

MATH 164, LECTURE 2  
FINAL EXAMINATION  
DECEMBER 8, 2011

Name: Solutions

**Instructions:** Answer each question in the space provided. If the question is in several parts, carefully label the answer to each part. Do all of your work on the examination paper; scratch paper is not permitted. If you continue a problem on the back of the page, please write "continued on back".

Each problem is worth 20 points.

Problem	Score
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
Total	

**Problem 1:** Use Newton's method to find a stationary point of

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 x_2 - 2x_1 x_2 + x_2^2 - 1,$$

starting with  $\bar{x}_0 = (1, 1)^T$ .

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 x_2 - 2x_2 \\ x_1^2 - 2x_1 + 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 & 2x_1 - 2 \\ 2x_1 - 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (\nabla^2 f(1, 1))^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = \bar{x}_0 - (\nabla^2 f(\bar{x}_0))^{-1} \cdot \nabla f(\bar{x}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla f(\bar{x}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \bar{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a stationary pt.}$$

**Problem 2:** Consider the linear programming problem: Minimize  $5x_1 + 4x_2$  subject to

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 2$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 3$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$$

(a) Write the dual linear programming problem. (b) Given that the optimal solution to the dual problem is  $(1, 2)^T$ , use complementary slackness to solve the given problem.

(a) Maximize  $w = 2y_1 + 3y_2$  subject to

$$y_1 + 2y_2 \leq 5$$

$$2y_1 + y_2 \leq 4$$

$$-y_1 \leq 0$$

(b) Check for active constraints in dual:

$$1 + 2 \cdot (2) = 5 \quad (\text{active})$$

$$2 \cdot (1) + 2 = 4 \quad (\text{active})$$

$$-(1) < 0 \quad (\text{inactive}) \Rightarrow x_3 = 0.$$

$x_3 = 0$ , now solve

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 &= 2 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 &= 3 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{4}{3}, x_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

So optimal solution is  $(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 0)^T$ .

Problem 3: Find the local minimizers of  $f(x) = x_1^3 + 2x_1x_2 - x_1 + 2x_2$  subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 2$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

(a) if the first constraint is active and the second is not (b) if the second constraint is active and the first is not.

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2 + 2x_2 - 1 \\ 2x_1 + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Complementary slackness  $\Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 0$ ,

$$3x_1^2 + 2x_2 - 1 = \lambda_1$$

$$2x_1 + 2 = \lambda_1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2 \Rightarrow x_2 = 2 - x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x_1^2 + 2(2 - x_1) - 1 = \lambda_1 = 2x_1 + 2$$

$$3x_1^2 - 4x_1 + 1 = 0, \quad x_1 = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 12}}{6} = 1, \frac{1}{3}$$

Stationary pts:  $(1, 1, 4, 0)$ ,  $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{8}{3}, 0)$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{A}_+ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow Z_+ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(continued on back)

$$Z_+^T \nabla^2 f(x) Z_+ = [1 \ -1] \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = [1 \ -1] \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1 - 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = 6x_1$$

pos. def.  $\Leftrightarrow x_1 > 0$ , so

$(1, 1, 4, 0)$  and  $(1/3, 5/3, 8/3, 0)$  are local mins.

b)  $\lambda_1 = 0, x_2 = 0.$

$$3x_1^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$2x_1 + 2 = \lambda_2$$

Stationary pts:  $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, 0, 0, 2 + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}), (\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{3}, 0, 0, 2 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3})$

$$\hat{A}_+ = [0 \ 1] \Rightarrow Z_+ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z_+^T \nabla^2 f(x) Z_+ = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 6x_1$$

pos. def.  $\Leftrightarrow x_1 > 0$ , so

$(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, 0, 0, 2 + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3})$  is a local min.

$(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, 0, 0, 2 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3})$  is not a local min.

Problem 4: Find all of the local minimizers for the unconstrained problem: Minimize

$$f(x) = f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 - x_2^3 + x_1^2 - x_1 + 3x_2.$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2 + 2x_1 - 1 \\ -3x_2^2 + 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = \pm 1, \quad x_1 = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+12}}{6} = -1, \frac{1}{3}$$

Stationary pts:  $(-1, 1), (-1, -1), (1/3, 1), (1/3, -1)$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1 + 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -6x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Positive-definite  $\Leftrightarrow x_2 < 0, 6x_1 + 2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1 > -1/3$

so  $(1/3, -1)$  is a local min., the rest

are not.

