

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

1. a) Consider the matrix

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Starting with the vector  $d_1 = (1, -1, 1)^T$  find vectors  $d_2, d_3$  such that all three vectors are  $H$ -conjugate. (0.5)

- b) Let  $f$  be a quadratic function with a positive-definite Hessian  $H$ . Given a point  $x$  and a direction  $d \neq 0$ , prove that the minimum of  $\phi(\lambda) = f(x + \lambda d)$  exists and is attained at

$$\lambda_* = -\frac{d^T \nabla f(x)}{d^T H d}. \quad (0.5)$$

2. In this problem, we take the matrix  $H$  from 1a) above.

- a) Determine if  $H$  is (positive or negative) definite, semidefinite or indefinite. (0.3)
- b) Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T H x$ . Let  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  be the smallest possible natural number such that the matrix  $H + \epsilon I$  is positive-definite. Perform 2-3 steps of the Modified Newton method starting at the point  $(1, -1, 1)$  to conclude whether you think the method converges. (0.5)
- c) Does the minimum of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T H x$  exist? (0.2)

3. a) Consider the following LP problem

$$\min (3x_1 + 6x_2 + 3x_3) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \geq -1, \\ x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 2, \\ x_1, x_2 \geq 0, \\ x_3 \text{ free.} \end{cases}$$

State the dual problem, solve the dual problem graphically and use the Complementary Slackness Principle to solve the problem above. (0.6)

- b) Find all vectors  $c = (c_1, c_2)$  that satisfy

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y \leq 0, \\ -x + 3y \leq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_1 x + c_2 y \leq 0,$$

and draw them in the plane. (0.4)

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4. a) Determine if the following functions are convex: (0.7)

- $(x + y + z)^3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ;
- $(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ;
- $\sqrt[3]{x^3 + y^3}$  in  $\{(x, y) : x > 0, y > 0\}$ .

b) Is the set

$$\Omega = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1, 0 \leq x_3 \leq 1, x_4 \geq x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2\}$$

convex? (0.3)

5. Use the necessary KKT condition to solve the optimization problem

$$\min(x + 2y) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \sin x \leq y \leq x.$$

6. a) Solve the optimization problem

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

using the duality method with  $X = \{(x, y) : x \geq 0, y \geq 0\}$ . (0.6)

b) Use the definition of a convex function to prove the following result: for a convex  $C^1$  function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  and  $c \in (a, b)$  it holds

$$f(c) = f'(c) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b].$$

(0.4)

**GOOD LUCK!**