

# Seminar 3 - ECON 4140

## Problem 2 exam 05

$$\max x y \text{ given } \begin{cases} x^2 + r y^2 \leq m \\ x \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad r > 0, m > 1$$

$$a) \mathcal{L}(x, y) = xy - \lambda(x^2 + r y^2 - m) - \mu(1 - x)$$

$$(1) \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = y - 2\lambda x + \mu = 0$$

$$(2) \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = x - 2\lambda r y = 0$$

$$(3) \lambda \geq 0 \quad (\lambda = 0 \text{ if } x^2 + r y^2 < m)$$

$$(4) \mu \geq 0 \quad (\mu = 0 \text{ if } x > 1)$$

$$(5) x^2 + r y^2 \leq m$$

$$(6) x \geq 1$$

b) • Guess (5) and (6) binding (equality)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=1} \quad y^2 = \frac{m-1}{r} \quad y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{m-1}{r}} \quad (\text{from (5) and (6)})$$

$$(2) \text{ gives } 1 = 2\lambda r y \text{ that is } \lambda = \frac{1}{2 r y} \text{ since } \lambda \geq 0 \quad y = \sqrt{\frac{m-1}{r}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2 r} \frac{\sqrt{r}}{\sqrt{m-1}} = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{r} \sqrt{m-1}}$$

$$(1) \text{ gives } \mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r} \sqrt{m-1}} - \frac{\sqrt{m-1}}{\sqrt{r}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r} \sqrt{m-1}} - \frac{m-1}{\sqrt{r} \sqrt{m-1}} = \frac{2-m}{\sqrt{r} \sqrt{m-1}} \quad \underline{\text{ok if } m \leq 2} \\ (\mu \geq 0)$$

$$\text{Anyway, this gives } \boxed{xy = \sqrt{\frac{m-1}{r}}}$$

• Guess (5) binding and (6) non-binding

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + r y^2 = m, \quad x > 1 \Rightarrow \underline{\mu = 0} \quad (1) \text{ gives } \underline{\lambda = \frac{y}{2x}}$$

$$(2) \text{ then gives } x = 2 r y \cdot \frac{y}{2x} \Rightarrow \underline{x^2 = r y^2} \quad \emptyset$$

(5) then gives  $2ry^2 = m \Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{m}{2r} \Rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2r}}$

$\Rightarrow x^2 = r \frac{m}{2r} = \frac{m}{2} \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}$

Since  $x = \frac{y}{2r} \geq 0$ , either we have  $(x, y) = (\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{m}{2r}})$  or  $(x, y) = (-\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}, -\sqrt{\frac{m}{2r}})$

Both choices give  $xy = \frac{m}{2r}$

There is no reason to check unbinding (5) by logical reasoning (want the combination of  $x^2$  and  $y^2$  as large as possible to maximize  $xy$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  Need to compare  $xy = \sqrt{\frac{m-1}{r}}$  and  $xy = \frac{m}{2r}$

First is best if  $\sqrt{\frac{m-1}{r}} \geq \frac{m}{2r} \Rightarrow \sqrt{m-1} \geq \frac{m}{2}$

~~$m-1 \geq \frac{m^2}{4}$~~   $m-1 \geq \frac{m^2}{4} \Rightarrow m^2 - 4m + 4 \leq 0$  that is  $(m-2)^2 \leq 0$  impossible

$\Rightarrow (x, y) = (\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{m}{2r}})$  and  $(x, y) = (-\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}}, -\sqrt{\frac{m}{2r}})$  is optimal

(In the special case  $m=2$ ,  $(x, y) = (1, \sqrt{\frac{m-1}{r}})$  is also optimal).

Let equality possible

Problem 3 exam 07

$$\max -(x-6)^2 - (y-5)^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 \leq 25 \\ a(x-3) + y \leq 4 \end{cases} \quad a \neq \frac{3}{4}$$

a)  $L = -(x-6)^2 - (y-5)^2 - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 - 25) - \mu(a(x-3) + y - 4)$

- (1)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = -2(x-6) - 2\lambda x - \mu a = 0$
- (2)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = -2(y-5) - 2\lambda y - \mu = 0$
- (3)  $\lambda \geq 0$  ( $\lambda = 0$  if  $x^2 + y^2 < 25$ )
- (4)  $\mu \geq 0$  ( $\mu = 0$  if  $a(x-3) + y < 4$ )
- (5)  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$
- (6)  $a(x-3) + y \leq 4$

b) ~~what~~ For what  $a$  will  $(x,y) = (3,4)$  be optimal?

