

# OFN Assignment 1

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1. Maximise the volume of a rectangular prism with total surface area of  $2m^2$  and total edge length of  $12m$ . Let  $x, y, z$  denote the sides of the prism. This gives the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max f &= xyz \\ \text{s.t. } 2xy + 2xz + 2yz &= 2 \\ 4x + 4y + 4z &= 12 \\ x, y, z &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using Lagrange multipliers the problem is:

$$\max h(x, y, z) = xyz + \lambda_1(xy + xz + yz - 1) + \lambda_2(x + y + z - 3)$$

Hence solve  $\nabla h = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = yz + \lambda_1(y + z) + \lambda_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = xz + \lambda_1(x + z) + \lambda_2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial z} = xy + \lambda_1(x + y) + \lambda_2 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_1} = xy + xz + yz - 1 = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_2} = x + y + z - 3 = 0 \quad (5)$$

(1) + (2) + (3) - (4):

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1(2y + 2x + 2z) + 3\lambda_2 - 1 &= 0 \\ \implies 6\lambda_1 &= 1 - 3\lambda_2, \quad (\text{using } x + y + z = 3) \\ \implies \lambda_2 &= \frac{1 - 6\lambda_1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

So the system becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} yz + \lambda_1(y + z - 2) + \frac{1}{3} &= 0 \\ xz + \lambda_1(x + z - 2) + \frac{1}{3} &= 0 \\ xy + \lambda_1(x + y - 2) + \frac{1}{3} &= 0 \\ xy + xz + yz - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Rearrange 3 to get

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{-\frac{1}{3} - xy}{x + y - 2} \quad (3)$$

And hence the free equations are (the modified versions of) (1), (2), (4)

$$\begin{aligned} yz + \frac{-\frac{1}{3} - xy}{x + y - 2}y + \frac{-\frac{1}{3} - xy}{x + y - 2}z - 2\frac{-\frac{1}{3} - xy}{x + y - 2} + \frac{1}{3} &= 0 \\ xz + \frac{-\frac{1}{3} - xy}{x + y - 2}x + \frac{-\frac{1}{3} - xy}{x + y - 2}z - 2\frac{-\frac{1}{3} - xy}{x + y - 2} + \frac{1}{3} &= 0 \\ xy + xz + yz - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Expand (1):

$$\begin{aligned} yz(x + y - 2) - \frac{1}{3}y - xy^2 - \frac{1}{3}z - xyz + \frac{2}{3} + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}(x + y - 2) &= 0 \\ xyz + y^2z - 2yz - \frac{1}{3}y - xy^2 - \frac{1}{3}z - xyz + \frac{2}{3} + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}y - \frac{2}{3} &= 0 \\ xyz + y^2z - 2yz - xy^2 - \frac{1}{3}z - xyz + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

And similarly, (2) gives

$$\begin{aligned} xz(x + y - 2) - \frac{1}{3}x - x^2y - \frac{1}{3}z - xyz + \frac{2}{3} + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}(x + y - 2) &= 0 \\ x^2z + xyz - 2xz - x^2y - \frac{1}{3}z - xyz + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using (3):

$$z = \frac{1 - xy}{x + y}$$

Giving for (1):

$$\begin{aligned} xy\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} + y^2\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} - 2y\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} - xy^2 - \frac{1}{3}\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} - xy\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}x &= 0 \\ xy - x^2y^2 + y^2 - xy^3 - 2y + 2xy^2 - xy^2 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}xy - xy + x^2y^2 + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}x &= 0 \\ y^2 - xy^3 - 2y + xy^2 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}xy + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

And for (2)

$$\begin{aligned} x^2\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} + xy\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} - 2x\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} - x^2y - \frac{1}{3}\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} - xy\frac{1 - xy}{x + y} + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}y &= 0 \\ x^2 - x^3y + xy - x^2y^2 - 2x + 2x^2y - x^2y - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}xy - xy + x^2y^2 + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}y &= 0 \\ x^2 - x^3y - 2x + x^2y - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}xy + 2xy + \frac{1}{3}y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Noting that these are equivocal with  $x$  and  $y$  swapped. Hence

$$x = y$$

Now using

$$\begin{aligned} x = y, \quad z &= \frac{1 - xy}{x + y} \\ x + y + z - 3 &= 0 \\ 2x + \frac{1 - x^2}{2x} - 3 &= 0 \\ 3x^2 - 6x - 1 &= 0 \\ \implies x &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 12}}{6} \\ x &= \frac{3 - \sqrt{6}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

