
Convex Optimization

Exercise 1 (100/500)

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1. (a) Let $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$. Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$, the first- and second- order Taylor approximations of f at x_0 are

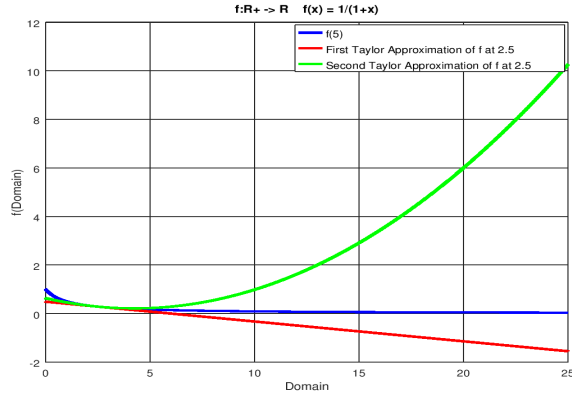
$$f'(x) = \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{1+x})}{\partial x} = \frac{-\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(1+x)}{(1+x)^2} = -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2},$$

$$f_{(1)}(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0) = \frac{1}{1+x_0} - \frac{1}{(1+x_0)^2}(x - x_0) = \frac{1-x+2x_0}{(1+x_0)^2}$$

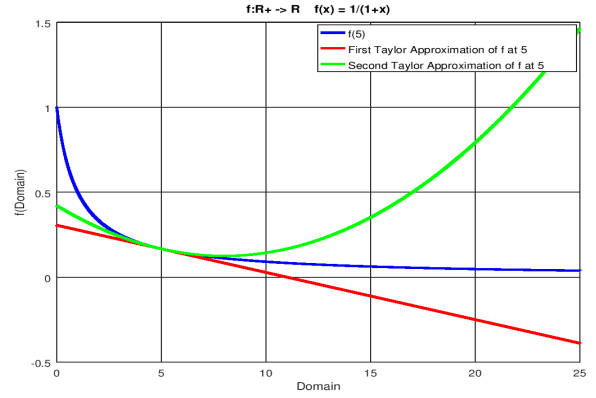
$$f''(x) = \frac{\partial(\frac{-1}{(1+x)^2})}{\partial x} = \frac{\frac{\partial((1+x)^2)}{\partial x}}{(1+x)^4} = \frac{2(1+x)}{(1+x)^4} = \frac{2}{(1+x)^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{(2)}(x) &= f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{1}{2}f''(x_0)(x-x_0)^2 = \frac{1-x+2x_0}{(1+x_0)^2} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{2}{(1+x_0)^3}(x-x_0)^2 = \\ &= \frac{1-x+2x_0+x_0-x_0x+2x_0^2+x^2-2x_0x+x_0^2}{(1+x_0)^3} = \\ &= \frac{1+3x_0^2+3x_0-3x_0x-x+x^2}{(1+x_0)^3} \end{aligned}$$

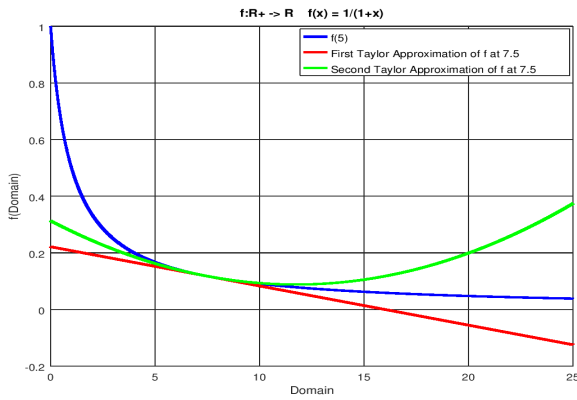
- (b) Figure 1 shows some common plots of $f(x)$, $f_{(1)}(x)$ and $f_{(2)}(x)$ for various x_0 . It is evident just by looking at the plots that the first order Taylor approximation of the convex function f at x_0 is a global underestimator of f . Moreover close to x_0 the first order Taylor approximation is very similar to f . The second order Taylor approximation of f at the same point is not a global underestimator of f but it approximates f more accurately in the vicinity of x_0 .



