

MAEG4070 Engineering Optimization

Lecture 8 Constrained Optimization **Lagrange Multiplier**

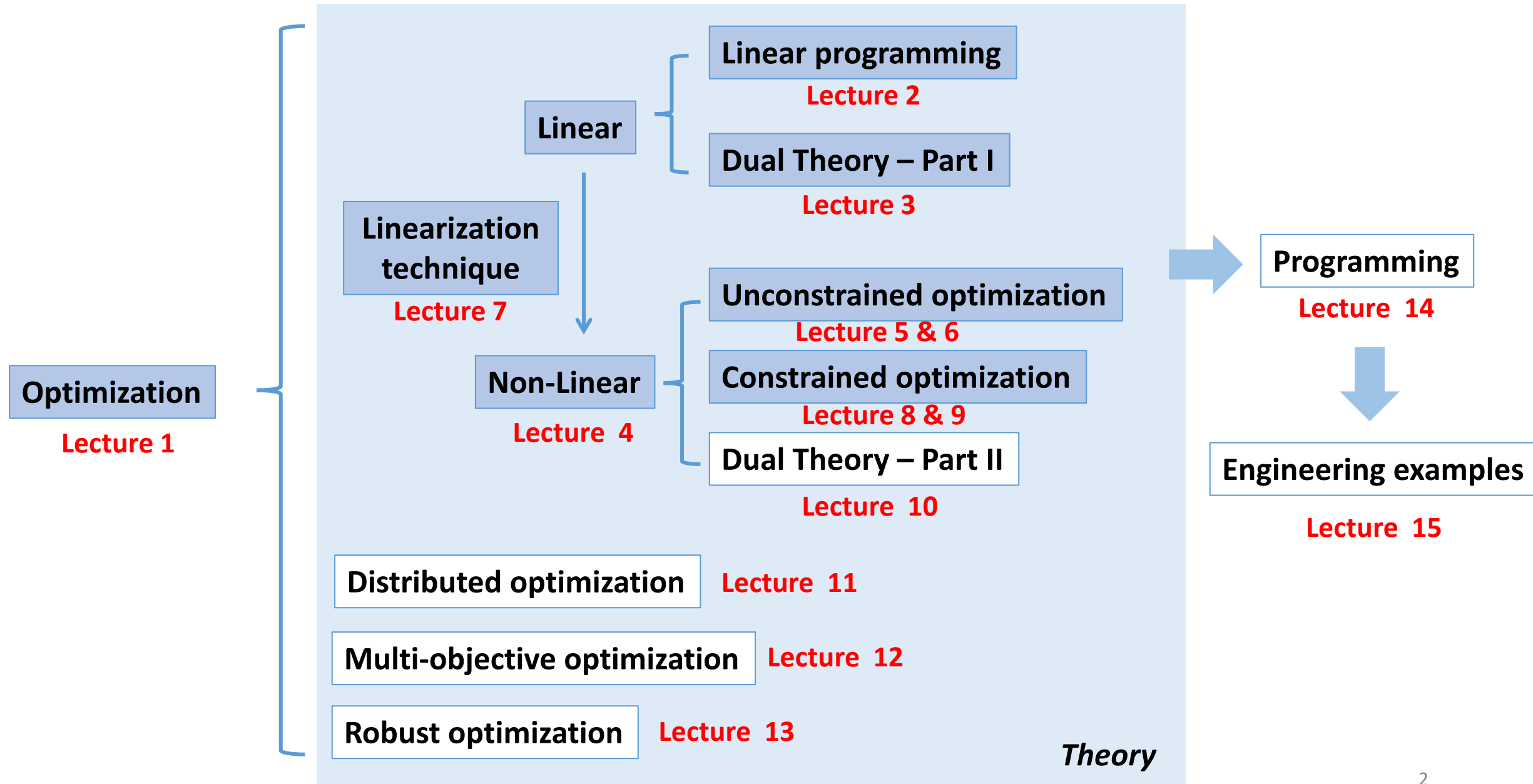
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Introduction

Nonlinear problems with constraints are quite common in practice.

