

Assignment 8

Solve the following constrained nonlinear programming problem by using the Kuhn-Tucker condition and the interior point method:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & (x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

The original problem can be transformed as

$$\begin{aligned} \min & (x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -x_1 - x_2 \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

We can construct

$$Q(x, r) = (x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 - r \ln(x_1 + x_2)$$

Deriving the partial derivatives, we can get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_1} &= 2(x_1 - 1) - \frac{r}{x_1 + x_2} \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_2} &= 2(x_2 - 1) - \frac{r}{x_1 + x_2} \end{aligned}$$

Using the Kuhn-Tucker condition, we can get:

$$x_1 = x_2 = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+r}}{2}$$

Let $r \rightarrow 0$, $x_1 = x_2 = 0$ or 1 .

Because $x_1 = x_2 = 1$ is not a feasible solution for the problem, so the solution is: $x_1 = x_2 = 0$.