

Optimization

Problem 4.6

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KKT Conditions

KKT conditions are necessary conditions for a solution to be optimal. Consider the following minimization problem.

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} && f(x) \\ & \text{subject to} && g_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \\ & && h_j(x) = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, l. \end{aligned}$$

where x is the optimization variable, f is the objective function, g_i ($i = 1, \dots, m$) are the inequality constraint functions, and h_j ($j = 1, \dots, l$) are the equality constraint functions. The number of inequality and equality constraints are denoted by m and l respectively.

If x^* is a point at which objective function and constraints are differentiable, then the necessary conditions are as follows..

Necessary conditions

1. Stationarity

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \nabla g_i(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \lambda_j \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0$$

2. Primal Feasibility

$$g_i(x^*) \leq 0, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$h_j(x^*) = 0, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, \ell$$

3. Dual Feasibility

$$\mu_i \geq 0, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m$$

4. Complementary slackness

$$\mu_i g_i(x^*) = 0, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Solve the following problem by converting problem 4.4 into 2 variable convex optimization problem using KKT conditions

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} && -x_{11} - 2x_{12} - 5x_{22} \\ & \text{subject to} && 2x_{11} + 3x_{12} + x_{22} = 7, \\ & && x_{11} + x_{12} \geq 1, \\ & && x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{22} \geq 0 \\ & && X \succeq 0 \\ & && X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{12} & x_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} && 9x_1 + 13x_2 - 35 \\ & \text{subject to} && -x_1 - x_2 + 1 \leq 0 \\ & && 2x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 3x_1x_2 - 7x_1 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

KKT conditions for this problem are:

1. Stationarity condition :

$$\nabla(9x_1 + 13x_2 - 35) + \lambda_1 \nabla(-x_1 - x_2 + 1) + \lambda_2 \nabla(2x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 3x_1x_2 - 7x_1) = 0$$

2. Primal Feasibility :

$$-x_1 - x_2 + 1 \leq 0$$

$$2x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 3x_1x_2 - 7x_1 \leq 0$$

3. Dual Feasibility :

$$\lambda_1 \geq 0$$

$$\lambda_2 \geq 0$$

4. Complementary Slackness :

$$\lambda_1(-x_1 - x_2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_2(2x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 7x_1 + 3x_1x_2) = 0$$

From stationary condition we will get the following equations.

$$9 - \lambda_1 + 4\lambda_2x_1 + 3\lambda_2x_2 - 7\lambda_2 = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$13 - \lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2x_2 + 3\lambda_2x_1 = 0 \dots (2)$$

The another 2 equations from complementary slackness

$$\lambda_1(-x_1 - x_2 + 1) = 0 \dots (3)$$

$$\lambda_2(2x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 7x_1 + 3x_1x_2) = 0 \dots (4)$$

case 1: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$

case 2 : $\lambda_1 = 0$ and $\lambda_2 \neq 0$

case 3 : $\lambda_1 \neq 0$ and $\lambda_2 = 0$

case 4 : $\lambda_1 \neq 0$ and $\lambda_2 \neq 0$

solving case 4 :

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

$$2x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 7x_1 + 3x_1x_2 = 0$$

$$9 - \lambda_1 + 4\lambda_2x_1 + 3\lambda_2x_2 - 7\lambda_2 = 0$$

$$13 - \lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2x_2 + 3\lambda_2x_1 = 0$$

Solving these conditions do not give correct solution. We cannot apply KKT conditions to this problem