

**Problem 1 (25pts).** Consider the following function:

$$f(x, y, z) = 3x^2 - 2x - 2xy + 3y^2 - 2y - 2zy + 3z^2 - 2z - 2xz$$

- (a). Considering the 1st-order necessary condition, try to find the candidate minimizers of  $f(x, y, z)$ .  
 (b). Considering the 2nd-order sufficient condition, whether these candidates are indeed local minimizers?  
 (c). Is  $(0,0,0)$  a local minimizer? Why?

(a) By 1<sup>st</sup>-order necessary condition,  $\nabla f(x, y, z) = 0$

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (6x - 2 - 2y - 2z, -2x + 6y - 2 - 2z, -2 + 6z - 2x - 2y) = 0$$

$$\text{we get } \begin{cases} 6x - 2y - 2z = 2 \\ -2x + 6y - 2z = 2 \\ -2x - 2y + 6z = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = 1 \\ z = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(1, 1, 1) = -3$$

The candidate minimizer is  $(x=1, y=1, z=1)$

(b)

$$\nabla^2 f(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 6 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

By 2<sup>nd</sup>-order sufficient condition,  $\nabla^2 f(x, y, z)$  should be positive definite.

Therefore all its eigenvalues are positive.

Denote  $\nabla^2 f(x, y, z)$  as  $A$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 6-\lambda & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 6-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (6-\lambda) \cdot [(6-\lambda)^2 - 4] - (-2)[-2(6-\lambda) - 4] + (-2)[4 + 2(6-\lambda)] \\ &= (6-\lambda)^3 - 4(6-\lambda) - 4(6-\lambda) - 8 - 8 - 4(6-\lambda) \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 18\lambda^2 - 108\lambda + 216 - 12(6-\lambda) - 16 \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 18\lambda^2 - 96\lambda + 128 \\ &= (\lambda-2)(-\lambda^2 + 16\lambda - 64) \\ &= (\lambda-2)(\lambda-8)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 8.$$

Since  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 > 0$ , SOSC is satisfied.

The candidate  $(x=1, y=1, z=1)$  is indeed local minimizer.

(c) No.  $\nabla f(0,0,0) = (-2,-2,-2) \neq 0$ , doesn't satisfy FONC.

**Problem 2 (25pts).** Given a symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , consider the following problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} & x^T A x \\ \text{subject to} & 2 - x^T x = 0 \end{array}$$

- (a). Give the KKT conditions of this problem.
- (b). If  $A$  is positive definite without repeated eigenvalues, how many different KKT points are there at most?
- (c). If  $A$  is positive definite without repeated eigenvalues, what is the minimum value of this problem, and how many ~~local~~ minimizers? (Hint: According to Rayleigh quotient,  $\min\{x^T A x / (x^T x)\} = \lambda_{\min}$ , where  $\lambda_{\min}$  is the minimum eigenvalue of  $A$ )  
global

(a)  $f(x) = x^T A x$

$$g(x) = 2 - x^T x = 0$$

$$L(x, \nu) = x^T A x + \nu(2 - x^T x) \quad \text{with } \lambda \geq 0$$

$$\nabla f(x) = 2Ax$$

$$\nabla g(x) = -2x$$

KKT conditions:

① Main Conditions:

$$2Ax - 2\nu x = 0$$

② Primal Feasibility:

$$2 - x^T x = 0$$

③ Dual Feasibility:

$\nu$  free

④ Complementarity Conditions:

$$x_i \cdot \nabla_{x_i} L(x, \nu) = x_i (2Ax_i - 2\nu x_i)$$

$$= 2(A - \nu I) x_i^T x_i$$

$$= 0, \forall i$$

(b) According to KKT conditions:

$$\begin{cases} 2Ax - 2\nu x = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1} \\ 2 - x^T x = 0 \end{cases}$$

So the objective function  $f(x) = x^T A x = x^T \nu x = \nu x^T x = 2\nu$

Since  $A$  is positive definite without repeated eigenvalues, suppose  $A$  has  $n$  eigenvalues.