If  $x=3$  and  $y=4$ , then (5) gives  $x^2 + y^2 = 9 + 16 = 25$ , that is (5) is binding

And (6) gives  $a \cdot 0 + 4 = 4$ , that is (6) is binding.

$\Rightarrow$  No more information about  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  yet.

(1) gives  $6 - 6\lambda - \mu a = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\mu = \frac{6(1-\lambda)}{a}}$

(2) then gives  $2 - 8\lambda = \frac{6(1-\lambda)}{a} \quad 2a - 8a\lambda = 6 - 6\lambda \quad 2(a-3) = 2(4a-3)$

that is,  $\boxed{\lambda = \frac{a-3}{4a-3}} \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{6(\frac{4a-3}{4a-3} - \frac{a-3}{4a-3})}{a} = \frac{6(\frac{3a}{4a-3})}{a} = \frac{18}{4a-3}$

$\boxed{\mu = \frac{18}{4a-3}}$  Need  $\mu \geq 0$  which is ok when  $4a-3 \geq 0$  or  $a \geq \frac{3}{4}$

Need  $\lambda \geq 0$  which is ok when  $\frac{a-3}{4a-3} \geq 0 \quad a-3 \geq 0 \quad a \geq 3$

$\Rightarrow$  Optimal when  $a \geq 3$

# Problem 3-03

a) max  $x + xy$  s.t.  $y + x^2 e^y \leq 1$

$$f = x + xy - \lambda(y + x^2 e^y - 1)$$

(1)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 1 + y - 2\lambda x e^y = 0$

(2)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cancel{x + x^2 e^y} - \lambda(1 + x^2 e^y) = 0$

(3)  $\lambda \geq 0$  ( $\lambda = 0$  if  $y + x^2 e^y < 1$ )

(4)  $y + x^2 e^y \leq 1$

b) •  $(0, -1)$  :

(4) gives  $-1 < 1$  ok! (4) is satisfied, ( $\Rightarrow \lambda = 0$ )

(1) gives  $0 = 0$  ok!

(2) gives  $0 = 0$  ok! (1)-(4) all satisfied  $\lambda = 0$

•  $(1, 0)$  :

(4) gives  $1 \leq 1$  ok!

(1) gives  $1 = 2\lambda$   $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  ok!

(2) gives  ~~$1 = 1$~~   $\lambda(1+1) = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  ok!

(1)-(4) all satisfied  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$

**Problem 3-05**

$$\max x^2 y e^{-x-y} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} x \geq 1 \\ y \geq 1 \\ x+y \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

a)  $L = x^2 y e^{-x-y} - \lambda_1(1-x) - \lambda_2(1-y) - \lambda_3(4-x-y)$

- (1)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 2xy e^{-x-y} - x^2 y e^{-x-y} + \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 = 0$

(2)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = x^2 e^{-x-y} - x^2 y e^{-x-y} + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0$

(3)  $\lambda_1 \geq 0$  ( $\lambda_1 = 0$  if  $x > 1$ )

(4)  $\lambda_2 \geq 0$  ( $\lambda_2 = 0$  if  $y > 1$ )

(5)  $\lambda_3 \geq 0$  ( $\lambda_3 = 0$  if  $x+y > 4$ )

(6)  $x \geq 1$

(7)  $y \geq 1$

(8)  $x+y \leq 4$

b) ~~all constraints binding~~

• zero binding  $\Rightarrow$  Non binding  $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  (2) gives  $y=1$  ~~gives  $x=2$~~  ~~that  $x=2, y=1$~~  Impossible

$\hookrightarrow$  Not ok since ~~(7)~~ (7) not binding

• 1 binding (6) binding, (7), (8) non-binding  $\Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0, \lambda_1 = 1$

(2) gives  $y=1$  (1) gives  $\lambda_1 = -e^{-2} < 0$  Impossible

• (7) ~~only~~ binding  $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = 0, y=1$

(1) gives  $x=2$  (2) gives  $\lambda_2 = 0$

That is  $(x,y) = (2,1)$  Impossible (since  $x+y \leq 4$ ).

