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Introduction to Operations Research
Assignment 10
Unconstrained Optimization

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➢ Task

- Minimize the function $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - ax_2 + bx_1^2 + cx_1x_2 + d*x_2^2$.
- Implement the task using the Python programming language.
- Use a constant value for lambda.
- Run the optimization for three different initial starting points.
- Generate a chart with lines to visualize the results.
- Plot a chart of optimality gap versus the number of iterations.
- Plot a chart of lambda versus the number of iterations
- You can use Wolfram Alpha to explore the function, such as varying the values of lambda.

➢ Answer

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Variant 1 → a = 2, b = 1, c = 2, d = 2

My Function → $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - \mathbf{2}*x_2 + \mathbf{1}*x_1^2 + \mathbf{2}*x_1*x_2 + \mathbf{2}*x_2^2$

- **Wolfram Alpha Results**

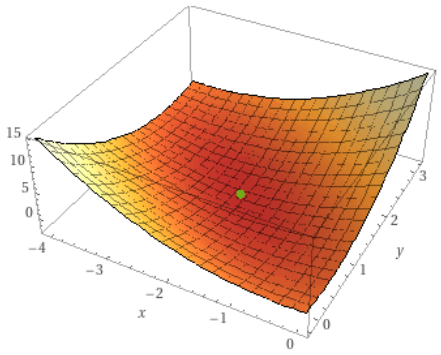
Input interpretation

minimize $x - 2y + 1x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2$

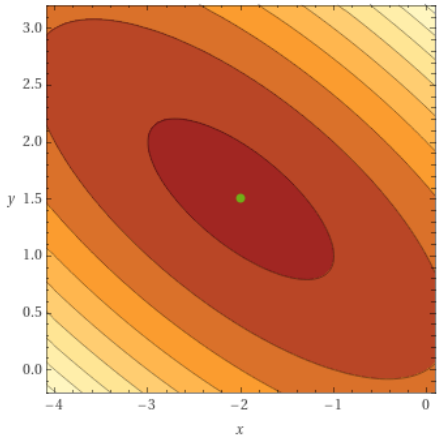
Global minimum — Approximate form

$\min\{x - 2y + 1x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2\} = -\frac{5}{2}$ at $(x, y) = \left(-2, \frac{3}{2}\right)$

