

Introduction to Optimisation:

Constrained Nonlinear Programming

Lecture 9

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Introduction

- Let $f(x)$ is be nonlinear function of vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ defined over the domain $D \subseteq R^n$. Consider an NLP problem

$$\min z = f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax = b,$$

where A is $m \times n$ matrix, $\text{rank } A = m$

- Assume that $f(x)$ has continuous second-order partial derivatives for each point $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ in $D = \{x : Ax = b\}$

Introduction

Improving direction and Feasible direction:

$$S = \{x : h(x) = 0\}$$

constraints

Directional derivative

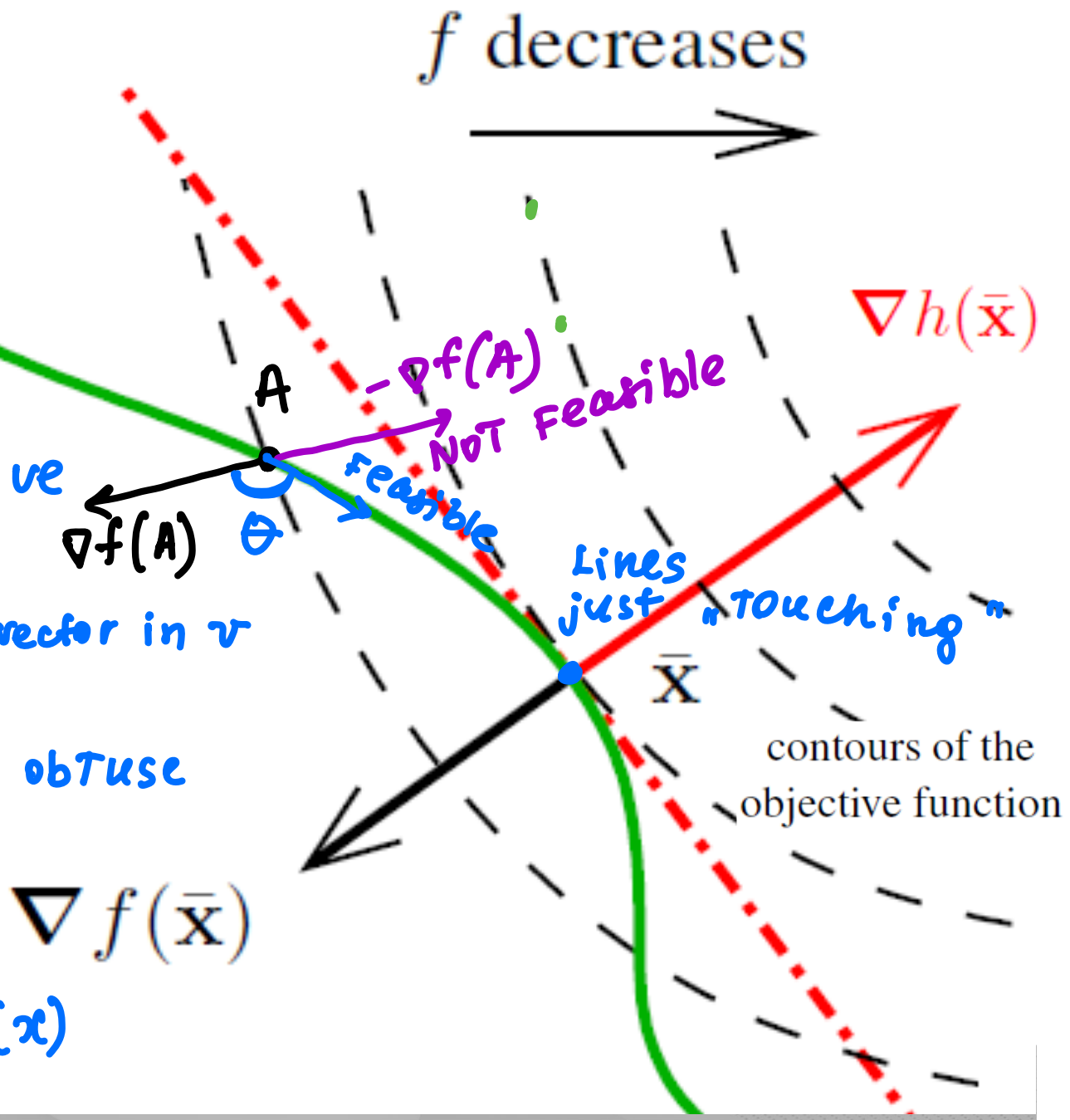
$$D_v f(x) = \nabla f(x) \cdot v = |\nabla f(x)| \cos \theta$$