And hence

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{3 - \sqrt{6}}{3} \\ y &= \frac{3 - \sqrt{6}}{3} \\ z &= \frac{3 + 2\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Or any permutation of this. As a sanity check:

$$\begin{aligned} xy + xz + yz - 1 &= x^2 + xz + xz - 1 \\ &= x^2 + 2xz - 1 \\ &= \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{6}}{3}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{6}}{3}\right)\left(\frac{3 + 2\sqrt{6}}{3}\right) - 1 \\ &= \frac{9 - 6\sqrt{6} + 6 + 18 - 6\sqrt{6} + 12\sqrt{6} - 24 - 9}{9} \\ &= \frac{18 + 6 - 24}{9} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Great!

We also get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= \frac{-\frac{1}{3} - xy}{x + y - 2} \\ &= \frac{-\frac{1}{3} - x^2}{2x - 2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{6} - 3}{3} \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1 - 6\lambda_1}{3} = \frac{5 - 2\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

This is also checked using symbolic `Matlab`:

```
1 syms x y z l1 l2 real
2 assume(x>0)
3 assume(y>0)
4 assume(z>0)
5 eqn1 = y*z + l1*(y+z) + l2 ==0;
6 eqn2 = x*z + l1*(x+z) + l2 ==0;
7 eqn3 = x*y + l1*(x+y) + l2 ==0;
8 eqn4 = x*y + x*z + y*z -1 ==0;
9 eqn5 = x + y + z -3 ==0;
10 sols = solve(eqn1,eqn2,eqn3,eqn4,eqn5)
11 sols.x(3)
12 sols.y(3)
13 sols.z(3)
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Now to confirm this is a maximum. The hessian of  $h$  being positive definite is sufficient for it to be a maximum

$$H(h) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial x \partial z} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial x \partial \lambda_1} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial x \partial \lambda_2} \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial y \partial z} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial y \partial \lambda_1} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial y \partial \lambda_2} \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial z \partial x} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial z \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial z \partial \lambda_1} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial z \partial \lambda_2} \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial x} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial y} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial z} & \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial \lambda_1^2} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial \lambda_2} \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_2 \partial x} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_2 \partial y} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_2 \partial z} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda_2 \partial \lambda_1} & \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial \lambda_2^2} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$H(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & z + \lambda_1 & y + \lambda_1 & y + z & 1 \\ z + \lambda_1 & 0 & x + \lambda_1 & x + z & 1 \\ y + \lambda_1 & x + \lambda_1 & 0 & x + y & 1 \\ y + z & x + z & x + y & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

And using Matlab to obtain the eigenvalues

```
1 >> eig(H)
2
3 ans =
4
5    -0.77249408774975732627028770768242
6     0.83919728731250742923420535039793
7    -2.4494897427831780981972840747059
8    -3.2729188222113425599830987927475
9     5.6557053654317705552164652247378
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And clearly some of these are non-positive so it is not a positive definite matrix.

2.

$$F\{y\} = \int_0^1 xy^2 y'^3 dx$$

(a) Letting  $y(x) = x^\epsilon$ , and  $\epsilon > 1/5$ , what  $\epsilon$  gives an extremum for  $F$ ? This gives

$$\begin{aligned} F\{x\} &= \int_0^1 x (x^\epsilon)^2 (\epsilon x^{\epsilon-1})^3 dx \\ &= \epsilon^3 \int_0^1 x^{5\epsilon-2} dx \\ &= \epsilon^3 \frac{x^{5\epsilon-1}}{5\epsilon-1} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon^3}{5\epsilon-1} \end{aligned}$$

Extremum for

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \epsilon} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \epsilon} &= \frac{3\epsilon^2(5\epsilon-1) - 5\epsilon^3}{(5\epsilon-1)^2} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon^2(10\epsilon-3)}{(5\epsilon-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

