

Q1

IEG11 HW #5

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$$\text{minimize } x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = -2$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \leq 1$$

a) Notice that the feasible region is compact. Then, by Weierstrass theorem, there exists a solution. The solution is either regular (KKT point) or irregular.

$$\nabla f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \\ 2x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \nabla h_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Set of active constraints can only be linearly dependent iff  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3$ , which is not in the feasible region. ( $0 + 0 + 0 = -2$ )

$\Rightarrow$  All feasible points are regular.

$\Rightarrow$  Optimal solution is among the KKT points.

$$b) L(x, \lambda, \mu) = x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 + \lambda(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 1) + \mu(x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 2)$$

$$\nabla_x L = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = 1 + 2\lambda x_1 + \mu = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = -4 + 2\lambda x_2 + 2\mu = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_3} = 1 + 2\lambda x_3 + 2\mu = 0$$

$$\lambda(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 1) = 0, \quad \lambda \geq 0, \quad x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = -2$$

$$\lambda = 0 \text{ is infeasible due to } \mu, \text{ so } \lambda \neq 0 \Rightarrow \|x\|_2^2 = 1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-\mu-1}{2\lambda}, \quad x_2 = \frac{-2\mu+4}{2\lambda}, \quad x_3 = \frac{-2\mu-1}{2\lambda}$$

$$(\mu+1)^2 + (4-2\mu)^2 + (2\mu+1)^2 = 4\lambda^2$$

$$\mu^2 + 2\mu + 1 + 4\mu^2 - 16\mu + 16 + 4\mu^2 + 4\mu + 1 = 4\lambda^2$$

$$3\mu^2 - 10\mu + 18 = 4\lambda^2$$

$$\frac{(-\mu-1)}{2\lambda} + \frac{(-4\mu+8)}{2\lambda} + \frac{(-2\mu-1)}{2\lambda} = -2$$

$$-9\mu + 5 = -4\lambda$$

$$\mu = \frac{4\lambda + 5}{9}$$

$$\lambda^2 \left( \frac{20}{9} \right) - \frac{137}{9} = 0$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{137}{20}} \approx 2.617$$

$$\mu = 1.71877799$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -0.5193, x_2 = 0.1075, x_3 = -0.2878$$

$$f(x) = -1.757$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is KKT optimal.}$$



Q2 minimize  $x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2$   
 s.t.  $x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 \leq 1$

a)  $f(\underline{x}) = x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2$   
 $= x_1(x_1 + 0 + 0) + x_2(0 - x_2 + 0) + x_3(0 + 0 - x_3)$   
 $= \underline{x}^T A \underline{x}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{indefinite}$

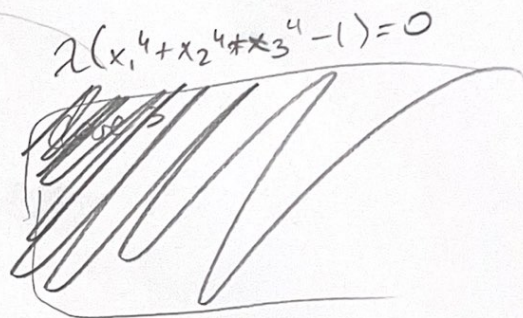
$\Rightarrow f$  is not convex.  
 $\Rightarrow$  not a convex programming problem.

b) Compact domain set  $\overset{WT}{\Rightarrow}$  solution  
 KKT conditions are not sufficient, but necessary.

$L(\underline{x}, \lambda) = x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2 + \lambda(x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 - 1)$   
 $\nabla_{\underline{x}} L = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = 2x_1 + 4\lambda x_1^3 = 0 \quad \lambda \geq 0$

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = -2x_2 + 4\lambda x_2^3 = 0$

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_3} = -2x_3 + 4\lambda x_3^3 = 0$



Case 1:  $\lambda = 0$   
 $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow$  KKT point

Case 2:  $\lambda \neq 0$ :  
 $\lambda \neq 0 \Rightarrow x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 = 1$   
 $2x_1(1 + 2\lambda x_1^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = 0} \Rightarrow x_2^4 + x_3^4 = 1$   
 $x_2 = \sqrt[4]{1 - x_3^4} \quad (R)$

$2x_2(-1 + 2\lambda x_2^2) = 0$

$x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = \pm 1 \Rightarrow 2x_3(-1 + 2\lambda x_3^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \pm 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a KKT pt.  
 $-1 + 2\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda > 0$