Let's look at an example:

A company produces product A and B, whose selling prices are 30 and 450, respectively. It takes 0.5 hours to sell product A and $(2+0.3x_2)$ hours to sell product B. The operational time for the company is 800 hours. How to decide on the production plan to maximize the profit?

Solution: suppose quantities for A and B are x_1 and x_2 , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x_1, x_2} \quad & 30x_1 + 450x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 0.5x_1 + 2x_2 + 0.3x_2^2 \leq 800 \\ & x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

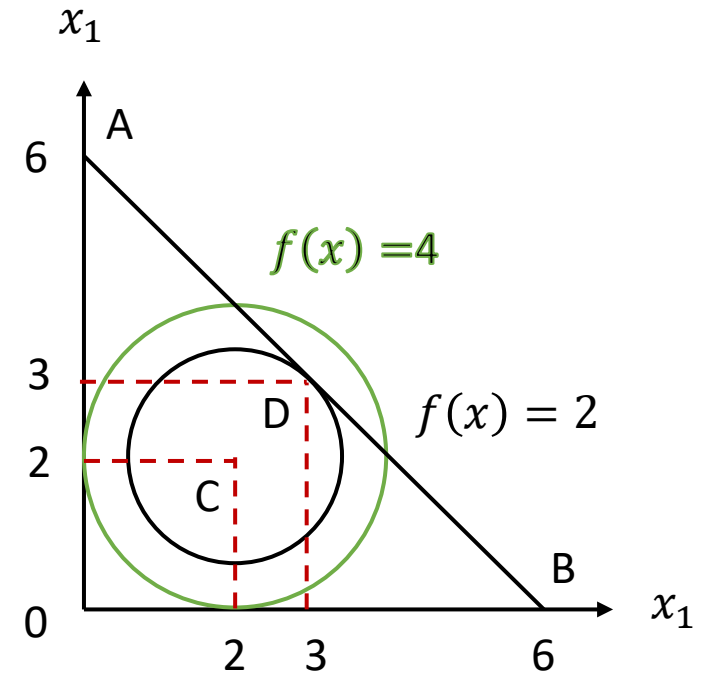
Geometrical method

Solve this optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_1, x_2} \quad & f(x) = (x_1 - 2)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h(x) = x_1 + x_2 - 6 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- The constraint is line AB
- We want to minimize the distance from a point at line AB to the point (2,2)
- Draw a circle centered at (2,2), increase its radius until the circle is tangent to the line

$$f(x^*) = 2, x^* = (3,3)$$



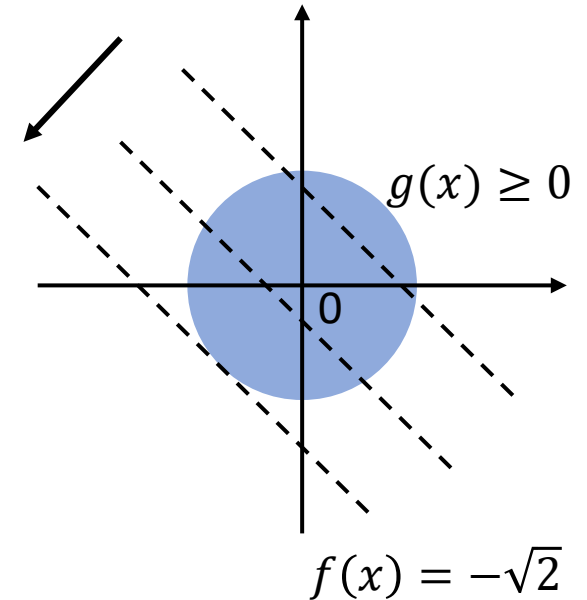
Geometrical method

Solve this optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_1, x_2} \quad & f(x) = x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g(x) = 1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- The constraint represents all points within the unit circle centered at (0,0)
- We move the line with a slope of -1 until it is tangent to the circle

$$f(x^*) = -\sqrt{2}, x^* = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$



Constrained Optimization with Equality

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h_i(x) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

where $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow R$, $h_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow R, \forall i = 1, \dots, m$.

