

# Continuous Optimization Home Exam

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## 1

Define  $f(x) = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (2 + x_1 + x_2)^2$

### 1.1

Prove that  $f$  is convex for  $x_1 \geq -2$

First, we compute the hessian of the function  $f$ .

```
syms x1 x2
dff_sym = hessian(f(x1, x2), [x1, x2]);
```

$$\nabla^2 f = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4x_2 - 2 \\ 4x_2 - 2 & 12x_2^2 + 4x_1 + 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

According to Sylvester's criterium for semidefiniton:

$H$  is positive semidefinite  $\Leftrightarrow$  all determinants of all principal minors are non-negative.

#### 1.1.1 The determinant of the $2 \times 2$ matrix

```
d = det(dff_sym);
```

$$d = 32x_2^2 + 16x_2 + 16x_1 + 36 \geq 0$$

$$d = 2x_2^2 + x_2 + x_1 + 2.25 \geq 0$$

Assuming  $x_1 \geq -2$

$$2x_2^2 + x_2 \geq -0.25$$

Find a minimum of the function above:

Derivative:  $4x_2 + 1$

Minimum at point  $x_2 = -\frac{1}{4}$  with value  $-\frac{1}{8}$

$$-\frac{1}{8} \geq -0.25$$

#### 1.1.2 The determinant of the first element of the diagonal

$$4 \geq 0$$

#### 1.1.3 The determinant of the second element of the diagonal

$$12x_2^2 + 4x_1 + 10 \geq 0$$

$12x_2^2$  is indeed greater or equal to 0

Which gives  $x_1 \geq -2.5$  which satisfies the condition  $x_1 \geq -2$

According to Thm 9.5:

Assume continuous  $\frac{\delta^2 f}{\delta x_i \delta x_j}$  on convex set  $X$  (hence  $\nabla^2 f$  symmetric)

$\nabla^2 f$  positive semidefinite on  $X \Leftrightarrow f$  is convex on  $X$

$R^2$  with  $x_1 \geq -2$  is a convex set, and  $\nabla^2 f$  is positive semidefinite, therefore  $f$  is convex for  $x_1 \geq -2$ .

## 1.2

Is the set  $X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x) \leq 10\}$  convex? Prove your answer.

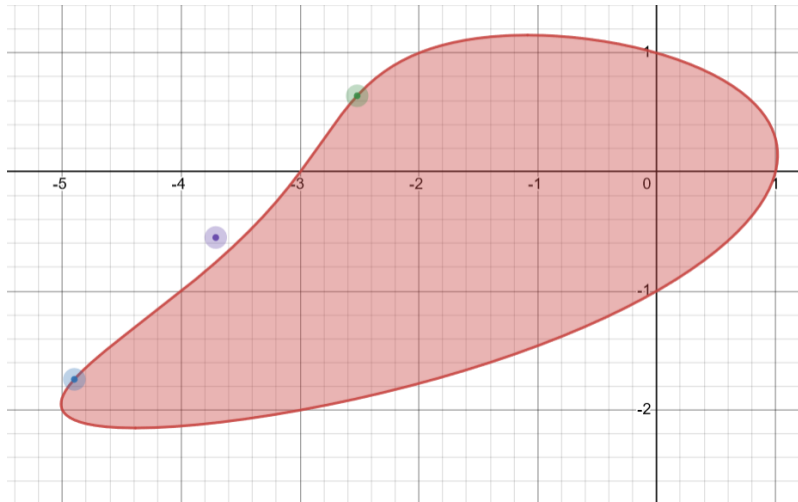
No, it isn't.

Let  $a = (-4.9, -1.741)$  and  $b = (-2.52, 0.64)$ . Then  $f(a) \approx 9.9965$  and  $f(b) \approx 9.9978$  meaning  $a, b \in X$ .

Let  $\lambda = 1/2$ , then the midpoint is  $m = (-3.71, -0.55)$  and  $f(m) \approx 11.9667$ , meaning  $m \notin X$ .

This proves  $X$  is not convex.

Set  $X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x) \leq 10\}$  with highlighted points  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $m$ :



## 2

The only real stationary point of  $f$  is  $x^0 = (-\frac{11}{8}, -\frac{1}{2})$  and can be found by taking the gradient of the function  $f$  and putting the gradient equal to 0.

```
f = @(x1, x2) (x1 - x2)^2 + (2 + x1 + x2^2)^2;

df_sym = gradient(f(x1,x2), [x1,x2]);
df = matlabFunction(df_sym);
[solx1,solx2] = solve(df(x1, x2) == [0,0]);
```

By running  $df(-11/8, -1/2)$ , we get a vector  $[0; 0]$ , therefore  $x^0$  is a stationary point.

In order to find the second order approximation  $p(x^0)$ , we first obtain all the derivatives of  $f$  we will need.

```
fx1 = matlabFunction(df_sym(1));
fx2 = matlabFunction(df_sym(2));

dfx1_sym = gradient(fx1(x1, x2), [x1, x2]);
dfx2_sym = gradient(fx2(x1, x2), [x1, x2]);

fx1x1 = matlabFunction(dfx1_sym(1));
fx1x2 = matlabFunction(dfx1_sym(2));
fx2x2 = matlabFunction(dfx2_sym(2));

ptemp = @(a,b) f(a,b) + fx1(a,b) * (x1 - a) + fx2(a,b) * (x2 - b) + 1/2 *
fx1x1(a) * (x1 - a)^2 + fx1x2(a,b) * (x1 - a) * (x2 - b) + 1/2 * fx2x2(a,b) *
(x2 - b)^2;
```