\hat{v} unit vector in v

if $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ - obtuse

then $\cos \theta < 0$

v is direction of decrease of $f(x)$



Preliminaries

- Null space of $A_{m \times n}$, $n \geq m$ is

$$N(A) = \{p: Ap = 0\}$$

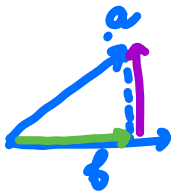
- Range space of $A_{m \times n}$

$$R(A) = \{q \in \mathbb{R}^n: q = \underline{A^T \Lambda}, \Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$$

- $N(A)$ and $R(A^T)$ are orthogonal subspaces: for $q \in R(A)$ and $p \in N(A)$:

$$q^T p = \Lambda A p = 0$$

- Any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$: $x = p + q$

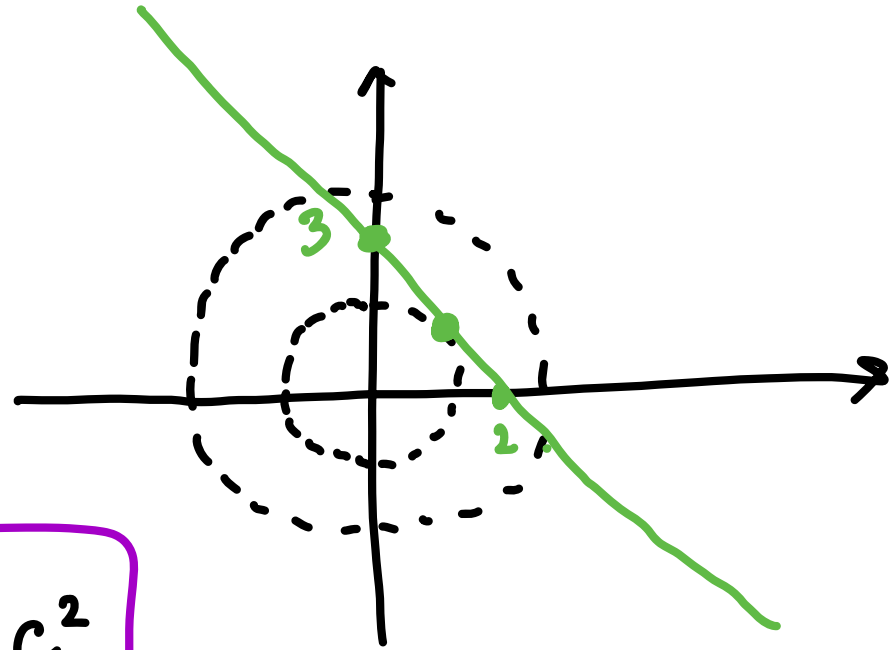


$$a = \text{proj}_{\ell} a + a_{\perp}$$

Reduced function

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{➤ } \min f(x_1, x_2) &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ \text{s.t. } 3x_1 + 2x_2 &= 6 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \min \\ \text{s.t.} \end{aligned}} \right\} (*)$$



$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 = c^2$$

contour lines
are circles

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 = 6 \rightarrow$$

- $x_2 = 3 - \frac{3}{2}x_1$

$$\Phi(x_1) = x_1^2 + \left(3 - \frac{3}{2}x_1\right)^2 \rightarrow \text{find min } \Phi(x_1)$$