- We suppose both f and $h_i, \forall i$ are continuously differentiable functions
- Note that the theory also applies to case where f and $h_i, \forall i$ are continuously differentiable in a neighborhood of a local minimum.

Constrained Optimization with Equality

Lagrange Multiplier Theorem

Let x^* be a local minimum and a regular point ($\nabla h_i(x^*), \forall i$ are linearly independent)
Then, there exists unique scalars $\lambda_1^*, \dots, \lambda_m^*$ such that

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla h_i(x^*) = 0$$

Unconstrained case:
 $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$

If in addition f and h are twice continuous differentiable

$$y^T \left(\nabla^2 f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla^2 h_i(x^*) \right) y \geq 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \nabla h(x^*)^T y = 0$$

Unconstrained case:

$$\underline{y^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) y \geq 0, \forall y}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla h_i(x^*) = 0$$

If and only if $\lambda_i^* = 0, \forall i$

Constrained Optimization with Equality

Exercise on linearly independent

Consider two vectors $v_1 = (1,1)^T$ and $v_2 = (-3,2)^T$, are they linearly independent?

$$\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Vectors $v_1 = (1,1)^T$ and $v_2 = (-3,2)^T$ are linearly independent.

Constrained Optimization with Equality

Exercise on linearly independent

Consider three vectors $v_1 = (1,1)^T$, $v_2 = (-3,2)^T$, and $v_3 = (2,4)^T$

$$\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (-16, -2, 5)$ satisfies the equation.

Vectors $v_1 = (1,1)^T$, $v_2 = (-3,2)^T$, and $v_3 = (2,4)^T$ are not linearly independent.

Constrained Optimization with Equality

Lagrange Multiplier Theorem (Necessary condition)


Define the Lagrangian function


$$L(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i h_i(x)$$

Then, if x^* is a local minimum which is regular,
the Lagrange multiplier conditions are written

$$\nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*) = 0, \quad \nabla_\lambda L(x^*, \lambda^*) = 0$$

There are $n + m$ unknowns variables and $n + m$ equations.


$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla h_i(x^*) = 0$$


$$h_i(x^*) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$$

Example-1

Consider the optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_1, x_2, x_3} \quad & \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3 \end{aligned} \quad \text{Linear independent}$$

The Lagrangian function is

$$L(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) + \lambda(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 3)$$

Then the necessary condition is

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^* + \lambda^* &= 0, \quad x_2^* + \lambda^* = 0 \\ x_3^* + \lambda^* &= 0, \quad x_1^* + x_2^* + x_3^* = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x^* = (1, 1, 1)$, $\lambda^* = -1$.

Example-2

Consider the optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_1, x_2} \quad & (x_1 - 2)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 - 6 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{Linearly independent}$$

The Lagrangian function is

$$L(x, \lambda) = (x_1 - 2)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 + \lambda(x_1 + x_2 - 6)$$

Then the necessary condition is

$$\begin{aligned} 2(x_1^* - 2) + \lambda^* &= 0 \\ 2(x_2^* - 2) + \lambda^* &= 0 \\ x_1^* + x_2^* - 6 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x^* = (3, 3)$, $\lambda^* = -2$.

Example-3

Portfolio Selection

We plan to invest in n different assets, indexed by $i = 1, \dots, n$. The total wealth is 1.

The return e_i is random with an expectation of \bar{e}_i and the covariance matrix $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with its (ij) -th item $Q_{ij} = \mathbb{E}[(e_i - \bar{e}_i)(e_j - \bar{e}_j)]$.

