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Information for candidates:

- All functions are sufficiently smooth.
- ∇f denotes the gradient of the function f. Note that ∇f is a column vector.
- $\nabla^2 f$ denotes the Hessian matrix of the function f. Note that $\nabla^2 f$ is a square matrix and that, under suitable regularity conditions, the Hessian matrix is symmetric.
- Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$. A level set of f is any non-empty set described by

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) \le \alpha \},\$$

with $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

- 1. Consider the problem of minimizing a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ with the gradient method applied using at each step an exact line search. Let p_0 be the starting point of the algorithm and $\{p_k\}$ the sequence generated by the algorithm.
 - (a) Show that, for each $k \geq 0$, the search direction d_{k+1} is orthogonal to the search direction d_k . [4]
 - (b) Consider the function

$$f(x) = 10x^2 + y^2.$$

Show that the sequence $\{p_k\} = \{x_k, y_k\}$ (resulting from the application of the gradient method with exact line search) is such that

$$x_{k+1} = -9\frac{x_k y_k^2}{1000x_k^2 + y_k^2}$$
 $y_{k+1} = 900\frac{y_k x_k^2}{1000x_k^2 + y_k^2}.$

[8]

- (c) Assume that the sequence $\{p_k\}$ converges to a minimum p^* of the function f. Using the result in part (b) compute such a minimum. [4]
- (d) Compute the first element (i.e. p_1) of the sequence $\{p_k\}$ obtained from the starting point $p_0 = (1/10, 1)$. Let

$$C_1 = \frac{\|p_1 - p^{\star}\|}{\|p_0 - p^{\star}\|}$$

and show that C_1 is equal to the theoretical worst case value

$$\frac{\lambda_M - \lambda_m}{\lambda_M + \lambda_m},$$

where λ_M is the largest eigenvalue of $\nabla^2 f$ and λ_m is the smallest eigenvalue of $\nabla^2 f$. (Note that $\nabla^2 f$ is a constant matrix.) [4]

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- 2. (a) Give necessary and sufficient second order conditions for a point $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to be a strict local minimum for a C^2 function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$. [4]
 - (b) Consider the function

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) = e^{x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + x_2^2 - 1}$$

and sketch its level sets. Hence perform two steps of the Newton algorithm for the local minimization of ϕ starting from the point $(x_1, x_2) = (1, 0)$. Let (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) denote the point obtained by the application of the Newton algorithm.

(c) Show that if x^* is a strict local minimum of the function

$$v(x) = e^{f(x)},$$

then x^* is also a strict local minimum of the function f. [4]

(d) Use the result in part (c) to compute a strict local minimum for the function ϕ in part (b). Compare the value of the exact local minimum with the value (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) obtained in part (b). [4]

3. Consider the system of equations

$$r_1(x) = x_1^2 - x_2 - 1 = 0$$
 $r_2(x) = x_1 - x_2 = 0.$

The solutions $(x_1^{\star}, x_2^{\star})$ of such a system can be obtained minimizing the function $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$f(x) = r_1^2(x) + r_2^2(x).$$

- (a) Compute the stationary points of the function f. Show that two of these points are global minima, *i.e.* f is equal to zero at these points, and one is a saddle point. [8]
- (b) Describe the method of coordinate directions for unconstrained minimization and discuss when it is convenient to use this method. [4]
- (c) Starting from the point $x^0 = (1, -1)$ apply four iterations of the coordinate direction method with initial direction d = [1, 0]' and selecting, at each step, the parameter α by inspection. Let x^1, x^2, x^3 and x^4 be the points obtained by the algorithm. Sketch on the (x_1, x_2) plane the position of such points and discuss if the sequence thus obtained approaches the global minimum of f.

4. Consider an optimization problem of the form

$$\begin{cases} \min_{x} f(x) \\ g(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) State first order necessary conditions and second order sufficient conditions of optimality for such a problem. [4]
- (b) Let

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}((x_1 - 1)^2 + x_2^2)$$

and

$$g(x) = -x_1 + \beta x_2^2,$$

with β constant. Examine for what values of β it is possible to conclude that $x^* = (0,0)$ is a local minimum. [8]

(c) Solve the equation associated with the constraint and substitute the solution into the function f. Show that for $\beta \leq 1/2$ the point $x^* = (0,0)$ is a local minimum and for $\beta > 1/2$ it is a local maximum. [8]