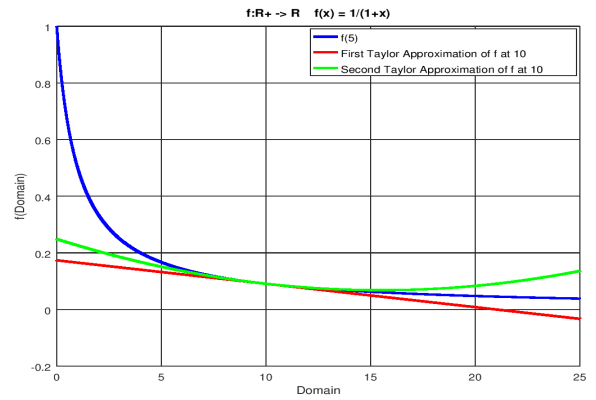
(a) $x_0 = 2.5$



(b) $x_0 = 5$



(c) $x_0 = 7.5$

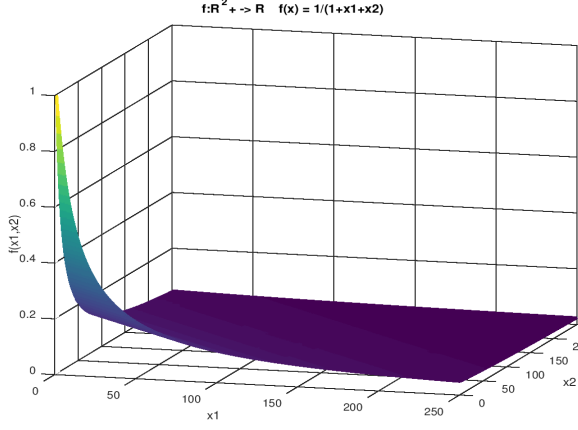


(d) $x_0 = 10$

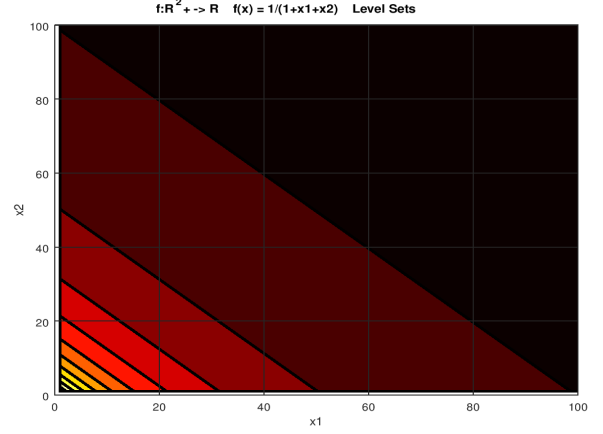
Figure 1: Plots of f , $f_{(1)}(x_0)$ and $f_{(2)}(x_0)$ at various x_0 .

2. Let $f : \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with $f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{1+x_1+x_2}$.

- (a) The plot of the convex function f for $x_1, x_2 \in [0, x_*]$, with $x_* > 0$ is shown in Figure 2 (a).
- (b) The level sets of f are shown in figure 2 (b). The brighter the regions are the higher the value of the function. In each contour the value of the function is the same.



(a) Plot of f .



(b) Level sets of f .

Figure 2: Plot and level sets of f .

