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Constrained Optimization**

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# Chapter 1

## Solution to the given problems

**Problem 1:** Find numbers  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  that minimize the sum  $(x_1 + x_2)$  subject to the constraints

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 2.$$

Draw the feasible set on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and find all the points that satisfy the KKT conditions. Find the optimal solution that satisfy the second-order necessary conditions. Illustrate the problem geometrically.

According to the task description, we will show the formula of the  $c(x)$ :

$$c(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2 = 0$$

The lagrangian function is ( $\lambda$  is the lagrangian multiplier):

$$L(x, \lambda) = f(x) - \lambda c(x) = x_1 + x_2 - \lambda(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2)$$

Now we will formulate the KKT conditions for the given system:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta L(x, \lambda)}{\delta x_1} &= 1 - \lambda x_1 \triangleq 0, \text{ then } x_1 = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \\ \frac{\delta L(x, \lambda)}{\delta x_2} &= 1 - \lambda x_2 \triangleq 0, \text{ then } x_2 = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

The  $c(x)$  function, subject to calculated  $x$ , shall be zero:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2 &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{1}{2\lambda}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2\lambda}\right)^2 - 2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \\ \lambda &= \frac{1}{2} \vee \lambda = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Now we are calculating both  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  according to  $\lambda$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ x &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now to establish the min condition:

$$\min_x \{x_1 + x_2\}$$

$$\text{for } x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : x_1 + x_2 = 2$$

$$\text{for } x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} : x_1 + x_2 = -2$$

Hence, the solution is:  $x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

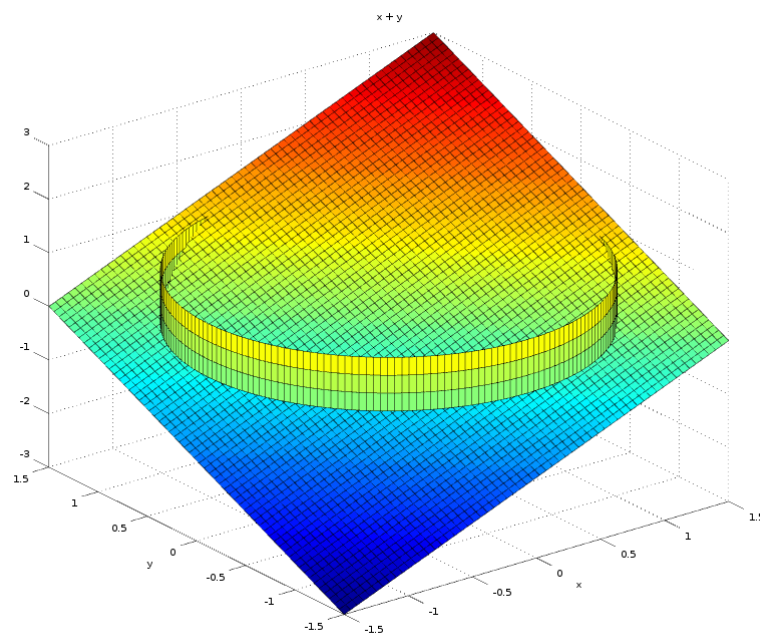


Figure 1.1 The graphical interpretation of given problem (cylinder of radius  $\sqrt{2}$ ) and the plane  $x+y$  ( $x_1 + x_2$ ). The solution is in point  $[-1,-1]$  - the lowest point in Z-axis that is intersection of the mentioned two surfaces.

The following code was used to illustrate the problem:

```
1 pkg load symbolic
2
3 syms x y;
4
5 ezsurf (@(x, y) x + y, [-1.5 1.5 -1.5 1.5])
6 hold
7 [X, Y, Z] = cylinder([sqrt(2) sqrt(2) sqrt(2) sqrt(2)],200);
8 surf(X,Y,Z);
```

**Problem 2:** Find numbers  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  that minimize the sum  $x_1 + x_2$  subject to the constraints

$$x_2 \geq 0,$$

$$2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 \geq 0.$$

Draw the feasible set on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and find all the points that satisfy the KKT conditions. Find the optimal solution that satisfies the second-order necessary conditions. Which constraints are active? Illustrate the problem geometrically.

In the following task, we can distinguish two constraints:

$$f(x) = x_1 + x_2$$

$$c_1(x) = x_2 \geq 0$$

$$c_2(x) = 2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 \geq 0$$

Therefor the Lagrangian form is:

$$L(x, \lambda) = f(x) - \lambda_1 c_1(x) - \lambda_2 c_2(x) = x_1 + x_2 - \lambda_1 x_2 - \lambda_2 (2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

Calculation for the following KKT conditions:

$$\frac{\delta L(x, \lambda)}{\delta x_1} = 1 - 2\lambda_2 x_1 \triangleq 0, \text{ then } x_1 = \frac{1}{2\lambda_2}$$

$$\frac{\delta L(x, \lambda)}{\delta x_2} = 1 - \lambda x_1 \triangleq 0, \text{ then } x_2 = \frac{1 - \lambda_1}{2\lambda_2}$$

We can treat inequalities as "equal to zero":

$$2 - \left(\frac{1}{2\lambda_2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1 - \lambda_1}{2\lambda_2}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{1 - \lambda_1}{2\lambda_2} = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1$$

$$\lambda_2^2 = 1/8, \text{ so } \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \vee -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

After substituting lambda, we calculating the x (we obtain two variants):

$$x_a = [x_1 \ x_2] = [\sqrt{2} \ 0]$$

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$$x_b = [x_1 \ x_2] = [-\sqrt{2} \ 0]$$

Point  $x_b$  is a solution

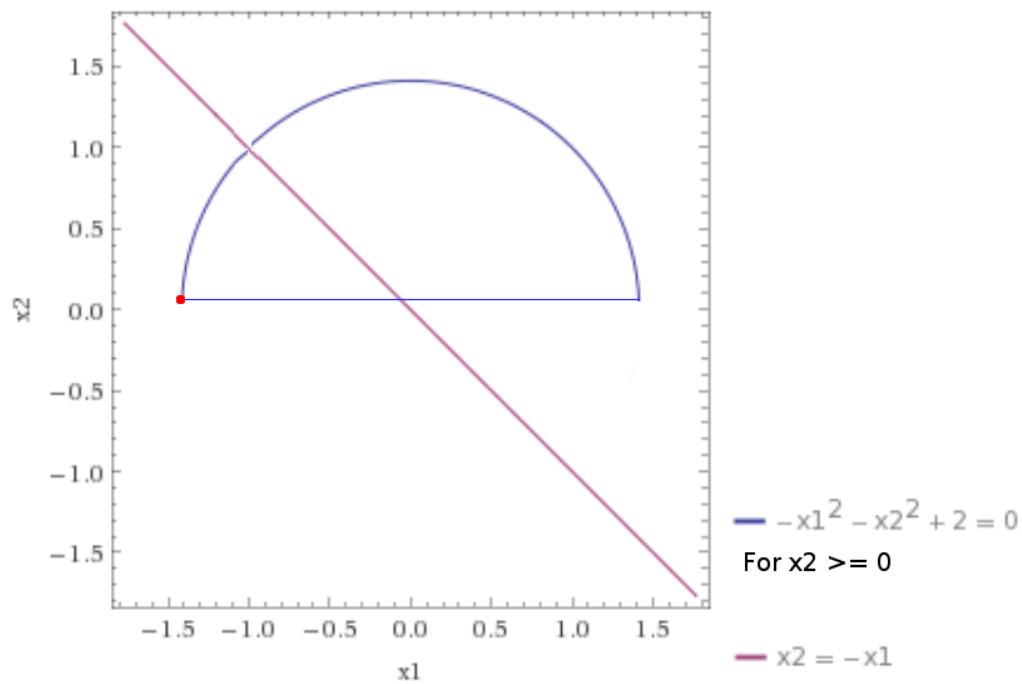


Figure 1.2 Graphical representation. The solution is the point below the line and inside the circle half (including edges). In this case it is the point the most at the bottom left.

**Problem 3: Let**

$$\min_x x_1^2 + x_2^2, \text{ s.t. } x_1 + x_2 \geq 1.$$

Find the solution to the above constrained quadratic problem.

The problem can be easily solved using analytic geometry. The minimization problem represents a circle of unknown radius, while the constraint is a semi-surface, but we can assume it as a line. Looking at first line equation, we can deduct that perpendicular

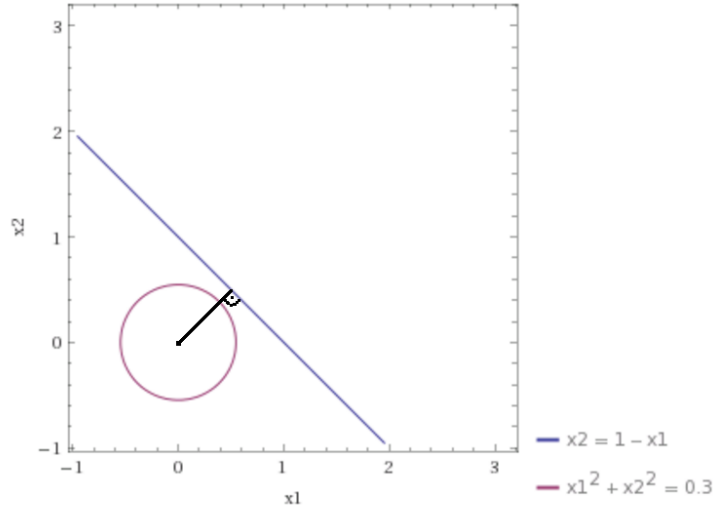


Figure 1.3 The solution will be a point lying on the line, which is tangent to unknown circle of radius  $R$  (circle on the figure is just example).

line will have first coefficient equal to  $a = 1$ . So the thing is just to calculate the free coefficient.

However we know that certainly it has to go straight through the circle center  $(0,0)$ . Therefore the free coefficient  $b = 0$ . The two lines have the form

$$x_2 = 1 - x_1 \quad x_{2p} = x_{1p}$$

The point they cross, is the solution. After solving this problem, we obtain:

$$x = [x_1 \ x_2] = \left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right] = [0.5, 0.5]$$

**Problem 5:** The QP problem is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_x \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}, \\ \text{subject to:} & \quad \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}, \\ & \quad \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Derive the dual function for this problem, formulate the dual problem, and present the solution in the analytical form. Then using the derived formula solve the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_x \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_1 x_2 - 2x_1 - 6x_2, \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 2, \quad -x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 2, \quad 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 2, \quad x_1 \geq 0, \quad x_2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The problem will be solved using Quadratic Programming.

To prepare the data for algorithms, we need to calculate the A, b, Q and c matrices.

Matrix A and c are based on given constraints:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The next step is to calculate the matrices Q and c. They can be formulated by looking at the general form of the formula:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} q_{11} x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} q_{22} x_2^2 + q_{12} x_1 x_2 + c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} x_2^2 - x_1 x_2 - 2x_1 - 6x_2$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

```

1 QP range
2 x =
3 0.45714
4 1.25714
5
6 Elapsed time is 0.00281096 seconds.
7
8
9 QP conjugacy
10 x =
11 0.45714
12 1.25714
13
14 Elapsed time is 0.00119114 seconds.
```



**Problem 6:** Solve the problem:  $\min_x x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$ ,  
s.t.  $x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 4$ ,  
 $x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = -2$ .

Based on the given data, the following data was prepared:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and Octave code was coded to solve this task:

```

1 A = [1 2 -1; 1 -1 1 ]
2 b = [4; -2]
3
4 Q = [2 0 0; 0 2 0; 0 0 2]
5 c = [0;0;0]
6
7 tic
8 x = QP_range(A,b,Q,c)
9 toc
10
11 tic
12 x = QP_conjugacy(A,b,Q,c)
13 toc

```

The computations were made and there are the results. This time the QP range-space method was faster:

```

1 QP range
2 x =
3 0.28571
4 1.42857
5 -0.85714
6
7 Elapsed time is 0.000784874 seconds.
8
9
10 QP conjugacy
11 x =
12 0.28571
13 1.42857
14 -0.85714
15
16 Elapsed time is 0.00107598 seconds.
17 >>

```

**Problem 7:** Solve the problem:  $\min_x x_1^2 - x_2^2$ ,  
s.t.  $x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 2$ ,  $-5x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 10$ ,  $x_1 \leq 0$ ,  $x_2 \geq 0$ .

Once again, the matrices was prepared in order to start the algorithm:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matlab code construction is exactly the same as in previous task, only the data changes.

```
1 QP range
2 x =
3 -0.85714
4 1.42857
5
6 Elapsed time is 0.000548124 seconds.
7
8
9
10 QP conjugacy
11 x =
12 -0.85714
13 1.42857
14
15 Elapsed time is 0.000355005 seconds.
```

# Chapter 2

## Listings of algorithms

Algorithm 1 - QP range-space

```
1 function [x_sol] = QP_range(A,b,Q,c)
2     disp("QP range")
3     x = A\b;
4     g = c+Q*x;
5     r = A*x -b;
6     invQ = inv(Q);
7     lambda = (A*invQ*A')\ (A*invQ*g-r);
8     p= Q\ (A'*lambda -g);
9     x_sol = x + p;
10 endfunction
```

Algorithm 2 - QP Conjugacy based

```
1 function [x_sol] = QP_conjugacy(A,b,Q,c)
2
3     disp("QP conjugacy")
4
5     x = A\b;
6     g = c+Q*x;
7     r = A*x -b;
8
9     [Qa, Ra] = qr(A');
10    L = chol(Qa'*Q*Qa);
11
12    W = Qa*inv(L);
13    [m,n] = size(W);
14
15    Z = W(1:end, 1:n-m);
16    Y = W(1:end, n-m+1:end);
17
18    py = (A*Y)\ (-r);
19    pz = -Z'*g;
20    p = Y*py + Z*pz;
21
22    x_sol = x + p;
23 endfunction
```

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