Homework # 01

(Total: 18 points)

1 Optimization problem example -1 point

Find the dimensions (height h and radius r) that will minimize the surface area of the metal to manufacture a circular cylindrical can of volume V.

2 Optimally conditions – 3 points

Consider the unconstrained optimization problem to minimize the function,

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{3}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) + (1+a)x_1x_2 - (x_1 + x_2) + b, \quad \& \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

over \mathbb{R}^2 , where a and b are real-valued parameters. Find all values of a and b such that the problem has a unique optimal solution.

3 Nelder Mead method – 8 points

Implement Nelder-Mead method for the Mishra's Bird function

$$f(x,y) = \sin(y)e^{(1-\cos(x))^2} + \cos(x)e^{(1-\sin(y))^2} + (x-y)^2$$

subjected to, $(x+5)^2 + (y+5)^2 < 25$

- 1. To illustrate the behavior of the methods plot simplex (triangle) for every iteration. Provide the link to code repository.
- 2. Demonstrate that the algorithm may converge to different points depending on the starting point. Report explicitly two distinct starting points x^0 and the corresponding x^* .
- 3. Examine the behavior of the method for various parameters α , β and γ . For one chosen x^0 show that the method may converge to different points. Report parameter values and x^* .

4 Coordinate descend – 6 points

Implement coordinate descend for x^0 and f from Task 3. Compare the number of function evaluations (Oracle calls) for Nelder Mead algorithm and Coordinate descend. Report parameters of the algorithm. Provide the link to code repository. Make a conclusion.