

Problem 3.4.

2. a)  $f_1(x, y) = -x^2 \cos y$   
 $f_2(x, y) = -x^1 \sin y$   
 $f_{11}(x, y) = 2x^{-3} \cos y$   
 $f_{12}(x, y) = f_{21}(x, y) = x^{-2} \sin y$   
 $f_{22}(x, y) = -x^1 \cos y$

Hence  $f(x, y) = f(1, 0) + f_1(1, 0)(x-1) + f_2(1, 0)y + R_2(x, y)$   
 $= 1 - (x-1) + R_2(x, y)$   
 $= 2 - x + R_2(x, y)$

$R_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 [1 + S(x-1)]^{-2} \cos(Sy) \cdot (x-1)^2$   
 $+ \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 [1 + S(x-1)]^{-2} \sin(Sy) \cdot (x-1)y$   
 $- \frac{1}{2} [1 + S(x-1)]^{-1} \cos(Sy) \cdot y^2$  , where  $0 \leq S \leq 1$ .

Hence  $|R_2(x, y)| \leq (\min\{x, 1\})^{-2} [(x-1)^2 + (x-1)y + \frac{1}{2}y^2]$

b) The partial derivatives w.r.t  $x$  contribute a factorial and  $x^{-n}$  for some  $n$ .

Hence  $|f_{1 \dots 1 q}(x, y)| \leq q! \cdot 2^q$  for  $(x, y)$  in a small neighborhood of  $(1, 0)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow |R_q(x, y)| \leq q! \cdot 2^q \cdot 2^{\frac{q}{2}} \cdot |h|^q / q! = 2^q \cdot 2^{\frac{q}{2}} \cdot |h|^q = (2\sqrt{2} \cdot |h|)^q$

Where  $h = (x-1, y)$ . (by section 1.2 Problem 4)

Therefore if I choose  $(x, y)$  in a small neighbourhood of  $(1, 0)$  s.t.  $|h| < \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ , then  $|R_q(x, y)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$

6 a) If  $k=0$ ,  $f(x) = \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ .  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not converge while  $f(0) = 0$ . Hence  $f$  is discontinuous at 0.

b) If  $k=1$ ,  $f(x) = x \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ . then  $|f(x)| \leq x \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .  
Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0 = f(0)$ .  $\Rightarrow f$  is continuous at 0.

For  $x \neq 0$ ,  $f'(x) = \sin(\frac{1}{x}) - \frac{1}{x} \cos(\frac{1}{x})$  exists.

Therefore  $f(x)$  is  $C^{(0)}$

But, if we want to find the derivative of  $f$  at 0.

we will see  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin(\frac{1}{x})}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  does not exist.

c) If  $k=2$ , compute  $f'(x)$  directly by chain rule. we will have  
 $f'(x) = 2x \sin(\frac{1}{x}) - \cos(\frac{1}{x})$  when  $x \neq 0$

and  $f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x})}{x} = 0$

Hence  $f$  is differentiable but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x) \neq 0$  since  $\cos(\frac{1}{x})$  gives oscillation.  
 Therefore  $f$  is not  $C^1$

d) For  $k \geq 3$ , we only need to look at the term that has least order of  $x$  after differentiating. From chain rule, we can see that differentiating one time will kill 2 order of  $x$ .

Hence for  $f^{(k)}(x)$ , we only need to look at  $x^{(k-2p)} \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  or  $x^{(k-2p)} \cos(\frac{1}{x})$  to determine its differentiability.

- when  $k$  is an even number, the term we care will turn into  $\sin(\frac{1}{x})$  or  $\cos(\frac{1}{x})$  which is similar as c). Then we know  $f$  is  $\frac{k}{2}$ -th differentiable but not of class  $C^{(\frac{k}{2})}$ . And  $f$  is  $C^{(\frac{k}{2}-1)}$  since its  $\frac{k}{2}$  times derivative exists everywhere.

- when  $k$  is an odd number, if we differentiate  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  times we can see the term we care turns to be  $x \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  or  $x \cos(\frac{1}{x})$ . Therefore the  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  times derivative is continuous since  $x$  will kill the oscillation created by trigonometric function when  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Hence  $f$  is  $C^{(\frac{k-1}{2})}$ . But  $f$  is not  $\frac{k+1}{2}$  times differentiable since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin(\frac{1}{x})}{x}$  does not exist.