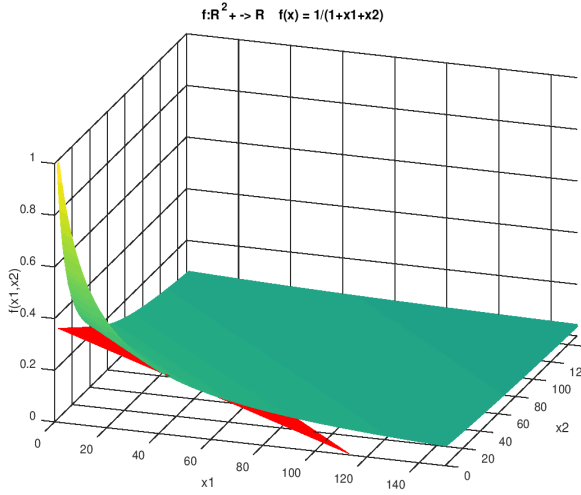
(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial f(x1, x2)}{\partial x1} &= \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{1+x1+x2})}{\partial x1} = \frac{-\frac{\partial(1+x1+x2)}{\partial x1}}{(1+x1+x2)^2} = -\frac{1}{1+x1+x2} \\
 \frac{\partial f(x1, x2)}{\partial x1} &= \frac{\partial f(x1, x2)}{\partial x2} \\
 \nabla f(x1, x2) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x1, x2)}{\partial x1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x1, x2)}{\partial x2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{1+x1+x2} \\ -\frac{1}{1+x1+x2} \end{bmatrix} \\
 f_{(1)}(x) &= f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0)^T (x - x_0) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2}} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2}} & -\frac{1}{1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x1 - x_{0,1} \\ x2 - x_{0,2} \end{bmatrix} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2}} - \frac{x1 - x_{0,1}}{(1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2})^2} - \frac{x2 - x_{0,2}}{(1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2})^2} = 1 - \frac{(x_{0,1} + x_{0,2})^2 + x1 + x2}{(1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2})^2} \\
 \nabla f^2(x1, x2) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f(x1, x2)}{\partial x1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x1, x2)}{\partial x1 \partial x2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x1, x2)}{\partial x2 \partial x1} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x1, x2)}{\partial x2^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \frac{-1}{(1+x1+x2)^2}}{\partial x1} & \frac{\partial \frac{-1}{(1+x1+x2)^2}}{\partial x2} \\ \frac{\partial \frac{-1}{(1+x1+x2)^2}}{\partial x1} & \frac{\partial \frac{-1}{(1+x1+x2)^2}}{\partial x2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{(1+x1+x2)^3} & \frac{2}{(1+x1+x2)^3} \\ \frac{2}{(1+x1+x2)^3} & \frac{2}{(1+x1+x2)^3} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

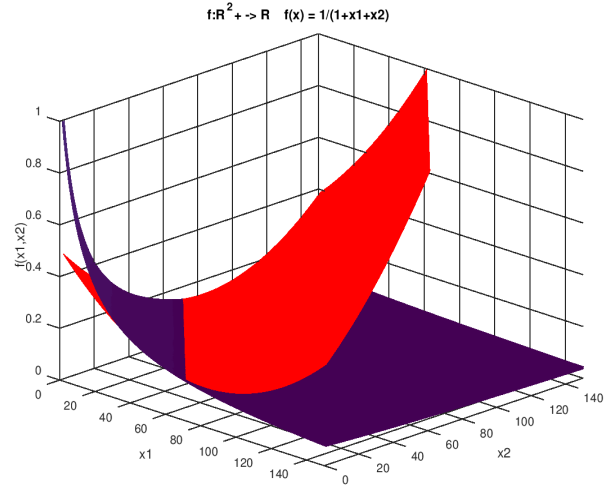
$$\begin{aligned}
f_{(2)}(x) &= f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0)^T(x - x_0) + \frac{1}{2}(x - x_0)\nabla^2 f(x_0)^T(x - x_0) = \\
&= 1 - \frac{(x_{0,1} + x_{0,2})^2 + x_1 + x_2}{(1 + x_{0,1} + x_{0,2})^2} + \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_{0,1} & x_2 - x_{0,2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{(1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2})^3} & \frac{2}{(1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2})^3} \\ \frac{2}{(1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2})^3} & \frac{2}{(1+x_{0,1}+x_{0,2})^3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_{0,1} \\ x_2 - x_{0,2} \end{bmatrix} = \\
&= 1 - \frac{(x_{0,1} + x_{0,2})^2 + x_1 + x_2}{(1 + x_{0,1} + x_{0,2})^2} + \frac{(x_1 - x_{0,1} + x_2 - x_{0,2})^2}{(1 + x_{0,1} + x_{0,2})^3}
\end{aligned}$$

(d) The plot of f along $f_{(1)}$ can be seen in Figure 3 (a).

