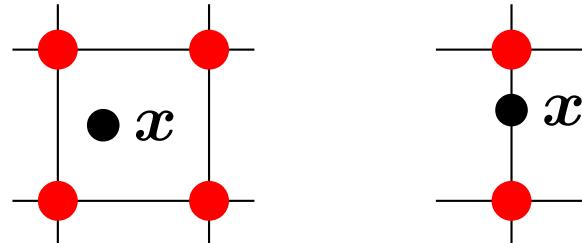
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# Integrally Convex Function

(Favati-Tardella 1990)

$$N(x) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_\infty < 1\} \quad (\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n)$$

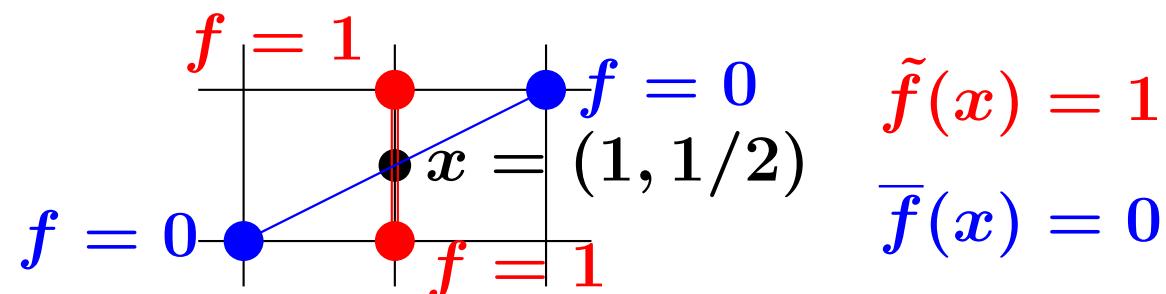


Local convex extension:

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \sup_{p, \alpha} \{ \langle p, x \rangle + \alpha \mid \langle p, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \alpha \leq f(\mathbf{y}) \ (\forall \mathbf{y} \in N(x)) \}$$

Def:  $f$  is integrally convex  $\iff \tilde{f}$  is convex

Ex:  $f(x_1, x_2) = |x_1 - 2x_2|$  is NOT integrally convex



# Five Properties of “Convex” Functions

- 1. convex extension**
- 2. local opt = global opt**

**hold**, but

- 3. conjugacy (Legendre transform)**
- 4. separation theorem**
- 5. Fenchel duality**

**fail for integrally convex functions**

# Discrete Convex Functions

<b>1.</b> submodular (set fn)	✓
<b>1.</b> separable -conv	✓
<b>1.</b> integrally -conv	✓
<b>2.</b> L-conv( $\mathbb{Z}^n$ )	
<b>2.</b> M-conv( $\mathbb{Z}^n$ )	
<b>3.</b> M-conv(jump)	
<b>3.</b> L-conv(graph)	

# Classes of Discrete Convex Functions

$$f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$$

**convex-extensible**

**integrally convex**

**M $\sharp$ -convex**

**separable  
convex**

**L $\sharp$ -convex**

$$\mathbf{M}^\sharp \cap \mathbf{L}^\sharp = \text{separable}$$

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**L-convex Functions**

# L-convex Function

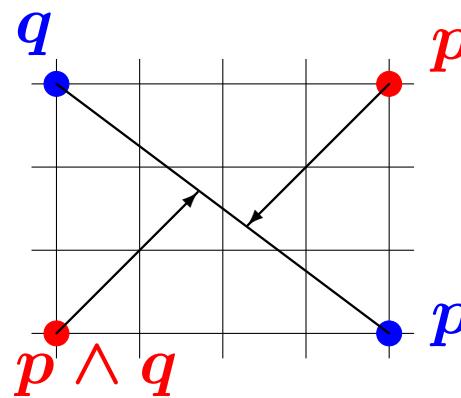
(L = Lattice)

(Murota 98)

$$g : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

$p \vee q$  compt-max

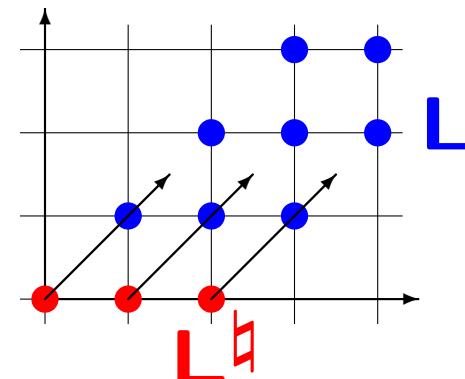
$p \wedge q$  compt-min



**Def:**  $g$  is L-convex  $\iff$

- Submodular:  $g(p) + g(q) \geq g(p \vee q) + g(p \wedge q)$
- Translation:  $\exists r, \forall p: g(p + 1) = g(p) + r$

$$1 = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$$



# $\text{L}^\natural$ -convexity from Submodularity

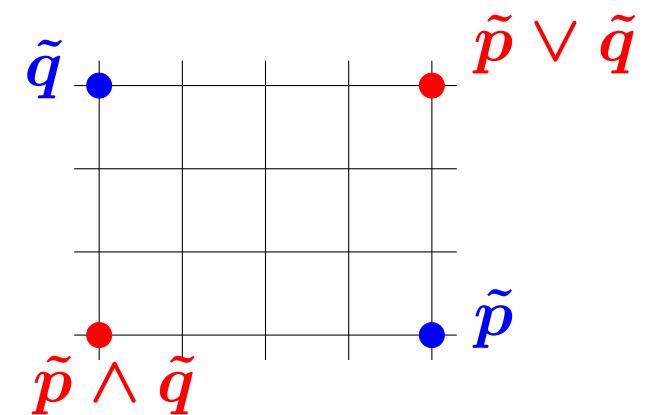
(Murota 98, Fujishige–Murota 2000)