3D plot



Contour plot



- **CODE (Python Programming Language)**

```python
def main():
    lambda_val = 0.1
    error = 0.01
    min_value_wolfram_alpha = -2.5
    starting_points = [(2.0, 3.0), (1.0, -2.0), (-5.0, 1.0)]

    for idx, (starting_point1, starting_point2) in enumerate(starting_points):
        i = 0
        optimality_gap = 0.0
        x1 = 0
        x2 = 0

        print(f"\nStarting Point {idx+1}")

        while abs(starting_point1 - x1) > error or abs(starting_point2 - x2) > error:
            starting_point1 = x1
            starting_point2 = x2

            partial_derivative_x1 = 2 * x1 + 2 * x2 + 1
            partial_derivative_x2 = 2 * x1 + 4 * x2 - 2

            x1 = x1 - lambda_val * partial_derivative_x1
            x2 = x2 - lambda_val * partial_derivative_x2

            optimality_gap = return_value(x1, x2) - min_value_wolfram_alpha
            i += 1

            print(f"ITERATION {i}: x1 = {x1:.5f}, x2 = {x2:.5f}, "
                  f"Total = {return_value(x1, x2):.5f}, Optimality Gap = {optimality_gap:.5f}")

def return_value(x1, x2):
    return x1 - 2 * x2 + 1 * x1 ** 2 + 2 * x1 * x2 + 2 * x2 ** 2

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

- **OUTPUTS (Lambda = 0.1)**
  - **STARTING POINT 1 (2.0, 3.0)**

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Starting Point 1
ITERATION 1: x1 = -0.10000, x2 = 0.20000, Total = -0.45000, Optimality Gap = 2.05000
ITERATION 2: x1 = -0.22000, x2 = 0.34000, Total = -0.77000, Optimality Gap = 1.73000
ITERATION 3: x1 = -0.34400, x2 = 0.44800, Total = -1.02848, Optimality Gap = 1.47152
ITERATION 4: x1 = -0.46480, x2 = 0.53760, Total = -1.24569, Optimality Gap = 1.25431
ITERATION 5: x1 = -0.57936, x2 = 0.61552, Total = -1.43023, Optimality Gap = 1.06977
ITERATION 6: x1 = -0.68659, x2 = 0.68518, Total = -1.58748, Optimality Gap = 0.91252
ITERATION 7: x1 = -0.78631, x2 = 0.74843, Total = -1.72159, Optimality Gap = 0.77841
ITERATION 8: x1 = -0.87873, x2 = 0.80632, Total = -1.83598, Optimality Gap = 0.66402
ITERATION 9: x1 = -0.96425, x2 = 0.85954, Total = -1.93356, Optimality Gap = 0.56644
ITERATION 10: x1 = -1.04331, x2 = 0.90857, Total = -2.01680, Optimality Gap = 0.48320
ITERATION 11: x1 = -1.11636, x2 = 0.95381, Total = -2.08780, Optimality Gap = 0.41220
ITERATION 12: x1 = -1.18385, x2 = 0.99556, Total = -2.14838, Optimality Gap = 0.35162
ITERATION 13: x1 = -1.24619, x2 = 1.03410, Total = -2.20005, Optimality Gap = 0.29995
ITERATION 14: x1 = -1.30377, x2 = 1.06970, Total = -2.24413, Optimality Gap = 0.25587