(e) The plot of f along $f_{(2)}$ can be seen in Figure 3 (b).



(a) Plot of f and $f_{(1)}$.



(b) Plot of f and $f_{(2)}$.

Figure 3: Plots of f along with its approximations $f_{(1)}$ and $f_{(2)}$.

3. Let $S_{\mathbf{a},b} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} \leq b\}$.

(a) Suppose $x_1, x_2 \in S_{a,b}$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$.

$$a^T x_1 \leq b \Leftrightarrow \theta a^T x_1 \leq \theta b$$

$$a^T x_2 \leq b \Leftrightarrow (1 - \theta) a^T x_2 \leq (1 - \theta) b$$

By adding the two inequalities we get

$$\theta a^T x_1 + (1 - \theta) a^T x_2 \leq \theta b + (1 - \theta) b$$

$$a^T (\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta) x_2) \leq b$$

$$a^T x_* \leq b$$

Where x_* is any convex combination of any $x_1, x_2 \in S_{a,b}$. Hence $S_{a,b}$ is convex.

(b) In order for a set to be affine it must contain all the points of a line that connects any two of its points. Suppose $x_1, x_2 \in S_{a,b}$. The line connecting these two points is $\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta) x_2$. Now suppose that $\theta > 1$ and x_1 lies on the boundary of the halfspace (i.e. $a^T x_1 = b$). Then

$$a^T x_1 = b \Leftrightarrow \theta a^T x_1 = \theta b$$

$$a^T x_2 \leq b \Leftrightarrow (1 - \theta) a^T x_2 \geq (1 - \theta) b$$

By adding the two inequalities we get

$$\theta a^T x_1 + (1 - \theta) a^T x_2 \geq b$$

$$a^T (\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta) x_2) \geq b$$

Hence $S_{a,b}$ is not affine.

4. For a hyperplane $H_{a,b} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | a^T x = b\}$ we want to find a point x_* that is co-linear with a and lies on the hyperplane $H_{a,b}$.

$$x = ca, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$a^T x_* = b$$

Combining the above relations we get

$$ca^T a = b$$

$$c \|a\|_2^2 = b$$

$$c = \frac{b}{\|a\|_2^2}$$

Hence the point x_* is the

$$x_* = \frac{b}{\|a\|_2^2} a$$

5. (a) $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$. The domain of f is a convex set. Moreover f is differentiable within that domain. The second derivative of f , that was calculated in the first exercise, is $f''(x) = \frac{2}{(1+x)^3}$. $f''(x) \geq 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$ hence f is convex.

- (b) $f : \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{1+x_1+x_2}$. The domain of f is a convex set. Moreover f is differentiable within that domain. The second derivative of f , that was calculated in the first exercise, is $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} & \frac{2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} \\ \frac{2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} & \frac{2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} \end{bmatrix}$. Suppose $h \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} h^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} & \frac{2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} \\ \frac{2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} & \frac{2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} \end{bmatrix} h &= \begin{bmatrix} h_1 & h_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2(h_1+h_2)}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} \\ \frac{2(h_1+h_2)}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \frac{2h_1^2 + 4h_1h_2 + 2h_2^2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} = \frac{(2h_1 + 2h_2)^2}{(1+x_1+x_2)^3} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in \text{dom} f$$

$$\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Hence f is convex.

(c) $f : \mathbb{R}_{++} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x^a$.

$$f'(x) = ax^{a-1}$$

$$f''(x) = a(a-1)x^{a-2}$$

For $a \geq 1$ or $a \leq 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, $f''(x) \geq 0$ hence f is convex.

For $0 \leq a \leq 1$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, $f''(x) \leq 0$ hence f is concave.

(d) $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \|x\|_2$.

Suppose $x_1, x_2 \in \text{dom} f$ and $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ with $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \|\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2\|_2 \\ &\leq \|\theta x_1\|_2 + \|(1 - \theta)x_2\|_2 = |\theta| \|x_1\|_2 + |(1 - \theta)| \|x_2\|_2 = \\ &= \theta \|x_1\|_2 + (1 - \theta) \|x_2\|_2 = \theta f(x_1) + (1 - \theta) f(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

So f is convex. We used the triangle inequality and the homogeneity of a norm.

6. Consider the composition of scalar functions $f(x_0) := (hog)(x) = h(g(x))$ with $f, g, h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where h and g are smooth functions.

$$f'(x) = h'(g(x))g'(x)$$

$$f''(x) = h''(g(x))g'(x)^2 + h'(g(x))g''(x)$$

(a) If h is convex and non-decreasing, and g is convex, then f is convex. This is because $h''(g(x)) \geq 0$ as h is convex, $g'(x)^2 \geq 0$, $h'(g(x)) \geq 0$ as h is non-decreasing and $g''(x) \geq 0$ as g is convex. An example of h is e^x and of g the $\|x\|_2$.

(b) If h is convex and non-increasing, and g is concave, then f is convex. This is because $h''(g(x)) \geq 0$ as h is convex, $g'(x)^2 \geq 0$, $h'(g(x)) \leq 0$ as h is non-increasing and $g''(x) \leq 0$ as g is concave. An example of h is $-\log x$ and of g the $\log x$.

7. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with $f(x) = \|Ax - b\|_2^2$.

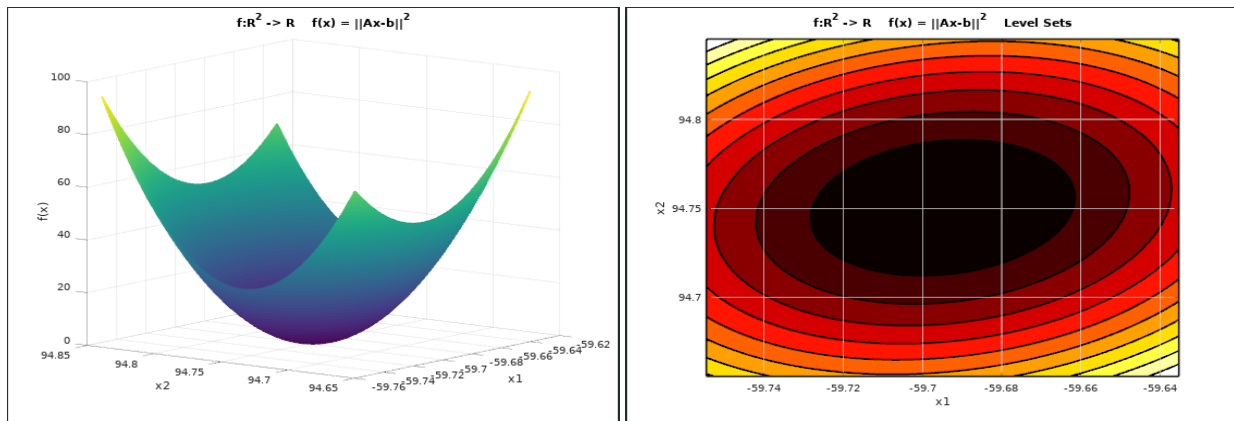
(a) Assume that the columns of A are linearly independent.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{\partial((Ax - b)^T(Ax - b))}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(x^T A^T Ax - x^T A^T b - b^T Ax + b^T b)}{\partial x} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} A^T Ax - 2A^T b \end{aligned}$$

$$f''(x) = A^T A$$

$A^T A$ is called the Gram matrix which is always positive semi-definite. Because all the columns of A are linearly independent (equivalently, it is invertible with $\det A \neq 0$) the matrix $A^T A$ is positive definite. Hence f is strictly convex.