$g : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   **$\text{L}^\natural$ -convex**  $\iff$

$\tilde{g}(p_0, p) = g(p - p_0 1)$  is submodular in  $(p_0, p)$

$\tilde{g} : \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$

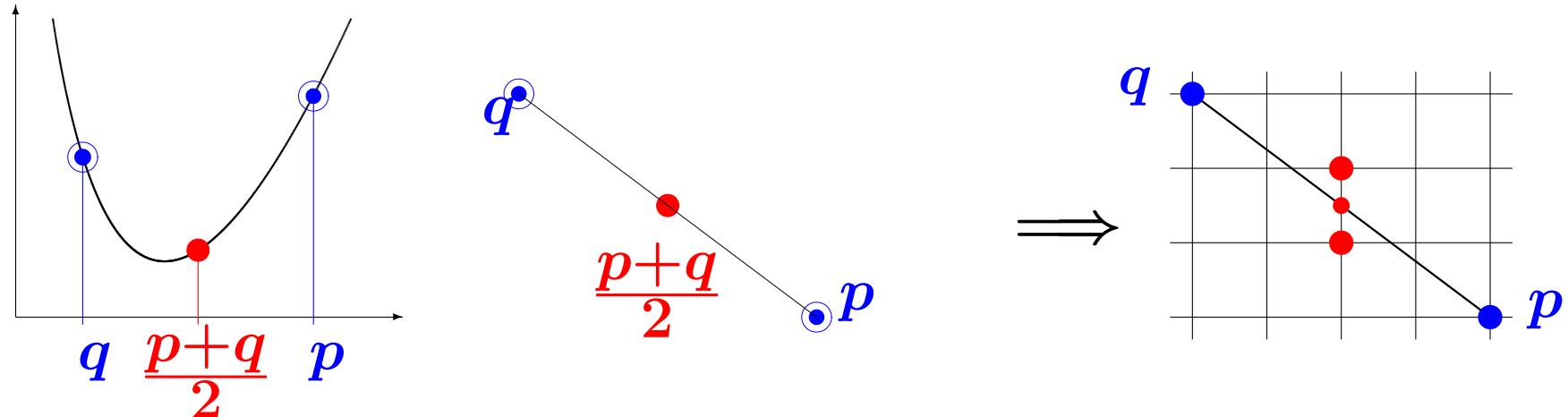
$\tilde{g}(\tilde{p}) + \tilde{g}(\tilde{q}) \geq \tilde{g}(\tilde{p} \vee \tilde{q}) + \tilde{g}(\tilde{p} \wedge \tilde{q})$



$$\text{L}_{n+1} \simeq \text{L}_n^\natural \supsetneq \text{L}_n$$

# $L^\natural$ -convexity from Mid-pt-convexity

(Favati-Tardella 1990, Fujishige-Murota 2000)



Mid-point convex ( $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ):

$$g(p) + g(q) \geq 2g\left(\frac{p+q}{2}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Discrete mid-point convex ( $g : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )

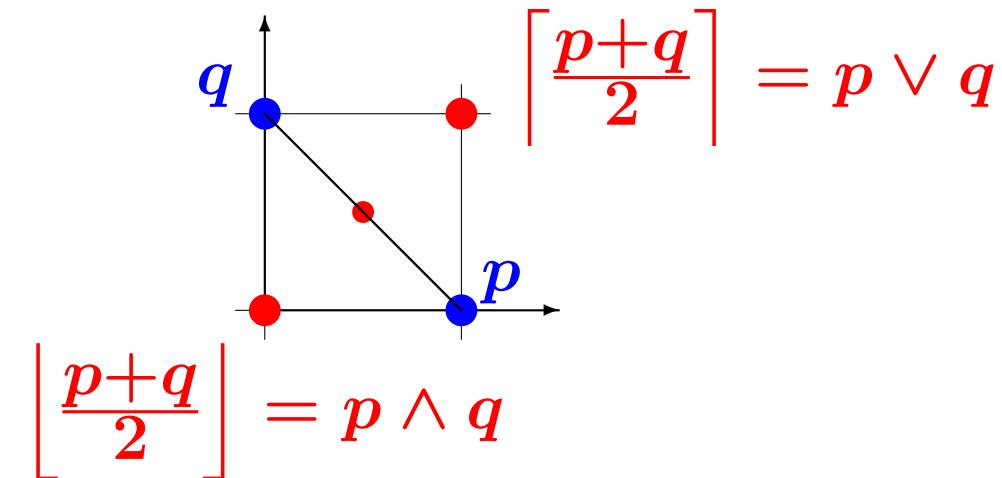
$$g(p) + g(q) \geq g\left(\left\lceil \frac{p+q}{2} \right\rceil\right) + g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{p+q}{2} \right\rfloor\right)$$

