

Q2] Prove: Primal-Dual Optimality Theorem

According to necessary and sufficient conditions for the optimality of primal-dual pairs,

$$L(u^*, \mu, \lambda) \leq L(u^*, \mu^*, \lambda^*)$$

for some point on the Lagrangian funct'  $\mu=0$  &  $\lambda=0$ , we have

$$L(u^*, 0, 0) \leq L(u^*, \mu^*, \lambda^*)$$

Above eq<sup>n</sup> can be re-written as,

$$\begin{aligned} f(u^*) &\leq f(u^*) + \mu^{*T} g(u^*) + \lambda^{*T} b(u^*) \\ \Rightarrow \mu^{*T} g(u^*) &> 0 \quad \text{--- } ① \end{aligned}$$

But from i) Primal feasibility :  $g(u^*) \leq 0$   
ii) Dual feasibility :  $\mu^* > 0$

$$\hookrightarrow \mu^{*T} g(u^*) < 0 \quad \text{--- } ②$$

Eq<sup>n</sup> ① & ② are satisfied only when equality is attained, i.e.

$$\boxed{\mu^* g(u^*) = 0}$$

Hence, Complementary Slackness Condition is proved.

Q5)

$$G = \{ (u, t) \mid \exists u \in D, f_0(u) = t, f_1(u) = u \}$$

$$A = \{ (u, t) \mid \exists u \in D, f_0(u) \leq t, f_1(u) \leq u \}$$

a) Minimize  $u$  subject to  $u^2 \leq 1$

$G$  is a curve

$$G = \{ (u, t) \mid u \in D, u = f(t) \}$$

$A$  is set of points at north-east (above & to the right) of  $G$ .

$$u^* = -1, \lambda = 1, p^* = -1, d^* = -1$$

Problem is convex

Strong duality holds

Slater's condition holds

b) Minimize  $u$  subject to  $u^2 \leq 0$

$G$  is a curve

$$G = \{ (u, t) \mid u \in D, u = f(t) \}$$

$A$  is set of points above & to the right of  $G$ .

$$u^* = 0, p^* = 0, d^* = 0, \text{ Dual optimum is not achieved.}$$

Problem is convex.

Strong duality holds

Slater's condition does not hold

d) Minimize  $u$  subject to  $f_1(u) \leq 0$  where

$$f_1(u) = \begin{cases} -u+2 & u > 1 \\ u & -1 \leq u \leq 1 \\ -u-2 & u < -1 \end{cases}$$

$G$  is a curve,  $G = \{(u, t) \mid u \in D, u = f_1(t)\}$

$A$  is set of points above and to the right of  $G$ .

$$u^* = -2, p^* = -2, \lambda^* = 1, d^* = -2$$

Problem is not convex

~~Strong duality holds~~

Q6] Minimize  $-3u_1^2 + u_2^2 + 2u_3^2 + 2(u_1 + u_2 + u_3)$

subject to  $u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2 = 1$

a) KKT conditions:

$$u_1 + u_2 + u_3 = 1, (-3+u)u_1 + 1 = 0, (1+u)u_2 + 1 = 0, (2+u)u_3 + 1 = 0$$

b) KKT conditions imply that,  $u \neq 3, u \neq -1, u \neq -2$

Therefore, by eliminating  $u$ , KKT conditions can be reduced to nonlinear eq<sup>n</sup> in  $u$ :

$$\frac{1}{(-3+u)^2} + \frac{1}{(1+u)^2} + \frac{1}{(2+u)^2} = 1$$

Above eq<sup>n</sup> gives four sol:  $u = -3.15, u = 0.22, u = 1.89, u = 4.04$

Corresponding values of  $u$  are:

$$u = (0.16, 0.47, -0.87), u = (0.36, -0.82, 0.45)$$

$$u = (0.90, -0.35, 0.26), u = (-0.97, -0.20, 0.17)$$

c) Largest of the four values,  $u^* = 4.04$   
 Simplest way to see this is by comparing objective  
 values of four solutions  $u$ :

$$f_0(u) = 1.17, \quad f_0(u) = 0.67, \quad f_0(u) = -0.56, \quad f_0(u) = -4.70$$

$$\nabla^2 f_0(u^*) + u^* \nabla^2 f_1(u^*) > 0$$

because  $u^*$  is a minimizer of  $L(u, u^*)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + u^* \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

$$\therefore u^* > 3$$

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Q4)

$$\text{Minimize } e^{-u_2}$$

Subject to  $|u_1| \leq u_1, u_2 \geq 0$

a) Constraint set is  $|u_1| \leq u_1 \text{ & } u_2 \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} \leq u_1 \text{ & } u_2 \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow u_1^2 + u_2^2 \leq u_1^2 \text{ & } u_2 \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow u_2^2 \leq 0 \text{ & } u_2 \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow u_2 \leq 0 \text{ & } u_2 \geq 0$

