

COMS 4771 Spring 2017 Homework 3

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Problem 2

(a)

Constraint: $\sum_{i=d}^D x_d = C$

If we take derivatives for each dimension d,

$$\frac{d}{x_d} = \lambda$$

We can plug this to the Constraint equation, and get

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{2C}{D(D+1)}$$

Therefore

$$x_d = \frac{2Cd}{D(D+1)}$$

and Maximum value of f(x) is

$$\sum_{d=1}^D d \log \frac{2Cd}{D(D+1)}$$

(b)

Constraint: $\sum_{d=1}^D x_d^2 \leq 1$

So, these are all equations and inequalities we have.

$$\frac{1}{x_d} = \lambda 2x_d \text{ for each dimension d.}$$

$$\sum_{d=1}^D x_d^2 \leq 1$$

$$\lambda (\sum_{i=d}^D x_d^2 - 1) = 0$$

From the first equation, if λ is zero, then all x_i goes to infinity which does not satisfy the second inequality. So $\sum_{d=1}^D x_d^2 = 1$.

Then, by solving above equations,

$$x_d = \sqrt{\frac{2d}{D(D+1)}}$$

and Maximum value of f(x) is

$$\sum_{d=1}^D d \log \sqrt{\frac{2d}{D(D+1)}}$$