

Math4230 Exercise 9

1. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function. Suppose x^* is a local minimizer of f , show that it is also a global minimizer.
2. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a strictly convex function. Suppose f has a global minimizer, show that it is unique.
3. Let $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lipschitz continuous function with constant L . Let X be a nonempty closed subset of Y , and c be a number such that $c > L$.
 - (a) Show that if x^* minimizes f over X , then x^* minimizes

$$f_c(x) = f(x) + c \inf_{\bar{x} \in X} \|\bar{x} - x\|$$

over Y .

- (b) Show that if x^* minimizes $f_c(x)$ over Y , then $x^* \in X$, and hence x^* minimizes f over X .