The expected return is R , and we want to minimize the variance of return $x^T Q x$.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & x^T Q x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1 \quad \lambda_1 \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{e}_i x_i = R \quad \lambda_2 \end{aligned}$$

* Suppose $(\bar{e}_1, \dots, \bar{e}_n) \neq a(1, \dots, 1)$

Example-3

Portfolio Selection

The Lagrangian function is

$$L(x, \lambda) = x^T Q x + \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 1 \right) + \lambda_2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{e}_i x_i - R \right)$$

Then the necessity condition is

$$2Qx^* + \lambda_1^* u + \lambda_2^* \bar{e} = 0$$

$$u^T x^* = 1$$

$$\bar{e}^T x^* = R$$

When $\bar{e} \neq au$
Linearly independent

Replace x^* we can obtain λ_1^*, λ_2^* as the solution of

$$\frac{\lambda_1^*}{2} u^T Q^{-1} u + \frac{\lambda_2^*}{2} u^T Q^{-1} \bar{e} = -1$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1^*}{2} \bar{e}^T Q^{-1} u + \frac{\lambda_2^*}{2} \bar{e}^T Q^{-1} \bar{e} = -R$$

where $u = (1, \dots, 1)^T, \bar{e} = (\bar{e}_1, \dots, \bar{e}_n)^T$.

Example-3

Portfolio Selection

First, according to definition $Q_{ij} = E[(e_i - \bar{e}_i)(e_j - \bar{e}_j)]$
 $= E[(e_j - \bar{e}_j)(e_i - \bar{e}_i)] = Q_{ji}$

Q is a symmetric matrix

$$L(x, \lambda) = x^T Q x + \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 1 \right) + \lambda_2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{e}_i x_i - R \right)$$

$$= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & \dots & Q_{1n} \\ Q_{21} & Q_{22} & \dots & Q_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Q_{n1} & Q_{n2} & \dots & Q_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 1 \right) + \lambda_2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{e}_i x_i - R \right)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i Q_{i1}, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i Q_{i2}, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i Q_{in} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 1 \right) + \lambda_2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{e}_i x_i - R \right)$$

$$= \underline{x_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{x_i} Q_{i1} + x_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{x_i} Q_{i2} + \dots + x_n \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{x_i} Q_{in} + \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \underline{x_i} - 1 \right) + \lambda_2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{e}_i \underline{x_i} - R \right)$$

Example-3

Portfolio Selection

when taking the partial derivative with respect to x_1 . For example:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sigma_{i1} + x_1 \sigma_{11} + x_2 \sigma_{12} + \dots + x_n \sigma_{1n} + \lambda_1 + \bar{e}_1 \lambda_2$$

because σ is symmetric $\Rightarrow 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{1i} x_i + \lambda_1 + \bar{e}_1 \lambda_2$

Similarly, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{2i} x_i + \lambda_1 + \bar{e}_2 \lambda_2$

$\sigma_{11} = \sigma_{11}$
 $\sigma_{12} = \sigma_{21}$
 \vdots
 $\sigma_{1n} = \sigma_{n1}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_n} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ni} x_i + \lambda_1 + \bar{e}_n \lambda_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{1i} x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{2i} x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ni} x_i \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} \bar{e}_1 \\ \bar{e}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{e}_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \dots & \sigma_{1n} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \dots & \sigma_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{n1} & \sigma_{n2} & \dots & \sigma_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} \bar{e}_1 \\ \bar{e}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{e}_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2Qx + \lambda_1 u + \lambda_2 \bar{e} \end{aligned}$$

Constrained Optimization with Equality

Sufficiency condition


When f and $h_i, \forall i$ are *twice* continuously differentiable.

If $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\lambda^* \in \mathbb{R}^m$ satisfy

$$\nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*) = 0, \quad \nabla_\lambda L(x^*, \lambda^*) = 0$$

$$y^T \nabla_{xx}^2 L(x^*, \lambda^*) y > 0, \quad \forall y \neq 0, \quad \nabla h(x^*)^T y = 0$$

Then x^* is a **strict** local minimum.


$$\left(\nabla^2 f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla^2 h_i(x^*) \right)$$

If $>$, then *strict*

If \geq , then *relative*

How about *local* v.s. *global*? Next lecture

Example

Consider the optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_1, x_2, x_3} \quad & -(x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_1x_3) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

(Review) **First**, we obtain the x^* and λ^* according to the *necessary condition*.
The Lagrangian function is

$$L(x, \lambda) = -(x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_1x_3) + \lambda(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 3)$$

Then the necessity condition is

$$\begin{aligned} -x_2^* - x_3^* + \lambda^* &= 0 \\ -x_1^* - x_3^* + \lambda^* &= 0 \\ -x_1^* - x_2^* + \lambda^* &= 0 \\ x_1^* + x_2^* + x_3^* &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x^* = (1, 1, 1)^T$, $\lambda^* = 2$.