By ①, there are  $n$  different  $\nu$ .

Note that  $x^T x$  can achieve same value by  $x^T x$  and  $(-x)^T (-x)$

So there are 2n different KKT points.

(c) By Rayleigh quotient,

$$\min \left\{ \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x} \right\} = \lambda_{\min}$$

By Primal Feasibility,  $x^T x = 2$

$$\text{Hence } \min \{ x^T A x \} = 2\lambda_{\min}$$

$$\text{Then we have } (x^*)^T A x^* = (-x^*)^T A (-x^*) = 2\lambda_{\min}$$

So there are 2 global minimizers.

**Problem 3 (25pts).** Construct the KKT conditions for the following linear program:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & 3x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 5 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 8 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

We first convert it into standard form:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & -3x_1 - x_2 - 4x_3 \\ \text{Subject to} & x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 5 \\ & x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 8 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = -3x_1 - x_2 - 4x_3 \quad \nabla f(x) = (-3, -1, -4)$$

$$l_1(x) = x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 - 5 \quad \nabla l_1(x) = (1, 3, 1)$$

$$l_2(x) = x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 - 8 \quad \nabla l_2(x) = (1, 2, 2)$$

$$L(x, \eta) = -3x_1 - x_2 - 4x_3 + \eta_1(x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 - 5) + \eta_2(x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 - 8)$$

① Main Conditions:

$$-3 + \eta_1 + \eta_2 \geq 0$$

$$-1 + 3\eta_1 + 2\eta_2 \geq 0$$

$$-4 + \eta_1 + 2\eta_2 \geq 0$$

② Primal Feasibility:

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 \leq 5$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 8$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$$

③ Dual Feasibility:

$$\eta_1 \geq 0, \eta_2 \geq 0$$

④ Complementarity Conditions:

$$\eta_1(x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 - 5) = 0$$

$$\eta_2(x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 - 8) = 0$$

$$x_1(-3 + \eta_1 + \eta_2) = 0$$

$$x_2(-1+3\eta_1+2\eta_2)=0$$

$$x_3(-4+\eta_1+2\eta_2)=0$$

**Problem 4 (25pts).** Construct the KKT conditions for the following nonlinear program:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & x_1 \ln(x_1) + (x_2 - 2)^2 + x_3 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + x_2 \leq 3 \\ & x_3 - x_2^2 \geq 3 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = x_1 \cdot \ln(x_1) + (x_2 - 2)^2 + x_3$$

$$\nabla f(x) = (\ln(x_1) + 1, 2x_2 - 4, 1)$$

$$g(x) = -x_2^2 + x_3 - 3 \quad \nabla g(x) = (0, -2x_2, 1)$$

$$\ell(x) = x_1 + x_2 - 3 \quad \nabla \ell(x) = (1, 1, 0)$$

$$L(x, \lambda, \eta) = x_1 \cdot \ln(x_1) + (x_2 - 2)^2 + x_3 + \lambda(-x_2^2 + x_3 - 3) + \eta(x_1 + x_2 - 3)$$

① Main Conditions:

$$\ln(x_1) + 1 + \eta \geq 0$$

$$2(1-\lambda)x_2 - 4 + \eta \geq 0$$

$$1 + \lambda \geq 0$$

② Primal Feasibility:

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$$

$$x_3 - x_2^2 \geq 3$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$$

③ Dual Feasibility:

$$\lambda \leq 0, \eta \geq 0$$

④ Complementarity Conditions:

$$\lambda(-x_2^2 + x_3 - 3) = 0$$

$$\eta(x_1 + x_2 - 3) = 0$$

$$x_1(\ln(x_1) + 1 + \eta) = 0$$

$$x_2(2(1-\lambda)x_2 - 4 + \eta) = 0$$

$$x_3(1 + \lambda) = 0$$