

⇒ Topic:-

⇒ "Hessian Determinant":-

⇒ Definition:-

A Hessian $|H|$ is a determinant composed of all second order partial derivatives, with 2nd order direct partial on principal diagonal & cross partial the other diagonal.

⇒ Mathematical form:-

$$|H| = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}$$

or

$$|H| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{vmatrix}$$

⇒ Mirrors of Hessian determinant:-

There are two minors of Hessian determinant.

i): 1st Principal Minor:-

The first element of Hessian determinant is principal minor.

\Rightarrow It is represented by $|H_1|$.

\Rightarrow So, $|H_1| = f_{xx}$

ii): 2nd Principal Minor:-

The first 2×2 determinant is called the 2nd principal minor.

\Rightarrow It is denoted by $|H_2|$.

\Rightarrow So, $|H_2| = \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}$

\Rightarrow Positive definite:-

If $|H_1| > 0$ and $|H_2| > 0$, then Hessian determinant is positive definite.

$\therefore f_{xx} > 0$ and $f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 > 0$
then determinant is positive definite.

\Rightarrow Negative definite:-

If first principal minor $|H_1| < 0$ and 2nd principal

minor $|H_2| < 0$ then determinant is called negative definite.
 \Rightarrow If one of the condition $|H_1| < 0$ or $|H_2| < 0$, anyone of these is zero, then it will also be negative definite.

\Rightarrow Significance or use of Hessian in economics:-

In economics, Hessian determinant is used for the optimization of function.

For optimization, we need two steps,

\Rightarrow Find first order condition i.e. FOC.

\Rightarrow then, find second order condition

Hessian is used to find 2nd order condition i.e. SOC

There are two conditions are given to satisfy SOC.

i): If $Z_{xx} Z_{yy} > 0$ and

$$Z_{xx} Z_{yy} > (Z_{xy})^2$$

Then, function is minimized function.

ii). If $z_{xx} z_{yy} < 0$ and $z_{xx} z_{yy} > (z_{xy})^2$

then, function is maximized function.

Higher order Hessian:-

If $y_2 f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ then Hessian become 3rd order which is

$$|H| = \begin{vmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} & y_{13} \\ y_{21} & y_{22} & y_{23} \\ y_{31} & y_{32} & y_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

Hence, $|H_1| = y_{11}$

And

$$|H_2| = \begin{vmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} \\ y_{21} & y_{22} \end{vmatrix}$$

and Now

$$|H_3| = |H|$$

Now, if $|H_1| > 0$, $|H_2| > 0$ and $|H_3| > 0$ then Hessian is positive definite.

And if any one is negative i.e. $|H_1| < 0$ or $|H_2| < 0$ or

If $H_3 < 0$ or all are less than zero then Hessian is negative definite.

\Rightarrow For optimization of function, if all three minors are greater than zero then function is minimum and if any of them is less than zero then function is maximum.

Question:-

The function $A = 5x^2 - 8x - 2xy - 6y + 4y^2$
use Hessian determinant to optimize this function.

Solution:-

$$A = 5x^2 - 8x - 2xy - 6y + 4y^2 \Rightarrow 0$$

Taking derivative of eqn with respect to "x".

$$\Rightarrow A_x = 10x - 8 - 2y \Rightarrow 0$$

then, taking derivative of eqn with respect to "y".

$$\Rightarrow A_y = -2x - 6 + 8y \Rightarrow 0$$

Now,

Set the 1st order partial derivative equal to zero.

When $x = 0$

then, equation (1) becomes,

$$10x - 8 - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow (4)$$

When,

$y = 0$

then, equation (2) becomes,

$$2x - 6 + 8y = 0 \Rightarrow (5)$$

Multiply eq (5) by 5, we get

$$10x - 30 + 40y = 0$$

then,

$$10x - 30 + 40y = 0$$

$$10x - 8 - 2y = 0$$

$$-22 + 42y = 0$$

$$42y = 22$$

$$y = \frac{11}{21}$$

Putting the value of y in equation (4), we get

$$10x - 8 - 2\left(\frac{11}{21}\right) = 0$$

$$10x - 8 - \frac{22}{21} = 0$$

$$10x = \frac{168 + 22}{21}$$

$$x = \frac{190}{21 \times 10}$$

$$x = \frac{19}{21}$$

So, Critical point is $(\frac{19}{21}, \frac{11}{21})$

Then, Again derivative of eq ②
with respect to "x".

$$A_{xx} = \frac{d}{dx} (10x - 8 - 2y)$$

$$A_{xx} = 10$$

Then, Taking derivative of eq ③
with respect to "y".

$$A_{yy} = \frac{d}{dy} (2x - 6 + 8y)$$

$$A_{yy} = 8$$

Then, Taking derivative of eq ③
with respect to "y".

$$A_{yy} = \frac{d}{dy} (2x - 6 + 8y)$$

$$A_{yy} = 8$$

Then, taking derivative of eq ③
with respect to "x".

$$A_{yx} = \frac{d}{dx} (2x - 6 + 8y)$$

$$A_{yx} = 2$$

Using Hessian determinant:-

$$|H| = \begin{vmatrix} A_{xx} & A_{xy} \\ A_{yx} & A_{yy} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|H| = \begin{vmatrix} 10 & -2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|H| = 84 > 0$$

$$|H_1| = 10 > 0$$

$$|H_2| = 0$$

Since, H_1 and H_2 both are positive definite. So, Hessian determinant is positive definite.

So, A is minimum at critical values. For finding minimum value of function.

Put $x = \frac{19}{21}$, $y = \frac{11}{21}$ in original function.

$$A = 5x^2 - 8x - 2xy - 6y + 4y^2$$

$$A = 5\left(\frac{19}{21}\right)^2 - 8\left(\frac{19}{21}\right) - 2\left(\frac{19}{21}\right)\left(\frac{11}{21}\right) - 6\left(\frac{11}{21}\right) + 4\left(\frac{11}{21}\right)^2$$

$$A = \frac{1805}{441} - \frac{152}{21} - \frac{418}{441} - \frac{66}{21} + \frac{484}{441}$$

$$A = \frac{1805 - 3192 - 418 - 1386 + 484}{441}$$

$$A = -\frac{2707}{441}$$