

ECE58000 FunWork1

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Solution to problem 1

Given a 4x5 matrix A as below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can perform row reduction using Gauss elimination to obtain its row echelon form & find out the number of non-zero rows i.e. number of linearly independent row vectors to find its rank.

$$\xrightarrow{R2 \rightarrow R2 - 2R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & -6 & -3 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R3 \rightarrow R3 + 3R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -8 & 12 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R4 \rightarrow R4 - R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -8 & 12 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R3 \rightarrow R3 + 7/5 * R2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 18/5 & 27/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R4 \rightarrow R4 + 4 * R3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 18/5 & 27/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/5 & 11/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The number of non zero rows are 4 so Rank(A) here is 4.

(Answer)

Solution to problem 2

Given,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & \gamma & -5 \\ 1 & 10 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \xrightarrow{R2 \rightarrow R2 - 2R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 - 2\gamma & \gamma + 2 & -9 \\ 1 & 10 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R3 \rightarrow R3 - R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 - 2\gamma & \gamma + 2 & -9 \\ 0 & 10 - \gamma & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{R3 \rightarrow R3 - ((10 - \gamma)/(-1 - 2\gamma))R2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 - 2\gamma & \gamma + 2 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\gamma^2 + 2\gamma - 15}{-2\gamma - 1} & \frac{7(-\gamma + 13)}{-2\gamma - 1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is the final row echelon form. Clearly for all $\gamma \in R$, the number of non zero row vectors should be 3 since the last row cant be 0. So for all real values of γ the Rank is 3.

(Answer)

Solution to problem 3

Theorem 2.1 is for system of equations $Ax = b$, has a solution iff $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}([A, b])$. So we need to evaluate rank of A and $\text{rank}([A, b])$. Here

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ Performing row reduction we obtain,

$$\xrightarrow{R2 \rightarrow R2 - R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R2 \rightarrow R2 = -\frac{1}{3}R2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R1 \rightarrow R1 - R2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly two independent row vectors so rank is 2. Adding another column will not change the rank, so the $\text{Rank}[A, b]$ or the augmented matrix has same rank as that of A. So based on Theorem 2.1, the system of linear equations has a solution.

Now for the next part of the problem. For the given $m \times n$ matrix A with $n > m$, we proved earlier that the system of equations has a solution from Theorem 2.1, so, the method of Theorem 2.2 is to assign arbitrary values for $n - m$ and solve for the remaining ones.

Let's from eqn (2) $x_1 = \alpha$ and $x_2 = \beta$, so we can get

$$x_4 = -(-2 - \alpha + 2\beta) = 2 + \alpha - 2\beta.$$

Substituting that in eqn (1)

$$x_3 = \frac{1 - \alpha - \beta - (2 + \alpha - 2\beta)}{2} = \frac{-1 - 2\alpha + \beta}{2}$$

note if we use particular values say set, $\alpha = \beta = 0$ so $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$, then we get $x_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $x_4 = 2$

(Answer)

Solution to problem4

Given,

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. To find the nullspace of a matrix, we need to solve the homogeneous system of linear equations given by $Ax=0$.

Setting up the augmented $\tilde{A} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$.

The RREF (Command in MATLAB `rref(A)`) for this augmented matrix gives,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find the null space, solve the matrix equation, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Convert the matrix equation back to an equivalent system:

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

$$x_4 = 0$$

This system has only the trivial solution and Thus, a basis for the null space

is: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(Answer)