Example

Second, we check the *sufficiency condition*.

$$\nabla_{xx}^2 L(x^*, \lambda^*) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $y \neq 0$ be a vector that satisfies $\nabla h(x^*)^T y = 0$, i.e. $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 0$.
Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & y^T \nabla_{xx}^2 L(x^*, \lambda^*) y \\ &= -y_1(y_2 + y_3) - y_2(y_1 + y_3) - y_3(y_1 + y_2) \\ &= -y_1(-y_1) - y_2(-y_2) - y_3(-y_3) \\ &= y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, x^* is a strict local optimum.

Sensitivity Theorem* (Extended Reading)

Consider a family of optimization problems:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h(x) = u \end{aligned}$$

where u is a parameter.

Suppose when $u = 0$, the above problem has a local minimum x^* that is regular and associated with a unique λ^* satisfying the sufficiency condition.

Then, there exists an open sphere \mathcal{S} centered at $u = 0$ such that:

- (1) for every $u \in \mathcal{S}$, there is a local-minimum-Lagrange multiplier $x(u), \lambda(u)$.
- (2) $x(u)$ and $\lambda(u)$ are continuously differentiable with $x(0) = x^*$ and $\lambda(0) = \lambda^*$.
- (3) Denote $f(x(u))$ as $\mathcal{F}(u)$, we have

$$\nabla \mathcal{F}(u) = -\lambda(u), \forall u \in \mathcal{S}$$



The impact of one unit change of u on the optimal objective value

Sensitivity Theorem* (Extended Reading)

Consider this optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 - x_2^2) - x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h(x) = x_2 = u \end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian function is

$$L(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 - x_2^2) - x_2 + \lambda(x_2 - u)$$

Then

$$x_1^* = 0, -x_2^* - 1 + \lambda^* = 0, x_2^* - u = 0$$

Therefore $x(u) = (0, u)$, $\lambda(u) = 1 + u$.

$$\mathcal{F}(u) = -\frac{1}{2}u^2 - u$$

and $\nabla \mathcal{F}(0) = -u - 1 = -\lambda(0) = -1$, consistent with the sensitivity theorem.

Sensitivity Theorem* (Extended Reading)

Consider this problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & a^T x = b \quad : \quad \lambda \end{aligned}$$

If coefficient b changes to $b + \Delta b$, the minimum x^* will change to $x^* + \Delta x$.

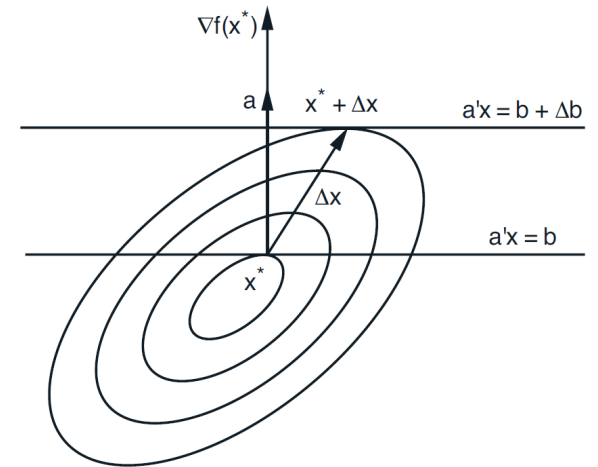
Since $a^T x^* = b$ and $a^T (x^* + \Delta x) = a^T x^* + a^T \Delta x = b + \Delta b$.