By evaluating ptemp at point  $x^0 = (-11/8, -1/2)$  we get the approximation  $p$  at point  $x^0$ .  
Next we create  $d(x) = p(x) - f(x)$

```
p = @(x1,x2) (15*(x2 + 1/2)^2)/4 + 2*(x1 + 11/8)^2 - (4*x1 + 11/2)*(x2 + 1/2) + 49/32;

d_sym = p(x1, x2) - f(x1, x2);
d = matlabFunction(d_sym);
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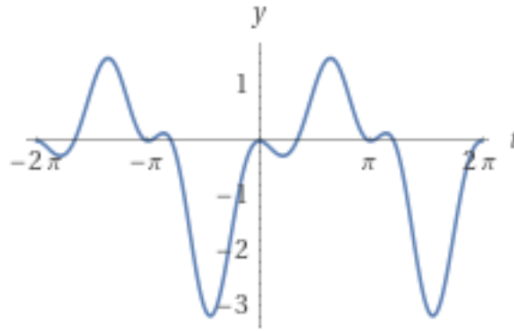
The next task is to find a minimum and maximum of  $d$  over a circle with a diameter equal to 1 with a centre in  $x^0$ .

We parametrize the set by setting  $x_1 = \cos(t) - \frac{11}{8}$  and  $x_2 = \sin(t) - \frac{1}{2}$  and get a new function  $dparam(t)$ , with just one variable,  $t$ .

```
x1_param = @(t) cos(t) - 11/8;
x1_param_sym = x1_param(t);
x2_param = @(t) sin(t) - 1/2;
x2_param_sym = x2_param(t);

d_param_sym = d(x1_param_sym,x2_param_sym);
d_param = matlabFunction(d_param_sym);
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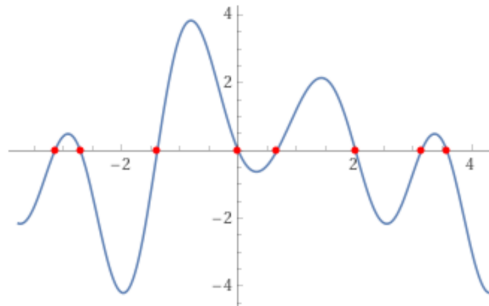
Function dparam looks like this:



Because we are trying to find extremes of a single-variable function, we can simply take the derivative and put it equal to zero to find interesting points.

```
d_param_derivative1 = gradient(d_param(t), t);
```

Looking at the graph of the derivative, we can see that there are 6 roots repeating in the interval of  $2\pi k$  where  $k$  is a natural number.



From the graph, we read the intervals in which to search for the roots and find six roots accordingly. We use the  $2\pi$  span of  $[-2, 4.3]$

```
root1 = vpasolve(d_param_derivative1, [-2 -1])
root2 = vpasolve(d_param_derivative1, [-1 0.5])
root3 = vpasolve(d_param_derivative1, [0.5 1])
root4 = vpasolve(d_param_derivative1, [1 2.5])
root5 = vpasolve(d_param_derivative1, [2.5 3.25])
root6 = vpasolve(d_param_derivative1, [3.25 4.3])
```

By evaluating dparam at these points, we get values:

```
d_param(root1) = -3.1882718231245494920621811254115
d_param(root2) = 0
d_param(root3) = -0.27433036481422052398729139282714
d_param(root4) = 1.5084790203384482931696202009055
d_param(root5) = 0
d_param(root6) = 0.14088547194003861257865171457888
```

We can see that  $\text{root1} \approx -1.385686034$  gives minimum and  $\text{root4} \approx 2.009897292678$  gives maximum. Let's check that we didn't make a mistake in calculations by substituting back into the original equations:

```
x1_min = x1_param(root1)
x2_min = x2_param(root1)
d(x1_min, x2_min)

x1_max = x1_param(root4)
x2_max = x2_param(root4)
d(x1_max, x2_max)
```

The code above confirms that the minimum is at point  $(-1.19094505, -1.48291595)$  with value of  $-3.18827182$ , and the maximum is at point  $(-1.800125890, 0.4051342316)$  with the value of  $1.5084790203$

These are surely the minimum and maximum points, because we checked all points where the derivative of  $\text{dparam}(t) = 0$  and then chose the ones with highest and lowest value.

### 3

Define:

$$f(x) = x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 - 6x_2x_3 + x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3$$

$$g_1(x) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 1$$

$$g_2(x) = x_1^2 - x_2 + 1$$

First, we check if  $f(x)$  is convex, as it will make our task easier.

```
f_hess = hessian(f(x1, x2, x3), [x1, x2, x3])
e = eig(f_hess)
```

The hessian is symmetric:

$$\nabla^2 f = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 6 & -6 \\ 2 & -6 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

And all three eigenvalues  $e_1 = 2$ ,  $e_2 \approx 1.0718$  and  $e_3 \approx 14.9282$  are positive, so according to Thm.9.6,  $\nabla^2 f$  is positive definite, and according to Thm.9.5, that means that  $f$  is strictly convex on  $R^3$ .

Next we check convexity of  $g_1(x)$  and  $g_2(x)$ , and because both functions are linear combination of convex functions, they are also convex.