ITERATION 15: x1 = -1.35696, x2 = 1.10258, Total = -2.28173, Optimality Gap = 0.21827
ITERATION 16: x1 = -1.40608, x2 = 1.13294, Total = -2.31380, Optimality Gap = 0.18620
ITERATION 17: x1 = -1.45145, x2 = 1.16098, Total = -2.34116, Optimality Gap = 0.15884
ITERATION 18: x1 = -1.49336, x2 = 1.18688, Total = -2.36450, Optimality Gap = 0.13550
ITERATION 19: x1 = -1.53206, x2 = 1.21080, Total = -2.38442, Optimality Gap = 0.11558
ITERATION 20: x1 = -1.56781, x2 = 1.23289, Total = -2.40140, Optimality Gap = 0.09860
ITERATION 21: x1 = -1.60083, x2 = 1.25330, Total = -2.41589, Optimality Gap = 0.08411
ITERATION 22: x1 = -1.63132, x2 = 1.27214, Total = -2.42825, Optimality Gap = 0.07175
ITERATION 23: x1 = -1.65948, x2 = 1.28955, Total = -2.43879, Optimality Gap = 0.06121
ITERATION 24: x1 = -1.68550, x2 = 1.30563, Total = -2.44779, Optimality Gap = 0.05221
ITERATION 25: x1 = -1.70952, x2 = 1.32048, Total = -2.45546, Optimality Gap = 0.04454
ITERATION 26: x1 = -1.73171, x2 = 1.33419, Total = -2.46201, Optimality Gap = 0.03799
ITERATION 27: x1 = -1.75221, x2 = 1.34686, Total = -2.46759, Optimality Gap = 0.03241
ITERATION 28: x1 = -1.77114, x2 = 1.35856, Total = -2.47235, Optimality Gap = 0.02765
ITERATION 29: x1 = -1.78862, x2 = 1.36936, Total = -2.47641, Optimality Gap = 0.02359
ITERATION 30: x1 = -1.80477, x2 = 1.37934, Total = -2.47988, Optimality Gap = 0.02012
ITERATION 31: x1 = -1.81968, x2 = 1.38856, Total = -2.48284, Optimality Gap = 0.01716
ITERATION 32: x1 = -1.83346, x2 = 1.39707, Total = -2.48536, Optimality Gap = 0.01464
ITERATION 33: x1 = -1.84618, x2 = 1.40494, Total = -2.48751, Optimality Gap = 0.01249
ITERATION 34: x1 = -1.85793, x2 = 1.41220, Total = -2.48935, Optimality Gap = 0.01065
ITERATION 35: x1 = -1.86879, x2 = 1.41890, Total = -2.49091, Optimality Gap = 0.00909
ITERATION 36: x1 = -1.87881, x2 = 1.42510, Total = -2.49225, Optimality Gap = 0.00775
ITERATION 37: x1 = -1.88807, x2 = 1.43082, Total = -2.49339, Optimality Gap = 0.00661
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- **STARTING POINT 2 (1.0, -2.0)**

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Starting Point 2
ITERATION 1: x1 = -0.10000, x2 = 0.20000, Total = -0.45000, Optimality Gap = 2.05000
ITERATION 2: x1 = -0.22000, x2 = 0.34000, Total = -0.77000, Optimality Gap = 1.73000
ITERATION 3: x1 = -0.34400, x2 = 0.44800, Total = -1.02848, Optimality Gap = 1.47152
ITERATION 4: x1 = -0.46480, x2 = 0.53760, Total = -1.24569, Optimality Gap = 1.25431