(b) The function f takes its minimal value, which is zero, at the solution x . This can also be seen from the plot and level sets of f near its solution.



(a) Plot of f in the vicinity of its solution.

(b) Level sets of f .

Figure 4: Plot and level sets of f .

By adding some noise to the vector b , f is no longer minimized at x . The minimum is attained at a different point. Observe that f does not attain the zero value at its minimum.

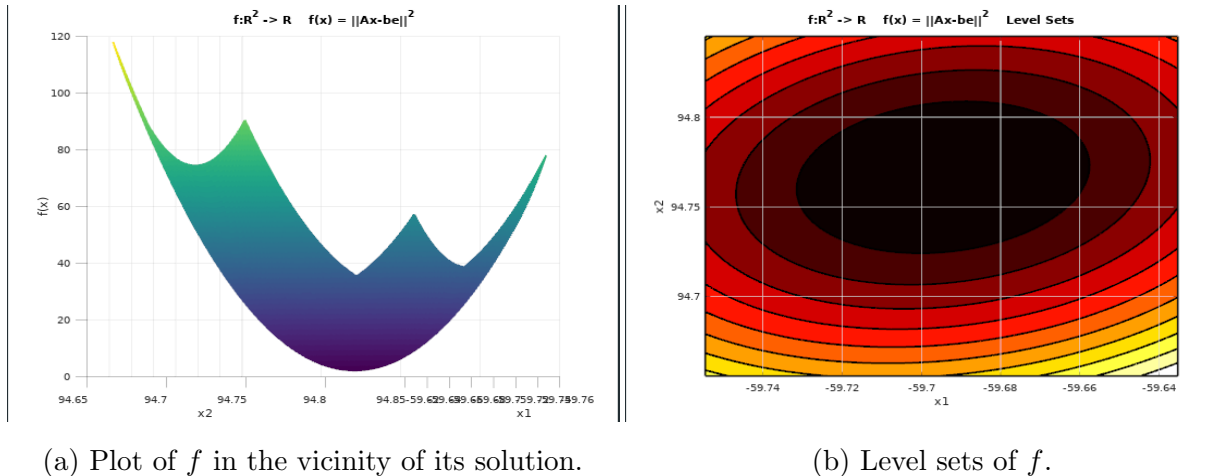


Figure 5: Plot and level sets of f .

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start = 0.;
finish = 25.;
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precision = 1000000;
domain = linspace(start,finish,precision);
func1 = 1./(1.+domain);

[FirstTaylor,SecondTaylor] = F1_Taylor_Appr(2.5,domain);
% Plot the function along with its first and
% second taylor approximations at point 2.5
figure(1);
pl = plot(domain,func1,'linewidth',2,'b',
          domain,FirstTaylor,'linewidth',2,'r',
          domain,SecondTaylor,'linewidth',2,'g');
xlabel('Domain');
ylabel('f(Domain)');
title('f:R+ -> R    f(x) = 1/(1+x)');
legend('f(5)','First Taylor Approximation of f at 2.5',
       'Second Taylor Approximation of f at 2.5');
grid on

[FirstTaylor,SecondTaylor] = F1_Taylor_Appr(5,domain);
% Plot the function along with its first and
% second taylor approximations at point 5
figure(2);
pl = plot(domain,func1,'linewidth',2,'b',
          domain,FirstTaylor,'linewidth',2,'r',
          domain,SecondTaylor,'linewidth',2,'g');
xlabel('Domain');
ylabel('f(Domain)');
title('f:R+ -> R    f(x) = 1/(1+x)');
legend('f(5)','First Taylor Approximation of f at 5',
       'Second Taylor Approximation of f at 5');
grid on

[FirstTaylor,SecondTaylor] = F1_Taylor_Appr(7.5,domain);