$L^\natural$ -convex function

( $L = \text{Lattice}$ )

# Mid-pt Convexity for 01-Vectors

For  $p, q \in \{0, 1\}^n$



Discrete mid-pt convexity:

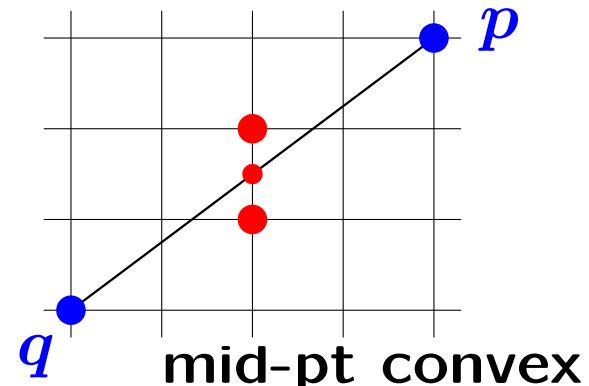
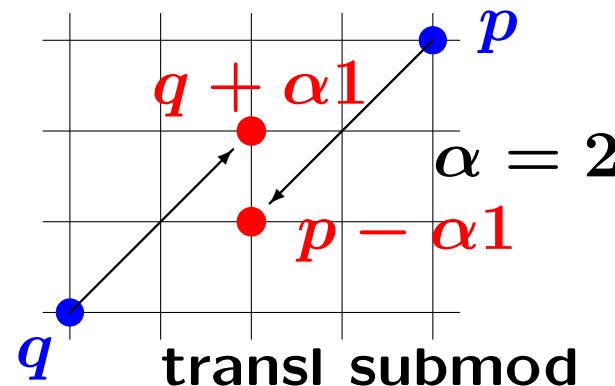
$$g(p) + g(q) \geq g\left(\left\lceil \frac{p+q}{2} \right\rceil\right) + g\left(\left\lfloor \frac{p+q}{2} \right\rfloor\right)$$

$\iff$  Submodularity:

$$g(p) + g(q) \geq g(p \vee q) + g(p \wedge q)$$

# Translation Submodularity ( $L^\natural$ )

$$g(p) + g(q) \geq g((p - \alpha 1) \vee q) + g(p \wedge (q + \alpha 1)) \quad (\alpha \geq 0)$$



- $\tilde{g}(p_0, p) = g(p - p_0 1)$  is submodular in  $(p_0, p)$
- $\Leftrightarrow$  translation submodular
- $\Leftrightarrow$  discrete mid-pt convex
- $\Leftrightarrow$  submod. integ. convex

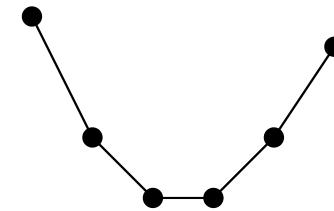
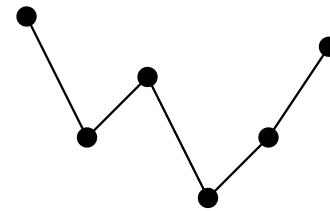
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(Favati-Tardella 90)