7. a)  $f(x,y) = xy(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-1}$

$f_1(x,y) = y(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-1} + 2x^2y(x^2+y^2)^{-1} - 2x^2y(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-2}$

$f_2(x,y) = x(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-1} + 2xy^2(x^2+y^2)^{-1} - 2xy^2(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-2}$

Hence  $f_{12}(x,y) = (x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-1} - 2y^2(x^2+y^2)^{-1} - 2y^2(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-2}$   
 $+ 2x^3(x^2+y^2)^{-1} - 4x^2y^2(x^2+y^2)^{-2}$   
 $- 2x^3(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-2} + 4x^2y^2(x^2+y^2)^{-2} + 8x^2y^2(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-3}$

$f_{21}(x,y) = (x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-1} + 2x^3(x^2+y^2)^{-1} - 2x^3(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-2}$   
 $- 2y^2(x^2+y^2)^{-1} + 4x^2y^2(x^2+y^2)^{-2}$

$- 2y^2(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-2} - 4x^2y^2(x^2+y^2)^{-2} + 8x^2y^2(x^2-y^2)(x^2+y^2)^{-3}$

By comparing the terms we can see  $f_{12}(x,y) = f_{21}(x,y)$ .

b) Note that  $f_1(x, y)$  and  $f_2(x, y)$  is continuous at  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ .

By problem 4  $f_1(0, 0) = \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f_1(x, y) = 0$ ,  $f_2(0, 0) = \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f_2(x, y) = 0$

since the order of numerator is greater than denominator.

Hence  $f$  is of class  $C^{(1)}$ .

$$c) f_{12}(0, 0) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_1(0, y) - f_1(0, 0)}{y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{-y^3 - 0}{y^2 - 0} = -1$$

$$f_{21}(0, 0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_2(x, 0) - f_2(0, 0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 - 0}{x^2 - 0} = 1$$

For  $f_{12}(x, y)$ , let  $(x, y)$  approach  $(0, 0)$  in the direction s.t.  $y = x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_{12}(x, x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -2x^2(2x^2)^{-1} + 2x^2(2x^2)^{-1} = 0 \text{ which implies that}$$

$f_{12}(x, y)$  is not continuous.

Similarly we can verify that  $f_{21}(x, y)$  is not continuous.

Therefore this result does not contradict Theorem 3.3.

### Section 3.5

a)  $\nabla f(x, y) = (3x^2 + 1 - 4y, -4x - 4y)$ , let  $\nabla f(x, y) = 0$

we will get two critical points  $(-1, 1)$  and  $(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ .

looking at the Hessian matrix  $f_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x & -4 \\ -4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$f_{11} = 6x < 0 \quad f_{22} = -4 < 0 \quad f_{11} \cdot f_{22} - f_{12}^2 = -24x - 16 < 0 \text{ For } (-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}) \text{ and } > 0 \text{ for } (-1, 1)$$

Therefore  $(-1, 1)$  is a local maximum and  $(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$  is a saddle point.

b)  $\nabla f(x, y) = (y + 1 - 2xy, x - x^2)$ , let  $\nabla f(x, y) = 0$ .

we will get two critical points  $(0, -1)$  and  $(1, 1)$

looking at the Hessian matrix  $f_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} -2y & 1 - 2x \\ 1 - 2x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$f_{11} \cdot f_{22} - f_{12}^2 = -(1 - 2x)^2 < 0 \text{ for both } (0, -1) \text{ and } (1, 1)$$

Therefore both  $(0, -1)$  and  $(1, 1)$  are saddle points.

c)  $\nabla f(x, y) = [-\sin x \cosh y, \cos x \sinh y]$ , let  $\nabla f(x, y) = 0$  we will have critical points at  $(k\pi, 0)$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

looking at the Hessian matrix  $f_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos x \cosh y & -\sin x \sinh y \\ -\sin x \sinh y & \cos x \cosh y \end{pmatrix}$

Since  $f_{11} = f_{22} = f_{33} = -1 < 0$ .

Therefore  $(k\pi, 0)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  are all saddle points.

4.  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = (2x - 2y + 2z, 4y - 2x, 4z + 2x)$ , therefore  $0$  is indeed a critical point.

The Hessian matrix is 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$d_1(f) = 2 > 0$ ,  $d_2(f) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 8 > 0$ ,  $d_3(f) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 8 > 0$

Hence  $0$  is a local minimum.

Since the determinant of Hessian matrix is ~~not~~  $8000$ .