5. Consider an optimization problem of the form

$$\begin{cases} \min_{x} f(x) \\ g(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Discuss the exact penalty function method for such an optimization problem. [4]
- (b) Let

$$f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 3x_1x_2$$

and

$$g(x) = x_1 + 3x_2 - 5.$$

Compute an exact penalty function for the minimization problem. [6]

- (c) Compute the stationary points and the minima of the exact penalty function constructed in part (b). Hence construct a solution of the considered constrained optimization problem. [6]
- (d) Let x^* be the constrained minimum computed in part (c). Using the first order necessary conditions of optimality construct the corresponding optimal multiplier λ^* . [4]

6. Consider the function

$$f(x) = 10(1 - xe^{-x/3}\sin(x/2))$$

depicted in Figure 1 for $x \in [0, 20]$, and the problem of finding the global minimum of f for $x \in [0, 20]$.

- (a) Show that the function is Lipshitz in the interval [0, 20]. (Hint: The Lipshitz constant is upper bounded by the maximum modulus of the derivative of f).
- (b) Assume that an estimate of the Lipshitz constant for the function f is $\tilde{L}=5$. Starting from the point x=20 apply (graphically) the algorithm for global minimization of Lipschitz functions and show that the algorithm converges to the global minimum. [16]

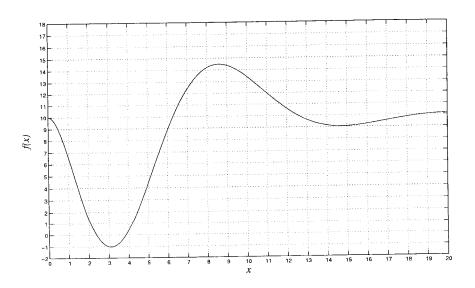


Figure 1: The function f(x).

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(a)
$$\phi_{ext} = \phi_{ext} + \alpha_{ext} d_{ext}$$
 $d_{ext} = \phi_{ext} + \alpha_{ext} d_{ext}$
 $d_{ext} = -\nabla f(\phi_{ext})$
 $d_{ext} = -\nabla$

$$X_{k+1} = X_{k} - 20 \times k \times k = X_{k} (1-20 \times k)$$

$$Y_{k+1} = Y_{k} - 2 Y_{k} \times k = Y_{k} (1-2 \times k)$$

$$J(X_{k+1}, Y_{k+1}) = K \int_{0}^{1} 10 \times k (1-20 \times k)^{\frac{1}{2}} + Y_{k} (1-2 \times k)$$

$$= X_{k} \left[4000 \times k + 4 Y_{k} \right] = X_{k} \left[400 \times k + 4 Y_{k} \right] + .$$

$$X_{k+1} = X_{k} \left[1 - \frac{10(100 \times k^{2} + \frac{1}{2})}{1000 \times k^{2} + \frac{1}{2}} \right] = - \times k \frac{9 \times k}{1000 \times k^{2} + \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$X' = -\frac{\Im X'Y'}{(000(x')' + Y)}$$

$$(x',y')=(0,0).$$

(d)
$$p = [0.0818]$$

Use (b).

$$\frac{11 \, b_1 - b'll}{11 \, b_0 - b'll} = \frac{11 \, b_1 ll}{11 \, b_0 ll} = 0.8(8) = \frac{10 - l}{10 + l} = \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_n}{\lambda_n + \lambda_n}$$



Question 2, Part (a)

 $Second\ order\ necessary\ condition$

Let $f: I\!\!R^n \to I\!\!R$ and assume $\nabla^2 f$ exists and is continuous. The point x^\star is a local minimum of f only if

$$\nabla f(x^{\star}) = 0$$

 $\quad \text{and} \quad$

$$x'\nabla^2 f(x^\star)x \ge 0$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

 $Second\ order\ sufficient\ condition$

Let $f:I\!\!R^n\to I\!\!R$ and assume $\nabla^2 f$ exists and is continuous. The point x^\star is a strict local minimum of f if

$$\nabla f(x^{\star}) = 0$$

and

$$x'\nabla^2 f(x^\star)x > 0$$

for all non-zero $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

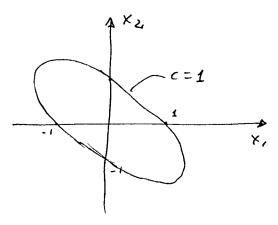
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$$J(x) = e^{x_i^2 + x_i^2 + x_i \times x_i - 1} = c > 0$$

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 $x_{i}^{2} + x_{i}^{2} + x_{i} + x_{i} \times_{i} - 1 = gc$

Level sets on ellipses.