Problem 5: Find the local minimizers of  $f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_2x_3$  subject to  
 $x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 2$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 - x_3 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = u - v - w = 0 \Leftrightarrow w = u - v$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} v \Rightarrow Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z^T \nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ 3x_2 - x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 0 & \Rightarrow & x_2 = 2x_1 \\ 3x_2 - x_3 &= 0 & \Rightarrow & x_3 = 3x_2 = 6x_1 \\ x_1 - x_2 - x_3 &= 2 & \Rightarrow & -7x_1 = 2 \Rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{2}{7} \end{aligned}$$

Stationary pts:  $(-\frac{2}{7}, \frac{4}{7}, -\frac{12}{7})$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow Z^T \nabla^2 f(x) Z$$

$$\Rightarrow = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is pos. def, so  $(-\frac{2}{7}, \frac{4}{7}, -\frac{12}{7})$  is the unique local min.

**Problem 6:** Consider the problem: Minimize  $z = 2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3$  subject to

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \geq 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \geq 0$$

$$2x_1 + x_3 \geq 0$$

- (a) Show that  $x = (0, 1, 2)^T$  is a feasible solution and identify which constraints are active and which are inactive at that point.  
 (b) Show that  $p = (1, 0, -3)^T$  is a feasible direction at  $x = (0, 1, 2)^T$ .  
 (c) Determine the largest value of  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $x + \alpha p$  remains feasible, using  $x$  and  $p$  as in part (b).  
 (d) Find all the feasible directions  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3)^T$  at  $x = (0, 1, 2)^T$ .

(a)

$$0 - 1 + 2 \cdot 2 = 3 > 2 \quad (\text{inactive})$$

$$0 + 2 - 2 = 0 = 0 \quad (\text{active})$$

$$2 \cdot (0) + 2 = 2 > 0 \quad (\text{inactive})$$

(b) Just need to check active constraints:

$$a_2^T p = p_1 + 2p_2 - p_3 = 1 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3 = 4 > 0$$

so  $p$  is a feasible direction at  $x$ .

$$(c) \quad a_1^T \cdot p = 1 - 0 + 2(-3) = -5$$

$$a_3^T \cdot p = 2 \cdot 1 + (-3) = -1$$

$$\bar{\alpha} = \min \left\{ \frac{3-2}{5}, \frac{2-0}{1} \right\} = \frac{1}{5}$$

(d) Just need  $a_2^T p = p_1 + 2p_2 - p_3 \geq 0$ .



Problem 7: Find all local minimizers of  $f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2$  subject to

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^2 + 2x_2 &= 2 \\ -2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(x) &= x_1^2 + 2x_2 - 2 = 0 \\ g_2(x) &= -2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla g(x)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{rank}(\nabla g(x)^T) = 2 \text{ for all } x,$$

So all feasible pts. are regular.

$$L(x, \lambda) = x_1^2 + x_2 - \lambda_1(x_1^2 + 2x_2 - 2) - \lambda_2(-2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_x L(x, \lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - 2\lambda_1 x_1 + 2\lambda_2 \\ 1 - 2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \\ -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 0, \quad \lambda_1 = 1/2, \quad x_1 = 0$$

$$2x_2 = 2 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1$$

$$1 + x_3 = 1 \Rightarrow x_3 = 0$$

Stationary pt:  $(0, 1, 0, 1/2, 0)$

$$\nabla_{xx} L(x, \lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 2\lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(continued on back)

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{xx} f(0, 1, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla g(0, 1, 0)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2v \\ -2u + v + w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow v = 0, w = 2u$$

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z^T \nabla_{xx} f(0, 1, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0) Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 > 0$$

pos. def.  $\Rightarrow (0, 1, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$  is the unique local minimizer.

**Problem 8:**

(a) Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Prove that the set

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \geq b\}$$

is convex.

For parts (b) and (c), sketch the feasible set determined by the given constraints, and state whether this set is convex (you do not need to prove convexity).