Therefore the row vectors are independent, which means the only vector  $(x, y, z)$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is } (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$$

which means that  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ .

Therefore  $(0, 0, 0)$  is the only critical point. And  $f$  is convex.

Hence  $f(0, 0, 0) = 0$  is the min value of  $f$ .

9. Assume  $X$  be another critical point in  $U$ , a small neighbourhood of  $X_0$ . Then we have  $0 = -f_i(X)$  and  $0 = -f_i(X_0)$  for all  $i$  from 1 to  $n$ .

$$\Rightarrow 0 = f_i(X) - f_i(X_0)$$

By mean value theorem,  $0 = \sum_{j=1}^n f_{ij}(\eta_j)(X^j - X_0^j)$  for all  $i$

where  $\eta_j \in U$  for all  $j$ .

Since  $X_0$  is a nondegenerate critical point, then  $\det(f_{ij}(X_0)) \neq 0$ .

$\Leftrightarrow$  the row vectors of  $f_{ij}(X_0)$  are linearly independent.

Since  $f_{ij}$  is continuous for all  $i, j$ , we can firstly choose a neighbourhood  $U_1$  of  $X_0$ , s.t. the first row vector taken from this  $U_1$  are all linearly independent with the rest row vectors. Then choose  $U_2$  s.t. all possible second row vectors are independent with first row vector in  $U_1$  and the rest row vectors. Continuously doing  $n$  times,

we will have a neighbourhood  $U = \bigcap U_k$  s.t. all  $\eta_j \in U$  and  $\det(f_{ij}(\eta_j)) \neq 0$  for all  $i$ .

Therefore  $f_{ij}(\eta_j) \cdot (X - X_0)^T = 0 \Rightarrow X = X_0$ , which gives a contradiction.

Section 3.6

2. a)  $\text{Hess}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$  it has both positive and negative eigenvalue. Hence it is neither convex nor concave.

b)  $\text{Hess}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  it is negative semidefinite. Hence  $f$  is concave, but not strictly concave.

c) • for  $p=0$   $f(x,y) = 1$  on  $K$ , therefore  $f$  is convex and concave.  
 • for  $p=1$   $f(x,y) = x+y+1$  on  $K$ , for any  $t \in [0,1]$   $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in K$   
 $f(t x_1 + (1-t)x_2, t y_1 + (1-t)y_2) = t x_1 + t y_1 + t + (1-t)x_2 + (1-t)y_2 + (1-t)$   
 $= t f(x_1, y_1) + (1-t) f(x_2, y_2)$

Therefore  $f$  is convex and concave.

• for  $p \neq 0$  and  $p \neq 1$ .  $\text{Hess}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} p(p-1)(x+y+1)^{p-2} & p(p-1)(x+y+1)^{p-2} \\ p(p-1)(x+y+1)^{p-2} & p(p-1)(x+y+1)^{p-2} \end{pmatrix}$

We can see that  $\text{Hess}(f)$  is a singular matrix, then 0 is an eigenvalue. Another eigenvalue will be the trace  $2p(p-1)(x+y+1)^{p-2}$  which  $> 0$  when  $p > 1$  or  $p < 0$ ,  $< 0$  when  $0 < p < 1$ .

Therefore,  $f$  is convex when  $p > 1$  or  $p < 0$   
 $f$  is concave when  $0 < p < 1$ .

d)  $\text{Hess}(f) = e^{x^2+xy+y^2+z^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2+(2x+y)^2 & 1+(2x+y)(2y+x) & (2x+y)2z \\ 1+(2x+y)(2y+x) & 2+(2y+x)^2 & (2y+x)2z \\ (2x+y)2z & (2y+x)2z & 2+4z^2 \end{pmatrix}$

Since  $e^{x^2+xy+y^2+z^2} > 0$ , we don't need to consider it. Let  $UL_n$  denote the upper-left  $n \times n$  matrix.  $\det(UL_1) = 2+(2x+y)^2 > 0$ .