Optimal value  $p^* = e^{-0} \Rightarrow \underline{p^* = 1}$

b) Relax constraint  $u_2 \geq 0$

i. Constraint set, now is  $-u_2 \leq 0$  only

Here,  $u_2^* = 0$   
 $\therefore \underline{p^* = 1} = \text{Optimum value}$

Now,  $q^* = \max \{q(\lambda)\}$   
 s.t.  $\lambda \geq 0$

And,  $q(\lambda) = \inf_{u \in X} L(u, \lambda)$

where  $L(u, \lambda) = f(u) + \lambda^T g(u)$

$$\therefore L(u, \lambda) = e^{-u_2} + \lambda u_2$$

$$q(\lambda) = \inf \{e^{-u_2} + \lambda u_2\}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (e^{-u_2} + \lambda u_2) = -e^{-u_2} + \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = e^{-u_2}$$

Substituting the value of  $\lambda$  in  $q(\lambda)$ , we get:

$$q(\lambda) = \lambda - \lambda \ln \lambda$$

$$\text{Now, } q^* = \max \{q(\lambda)\}$$

$$\frac{\partial q(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = 1 - \ln \lambda - \lambda \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} = -\ln \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

Substituting  $\lambda = 1$  in  $q(\lambda) \Rightarrow q(1) = 1 - 1 \cdot \ln 1 \Rightarrow \underline{q^* = 1}$

Here,  $p^* = q^* = 1$

∴ No duality gap exists

c) Relax constraint  $|u_1| \leq u_1$ , only

∴ Constraint set now is only  $u_2 \geq 0$

We know that primal problem is given by

$$\min f(u)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_i(u) \leq 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Here, } g_1(u) = -u_2$$

$$\text{i.e. } u_2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow g_1(u) \leq 0$$

Here, as  $u_2 \rightarrow \infty$

$$p^* = e^{-u_2} = \bar{e}^{-\infty} = \frac{1}{\bar{e}^{\infty}} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{p^* = 0}$$

$$L(u, \lambda) = f(u) + \lambda^T g(u)$$

$$= \bar{e}^{-u_2} - \lambda u_2$$

$$q(\lambda) = \inf (\bar{e}^{-u_2} - \lambda u_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (\bar{e}^{-u_2} - \lambda u_2) = -\bar{e}^{-u_2} - \lambda = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow (\lambda = -\bar{e}^{-u_2})$$
$$\Rightarrow \bar{e}^{-u_2} = -\lambda$$

We know that  $\lambda \geq 0$

But exponential function can not output negative value

∴ No  $\lambda$  attains  $q^*$

d) In c), optimum value  $p_1$  attained at  $u_2^* = 0$ , which is  $p^* = 1$ . And  $q^* = 1$ .  $\therefore$  Strong duality holds.

In c), optimum value  $p_1$  attained at  $u_2^* \rightarrow \infty$ , which is  $p^* = 0$ . And no  $u$  attains  $q^*$

$$\text{Q7} \quad \text{Minimize} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ u_i \log\left(\frac{u_i}{c_i}\right) - u_i \right]$$

$$\text{Subject to } u \geq 0 \quad Au = b \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\hookrightarrow u \in \mathbb{R}^k$

where  $c > 0$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$  matrix with  $i^{\text{th}}$  column denoted as  $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^k$

