

# Optimization for Machine Learning

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# 1 Exercise 1

Solve the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimize: } & f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \\ \text{Subject to: } & x + y \leq 1, \quad x \geq 0, \quad y \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## 1.1 Answers

Let's proceed step-by-step. First, we need to formulate the problem. We want to minimize the function:

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

Subject to:

- $g_1(x, y) = x + y - 1 \leq 0$
- $g_2(x) = -x \leq 0$
- $g_3(y) = -y \leq 0$

Then, we define the **Lagrangian function**  $L(x, y, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ :

$$L(x, y, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda_1(x + y - 1) + \lambda_2(-x) + \lambda_3(-y)$$

Here,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  are the **Lagrange multipliers** for the constraints. The **KKT conditions** are:

- **Stationarity:**

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0$$

- **Primal feasibility:**

$$g_1(x, y) = x + y - 1 \leq 0, \quad g_2(x) = -x \leq 0, \quad g_3(y) = -y \leq 0$$

- **Dual feasibility:**

$$\lambda_1 \geq 0, \quad \lambda_2 \geq 0, \quad \lambda_3 \geq 0$$

- **Complementary slackness:**

$$\lambda_1(x + y - 1) = 0, \quad \lambda_2(-x) = 0, \quad \lambda_3(-y) = 0$$

Thus, we can solve the **KKT conditions**:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_1(x + y - 1) = 0 \\ \lambda_2(-x) = 0 \\ \lambda_3(-y) = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot (x + y - 1) = 0 \\ \lambda_2 \cdot x = 0 \\ \lambda_3 \cdot y = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } \lambda_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

Now, we proceed case by case:

1.  $\lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$\lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\} \implies \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_1(x + y - 1) = 0 \\ \lambda_2(-x) = 0 \\ \lambda_3(-y) = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow x = y = 0 \implies A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

2.  $\boxed{\lambda_1 > 0 \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{2, 3\}}$

$$\lambda_1 > 0 \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{2, 3\} \implies \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_1(x + y - 1) = 0 \\ \lambda_2(-x) = 0 \\ \lambda_3(-y) = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ x = 1 - y \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2 - 2y + \lambda_1 = 0 \longleftrightarrow 2y = 2 + \lambda_1 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ x = 1 - y \end{cases}$$

Then, solving we obtain:

$$B = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \wedge \lambda_1 = -1 \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

3.  $\boxed{\lambda_1 > 0 \wedge \lambda_2 > 0 \wedge \lambda_3 = 0}$

$$\lambda_1 > 0 \wedge \lambda_2 > 0 \wedge \lambda_3 = 0 \implies \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_1(x + y - 1) = 0 \\ \lambda_2(-x) = 0 \\ \lambda_3(-y) = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ x = 1 - y \\ x = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \longleftrightarrow \lambda_2 = -2 \\ \lambda_1 = -2 \\ y = 1 \\ x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then, solving we obtain the following candidate solution:

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_1 = -2 \wedge \lambda_2 = -2 \wedge \lambda_3 = 0$$

4.  $\boxed{\lambda_1 > 0 \wedge \lambda_2 > 0 \wedge \lambda_3 > 0}$

$$\lambda_1 > 0 \wedge \lambda_2 > 0 \wedge \lambda_3 > 0 \implies \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_1(x + y - 1) = 0 \\ \lambda_2(-x) = 0 \\ \lambda_3(-y) = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 \\ x = 1 - y \\ x = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2y + \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \mathbf{0 = 1 \text{ Contradiction}} \\ y = 0 \\ x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then, there is no solution for this case.

We conclude that, after considering all cases, the solution candidates are:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\} \implies \text{The Lagrangian multipliers are non-negative.}$$

$$B = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \wedge \lambda_1 = -1 \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\} \implies \text{The Lagrangian multipliers need to be non-negative.}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_1 = -2 \wedge \lambda_2 = -2 \wedge \lambda_3 = 0 \implies \text{The Lagrangian multipliers need to be non-negative.}$$

Therefore, the optimal solution is candidate A:

$$x^* = 0, y^* = 0$$

The minimum value of the objective function is:

$$f(x^*, y^*) = 0.$$

## 2 Exercise 2

Solve the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\textbf{Minimize: } f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \\ &\textbf{Subject to: } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = c, \quad x_i \geq 0, \quad \text{where } c > 0 \text{ and } \forall i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

### 2.1 Answers

Let's proceed step-by-step. First, we need to formulate the problem. We want to minimize the function:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

Subject to:

- $g_0(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - c \leq 0$
- $g_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = -x_1 \leq 0, \dots, g_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = -x_i \leq 0, \dots, g_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = -x_n \leq 0$