Therefore setting  $g_1(x) \leq b_1$  and  $g_2(x) \leq b_2$  defines convex sets (see Lecture Notes)

```
f = @(x1, x2, x3) x1^2 + 3 * x2^2 + 5 * x3^2 - 2 * x1 * x2 + 2 * x1 * x3 - 6 * x2 * x3 + x1 - 2 * x2 + 3 * x3;

g1 = @(x1, x2, x3) x1 + x2 + x3 - 1;
g2 = @(x1, x2, x3) x1^2 - x2 + 1;

syms x1 x2 x3 v1 v2
```

#### 3.1

a) Minimizing  $f(x)$  over  $g_1(x) \leq 0$

The Lagrange function for problem  $a$  is:

$$L_1 = @(x1, x2, x3, v1) f(x1, x2, x3) + v1 * g1(x1, x2, x3);$$

$$L(x, v) = f(x) + v \cdot g_1(x), \text{ with } v \geq 0$$

$$L(x, v) = x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 - 6x_2x_3 + v1(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 1) + x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 5x_3^2$$

We define the dual function of problem  $a$  as:

$$h(v) = \min_x L(x, v) \text{ with } v \geq 0$$

Because  $L(x, v)$  is convex for a fixed  $v$ , we can find  $x^*(v)$  by setting the  $\nabla L(x, v) = 0$

```
L1_grad = gradient(L1(x1, x2, x3, v1), [x1, x2, x3, v1]);

p1 = solve([L1_grad(1); L1_grad(2); L1_grad(3)] == [0;0;0], [x1,x2,x3]);

x1_p1 = matlabFunction(p1.x1)
x2_p1 = matlabFunction(p1.x2)
x3_p1 = matlabFunction(p1.x3)
```

That gives us:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1(v) &= -v - \frac{1}{4} \\x_2(v) &= -v \\x_3(v) &= -\frac{v}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Next, we plug in our values for  $x$  in terms of  $v$  into the dual function, and we get:

$$h(v) = (v + \frac{1}{4})^2 - v(2v + \frac{1}{2}) - 6v(\frac{v}{2} + \frac{1}{4}) - v(\frac{5v}{2} + \frac{3}{2}) - \frac{v}{2} + 5(\frac{v}{2} + \frac{1}{4})^2 + (2v + \frac{1}{2})(\frac{v}{2} + \frac{1}{4}) + 3v^2 - 1$$

That makes the dual problem of  $a$  to maximize  $h(v)$  in terms of  $v$ .

According to Thm.17.2, dual function is concave, so we set  $\nabla h(v) = 0$ .

```
h1 = @(v1) L1(x1_p1(v1), x2_p1(v1), x3_p1(v1), v1);
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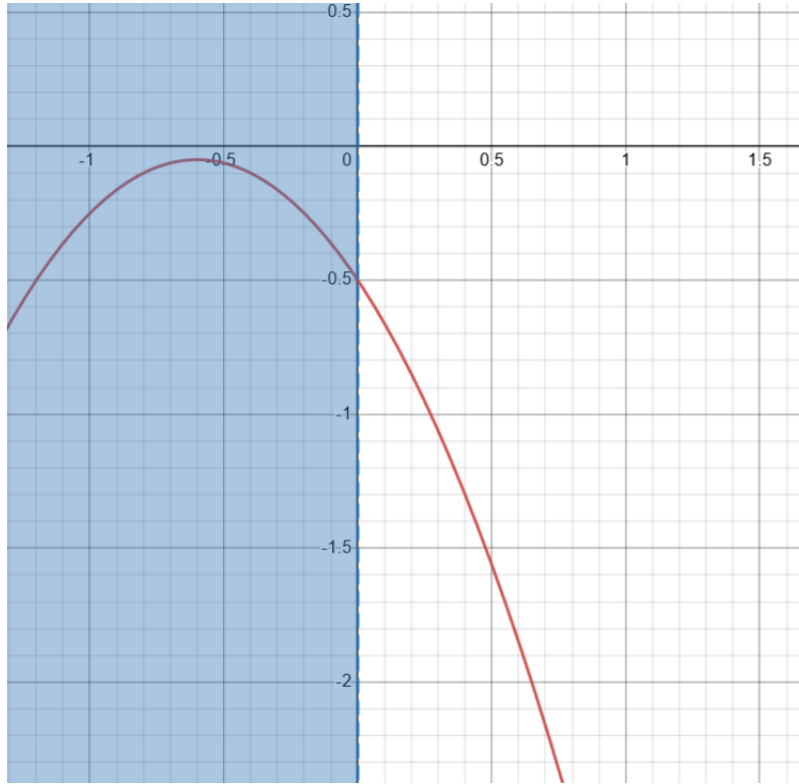
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h1_grad = gradient(h1(v1), v1)
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v0 = solve(h1_grad == 0)
```

We get  $v^* = -3/5$ .

Because  $v$  has to be  $\geq 0$ , and because  $h(v)$  is concave, we choose the closest feasible point  $v^* = 0$ .

$v$  is shown on the horizontal axis:



This gives us  $h(v^*) = -0.5$

$x_1(v^*) = -0.25$ ,  $x_2(v^*) = 0$  and  $x_3(v^*) = -0.25$  gives  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -0.5$

$$h(v^*) = f(x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*)$$

As proved in section 3, the function  $f$  is convex, and the constraint  $g_1$  defines a convex set. According to Thm.17.1, those conditions are sufficient to say that strong duality holds.