## **Rem: $L^\natural$ -convex vs Submodular**

$$n = 1$$

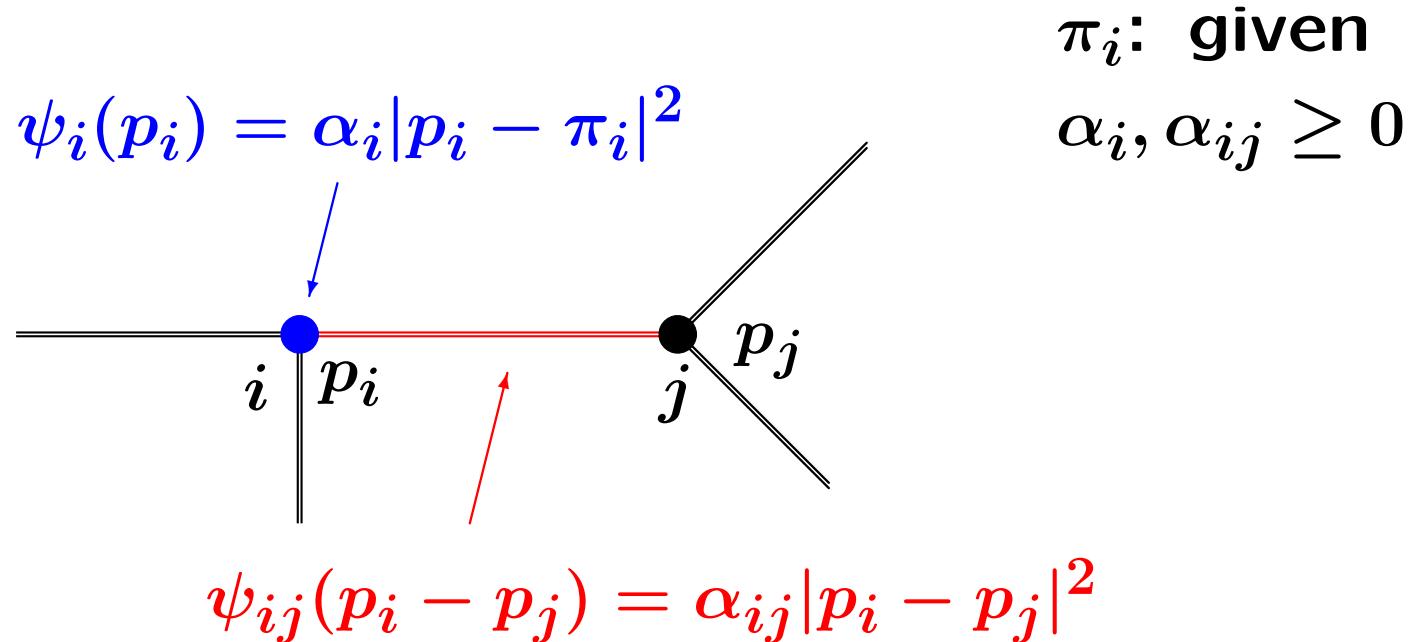


**Fact 1:** Every  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **submodular**

**Fact 2:**  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  **$L^\natural$ -convex**

$$\iff g(p - 1) + g(p + 1) \geq 2g(p) \text{ for all } p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

# Typical $L^\natural$ -convex Function: Energy Function



$$g(p) = \sum_i \psi_i(p_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} \psi_{ij}(p_i - p_j) \quad \text{is } L^\natural\text{-convex}$$

$\psi_i, \psi_{ij}$ : any univariate convex functions

# $\text{L}^\natural$ -convex Function: Examples

**Quadratic:**  $g(p) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} p_i p_j$  is  $\text{L}^\natural$ -convex

$$\Leftrightarrow a_{ij} \leq 0 \quad (i \neq j), \quad \sum_j a_{ij} \geq 0 \quad (\forall i)$$

**Energy function:** For univariate convex  $\psi_i$  and  $\psi_{ij}$

$$g(p) = \sum_i \psi_i(p_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} \psi_{ij}(p_i - p_j)$$

**Range:**  $g(p) = \max\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\} - \min\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$

**Submodular set function:**  $\rho : 2^V \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \rho(X) = g(\chi_X) \text{ for some } \text{L}^\natural\text{-convex } g$$

**Multimodular:**  $h : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is multimodular  $\Leftrightarrow$

$h(p) = g(p_1, p_1 + p_2, \dots, p_1 + \dots + p_n)$  for  $\text{L}^\natural$ -convex  $g$

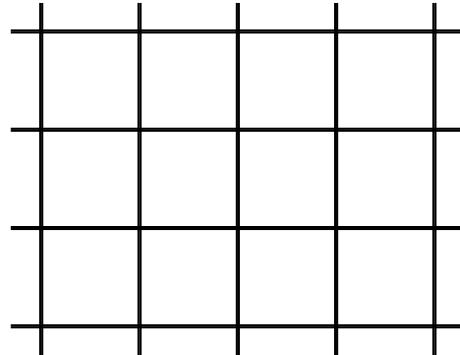
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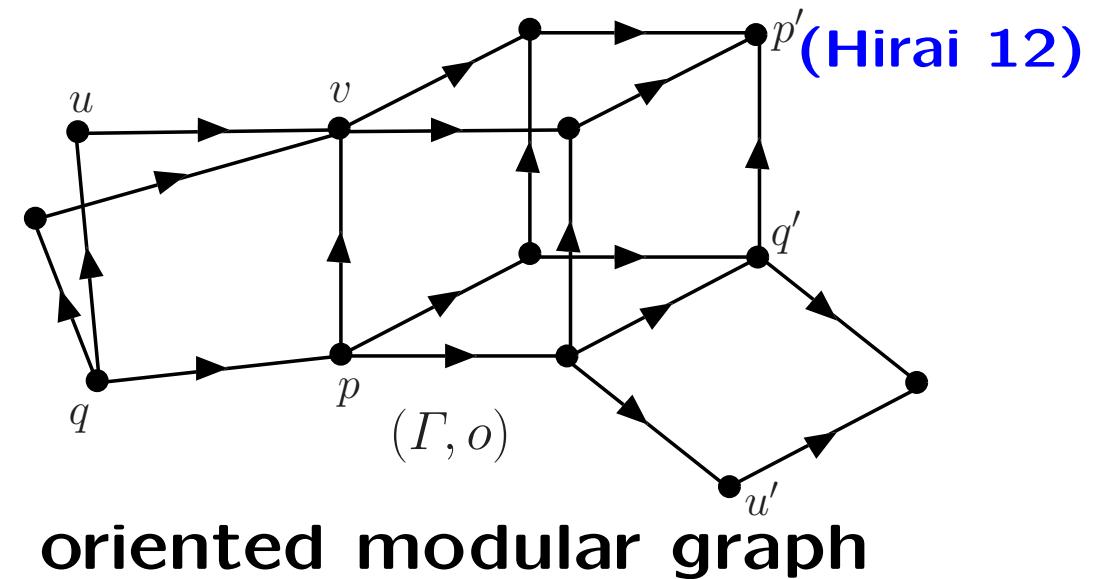
hold for **L-convex functions**