Then, we define the **Lagrangian function**  $L(x_1, \dots, x_n, \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ :

$$L(x_1, \dots, x_n, \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + \lambda_0 \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - c \right) + \lambda_1(-x_1) + \dots + \lambda_n(-x_n)$$

Here,  $\lambda_i \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$  are the **Lagrange multipliers** for the constraints. The **KKT conditions** are:

- **Stationarity:**

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = 2x_2 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0, \quad \dots, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_n} = 2x_n + \lambda_0 - \lambda_n = 0$$

- **Primal feasibility:**

$$g_0(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - c = 0, \quad g_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = -x_1 \leq 0, \quad \dots, \quad g_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = -x_n \leq 0$$

- **Dual feasibility:**

$$\lambda_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

- **Complementary slackness:**

$$\lambda_1(-x_1) = 0, \quad \dots, \quad \lambda_n(-x_n) = 0$$

Thus, we can solve the **KKT conditions**:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 - \lambda_n = 0 \\ \lambda_1(-x_1) = 0 \\ \dots \\ \lambda_n(-x_n) = 0 \end{array} \right. \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 - \lambda_n = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x_1 = 0 \\ \dots \\ \lambda_n \cdot x_n = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{where } \lambda_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ and } \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Now, we proceed case by case:

1.  $\boxed{\lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{0, \dots, n\}}$

$$\lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{0, \dots, n\} \implies \begin{cases} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 - \lambda_n = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x_1 = 0 \\ \dots \\ \lambda_n \cdot x_n = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$$

Then, the candidate solution is:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$$

2.  $\boxed{\lambda_0 \neq 0 \ \wedge \ \lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}}$

$$\lambda_0 \neq 0 \ \wedge \ \lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \implies \begin{cases} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = c \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = c \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_0 = \frac{-2c}{n} \\ x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \\ x_1 = \frac{c}{n} \end{cases}$$

Then, the candidate solution is:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{c}{n} \\ \dots \\ \frac{c}{n} \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_0 = \frac{-2c}{n} \ \wedge \ \lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

3.  $\boxed{\lambda_0 \neq 0 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 > 0 \ \wedge \ \lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{2, \dots, n\}} \star$

$$\star \implies \begin{cases} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 - \lambda_n = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x_1 = 0 \\ \dots \\ \lambda_n \cdot x_n = 0 \\ \lambda_0(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - c) = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ x_1 = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = c \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = -2x_2 = \frac{-2c}{n-1} \\ x_2 = \dots = x_n \\ x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = \frac{c}{n-1} \end{cases}$$

Then, solving we obtain the following candidate solution:

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{c}{n-1} \\ \dots \\ \frac{c}{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \frac{-2c}{n-1} \ \wedge \ \lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$$

4.  $\boxed{\lambda_0 \neq 0 \wedge \lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0 \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{3, \dots, n\}}$  ★★

$$\begin{aligned} \text{★★} \implies \begin{cases} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 - \lambda_n = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x_1 = 0 \\ \dots \\ \lambda_n \cdot x_n = 0 \\ \lambda_0(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - c) = 0 \end{cases} &\longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2x_3 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = c \end{cases} &\longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{-2c}{n-2} \\ x_3 = \dots = x_n \\ x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = \frac{c}{n-2} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, solving we obtain the following candidate solution:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{c}{n-2} \\ \dots \\ \frac{c}{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{-2c}{n-2} \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{3, \dots, n\}$$

5. In the upcoming cases, we can observe the pattern and therefore discard all the candidates as the **Lagrangian multipliers** are **negative**, even though if we find a feasible solution. Notice as well, that candidates *B* and *C* are also discarded due to previous reasons. Only candidate *A* remains a possible true candidate.

6.  $\boxed{\lambda_0 \neq 0 \wedge \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{n-1} > 0 \wedge \lambda_n = 0}$  ★★★

$$\begin{aligned} \text{★★★} \implies \begin{cases} 2x_1 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \dots \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 - \lambda_n = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x_1 = 0 \\ \dots \\ \lambda_n \cdot x_n = 0 \\ \lambda_0(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - c) = 0 \end{cases} &\longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \lambda_0 - \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \dots \\ \lambda_0 - \lambda_{n-1} = 0 \\ 2x_n + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = c \end{cases} &\longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_{n-1} \\ \lambda_0 = -2c \\ x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} = 0 \\ x_n = c \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, solving we obtain the following candidate solution:

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \\ c \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_{n-1} = -2c \wedge \lambda_n = 0$$

As we can observe, this solution doesn't satisfy the dual feasibility as well, therefore it's discarded too. **The exercise needs to be redone as I considered erroneously the condition  $\lambda_0(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - c) = 0$ .**

We conclude that, after considering all cases, the only possible solution candidates are:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \implies \text{The Lagrangian multipliers are non-negative.}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{c}{n} \\ \dots \\ \frac{c}{n} \end{pmatrix} \wedge \lambda_0 = \frac{-2c}{n} \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \implies \text{The Lagrangian multipliers are non-negative.}$$

The values of the objective function for both candidates are:

$$f(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n 0^2 = 0.$$

$$f(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{c}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{c^2}{n}.$$

Clearly, the solution is candidate  $A$ .

