

1) Consider 3x3 matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $x^T = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3]$ , find quadratic form  $x^T Ax$  associated with the matrix  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^T Ax &= [2x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \quad -x_1 + 3x_2 \quad 2x_1 + 5x_3] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (2x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3)x_1 + (-x_1 + 3x_2)x_2 + (2x_1 + 5x_3)x_3 \\ &= 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2 + 4x_1x_3 + 5x_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

2) Since B is symmetric matrix, Suppose B matrix is

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & e & f \\ c & f & g \end{bmatrix}$$

Then we have

$$By = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & e & f \\ c & f & g \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$By = \begin{bmatrix} y_1a + y_2b + y_3c \\ y_1b + y_2e + y_3f \\ y_1c + y_2f + y_3g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y^T By = [y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3] \begin{bmatrix} y_1a + y_2b + y_3c \\ y_1b + y_2e + y_3f \\ y_1c + y_2f + y_3g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y^T By &= y_1^2a + y_1y_2b + y_1y_3c + y_1y_2b + y_2^2e + y_2y_3f + y_1y_3c + y_2y_3f + y_3^2g \\ &= ay_1^2 + ey_2^2 + gy_3^2 + 2by_1y_2 + 2cy_1y_3 + 2fy_2y_3 = y_1^2 - y_2^2 + 4y_3^2 - 2y_1y_2 + 4y_2y_3 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $a = 1, b = -1, c = 0, e = -1, f = 2, g = 4$ , and B is

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

3) Find the minimizer of function  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_1x_2$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\delta f}{\delta x_1} & \frac{\delta f}{\delta x_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 & 2x_2 - x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\nabla f = 0$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 & 2x_2 - x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = 2x_2, x_2 = 2x_1, x_1 = x_2 = 0$$

Hessian matrix of  $f$  is

$$Hf(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Hf_{(1,1)} = 2 > 0$$

The determinant of a matrix is a product of the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2^2 - 1 = 3 > 0$$

Therefore  $Hf$  is positive definite matrix,  $(0, 0)$  is local minimizer

4) Find the minimizer of function  $f(x_1, x_2) = e^{x-y} + e^{y-x} + e^{x^2}$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} e^{x-y} - e^{y-x} + 2xe^{x^2} & -e^{x-y} + e^{y-x} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\nabla f = 0$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{x-y} - e^{y-x} + 2xe^{x^2} & -e^{x-y} + e^{y-x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{x-y} = e^{y-x}, 2xe^{x^2} = 0, x = 0, y = 0$$

Hessian matrix of  $f$  is

$$Hf(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{x-y} + e^{y-x} + (4x^2 + 2)e^{x^2} & -e^{x-y} - e^{y-x} \\ -e^{x-y} - e^{y-x} & e^{x-y} + e^{y-x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Hf_{(1,1)} = e^{x-y} + e^{y-x} + (4x^2 + 2)e^{x^2} > 0$$

Let  $a = e^{x-y} + e^{y-x}$  and  $b = (4x^2 + 2)e^{x^2}$  The determinant of a matrix is a product of the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a+b & -a \\ -a & a \end{vmatrix} = a(a+b) - a^2 = ab = (e^{x-y} + e^{y-x}) \cdot (4x^2 + 2)e^{x^2} > 0$$

Therefore  $Hf$  is positive definite matrix,  $(0, 0)$  is local minimizer

5) compute  $\min(10x + 2y^2 + z^2 + 8z)$ , subject to  $x + y + z = 100$  The constraint can be re-write as  $100 - x - y - z = 0$

The Lagrangian function is  $L = 10x + 2y^2 + z^2 + 8z + \lambda(100 - x - y - z)$  At stationary points of  $L$ , all partial derivatives should be zero, including the partial derivative with respect to

$\lambda$ 

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta x} = 10 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta y} = 4y - \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta z} = 2z + 8 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta \lambda} = 100 - x - y - z = 0$$

Solving the equations we get  $\lambda = 10$

$$y = 2.5$$

$$z = 1$$

$$x = 100 - 2.5 - 1 = 96.5$$

The minimizer point  $(x, y, z) = (96.5, 2.5, 1)$