We know that,

$$q(\mu, \lambda) = \inf_{u \in X} L(u, \mu, \lambda)$$

$$\text{where } L(u, \mu, \lambda) = f(u) + \mu^T g(u) + \lambda^T h(u)$$

$$\text{Here } f(u) = \sum_i \left[ u_i \log\left(\frac{u_i}{c_i}\right) - u_i \right]$$

$$g(u) = -u$$

$$h(u) = Au - b$$

$$\therefore L(u, \mu, \lambda) = \sum_i \left[ u_i \log\left(\frac{u_i}{c_i}\right) - u_i \right] - \sum_i \mu_i u_i + \lambda^T (Au - b)$$

$$q(\mu, \lambda) = \inf_{u \geq 0} \left\{ \sum_i \left[ u_i \log\left(\frac{u_i}{c_i}\right) - u_i \right] - \sum_i \mu_i u_i + \lambda^T (Au - b) \right\}$$

$$= \inf_{u > 0} \left\{ \sum_i u_i \left[ \log u_i - \log c_i - 1 - \mu + \lambda^T A_i \right] \right\} - \lambda^T b$$

$$= \inf_{\substack{i \\ u_i > 0}} \left\{ u_i \left[ \log u_i - \log c_i - 1 - \mu + \lambda^T A_i \right] \right\} - \lambda^T b$$

$$\frac{\partial q(\mu, \lambda)}{\partial u} = \left( \log u_i - \log c_i - 1 - \mu + \lambda^T A_i \right) + \left( u_i - 1 \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log u_i - \log c_i - 1 - \mu + \lambda^T A_i + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \left( \frac{u_i}{c_i} \right) = \mu - \lambda^T A_i$$

$$\Rightarrow u^* = \underline{c_i e^{(\mu - \lambda^T A_i)}}$$

Substituting the value of  $u^*$  in  $q(\mu, \lambda)$ , we get:

$$q(\mu, \lambda) = \sum_i c_i (\exp(\mu - \lambda^T A_i)) \left[ \log c_i + \mu - \lambda^T A_i - \log c_i - 1 - \mu + \lambda^T b \right]$$

$$q(\mu, \lambda) = - \sum_i c_i e^{\mu - \lambda^T A_i} - \lambda^T b$$

Dual Problem :

$$q^* = \max_{\substack{\mu > 0 \\ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^k}} q(\mu, \lambda)$$

$$= \max \left\{ - \sum_i c_i e^{\mu - \lambda^T A_i} - \lambda^T b \right\}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{d\varphi}{d\lambda} = -\sum c_i e^{-\lambda x_i} = 0$$

which is not possible as exponential funct' does not give value  $\neq$  zero for real valued domain

$\therefore$  No  $\lambda$  attains  $q^*$   
Hence dual problem does not exist

Q3)

$$\text{Minimize } u^2 + 1$$

$$\text{s.t. } (u-2)(u-4) \leq 0 \text{ with } u \in \mathbb{R}$$

a) Feasible set is the interval  $[2, 4]$

$$\text{Optimal point } u^* = 2$$

$$\text{Optimal value } p^* = 5$$

$$b) L(u, \lambda) = u^2 + 1 + \lambda(u-2)(u-4)$$

$$= (1+\lambda)u^2 - 6\lambda u + 1 + 8\lambda$$

Plot of the graph is at the end of the question.

We can see from it that as  $\lambda$  increases from  $0$  to  $2$ , it reaches max at  $\lambda=2$  and then decreases again as  $\lambda$  increases above  $2$ .

$$\therefore p^* = g(\lambda) \text{ where } \lambda = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial L(u, \lambda)}{\partial u} = 0$$

$$\bar{u} = \frac{3\lambda}{1+\lambda} \text{ gives lowest Lagrangian}$$

$$\therefore g(\lambda) = \begin{cases} -9\lambda^2 + 1 + 8\lambda & , \lambda > -1 \\ -\infty & , \lambda \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

from the graph, we can see that  $p^* = 5$  for  $\lambda = 2$ .

c) Lagrange dual problem is

$$\text{Maximize } -g\lambda^*/(1+\lambda) + 1 + 8\lambda$$

$$\text{Subject to } \lambda \geq 0$$

The dual optimum occurs at  $\lambda = 2$  and  $d^* = 5$

From the graph, we can see that it is a concave maximization problem.