### 3 Exercise 3

Solve the following optimization problem for  $Q = 2I$ ,  $b = (-4, -6)^T$ ,  $A = (1, 1)$  and  $b = 4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimize: } & f(x, y) = x^T Q x + b^T x \\ \text{Subject to: } & Ax = b, \quad x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the decision variable,  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a symmetric positive definite matrix.
- $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a coefficient vector,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

#### 3.1 Answers

Let's proceed step-by-step. First, we need to formulate the problem. We want to minimize the function:

$$f(x, y) = x^T Q x + b^T x = 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 4x - 6y$$

Subject to:

- $g_0(x, y) = Ax - b = x + y - 4 = 0$
- $g_1(x, y) = -x \leq 0$

Then, we define the **Lagrangian function**  $L(x, y, \lambda_0, \lambda_1)$ :

$$L(x, y, \lambda_0, \lambda_1) = 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 4x - 6y + \lambda_0(x + y - 4) + \lambda_1(-x)$$

Here,  $\lambda_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2\}$  are the **Lagrange multipliers** for the constraints. The **KKT conditions** are:

- **Stationarity:**

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 4x - 4 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 4y - 6 + \lambda_0 = 0$$

- **Primal feasibility:**

$$g_0(x, y) = x + y - 4 = 0, \quad g_1(x, y) = -x \leq 0$$

- **Dual feasibility:**

$$\lambda_1 \geq 0, \quad \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

- **Complementary slackness:**

$$\lambda_1(-x) = 0$$

Thus, we can solve the **KKT conditions**:

$$\begin{cases} 4x - 4 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 4y - 6 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \lambda_1(-x) = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} 4x - 4 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 4y - 6 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } \lambda_1 \geq 0 \quad \text{and } \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Now, we proceed case by case:

1.  $\boxed{\lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{0, 1\}}$

$$\lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{0, 1\} \implies \begin{cases} 4x - 4 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 4y - 6 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$$

Then, the candidate solution is:

$$A = \left( \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{0, 1\}$$

2.  $\boxed{\lambda_0 \neq 0 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 = 0}$

$$\lambda_0 \neq 0 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 = 0 \implies \begin{cases} 4x - 4 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 4y - 6 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} 4x - 4 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ 4y - 6 + \lambda_0 = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_0 = -3 \\ x = \frac{7}{4} \\ y = \frac{9}{4} \end{cases}$$

Then, the candidate solution is:

$$B = \left( \frac{7}{\frac{9}{4}} \right) \wedge \lambda_0 = -3 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 = 0$$

3.  $\boxed{\lambda_0 \neq 0 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 > 0}$

$$\lambda_0 \neq 0 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 > 0 \implies \begin{cases} 4x - 4 + \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 = 0 \\ 4y - 6 + \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot x = 0 \end{cases} \longleftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 > 0 \\ \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 + 4 \\ y = \frac{2-\lambda_1}{4} \\ x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then, solving we obtain the following candidate solution:

$$C = \left( \frac{0}{\frac{2-\lambda_1}{4}} \right) \wedge \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 + 4 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 > 0$$

We conclude that, after considering all cases, the only possible solution candidates are:

$$A = \left( \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \wedge \lambda_i = 0 \ \forall i \in \{0, 1\} \implies \text{Multipliers associated to inequality constraints are non-negative.}$$

$$B = \left( \frac{7}{\frac{9}{4}} \right) \wedge \lambda_0 = -3 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 = 0 \implies \text{Multipliers associated to inequality constraints are non-negative.}$$

$$C = \left( \frac{0}{\frac{2-\lambda_1}{4}} \right) \wedge \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 + 4 \ \wedge \ \lambda_1 > 0 \implies \text{Multipliers associated to inequality constraints are non-negative.}$$

The values of the objective function for both candidates are:

$$f(A) = 2(1)^2 + 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 4(1) - 6\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 2 + \frac{9}{2} - 4 - 9 = -\frac{13}{2} = -6.5$$

$$f(B) = 2\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{7}{4}\right) - 6\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) = -\frac{17}{4} = -4.25$$

$$f(C) = 2(0)^2 + 2\left(\frac{2-\lambda_1}{4}\right)^2 - 4(0) - 6\left(\frac{2-\lambda_1}{4}\right) = -\frac{(2-\lambda_1)(\lambda_1+10)}{8}$$

Needs to be finished and discussed depending on  $\lambda_1$