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# L-convex Function on Graphs



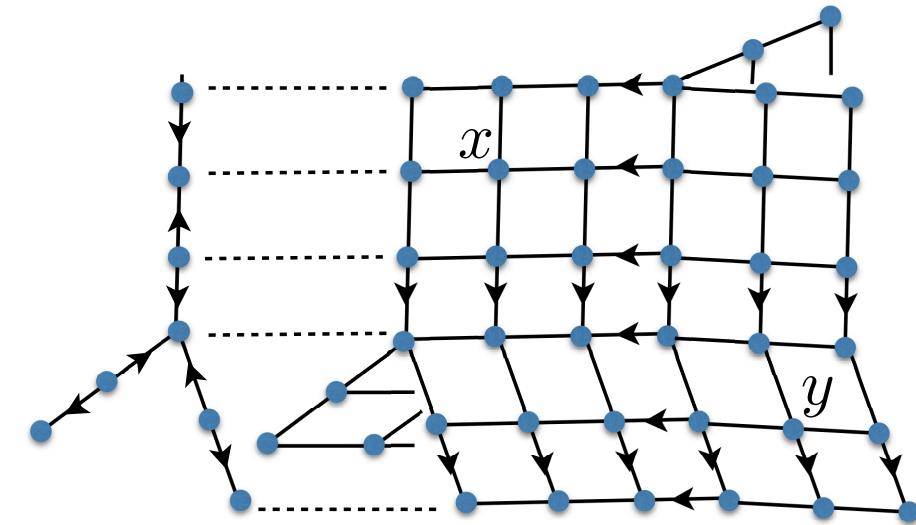
integer lattice



oriented modular graph

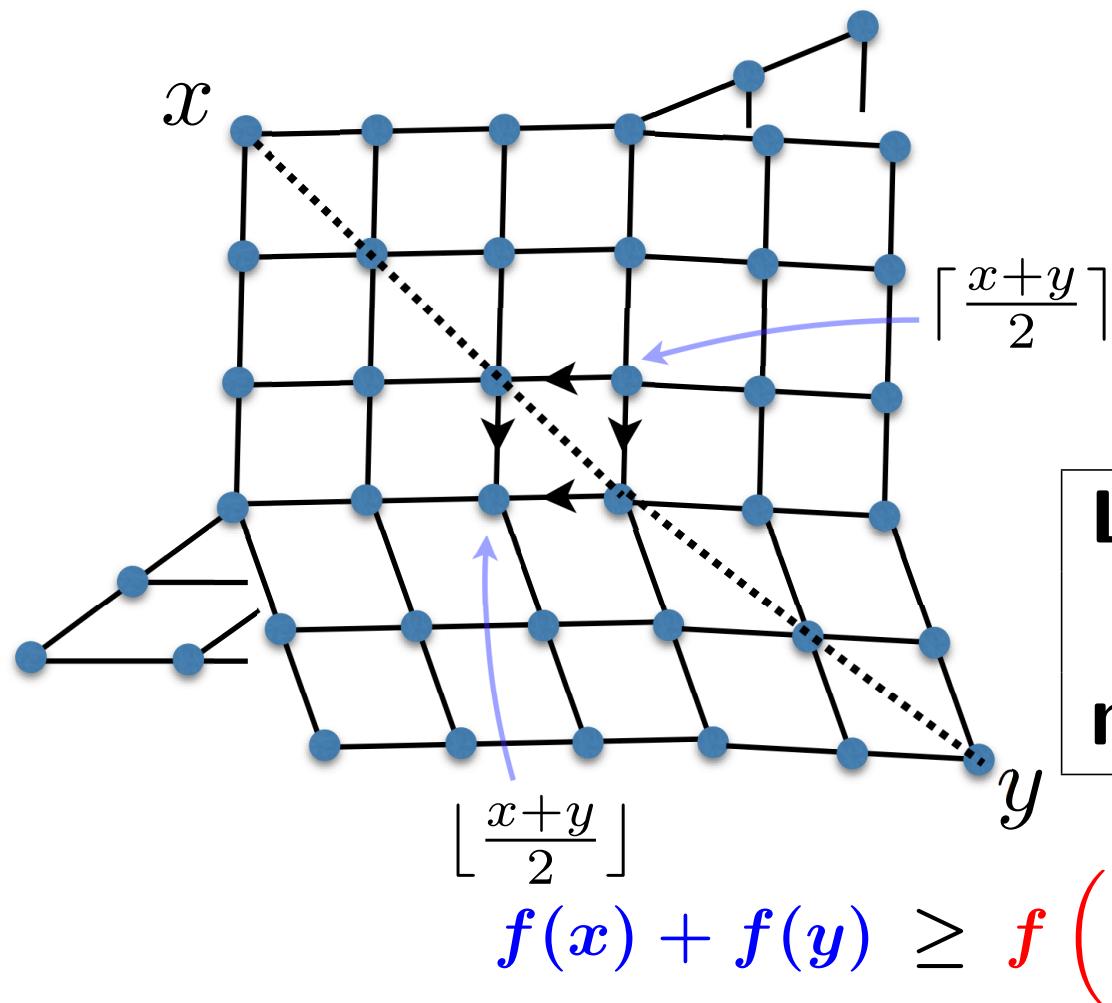
direct product of trees:

(Kolmogorov 11)  
(Huber-Kolmogorov 12)



# Mid-point Convexity on Tree Products

(Hirai 13,15)



L-convex  
|| (def)  
mid-point convex

$$f(x) + f(y) \geq f\left(\left\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \right\rceil\right) + f\left(\left\lfloor \frac{x+y}{2} \right\rfloor\right)$$

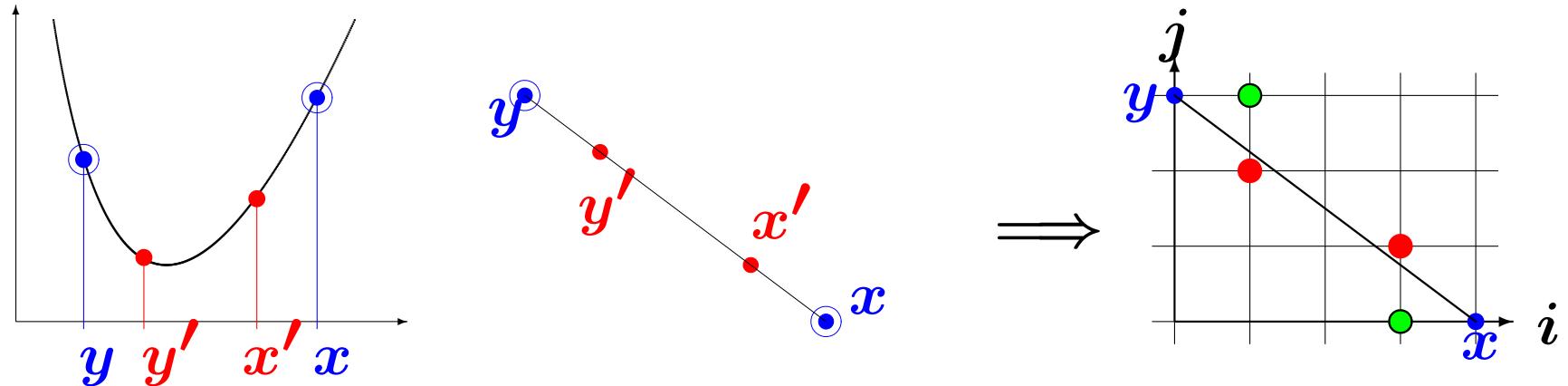
- submodular on (rooted) trees (Kolmogorov 11)
- $k$ -submodular (Huber-Kolmogorov 12)

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## M-convex Functions

# $M^\natural$ -convexity from Equi-dist-convexity

(Murota 1996, Murota–Shioura 1999)



Equi-distance convex ( $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ):

$$f(x) + f(y) \geq f(x - \alpha(x - y)) + f(y + \alpha(x - y))$$

$\Rightarrow$  Exchange ( $f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )  $\quad \forall x, y, \quad \forall i : x_i > y_i$

$$f(x) + f(y) \geq \min [f(x - e_i) + f(y + e_i),$$

$$\min_{x_j < y_j} \{f(x - e_i + e_j) + f(y + e_i - e_j)\}]$$

$M^\natural$ -convex function

( $M = \text{Matroid}$ )

# M-convex Function

(M = Matroid)

$$f : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

$e_i$ :  $i$ -th unit vector

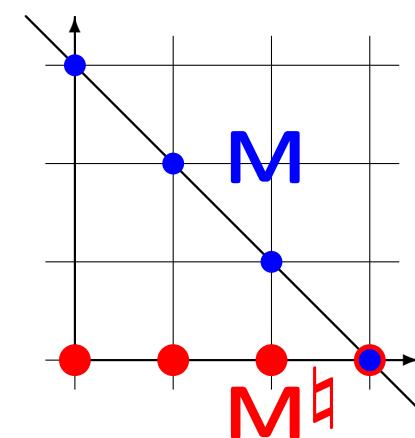
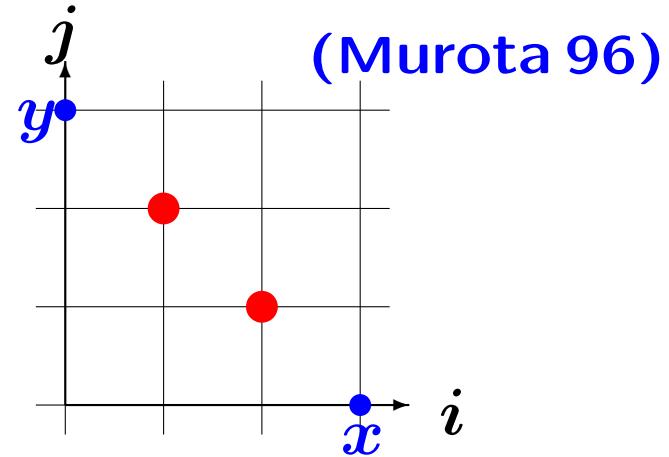
**Def:**  $f$  is M-convex

$$\iff \forall x, y, \quad \forall i : x_i > y_i, \quad \exists j : x_j < y_j :$$

$$f(x) + f(y) \geq f(x - e_i + e_j) + f(y + e_i - e_j)$$

$\text{dom } f \subseteq \text{const-sum hyperplane}$

$$\mathbf{M}_{n+1} \simeq \mathbf{M}_n^\natural \supsetneq \mathbf{M}_n$$



# $\mathbf{M}^\natural$ -convex Function: Examples

**Quadratic:**  $f(x) = \sum a_{ij}x_i x_j$  is  $\mathbf{M}^\natural$ -convex

$$\Leftrightarrow a_{ij} \geq 0, \quad a_{ij} \geq \min(a_{ik}, a_{jk}) \ (\forall k \notin \{i, j\})$$

**Min value:**  $f(X) = \min\{a_i \mid i \in X\}$  [unit preference]

**Cardinality convex:**  $f(X) = \varphi(|X|)$  ( $\varphi$ : convex)

**Separable convex:**  $f(x) = \sum \varphi_i(x_i)$  ( $\varphi_i$ : convex)

**Laminar convex:**  $f(x) = \sum_A \varphi_A(x(A))$  ( $\varphi_A$ : convex)

$\{A, B, \dots\}$ : laminar  $\Leftrightarrow A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \subseteq B$  or  $A \supseteq B$

# M-concave Functions from Matroids

**Matroid rank:**  $f(X) = r(X)$  (rank of  $X$ ) (Fujishige 05)

**Matroid rank sum:**  $f(X) = \sum \alpha_i r_i(X)$

$r_i \leftarrow r_{i+1}$  (strong quotient),  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  (Shioura 12)

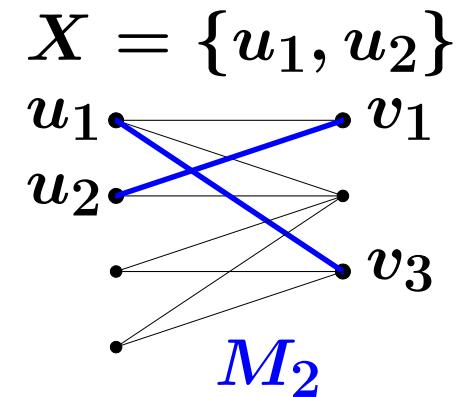
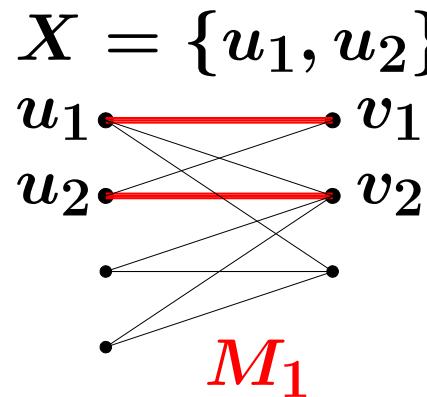
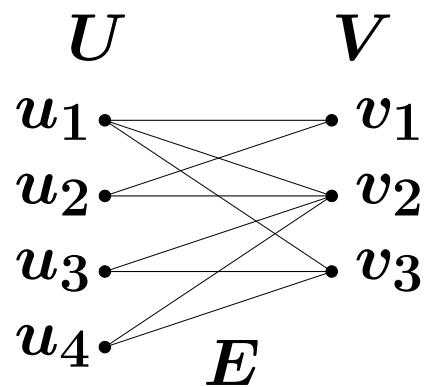
**Weighted matroid:**  $w$ : weight vector

$f(X) = \max\{w(Y) \mid Y: \text{indep} \subseteq X\}$  (Shioura 12)

**Valuated matroid:**  $\omega : 2^V \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{R}}$

$\Leftrightarrow \omega(X) = f(\chi_X)$  for some M-concave  $f$

# Matching / Assignment



Max weight for  $X \subseteq U$       (w: given weight)

$$f(X) = \max \left\{ \sum_{e \in M} w(e) \mid M: \text{matching}, U \cap \partial M = X \right\}$$

Max-weight func  $f$  is **M $\sharp$ -concave** (Murota 1996)

- Proof by augmenting path
- Extension to min-cost network flow

# Polynomial Matrix

(Dress-Wenzel 90)  
Valuated Matroid

$$A = \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} s+1 & s & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\omega(J) = \deg \det A[J]$$