$$\det(UL_2) = 4 + 2(2y+x)^2 + 2(2x+y)^2 + (2x+y)^2(2y+x)^2 - 1 - 2(2x+y)(2y+x) - (2x+y)^2(2y+x)^2$$

$$= 3 + (2y+x)^2 + (2x+y)^2 + [(2y+x) - (2x+y)]^2 > 0.$$

To compute  $\det(UL_3)$ , do some row operation to simplify the calculation

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{row 1} - \text{row 3} \cdot \frac{2x+y}{2z} \\ \text{row 2} - \text{row 3} \cdot \frac{2y+x}{2z} \end{array} \right) \text{ we will have } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -(2x+y)\frac{2}{2z} \\ 1 & 2 & -(2y+x)\frac{2}{2z} \\ (2x+y)2z & (2y+x)2z & 2+4z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \det(UL_3) = 8 + 16z^2 - 4(2y+x)(2x+y) + 4(2x+y)^2 + 4(2y+x)^2 - 2 - 4z^2$$

$$= 6 + 12z^2 + [2(2x+y) - 2(2y+x)]^2 + 2(2x+y)^2 + 2(2y+x)^2 > 0$$

Therefore the Hessian matrix of  $f$  is positive definite  
 $\Rightarrow f$  is strictly convex.

$$e) \text{Hess}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} y^2 e^{xy} & (1+xy)e^{xy} \\ (1+xy)e^{xy} & x^2 e^{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\text{Hess}(f)) = e^{2xy} [x^2 y^2 - 1 - 2xy - x^2 y^2] = e^{2xy} [-1 - 2xy] \begin{cases} > 0 \text{ when } xy < -\frac{1}{2} \\ < 0 \text{ when } xy > -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Therefore the eigenvalues are not always with the same sign.  
 $\Rightarrow f$  is neither convex nor concave.

9) a) Let  $f(x) = \log x$ .  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is strictly decreasing, therefore  $f(x)$  is concave. By Problem 8, for  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  positive,  $t^j \geq 0$  and  $t^1 + \dots + t^m = 1$   
 $\log(\sum_{j=1}^m t^j x_j) \geq \sum_{j=1}^m t^j \log(x_j) = \log(\prod_{j=1}^m x_j^{t^j})$   
 Since  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} > 0$  for  $x$  positive,  $\log(x)$  is increasing when  $x > 0$ .  
 Therefore  $\sum_{j=1}^m t^j x_j \geq \prod_{j=1}^m x_j^{t^j}$

b) By part a) let  $t^j = \frac{1}{m}$  for all  $j$   
 Then  $\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_m}{m} \geq (x_1 \dots x_m)^{\frac{1}{m}}$

13. First I want to show  $\frac{j}{2^k} f(x_1) + (1 - \frac{j}{2^k}) f(x_2) \geq f(\frac{j}{2^k} x_1 + (1 - \frac{j}{2^k}) x_2)$ : (\*)  
 for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 2^k$ . Prove by induction,  
 when  $k=1$ , we have  $f(x_2) \geq f(x_2)$  ( $j=0$ )  $f(\frac{1}{2}(x_1+x_2)) \leq \frac{1}{2}f(x_1) + \frac{1}{2}f(x_2)$  ( $j=1$ )  
 and  $f(x_1) \geq f(x_1)$  ( $j=2$ ). Therefore (\*) is true for  $k=1$

Assume (\*) is true for  $k=n$ , we need to show

$$\frac{j}{2^{n+1}} f(x_1) + (1 - \frac{j}{2^{n+1}}) f(x_2) \geq f(\frac{j}{2^{n+1}} x_1 + (1 - \frac{j}{2^{n+1}}) x_2) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \dots, 2^{n+1}$$

If  $j$  is even number, the situation will reduce to the case when  $k=n$ , which is true by assumption. Then we only need to verify when  $j$  is an odd number

$$\begin{aligned} f(\frac{j}{2^{n+1}} x_1 + (1 - \frac{j}{2^{n+1}}) x_2) &= f(\frac{1}{2} [\frac{\frac{j-1}{2}}{2^n} x_1 + (1 - \frac{\frac{j-1}{2}}{2^n}) x_2] + [\frac{\frac{j+1}{2}}{2^n} x_1 + (1 - \frac{\frac{j+1}{2}}{2^n}) x_2]) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} f(\frac{\frac{j-1}{2}}{2^n} x_1 + (1 - \frac{\frac{j-1}{2}}{2^n}) x_2) + \frac{1}{2} f(\frac{\frac{j+1}{2}}{2^n} x_1 + (1 - \frac{\frac{j+1}{2}}{2^n}) x_2) \text{ (by } k=1 \text{ case)} \\ &\leq \frac{\frac{j-1}{2}}{2^n} f(x_1) + (1 - \frac{\frac{j-1}{2}}{2^n}) f(x_2) + \frac{\frac{j+1}{2}}{2^n} f(x_1) + (1 - \frac{\frac{j+1}{2}}{2^n}) f(x_2) \text{ (by } k=n \text{ case)} \\ &= \frac{j}{2^{n+1}} f(x_1) + (1 - \frac{j}{2^{n+1}}) f(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (\*) is true for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 2^k$ .

