Solve for (40, 30 points)

(a) Quadratic objective function and linear constraints:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = (4x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_2 + x_3 - 2)^2 + (x_4 - 1)^2 + (x_5 - 1)^2$$

subject to

$$x_1 + 3x_2 = 0,$$
  

$$x_3 + x_4 - 2x_5 = 0,$$
  

$$x_2 - x_5 = 0.$$

(b) Quadratic objective function and nonlinear constraints:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = 4x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2$$
$$-33x_1 + 16x_2 - 24x_3$$

subject to

$$3x_1 - 2x_2^2 = 7,$$
  
$$4x_1 - x_3^2 = 11.$$

Bonus problem (25 points) see simplex method

**6.18** Use a library routine for linear programming to solve the following problem:

$$\max_{x} f(x) = 2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 + x_4$$

subject to the constraints

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 + 3x_2 + x_4 & \leq & 4 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 & \leq & 3 \\ x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 & \leq & 3 \end{array}$$

and

$$x_i \ge 0$$
,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

Solve for (30 points) [tips for (b) in class]

**7.4** An experiment has produced the following data:

We wish to interpolate the data with a smooth curve in the hope of obtaining reasonable values of y for values of t between the points at which measurements were taken.

- (a) Using any method you like, determine the polynomial of degree five that interpolates the given data, and make a smooth plot of it over the range  $0 \le t \le 9$ .
- (b) Similarly, determine a cubic spline that interpolates the given data, and make a smooth plot of it over the same range.
- (c) Which interpolant seems to give more reasonable values between the given data points? Can you explain why each curve behaves the way it does?
- (d) Might piecewise linear interpolation be a better choice for these particular data? Why?