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$$cl(A^c) = (\text{int}(A))^c \quad (2)$$

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Show that

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Let  $A, B$  be nonempty convex subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that the following are equivalent:

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$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p\alpha) < \theta - \varepsilon < \theta + \varepsilon < \inf_{\beta \in B} (p\beta)$$

2.  $0 \notin \text{closure}(A - B)$

# ANSWERS

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1] SHOW  $T[A]$  IS CLOSED

WE SPLIT THE PROOF IN SEVERAL PARTS

LET  $E = [e_1 \dots e_n]$  BE THE STANDARD BASIS OF  $\mathbb{R}^n$

PART 1  $T[E]$  IS A BASIS OF  $\text{Im } T$

PROOF

$T[E]$  IS LINEARLY INDEPENDENT, BECAUSE

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T(e_i) = 0 \Rightarrow T(\sum \lambda_i e_i) = 0 \Rightarrow (T \text{ INJECTIVE})$$

$$\sum \lambda_i e_i = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$T[E]$  SPANS  $\text{Im } T$ , BECAUSE

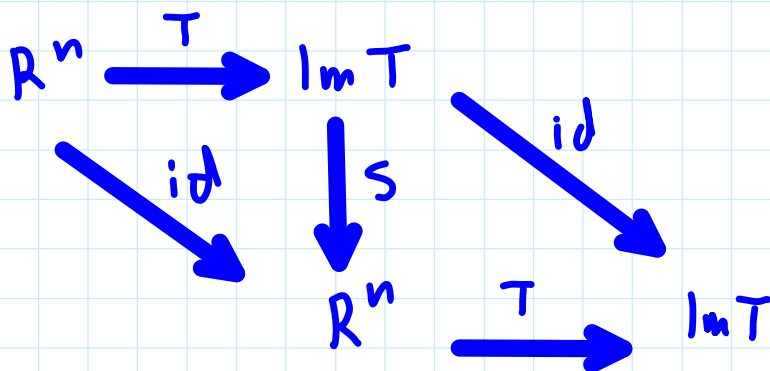
$$y \in \text{Im } T \Leftrightarrow y = T(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^n \Leftrightarrow y = T(\sum x_i e_i)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = \sum x_i T(e_i) \Leftrightarrow y \in \text{SPAN}(T[E])$$

PART 2 THE LINEAR MAP  $\text{Im } T \xrightarrow{S} \mathbb{R}^n$  DEFINED BY

$$S(T(e_i)) = e_i \quad \forall i \text{ IS THE INVERSE OF}$$

THE LINEAR MAP  $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{T} \text{Im } T$



PROOF : SINCE  $T[E]$  IS A BASIS OF  $\text{Im } T$ ,  $S$  IS WELL-DEFINED, AND FOR EVERY  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$x = \sum x_i e_i$  WE HAVE

$$S(T(x)) = S(T(\sum x_i e_i)) =$$

$$S(\sum x_i T(e_i)) = \sum x_i S(T(e_i)) = \sum x_i e_i = x$$

PART 3 : SHOW  $T[A]$  IS CLOSED

LET  $w \xrightarrow{y} T[A]$  BE A SEQUENCE IN  $T[A]$  THAT CONVERGES TO SOME POINT  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . WE WILL SHOW  $b \in T[A]$

FOR EACH  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y_\lambda = T(\alpha_\lambda)$ ,  $\alpha_\lambda \in A$ . THEN

$$b = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} T(\alpha_\lambda), \quad \alpha_\lambda \in A \quad \forall \lambda \quad (1)$$

SINCE  $T(\alpha_\lambda) \in \text{Im } T \quad \forall \lambda$ , (1) IMPLIES

$$b \in \text{Cl}(\text{Im } T) \quad (2)$$

$\text{Im } T$  IS A CLOSED SET AS A SUBSPACE, HENCE

(2) IMPLIES  $b \in \text{Im } T$ , I.E.

$$b = T(x) \text{ FOR SOME } x \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad (3)$$

