

Correction of DE (July 2023)

Convex optimization

Exercise 1: see The chapter 1 and 2 of the lesson.

Exercise 2:

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

1) f is of class C^2 on \mathbb{R}^2
 $\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + y - 2 \\ 2y + x - 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\nabla^2 f = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = A$. constant and sym matrix.

To $\nabla^2 f$ definite positive on \mathbb{R}^2 ? (compute the associated eigenvalues)
 $|A - \lambda \text{Id}| = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2 - 1 = (2-\lambda-1)(2-\lambda+1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = 3 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 f$ is definite positive on \mathbb{R}^2 (as it's a constant matrix with strictly positive eigenvalues).

$\Rightarrow f$ is strictly convex on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Rem: one can also use Sylvester's criteria as:

$$m_1 = 2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad m_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 1 = 3 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is def positive

2) To determine a stationary point, solve $\nabla f = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + y - 2 = 0 \\ 2y + x - 2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = 2 - 2x \\ 2(2 - 2x) + x - 2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = \frac{2}{3} \\ x = \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ is the unique stationary pt of f in \mathbb{R}^2 .

• As f is strictly convex on \mathbb{R}^2 , this stationary pt

$(x^*, y^*) = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ is the unique global minimum of f on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Exercise 3:

$$\begin{cases} \min f(x, y, z) = (x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2 \\ x + y + z \leq -2 \end{cases}$$

f is Non linear, one constraint $g(x, y, z) = x + y + z + 2 \leq 0$

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} 2(x-4) \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \nabla^2 f = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}; \text{ diagonal (so sym)} \\ \text{and constant}$$

\Rightarrow The eigenvalues of A are $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 2 > 0$

\Rightarrow A is def positive constant matrix \Rightarrow f is strictly convex.

Moreover The constraint $g(x, y, z)$ is linear (so convex).

Slater Condition: There exists a pt \hat{x} such that $g(\hat{x}) < 0$.

With $\hat{x} = (\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$: many possibilities: exple:

$(-8, 0, 0)$ as $-8 + 0 + 0 < -2$

or $(-4, 0, 0)$ as $-4 + 0 + 0 < -2$

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Now, Using The Karush-Kuhn-Tucker Theorem (as The problem is convex and Slater Condition is satisfied): The optimal pt of our problem is The solution of The following system of Kuhn-Tucker:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x, y, z) + \lambda \cdot \nabla g(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda \cdot g(x, y, z) = 0 \\ g(x, y, z) \leq 0 \\ \lambda \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

So: Replace: $\begin{pmatrix} 2(x-4) \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda(x + y + z + 2) = 0 & \leftarrow \lambda \cdot g(x, y, z) = 0 \\ x + y + z + 2 \leq 0 & \leftarrow g(x, y, z) \leq 0 \\ \lambda \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Now, consider The system to analyze:

$$\begin{cases} 2(x-4) + \lambda = 0 & (1) \\ 2y + \lambda = 0 & (2) \\ 2z + \lambda = 0 & (3) \\ \lambda(x + y + z + 2) = 0 & (4) \\ x + y + z + 2 \leq 0 & (5) \\ \lambda \geq 0 & (6) \end{cases}$$

Case 1: $\lambda = 0$ (so ⑥ is satisfied)

① $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = 4$

② $\Rightarrow \bar{y} = 0$

③ $\Rightarrow \bar{z} = 0$

④ is satisfied.

But ⑤ is not satisfied as: $0 + 0 + 0 + 2 \leq 0$ Impossible. No

Case 2: $\lambda \neq 0$

① $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{-\lambda + 8}{2}$

② $\Rightarrow \bar{y} = -\frac{\lambda}{2}$

③ $\Rightarrow \bar{z} = -\frac{\lambda}{2}$

④ $\Rightarrow x + y + z + 2 = 0$: replace: $\left(-\frac{\lambda + 8}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2} + 2\right) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{-3\lambda}{2} + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 4 > 0$ (⑥ is satisfied).

$\bar{x} = \frac{-4 + 8}{2} = 2, \bar{y} = -\frac{4}{2} = -2, \bar{z} = -2$

Replace in ⑤: $2 - 2 - 2 + 2 = 0 \leq 0$ is true so

This candidate $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) = (2, -2, -2)$ is accepted.

Conclusion: $(2, -2, -2)$ is the optimal sol of this pb.
it's a global and unique minimum as this pS

is convex.

Exercise 4: $P_1(x_1, y_1), \dots, P_n(x_n, y_n)$ given in \mathbb{R}^2
a quadratic function is given by $y = ax^2 + bx + c, x \in \mathbb{R}$
So we have to determine a, b, c sol of:

$$\min_{(a,b,c) \in \mathbb{R}^3} f(a,b,c) = \underbrace{\left(y_1 - ax_1^2 - bx_1 - c\right)^2}_{\text{for } P_1(x_1, y_1)} + \dots + \underbrace{\left(y_n - ax_n^2 - bx_n - c\right)^2}_{\text{for } P_n(x_n, y_n)}$$

You are not asked to solve this pb only to write it.