Solution to problem 5a

Problem a) For the given function

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 e^{-x_2} + x_2 + 1$$

with $x_0 = [1, 0]^T$

General formula for the Taylor series neglecting higher order terms H.O.T:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2) &= f(x_0) + \frac{\partial f(x_0)}{\partial x_1}(x_1 - x_{0,1}) + \frac{\partial f(x_0)}{\partial x_2}(x_2 - x_{0,2}) + \\ &\frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f(x_0)}{\partial x_1^2}(x_1 - x_{0,1})^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x_0)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}(x_1 - x_{0,1})(x_2 - x_{0,2}) + \frac{\partial^2 f(x_0)}{\partial x_2^2}(x_2 - x_{0,2})^2 \right) + H.O.T \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $x_{0,1}$ and $x_{0,2}$ are the coordinates of the expansion point x_0 .
Let's calculate the derivatives:

$$f(1,0) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2) = e^{-x_2} \Big|_{[1,0]^T} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(x_1, x_2) = -x_1 e^{-x_2} + 1 \Big|_{[1,0]^T} = -1 + 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2}(x_1, x_2) \Big|_{[1,0]^T} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}(x_1, x_2) \Big|_{[1,0]^T} = -e^{-0} = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2}(x_1, x_2) \Big|_{[1,0]^T} = 1$$

Now, substituting these into the Taylor series formula:

$$f(x_1, x_2) \approx 1 + x_1 + (1 - x_1)x_2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_1)^2 + h.o.t$$

Matlab code to verify expansion

```
syms x y
f = x*exp(-y) + y + 1;
T = taylor(f,[x,y], 'Order', 3, 'ExpansionPoint', [1,0])
```

Result of matlab run

```
T =
y^2/2 + (1 - x)*y + x + 1
```

Hence proved & Answer

Solution to problem 5b

Problem b) For the given function

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^4 + 2x_1^2x_2^2 + x_2^4$$

where $x_0 = [1, 1]^T$

General formula for multivariate Taylor series expansion upto second order only:

$$f(x_1, x_2) \approx f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0) \cdot \mathbf{h} + \frac{1}{2!} \mathbf{h}^T H_f(x_0) \mathbf{h}$$

Here, $f(x_0)$ is the value of the function at the point x_0 , $\nabla f(x_0)$ is the gradient of the function at x_0 , $H_f(x_0)$ is the Hessian matrix of the function at x_0 , \mathbf{h} is the vector $[x_1 - 1, x_2 - 1]^T$.

Value of the $f(x_1, x_2)$ at x_0 :

$$f(1, 1) = 1^4 + 2 \cdot 1^2 \cdot 1^2 + 1^4 = 4$$

Gradient of the function at x_0

$$\nabla f(x_0) = [4x_1^3 + 4x_1x_2^2, 4x_2^3 + 4x_1^2x_2] \Big|_{[1,1]^T}$$

$$= [8, 8], \text{ (at } x_0 = [1, 1]^T \text{)}$$

Hessian matrix at x_0 :

$$H_f(x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 12x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 & 8x_1x_2 \\ 8x_1x_2 & 12x_2^2 + 4x_1^2 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{[1,1]^T}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 8 \\ 8 & 16 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ (at } x_0 = [1, 1]^T \text{)}$$

Now, we substitute these into the Taylor series expansion formula:

$$f(x_1, x_2) \approx 4 + [8, 8] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 1 \\ x_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 1 & x_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 8 \\ 8 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 1 \\ x_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

or simplify more as

$$f(x_1, x_2) \approx -12 + 8x_1 + 8x_2 + 8(x_1 - 1)^2 + 8(x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1) + 8(x_2 - 1)^2$$

(Answer)

Matlab code to verify expansion

```
syms x y
f = x^4 + 2*x^2*y^2 + y^4;
T = taylor(f, [x,y], 'Order', 3, 'ExpansionPoint', [1,1])
```

Result of matlab run

T =

$$8*x + 8*y + 8*(x - 1)*(y - 1) + 8*(x - 1)^2 + 8*(y - 1)^2 - 12$$

Hence proved & Answer

Solution to problem 5c

Problem c) Given function $f(x_1, x_2) = e^{x_1-x_2} + e^{x_1+x_2} + x_1 + x_2 + 1$ around the point $x_0 = [1, 0]^T$, we'll use the general formula for a Taylor series expansion up to

$$f(x_1, x_2) \approx f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0) \cdot \mathbf{h} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{h}^T H_f(x_0) \mathbf{h}$$

as previous problem $f(x_0)$ at the point x_0 , $\nabla f(x_0)$ gradient at x_0 , $H_f(x_0)$

Hessian matrix at x_0 , \mathbf{h} vector $[x_1 - 1, x_2 - 0]^T$.

