

Students may use the formulae sheet and a pocket calculator. All solutions must be properly justified.

1. Consider the set

$$S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + (y - 1)^2 \leq 4, x^2 + (y + 1)^2 \geq 4, x^2 + (y - 2)^2 \geq 1\}.$$

- a) Draw the set S and find graphically (or by any other means) all the points where the constraint qualification is not satisfied (aka CQ points). (0.4)
- b) Take the point $a = (\sqrt{3}, 0) \in S$. Draw the set of all feasible directions at a . Draw the set of all possible gradients $\nabla f(a)$ that satisfy the (geometrical) necessary condition for local minimum in the optimization problem $\min_{x \in S} f(x)$. (Make separate drawings and ensure that the sets can be clearly identified.) (0.6)

2. Consider the optimization problem

$$\min x^2 + 4y^2 \quad \text{subject to } xy \geq 1.$$

- a) Prove that the solution exists and calculate it. Is the problem convex? (0.3)
- b) Add a differentiable penalty function with $\mu = 1$. Make 2 steps of Newton's method from the starting point $(1, 2)$. Does the method converge? What happens if you take $\mu = 10$? (0.3)
- c) Add a differentiable barrier function with $\epsilon = 1$ and calculate the first Newton direction from the same starting point $(1, 2)$. Is this direction pointing better to the minimum than the first direction in b)? (0.4)

3. a) Consider the following LP problem

$$\max (x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \begin{cases} 5x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 \geq 2, \\ 9x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 6, \\ 3x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \leq 4, \\ \text{all } x_k \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Construct the dual problem and verify by the Complementary Slackness Principle that $(0, 0, 3)$ is the solution to the primal problem. (0.5)

- b) Prove, using Farkas' theorem, that exactly one of the following two systems has a solution: (0.5)

- $Ax \leq b$,
- $A^T y = 0, y \geq 0, b^T y < 0$.

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4. a) Prove that the intersection of two convex sets is convex. (0.2)

b) Which of the following functions are convex in \mathbb{R}^3 ? (0.5)

- $(1 + (x + y + z)^2) \ln(1 + (x + y + z)^2)$,

- $(x + y)(y + z)(x + z)$.

c) Is the set

$$\{(x, y) : xy \geq x + y, x > 0, y > 0\}$$

convex? (0.3)

5. Solve the following minimization problem using the KKT method

$$\min \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x + y} \quad \text{subject to } x > 0, y > 0, xy \geq 1.$$

6. a) Problem 5 can be rewritten as

$$\min z^2 \quad \text{subject to } x^2 + y^2 \leq z(x + y), xy \geq 1, x \geq 0, y \geq 0.$$

Solve the problem by the duality method with $X = \{(x, y) : x \geq 0, y \geq 0\}$. (0.6)
(Hint: do minimization on z first.)

b) Let A be an $m \times n$ real matrix of rank n , and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Prove that x_0 is a solution to

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Ax - b\|^2$$

if and only if x_0 solves the normal equation. (0.4)

GOOD LUCK!