

COMP206 MATHEMATICAL MODELING AND ALGORITHMIC THINKING

Answer to Question 1.1

$$F(x) = -2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2^2 + x_1 + x_2 + 3 \text{ where } f \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Finding minimum or maximum of that function, we need to calculate first derivatives

First derivative of function with respect to x_1 :

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} = -4x_1 - 2x_2 + 1$$

First derivative of function with respect to x_2 :

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_2} = -4x_2 - 2x_1 + 1$$

If we set them equal to 0 and solve, we will get :

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{6} \text{ and } x_2 = \frac{1}{6} \text{ that means } \left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right) \text{ as a stationary point.}$$

After that we should find Hessian matrix to see if it will give max or min of function;

$$\text{Hessian Matrix is : } \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

To do so, We will calculate $|D_1|$ and $|D_2|$

$$|D_1| = -4 \text{ which is } < 0 \text{ (less than zero)}$$

$$|D_2| = 12 \text{ which is } > 0 \text{ (bigger than zero)}$$

It is saying that it is negative definite.

That means our function has a maximum value at $\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right)$

$$F = \left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{19}{6} \text{ will be the maximum value of the function.}$$

More work on this question :

While F function is in \mathbb{R}^2 , It may be 0 as a minimum value with respect to the definition by square of real numbers.

So if we look for that one,

there may be a few solution for that such as $(-1, 0)$. It will give 0 that is minimum of function.

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Answer to Question 1.2

$$F(x) = 2x^2 + xz + y^2 + 2yz + \frac{1}{2}z^2$$

Finding minimum or maximum of that function, we need to calculate first derivatives

First derivative of function with respect to x :

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 4x + z$$

First derivative of function with respect to y :

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2y + 2z$$

First derivative of function with respect to z :

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = x + 2y + z$$

If we set them equal to 0 and solve, we will get :

$x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $z = 0$. That means $(0,0,0)$ as a stationary point.

The point $(0,0,0)$ is the point that we will check after looking Hessian matrix

We should find Hessian matrix to see if it will give max or min of function;

$$\text{We can find hessian matrix as } H = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|D_1| = 4 > 0 \text{ (Bigger than zero)}$$

$$|D_2| = 8 > 0 \text{ (Bigger than zero)}$$

$$|D_3| = -10 < 0 \text{ (Less than zero)}$$

This is saying it is neither Negative Definite nor Positive Definite function.

As a conclusion, It has not maximum or minimum value at that point and also in anywhere while it is neither PD nor ND.

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Answer to Question 2

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%We will apply steepest descent method to the function.

%Our function that we will apply steepest descent method.
f = @(x) 3*(x(1)).^2+6*(x(2)).^4;

%gradient of the function with respect to x(1) and x(2).
gradf = @(x)[6*x(1);24*(x(2)).^3];

iterNumber = 1000;

initial = [-3;5];

stepSize = 0.0001;

nextguess = [initial];

record = initial;

for i = 1: iterNumber
    nextguess = nextguess - stepSize*gradf(nextguess);
    record = [record,nextguess];
end

fig = figure;
myPlot = plot(record(1,:),record(2,:), "ro");
hold on;
plot(0,0,'b^');
hold off;
myPlot.Color = "magenta";

disp('Distance from minimum');
disp(norm([0,0]-nextguess));

saveas(fig,"recordingHW4", 'epsc');

% As it can be seen from the plot below, it approaches 0,0 in
% each iteration.
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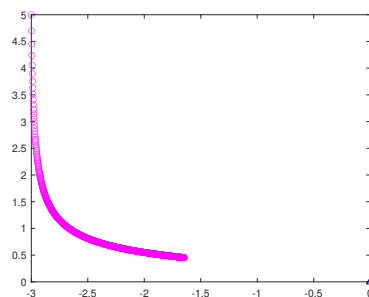


Figure 1: Plot for Q2

Answer to Question 3

Newton's method for max – min problem is :

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f'(x_n)}{f''(x_n)}$$

Answer to Question 3.1

* For $f(x) = x^2$

First derivative of f $f'(x) = 2x$

Second derivative of f $f''(x) = 2$

I choose starting point $x = 1$ so x_1 is 1. We can continue to formula

$$x_2 = 1 - \frac{2 * (1)}{2} \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 0 - \frac{2 * (0)}{2} \Rightarrow x_3 = 0 \dots$$

So, it always going to zero after second step.

Thus, while second derivative of function is bigger than 0 (which means convex), and function goes 0, It has minimum value at 0 : $f(0) = 0$

Answer to Question 3.2

* For $f(x) = x^3$

First derivative of f $f'(x) = 3x^2$

Second derivative of f $f''(x) = 6x$

I choose starting point $x = 1$ so x_1 is 1. We can continue to formula

$$x_2 = 1 - \frac{3 * (1)^2}{6 * (1)} \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3 * (\frac{1}{2})^2}{6 * \frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow x_3 = 1/4$$

$$x_4 = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3 * (\frac{1}{4})^2}{6 * \frac{1}{4}} \Rightarrow x_4 = 1/8$$

$$x_5 = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3 * (\frac{1}{8})^2}{6 * \frac{1}{8}} \Rightarrow x_5 = 1/16 \dots$$

So, it always going to zero after a lot of steps. It is approaching 0.

But here 0 point is a critical(saddle) point so we need to check it.

If we look for the second derivative of function : $6x$

Thus, we can say that from right hand side of 0 point, it's bigger than zero(convex) but from left hand side, it is negative(concave).

Moreover, we can say that it is neither convex nor concave that means it has no min or max value while its domain is in \mathbb{R}

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Answer to Question 3.3

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** For $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$*

First derivative of f $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

Second derivative of f $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4x^{(3/2)}}$

I choose starting point $x = 1$ so x_1 is 1. We can continue to formula

$$x_2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1}}}{-\frac{1}{4*1^{(3/2)}}} \Rightarrow x_2 = 3$$

$$x_3 = 3 - \frac{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}}{-\frac{1}{4*3^{(3/2)}}} \Rightarrow \text{which is bigger than 3 ...}$$

So, always it is going bigger.

This means, it goes infinity so it has no min or max value.

And from this formula, we could not find any min value.

But, we now that domain of \sqrt{x} is bigger than or equal to 0.

Thus, if we want to find minimum value of the function, we need to look at its domain.

While it starts from point (0,0), this is the minimum value because every time it goes bigger.

So, the minimum value should be at $x = 0$ which is $f(0) = 0$

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