ITERATION 5: x1 = -0.57936, x2 = 0.61552, Total = -1.43023, Optimality Gap = 1.06977
ITERATION 6: x1 = -0.68659, x2 = 0.68518, Total = -1.58748, Optimality Gap = 0.91252
ITERATION 7: x1 = -0.78631, x2 = 0.74843, Total = -1.72159, Optimality Gap = 0.77841
ITERATION 8: x1 = -0.87873, x2 = 0.80632, Total = -1.83598, Optimality Gap = 0.66402
ITERATION 9: x1 = -0.96425, x2 = 0.85954, Total = -1.93356, Optimality Gap = 0.56644
ITERATION 10: x1 = -1.04331, x2 = 0.90857, Total = -2.01680, Optimality Gap = 0.48320
ITERATION 11: x1 = -1.11636, x2 = 0.95381, Total = -2.08780, Optimality Gap = 0.41220
ITERATION 12: x1 = -1.18385, x2 = 0.99556, Total = -2.14838, Optimality Gap = 0.35162
ITERATION 13: x1 = -1.24619, x2 = 1.03410, Total = -2.20005, Optimality Gap = 0.29995
ITERATION 14: x1 = -1.30377, x2 = 1.06970, Total = -2.24413, Optimality Gap = 0.25587
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ITERATION 17: x1 = -1.45145, x2 = 1.16098, Total = -2.34116, Optimality Gap = 0.15884
ITERATION 18: x1 = -1.49336, x2 = 1.18688, Total = -2.36450, Optimality Gap = 0.13550
ITERATION 19: x1 = -1.53206, x2 = 1.21080, Total = -2.38442, Optimality Gap = 0.11558
ITERATION 20: x1 = -1.56781, x2 = 1.23289, Total = -2.40140, Optimality Gap = 0.09860
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ITERATION 25: x1 = -1.70952, x2 = 1.32048, Total = -2.45546, Optimality Gap = 0.04454
ITERATION 26: x1 = -1.73171, x2 = 1.33419, Total = -2.46201, Optimality Gap = 0.03799
ITERATION 27: x1 = -1.75221, x2 = 1.34686, Total = -2.46759, Optimality Gap = 0.03241
ITERATION 28: x1 = -1.77114, x2 = 1.35856, Total = -2.47235, Optimality Gap = 0.02765
ITERATION 29: x1 = -1.78862, x2 = 1.36936, Total = -2.47641, Optimality Gap = 0.02359
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ITERATION 31: x1 = -1.81968, x2 = 1.38856, Total = -2.48284, Optimality Gap = 0.01716
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ITERATION 34: x1 = -1.85793, x2 = 1.41220, Total = -2.48935, Optimality Gap = 0.01065
ITERATION 35: x1 = -1.86879, x2 = 1.41890, Total = -2.49091, Optimality Gap = 0.00909
ITERATION 36: x1 = -1.87881, x2 = 1.42510, Total = -2.49225, Optimality Gap = 0.00775
ITERATION 37: x1 = -1.88807, x2 = 1.43082, Total = -2.49339, Optimality Gap = 0.00661
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- **STARTING POINT 3 (-5.0, 1.0)**

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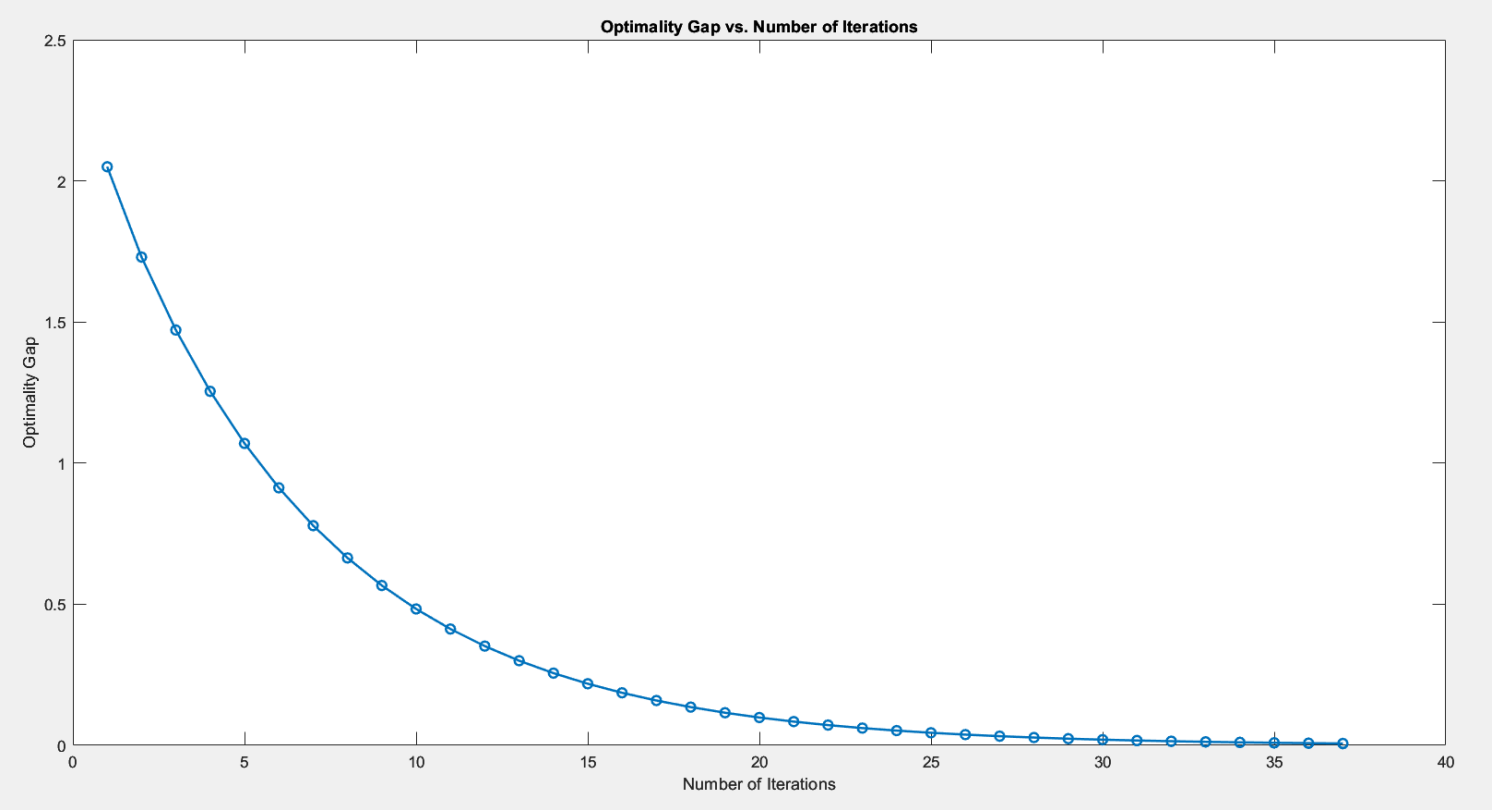
- **GRAPH 1 (Optimalty Gap vs. Number of Iterations)**
  - **CODE (MATLAB)**