• only (8) binding  $\Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$   $x+y=4$

(1) gives  $\lambda_3 = x y e^{-4} [x-2]$

(2) gives  $x^2 e^{-4} (1-y) = (2-x) x y e^{-4} \Rightarrow x(1-y) = (2-x)y$

$\Rightarrow x - xy = 2y - xy$   $x=2y$   $\Rightarrow 3y=4$   $y=\frac{4}{3}$   $x=\frac{8}{3}$

2 binding

•  $x=1$   $y=1$   $x+y > 4$  impossible

$\Rightarrow x = 4 - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$   $x = \frac{8}{3} \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = \frac{8^2}{9} e^{-4} (\frac{2}{3}) > 0$  ok.

so  $(x,y) = (\frac{8}{3}, \frac{4}{3})$  is candidate

•  $x=1$   $y > 1$   $x+y=4$   $\lambda_2=0$   $\Rightarrow y=3$

(2) gives  $\lambda_3 = 2e^{-4} > 0$  (1) gives  $\lambda_1 = -2e^{-4} - 3e^{-4} < 0$  impossible

•  $x > 1$   $y=1$   $x+y=4$   $\lambda_1=0$   $\Rightarrow x=3$

(1) gives  $\lambda_3 = 9e^{-4} - 6e^{-4} = 3e^{-4} > 0$

(2) gives  $\lambda_2 = -3e^{-4}$  impossible

3 binding  $x=1$   $y=1$   $x+y > 4$  impossible

c) Yes, the only candidate was  $(x,y) = (\frac{8}{3}, \frac{4}{3})$

Problem 3-12

a)  $\max_x -\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2}y^2$  s.t.  $\begin{cases} y \geq e^x \\ y \leq \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$

$L(x, y) = -\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \lambda(e^x - y) - \mu\left(y - \frac{2}{3}\right)$

(1)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = -2\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \lambda e^x = 0$

(2)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = -y + \lambda - \mu = 0$

(3)  $\lambda \geq 0$  ( $\lambda = 0$  if  $y > e^x$ )

(4)  $\mu \geq 0$  ( $\mu = 0$  if  $y < \frac{2}{3}$ )

(5)  $y \geq e^x$

(6)  $y \leq \frac{2}{3}$

• Guess  $y = e^x$  and  $y = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow e^x = \frac{2}{3} \quad -x = \ln \frac{2}{3} \quad x = \ln \frac{3}{2}$

(1) gives ~~...~~  $\lambda = \frac{2\left(\ln \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{3}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}} > 0$

(2) gives ~~...~~  $\mu = \lambda - y = 3\left(\ln \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{3} > 0$  ok!  $\Rightarrow (x, y) = \left(\ln \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$  is candidate

• Guess  $y = e^x \quad y < \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \mu = 0$

(2) gives  $\lambda = e^x$  (1) gives  $-2\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) + e^{-2x} = 0 \quad e^{-2x} = 2x + 1 \Rightarrow x = 0$

$\Rightarrow y = 1$  (Impossible) since  $y < \frac{2}{3}$

• Guess  $y > e^x, y = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$  (2) gives  $\mu = -\frac{2}{3} < 0$  (Impossible)

• Guess  $y > e^x, y < \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \lambda = \mu = 0 \Rightarrow$  (2) gives  $y = 0$

$\Rightarrow y = 0 > e^x$  Impossible since  $e^x > 0$  for all  $x$ . (Impossible)

Since only one candidate, the solution is  $(x, y) = \left(\ln \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$

b) ~~...~~  $y \geq e^x \Rightarrow y > 0$  and  $y \leq \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow x > 0$  (for else  $e^x > 1 > \frac{2}{3}$ ).

Since ~~...~~ want  $x$  close to  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and  $y$  close to 0, but cost of missing target of  $y$  half that of  $x$   $\Rightarrow$  Most important to get  $x$  as small as possible, which occur when  $y = e^x$ , and  $y$  as large as possible, i.e.  $y = \frac{2}{3}$ .