Find where $\Phi' = 0$

$$\Phi'(x_1) = 2x_1 + 2\left(3 - \frac{3}{2}x_1\right) \times \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0.$$

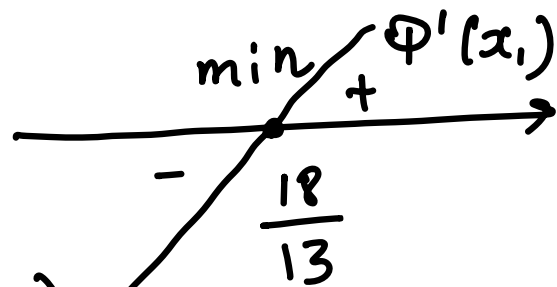
$$2x_1 - 9 + \frac{9}{2}x_1 = 0. \quad \times 2$$

$$4x_1 - 18 + 9x_1 = 0$$

$$13x_1 = 18$$

$$x_1 = \frac{18}{13} \rightarrow x_2 = 3 - \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{18}{13} = \frac{12}{13}$$

$x_1 = \frac{18}{13}$ is min as



minimiser of $f(x_1, x_2)$

Domain is

$$x^* = \begin{pmatrix} \text{on} \\ 18/13 \\ 12/13 \end{pmatrix}$$

Reduced function

In general form: $Ax = b$

➤ Choose x_B , then $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ x_N \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow Ax = b \rightarrow (B|N) \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ x_N \end{pmatrix} = Bx_B + Nx_N = b$
 \downarrow
 $x_B = B^{-1}b - B^{-1}Nx_N$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ x_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B^{-1}b - B^{-1}Nx_N \\ x_N \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} B^{-1}b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\bar{x}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -B^{-1}N \\ I \end{pmatrix}}_Z x_N$$

➤ $x = \bar{x} + Zx_N$ (particular and homogeneous solutions)

$$Ax = b$$

$$A(\bar{x} + Zx_N) = \underbrace{A\bar{x}}_{=b} + \underbrace{A(Zx_N)}_{=0} = b.$$

Reduced function

➤ Reduced cost function is

$$\Phi(x_N) = f(\bar{x} + Z x_N)$$

instead of solving $\min f(x)$
 s.t. $Ax = b$
 constrained

also reduced
 the number
 of variables

solve $\min \Phi(x_N)$
 unconstrained

➤ The matrix Z is **basis matrix** of the null space of $A_{m \times n}$

as Zx generates all $p = Zx: Ap = 0$

Null-space basis matrix for $A_{m \times n}$ is the $n \times (n - m)$ matrix Z :

some
 ↓ particular s-n

$$\begin{pmatrix} -B^{-1} N \\ I \end{pmatrix}$$

➤ In other words, if $A\bar{x} = b$, then any feasible point $x = \bar{x} + p$, where $p \in N(A)$

➤ Hence Zx_n and $-Zx_n$ are all possible feasible directions for an arbitrary x_n .

Reduced function

Example:

➤ $\min f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + 4x_1x_3 + x_2^2$

s.t.
$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 &= 5 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 - x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

➤ The feasible set is all x satisfying (*)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we are going to construct reduced function, and hence solve the problem.

$$|x_B| = 2$$

$$x_B = (x_1, x_2) ; \quad x_N = x_3$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad B^{-1} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B^{-1} N = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} ;$$

$$B^{-1} b = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} B^{-1} b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -B^{-1} N \\ I \end{pmatrix} x_3 =$$

particular
s-n of $Ax = b$

general s-n
of $Av = 0$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 13 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -14 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_Z x_3$$

