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$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 3x_1^2 \\ 3x_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad H(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 6x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_1 = (0, 0)$ is the only stationary point.

Hessian is both positive semi-definite and negative semidefinite at $(0, 0)$. We need to check further derivatives to make any conclusion of the point $(0, 0)$.

Read *Nonlinear Programming: Theory and Algorithms*,
M.S. Bazaraa, H.D. Sherali, C.M. Shetty, 3rd ed.,
4.1.7. Example 2.

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Lagrangian Function : $L(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x) + \sum_{j \in J} \lambda_j h_j(x) + \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i g_i(x)$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i \in I \\ & h_j(x) = 0 \quad j \in J \end{aligned}$$

KKT conditions:

i) Stationarity : $\nabla f(x) + \sum_{j \in J} \lambda_j \nabla h_j(x) + \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \nabla g_i(x) = 0$

ii) Complementary Slackness : $\mu_i g_i(x) = 0 \quad \forall i \in I$

iii) Dual Feasibility : $\mu_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in I$

iv) Primal Feasibility : $\begin{aligned} g_i(x) &\leq 0 \quad \forall i \in I \\ h_j(x) &= 0 \quad \forall j \in J \end{aligned}$

KKT conditions are necessary for global optimum. But they are not sufficient. If the NLP instance is a convex programming instance, KKT conditions are necessary and sufficient. An NLP is a convex programming instance if the feasible region is convex and the objective is minimization of a convex func. (or max. of concave func.).

②

$$L(x_1, x_2, \lambda, \mu_1, \mu_2) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + \lambda(x_1 + x_2 - 2) + \mu_1(2x_1 - x_2 - 2) + \mu_2(x_2 - x_1)$$

i) Stationary Conditions:

$$\frac{\partial L(\dots)}{\partial x_1} = 2x_1 + \lambda + 2\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L(\dots)}{\partial x_2} = 4x_2 + \lambda - \mu_1 + \mu_2 = 0$$

ii) CSC:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1(2x_1 - x_2 - 2) &= 0 \\ \mu_2(x_2 - x_1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

iii) Dual feas.

$$\mu_1 \geq 0$$

$$\mu_2 \geq 0$$

iv) Primal feas.

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 \leq 2$$

$$x_1 \geq x_2$$

We can solve the equations case by case via "disecting" CSC.

Case I: $\mu_1 = 0$, $\mu_2 = 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{from i) } \rightarrow 2x_1 + \lambda = 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad 4x_2 + \lambda = 0 \\ \text{iv) } \rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 2 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 - 4x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 4/3 \\ x_2 = 2/3 \end{array}$$

\Rightarrow ii & iii are satisfied by assumption

i is satisfied by solving the system.

Check what is left in iv)

$$2x_1 - x_2 \leq 2 \rightarrow 2 \leq 2 \quad (\checkmark)$$

$$x_1 \geq x_2 \rightarrow 4/3 \geq 2/3 \quad (\checkmark)$$

$\Rightarrow (4/3, 2/3)$ satisfies all conditions $\Rightarrow (4/3, 2/3)$ is a KKT point.

Case II: $\mu_1 = 0$, $x_2 - x_1 = 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{from i) } \rightarrow 2x_1 + \lambda - \mu_2 = 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad 4x_1 + \lambda + \mu_2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \lambda - \mu_2 = -2 \\ \lambda + \mu_2 = -4 \end{array}$$

$$\text{iv) } \rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 2 \rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = 1$$

$$\lambda = -3$$

$$\mu_2 = -1$$

\hookrightarrow violates dual feasibility

Case III: $2x_1 - x_2 - 2 = 0, \mu_2 = 0$

$$\text{iv) } \rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x_1 - x_2 = 2 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = 4/3 \\ x_2 = 2/3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i) } \rightarrow \begin{cases} 2/3 + \lambda + 2\mu_1 = 0 \\ 2/3 + \lambda - \mu_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_1 = 0$$

\Rightarrow Same point in Case I.

Case IV: $(2x_1 - x_2 - 2) = 0, (x_2 - x_1) = 0$

$$\begin{cases} -x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = 2 \\ x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{does not satisfy} \\ \text{primal feasibility} \\ (x_1 + x_2 = 2) \end{array} \right\}$$

Only KKT point is $(4/3, 2/3)$. This is a local minimum. If we can conclude this NLP is a convex programming instance, then we can conclude that this point is global minimum.