Value of the Function at x_0 :

$$f(1, 0) = e^{(1+0)} + e^{(1-0)} + 1 + 0 + 1 = 2e + 2$$

Gradient at x_0 :

$$\nabla f(x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_0 = [1, 0]^T$:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = e^{(1-0)} + e^{(1+0)} + 1 = 2e + 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = -e^{(1-0)} + e^{(1+0)} + 1 = 1$$

$$\nabla f(x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e + 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hessian matrix at x_0

$$H_f(x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

values at $x_0 = [1, 0]^T$:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} = e^{1-0} + e^{1+0} = 2e$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} = -e^{1-0} + e^{1+0} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} = -e^{1-0} + e^{1+0} = 0$$

$$\text{So, } H_f(x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e & 0 \\ 0 & 2e \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now, we substitute these values into the Taylor series expansion formula:

$$f(x_1, x_2) \approx (2e+2) + \begin{bmatrix} 2e+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1-1 \\ x_2-0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1-1 & x_2-0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2e & 0 \\ 0 & 2e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1-1 \\ x_2-0 \end{bmatrix}$$

or simplifying

$$f(x_1, x_2) \approx (2e + 2) + (2e + 1)(x_1 - 1) + x_2 + e(x_1 - 1)^2 + ex_2^2$$

Answer

Matlab code to verify expansion

```
syms x1 x2
f = exp(x1-x2)+exp(x1+x2)+x1+x2+1;
T = taylor(f,[x1,x2],'Order',3,'ExpansionPoint',[1,0])
\textbf{Result of matlab run}
}T =
x2 + 2*exp(1) + (2*exp(1) + 1)*(x1 - 1) + x2^2*exp(1) + exp(1)*(x1 - 1)^2 + 2
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Answer

Solution to problem 6

Provided

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 + x_1x_2 - x_1^2x_2^2$$

to be approximated at $x_0 = [1, 1]^T$

Linear approximation $l(x_1, x_2)$ of $f(x_1, x_2)$ at a point $x_0 = [a, b]^T$ can be derived from below

$$l(x_1, x_2) = f(a, b) + f'_{x_1}(a, b) \cdot (x_1 - a) + f'_{x_2}(a, b) \cdot (x_2 - b)$$

where f'_{x_1} and f'_{x_2} partial derivatives of f w.r.t x_1 and x_2 , at $x_0 = [a, b]^T$.

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{x_1} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = (3x_1^2 + x_2 - 2x_1x_2^2) \Big|_{[1,1]^T} \\ &= 3(1)^2 + 1 - 2(1)(1)^2 = 2 \\ f'_{x_2} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = x_1 - 2x_1^2x_2 \Big|_{[1,1]^T} \\ &= 1 - 2(1)^2(1) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

The linear approximation $l(x_1, x_2)$ at $x_0 = [1, 1]^T$ is:

$$l(x_1, x_2) = f(1, 1) + f'_{x_1}(1, 1) \cdot (x_1 - 1) + f'_{x_2}(1, 1) \cdot (x_2 - 1)$$

Substitute $f(1, 1) = 1$ & other values we get,

$$l(x_1, x_2) = 1 + 2 \cdot (x_1 - 1) - 1 \cdot (x_2 - 1)$$

or,

$$l(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 - x_2$$

So, the linear approximation is $l(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 - x_2$ at the point $x_0 = [1, 1]^T$.

(Answer)

Quadratic approximation $q(x_1, x_2)$ at the point $x_0 = [1, 1]^T$ can be expressed as below:

$$q(x_1, x_2) = f(x_0) + f'_{x_1}(x_0) \cdot (x_1 - 1) + f'_{x_2}(x_0) \cdot (x_2 - 1) + \frac{1}{2} [f''_{x_1 x_1}(x_0) \cdot (x_1 - 1)^2 + 2f''_{x_1 x_2}(x_0) \cdot (x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1) + f''_{x_2 x_2}(x_0) \cdot (x_2 - 1)^2] \quad (2)$$

First order terms we have already evaluated above. Second-order partial derivatives at $x_0 = [1, 1]^T$:

$$f''_{x_1 x_1}(1, 1) = 6x_1 - 2(x_2)^2 \Big|_{[1, 1]^T} = 4$$

$$f''_{x_1 x_2}(1, 1) = 1 - 4(x_1)(x_2) \Big|_{[1, 1]^T} = -3$$

$$f''_{x_2 x_2}(1, 1) = -2(x_1)^2 \Big|_{[1, 1]^T} = -2$$

So the quad approx is below, (some terms already obtained above)

$$q(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 - x_2 + \frac{1}{2} [4(x_1 - 1)^2 - 2 \cdot 3(x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1) - 2(x_2 - 1)^2]$$

Simplify and we get final solution as,

$$q(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - 3x_1 x_2 + 2x_1^2 - x_2^2 + 4x_2 - 2$$

(Answer)

Solution to problem 7.1

Part1 Calculating gradient

$$f(x) = x^\top \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} x - x^\top \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \pi$$

Let $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is matrix A and $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is vector b

Breaking it down, first term Derivative of the quadratic term: Now,

$$A^\top + A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^\top A x) = (A + A^\top)x = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 7x_2 \\ 7x_1 + 6x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, second term, Derivative of the linear term:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(x^\top \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Final solution } \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 7x_2 \\ 7x_1 + 6x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 7x_2 + 2 \\ 7x_1 + 6x_2 - 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Answer})$$

Solution to problem 7.2. Find Hessian

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^\top \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x + x^\top \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + \log 3$$

Let $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is matrix A and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ is vector b.

Taking Hessian of first term $\frac{1}{2} x^\top A x$ we get,

$$\frac{1}{2} (A + A^T)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 10 \\ 10 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\text{Hessian of second term } H \left(x^\top \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Final solution is } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Answer}$$

Solution to problem 8.1

Given $f(x_1, x_2) = e^{x_1 x_2^2}$ at the point $x = [1, 1]^\top$, partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = x_2^2 \cdot e^{x_1 x_2^2} \Big|_{x=[1,1]^\top} = 1^2 \cdot e^{1 \cdot 1^2} = e$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = 2x_1 x_2 \cdot e^{x_1 x_2^2} \Big|_{x=[1,1]^\top} = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot e^{1 \cdot 1^2} = 2e$$

Therefore, the gradient of f at $x = [1, 1]^\top$ is given by the column vector:

$$\nabla f \Big|_{x=[1,1]^\top} = \begin{bmatrix} e \\ 2e \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Answer}$$

Solution to problem 8.2

To find rate of increase we need directional derivative of a function $f(x_1, x_2)$ at a point $x = [1, 1]^\top$ in the direction $d = [-3, 4]^\top$, which is given by the dot product of the gradient of f at that point and the direction vector

$$\nabla f \cdot d = \langle e, 2e \rangle \cdot \langle -3/5, 4/5 \rangle$$

here ($\|d\| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (4)^2} = 5$).

$$\nabla f \cdot d = \langle -3e/5 + 8e/5 \rangle = e$$

(Answer)

Solution to problem 8.3

The direction of maximum rate of increase of $f(x_1, x_2)$ at $x = [1, 1]^\top$ should be along unit vectors is the gradient of $f(x_1, x_2)$ at $x = [1, 1]^\top$

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) \Big|_{x=[1,1]^\top} = \begin{bmatrix} e \\ 2e \end{bmatrix},$$

the unit vector along the direction of max increase is $\langle 1/\sqrt{5}, 2/\sqrt{5} \rangle$ & the rate of increase is calculated as

$$\nabla f \cdot d = \langle e, 2e \rangle \cdot \langle 1/\sqrt{5}, 2/\sqrt{5} \rangle = \sqrt{5}e$$

(Answer)

Solution to problem 9

Given,

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2x_1x_3 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - 5x_3^2 - 2\xi x_1x_2 - 4x_2x_3$$

to find range of ξ for negative semi definite

Converting the quadratic equation as below where x is column vector,

$$f = x^\top \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -\xi & 1 \\ -\xi & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} x$$

