

Brief Article

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**MATH 120
HOMEWORK
Assignment 3
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Let $x_1 = 1$, $x_2 = 2$, $x_3 = 2 + \varepsilon$, $f(x) = x^2$

Find pol. of degree 1 $p(x) = mx + c$

such that $\max \{|f(x_i) - p(x_i)| : i = 1, 2, 3, \}$ is minimal possible.

Solution

$$p(x_1) = m + c + B = 1 = f(1)$$

$$p(x_2) = 2m + c - B = 4 = f(2)$$

$$p(x_3) - 2m + \varepsilon m + c + B = (2 + \varepsilon)^2 = 4 + 4\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2$$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$x_1 = 1 \quad x_2 = 1 + \varepsilon$$

$$c + B = 1$$

$$c - B = (1 + \varepsilon)^2$$

$$2C = 1 + (1 + \varepsilon)^2$$

$$C = \frac{1+(1+\varepsilon)^2}{2}$$

$$2B = 1 - (1 + \varepsilon)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{1 - (1 + \varepsilon)^2}{2}$$

Problem 1.

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, $x_1 = 1$, $x_2 = 1 + \varepsilon$, $f(x) = x^2$, find a constant C such that $\max\{|f(x_1) - C|, |f(x_2) - C|\}$ is minimal possible. What is minimal error? What happens when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$?

Problem 2.

Let a be a real parameter. Consider the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 &\rightarrow \min \\ x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 &\leq a \end{aligned}$$

Find the global minimizer for this problem as a function of the parameter a .

Problem 3.

Describe normal cone $N_{\mathbb{R}_+^n}(x)$ for any point $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^1$ (positive orthant). Using this description write down necessary and sufficient optimality conditions for the problem

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\rightarrow \min \\ x &\in \mathbb{R}_+^1, \end{aligned}$$

where f is a convex Gâteaux differentiable function.

Problem 4.

Let A, B be convex subsets in E such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Prove that there exists $a \in E, a \neq 0$ such that

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