### 3.2

b) Minimizing  $f(x)$  over both  $g_1(x) \leq 0$  and  $g_2(x) \leq 0$

The Lagrange function for problem  $b$  is:

$$L2 = @(x1, x2, x3, v1, v2) f(x1, x2, x3) + v1 * g1(x1, x2, x3) + v2 * g2(x1, x2, x3)$$

$$L(x, v) = f(x) + v_1 \cdot g_1(x) + v_2 \cdot g_2(x), \text{ with } v_i \geq 0$$

$$L(x, v) = x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 - 6x_2x_3 + v_1(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 1) + x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + v_2(x_1^2 - x_2 + 1)$$

We define the dual function of problem  $b$  as:

$$h(v) = \min_x L(x, v) \text{ with } v \geq 0$$

Because  $L(x, v)$  is convex for a fixed  $v$ , we can find  $x^*$  by setting the  $\nabla L(x, v) = 0$

$$L2\_grad = \text{gradient}(L2(x1, x2, x3, v1, v2), [x1, x2, x3, v1, v2])$$

$$p2 = \text{solve}([L2\_grad(1); L2\_grad(2); L2\_grad(3)] == [0; 0; 0], [x1, x2, x3])$$

$$x1\_p2 = \text{matlabFunction}(p2.x1)$$

$$x2\_p2 = \text{matlabFunction}(p2.x2)$$

$$x3\_p2 = \text{matlabFunction}(p2.x3)$$

That gives us:

$$x_1(v) = -\frac{4v_1 - v_2 + 1}{2(3v_2 + 2)}$$

$$x_2(v) = -\frac{8v_1 - 5v_2 + 8v_1v_2 - 5v_2^2}{4(3v_2 + 2)}$$

$$x_3(v) = \frac{v_2}{4} - \frac{v_1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$$

Next, we plug in our values for  $x$  in terms of  $v$  into the dual function, and we get:

$$h(v) = (3 * v_2)/4 - (3 * v_1)/2 + v_2 * ((2 * v_1 - v_2/2 + 1/2)^2 / (3 * v_2 + 2)^2 + (2 * v_1 - (5 * v_2)/4 + 2 * v_1 * v_2 - (5 * v_2^2)/4) / (3 * v_2 + 2) + 1) - v_1 * (v_1/2 - v_2/4 + (2 * v_1 - (5 * v_2)/4 + 2 * v_1 * v_2 - (5 * v_2^2)/4) / (3 * v_2 + 2) + (2 * v_1 - v_2/2 + 1/2) / (3 * v_2 + 2) + 5/4) + (2 * v_1 - v_2/2 + 1/2)^2 / (3 * v_2 + 2)^2 + 5 * (v_1/2 - v_2/4 + 1/4)^2 + (4 * v_1 - (5 * v_2)/2 + 4 * v_1 * v_2 - (5 * v_2^2)/2) / (3 * v_2 + 2) + (3 * (2 * v_1 - (5 * v_2)/4 + 2 * v_1 * v_2 - (5 * v_2^2)/4)^2) / (3 * v_2 + 2)^2 - (2 * v_1 - v_2/2 + 1/2) / (3 * v_2 + 2) + (2 * (2 * v_1 - v_2/2 + 1/2) * (v_1/2 - v_2/4 + 1/4)) / (3 * v_2 + 2) - (2 * (2 * v_1 - v_2/2 + 1/2) * (2 * v_1 - (5 * v_2)/4 + 2 * v_1 * v_2 - (5 * v_2^2)/4)) / (3 * v_2 + 2)^2 - (6 * (v_1/2 - v_2/4 + 1/4) * (2 * v_1 - (5 * v_2)/4 + 2 * v_1 * v_2 - (5 * v_2^2)/4)) / (3 * v_2 + 2) - 3/4$$

That makes the dual problem of  $a$  to maximize  $h(v)$  in terms of  $v$ .

According to Thm.17.2, dual function is concave, so we set  $\nabla h(v) = 0$ .

$$h2 = @(v1, v2) L2(x1_p2(v1, v2), x2_p2(v1, v2), x3_p2(v1, v2), v1, v2)$$

$$h2\_grad = \text{gradient}(h2(v1, v2), [v1, v2])$$

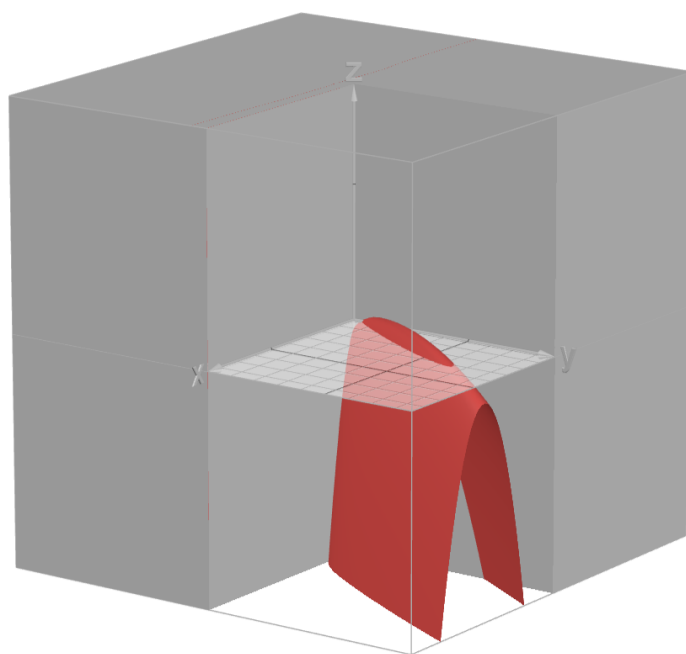
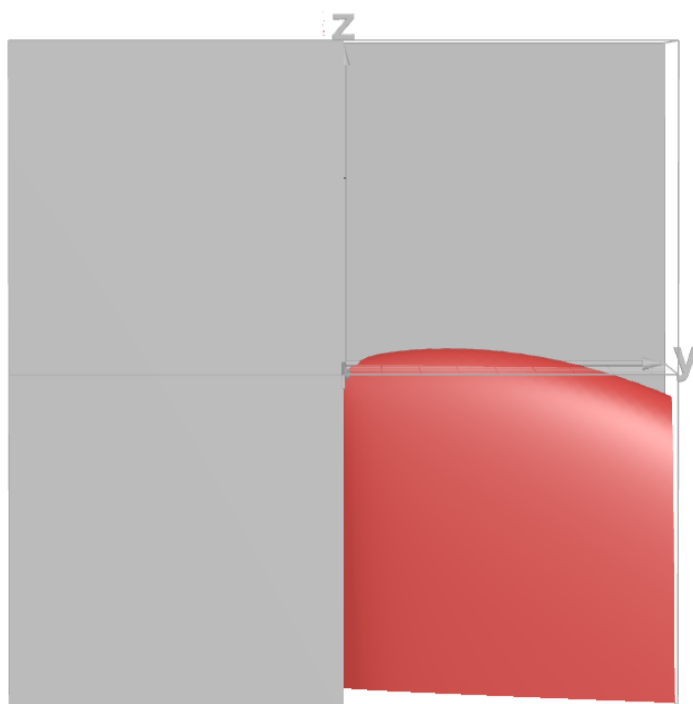
$$v0 = \text{vpasolve}(h2\_grad == [0; 0], [v1 v2])$$