**Problem 3-14**

**NB!**

a)  $\min \{(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2\}$  s.t.  $\begin{cases} x+y \leq 2 \\ x^2-4x+y \leq -2 \end{cases}$  equivalent to  $\max \{-(x-2)^2 - (y-2)^2\}$  given some constraints

$$L = -(x-2)^2 - (y-2)^2 - \lambda(x+y-2) - \mu(x^2-4x+y+2)$$

- (1)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = -2(x-2) - \lambda - 2\mu x + 4\mu = 0$
- (2)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = -2(y-2) - \lambda - \mu = 0$
- (3)  $\lambda \geq 0$  ( $\lambda > 0$  if  $x+y < 2$ )
- (4)  $\mu \geq 0$  ( $\mu > 0$  if  $x^2-4x+y < -2$ )
- (5)  $x+y \leq 2$
- (6)  $x^2-4x+y \leq -2$

• Non binding  $\Rightarrow \lambda = \mu = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  (1) gives  $x=2$  (2) gives  $y=2$  contradicts (5) **Impossible**

■ 1 binding

•  $x+y=2$   $x^2-4x+y < -2 \Rightarrow \mu > 0$

(1) gives  $\lambda = -2(x-2)$  (2) gives  $2(y-2) = 2(x-2) \Rightarrow x=y$

$\Rightarrow$   **$x=y=1$**  But this gives (6) binding, a contradiction **Impossible**

•  $x+y < 2$   $x^2-4x+y = -2$   $\lambda = 0$

(2) gives  $\mu = -2(y-2)$  (1) gives  $-2(x-2) + 4x(y-2) + 8(y-2) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x-2) + (y-2)(4-2x) = 0$   ~~$(x-2) = 2(y-2)(x-2)$~~   $(x-2) = 2(y-2)(x-2)$

- If  $x \neq 2$  then  $2(y-2) = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} + 2$   $y = \frac{5}{2}$   $\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x = -\frac{9}{2}$

$x^2 - 4x + \frac{9}{2} = 0$  No solution

- If  $x=2$  then  $0=0$  ok.  $\Rightarrow 4 - 8 + y = -2$   $y=2$  Contradicts  $x+y < 2$  **Impossible**



• All binding  $\Rightarrow x+y=2 \quad x^2-4x+y=-2$

$\Rightarrow \underline{y=2-x} \Rightarrow x^2-4x+2-x=-2$

$\Rightarrow x^2-5x+4=0 \Rightarrow \underline{x=4}$  or  $\underline{x=1}$

•  $x=4 \Rightarrow y=-2 \quad x=1 \Rightarrow y=1$

Two candidates  $(x_1, y_1) = (4, -2)$  and  $(x_2, y_2) = (1, 1)$ .

~~•  $(4, -2)$  gives in (2)  $\lambda = 8 - \mu$  if  $\mu \geq 0$  impossible  
 $(1, -2)$  gives in (2)  $\lambda = -2 - \mu < 0$  if  $\mu \geq 0$  impossible~~

•  $(4, -2)$  gives in (2):  $\underline{\lambda = 8 - \mu}$

(1) gives  $-4 - 8 + \mu - 8\mu + 4\mu = 0 \quad 3\mu = -12 < 0$  impossible

•  $(1, 1)$  gives in (2):  $\underline{\lambda = 2 - \mu}$

(1) gives  $2 + \mu - 2 - 2\mu + 4\mu = 0 \Rightarrow 3\mu = 0 \quad \underline{\mu = 0} \Rightarrow \underline{\lambda = 2 > 0}$

ok!  $\Rightarrow \underline{(x, y) = (1, 1)}$  is candidate

Since the only candidate,  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$  is optimal solution

b) It's about finding the minimal distance from the point  $(x, y) = (2, 2)$  given the constraints. If you draw the two constraints  $(y \leq 2-x \text{ and } y \leq -x^2+4x-2)$ , then you will see that  $(1, 1)$  is the point ~~at~~ among all points satisfying the constraints that is closest to the point  $(2, 2)$ .