$$x_1 = -4 + 5x_3 \quad (*)$$

$$\rightarrow x_2 = 13 - 14x_3$$

sub-in
to $f(x, x_2, x_3)$

$$\Phi(x_3) = (-4 + 5x_3)^2 + 4(-4 + 5x_3)x_3 + (13 - 14x_3)^2$$

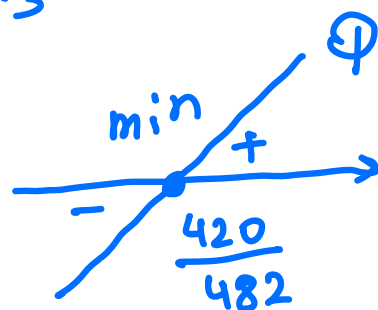
Find \downarrow $\min \Phi(x_3) \rightarrow \Phi' = 0$

$$\Phi'(x_3) = 2(-4 + 5x_3) \times 5 - 16 + 40x_3 + 2(13 - 14x_3) \times (-14)$$

$$= -40 + 50x_3 - 16 + 40x_3 - 364 + 392x_3 =$$

$$= -420 + 482x_3$$

$$\Phi' = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad x_3 = \frac{420}{482}$$



Hence minimiser of $f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ is

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -4 + 5 \times \frac{420}{482} \\ 13 - 14 \times \frac{420}{482} \\ \frac{420}{482} \end{pmatrix}$$

Reduced function

Example:

$$\text{➤ } \min f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + 4x_1x_3 + x_2^2$$

s.t.

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 = 5$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$(A|b) \sim (I|A^{-1}b)$$

➤ OR use Gaussian-Jordan reduction

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 & | & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 & | & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -7 & | & -\frac{13}{2} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 & | & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 14 & | & 13 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 14 & | & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 - 5x_3 = -4 \\ x_2 + 14x_3 = 13 \end{cases}$$

same as above (*)

Optimality conditions

by Th. 6, if in x^*
 $\nabla f = 0$ and $\nabla^2 f$ is
pos-def \rightarrow
 x^* is min

➤ Unconstrained NLP problem with a reduced function:

$$\min \phi(x_N)$$

where $\phi(x_N) = f(\bar{x} + Z x_N)$

➤ To set optimality conditions find

1. Reduced gradient $\nabla \phi(x_N) = Z^T \nabla f(x_n)$
gradient of reduced f-n

2. Reduced Hessian $\nabla^2 \phi(x_N) = Z^T \nabla^2 f(x_n) Z$
Hessian of reduced f-n

Theorem 1 - constrained

Optimality conditions

Theorem 1. (Second-order necessary conditions – Linear equality constraints)

➤ If x^* a local minimiser of $f(x)$ over the set $\{x : Ax = b\}$, and Z is a basis matrix for the null-space of A , then