BY PART 2 WE HAVE

$$x = S(T(x)) = S(b) \quad (4)$$

AND THEREFORE, BY CONTINUITY OF LINEAR MAPS

$$x = S(b) = S(\lim_{\lambda} T(\alpha_{\lambda})) =$$

$$\lim_{\lambda} S(T(\alpha_{\lambda})) = \lim_{\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda} \quad \text{ie}$$

$$x \in CL(A) \quad (5)$$

SINCE  $A$  IS A CLOSED SET, (5) IMPLIES

$$x \in A \quad (6)$$

BY (3) (6)  $b \in T[A]$ ,  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}$

**[9]** AN EXAMPLE OF A CLOSED,  $T(A)$  NOT CLOSED

LET  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 x_2 \geq 1, x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0\}$  AND  
 $\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R} \quad T(x) = x_2$ . THEN  $A$  IS CLOSED,  
 $T$  IS LINEAR BUT NOT INJECTIVE, AND

$T[A] = (0, \infty)$  NOT CLOSED

**[13]** LET  $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^m$  INJECTIVE AFFINE MAP  
AND  $A$  A CLOSED SET IN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . SHOW  
THAT  $f[A]$  IS CLOSED

PROOF:  $f(x) = c + T(x)$  FOR SOME LINEAR  $T$   
AND  $T$  IS INJECTIVE BECAUSE  $f$  IS INJECTIVE.

THEN  $T[A]$  IS CLOSED. LET  $w \xrightarrow{\Sigma} f[A]$   
 BE A SEQUENCE IN  $f[A]$  THAT CONVERGES TO  
 $b$ . WE WILL SHOW  $b \in f[A]$ , AND THEREFORE  
 THAT  $f[A]$  IS CLOSED.

WE HAVE  $s_n = f(\alpha_n)$  FOR SOME  $\alpha_n \in A$  AND

$$b = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(\alpha_n), \alpha_n \in A \quad \forall n \quad (1)$$

BY (1)

$$b = c + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(\alpha_n), \alpha_n \in A \quad \forall n \quad \text{ie}$$

$$b - c \in \text{CL}(T[A]) = T[A] \quad \text{ie}$$

$$\exists \alpha \in A : b - c = T(\alpha) \quad \text{ie}$$

$$b = c + T(\alpha) = f(\alpha) \quad \text{ie}$$

$$b \in f[A]$$

## PROBLEM 2

Let  $A$  be the line in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  through the points  $[1,0,0]$ ,  $[0,1,0]$ . Derive an explicit formula for the nearest point map  $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\pi} A$  onto  $A$

$$\pi(x) = e_1 + \hat{t} d, \quad \text{WHERE}$$

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad d = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{t} = \frac{1 - x_1 + x_2}{2}$$

## PROOF

LET  $e_1 = [1 \ 0 \ 0]$ ,  $e_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 0]$  THEN

$\alpha \in A \Leftrightarrow \alpha = (1-t)e_1 + te_2$  FOR SOME  $t \in \mathbb{R}$   $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\alpha = e_1 + t(e_2 - e_1) \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ HENCE}$$

$$A = e_1 + \mathbb{R} \cdot d \quad (1)$$

$$d = e_2 - e_1 = [-1 \ 1 \ 0] \quad (2)$$

TAKE ANY  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , AND LET  $\hat{\alpha} = \Pi(x)$  BE

THE NEAREST POINT TO  $x$  IN  $A$ . THEN

$\hat{\alpha}$  IS THE UNIQUE SOLUTION IN  $A$  OF THE

VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY

$$(x - \hat{\alpha}) \cdot (\alpha - \hat{\alpha}) \leq 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in A \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{\alpha} \in A \quad (4)$$

By (1) (2) (3) (4) WE OBTAIN

$$\hat{\alpha} = e_1 + \hat{t}d \quad \text{FOR SOME } \hat{t} \in \mathbb{R} \quad (5)$$

$$(x - e_1 - \hat{t}d) \cdot (e_1 + td - e_1 - \hat{t}d) \leq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (6)$$

WE WILL COMPUTE  $\hat{t}$ , TO DETERMINE  $\hat{\alpha}$

By (6)

$$(x - e_1 - \hat{t}d) \cdot (t - \hat{t})d \leq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x - e_1 - \hat{t}d)(t - \hat{t})d \leq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(t - \hat{t})(x - e_1 - \hat{t}d)d \leq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (7)$$