$\lambda = \frac{1}{2x_2^2} = \frac{1}{2x_3^2} \Rightarrow x_2 = \pm x_3$

$2x_2^4 = 1 \Rightarrow x_2 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2}}$   
 $x_3 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2}}$

KKT pts:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt[4]{2} \\ 1/\sqrt[4]{2} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt[4]{2} \\ -1/\sqrt[4]{2} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/\sqrt[4]{2} \\ 1/\sqrt[4]{2} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/\sqrt[4]{2} \\ -1/\sqrt[4]{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

c) 4 KKT points satisfy the problem where  $f(\underline{x}) = -\sqrt{2}$ .  
 $\underline{x} = [0, 0, \pm 1]$  is not optimal. ( $f(\underline{x}) = -1$ ).



Q3

$$\text{minimize } x_1^4 - x_2^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1$$

$$2x_2 + 1 \leq 0$$

Notice that the feasible region is compact. Then, by Weierstrass Theorem, there exists a solution. The solution is either regular (KKT point) or irregular.

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \nabla h = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Set of active constraints can only be linearly dependent if  $x_1 = x_2$  which is not in the feasible region ( $0+1 \leq 0$ )

$\Rightarrow$  All feasible points are regular.

$\Rightarrow$  Optimal solution is among the KKT points.

$$L(\underline{x}, \underline{\lambda}) = x_1^4 - x_2^2 + \lambda_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1) + \lambda_2(2x_2 + 1)$$

$$\nabla_x L = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = 4x_1^3 + 2\lambda_1 x_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = -2x_2 + 2\lambda_1 x_2 + 2\lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0$$

$$\lambda_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1) = 0, \quad \lambda_2(2x_2 + 1) = 0$$

Case 1:  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ :

$x_1 = x_2 = 0$ , not feasible.

Case 2:  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$ :

$$\Rightarrow 2x_2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad 4x_1^3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0$$

$$1 + 0 + 2\lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{2} < 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is NOT a KKT point.}$$

Case 3:  $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 = 0$ :

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$$

$$-2\lambda_1 x_2 = 2x_2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1$$

$$4x_1^3 + 2x_1 = 0, \quad 2x_1(2x_1^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1, \quad 2(1) + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is NOT a KKT point.}$$

$$x_2 = -1, \quad 2(-1) + 1 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a KKT point.}$$

Case 4:  $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$ :

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1, \quad 2x_2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad x_1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

for  $x_1 = +\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ ,

$$2x_1(\lambda_1 + 2x_1^2) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{3}(\lambda_1 + \frac{3}{2}) \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -\frac{3}{2}, \text{ infeasible}$$

for  $x_1 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ ,

$$2x_1(\lambda_1 + 2x_1^2) = 0$$

$$-\sqrt{3}(\lambda_1 + \frac{3}{2}) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{infeasible}$$

Hence, the sole KKT point is the optimal point.

$$\boxed{\underline{x}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f(\underline{x}^*) = -1}$$



Q4 minimize  $(x_1-3)^2 + (x_2-2)^2 = f(x)$   
s.t.  $x_1 + x_2 = 1$   
 $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

a) Domain is compact  $\overset{WT}{\Rightarrow}$  There exists a solution (5).  
Also, problem is convex, since  $f$  is a convex function  
and  $D := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 + x_2 = 1, x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0\}$  is a convex  
set.  $\Rightarrow$  KKT conditions are sufficient conditions.

$$L(x, \lambda, \mu) = (x_1-3)^2 + (x_2-2)^2 + \lambda_1(-x_1) + \lambda_2(-x_2) + \mu(x_1+x_2-1)$$

$$\nabla_x L = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = 2(x_1-3) - \lambda_1 + \mu = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = 2(x_2-2) - \lambda_2 + \mu = 0$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0, \lambda_1(-x_1) = 0, \lambda_2(-x_2) = 0, x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

Case 1:  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0$

$$2x_1 - 6 + \mu = 0$$

$$2x_2 - 4 + \mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 + 1 \\ x_1 = 1 - x_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \boxed{x_2 = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = 1}$$

$$\mu = 4$$

$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a KKT point.

Case 2:  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$ :

$$x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1, \mu = 4 \Rightarrow$$

Case 3:  $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 = 0$ :

$$x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1$$

$$-2 + \mu = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = 2, -6 - \lambda_1 + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -4$$

$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is NOT a KKT point.

Case 4:  $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$ :

$$x_1 = x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \neq 1, x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is NOT a KKT point.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, f(x^*) = 8}$$

b)



b) Lagrangian:  $L(x, z, \mu) = (x_1 - 3)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 + \mu(x_1 + x_2 - 1)$   
 Integrate non-negativity into domain.