We get a real point  $v^* \approx (2.3301335, 6.0404474)$

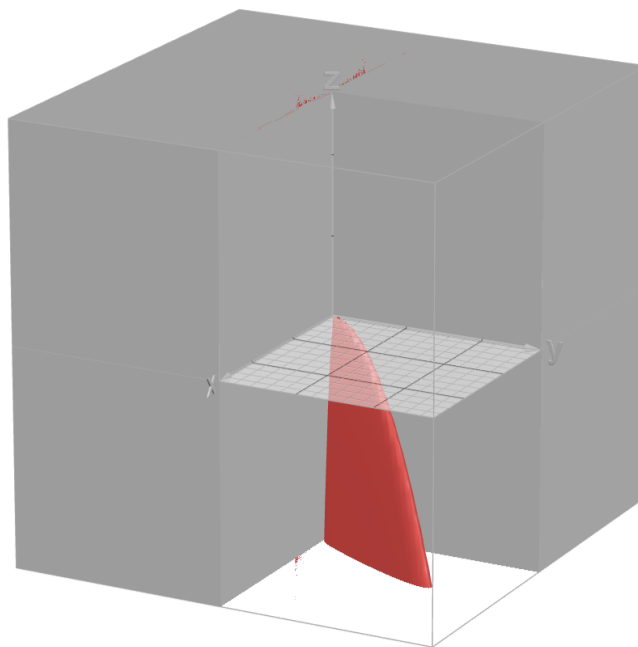
The point satisfies the condition of  $v_i \geq 0$ , so this solution is feasible.



x-axis represents  $v_1$ , y-axis represents  $v_2$ , z-axis represents  $h(v_1, v_2)$



The same  $h(v_1, v_2)$  function as above, plotted from distance.



The dual function gives us  $h(v^*) \approx 0.899070241$   
 $x_1(v^*) \approx -0.1063568$ ,  $x_2(v^*) \approx 1.01131178$  and  $x_3(v^*) \approx 0.09504509$  gives  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) \approx 0.899070241$

$$h(v^*) = f(x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*)$$

As proved in section 3, the function  $f$  is convex, and the constraints  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  define convex sets. According to Thm.17.1, those conditions are sufficient to say that strong duality holds.

## 4

### 4.1

First, we compute the distance between the disk  $D$  and  $p(t)$  using Matlab.

```
d = @(x) (x(1)-x(3))^2 + (x(2)-x(4))^2;

g1 = @(x) x(1)^2 + (x(2) - 2)^2 - 1;
g2 = @(x) - x(3)^2 + x(4);

lb = -inf(4,1);
ub = inf(4,1);

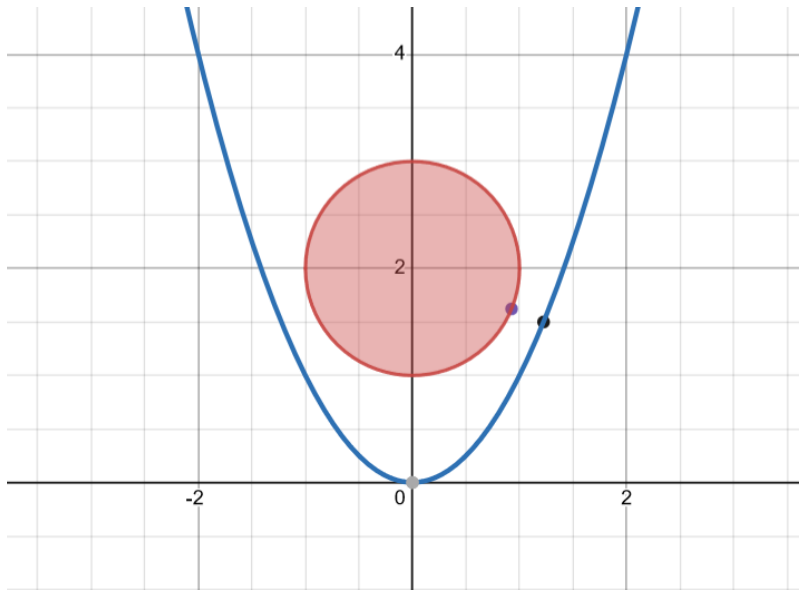
syms x

nlc = @(x) deal([g1(x)], [g2(x)]);

x0 = fmincon(d, [0,2,1,1], [], [], [], [], lb, ub, nlc)

sqrt(d(x0))
```