By (7) for  $t > \hat{t}$

$$(x - e_1 - \hat{t}d)d \leq 0 \quad (8)$$

By (7) for  $t < \hat{t}$

$$(x - e_1 - \hat{t}d)d \geq 0 \quad (8')$$

By (8) AND (8')

$$(x - e_1 - \hat{t}d)d = 0 \quad (9)$$

By (9)

$$(x - e_1)d = \hat{t}|d|^2 \quad \text{ie}$$

$$\hat{t} = \frac{(x - e_1)d}{|d|^2} \quad (10)$$

THEN By (2)  $d = [-1, 1, 0]$  is

$$|d|^2 = 2 \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x - e_1)d &= (x_1 - 1)(-1) + x_2 \cdot 1 + x_3 \cdot 0 \\ &= 1 - x_1 + x_2 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

By (11) (12) (10)

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$$\hat{1} = \frac{1 - x_1 + x_2}{2} \quad (13)$$

THEN BY (5)  $\hat{a} = e_1 + \hat{1}d$ , WITH  $\hat{1} \in A$  IN (13), QED

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Let  $C$  be a convex set of dimension  $r$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $b$  a vector in  $C$ . Show that there exists a simplex  $\sigma_r$  of dimension  $r$  such that

$$b \in \sigma_r \subseteq C \quad (1)$$

THE SET  $B = \{b\}$  IS AFFINELY INDEPENDENT

IN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , BECAUSE THE SET

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  IS LINEARLY INDEPENDENT IN  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

SINCE  $b \in C$ ,  $B$  IS AN AFFINELY INDEPENDENT SUBSET OF  $C$ .

BY THE FOLLOWING THEOREM

**Theorem 1.3.9** Let  $B$  be an affinely independent subset of a set  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there exists an affine basis for  $\text{aff } A$  that lies in  $A$  and contains  $B$ . WEBSTER

THERE EXISTS AN AFFINE BASIS  $\hat{B}$  OF  $\text{AFF}(C)$

SUCH THAT  $B \subseteq \hat{B} \subseteq C$  ie

$$b \in \hat{B} \subseteq C \quad (1)$$

$\hat{B}$  IS AFFINELY INDEPENDENT  $\triangleright$

$\hat{B}$  IS AFFINELY INDEPENDENT (2)

$$\text{AFF}(\hat{B}) = \text{AFF}(C) \quad (2')$$

$$\dim(\hat{B}) = \dim(\text{AFF}(C)) = r \quad (3)$$

$$\text{LET } \sigma_r = \text{CONV}(\hat{B}) \quad (4)$$

BY (2) AND (4)  $\sigma_r$  IS A SIMPLEX (5)

$$\text{BY (3) AND (4)} \quad \dim(\sigma_r) = r \quad (6)$$

THEN BY (2)

$$b \in \hat{B} \subseteq \text{CONV}(\hat{B}) \subseteq \text{CONV}(C) = C \quad \text{ie}$$

$$b \in \sigma_r \subseteq C, \quad \square \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

#### PROBLEM 4

Let  $A$  be a set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that

$$\text{cl}(A^c) = (\text{int}(A))^c \quad (2)$$

**Cl(A)<sup>c</sup> = int(A<sup>c</sup>)**

$$x \in (\text{INT } A)^c \Leftrightarrow x \notin \text{INT } A \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, B_\epsilon(x) \not\subseteq A \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, B_\epsilon(x) \cap A^c \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x \in \text{CL}(A^c)$$

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1 LET  $A$  BE A CONVEX SET IN  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_{++}$ . THEN EACH  $\alpha \in A$  IS A VECTOR  $\alpha = (x, t)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $t > 0$  AND THEREFORE

$$P(\alpha) = P(x, t) = \frac{x}{t} \quad \text{ie}$$

$$P[A] = \left\{ \frac{x}{t} : (x, t) \in A \right\} \quad (1)$$

TO SHOW THAT  $P[A]$  IS CONVEX, TAKE ANY TWO POINTS  $y, y'$  IN  $P[A]$  AND ANY  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , AND SHOW THAT  $\theta y + (1 - \theta)y' \in P[A]$  (?)

BY (1) WE HAVE

$$y = \frac{x}{t}, \quad (x, t) \in A \quad (2)$$

$$y' = \frac{x'}{t'}, \quad (x', t') \in A \quad (2')$$

BY (1)  $\theta y + (1 - \theta)y' \in P[A]$  IFF THERE

EXISTS  $(x'', t'') \in A$  SUCH THAT

$$\theta y + (1-\theta)y' = \frac{x''}{t''}$$

HENCE IT SUFFICES TO SHOW

$\exists (x'', t'') \in A$

$$x'' = t'' \theta y + t'' (1-\theta) y' \quad (??)$$

SINCE  $(x, t), (x', t') \in A$  AND  $A$  IS CONVEX

$$\gamma \left( \frac{x}{t} \right) + (1-\gamma) \left( \frac{x'}{t'} \right) \in A \quad \forall \gamma \in (0,1) \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \gamma x + (1-\gamma)x' \\ \gamma t + (1-\gamma)t' \end{array} \right) \in A, \quad 0 < \gamma < 1 \quad (3)$$

BY (3) AND (??) IT SUFFICES TO SHOW

THAT THERE EXISTS  $\gamma \in (0,1)$  SUCH THAT

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'' \\ t'' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma x + (1-\gamma)x' \\ \gamma t + (1-\gamma)t' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x'' = t'' \theta y + t'' (1-\theta) y'$$

OR EQUIVALENTLY THAT THERE EXISTS

$\gamma \in (0,1)$  THAT SOLVES THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM

$$\gamma x + (1-\gamma)x' = t'' \theta y + t'' (1-\theta) y'$$

$$\gamma t + (1-\gamma)t' = t''$$

(5)

$$\gamma t + (1-\gamma) t = t''$$

By (1) (2) THE SYSTEM BECOMES

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma x + (1-\gamma)x' &= \frac{t'' \theta}{t} x + \frac{t'' (1-\theta)}{t'} x' \\ \gamma t + (1-\gamma)t' &= t'' \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

WE TRY THE OBVIOUS, I.E

$$\gamma = \frac{t''}{t} \theta, \quad 1-\gamma = \frac{t'' (1-\theta)}{t'}, \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$\frac{t''}{t} \theta + \frac{t'' (1-\theta)}{t'} = 1$$

$$t'' \left( \frac{\theta}{t} + \frac{1-\theta}{t'} \right) = 1$$

$$t'' = \frac{1}{\frac{\theta}{t} + \frac{1-\theta}{t'}} = \frac{t t'}{\theta t' + (1-\theta)t}$$

$$t'' = \frac{t t'}{\theta t' + (1-\theta)t} \quad (4)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\theta t'}{\theta t' + (1-\theta)t} \quad (5)$$

By (5) THERE IS A SOLUTION  $\gamma \in (0,1)$

By (b) there is a solution  $\gamma \in C(U, \mathbb{R})$   
of the system (S), QED

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Let  $B$  convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Show that  $P^{-1}[B]$  convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_{++}$

First we describe  $P^{-1}[B]$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix} \in P^{-1}[B] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$P(x, t) \in B, t > 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{x}{t} \in B, t > 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x \in tB, t > 0 \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$P^{-1}[B] = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_{++} : x \in tB \right\} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix} \in P^{-1}[B], \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ t' \end{pmatrix} \in P^{-1}[B], 0 < \theta < 1$$

$$\text{Show that } \theta \begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix} + (1-\theta) \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ t' \end{pmatrix} \in P^{-1}[B]$$

By (1) there exist  $b, b' \in B$  such that

$$x = tb, \quad x' = t'b', \quad t > 0, \quad t' > 0 \quad (2)$$

By (1) again, it suffices to show that there

exists  $b'' \in B$  such that

EXISTS  $b'' \in B$  SUCH THAT

$$\theta x + (1-\theta)x' = (\theta t + (1-\theta)t')b'' \quad (?)$$

BY (2) AND (?) IT SUFFICES TO SHOW

$$\theta t b + (1-\theta)t'b' = (\theta t + (1-\theta)t')b'', \quad b'' \in B$$

ie THAT

$$b'' = \frac{\theta t}{\theta t + (1-\theta)t'} b + \frac{(1-\theta)t'}{\theta t + (1-\theta)t'} b' \in B$$

