

Homework 1

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Problem (1). Given that the responses are repetitive, I give more details in part (a) and give briefer explanations elsewhere.

- (a) \mathcal{D} is not closed and therefore not compact as it is missing the limit point 4π . Weierstrass theorem only applies to compact sets. The infimum of $f(\mathcal{D})$ is achieved as minimum by $f\left(\frac{3}{2}\pi\right) = -1$. \mathcal{D} is convex as any type of interval contains all line segments between any two points. f is not convex since its epigraph (region above the sine wave) is clearly not a convex set (take two points in different "valleys", and the line segment is not contained in the epigraph.) Global, strictly global, local, strictly local, and isolated local minimizers all coincide in this case. They are $-\frac{5}{2}\pi, -\frac{1}{2}\pi, \frac{3}{2}\pi, \frac{7}{2}\pi$.
- (b) \mathcal{D} is closed since \mathbb{R} is clopen. But it is not compact as it is not bounded. Thus Weierstrass doesn't apply. The infimum is $1 - \sup |\arctan x| = 1 - \frac{\pi}{2}$. The minimum doesn't exist, implying that minimizers also don't exist. \mathcal{D} is convex but f is not as its epigraph is not.
- (c) \mathcal{D} is not closed as it is missing the limit point 0. Thus it is not compact and Weierstrass doesn't apply. The infimum is achieved as minimum by $f(4.49) = -0.22$. \mathcal{D} is an open interval and thus convex but f is not since it is still a wave and its epigraph is not convex.
- (d) \mathcal{D} is closed because it contains all its limit points. It is also compact since it is bounded (or it clearly always admits a finite subcover). Thus Weierstrass applies. The infimum is achieved as minimum by $f(0) = 0$. \mathcal{D} is clearly not convex so f is not convex as convex function requires the domain to be convex. Its global and strictly global minimizer is 0, and every nonzero point in the domain is a local, strictly local, and isolated local minimizer of f , whereas 0 is everything but an isolated local minimizer.

Problem (2). Eigenvalues (positive definiteness) are computed by MATLAB.

(a) Converting to matrix form, we have

$$f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + 9$$

Since A is positive definite, applying the quadratic minimization lemma yields

$$\begin{aligned} f^* &= c - \frac{1}{4} b^T A^{-1} b \\ &= 9 - \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 9 - 9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) The matrix form is

$$f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} - 8$$

Since A is not positive semidefinite, we cannot apply the quadratic minimization lemma.

Problem (3). (i) A minimum hence infimum exists at $f(0) = 0$. \mathcal{D} is not closed or compact so we cannot apply Weierstrass.

(ii) A minimum or even an infimum doesn't exist as f is not bounded from below in its domain. \mathcal{D} is not closed nor compact so we cannot apply Weierstrass.

(iii) A minimum hence infimum exists at $f(0) = 0$. f is not continuous so we cannot apply Weierstrass.

Problem (4). (i) The feasible cone coincides with itself: $\{(x, y) : y \geq 0\}$.

(ii) The feasible cone is $\{(x, y) : x < 0\} \cup \{(0, 0)\}$,

(iii) The slope of the tangent line at $x = 3$ is 6. The feasible cone is $\{(x, y) : y > 6x\} \cup \{(0, 0)\}$.

Problem (5). The feasible cone is \mathbb{R}^2 so

$$\begin{aligned} D_+ f((0, 0); (\xi_1, \xi_2)) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(h\xi_1, h\xi_2) - f(0, 0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h\sqrt{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2}}{h} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2}$$

Problem (6). Some work such as partial fraction decomposition is done on scratch paper. Integrals are computed by Wolfram alpha.

- (1) $u(t) = t$. We first apply Laplace transform to solve for $x(t)$ and then evaluate the integral:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\dot{x}\} &= \mathcal{L}\{2x\} + \mathcal{L}\{t\} \\ sX(s) - x(0) &= 2X(s) + \frac{1}{s^2} \\ X(s) &= -\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) + \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{s-2} \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{X(s)\} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{-\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) + \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{s-2}\right\} \\ x(t) &= \frac{5}{4}e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{4} \\ x(1) &= \frac{5}{4}e^2 - \frac{3}{4} \\ J(t) &= (x(1) - 3)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left[\left(\frac{5}{4}e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 + t^2 \right] dt \\ &= 38.56\end{aligned}$$

- (2) $u(t) = e^t$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\dot{x}\} &= \mathcal{L}\{2x\} + \mathcal{L}\{e^t\} \\ sX(s) - x(0) &= 2X(s) + \frac{1}{s-1} \\ X(s) &= \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{(s-1)(s-2)} \\ X(s) &= 2\frac{1}{s-2} - \frac{1}{s-1} \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{X(s)\} &= 2\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-2}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-1}\right\} \\ x(t) &= 2e^{2t} - e^t \\ x(1) &= 2e^2 - e \\ J(e^t) &= (x(1) - 3)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left[(2e^{2t} - e^t)^2 + e^{2t} \right] dt \\ &= 99.35\end{aligned}$$

(3) $u(t) = 2e^{-t}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}\{\dot{x}\} &= \mathcal{L}\{2x\} + \mathcal{L}\{2e^{-t}\} \\
sX(s) - x(0) &= 2X(s) + 2\frac{1}{s+1} \\
X(s) &= \frac{1}{s-2} + 2\frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)} \\
X(s) &= \frac{5}{3}\frac{1}{s-2} - \frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{s+1} \\
\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{X(s)\} &= \frac{5}{3}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-2}\right\} - \frac{2}{3}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+1}\right\} \\
x(t) &= \frac{5}{3}e^{2t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \\
x(1) &= \frac{5}{3}e^2 - \frac{2}{3}e^{-1} \\
J(2e^{-t}) &= (x(1) - 3)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left[\left(\frac{5}{3}e^{2t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \right)^2 + 4e^{-2t} \right] dt \\
&= 99.92
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, u_1 gives the smallest value.

