

## Homework 2: Constrained Optimization

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**Note:** In all notes, bold face letters denote vectors.

1. Use the Lagrangian to find local extremizers (maximum and minimum) for the following optimization problems.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2 + 4x_1 + 5x_2 + 6x_3 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1 + 2x_2 = 3 \\ &&& 4x_1 + 5x_3 = 6 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && x_1x_2 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 = 1 \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x} \\ &\text{subject to} && B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is positive definite,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $m \leq n$ .

2. Find a point on the spherical surface  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 3$  with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that this point has the smallest distance to the point  $[1, 0, 0, \dots, 0]^T$ .
3. Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 4 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1x_2 = 6 \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

- (a) Use Lagrange condition to find all possible local extremizers.
- (b) Use the second order sufficient conditions to specify which points are strict local minimizers and which are strict local maximizers.
- (c) Are these local extremizers global?
4. Consider the optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 \\ &\text{subject to} && x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 \geq 4 \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

- (a) Find all points that satisfy the KKT conditions.
- (b) Apply the second order condition to determine whether or not the local extremizers are local minimizers or maximizers or neither.

5. Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && x_1 + x_2 + \dots x_n = 1 \\ & && x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

Write down the KKT condition for the above problem.