Newton's algorithm.

$$\phi_o = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \nabla f(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \nabla^2 f(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(q_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.76 \\ 0.38 \end{bmatrix}$$
 $\nabla^2 f(q_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2.16 & 1.08 \\ 1.08 & 1.4 \end{bmatrix}$
Here $q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.315 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(c) If x' is a strict local winning
$$f$$

$$V(x) = e^{f(x)}$$

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$$f(x) = x^{2} + x, x + x^{2} - 1$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 + 2x_1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \nabla f(x) = 0 \implies \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^{i} f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} > 0 \qquad \Longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_{i} \\ x_{i} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a local } \underline{\qquad}.$$

The fairt of i- part (b) is not a local win.

The sequence is "slowly" converging to

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_1} = -2x^2 + 4x^2 + 2 - 2x^2$$

$$\times_2^{\prime\prime} = \frac{1}{2} \times_1^{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times_1^{\prime}$$

$$x_7 = \frac{(+\sqrt{5})^2}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 22.3 & -3.4 \\ -1.4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad \mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & 4 \end{bmatrix};$$

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Question 3, Part (b)

The coordinate directions method can be described as follows.

Step 0. Given $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Step 1. Set k = 0.

Step 2. Set j = 0.

Step 3. Set $d_k = e_j$, where e_j is the j-th coordinate direction.

Step 4. Compute α_k performing a line search without derivatives along d_k .

Step 5. Set $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k$, k = k + 1.

Step 6. If j < n set j = j + 1 and go to **Step 3**. If j = n go to **Step 2**.

It is easy to verify that the matrix

$$P_k = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} d_k & d_{k+1} & \cdots & d_{k+n-1} \end{array} \right]$$

is such that

$$|\det P_k| = 1,$$

hence, if the line search is such that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\nabla f(x_k)' d_k}{\|d_k\|} = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} ||x_{k+1} - x_k|| = 0,$$

convergence to stationary points is ensured.

$$\times_{o} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \times_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+\alpha \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(x_0) = 5$$
 if $\alpha = -1$ $f(x_i) = 1 < f(x_0)$

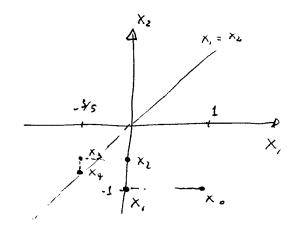
Here
$$x_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

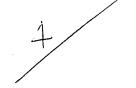
$$x_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha - i \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if} \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \quad f(x_{i}) = \frac{1}{2} \quad 4 f(x_{i})$$

$$x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if } \alpha = -\frac{3}{5} \quad f(x_3) = 0.03 < f(x_4)$$

Here
$$x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3/5 \\ -1/1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -3/5 \\ \alpha - 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 = $\int \alpha = -3/25$ $\int (x_4) = 0.008 < \int (x_3)$





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Question 4, Part (a)

First order necessary condition

Consider the problem

$$P_1 \begin{cases} \min_{x} f(x) \\ g(x) = 0, \end{cases}$$
 (1)

Suppose x^* is a local solution of the problem P_1 , and x^* is a regular point for the constraints. Then there exist a (unique) multiplier λ^* such that

$$\nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*) = 0$$

$$g(x^*) = 0$$
(2)

with $L(x, \lambda, \rho) = f(x) + \lambda' g(x)$.

Second order sufficient condition

Consider the problem P_1 . Assume that there exist x^* and λ^* satisfying conditions (2). Suppose that

$$x'\nabla_{xx}^2 L(x^*, \lambda^*) x > 0 (3)$$

for all $x \neq 0$ such that

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial g(x^{\star})}{\partial x} \end{array}\right] x = 0.$$

Then x^* is a strict constrained local minimum of problem P_1 .

(b)
$$L(x,\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} [(x_1-i)^2 + x_1^2] + \lambda [\beta x_2^2 - x_1]$$

$$\overline{V}_{x_1} = x_1 - 1 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\overline{V}_{x_2} = x_1 (i+2\lambda\beta) = 0$$

$$\overline{V}_{x_3} = x_4 (i+2\lambda\beta) = 0$$

$$\overline{V}_{x_4} = x_5 (i+2\lambda\beta) = 0$$

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$$\frac{29}{8\times} = \begin{bmatrix} -1, & 2 \times 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If
$$\lambda = -1$$

$$\frac{2g}{0x}(x') = [-1, 0]$$

$$\frac{01}{01}(x) \times = 0 \implies x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \infty \end{bmatrix} \quad \alpha \neq 0$$

$$\times' \nabla^2 \mathcal{L} \times = \times^2 (1+2\lambda\beta) = \chi^2 (1-2\beta) \times \infty$$

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Here for Bc1/2 (0,0) is a local intermed.

$$\varphi(x_{2}) = \int_{X_{1}}^{1} (x) |_{X_{1} = \beta x_{2}^{1}} = \frac{1}{2} \beta^{2} x_{2}^{4} + (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}) x_{1}^{1} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\varphi'(x_{2}) = \nabla \int_{X_{1} = \beta x_{2}^{1}}^{1} = 2 \beta^{2} x_{2}^{3} + (1 - 2\beta) x_{2}$$

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Here x = 0 is a stationar point.