Problem (7). Since f is

$$\begin{aligned}
Df(x, y) &= \begin{pmatrix} 2x - 2 & 2 \\ y & x + 2y \end{pmatrix} \\
Df((2, 2); (1, -1)) &= Df(2, 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Problem (8). Choose $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$. For any $\delta > 0$, choose $x_2 = x_1^2$ s.t. $x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq \delta^2$. Since $f(0, 0) = 0$, we have

$$|f(x_1, x_2) - 0| = |f(x_1, x_2)| = 1 \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence f is discontinuous at $(0, 0)$.

The feasible cone at $(0, 0)$ is \mathbb{R}^2 . Notice if $tx_2 = t^2x_1^2, t \neq 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = tx_1^2$, then such value of t is unique except when $x_1 = x_2 = 0$. Thus if we take $(x_1, x_2) \neq (0, 0)$, $tx_2 \neq t^2x_1^2 \forall t \neq 0$ except for that unique value, so

$$\begin{aligned} Df((0, 0); (x_1, x_2)) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(tx_1, tx_2) - f(0, 0)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 - 0}{t} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus f is Gâteaux differentiable.

Problem (9). (a) Explicitly, $g(a) = (ah_2 - pa^2h_1^2)(ah_2 - qa^2h_1^2)$ and $g'(a) = (h_2 - 2ph_1^2a)(h_2a - qh_1^2a^2) + (h_2a - ph_1^2a^2)(h_2 - 2qh_1^2a)$. Since the feasible cone at $(0, 0)$ is \mathbb{R}^2 ,

$$\begin{aligned} g'(0) &= Df((0, 0); (h_1, h_2)) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(a) - g(0)}{a} \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{(ah_2 - pa^2h_1^2)(ah_2 - qa^2h_1^2) - 0}{a} \\ &= 0 \\ g''(0) &= D^2f((0, 0); (h_1, h_2)) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{g'(a) - g'(0)}{a} \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} (h_2 - 2ph_1^2a)(h_2 - qh_1^2a) + (h_2 - ph_1^2a)(h_2 - 2qh_1^2a) \\ &= 2h_2^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the sufficient conditions of local minimizer, $a = 0$ is a local minimizer of g , as desired.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} Df(y, z) &= \begin{pmatrix} -2py(z - qy^2) - 2qy(z - py^2) & 2z - (p + q)y^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ Df(x_0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $f(x_0) = 0$. It suffices to find an x s.t. $f(x) < 0$. We just need the two factors to have different signs. Fix an $y \neq 0$, choose z s.t. $py^2 < z < qy^2$ which is possible since $p < q$. Then clearly the two factors have different signs so $f(y, z) < 0$.

(d)

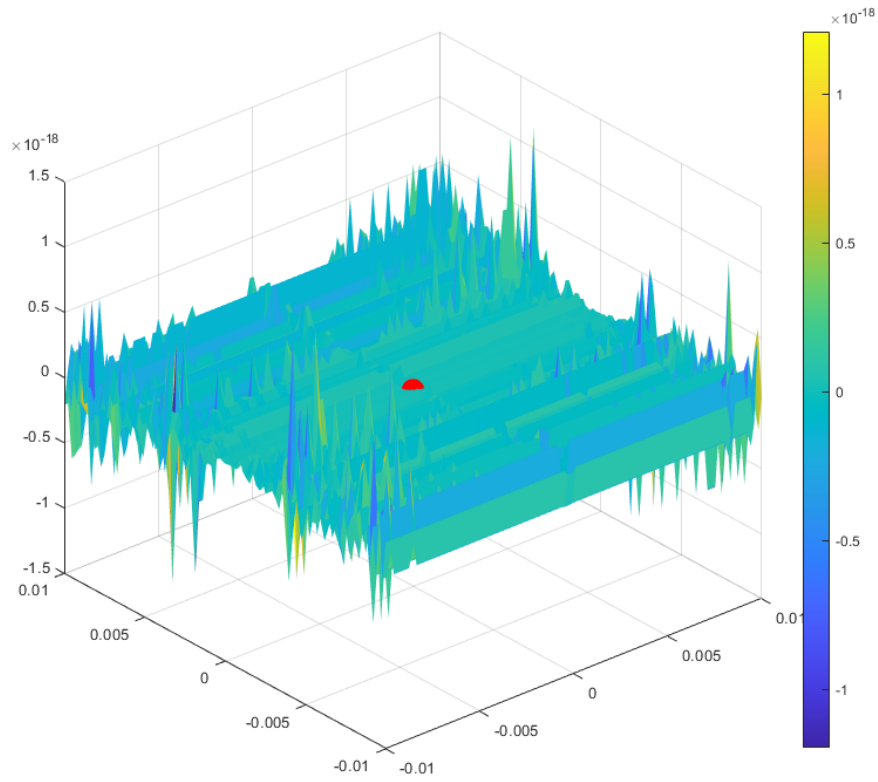


Figure 1: The domain is $[-0.01, 0.01] \times [-0.01, 0.01]$ and the red dot indicates $(0, 0)$. This shows that the function behaves erratically near the origin so there is no neighborhood where it can be a local minimizer.