

Worksheet on Barrier Functions: Example 2

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & (x + 1)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

1. Transform the problem into a barrier function form:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{x \in R^n} & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & c(x) = 0 \\ & x \geq 0 \end{array} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \begin{array}{ll} \min_{x \in R^n} & f(x) - \mu \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) \\ \text{s.t.} & c(x) = 0 \end{array}$$

2. Verify the optimal barrier function solution as μ approaches 0.

