

## PROBLEM SET 2

For all allowed values of the parameters, find all global maxima of the following maximization problem, or show that none exist.

Objective function  $x_1 + 2\sqrt{x_2}$

Constraints  $p_1x_1 + p_2x_2 \leq m, x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$

variables  $x_1, x_2$

parameters  $p_1, p_2, m$

conditions on parameters  $p_1 > 0, p_2 > 0, m > 0$

STEP 1 : NORMAL FORM

MAX  $f(x)$

$M - p_1x_1 - p_2x_2 \geq 0$

$x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$

STEP 2 : LAGRANGIAN

$L = \lambda_0 \cdot f + \lambda_1 [M - p_1x_1 - p_2x_2]$

STEP 3 : WHICH THEOREMS APPLY ?

WEIERSTRASS YES

FRITZ JOHN YES EXCEPT AT  $x_2 = 0$

ARROW-ENTHOVEN YES BUT WE DON'T KNOW YET HOW TO PROVE IT

CANDIDATE LOCAL MAXIMA = FJ POINTS AND

ALL POINTS  $(x_1, 0)$ ,  $x_1 \geq 0$

STEP 4: WRITE DOWN THE FJ NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR  $x_2 > 0$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 p_1 \leq 0, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} \cdot x_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\Gamma x_2} - \lambda_1 p_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda_1} = M - p_1 x_1 - p_2 x_2 \geq 0, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda_1} \cdot \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$x_i \geq 0, \quad \lambda_0, \lambda_1 \geq 0$$

$$\lambda_0 = 0 \text{ OR } 1 \quad \text{NOT ALL } \lambda_j = 0$$

STEP 5: SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS (COOKBOOK PROCEDURE)

HYPOTHESIS:  $\lambda_0 = 0$

SOLUTION:  $\lambda_1 > 0$ ,  $M = p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2$   
 $-\lambda_1 p_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = p_2 = 0$

CONSISTENCY CHECK FAIL.

FROM NOW ON,  $\lambda_0 = 1$

HYPOTHESIS:  $\lambda_0 = 1$ ,  $x_1 > 0$

SOLUTION:  $\lambda_1 = 1/p_1 > 0$ ,  $M = p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma x_2} = \frac{p_2}{p_1} \Rightarrow x_2 = \left(\frac{p_1}{\Gamma p_2}\right)^2$$

$$x_1 = \frac{M}{P_1} - \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

CONSISTENCY CHECK:  $M > \frac{P_1^2}{P_2}$

WE RECORD OUR FINDINGS

FJ POINT  $x_A$

$$x_A = \left[ \frac{M}{P_1} - \frac{P_2}{P_1}, \left( \frac{P_1}{P_2} \right)^2 \right] \text{ IF } M > \frac{P_1^2}{P_2} \quad (A)$$

$$f(x_A) = \frac{M}{P_1} + \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

HYPOTHESIS:  $\lambda_0 = 1, x_1 = 0$

SOLUTION:  $\lambda_1 > 0, M = P_1 x_1 + P_2 x_2 = P_2 x_2$

$$x_2 = \frac{M}{P_2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{P_2 \sqrt{x_2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{P_2} \cdot \sqrt{M}}$$

$$1 = \lambda_1 P_1 = \frac{P_1}{\sqrt{P_2} \cdot \sqrt{M}}$$

CONSISTENCY CHECK  $M \leq \frac{P_1^2}{P_2}$

WE RECORD OUR FINDINGS

FJ POINTS  $x_B$

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$$x_B = \left[ 0, \frac{M}{P_2} \right] \text{ IF } M \leq \frac{P_2^2}{P_1} \quad (B)$$
$$f(x_B) = 2 \sqrt{\frac{M}{P_2}}$$

HYPOTHESIS:  $x_2 = 0$

THEN THE PROBLEM BECOMES

MAX  $f(x) = x_1$  SUBJECT TO  $P_1 x_1 \leq M, x_1 \geq 0$

SOLUTION  $x_1 = M/P_1$

CONSISTENCY CHECK OK

CANDIDATE LOCAL MAX  $x_C$

$$x_C = \left[ \frac{M}{P_1}, 0 \right]$$
$$f(x_C) = M/P_1$$

END OF THE SEARCH FOR CANDIDATE LOCAL

MAXIMA BECAUSE WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL CASES

STEP 6: SELECT THE BEST OUT OF THE CANDIDATE

LOCAL MAXIMA

$x_A$  AND  $x_B$  ARE NOT COMPARABLE, BECAUSE

THEY OBTAIN UNDER INCOMPATIBLE PARAMETER

VALUES.

CASE  $M > \frac{P_1^2}{P_2}$  WE COMPARE  $x_A$  TO  $x_C$

$$f(x_A) - f(x_C) = \frac{M}{P_1} + \frac{P_1}{P_2} - \frac{M}{P_1} = \frac{P_1}{P_2} > 0.$$

WE RECORD OUR FINDINGS

GLOBAL MAXIMA

$$x = \begin{cases} x_A & \text{IF } M > P_1^2 / P_2 \\ ? & \text{IF } M \leq P_1^2 / P_2 \end{cases}$$

CASE  $M \leq P_1^2 / P_2$

WE COMPARE  $x_B$  TO  $x_C$

$$f(x_B) - f(x_C) = 2\sqrt{\frac{M}{P_2}} - \frac{M}{P_1} > 0$$

WE RECORD OUR FINDINGS

GLOBAL MAXIMA

$$x = \begin{cases} x_A & \text{IF } M > P_1^2 / P_2 \\ x_B & \text{IF } M \leq P_1^2 / P_2 \end{cases}$$