4"(x2)|x1=0 = 1-2/3 = This is >0 for 13 <1/2

For $\beta > 1/2$ $|\varphi''(x_i)|_{x_i=0} < 0$ hence $|x_i=0|$ is a local wax.

For $\beta = 1/2$ $\varphi(x_i) = \frac{1}{2} \beta' x_i^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \beta\right) x_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8} x_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}$ here $x_i = 0$ is a (global, strict) win.

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Question 5, Part (a)

Consider problem P_1 , let x^* be a local solution and let λ^* be the corresponding multiplier. The basic idea of exact penalty functions methods is to determine the multiplier λ appearing in the augmented Lagrangian function as a function of x, i.e. $\lambda = \lambda(x)$, with $\lambda(x^*) = \lambda^*$. For, consider the augmented Lagrangian

$$L_a(x, \lambda(x)) = f(x) + \lambda(x)'g(x) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} ||g(x)||^2.$$

The function $\lambda(x)$ is obtained considering the necessary condition of optimality

$$\nabla_x L_a(x^*, \lambda^*) = \nabla f(x^*) + \frac{\partial g(x^*)}{\partial x} \lambda^* = 0 \tag{4}$$

and noting that, if x^* is a regular point for the constraints then equation (4) can be solved for λ^* yielding

$$\lambda^{\star} = -\left(\frac{\partial g(x^{\star})}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g(x^{\star})'}{\partial x}\right)^{-1} \frac{\partial g(x^{\star})}{\partial x} \nabla f(x^{\star}).$$

This equality suggests to define the function $\lambda(x)$ as

$$\lambda(x) = -\left(\frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x}\frac{\partial g(x)'}{\partial x}\right)^{-1}\frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x}\nabla f(x),$$

and this is defined at all x where the indicated inverse exists, in particular at x^* . It is possible to show that this selection of $\lambda(x)$ yields and exact penalty function for problem P_1 . For, consider the function

$$G(x) = f(x) - g(x)' \left(\frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g(x)'}{\partial x} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} \nabla f(x) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \|g(x)\|^2,$$

which is defined and differentiable in the set

$$\tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid | \operatorname{rank} \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} = m \}.$$
 (5)

For such a function the following fact holds.

Let $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$ be a compact subset of $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$. Assume that x^* is the only global minimum of f in $\mathcal{X} \cap \bar{\mathcal{X}}$ and that x^* is in the interior of $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$. Then there exists $\bar{\epsilon} > 0$ such that, for any $\epsilon \in (0, \bar{\epsilon})$, x^* is the only global minimum of G in $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$.

(b) The exact penalty
$$f = -t^{2}a - (x)^{2}s$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x) = \int (x) - g(x) \left[\nabla g(x) \nabla g(x) \right] \nabla g(x) \nabla f + \frac{1}{\epsilon} g(x)^{2} \\
& = x^{2} + x^{2} + 3x, x_{2} - (x, +3x, -5) \left[(x, +3x, -5)^{2} - (x, +3x, -$$

$$\nabla^2 G = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{6}{2} & -\frac{6}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{6}{2} & -\frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{6}{2} & -\frac{7}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$
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The stationy paint is a winner.

$$L = f + \lambda g$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 0 = 0 \times x + 3 \times x + \lambda = 0$$

but x1 and x1 one as

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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2}|^2 = 0$$
).

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$$f(x) = 10 (1 - x e^{-x/3} \le \frac{x}{2})$$

(b) $f'(x) = \frac{5}{3} e^{-x/3} \left[2x \le \frac{x}{2} - 6 \times \frac{x}{2} - 3 \times \cos \frac{x}{2} \right]$
 $f'(x)$ is be ded for $x \in [0, 10]$

Here $f(x)$ is Lipshite i- $[0, 10]$

(b) Esti-ate of L:
$$\hat{L} = 5$$
.
See below.