Dual:  $g(z, \mu) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2_{++}} L(x, z, \mu)$

$$= \inf_{x_1 \geq 0} \left\{ x_1^2 + x_1(\mu - 6) + 9 \right\} + \inf_{x_2 \geq 0} \left\{ x_2^2 + x_2(\mu - 4) + 4 \right\} - \mu$$

parabola eq.

$$= -\frac{(\mu^2 - 12\mu + 36 - 36)}{4} - \frac{(\mu^2 - 8\mu + 16 - 16)}{4} - \mu$$

$$= -\frac{\mu^2}{2} + 4\mu$$

Dual problem: maximize  $-\frac{\mu^2}{2} + 4\mu \rightarrow \text{convex}$   
 From primal problem, we can say that strong duality exists due to Slater's condition.

c) maximize  $-\frac{\mu^2}{2} + 4\mu$

No constraint  $\xrightarrow{\text{derivate}} -\mu + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = +4 \Rightarrow \boxed{g(\mu) = 8}$

Also,  $\mu = 4$  satisfies infimum condition since optimal  $x$  values are non-negative for  $\mu = 4$   
 strong duality verified.

Q5 minimize  $x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = f(x)$   
s.t.  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 1$   
 $x_3 \leq 3$

a)  $f(x) = x_1(x_1 + x_2 + 0) + x_2(x_1 + 2x_2 + 0) + x_3(0 + 0 + 0) + x_1 - x_2 - x_3$   
 $= x^T A x + b^T x$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{psd}$

$\Rightarrow f$  is a convex function.

$D := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 1, x_3 \leq 3\}$  is a convex set.  
(D looks like a plane with a starting line in space).

$\Rightarrow$  Problem is convex.

b) KKT points are sufficient.

$L(x, \lambda) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + \lambda_1(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 1) + \lambda_2(x_3 - 3)$   
 $\nabla_x L = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} &= 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 1 + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} &= 4x_2 + 2x_1 - 1 + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_3} &= -1 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$   
 $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0, \lambda_1(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 1) = 0, \lambda_2(x_3 - 3) = 0$

Case 1:  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0$ :

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_3} = 0$  does not hold.

Case 2:  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$ :

$x_3 = 3, \lambda_2 = 1, \begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 2x_2 &= -1 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{3}{2} \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$

$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3 + 1 - \frac{3}{2} > 1$ ,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is NOT a KKT point

Case 3:  $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 = 0$ :

$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1, \lambda_1 = 1, \begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 2x_2 &= -2 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1, x_1 = -2 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = -1 \Rightarrow x_3 = 2 \leq 3$

$x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a KKT point.

$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^* = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, f(x^*) = -3}$



$$c) g(\underline{z}) = \inf_{\underline{x}} L(\underline{x}, \underline{z})$$

$$= \inf_{x_1, x_2} \left\{ x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_1 - x_2 + \lambda_1(x_1 + x_2) \right\} + \inf_{x_3} \left\{ -x_3 + \lambda_1x_3 + \lambda_2x_3 \right\} - \lambda_1 - 3\lambda_2$$

$$= \inf_{x_1, x_2} \left\{ [x_1 \ x_2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + [1 + \lambda_1, \lambda_1 - 1] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} + \inf_{x_3} \left\{ x_3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 1) \right\} - \lambda_1 - 3\lambda_2$$

gradient

$$2Ax + b = 0$$

$$\underline{x} = -\frac{1}{2} A^{-1} b$$

$$\underline{x} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_1 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 + 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{(\lambda_1 + 3)}{2}, x_2 = 1$$

0 if  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$   
 $-\infty$  o.w.

$$= \frac{(\lambda_1 + 3)^2}{4} + 2 - (\lambda_1 + 3) - \frac{(\lambda_1 + 3)}{2} - 1 + \lambda_1 - \frac{2\lambda_1(\lambda_1 + 3)}{4} - \lambda_1 - 3\lambda_2$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda_1 + 3)(3 - \lambda_1)}{4} + 1 + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{(\lambda_1 + 3)}{1} - 3\lambda_2$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{(\lambda_1 + 3)(-\lambda_1 - 3)}{4} - 3\lambda_2 + 1, & \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1 \\ -\infty, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Dual problem: minimize  $\frac{(\lambda_1 + 3)^2}{4} + 3\lambda_2 - 1$   
s.t.  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$