

Problem 1:

(Contraposition): Suppose $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$, If $y^3 + yx^2 \leq x^3 + xy^2$, then $y \leq x$.
To prove by contraposition, assume $y > x$, and y and x can not be 0 at the same time. Then

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 &> 0 \\ y(y^2 + x^2) &> x(x^2 + y^2) \\ y^3 + yx^2 &> x^3 + xy^2\end{aligned}$$

So $y^3 + yx^2 \leq x^3 + xy^2$ is not true. Therefore the statement is true.

Source: <http://www.people.vcu.edu/~rhammack/BookOfProof/Contrapositive.pdf>

Problem 2:

(Contradiction): There is no rational number solution to the equation $x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1 = 0$

Suppose there is a rational solution to this equation $\frac{p}{q}$ where both p and q are integers and $\frac{p}{q}$ is in a reduced form. Then

$$p^5 + p^4q + p^3q^2 + p^2q^3 + q^5 = 0$$

Case 1: p and q are both odd, then the left hand side of the equation above is odd. But the right hand side zero is even which leaves us a contradiction.

Case 2: p is even and q is odd, then the left hand side is still odd which leaves us a contradiction.

Case 3: p is odd and q is even, then the left hand side is still odd which leaves us a contradiction.

Overall, it is impossible for the equation above to have a rational solution.

Source: <http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~larryc/proofs/proofs.contradict.html>

Problem 3:

(Induction) : For all positive integers, $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$
Base case: $n = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}LHS &= 1 \\ RHS &= \frac{1}{6} \times 1 \times 2 \times 3 \\ &= 1 \\ LHS &= RHS\end{aligned}$$

By induction hypothesis, if $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 = \frac{1}{6}k(k+1)(2k+1)$ is known, then for $n = k+1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}k(k+1)(2k+1) + (k+1)^2 \\
 &= [\frac{1}{6}k(2k+1) + (k+1)](k+1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}(k+1)(2k^2 + 7k + 6) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3) \\
 RHS &= \frac{1}{6}(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3) \\
 LHS &= RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the statement is true.

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Problem 4:

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{b} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) &= 2 \\
 \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}) &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Based on Theorem 2.1, $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})$, then the system has a solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2d_3 - d_4 \\ -4x_3 - 2x_4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2d_3 - d_4 \\ -4x_3 - 2x_4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 - 2d_3 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{b} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) &= 1 \\
 \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}) &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Based on Theorem 2.1, $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \neq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})$, then the system has no solutions.

Problem 5:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & a \\ 0 & c & b \\ b & a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ a \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{b} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} c & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & b & a \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2ab}{c} & \frac{c^2-a^2-b^2}{c} \end{array} \right]$$

The one unique solution for this linear system is:

$$\begin{aligned} a &\neq 0 \\ b &\neq 0 \\ c &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The solution is :

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} \\ x_2 &= \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} \\ x_3 &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2bc} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6:

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos y & \sin y \\ -\sin y & \cos y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y & \cos x \sin y + \sin x \cos y \\ -\sin x \cos y - \sin y \cos x & \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(x+y) & \sin(x+y) \\ -\sin(x+y) & \cos(x+y) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -\sin 2x & \cos 2x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix}^{57} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 57x & \sin 57x \\ -\sin 57x & \cos 57x \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 7:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= x_2 - 2x + 5 \\ f_2(x) &= 7x + 5 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1(\mathbf{A}) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -2 \\ -3 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \\
 f_2(\mathbf{A}) &= 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 14 \\ 21 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\
 5f_1(\mathbf{A}) - 3f_2(\mathbf{A}) &= \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -62 \\ 78 & 40 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 8:

$$1. f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 4x_1x_2 + \frac{2}{3}x_2^3 - 2x_2 + 7$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} &= 2x_1 + 4x_2 = 0 \\
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} &= 2x_2 + 4x_1 + 2x_2^2 - 2 = 0 \\
 x_1 &= -6.6 \\
 x_2 &= 3.3 \\
 \text{or} \\
 x_1 &= 0.6 \\
 x_2 &= -0.3
 \end{aligned}$$

So there are two extremum points $(-6.6, 3.3)$ and $(0.6, -0.3)$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} &= 2 > 0 \\
 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} &= 2 + 4x_2 > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we need $x_2 > -0.5$, and both points satisfies these conditions. Therefore both points are local minimizers.

Problem 9:

$$1. f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 7x_1^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_1x_3 + x_1x_4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2. f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_2^2 - 3x_1x_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$3. \ f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2x_1^2 - 5x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$