```
function main()
    lambda_val = 0.1;
    error = 0.01;
    min_value_wolfram_alpha = -2.5;
    starting_point1 = 2.0;
    starting_point2 = 3.0;

    i = 0;
    optimality_gap = 0.0;
    x1 = 0.0;
    x2 = 0.0;
    iterations = [];
    gaps = [];

    while abs(starting_point1 - x1) > error || abs(starting_point2 - x2) > error
        starting_point1 = x1;
        starting_point2 = x2;

        partial_derivative_x1 = 2 * x1 + 2 * x2 + 1;
        partial_derivative_x2 = 2 * x1 + 4 * x2 - 2;

        x1 = x1 - lambda_val * partial_derivative_x1;
        x2 = x2 - lambda_val * partial_derivative_x2;

        optimality_gap = return_value(x1, x2) - min_value_wolfram_alpha;
        i = i + 1;

        iterations(i) = i;
        gaps(i) = optimality_gap;
    end

    plot(iterations, gaps, 'o-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
    xlabel('Number of Iterations');
    ylabel('Optimality Gap');
    title('Optimality Gap vs. Number of Iterations');
end

function value = return_value(x1, x2)
    value = x1 - 2 * x2 + 1 * x1^2 + 2 * x1 * x2 + 2 * x2^2;
end
```

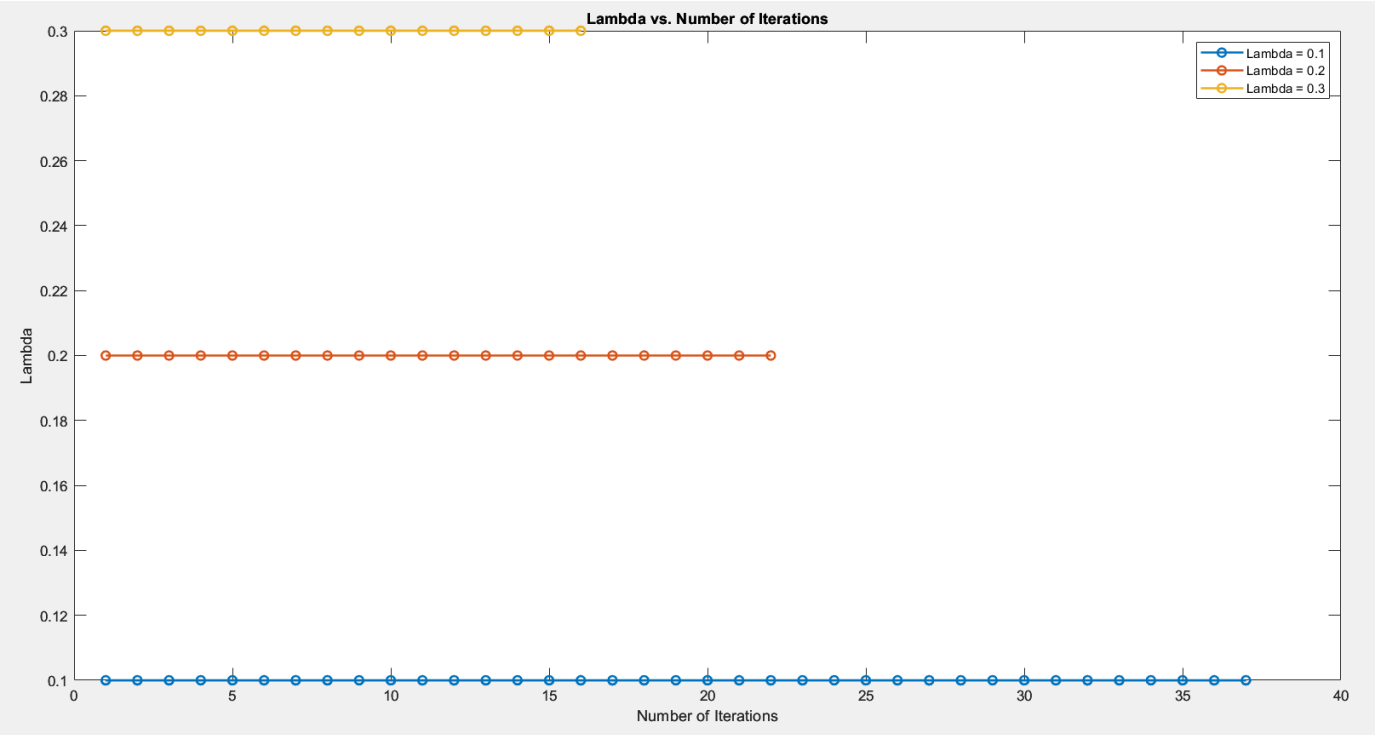
- **GRAPH (Lambda = 0.1)**



- **GRAPH 2 (Lambda vs. Number of Iterations)**
  - **CODE (MATLAB)**

```
function main()
    lambda_vals = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3];
    error = 0.01;
    min_value_wolfram_alpha = -2.5;
    starting_point1 = 2.0;
    starting_point2 = 3.0;

    for lambda_idx = 1:numel(lambda_vals)
        lambda_val = lambda_vals(lambda_idx);
        i = 0;
        optimality_gap = 0.0;
        x1 = 0.0;
        x2 = 0.0;
        iterations = [];
        lambdas = [];

        while abs(starting_point1 - x1) > error || abs(starting_point2 - x2) > error
            starting_point1 = x1;
            starting_point2 = x2;

            partial_derivative_x1 = 2 * x1 + 2 * x2 + 1;
            partial_derivative_x2 = 2 * x1 + 4 * x2 - 2;

            x1 = x1 - lambda_val * partial_derivative_x1;
            x2 = x2 - lambda_val * partial_derivative_x2;

            optimality_gap = return_value(x1, x2) - min_value_wolfram_alpha;
            i = i + 1;

            iterations(i) = i;
            lambdas(i) = lambda_val;
        end

        plot(iterations, lambdas, 'o-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
        hold on;
    end

    hold off;
    xlabel('Number of Iterations');
    ylabel('Lambda');
    legend('Lambda = 0.1', 'Lambda = 0.2', 'Lambda = 0.3');
    title('Lambda vs. Number of Iterations');
end

function value = return_value(x1, x2)
    value = x1 - 2 * x2 + 1 * x1^2 + 2 * x1 * x2 + 2 * x2^2;
end
```

  - **GRAPH**



- **CONCLUSION**

In this task, I aimed to minimize the given function using the Python programming language and analyze the results through visualizations created with MATLAB. The function $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - 2*x_2 + 1*x_1^2 + 2*x_1*x_2 + 2*x_2^2$ was minimized using the gradient descent method with different initial starting points. The optimization process was performed iteratively, updating the variables x_1 and x_2 based on partial derivatives and a specified learning rate (lambda).

The results showed that the function reached a minimum point, as evidenced by the convergence of the optimality gap to zero. The optimality gap represents the difference between the minimized function value and the known minimum value obtained from Wolfram Alpha. The number of iterations required for convergence varied depending on the initial starting point and the learning rate.

The generated visualizations, "Optimality Gap vs. Number of Iterations" and "Lambda vs. Number of Iterations," provided valuable insights. The former demonstrated the convergence of the optimization process over iterations, showing how the optimality gap decreased with increasing iterations. The latter showcased the effect of different learning rates on the optimization process, highlighting the trade-off between convergence speed and stability.

Overall, this task showcased the practical application of optimization techniques in minimizing functions and provided a deeper understanding of the relationship between learning rate, iterations, and the convergence of the optimization process.