i. $Z^T \nabla f(x^*) = 0$, and •

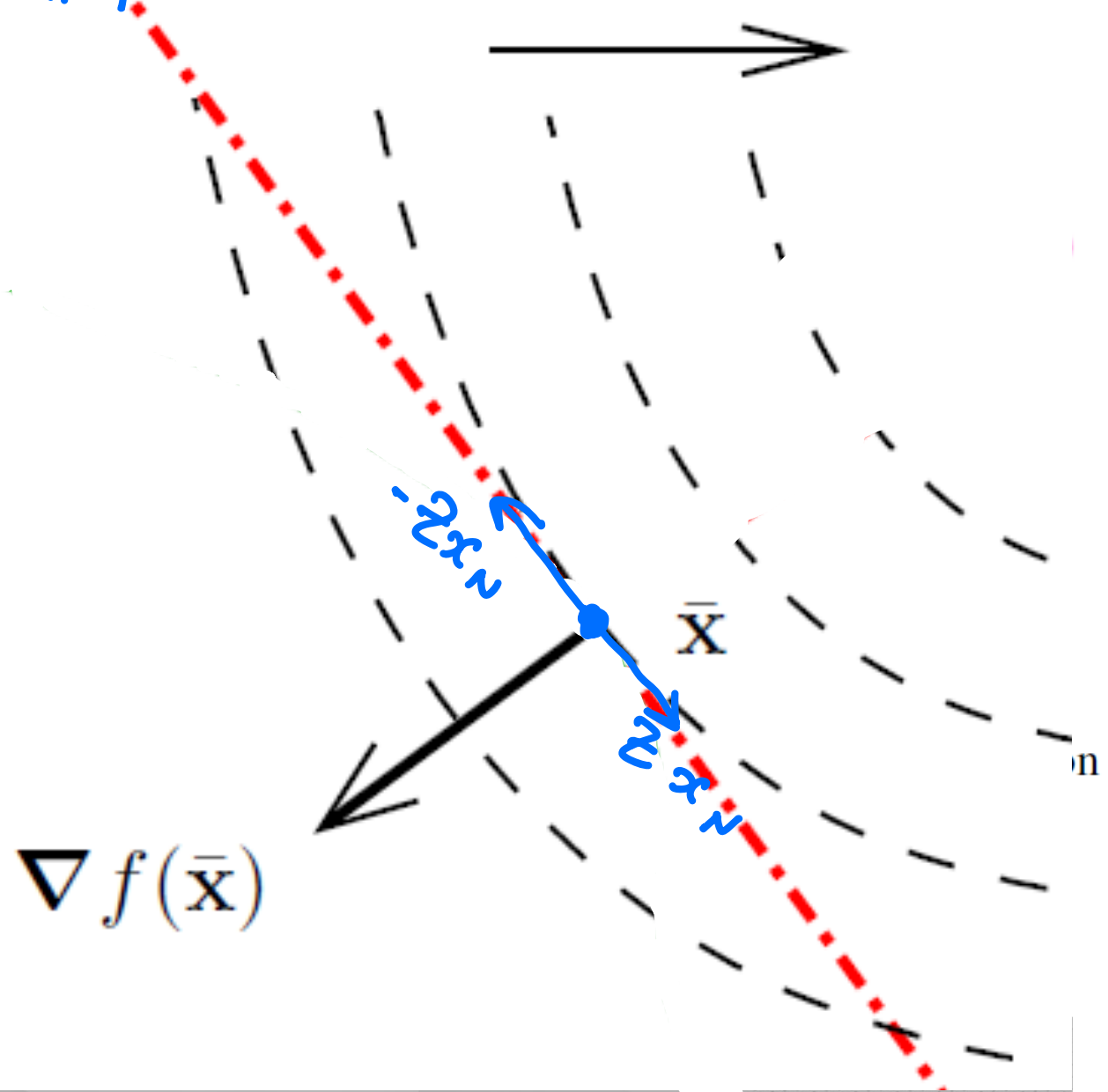
ii. $Z^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) Z$ is positive semidefinite.

Optimality conditions

$\nabla f(\bar{x})$ is _____ to $N(A)$

orthogonal to null space of A

f decreases



Theorem 2 - constrained

Optimality conditions

Theorem 2. (Second-order sufficient conditions – Linear equality constraints)

➤ If Z is a basis matrix for the null-space of A and the point x^* satisfies

- i.* $Ax^* = b \rightarrow x^*$ is feasible
- ii.* $Z^T \nabla f(x^*) = 0$, and
- iii.* $Z^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) Z$ is positive-definite.

then x^* a local minimiser of $f(x)$ over the set $\{x : Ax = b\}$.

Observe that given a point x for a considered linear-equality constrained NLP problem we can apply directly the above two theorems without deriving a reduced function.

$$\text{if } B = 2 \ ; \ B^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \parallel$$

Optimality conditions - example

$$\triangleright \min f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 - 2x_1 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 + 4x_3$$

s.t.

