## Advance Optimization Assignment

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## 1 Problem

Find the point on the curve  $x^2=8y$  which is nearest to the point (2, 4)?

## 2 Solution

The given problem can be expressed as

$$\min \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 \tag{1}$$

s.t. 
$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} + d = 0$$
 (2)

where

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = -\begin{pmatrix} 0\\8 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$d = 0 (5)$$

$$\min \left( \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P} \right)^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}) \tag{6}$$

s.t. 
$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} \le 0$$
 (7)

The following code yields the minimum distance as 2.069 and the nearest point on the curve as

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 4\\2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

codes/opt/qp\_cvx.py

## 3 Construction