And set to 0

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\epsilon^2(10\epsilon-3)}{(5\epsilon-1)^2} &= 0 \\ \epsilon^2(10\epsilon-3) &= 0 \\ 10\epsilon-3 &= 0 \\ \epsilon &= \frac{3}{10} \end{aligned}$$

Ignoring the  $\epsilon = 0$  solution as we have assumed  $\epsilon > 1/5$ . Hence there is an extremum at  $\epsilon = \frac{3}{10}$

(b) What is the value of  $F$  for the extremum

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \epsilon^3 \int_0^1 x^{5\epsilon-2} dx \\ &= \epsilon^3 \frac{1}{5\epsilon-1} \\ &= \frac{27}{1000} \frac{1}{5\frac{3}{10}-1} \\ &= 2 \frac{27}{1000} = \frac{54}{1000} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Is it a maximum or a minimum? Look at

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \epsilon^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} \left( \frac{\epsilon^2(10\epsilon - 3)}{(5\epsilon - 1)^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{(30\epsilon^2 - 6\epsilon)(5\epsilon - 1)^2 - \epsilon^2(10\epsilon - 3)10(5\epsilon - 1)}{(5\epsilon - 1)^4} \\
 &= \frac{(30\epsilon^2 - 6\epsilon)(5\epsilon - 1) - 10\epsilon^2(10\epsilon - 3)}{(5\epsilon - 1)^3} \\
 &= \frac{(150\epsilon^3 - 30\epsilon^2 - 30\epsilon^2 + 6\epsilon) - (100\epsilon^3 - 30\epsilon^2)}{(5\epsilon - 1)^3} \\
 &= \frac{50\epsilon^3 - 30\epsilon^2 + 6\epsilon}{(5\epsilon - 1)^3} \\
 &= \frac{2\epsilon(25\epsilon^2 - 15\epsilon + 3)}{(5\epsilon - 1)^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \epsilon^2} \Big|_{\epsilon=3/10} \right) &= \left( \frac{2 \frac{3}{10} (25 \frac{9}{100} - 15 \frac{3}{10} + 3)}{(5 \frac{3}{10} - 1)^3} \right) \\
 &\approx 3.6
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \epsilon^2} > 0$  everywhere for  $\epsilon > 0$  - this must be a local (and possibly global) minimum.

3.

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3}$$

(a) Taylor expansion around  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  In  $n$ D

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \delta \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \delta \mathbf{x}^T \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}^T H(\mathbf{x}) \delta \mathbf{x} + \mathcal{O}(\delta \mathbf{x}^3)$$

Obtain the Jacobian and Hessian

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sinh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} \\ -\cosh(x_1) \sin(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} + \cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_3 \\ \cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_{11} = \cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3}$$

$$H_{12} = H_{21} = -\sinh(x_1) \sin(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} + \sinh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_3$$

$$H_{13} = H_{31} = \sinh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_2$$

$$H_{22} = -\cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} - 2 \cosh(x_1) \sin(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_3 + \cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_3^2$$

$$H_{23} = H_{32} = -\cosh(x_1) \sin(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_2 + \cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} + \cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_2 x_3$$

$$H_{33} = \cosh(x_1) \cos(x_2) e^{x_2 x_3} x_2^2$$

At  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ :

$$f(\mathbf{0}) = 1$$

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x})|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H(\mathbf{x})|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence the expansion around  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  will be:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{0} + \delta\mathbf{x}) &= f(\mathbf{0}) + \delta\mathbf{x}^T \nabla f(\mathbf{0}) + \frac{1}{2} \delta\mathbf{x}^T H(\mathbf{0}) \delta\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{O}(3) \\ &= 1 + \delta\mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \delta\mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \delta\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}^3) \\ &= 1 + x_1^2/2 - x_2^2/2 + x_2x_3 + 1 + \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}^3) \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\delta x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)'$

- (b) Would there be any terms of order 3 if we were to continue expanding? No there wouldn't. Odd derivatives of  $\cosh x, \cos x$  will give  $\sinh x, \sin x$  terms respectively - Both of which give 0 at  $x = 0$ . As for derivatives of  $e^{x_2x_3}$  this will always be zero for  $x_2 = x_3 = 0$ .

So a more precise form of the expansion would be

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = 1 + x_1^2/2 - x_2^2/2 + x_2x_3 + 1 + \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}^4)$$

Around  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .