

Optimizing  $f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_2^2 + 3x_2^4 + 5x_1^2 + 3$



subject to  $2x_1 - x_1^2 = 5$

• Assuming  $g(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 - x_1^2$

then  $\nabla g(x_1, x_2) = \nabla(2x_1 - x_1^2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_1 + 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Delta f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 10x_1 \\ 4x_2 + 12x_2^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now using tangency to solve the constrained problem:

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = \lambda \nabla g(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 10x_1 \\ 4x_2 + 12x_2^3 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} -2x_1 + 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 10x_1 = -2\lambda x_1 + 2\lambda \Rightarrow (10 + 2\lambda)x_1 - 2\lambda = 0 \dots (1) \\ 4x_2 + 12x_2^3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0 \dots (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{but } \Rightarrow 2x_1 - x_1^2 = 5 \Rightarrow x_1^2 - 2x_1 + 5 = 0 \dots (3)$$

we should solve the above 3 equations

From (3):  $x_1 = 1 \pm 2i$  we apply that to check equation (1)

First  $(10 + 2\lambda)(1 + 2i) - 2\lambda = 0$

$$10 + 20i + 2\lambda + 4\lambda i - 2\lambda = 0$$

$$(20 + 4\lambda)i + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow 20 + 4\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -5$$

second  $(10 + 2\lambda)(1 - 2i) - 2\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow -20 - 4\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -5$

Solution is  ~~$(1 + 2i, 0)$~~  and at that tangent.



②  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 + x_1^4 + x_2 + x_2^2$   
 subject to  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0$

Using tangency  
 to solve a  
 constrained  
 problem

• Assuming  $g(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$

$$\nabla g(x_1, x_2) = \nabla (x_1^2 + x_2^2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2 + 4x_1^3 \\ 1 + 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2 + 4x_1^3 \\ 1 + 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

OR  $\begin{cases} 3x_1^2 + 4x_1^3 = \lambda (2x_1) \dots (1) \\ 1 + 2x_2 = \lambda (2x_2) \dots (2) \end{cases}$

but  $\Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0 \dots (3)$

Assuming that  $x_{1m}, x_{2m}$   
 are the solution to  
 the problem, then  
 the gradients of  
 $f(x_1, x_2)$  and  $g(x_1, x_2)$   
 are the same vector  
 with constant multi-  
 plier  $\lambda$ ; OR:

$f(x_1, x_2) = \lambda g(x_1, x_2)$   
 $\lambda$  is a constant

From (1)  $4x_1^2 + 3x_1 - 2\lambda = 0 \dots (1')$

From (2)  $1 + x_2 (2 - 2\lambda) = 0 \dots (2')$

From (1'):  $\Delta = 9 - 4(4)(-2\lambda) = \sqrt{9 + 32\lambda}$

$$x_1 = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 32\lambda}}{2(4)}$$

From (2'):  $x_2 = \frac{-1}{2 - 2\lambda}$

① If  $x_1 = 0$  then  $x_2 = 0$  and  $\lambda$  can take any value  
 and equation (2) won't satisfy

② If  $x_1 \neq 0$  then  $\left( \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 32\lambda}}{8} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{-1}{2 - 2\lambda} \right)^2 = 0$



$$\text{OR } \frac{9}{64} + \frac{9+32\lambda}{64} + \frac{-3 + \sqrt{9+32\lambda}}{4} + \frac{1}{4+4\lambda^2-8\lambda} = 0$$

$$\text{and } \frac{9}{64} + \frac{9+32\lambda}{64} + \frac{-3 - \sqrt{9+32\lambda}}{4} + \frac{1}{4+4\lambda^2-8\lambda} = 0$$

The above equations must be solved for  $\lambda$ :

$$\frac{18}{64} + \frac{32}{64}\lambda - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{9+32\lambda}}{4} + \frac{1}{4+4\lambda^2-8\lambda} = 0$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{9+32\lambda}}{4} + \frac{1}{4+4\lambda^2-8\lambda} = \frac{-9}{32} + \frac{3}{4}$$

we multiply all by (2):

$$\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{9+32\lambda} + \frac{1}{2+2\lambda^2-4\lambda} = \frac{-9}{16} + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{9+32\lambda} + \frac{1}{2+2\lambda^2-4\lambda} = \frac{15}{16}$$

• Using Matlab to find  $\lambda$  value we get:

Solutions should include parameters and conditions, specify the 'Return Conditions' value as 'true'.

• I used python to solve the problem with two different already-prepared methods in scipy.optimize library.