We get  $x^0 = (0.9258, 1.6220, 1.2247, 1.5)$ , which gives us a point  $c = (0.9258, 1.6220)$  and  $t = 1.2247$ , where  $c \in D$  and  $t^2 = 1.4999 \approx 1.5$



Let's check that  $x^0$  is a feasible point:

$$g1(x^0) = -1.2389e - 06 \approx 0 \text{ and } g2(x^0) = -1.1806e - 12 \approx 0$$

### 4.2

Now let's look at the dual problem.

We are trying to minimize the distance between a point inside of the circle, and a point  $p(t)$ .

We can write the function we want to minimize as  $d(x_1, x_2, t) = (x_1 - t)^2 + (x_2 - t^2)^2$ .

With this as our function to minimize, we just need a constraint for the points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . That will be  $g(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 - 1$ .

$$d = @(x1, x2, t) (x1 - t)^2 + (x2 - t^2)^2;$$

$$g = @(x1, x2) x1^2 + (x2 - 2)^2 - 1;$$

With these functions, we can make a Lagrangian function for this problem:

$$L(x_1, x_2, t, v) = d(x_1, x_2, t) + v \cdot g(x_1, x_2)$$

Setting the gradient in  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  equal to 0 gives us the explicit functions for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in regards of  $v$  and parameter  $t$ .

$$L = @(x1, x2, t, v) d(x1, x2, t) + v * g(x1, x2);$$

$$L\_grad = \text{gradient}(L(x1, x2, t, v), [x1, x2])$$

$$p = \text{solve}(L\_grad == [0;0], [x1, x2])$$

$$x1\_p = \text{matlabFunction}(p.x1);$$

$$x2\_p = \text{matlabFunction}(p.x2);$$

$$x_1(v, t) = \frac{t}{v+1}$$

$$x_2(v, t) = \frac{t^2+2v}{v+1}$$

Now, by inputting the values of  $x_i$  in terms of  $v$  and parameter  $t$  into the Lagrangian, we get the dual function  $h(v, t)$ .

$$h = @(v, t) L(x1\_p(t, v), x2\_p(v, t), t, v)$$

$$h(v, t) = (t - \frac{t}{v+1})^2 + (\frac{v^2+2t}{t+1} - t^2)^2 + v((\frac{v^2+2t}{t+1} - 2)^2 + \frac{t^2}{(v+1)^2} - 1)$$

Setting the derivative in  $v$  equal to 0 finds a  $v^*$  dependent on parameter  $t$ .

$$h\_grad = \text{gradient}(h(v, t), v)$$

$$v0 = \text{vpasolve}(h\_grad == 0, v)$$

$$h_{grad} = ((v^2 + 2 * t)/(t + 1) - 2)^2 + t^2/(v + 1)^2 - v * ((2 * t^2)/(v + 1)^3 - (4 * v * ((v^2 + 2 * t)/(t + 1) - 2))/(t + 1)) + (4 * v * ((v^2 + 2 * t)/(t + 1) - t^2))/(t + 1) + (2 * t * (t - t/(v + 1)))/(v + 1)^2 - 1 = 0$$

Solving a high degree equation like this produces from Matlab a result in a form "root(\*result\*, z, \*number of solution\*)". I tried many different ways to get a solution of just  $v = \text{*equation using } t \text{ as a parameter*}$  but I didn't succeed.

After trying to separate  $v$  from the equation by hand and failing after two pages of computations, I decided to just give the  $v^*$  in the same form Matlab gave.

$$v^*(t) = \text{root}(z^6 + (14 * z^5)/5 + z^4/5 - (z^3 * (-8 * t + 4 * t^2 + 4 * t^3 + 20))/5 - (z^2 * (-14 * t + 9 * t^2 + 8 * t^3 + 9))/5 + (z * (4 * t - 6 * t^2 - 4 * t^3 + 6))/5 - (2 * t)/5 + t^4/5 + (2 * t^3)/5 + 3/5, z, 1)$$

By back-substituting  $v^*$  dependent on parameter  $t$  back into the dual function  $h(v, t)$ , we get a dual function dependent solely on the parameter  $t$ .

