

- First, is the problem convex? No. $\nabla_x f = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \nabla_x^2 f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ which has eivals = -1, 1 which aren't both $\geq 0 \Rightarrow \nabla_x^2 f$ not PSD $\Rightarrow f$ not convex \Rightarrow this is not a convex program.
- Let's build some additional intuition before jumping in to the math.
In general, we'll minimize $x_1 x_2$ if one of $\{x_1, x_2\} > 0$ and the other of $\{x_1, x_2\} < 0$, with $|x_1|$ or $|x_2|$ a very large value, e.g. a positive times a negative is a negative, and the larger in magnitude the values x_1 & x_2 the larger in (absolute) magnitude their product, which will be negative. We know $x_2 \geq x_1 \Rightarrow x_2$ will be the positive and x_1 will be the negative. Then we just need $x_1 + x_2 \geq 2 \Rightarrow |x_2| \geq |x_1| + 2$.
- For example: let $x_2 = 12$ and $x_1 = -10$. This satisfies the constraints and gives $f(x) = (-10)(12) = -120$, a pretty low (minimal) objective!
- But what if $x_2 = 102$ and $x_1 = -100$. This also satisfies the constraints but gives $f(x) = (-100)(102) = -10,200$ an even lower (more min.) objective.

We can see this trend can continue interminably. Therefore we know a min of $f(x) = x_1 x_2$ DNE (it continually approaches $-\infty$ as x_1 and x_2 grow in magnitude.)

- Now let's use more formal math to substantiate our intuition and line of reasoning that $\min f(x) = x_1 x_2$ DNE.

$$L(x) = \lambda_0 x_1 x_2 + \lambda_1 (-x_1 - x_2 + 2) + \lambda_2 (x_1 - x_2)$$

$$\partial L / \partial x_1 = \lambda_0 x_2 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \leftarrow \boxed{\text{eq 1}}$$

$$\partial L / \partial x_2 = \lambda_0 x_1 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \leftarrow \boxed{\text{eq 2}}$$

• Complementarity: $\lambda_1(-x_1 - x_2 + 2) = 0 \leftarrow \boxed{\text{comp 1}}, \boxed{\text{comp 2}} \rightarrow \lambda_2(x_1 - x_2) = 0$

• Case 1: $\lambda_0 = 0$

• Eq1 becomes: $-\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$, Eq2 is now: $-\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$. For both to hold, we must have $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$, BUT $\lambda_0 = 0$ and $\lambda^T = [\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0]$ violates the non-triviality condition. Thus, λ_0 must = 1 for any potential solutions.

• Case 2: $\lambda_0 = 1, \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0$

• Eq1 becomes: $x_2 = 0$, Eq2 becomes $x_1 = 0$. Is $(0,0)$ feasible? No, it's not. Consider $x_1 + x_2 \geq 2 \rightarrow 0 + 0 = 0 \not\geq 2 \Rightarrow$ this case is not feasible.

• Case 3: $\lambda_0 = 1, \lambda_1 = 0, (x_1 - x_2 = 0)$

• If $x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$. Eq1 becomes: $x_2 + \lambda_2 = 0$, Eq2 becomes: $x_1 - \lambda_2 = 0$.
• Now we have $x_2 = -\lambda_2$ and $x_2 = \lambda_2$ which only works if $\lambda_2 = 0$ which then makes $x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0$ and we just showed $(0,0)$ to be infeasible in Case 2. Thus this case, case 3, is also infeasible.

• Case 4: $\lambda_0 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0, (-x_1 - x_2 + 2 = 0)$

• Eq1 becomes: $x_2 - \lambda_1 = 0$, Eq2 becomes: $x_1 - \lambda_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \lambda_1$.
• Rewriting $(x_1 + x_2 = 2) \rightarrow x_1 + x_1 = 2 \rightarrow x_1 = 1 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1$.

• The candidate $x = [x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1]$ is feasible and satisfies optimality conditions with $\lambda_0 = 1, \lambda^T = [\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0]$. But we've already shown the pt $(-100, 102)$ has a much more minimal objective value, thus $(1,1)$ is not a minimizer.

• Case 5: $\lambda_0 = 1, (x_1 - x_2 = 0), (-x_1 - x_2 + 2 = 0)$

• $x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow$ into other eqn: $-x_1 - x_1 = -2 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1$, same as case 4.

• Thus, \nexists a minimizer of $f(x) = x_1 x_2$ by using FJ optimality conditions, and our exploration at the beginning is upheld: \nexists a minimizer for this problem.