Question 1: Is feasible region a convex set?

$x_1 + x_2 = 2$ is a line

$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - x_2 \leq 2 \\ x_1 \geq 2 \end{cases}$ are half spaces

The feasible region is an intersection of three convex sets, thus it is a convex set. It is actually a polyhedron since it is an intersection of half spaces.

Question 2: The NLP is a minimization. Is the objective function a convex function?

$$f(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 4x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad H(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hessian is positive definite over the domain. Thus, f is strictly convex.

Q1 and Q2 answered "Yes" \Rightarrow This NLP instance is a convex programming instance.

Therefore KKT conditions are necessary and sufficient to conclude that a KKT point is a global minimum.

$x = (4/3, 2/3)$ is a global minimum.

③

Change obj. fnc. $\rightarrow \min -x_1 x_2$

$$L(x_1, x_2, \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3) = -x_1 x_2 + \mu_1 (x_1 + x_2^2 - 2) + \mu_2 (-x_1) + \mu_3 (-x_2)$$

i) $\frac{\partial L(\dots)}{\partial x_1} = -x_2 + \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$

Stationary Conditions: $\frac{\partial L(\dots)}{\partial x_2} = -x_1 + 2\mu_1 x_2 - \mu_3 = 0$

ii) $\mu_1 (x_1 + x_2^2 - 2) = 0$

iii) $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \geq 0$

CSC:

$$\mu_2 x_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_3 x_2 = 0$$

iv) $x_1 + x_2^2 \leq 2$

$$x_1 \geq 0$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

Case I: $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = 0$

$$\rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = 0 \quad (0,0) \text{ KKT point}$$

Case II: $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = x_2 = 0$

$$\rightarrow -x_1 - \mu_3 = 0$$

$$\text{both } x_1 \geq 0, \mu_3 \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow x_1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{same point}$$

Case III: $\mu_1 = x_1 = x_2 = 0$ same point

Case IV: $\mu_1 = x_1 = \mu_3 = 0$

$$i) \rightarrow -x_2 - \mu_2 = 0$$

$$x_2 \geq 0, \mu_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_2 = 0, \mu_2 = 0$$

Same point

Case V: $(x_1 + x_2^2 - 2) = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = 0$

$$-x_2 + \mu_1 = 0 \rightarrow \mu_1 = x_2$$

$$-x_1 + 2\mu_1 x_2 = 0 \rightarrow -x_1 + 2x_2^2 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2^2 = 2$$

$$x_1 = 4/3 \quad x_2 = \sqrt{2/3} \quad \mu_1 = \sqrt{2/3}$$

i) satisfied

ii) satisfied
(CSC)

iii) satisfied $\mu_1 = \sqrt{2/3} \geq 0$
 $\mu_2, \mu_3 \geq 0$

iv) satisfied

$\Rightarrow (4/3, \sqrt{2/3})$ KKT point

Case VI: $(x_1 + x_2^2 - 2) = x_1 = \mu_3 = 0$

$$x_2 = \sqrt{2} \quad (x_2 = -\sqrt{2} \text{ not primal feasible})$$

$$i) \rightarrow -\sqrt{2} + \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$$

$$0 + 2\sqrt{2} \mu_1 = 0 \quad \mu_1 = 0 \quad \mu_2 = -\sqrt{2}$$

\hookrightarrow not dual feasible

Case VII: $(x_1 + x_2^2 - 2) = x_1 = x_2 = 0 \rightarrow$ Case Inconsistent

Case VIII: $(x_1 + x_2^2 - 2) = \mu_2 = x_2 = 0$

$$x_1 = 2$$

$$i) \rightarrow \mu_1 = 0$$

$$-2 + 2\mu_1 x_2 - \mu_3 = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \mu_3 = -2 \text{ (not primal feasible)}$$

Two KKT points: $(0,0)$, $(4/3, \sqrt{2/3})$

Is this a convex programming instance?

$$f(x_1, x_2) = -x_1 x_2 \quad \text{convex?}$$

$$H(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{indefinite} \rightarrow f \text{ neither convex nor concave}$$

Then, No! A KKT point may or may not be a local minimum. (8)