$\mathcal{B} = \{J \mid J \text{ is a base of column vectors}\}$

**Grassmann-Plücker  $\Rightarrow$  Exchange (M-concave)**

For any  $J, J' \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $i \in J \setminus J'$ , there exists  $j \in J' \setminus J$   
 s.t.  $J - i + j \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $J' + i - j \in \mathcal{B}$ ,

$$\omega(J) + \omega(J') \leq \omega(J - i + j) + \omega(J' + i - j)$$

**Ex.**  $J = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $J' = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $i = 1$

$$\det A[\{1, 2\}] = \det A[\{3, 4\}] = 1, \quad \omega(J) = \omega(J') = 0$$

Can take  $j = 3$ :  $J - i + j = \{3, 2\}$ ,  $J' + i - j = \{1, 4\}$

$$\omega(J - i + j) = 1, \quad \omega(J' + i - j) = 1$$

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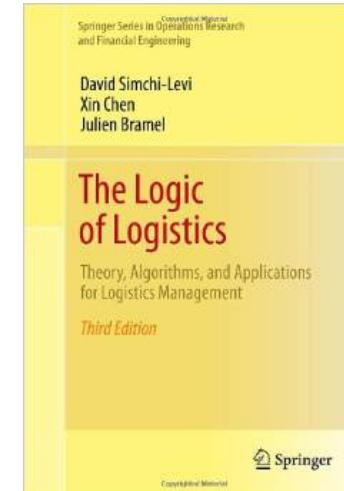
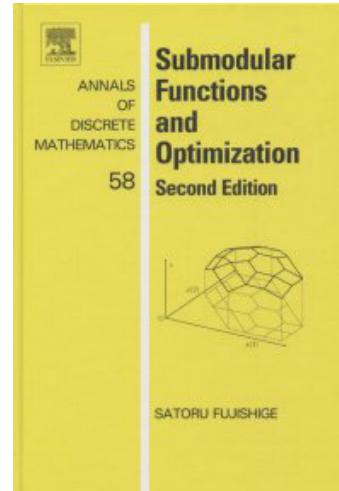
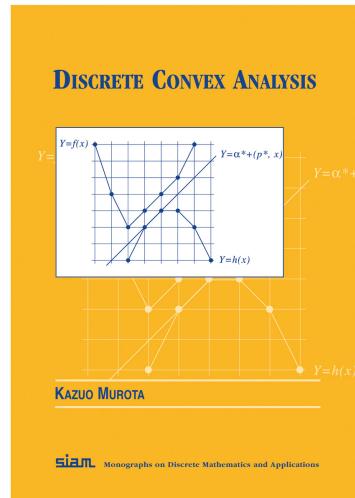
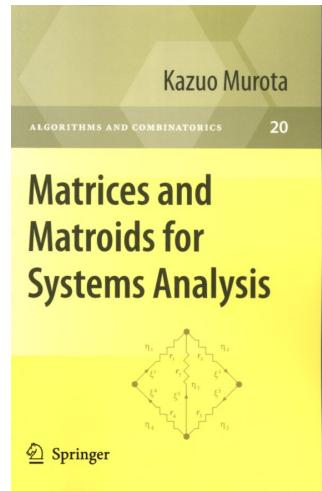
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# Five Properties (Summary/Preview)

	convex ext.	local opt/ global opt	Legendre biconjug.	separat. theorem	Fenchel duality
<b>submod. (set fn)</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>separable -convex</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>integrally -convex</b>	Y	Y	N	N	N
<b>L-convex <math>(\mathbb{Z}^n)</math></b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>M-convex <math>(\mathbb{Z}^n)</math></b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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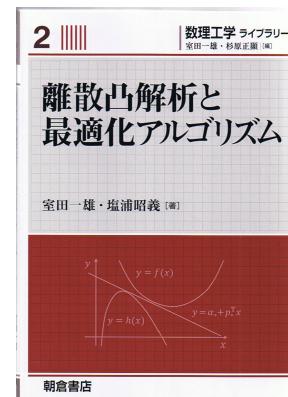
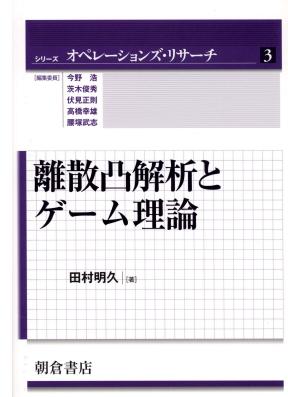
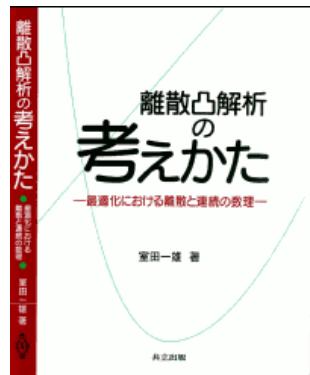
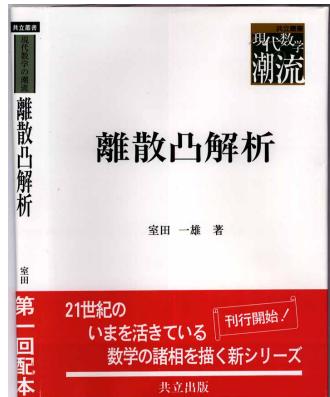
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# **Survey/Slide/Video/Software**

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## **[Survey]**

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## **[Slide]**

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## **[Video]**

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## **[Software] DCP (Discrete Convex Paradigm)**

<http://www.misojiro.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/DCP/>

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