

1. Show that

$$xy \leq \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2}, \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

2. Show that

$$2xy \leq \epsilon x^2 + \frac{y^2}{\epsilon}, \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \epsilon > 0$$

3. Show that

$$(x + y)^2 \leq \frac{x^2}{t} + \frac{y^2}{1-t}, \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}, 0 < t < 1$$

4. Give the definition of a convex function in convex set  $C$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

5. Using **3.** show that  $x^2$  is a convex function in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

6. Let  $f^*$  the conjugate of  $f$ , i.e. the Legendre transform of  $f$ , defined by

$$f^*(\zeta) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \{x\zeta - f(x)\} \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

**Show** that if  $f(x) = \frac{1}{p}|x|^p$  then  $f^*(x) = \frac{1}{q}|x|^q$ , where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .