

- First, let's do some thinking that will help us see if an answer exists & what it might be: we know  $x_1^2 \geq 0$  and  $x_2^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  the lowest  $x_1^2 + x_2^2$  can be (unconstrained) is  $0+0=0$ , achieved by  $(x_1=0, x_2=0)$ .
- Is  $(x_1=0, x_2=0)$  feasible?  $0+0-2 \leq 0$  and  $0^2-0-4 \leq 0$ , so yes, it is.
- Therefore, our process should lead us to  $(x_1^*=0$  and  $x_2^*=0)$ .
- Also, note that this is a convex program.  $\nabla_x f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \nabla_x^2 f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  which is PD  $\Rightarrow$  objective is convex. We can see  $g_1(x)$  is linear, and  $\nabla_x^2 g_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  which is PSD  $\Rightarrow g_2(x)$  is convex.  $h(x)=0$  is trivially affine.
- Since this is a convex program, if we find a solution candidate such that the optimality conditions system is satisfied, these are also sufficient (for CP's) so it is guaranteed to be a global minimum.
- $L(x) = \lambda_0 x_1^2 + \lambda_0 x_2^2 + \lambda_1 (x_1 + x_2 - 2) + \lambda_2 (x_1^2 - x_2 - 4)$
- $\left[ \nabla_x L \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \right] \rightarrow \begin{aligned} \partial L / \partial x_1 &= 2\lambda_0 x_1 + \lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 x_1 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 & \text{eq. 1} \\ \partial L / \partial x_2 &= 2\lambda_0 x_2 + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 & \text{eq. 2} \end{aligned}$
- Complementarity:  $\lambda_1 (x_1 + x_2 - 2) = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 (x_1^2 - x_2 - 4) = 0$
- CASE 1:  $\lambda_0 = 0$
- eq 1 becomes  $0 + \lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -2\lambda_2 x_1$
- eq 2 becomes  $0 + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$
- Thus eq 1 now becomes  $\lambda_1 = -2\lambda_1 x_1 \rightarrow x_1 = -1/2$
- Now solve for  $x_2$ :  $\lambda_1 (-1/2 + x_2 - 2) = 0$  and  $\lambda_1 ((-1/2)^2 - x_2 - 4) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -5/2 + x_2 = -x_2 - 15/4 \Rightarrow x_2 = -5/8$
- To satisfy compl. cond's, since  $(x_1 + x_2 - 2) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0$  and  $(x_1^2 - x_2 - 4) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 0$
- This can't work since it requires  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$  which violates the non-triviality condition. Therefore, if  $\exists$  a solution,  $\lambda_0 = 1$ .

- CASE 2:  $\lambda_0 = 1$  with  $\lambda_1 = 0$
- eq 1 becomes  $2x_1 + 2\lambda_2 x_1 = 0 \rightarrow 2x_1(1 + \lambda_2) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0$  or  $\lambda_2 = -1$ , but since  $\lambda \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 \neq -1 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0$  here.
- eq 2 becomes  $2x_2 - \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 2x_2$  or  $x_2 = \lambda_2/2$
- To satisfy complim. conds.  $\lambda_2(x_1^2 - x_2 - 4) = 0 \rightarrow$  sub in  $\lambda_2 = 2x_2$  and  $x_1 = 0$ , giving  $2x_2(-x_2 - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow$  either  $x_2 = 0$  or  $x_2 = -4$ . If  $x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 0$ , if  $x_2 = -4 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = -8$  which isn't allowed due to  $\lambda \geq 0$  constraint.
- Therefore we have a candidate minimizer of:

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, \lambda_0 = 1, \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0$$

- Since we showed above that this is a convex program, we know that a candidate that satisfies the optimality condition system is a global minimizer. Also, we showed that our intuition is correct, verifying that  $[x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0]$  with  $\lambda_0 = 1$  and  $\lambda^T = [\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0]$  satisfies the opt. conditions and achieves the unconstrained optimal objective value of 0.
- Since  $(0, 0)$  is a unique point & uniquely achieves  $f(x) = 0$  & satisfies the conditions, we can say that  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1^* = 0 \\ x_2^* = 0 \end{bmatrix}$  globally minimizes  $f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  for the constraints  $g_1(x) \leq 0$  and  $g_2(x) \leq 0$ .