

## Solution 6

- (a)  $\partial I(x) = \{0\}$  for  $x \in X$  and  $\partial I(x) = \emptyset$  for  $x \notin X$ .  
(b)  $\partial f(x) = \{0\}$  for  $x = 0$  and  $\partial f(x) = \left\{ \frac{x}{|x|_2} \right\}$  for  $x \neq 0$ .

2. Suppose  $0 \notin \partial f(x_0)$ . Then  $f(x) < f(x_0)$  for some  $x \in X$ . By convexity and differentiability,  $f(x) \geq f(x_0) + \langle \nabla f(x_0), x - x_0 \rangle$ , so  $\langle \nabla f(x_0), x - x_0 \rangle \leq f(x) - f(x_0) < 0$ . Conversely, suppose  $0 \in \partial f(x_0)$ . Let  $x \in X$ . Define  $g(t) = f((1-t)x_0 + tx)$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Since  $0 \in \partial f(x_0)$ , we have  $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$  for all  $x \in X$ , so  $g(t) \geq g(0)$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . This implies  $g'(0) \geq 0$ , so  $\langle \nabla f(x_0), x - x_0 \rangle = g'(0) \geq 0$ .

3. (a) Since  $f$  is a continuous function on a compact domain,  $f$  attains a minimum point at some  $x^*$ .

(b) By the chain rule,  $f'(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k L'(x^T u_i) u_i + 2x$ , so  $0 = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i u_i + 2x$ , for some  $w_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , so  $x \in \text{span}\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$ .