$$h(v0, t)$$

$$h(v^*(t)) = (t^2 - (2 * t + \text{root}(z^6 + (14 * z^5)/5 + z^4/5 - (z^3 * (-8 * t + 4 * t^2 + 4 * t^3 + 20))/5 - (z^2 * (-14 * t + 9 * t^2 + 8 * t^3 + 9))/5 + (z * (4 * t - 6 * t^2 - 4 * t^3 + 6))/5 - (2 * t)/5 + t^4/5 + (2 * t^3)/5 + 3/5, z, 1)^2)/(t + 1))^2 + (t - t/\text{root}(z^6 + (14 * z^5)/5 + z^4/5 - (z^3 * (-8 * t + 4 * t^2 + 4 * t^3 + 20))/5 - (z^2 * (-14 * t + 9 * t^2 + 8 * t^3 + 9))/5 + (z * (4 * t - 6 * t^2 - 4 * t^3 + 6))/5 - (2 * t)/5 + t^4/5 + (2 * t^3)/5 + 3/5, z, 1) + 1)^2 + (((2 * t + \text{root}(z^6 + (14 * z^5)/5 + z^4/5 - (z^3 * (-8 * t + 4 * t^2 + 4 * t^3 + 20))/5 - (z^2 * (-14 * t + 9 * t^2 + 8 * t^3 + 9))/5 + (z * (4 * t - 6 * t^2 - 4 * t^3 + 6))/5 - (2 * t)/5 + t^4/5 + (2 * t^3)/5 + 3/5, z, 1)^2)/(t + 1) - 2)^2 + t^2/\text{root}(z^6 + (14 * z^5)/5 + z^4/5 - (z^3 * (-8 * t + 4 * t^2 + 4 * t^3 + 20))/5 - (z^2 * (-14 * t + 9 * t^2 + 8 * t^3 + 9))/5 + (z * (4 * t - 6 * t^2 - 4 * t^3 + 6))/5 - (2 * t)/5 + t^4/5 + (2 * t^3)/5 + 3/5, z, 1)^2 - 1) * \text{root}(z^6 + (14 * z^5)/5 + z^4/5 - (z^3 * (-8 * t + 4 * t^2 + 4 * t^3 + 20))/5 -$$

$$(z^2*(-14*t+9*t^2+8*t^3+9))/5+(z*(4*t-6*t^2-4*t^3+6))/5-(2*t)/5+t^4/5+(2*t^3)/5+3/5,z,1)$$

Due to the format of the results, I couldn't verify that strong duality holds by checking the value of  $d(x_1(v^*(t)), x_2(v^*(t)), t) = h(v^*(t), t)$

## 5

We compute the  $x^0$  and the distance  $d$  using Matlab.

```
d = @(x) sqrt((x(1)-x(3))^2 + (x(2)-x(4))^2);

g1 = @(x) 6 * x(1)^2 + 9 * x(2)^2 + 4 * x(1) * x(2) - 2;
g2 = @(x) 4 * x(3)^2 + 4 * x(4)^2 - 4 * x(3) * x(4) - 20 * x(3) + 4 * x(4) + 25;

lb = -inf(4,1);
ub = inf(4,1);

syms x

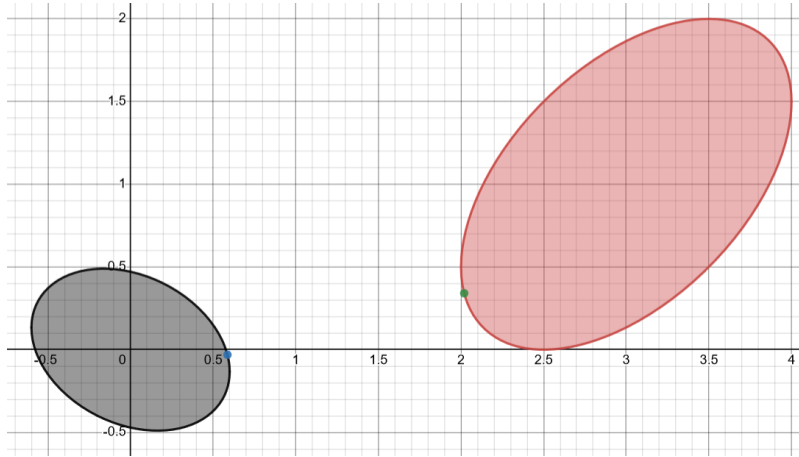
nlc = @(x) deal([g1(x),g2(x)], []);

x0 = fmincon(d, [0,0,3,1], [], [], [], [], lb, ub, nlc)

d(x0)
```

Gives  $x^0 = (0.5865, -0.0307, 2.0192, 0.3408)$  and the distance between the points  $d(x^0) = 1.4801$ .

Sets  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  with highlighted points  $(x_1, x_2)$  and  $(x_3, x_4)$ :



First, let's prove that  $x^0$  is a feasible solution.

$g1(x^0) = -1.4289e - 07 \approx 0$  and  $g2(x^0) = -1.0764e - 07 \approx 0$  which is  $\leq 0$  and close enough to 0 to be rounding mistake of matlab.

Prove that  $x^0$  is a KKT point:

1.  $\nabla f(x^0) = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i \nabla g_i(x^0)$
2.  $v_i \leq 0$
3.  $g_i(x^0) \leq b_i$
4.  $v_i(b_i - g_i(x^0)) = 0$

```
d = @(x1, x2, x3, x4) (x1-x3)^2 + (x2-x4)^2;
g1 = @(x1, x2, x3, x4) 6 * x1^2 + 9 * x2^2 + 4 * x1 * x2 - 2;
g2 = @(x1, x2, x3, x4) 4 * x3^2 + 4 * x4^2 - 4 * x3 * x4 - 20 * x3 + 4 * x4 + 25;

syms x1 x2 x3 x4

grad_d = matlabFunction(gradient(d(x1, x2, x3, x4), [x1, x2, x3, x4]))
```

```
grad_g1 = matlabFunction(gradient(g1(x1, x2, x3, x4), [x1, x2, x3, x4]))
grad_g2 = matlabFunction(gradient(g2(x1, x2, x3, x4), [x1, x2, x3, x4]))
```

```
grad_d(0.5865,-0.0307,2.0192, 0.3408)
grad_g1(0.5865,-0.0307)
grad_g2(2.0192, 0.3408)
```

```
g1(0.5865,-0.0307,2.0192, 0.3408)
g2(0.5865,-0.0307,2.0192, 0.3408)
```

1.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2.8654 \\ -0.7430 \\ 2.8654 \\ 0.7430 \end{pmatrix} = -0.41436 \begin{pmatrix} 6.9152 \\ 1.7934 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 0.55 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -5.2096 \\ -1.3504 \end{pmatrix}$$

2.