WHICH IS TRUE BY THE CONVEXITY OF B

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2.  $0 \notin \text{closure}(A - B)$

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $C$  and  $D$  be nonempty convex subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $C$  and  $D$  can be strongly separated if and only if  $0 \notin \text{cl}(C - D)$ . ROBINSON

PROOF

1)  $\rightarrow$  2)

$\exists p \in \mathbb{R}^n, \theta, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0, |p| = 1$  s.t

$$p\alpha < \theta - \varepsilon < \theta + \varepsilon < p\beta \quad \forall \alpha \in A, \beta \in B \quad (1)$$

By (1)  $\forall \alpha \in A, \beta \in B$

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$$|\beta - \alpha| > \theta + \epsilon - (\theta - \epsilon) = 2\epsilon$$

$$|\beta - \alpha| > 2\epsilon \quad (2)$$

By CAUCHY SCHWARZ

$$|\beta - \alpha| \leq |\beta| |\alpha| = |\beta \alpha| \quad (3)$$

By (2) (3)

$$2\epsilon < |\beta - \alpha| \leq |\beta \alpha| \quad \text{is}$$

$$\alpha \in A, \beta \in B \Rightarrow |\alpha - \beta| \geq 2\epsilon \quad (4)$$

IF  $0 \in \text{CL}(A-B)$  THEN  $\forall \delta > 0$

$$B_\delta(0) \cap (A-B) \neq \emptyset \quad (5)$$

By (5) FOR  $\delta = \epsilon$

$\exists \alpha, \beta$  in  $A, B$ :  $|\alpha - \beta| < \epsilon$ , CONTRADICTION (4)

②  $\rightarrow$  ①

$$0 \notin \text{CL}(A-B) \quad (1)$$

$A-B$  is NONEMPTY CONVEX SET BY Linear combinations preserve convexity

$\text{CL}(A-B)$  IS CONVEX BY Closure preserves convexity

HENCE  $\text{CL}(A-B)$  IS NONEMPTY CLOSED CONVEX

Strong separation (SCROLL DOWN TO SEE IT, AS IT WAS



DONE IN CLASS) THEN IMPLIES

$\exists p \in \mathbb{R}^n, |p|=1$  AND  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  SUCH THAT

$$px < \theta - \epsilon < \theta + \epsilon < p \cdot 0 = 0, \forall x \in \text{CL}(A-B)$$

AND THEREFORE

$$px < \theta - \epsilon < 0 \quad \forall x \in \text{CL}(A-B) \quad (2)$$

FROM (2) WE OBTAIN  $\theta < 0$  AND

$$p\alpha < \theta - \epsilon + p\beta \quad \forall \alpha \in A, \beta \in B$$

AND THEREFORE

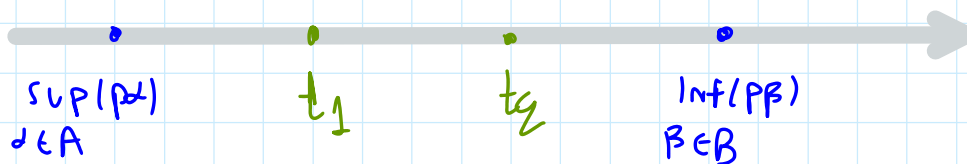
$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p\alpha) \leq \theta - \epsilon + p\beta \quad \forall \beta \in B$$

AND THEREFORE

$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p\alpha) \leq \theta - \epsilon + \inf_{\beta \in B} (p\beta) < \inf_{\beta \in B} (p\beta)$$

ie

$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p\alpha) < \inf_{\beta \in B} (p\beta) \quad (3)$$



CHOOSE ANY TWO NUMBERS  $t_1, t_2$  TO SATISFY

$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p\alpha) < t_1 < t_2 < \inf_{\beta \in B} (p\beta) \quad (3')$$

AND THEN SOLVE THE EQUATIONS

$$\theta - \epsilon = t_1 \quad (4)$$

$$\theta + \epsilon = t_2 \quad (5)$$

TO OBTAIN  $\epsilon$

$$\epsilon = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{2} > 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\theta = \frac{t_2 + t_1}{2} \quad (7)$$

THEN BY (3') (4) (5)

$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p\alpha) < \theta - \epsilon < \theta + \epsilon < \inf_{\beta \in B} (p\beta)$$

Separation of a closed convex set from a point outside the set

## 2.4.4 Theorem

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Let  $S$  be a nonempty closed convex set in  $R^n$  and  $y \notin S$ . Then there exists a nonzero vector  $p$  and a scalar  $\alpha$  such that  $p'y > \alpha$  and  $p'x \leq \alpha$  for each  $x \in S$ .