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% Plot the function along with its first and
% second taylor approximations at point 7.5
figure(3);
pl = plot(domain,func1,'linewidth',2,'b',
          domain,FirstTaylor,'linewidth',2,'r',
          domain,SecondTaylor,'linewidth',2,'g');
xlabel('Domain');
ylabel('f(Domain)');
title('f:R+ -> R      f(x) = 1/(1+x)');
legend('f(5)', 'First Taylor Approximation of f at 7.5',
       'Second Taylor Approximation of f at 7.5');
grid on

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[FirstTaylor,SecondTaylor] = F1_Taylor_Appr(10,domain);
% Plot the function along with its first and
% second taylor approximations at point 10
figure(4);
pl = plot(domain,func1,'linewidth',2,'b',
          domain,FirstTaylor,'linewidth',2,'r',
          domain,SecondTaylor,'linewidth',2,'g');
xlabel('Domain');
ylabel('f(Domain)');
title('f:R+ -> R      f(x) = 1/(1+x)');
legend('f(5)', 'First Taylor Approximation of f at 10',
       'Second Taylor Approximation of f at 10');
grid on

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start = 0.;
finish = 20.;
precision = 250;
x1 = linspace(start,finish,precision);
x2 = x1;
[X,Y] = meshgrid(x1,x2);
func2 = 1./(1.+X.+Y);

% Plot the 3d plot of the second function using mesh
figure(5);
mesh(func2,'LineWidth',2);
rotate3d on;
axis([0 100 0 100 0 1]);
title('f:R^2+ -> R      f(x) = 1/(1+x1+x2)');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on

% Plot the level sets of the second function using contour
figure(6);
contourf(func2,'LineWidth',2);
colormap hot
axis([0 100 0 100 0 1]);
title('f:R^2+ -> R      f(x) = 1/(1+x1+x2)      Level Sets');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on

[FirstTaylor,SecondTaylor] = F2_Taylor_Appr(2,2,X,Y);
% Common 3d plot of the second function with its
% first Taylor Approximation at point (2,2)
figure(7);hold on

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mesh(func2,'LineWidth',2);
surf(FirstTaylor,'FaceColor','red','EdgeColor','none');
rotate3d on;
axis([0 150 0 150 0 1]);
title('f:R^2+ -> R      f(x) = 1/(1+x1+x2)');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on

% Common 3d plot of the second function with its
% second Taylor Approximation at point (2,2)
figure(8);hold on
mesh(func2,'LineWidth',2);
surf(SecondTaylor,'FaceColor','red','EdgeColor','none');
rotate3d on;
axis([0 150 0 150 0 1]);
title('f:R^2+ -> R      f(x) = 1/(1+x1+x2)');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on

[FirstTaylor,SecondTaylor] = F2_Taylor_Appr(5,5,X,Y);
% Common 3d plot of the second function with its
% first Taylor Approximation at point (5,5)
figure(9);hold on
mesh(func2,'LineWidth',2);
surf(FirstTaylor,'FaceColor','red','EdgeColor','none');
rotate3d on;
axis([0 150 0 150 0 1]);
title('f:R^2+ -> R      f(x) = 1/(1+x1+x2)');
xlabel('x1');

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xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on

% Common 3d plot of the second function with its
% second Taylor Approximation at point (5,5)
figure(10);hold on
mesh(func2,'LineWidth',2);
surf(SecondTaylor,'FaceColor','red','EdgeColor','none');
rotate3d on;
axis([0 150 0 150 0 1]);
title('f:R^2+ -> R      f(x) = 1/(1+x1+x2)');
zlabel('f(x1,x2)');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on

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start = 0.01;
finish = 25.;
precision = 1000000;
domain = linspace(start,finish,precision);
func1 = domain.^3;
func2 = domain.^0.25;
func3 = domain.^(-2);

% Plot the function along with its first and
% second taylor approximations at point 2.5

