

Convex Optimization

Matlab Assignment-2

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Q1: Consider the following semidefinite program:

$$\min_{\mathbf{Q}} \quad \text{Trace}(\mathbf{Q})$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{Q} \succeq 0, \quad \mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_1 \geq \gamma_1, \quad \mathbf{x}_2^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_2 \geq \gamma_2, \quad \mathbf{x}_3^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_3 \geq \gamma_3,$$

where $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ are known vectors which can be generated randomly (e.g. using 'randn' function in Matlab); $\gamma_1 = 3, \gamma_2 = 2, \gamma_3 = 1$; $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$ is unknown. Find:

(a) the optimal point and optimal value of the above semidefinite program, and

(b) verify if the optimal point is a positive semidefinite matrix using eigen-decomposition.