**THEOREM 29.1 \*** (a separation theorem). Let a non-empty closed convex set  $X$  and a point  $a$  not contained in it, i.e.  $a \notin X$ , be given in  $R^n$ . Then, there exists a hyperplane that includes  $a$  in one of its half-spaces and  $X$  in the other of the half-spaces.

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\* The proof is due to von Neumann and Morgenstern [24].

**Corollary 2.4.7** In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  let  $A$  be a closed convex set and let  $b$  be a point not lying in  $A$ . Then  $A$  and  $\{b\}$  can be strictly separated by a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\square$

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**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $x \notin C$ . Then  $\{x\}$  and  $C$  can be strongly separated.

ROBINSON

$A =$  NONEMPTY, CLOSED CONVEX SET IN  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \notin A$

$\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\pi} A$  NEAREST POINT MAP ONTO  $A$ ,

$$P = \frac{x - \pi(x)}{|x - \pi(x)|}, \quad P \cdot \pi(x) \leq \theta \leq P \cdot x$$

$$H(P, \theta) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : P \cdot x = \theta\} \quad \text{THEN}$$

$\boxed{1}$  IF  $P \cdot \pi(x) < \theta < P \cdot x$  THEN  $H(P, \theta)$

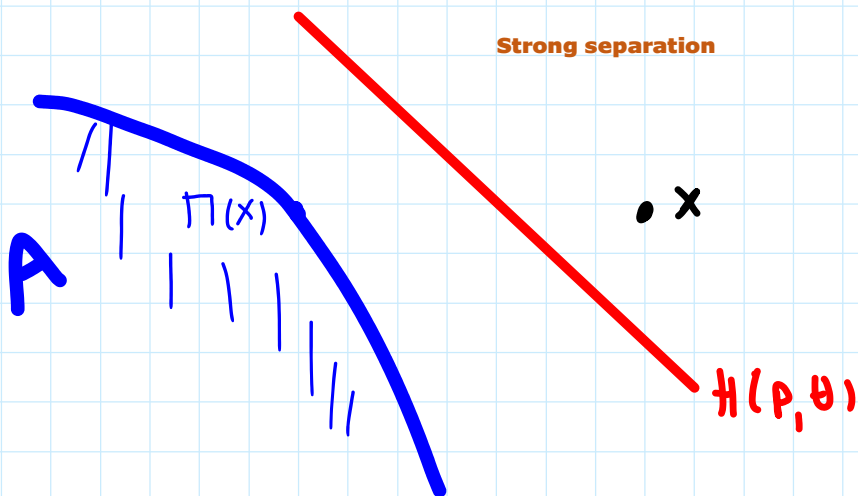
STRONGLY SEPARATES  $A$  FROM  $x$  i.e.