So we have $a^T \Delta x = \Delta b$. According to the condition $\nabla f(x^*) = -\lambda^* a$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= f(x^* + \Delta x) - f(x^*) \\ &= \nabla f(x^*)^T \Delta x + o(\|\Delta x\|) \\ &= -\lambda^* a^T \Delta x + o(\|\Delta x\|) \\ &= -\lambda^* \Delta b + o(\|\Delta x\|) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\lambda^* = -\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta b}$$



A generalization of “Shadow price” in Lecture 3 (next slide)

Lecture-3: Economic Interpretation

According to Optimality criterion, we have

$$f^* = c^T x^* = b^T \lambda^* = \lambda_1^* b_1 + \dots + \lambda_N^* b_N$$

If parameter b_n changes, what is the impact on the optimal value f^* ?

$$\frac{\partial f^*}{\partial b_1} = \lambda_1^*, \dots, \frac{\partial f^*}{\partial b_N} = \lambda_N^*$$

Therefore, λ_n^* can be interpreted as the change of f^* should there be 1 unit change of b_n . We call it “*shadow price*” in economics.

The scarcer the resource, the greater the impact of its changes on the objective function (cost), and therefore the higher the shadow price.

Constrained Optimization with Inequality

General Form:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_x & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & h(x) = 0, g(x) \leq 0\end{array}$$

where $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$ are continuously differentiable.
Here,

$$\begin{aligned}h &= (h_1, \dots, h_m) \\ g &= (g_1, \dots, g_r)\end{aligned}$$

Constrained Optimization with Inequality

Let's look at the inequality constraint $g(x) \leq 0$. If x^* is a local minimum, then

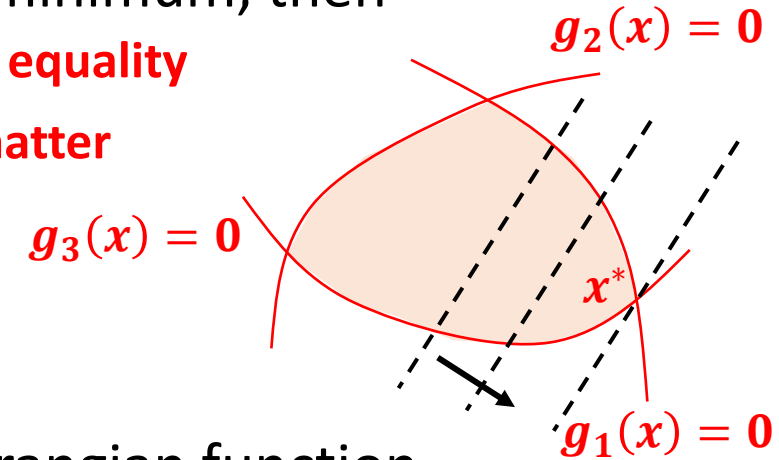
- If $g_j(x^*) = 0$, then the j -th constraint is active **Treated as equality**
- If $g_j(x^*) < 0$, then the j -th constraint is inactive **Doesn't matter**

Let $\mathcal{A}(x) := \{j | g_j(x) = 0\}$ be the set of active constraints

Assume that x^* is regular, similarly, we can write down the Lagrangian function

$$L(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* h_i(x^*) + \boxed{\sum_{j=1}^r \mu_j^* g_j(x^*)}$$

- Let the μ_j^* corresponds to inactive constraint equal to zero. $\mu_j^* = 0, \forall j \notin \mathcal{A}(x)$
- Let $\mu_j^* \geq 0, \forall j$ (explain later)



Constrained Optimization with Inequality

We try to explain the logic behind “ $\mu_j^* \geq 0, \forall j$ ” using sensitivity theorem.