As per lecture notes, a symmetrized quadratic form is negative-semidefinite if and only if its negative is positive-semidefinite, a symmetric matrix is positive

semidefinite if and only if all its principal minors, not just the leading principal minors, are non-negative so we need to determine them.

$$-f = x^\top \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \xi & -1 \\ \xi & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} x = x^\top A x$$

by inspection we see first order principle minors (i.e. diagonal elements of A) are all positive. Also three second-order principal minors starting with below,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \xi \\ \xi & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 - \xi^2$$

, is non-negative if and only if $\xi \in [-1, 1]$. Other minors,

$$\det A \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \det A \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

are positive. Next, third order minor of A

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \xi \det \begin{bmatrix} \xi & 2 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \det \begin{bmatrix} \xi & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 1 - \xi(5\xi + 2) - (2\xi + 1) \\ &= 1 - 5\xi^2 - 2\xi - 2\xi - 1 \\ &= -5\xi^2 - 4\xi \end{aligned}$$

This principal minor is non-negative if and only if

$$-\xi(5\xi + 4) \geq 0$$

i.e.

$$\xi \in \left[-\frac{4}{5}, 0\right]$$

Combining the above, we conclude that the function is negative-semidefinite if and only if,

$$\xi \in \left[-\frac{4}{5}, 0\right]$$

(Answer)

Solution to problem 10.1

Objective is to find points that satisfy the first-order necessary condition (FONC) for the extremum; Given function,

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{3}x_1^3 + \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 - x_2 + 5$$

FONC condition, $\nabla F(x_1, x_2) = 0$ i.e. $\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \right| = 0$

Partial derivatives,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = x_1^2 + x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = 2x_1 + x_2 - 1$$

Next, we set partial derivative equal to zero and solve the resulting system of equations:

$$x_1^2 + x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 - 1 = 0$$

or

$$x_2 = 1 - 2x_1$$

Substitute x_2 into the first equation

$$x_1^2 + x_1 + 2(1 - 2x_1) = 0$$

or,

$$x_1^2 - 3x_1 + 2 = 0$$

$$(x_1 - 1)(x_1 - 2) = 0$$

$x_1 = 1$ or $x_1 = 2$ For $x_1 = 1$:

$$x_2 = 1 - 2(1) = -1$$

& For $x_1 = 2$:

$$x_2 = 1 - 2(2) = -3$$

solutions: $x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1, x_1 = 2, x_2 = -3$ So, the critical points are (1, -1) and (2, -3) i.e. points that satisfy FONC for an extremum. **Answer**

Solution to problem 10.2

which point is a strict local minimizer? Justify your answer.

To determine whether a critical point is a strict local minimizer, we need to apply the Second-Order Necessary Condition (SONC). The SONC involves evaluating the Hessian of the function at the critical points and examining their signs.

The Hessian matrix H is given by:

$$H(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

For the given function $f(x_1, x_2)$:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} = 2x_1 + 1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} = 1$$

The Hessian matrix at a critical point $(1, -1)$ and $(2, -3)$ is:

$$H_{(1,-1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$H_{(2,-3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

[To check if x^* is strict local minimizer, we need to check, the Hessian at x^* if its, positive definite.]

For the point $(1, -1)$, Hessian $H_{(1,-1)}$ is indefinite since $|3| > 0$ and the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 < 0$ so $(1, -1)$ is not strict local minimizer.

For the point $(2, -3)$, Hessian $H_{(2,-3)} \succ 0$ since $|5| > 0$ and the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 > 0$ so $(2, -3)$ is the strict local minimizer.

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