$v_1 = -0.41436$  and  $v_2 = -0.55$  which both satisfy the condition of  $v_i \leq 0$

3.

After evaluating  $g1(x^0)$  and  $g2(x^0)$ , we get  $-1.4289e-07 \approx 0$  and  $-1.0764e-07 \approx 0$

4.

$$-0.41436(0 - 0) = 0 \text{ and } -0.55(0 - 0) = 0$$

The KKT conditions hold, let's check if  $x^0$  is a minimum or a maximum:

Let's take a point  $a = (0, 0, 3, 1)$  and check for feasibility:

$g1(a) = -2 \leq 0$  and  $g2(a) = -3 \leq 0$ , therefore the point is feasible.

After checking the distance function, it gives  $d(a) = 10$ , where  $10 > 1.4801$ .

Therefore  $x^0$  is a minimum.

## 6

Consider function  $f(x) = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (2 + x_1 + x_2)^2 \leq 10$

By running following script, we find the minimum and maximum  $x_i$  values reachable while staying inside the feasible set of  $x$ .

```
f1 = @(x) x(1);
f2 = @(x) x(2);
f3 = @(x) -x(1);
f4 = @(x) -x(2);

g = @(x) (x(1) - x(2))^2 + (2 + x(1) + x(2))^2 - 10;

lb = -inf(2,1);
ub = inf(2,1);

nlc = @(x) deal([g(x)], []);

x01 = fmincon(f1, [0,0], [], [], [], [], lb, ub, nlc)
x02 = fmincon(f2, [0,0], [], [], [], [], lb, ub, nlc)
x03 = fmincon(f3, [0,0], [], [], [], [], lb, ub, nlc)
x04 = fmincon(f4, [0,0], [], [], [], [], lb, ub, nlc)
```

The values are  $x^0_1 = (-5.0118, -1.9488)$ ,  $x^0_2 = (-4.3860, -2.1499)$ ,  $x^0_3 = (1.0183, 0.1439)$  and  $x^0_4 = (-1.0862, 1.1499)$

Let's show these points are KKT points.

Let's check the KKT conditions:

1.  $\nabla f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i \nabla g_i(x)$
2.  $v_i \leq 0$
3.  $g_i(x) \leq b_i$
4.  $v_i(b_i - g_i(x)) = 0$

For all following computations we will be using this matlab code with minor changes:

```
f1 = @(x1,x2) -x1;
g = @(x1, x2) (x1 - x2)^2 + (2 + x1 + x2^2)^2 - 10;

syms x1 x2

grad_f1 = gradient(f1(x1, x2), [x1, x2])
grad_g = matlabFunction(gradient(g(x1, x2), [x1, x2]));
grad_g(1.0183 , 0.1439)

g(1.0183 , 0.1439)
```

For  $x^0_1$ :

Compute the gradient of  $f_1$  and  $g$  at point  $x^0_1$

$$(1, 0) = v(-4.5540, -0.0012)$$

Assuming Matlab rounding mistakes, let  $v = -\frac{1}{4.554}$ .

$$g(x^0_1) = -2.0130e - 04 \approx 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{4.554}(0 + 2.0130e - 04) = -0.00004 \approx 0$$

Point  $x^0_1$  is a KKT point.

For  $x^0_2$ :

Compute gradient of  $f_2$  and  $g$  at point  $x^0_2$

$$(0, 1) = v(-0.0001, -14.7571)$$



Assuming matlab rounding mistakes, let  $v = -\frac{1}{14.7571}$ .  
 $g(x^0_2) = 1.5230e - 04 \approx 0$   
 $-\frac{1}{14.7571}(0 - 1.5230e - 04) = 0.00001 \approx 0$   
 Point  $x^0_2$  is a KKT point.

For  $x^0_3$ :

Compute gradient of  $f_3$  and  $g$  at point  $x^0_3$   
 $(-1, 0) = v(7.8268, 0.0005)$   
 Assuming matlab rounding mistakes, let  $v = -\frac{1}{7.8268}$ .  
 $g(x^0_3) = 1.4018e - 04 \approx 0$   
 $-\frac{1}{7.8268}(0 - 1.4018e - 04) = 0.00001 \approx 0$   
 Point  $x^0_3$  is a KKT point.

For  $x^0_4$ :

Compute gradient of  $f_4$  and  $g$  at point  $x^0_4$   
 $(0, -1) = v(-0.0001, 14.7572)$   
 Assuming matlab rounding mistakes, let  $v = -\frac{1}{14.7572}$ .  
 $g(x^0_4) = 1.5230e - 04 \approx 0$   
 $-\frac{1}{14.7572}(0 - 1.5230e - 04) = 0.00001 \approx 0$   
 Point  $x^0_4$  is a KKT point.

The final rectangle has vertices at  $(-5.0118, 1.1499)$ ,  $(1.0183, 1.1499)$ ,  $(1.0183, -2.1499)$  and  $(-5.0118, -2.1499)$ .  
 The lengths of sides are  $6.0301 \times 3.2998$ .  
 The area of the rectangle is  $19.89812398$ .

The smallest rectangle containing the set  $X = \{x \in R^2 : f(x) \leq 10\}$ :