Relax the j -th constraint to $g_j(x) = u_j, u_j > 0$. Since $\Delta f \leq 0$, we have

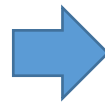
$$\mu_j^* = -(\Delta f)/u_j \geq 0$$

$$\lambda^* = -\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x}$$

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla h_i(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_j \nabla g_j(x^*) = 0$$

$$h_i(x^*) = 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, m$$

Point that satisfies these conditions is called Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) point



$$\begin{aligned} g_j(x^*) &= 0, \mu_j^* \geq 0, \forall j \in \mathcal{A}(x^*) \\ g_j(x^*) &< 0, \mu_j^* = 0, \forall j \notin \mathcal{A}(x^*) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} g_j(x^*)\mu_j^* &= 0, g_j(x^*) \leq 0, \mu_j^* \geq 0, \forall j = 1, \dots, r \\ \text{or } 0 &\leq -g_j(x^*) \perp \mu_j^* \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Constrained Optimization with Inequality

Steps to write down the KKT condition

1. Turn it into standard form:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h(x) = 0, g(x) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. Write down the Lagrangian function

$$L(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* h_i(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_j^* g_j(x^*)$$

3. The KKT condition is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) &= 0 \\ h_i(x^*) &= 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, m \\ 0 \leq -g_j(x^*) \perp \mu_j^* &\geq 0, \forall j = 1, \dots, r \end{aligned}$$

Example-1

Consider this optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_1, x_2} \quad & (x_1 - 2)^2 + x_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 - x_2^2 \geq 0 \\ & -x_1 + x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Are $x^{(1)} = (0, 0)^T$, $x^{(2)} = (1, 1)^T$ KKT points?

Solution: For both points, the equality holds for all constraints.

$$L(x, \mu) = (x_1 - 2)^2 + x_2^2 + \mu_1(-x_1 + x_2^2) + \mu_2(x_1 - x_2)$$

Therefore, the KKT conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - 4 - \mu_1 + \mu_2 &= 0 \\ 2x_2 + 2\mu_1x_2 - \mu_2 &= 0 \\ 0 \leq \mu_1 \perp (x_1 - x_2^2) &\geq 0 \\ 0 \leq \mu_2 \perp (-x_1 + x_2) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

For point $x^{(1)} = (0, 0)^T$, we have $\mu_2 = 0$ and $\mu_1 = -4 < 0$, no feasible μ .
For point $x^{(2)} = (1, 1)^T$, $\mu = (0, 2)^T$.

Example-2

Find the KKT point of problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & f(x) = (x_1 - 1)^2 + x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_1(x) = -x_1 - x_2 + 2 \geq 0 \\ & g_2(x) = x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: The Lagrange function is

$$L(x, \mu) = (x_1 - 1)^2 + x_2 + \mu_1(x_1 + x_2 - 2) + \mu_2(-x_2)$$

Then the KKT condition is

$$\begin{aligned} 2(x_1 - 1) + \mu_1 &= 0 \\ 1 + \mu_1 - \mu_2 &= 0 \\ 0 \leq (-x_1 - x_2 + 2) \perp \mu_1 &\geq 0 \\ 0 \leq x_2 \perp \mu_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can get $x^* = (1, 0)$, $\mu^* = (0, 1)$.

Kuhn-Tucker Necessary Conditions

Let x^* be a local minimum and a regular point.

Then there exist unique Lagrange multiplier vectors $\lambda^* = (\lambda_1^*, \dots, \lambda_m^*)$, $\mu^* = (\mu_1^*, \dots, \mu_r^*)$

$$\nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) = 0$$

$$h_i(x^*) = 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$0 \leq -g_j(x^*) \perp \mu_j^* \geq 0, \forall j = 1, \dots, r$$

**Complementary
Slackness**

If f , h , and g are twice continuously differentiable, then

$$y^T \nabla_{xx}^2 L(x^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) y \geq 0, \forall y \in V(x^*)$$

where

$$V(x^*) = \{y | \nabla h_i(x^*)^T y = 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, m; \nabla g_j(x^*)^T y = 0, \forall j \in \mathcal{A}(x^*)\}$$

A local minimum is a KKT point

How about sufficiency condition? Convex optimization (next lecture)

Thanks!