As  $p^* = q^*$ , we can say that strong duality holds

d) Perturbed problem is infeasible for  $u < -1$ , since

$$\inf_n (x^2 - 6x + 8) = -1$$

for  $u > -1$ , feasible set is the interval

$$[3 - \sqrt{1+u}, 3 + \sqrt{1+u}]$$

given by the two roots of  $x^2 - 6x + 8 = u$ .

for  $-1 \leq u \leq 8$  the optimum is

$$x^*(u) = 3 - \sqrt{1+u}$$

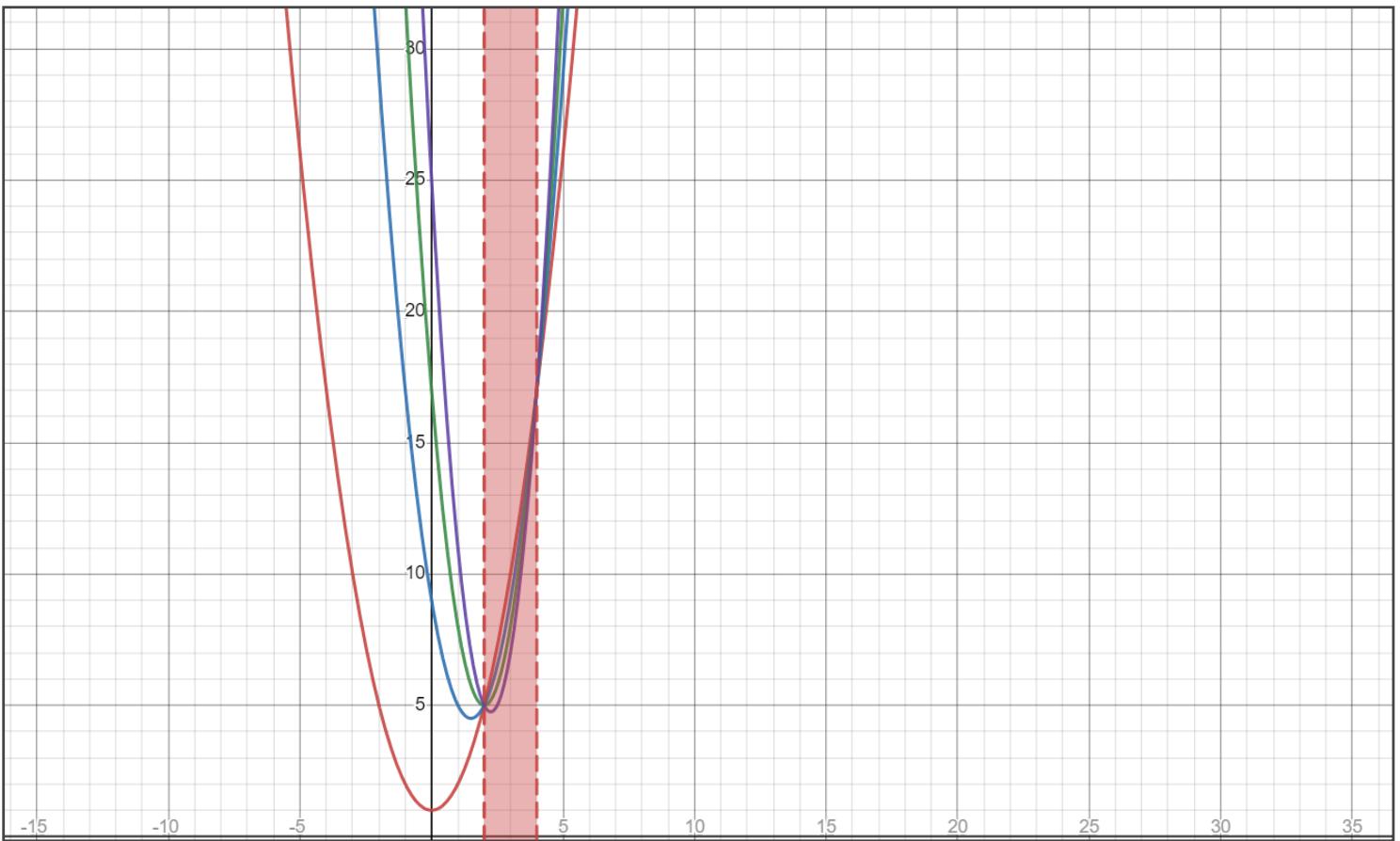
for  $u > 8$ , optimum is the unconstrained minimum of  $f_0$ .

$$\text{i.e. } x^*(u) = 0$$

$$\therefore p^*(u) = \begin{cases} \infty & u < -1 \\ 11+u-6\sqrt{1+u} & -1 \leq u \leq 8 \\ 1 & u > 8 \end{cases}$$

finally, we note that  $p^*(u)$  is a differentiable funct'g of  $u$

$$\frac{dp^*(0)}{du} = -2 = -\lambda^*$$
  
~~graph~~



$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^2 + 1$$

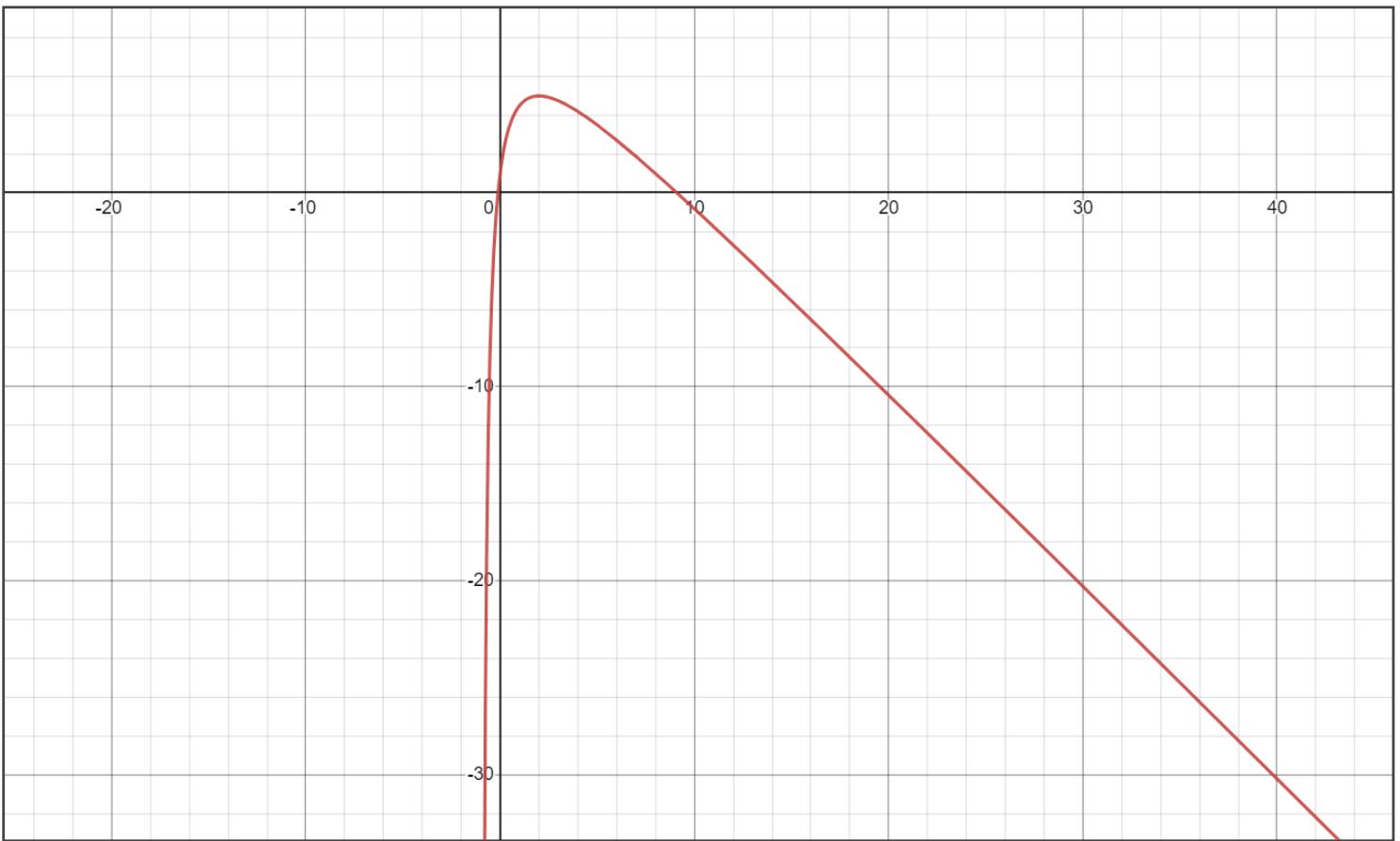
$$\textcircled{2} \quad x^2 + 1 + (1 \cdot (x - 2) \cdot (x - 4))$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad x^2 + 1 + (2 \cdot (x - 2) \cdot (x - 4))$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad x^2 + 1 + (3 \cdot (x - 2) \cdot (x - 4))$$



$2 < x < 4$



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$$-\frac{9x^2}{1+x} + 1 + 8x$$



Q1] A non-vertical hyperplane with normalize  $(\tilde{\mu})$  that achieves  $q^*$

Theorem, from We know that,

$$q(\tilde{\mu}) = \inf_{u \in X} \left\{ f(u) + \tilde{\mu}^T g(u) \right\}$$

with  $\tilde{\mu}^T > 0$

for  $u^* \in C$

$$q(\tilde{\mu}) \leq f(u^*) + \tilde{\mu}^T g(u^*)$$

$$q^* \leq f(u^*) + \sum_{j=1}^m y_j g_j(u^*)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m y_j g_j(u^*) \geq q^* - f(u^*)$$

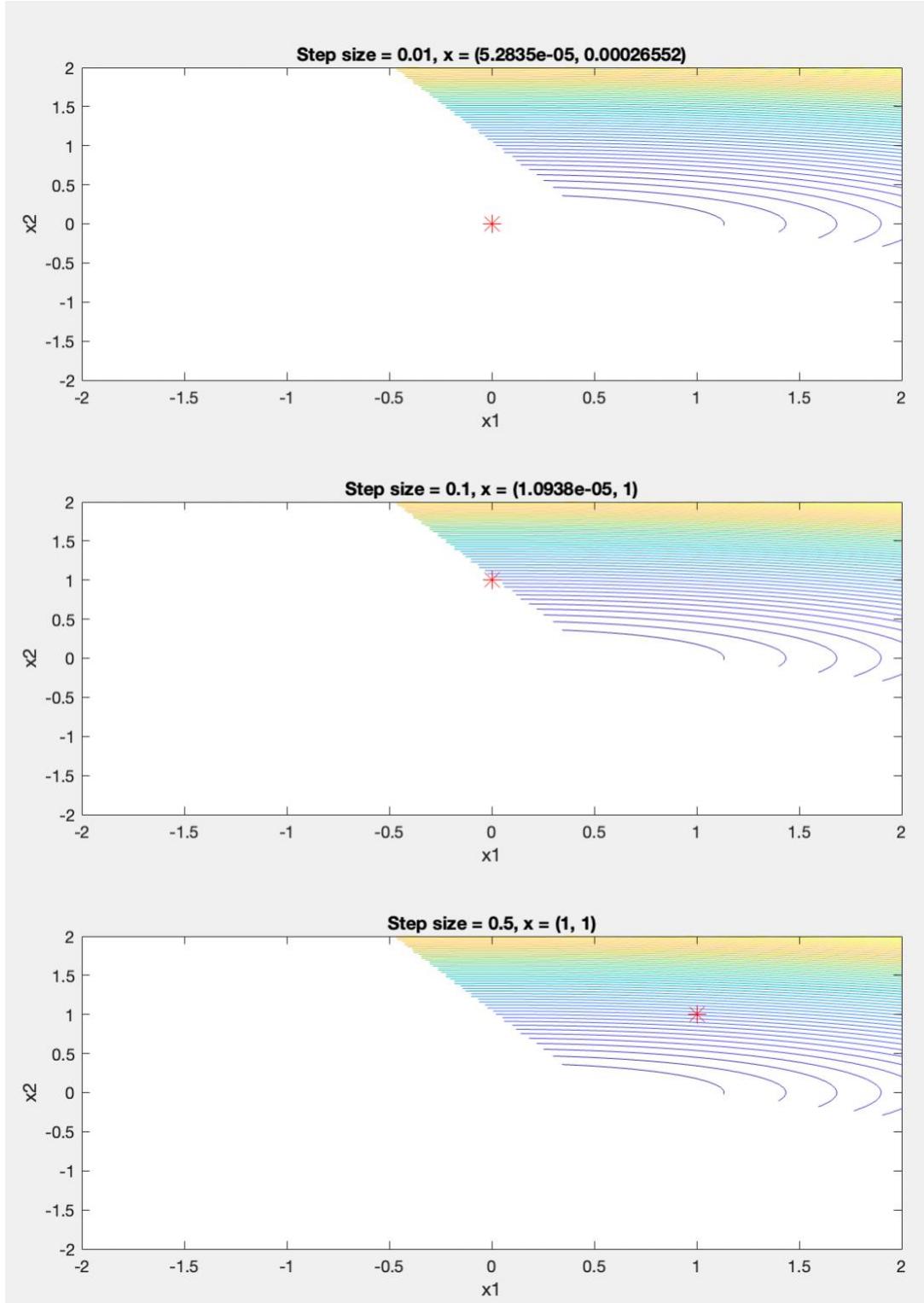
By looking at the eq<sup>n</sup> to prove, multiply both sides with -1  
to get

$$\sum_{j=1}^m y_j (-g_j(u)) \leq f(u^*) - q^*$$

But  $u^* = y \Rightarrow$  satisfy the Slater's Condition i.e.  $g(y) < 0$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m y_j \leq \frac{f(y) - q^*}{-g_j(y)}$$

### Question 8



The gradient projection method is a popular iterative optimization algorithm for solving constrained optimization problems. Unlike gradient descent, the gradient projection method does not require a hyperparameter for step size or learning rate. Instead, the step size is determined by projecting the gradient onto the feasible region, which is defined by the constraints of the optimization problem. The algorithm repeats this projection step to ensure that each iterate remains feasible. The convergence of the gradient projection method is less sensitive to the choice of step size because the projection step determines the step size. Consequently, the gradient projection method can converge with a large step size since the projection step limits the distance between the iterates and the feasible region.

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% Define the objective function and its gradient
f = @(x) x(1)^2 + 9*x(2)^2;
grad_f = @(x) [2*x(1); 18*x(2)];

% Define the projection operator onto the feasible set
proj = @(x) max(x, 0);

% Define the constraint functions and their gradients
g1 = @(x) 2*x(1) + x(2) - 1;
g2 = @(x) x(1) + 3*x(2) - 1;
grad_g1 = @(x) [2; 1];
grad_g2 = @(x) [1; 3];

% Define the Lagrange multiplier function and its gradient
L = @(x,lambda) f(x) + lambda(1)*max(-g1(x), 0) + lambda(2)*max(-g2(x), 0);
grad_L = @(x,lambda) grad_f(x) + lambda(1)*grad_g1(x).*((g1(x) < 0)) + lambda(2)*grad_g2(x).*((g2(x) < 0));

% Set the initial guess, maximum number of iterations, and tolerance level
x0 = [1; 1];
maxIter = 1000;
tol = 1e-6;

% Set the step sizes to test
alphas = [0.01, 0.1, 0.5];

% Create a figure to show the contour plot and solution trajectory for each step size
figure;
for i = 1:length(alphas)
    % Initialize the variables for this step size
    alpha = alphas(i);
    x = x0;
    lambda = [0; 0];

    % Create a contour plot of the objective function and constraints
    subplot(length(alphas), 2, 2*i-1);
    x1_vals = linspace(-2, 2, 100);
    x2_vals = linspace(-2, 2, 100);
    [X1,X2] = meshgrid(x1_vals,x2_vals);
    Z = X1.^2 + 9*X2.^2;
    g1_vals = 2*X1 + X2 - 1;
    g2_vals = X1 + 3*X2 - 1;
    Z(g1_vals < 0 | g2_vals < 0) = NaN;
    contour(X1,X2,Z,50);
    hold on;
    xlabel('x1');
    ylabel('x2');
    title(['Step size = ', num2str(alpha)]);

    % Run the projection gradient method
    for iter = 1:maxIter
        % Compute the projected gradient
        proj_grad = proj(x - alpha*grad_L(x, lambda));

        % Update the Lagrange multipliers
        lambda = max(lambda - alpha*[max(-g1(x), 0); max(-g2(x), 0)], 0);

        % Update the solution
        x_old = x;
        x = proj(x - alpha*proj_grad);

        % Check for convergence
        if norm(x - x_old) < tol
            break;
    end
end

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    end
end

% Plot the solution trajectory on the contour plot
plot(x(1), x(2), 'r*', 'MarkerSize', 10);
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');
title(['Step size = ', num2str(alpha), ', x = (', num2str(x(1)), ', ', num2str(x(2)), ')']);

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