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A linear invariant family  $\mathcal{F}$  on the unit ball  $B \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a family of holomorphic mappings  $f : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ , that are locally univalent, normalized by requiring  $f(0) = 0, Df(0) = I$  and having the property  $K_\phi(f) \in \mathcal{F}$  whenever  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Here, given a holomorphic automorphism  $\phi$  of the ball,  $K_\phi(f)$  is the Koebe transform  $D\phi(0)^{-1}Df(\phi(0))^{-1}(f(\phi(z)) - f(\phi(0)))$ , i.e. the composition of  $f$  with  $\phi$  renormalized. The norm order of a linear invariant family  $\|ord\|\mathcal{F}$  is given by  $\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \{\|D^2f(0)\|\}$ . As an example, the family of normalized holomorphic mappings of the ball onto convex domains has norm order 1. We discuss the connection between the problem of finding  $\max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \operatorname{Re}(J(f))$  for a linear functional  $J$  on  $\mathcal{F}$  and invariant functions, i.e. functions that have the property  $K_\phi(f) = f$ , for a family of automorphisms,  $\phi$ . (Received February 15, 2005)