

MA 321 (Optimization)  
End-semester Examination

Time: 2 pm - 5 pm

20th November, 2022

Maxm marks: 40

**Notations:**

For  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$ ,  $D_{x^*}$  is the set of all feasible directions at  $x^*$ .

$I_{x^*} = \{i \in \{1, \dots, m\} : g_i(x^*) = 0\}$ ,  $G_0(x^*) = \{d \in \mathbb{R}^n : \nabla g_i(x^*)d \leq 0 \text{ for all } i \in I_{x^*}\}$ .

$F_0(x^*) = \{d \in \mathbb{R}^n : \nabla f(x^*)d < 0\}$ , where  $f$  is the objective function.

Convention:  $G_0(x^*) = \mathbb{R}^n$  for interior points of  $\text{Fea}(P)$ ,

$\nabla f(x^*)$ ,  $\nabla g_i(x^*)$ 's are row vectors,  $d$  is a column vector.

No credit will be given for answers given without any justification

1. Consider the following problem (P):

Minimize  $-x_2^2 + x_1 - \frac{4}{3}x_2^3 + x_1x_2^2$

subject to

$x_2^2 - x_1 \leq 0.$

$-x_1 \leq 0.$

$-x_2 \leq 0.$

$-\left(\eta_1^2 - \eta_1\right) + \eta_2^2 \left(-\frac{4}{3} + \eta_1\right)$   
 $\eta_1 < \frac{4\eta_2}{3}, \quad \eta_1 \geq \eta_2^2$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}^T d < 0$   
 $d_2 > 0$

(a) Give  $D_{x^*}$ , where  $x^* = [1, 1]^T$ .  $d_1 > 2d_2$

(b) If possible find an  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  (not an interior point) at which  $G_0(x^*) = D_{x^*}$  and an  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  at which  $G_0(x^*) \neq D_{x^*}$ .  $[1, 1]^T, [1, 0]^T$

(c) Check whether  $x^* = [1, 0]^T$  satisfies the first order necessary conditions for a local minimum. If not, then give a feasible direction  $d$  at  $x^*$  (if possible), such that  $f(x^* + td) < f(x^*)$  for  $t > 0$ , sufficiently small.  $[-1, 0]^T$

(d) If possible give an  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  such that  $\nabla f(x^*)d > 0$  for all feasible directions  $d$  at  $x^*$ , but  $x^*$  is not a local minimum.  $[6, 0]^T$

(e) Does there exist an  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  which satisfies the second order necessary conditions for a local minimum but is not a local minimum?  $[0, 0]^T$

(f) If possible find an  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  such that,  $F_0(x^*) \cap G_0(x^*) = \emptyset$ , but  $F_0(x^*) \cap D_{x^*} \neq \emptyset$ .

(g) If possible find an  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  such that,  $F_0(x^*) \cap G_0(x^*) = \emptyset$ , but  $x^*$  is not a local minimum.  $[0, 0]^T$

(h) Is  $x^* = [1, 1]^T$  a KKT point? Yes

At  $(1, 1)$ ,  $G_0 = D_{x^*} = \{d \in \mathbb{R}^2 : d_1 \geq 2d_2\}$

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

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$[1, 0] : \begin{cases} d_1 \geq 0 \\ d_2 \geq 0 \end{cases}$   
 $\nabla f = [1, 0]$

2. Consider the following problem (P):

Minimize  $ax_2^2 + bx_1^2x_2 + cx_1^3$  ( $a, b, c$  real)

subject to

$g_i(x) \leq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ .

where  $g_i(x)$  are such that  $\text{Fea}(P)$  is a polyhedral set with five corner points given by,  $(1, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2), (1, 2), (2, 4)$ .

$d_1 \neq 0$

$d_2$

$2d_1 - 4d_2 < 0$   
 $d_1 < 2d_2$

- (a) If possible choose  $a, b, c$  (not all zeros) such that every KKT point is a local minimizer. If this is possible, then for that choice of  $a, b, c$  give all the local minimizers.  $(1, 0, 1)$   $(0, 1)^T$
- (b) If  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  is such that  $F_0(x^*) \cap G_0(x^*) = \emptyset$  and  $G_0(x^*) \neq \emptyset$ , then is it true that  $x^*$  is a KKT point?
- (c) If possible choose  $a, b, c$  such that  $\text{Fea}(P)$  has no FJ point. Not possible
- (d) If possible choose  $a, b, c$  such that  $\text{Fea}(P)$  has a local minimizer which is not a KKT point.
- (e) If possible choose  $a, b, c$  and an  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  which is an FJ point but does not satisfy the second order necessary conditions for a local minimum.

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3. Consider the following problem (P):

$$\text{Minimize } x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + x_1x_2$$

subject to

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

(a) Check whether there exists an  $x^* \in \text{Fea}(P)$  which is an FJ point (here FJ conditions are with respect to equality constraints).  $\left[\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]^T$

(b) Find all optimal solutions of (P) (if there exists one).  $\downarrow 7/2$  [5]

4. Consider the following transportation problem (P) with  $c_{ij}$ 's,  $a_i$ 's (40, 20, 30, 20) and  $d_j$ 's (60, 10, 40) as given below:

$d_i \backslash c_{ij}$	(2)	6	10	40
5	4	3	20	
4	(2)	9	30	
1	5	9	20	
	60	10	40	

(a) Check whether the initial BFS  $x_0$  with basic cells  $B = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 2), (3, 3), (4, 3)\}$ , is optimal for (P) (by taking  $u_2 = 0$ , where  $u_2$  is the dual variable corresponding to the second supply constraint). If it is not optimal, then by choosing the entering and the leaving variable, get a better (with respect to the value of objective function) BFS of (P) in the next iteration (You do NOT have to find an optimal solution).  $\theta = 10$

(b) Is it true that given any collection of three cells in the above array there will be a BFS of the above problem containing those three cells as basic cells? False

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$$(2-x_1)^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 - x_1^2$$

$$4 + x_2^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 2x_1^2 - x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2$$

$$= 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 4$$

$$x_2 = 1/2$$

$$\frac{x_2 - 2}{x_1 - 3} = \frac{4 - 2}{2 - 1} = -2$$

$$x_2/2 = 2x_1 - 4$$

$$x_2 = 2x_1 - 4$$

$$1 \leq 6$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 \leq 0$$