Since the sequence  $\{t_{kj} = \frac{j}{2^k}, k \in \mathbb{N}, j=0,1,\dots,2^k\}$  is dense in  $[0,1]$  and  $f$  is continuous on  $K$

Therefore for any  $x_1, x_2 \in K, t \in [0,1]$ , we have  $f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq tf(x_1) + (1-t)f(x_2)$   
Hence  $f$  is convex on  $K$ .

15. Since  $f(x)$  is bounded above on  $K$ ,  $\sup_{x \in K} f(x)$  exists.

Now we need to prove  $\sup_{x \in K} f(x) = f(x_0)$  for some  $x_0 \in K$ .

To let  $C = \sup_{x \in K} f(x)$ , by the definition of supremum, one can find a sequence, say  $C_n = f(x_n)$  increasingly converges to  $C$ .

Consider the set  $K_n = \{x \in K : f(x) \geq C_n\}$ .

When  $C > C_n$ ,  $K_n \cap K \neq \emptyset$ . By convexity.

Since  $K$  is closed,  $K_n \cap K \neq \emptyset$ .

Therefore when  $\emptyset \neq x_0 \in K_n \cap K$ ,  $f(x_0) = \sup_{x \in K} f(x)$ .

Now by our assumption on  $f$  we can bound this by

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( f \left( \frac{n}{2^{m-1}} x_1 + \left( 1 - \frac{n}{2^{m-1}} \right) x_2 \right) + f \left( \frac{n+1}{2^{m-1}} x_1 + \left( 1 - \frac{n+1}{2^{m-1}} \right) x_2 \right) \right)$$

since by the induction hypothesis we are sure that the points  $\frac{n}{2^{m-1}} x_1 + \left( 1 - \frac{n}{2^{m-1}} \right) x_2$  and  $\frac{n+1}{2^{m-1}} x_1 + \left( 1 - \frac{n+1}{2^{m-1}} \right) x_2$  are in  $K$ . Applying the induction hypothesis to the two terms in the above establishes (1). Now fix  $t \in [0, 1]$  and choose  $\delta > 0$ . Then for  $k$  sufficiently large and some  $j$  as above, we have

$$\left| t - \frac{j}{2^k} \right| < \delta$$

So fix such  $j, k$  and now choose  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $f$  is continuous, for  $\delta$  sufficiently small, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) &\leq f \left( \frac{j}{2^k} x_1 + \left( 1 - \frac{j}{2^k} \right) x_2 \right) + \epsilon \\ &\leq \frac{j}{2^k} f(x_1) + \left( 1 - \frac{j}{2^k} \right) f(x_2) + \epsilon \\ &\leq (t + \delta) f(x_1) + (1 - (t + \delta)) f(x_2) + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since this inequality holds for arbitrary  $\delta, \epsilon$ ,  $f$  is convex.

**3.6.15:** We will prove the claim by induction on the dimension,  $n$ , of the polytope. In the case  $n = 1$ , the claim follows since  $f$  is bounded. So assume we have the claim in  $n - 1$  dimensions, and consider the problem of finding the maximum of  $f$  in an  $n$  dimensional polytope. Now let  $\{x_i\}$  be a sequence in  $K$  converging to the supremum of  $f$  in  $K$ . For each  $x_i$ , we know that there is some vector  $\alpha$  so that if we shift  $x_i$  in the direction  $\alpha$  that  $f(x_i)$  will increase maximally. Since  $f$  is bounded, this means by repeating this process, we must eventually reach a point  $x_i^*$  so that  $x_i^*$  lies on a wall of the polytope. Now assume that  $x_i$  is an infinite sequence, for if the sequence is finite, then there is nothing to prove. Then the sequence  $\{x_i^*\}$  is an infinite sequence, and each  $x_i^*$  lies on some wall of the polytope. Since the sequence is infinite, there is some wall of the polytope with infinitely many points. But now we apply the induction hypothesis and know that  $f$  attains its supremum on this wall. Since the sequence on this wall is a subsequence of the original sequence, on this sequence  $f$  converges to its supremum.