(b)

$$x_1^2 - x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1 \leq 1$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

(c)

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

a) Let  $x, y \in S$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

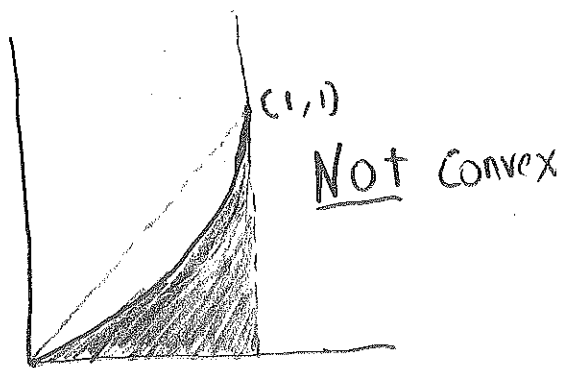
Then

$$\begin{aligned} A(t \cdot x + (1-t)y) &= t \cdot Ax + (1-t) \cdot Ay \\ &\geq t \cdot b + (1-t) \cdot b = b \end{aligned}$$

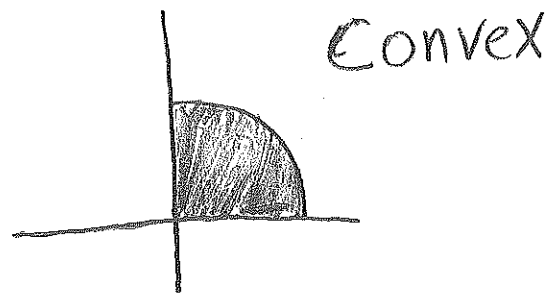
Since  $Ax \geq b$ ,  $Ay \geq b$  and  $t \geq 0$ ,  $(1-t) \geq 0$ .

So  $t \cdot x + (1-t) \cdot y \in S$ , hence  $S$  is convex

b)



c)



Problem 9: Consider the problem: Minimize  $f(x) = x_1 - 2x_2$  subject to

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 1$$

$$x_1 \geq x_2^2$$

Show that  $(1, 1)^T$  is a local minimizer by showing that  $(1, 1)^T$  satisfies the sufficient conditions presented in the course.

$$\nabla g(x)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \nabla g(1, 1)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$\text{rank}(\nabla g(1, 1)^T) = 2$ , so  $(1, 1)^T$  is regular.

$$L(x, \lambda) = x_1 - 2x_2 - \lambda_1(x_1 + 2x_2 - 1) - \lambda_2(x_1 - x_2^2)$$

$$\nabla_x L(x, \lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \\ -2 - 2\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g_1(1, 1) = 1 + 2 - 1 = 2 > 0 \text{ (inactive)} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$g_2(1, 1) = 1 - 1^2 = 0 \text{ (active)}$$

$$\nabla_x L(1, 1, 0, \lambda_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda_2 \\ -2 + 2\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \lambda_2 = 1.$$

So  $(1, 1, 0, 1)$  is stationary.

(continued on back).



**Problem 10:**

- (a) Prove that if  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $y^T y = 0$ , then  $y = 0$ .  
 (b) Let  $Z$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix, prove that if  $Z^T Z v = 0$  for some  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $Z v = 0$ .  
 (Hint: Consider  $v^T Z^T Z v$ ).  
 (c) Now consider the problem: Minimize  $f(x) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  subject to  $Ax = b$ , where  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix of rank  $m$ . Let  $Z$  be a basis null-space matrix for  $A$ , and recall the decomposition

$$\nabla f(x_*) = Z v_* + A^T \lambda_*$$

for some  $v_* \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$ ,  $\lambda_* \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Prove that if  $Z^T \nabla f(x_*) = 0$  then  $\nabla f(x_*) = A^T \lambda_*$ .

$$a) \quad y = (y_1, \dots, y_n), \quad y^T y = y_1^2 + \dots + y_n^2 = 0$$

$$\text{then } y_1^2 = \dots = y_n^2 = 0 \text{ so } y_1 = \dots = y_n = 0, \quad y = 0.$$

$$b) \quad Z v \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad (Z v)^T Z v = v^T Z^T Z v \\ = v^T (Z^T Z v) = 0$$

so  $Z v = 0$  by (a)

$$c) \quad 0 = Z^T \nabla f(x_*) = Z^T Z v_* + Z^T A^T \lambda_*$$

Since  $Z$  is a basis null space matrix for  $A$ ,

$$AZ = 0 \Rightarrow (AZ)^T = Z^T A^T = 0.$$

$$\text{So } Z^T Z v_* = 0 \Rightarrow Z v_* = 0 \text{ by (b),}$$

we then have

$$\nabla f(x_*) = \cancel{Z v_*} + A^T \lambda_* = A^T \lambda_*.$$