

**MATH562: Continuous Optimisation**  
**Homework 1**

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1. a) Let  $f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 3)^2 + (x_2 - 3)^2$ . The domain of  $f$  is the set  $D = \mathbb{R}^2$ . The range of  $f$  is the set  $S = \{f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R} : f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in D\}$ . Considering the Gradient ( $\nabla$ ) and Hessian ( $H$ ) of  $f(\mathbf{x})$ ,

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x_1 - 3) \\ 2(x_2 - 3) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Hf(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Both the Gradient and Hessian of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  have domain  $D = \mathbb{R}^2$ . The Gradient has range  $S = M_{2,1}(\mathbb{R})$ , the set of all  $2 \times 1$  matrices over the real numbers. The Hessian has range

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- b) Let  $f(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1^2 + 9x_2^3 - 36$ . The domain of  $f$  is the set  $D = \mathbb{R}^2$ . The range of  $f$  is the set  $S = \mathbb{R}$ . Considering the Gradient ( $\nabla$ ) and Hessian ( $H$ ) of  $f(\mathbf{x})$ ,

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 8x_1 \\ 27x_2^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Hf(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 54x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Both the Gradient and Hessian of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  have domain  $D = \mathbb{R}^2$ . The Gradient has range

$$S = \left\{ A \in M_{2,1}(\mathbb{R}) : A = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}, a \in \mathbb{R}, b \geq 0 \right\}.$$

The Hessian has range

$$S = \left\{ A \in M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R}) : A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix}, a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

- c) Let  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2 + 6$ . The domain of  $f$  is the set  $D = \mathbb{R}^2$ . The range of  $f$  is the set  $S = \mathbb{R}$ . Considering the Gradient ( $\nabla$ ) and Hessian ( $H$ ) of  $f(\mathbf{x})$ ,

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Hf(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Both the Gradient and Hessian of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  have domain  $D = \mathbb{R}^2$ . The Gradient has range

$$S = \left\{ A \in M_{2,1}(\mathbb{R}) : A = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

The Hessian has range

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- d) Let  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1x_2 + x_1^3 - 3$ . The domain of  $f$  is the set  $D = \mathbb{R}^2$ . The range of  $f$  is the set  $S = \mathbb{R}$ . Considering the Gradient ( $\nabla$ ) and Hessian ( $H$ ) of  $f(\mathbf{x})$ ,

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + 3x_1^2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Hf(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Both the Gradient and Hessian of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  have domain  $D = \mathbb{R}^2$ . The Gradient has range

$$S = \left\{ A \in M_{2,1}(\mathbb{R}) : A = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}, a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

The Hessian has range

$$S = \left\{ A \in M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R}) : A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

2. Consider  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , where

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + x_2^3 - x_3^4 \\ x_1x_2x_3 \\ 2x_1x_2 - 3x_2x_3 + x_1x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The Jacobian ( $J$ ) of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is

$$Jf(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & 3x_2^2 & -4x_3^3 \\ x_2x_3 & x_1x_3 & x_1x_2 \\ 2x_1 + x_3 & 2x_1 - 3x_3 & -3x_2 + x_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Consider  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^3x_2^4 + \frac{x_2}{x_1}$ . The Gradient ( $\nabla$ ) and Hessian ( $H$ ) of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  are

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2x_2^4 - \frac{x_2}{x_1^2} \\ 4x_2^3x_1^3 + \frac{1}{x_1} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Hf(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1x_2^4 - \frac{2x_2}{x_1^3} & 12x_1^2x_2^3 - \frac{1}{x_1^2} \\ 12x_1^2x_2^3 - \frac{1}{x_1^2} & 12x_2^2x_1^3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Both the Gradient and Hessian of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  have domain  $D = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2), x_1 \neq 0\}$ . The Gradient has range

$$S = \left\{ A \in M_{2,1}(\mathbb{R}) : A = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}, a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

The Hessian has range

$$S = \left\{ A \in M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R}) : A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

4. a) Let  $\mathbf{x} = (H, L, W)$ . The box then has a surface area of  $A(\mathbf{x}) = 2HL + 2LW + 2HW$ , and a volume of  $V(\mathbf{x}) = HLW$ . Thus, we can rewrite the formulas given as

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathbf{x}) &= KHLW(T - T_a), \\ h_c(\mathbf{x}) &= k_c(2HL + 2LW + 2HW)(T - T_a), \\ h_r(\mathbf{x}) &= k_r(2HL + 2LW + 2HW)(T - T_a^4). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, total heat loss,  $T(\mathbf{x})$ , is found by multiplying rate of heat loss per unit of time, by the amount of time elapsed. Thus, we have the following equation for total heat loss, over  $S$  units of time,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{x}) &= S(h_c + h_r) \\ \therefore T(\mathbf{x}) &= S(2HL + 2LW + 2HW) [k_c(T - T_a) + k_r(T - T_a^4)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, to formulate the minimisation problem, we must minimise  $T(\mathbf{x})$ , subject to the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathbf{x}) &\geq Q', \\ 0 &\leq H \leq H', \\ 0 &\leq L \leq L', \\ 0 &\leq W \leq W'. \end{aligned}$$

- b) Again, let  $\mathbf{x} = (H, L, W)$ . Considering an insulation thickness of  $t$ , on the outside of the box, the box now has the dimensions  $\mathbf{x} + 2t = (H + 2t, L + 2t, W + 2t)$ . Calculating the volume of the insulation,  $V_i(\mathbf{x})$ , requires us to calculate the new volume of the box, with the insulation on the outside, and then subtract the original volume of the box, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} V_i(\mathbf{x}) &= V(\mathbf{x} + 2t) - V(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= (H + 2t)(L + 2t)(W + 2t) - HLW \\ \therefore V_i(\mathbf{x}) &= 2t(HL + LW + HW) + 4t^2(H + L + W) + 8t^3. \end{aligned}$$

As cost is proportional to the volume of the insulation, we have  $C_i(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha V_i(\mathbf{x})$ , for some constant  $\alpha$ . Thus, for the cost of the insulation, we have

$$C_i(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha [2t(HL + LW + HW) + 4t^2(H + L + W) + 8t^3].$$

As we may consider the insulation to have negligible effect when computing the surface area and volume for heat loss and heat storage, we may use the equation for  $Q(\mathbf{X})$  in part a), for the conditions. Thus, in formulating the minimisation problem, we must minimise  $C_i(\mathbf{x})$ , subject to the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathbf{x}) &\geq Q', \\ 0 &\leq H \leq H', \\ 0 &\leq L \leq L', \\ 0 &\leq W \leq W'. \end{aligned}$$