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figure(11);
pl = plot(domain,func1,'linewidth',2,'b',
          domain,func2,'linewidth',2,'r',
          domain,func3,'linewidth',2,'g');
xlabel('Domain');
ylabel('f(Domain)');
title('f:R++ -> R      f(x) = x^a');
legend('a=3','a=0.25','a=-2');
axis([-0.5 10 -2.5 25]);
grid on

start = -20.;
finish = 20.;
precision = 500;
x1 = linspace(start,finish,precision);
x2 = x1;
[X,Y] = meshgrid(x1,x2);
norm2 = (X.^2.+Y.^2).^(1/2);

% Plot the 3d plot of the second function using mesh
figure(12);
mesh(norm2,'LineWidth',2);
rotate3d on;
title('f:R^2 -> R      f(x) = ||X||');
zlabel('f(x1,x2)');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on

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A = 200*rand(3,2)-100;
x = 200*rand(2,1)-100;
b = A*x;
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precision = 15;
x1 = linspace(x(1,1)-abs(x(1,1))/1000,x(1,1)+abs(x(1,1))/1000,precision);
x2 = linspace(x(2,1)-abs(x(2,1))/1000,x(2,1)+abs(x(2,1))/1000,precision);
[X,Y] = meshgrid(x1,x2);
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LeastSquares = (A(1,1)*X+A(1,2)*Y-b(1,1)).^2 ...
               +(A(2,1)*X+A(2,2)*Y-b(2,1)).^2 ...
               +(A(3,1)*X+A(3,2)*Y-b(3,1)).^2;
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% Plot the 3d plot of the Least Squares Equation
figure(1);
mesh(X,Y,LeastSquares,'LineWidth',2);
rotate3d on;
title('f:R^2 -> R    f(x) = ||Ax-b||^2');
zlabel('f(x)');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on
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% Plot the level sets of the Least Squares Equation
figure(2);
contourf(X,Y,LeastSquares,'LineWidth',2);
colormap hot
title('f:R^2 -> R    f(x) = ||Ax-b||^2    Level Sets');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on
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b+=randn(3,1); % Adding Gaussian noise to the b vector
LeastSquaresE = (A(1,1)*X+A(1,2)*Y-b(1,1)).^2 ...
                +(A(2,1)*X+A(2,2)*Y-b(2,1)).^2 ...
                +(A(3,1)*X+A(3,2)*Y-b(3,1)).^2;

% Plot the 3d plot of the Least Squares Equation
figure(3);
mesh(X,Y,LeastSquaresE,'LineWidth',2);
rotate3d on;
title('f:R^2 -> R    f(x) = ||Ax-be||^2');
zlabel('f(x)');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
%xlim([X(1,1)-10 X(1,size(X,2))+10]);
%ylim([Y(1,1)-10 Y(size(Y,1),1)+10]);

grid on

% Plot the level sets of the Least Squares Equation
figure(4);
contourf(X,Y,LeastSquaresE,'LineWidth',2);
colormap hot
title('f:R^2 -> R    f(x) = ||Ax-be||^2    Level Sets');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
grid on

disp('x')
disp(x)
disp('X')
disp(X)
disp('Y')
disp(Y)

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disp(Y)
disp('LeastSquares')
disp(LeastSquares)
disp('LeastSquaresE')
disp(LeastSquaresE)

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function [FirstTaylor, SecondTaylor] = F1_Taylor_Appr(Num,Dom)
    FirstTaylor = (1-Dom+2*Num)./(1+Num)^2;
    SecondTaylor = (1+3*Num^2+3*Num-3*Num.*Dom.-Dom.+Dom.^2)...
        ./(1+Num)^3;

    return
endfunction

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function [FirstTaylor, SecondTaylor] = F2_Taylor_Appr(Num1,Num2,X,Y)
    FirstTaylor = 1.-((Num1+Num2)^2.+X.+Y)./(1+Num1+Num2)^2;
    SecondTaylor = FirstTaylor.+((X.-Num1.+Y.-Num2).^2)...
        ./(1+Num1+Num2)^3;

    return
endfunction

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