$$A \subseteq H_{--}(P, \theta)$$

$$\sup_{a \in A} P \cdot a < \theta$$

$$x \in H_{++}(P, \theta)$$

$$\theta < P \cdot x$$



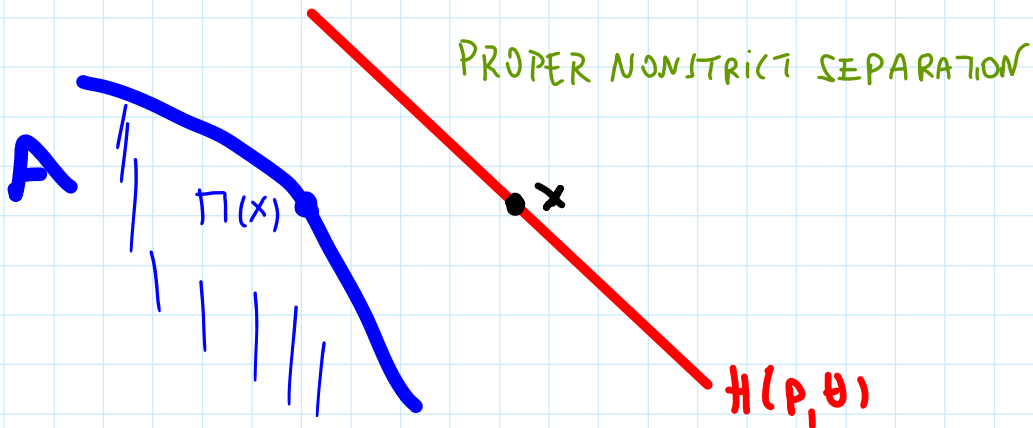
$\boxed{2}$  IF  $\theta = P \cdot x$  THEN  $H(P, \theta)$  PROPERLY SEPARATES  $A$  FROM  $x$

$$A \subseteq H_{-}(p, \theta)$$

$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p \cdot \alpha) < \theta$$

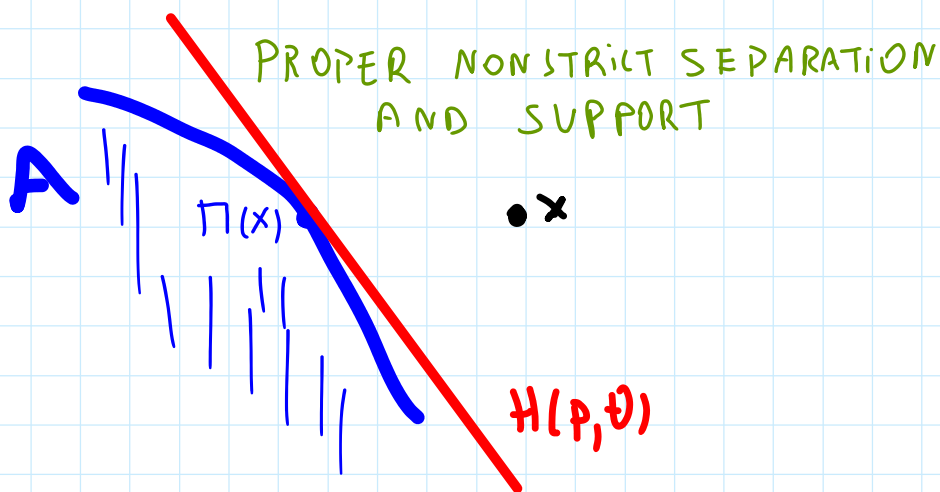
$$x \in H(p, \theta)$$

$$\theta = p \cdot x$$



13] IF  $\theta = p \cdot \pi(x)$  THEN

- $H(p, \theta)$  SUPPORTS  $A$  AT  $\pi(x)$ , i.e.  
 $\pi(x) \in A \cap H(p, \theta)$ ,  $A \subseteq H_{-}(p, \theta)$
- $H(p, \theta)$  PROPERLY SEPARATES  $A$  FROM  $b$   
 $A \subseteq H_{-}(p, \theta)$ ,  $x \in H_{++}(p, \theta)$



PROOF

Hahn banach theorem, geometric form

SHOWS  $\exists p \in \mathbb{R}^n, |p|=1$  :

$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p \cdot \alpha) = p \cdot \pi(x) < px \quad (1)$$

$$\text{HENCE } \exists \theta \in \mathbb{R} : p \cdot \pi(x) \leq \theta \leq px$$

$$\text{AND FOR } p \cdot \pi(x) < \theta < px$$

$$\sup_{\alpha \in A} (p \cdot \alpha) = p \cdot \pi(x) < \theta < px$$

AND THEREFORE

$$A \subseteq H_{--}(p, \theta), \quad x \in H_{++}(p, \theta)$$

$$\text{FOR } \theta = px$$

$$A \subseteq H_{--}(p, \theta), \quad x \in H(p, \theta)$$

$$\text{FOR } \theta = p \cdot \pi(x)$$

$$\pi(x) \in \partial A \cap H(p, \theta)$$

$$A \subseteq H_{-}(p, \theta), \quad x \in H_{++}(p, \theta)$$