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\triangleright \nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 - 2 \\ 2x_2 \\ -2x_3 + 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\triangleright x_N = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_B = x_1$$

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = 1 = B^{-1}$$

$$\triangleright Z = \begin{pmatrix} B^{-1}N \\ I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$I : (n-m) \times (n-m)$

$$\triangleright \underbrace{Z^T \nabla f(x)}_{\text{Reduced gradient}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 - 2 \\ 2x_2 \\ -2x_3 + 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 - 2 + 2x_2 \\ -4x_1 + 4 - 2x_3 + 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 = 2 \quad \div 2$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - 2 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ -4x_1 + 4 - 2x_3 + 4 = 0 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} z^T \nabla f(x) = 0 \\ -4x_1 - 2x_3 = -8 \quad \div (-2) \end{array} \right\}$$

• Feas. $Ax = b$

add the constraint
as another eq-n

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} -2R_1 \\ -R_1 \end{array} \sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \sim \div (-2) \\ -R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} -R_2' \\ +\frac{1}{2}R_3 \end{array}$$

$$x^* = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{the only point where } z^T \nabla f = 0 \text{ and } Ax = b$$

Now find $z^T \nabla^2 f z$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{z^T} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\nabla^2 f} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_z =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = z^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) z$$

Optimality conditions - example

➤ Solve the resultant system of equations:

➤ $x^* =$ Check second order condition (iii) for x^* :

$$Z^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) Z = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{solve } \det(\nabla^2 \Phi - \lambda I) = 0$$

with eigenvalues:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & -4 \\ -4 & 6-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{aligned} (4-\lambda)(6-\lambda) - 16 &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 8 &= 0 \\ \lambda_{1,2} &= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{10^2 - 32}}{2} = \end{aligned}$$

Hence $z^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) z$ is ^{pos-ve} pos.-def \rightarrow

x^* is local min of $f(x)$
s.t. $Ax = b$.

Lagrangian function – preliminaries

- Let x^* a local minimiser of $f(x)$ over the set $\{x : Ax = b\}$, and Z is a basis matrix for the null-space of A . Then $\nabla f(x^*) = Zv^* + A^T \lambda^*$. Hence

$$\nabla f(x^*) = \overset{\perp}{p^*} + \overset{\parallel}{q^*} = Zv^* + A^T \lambda^*$$

as $N(A)$ and $R(A^T)$ are orthogonal spaces

at min of $f(x)$ x^* $Z^T \nabla f(x^*) = 0 \rightarrow$

$$\text{Hence } Z^T \nabla f(x^*) = \underbrace{Z^T Z v^*}_{=0} + \underbrace{Z^T A^T \lambda^*}_{=0} = 0.$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$v^* = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\nabla f(x^*) = A^T \lambda^*$$

^T
(Lambdas capital)

where $\Lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$ is a vector of Lagrangian multipliers

Lagrangian function – equality constraints

- Consider an NLP problem

$$\min z = f(x)$$

$$\text{s. t. } g_i(x) = b_i, i = 1..m \quad (**)$$

$$Ax = b \quad \text{if linear constraints}$$

- Introduce the Lagrangian function with Lagrangian multipliers $\Lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$

$$L(x, \Lambda) = f(x) + \lambda^T (b - Ax) =$$

$$= f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (b_i - g_i(x))$$

Lagrangian function – equality constraints

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

$$\frac{\partial L(x, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda_i} = b_i - g_i(x)$$

➤ Assume that (x^*, Λ^*) minimizes $L(x, \Lambda)$. Then at (x^*, Λ^*)

$$\frac{\partial L(x, \Lambda)}{\partial \lambda_i} = b_i - g_i(x^*) = 0, i = 1..m$$

Hence x^* does/does not satisfy (**). $\rightarrow x^*$ is feasible for original problem (**)

To show that x^* is optimal, consider any feasible x' (for original problem)

$$\begin{aligned} L(x^*, \Lambda^*) &= f(x^*) + \sum_i \lambda_i^* (b_i - g_i(x^*)) \leq \left. \begin{aligned} & \\ & \end{aligned} \right\} f(x^*) \leq f(x') \\ &\leq L(x', \Lambda') = f(x') + \sum_i \lambda_i' (b_i - g_i(x')) \end{aligned}$$

as x' is feasible

Summary: If (x^*, Λ^*) minimizes $L(x, \Lambda)$, then x^* is local min
of constrained NLP
 $\min f(x)$
s.t. $Ax = b$

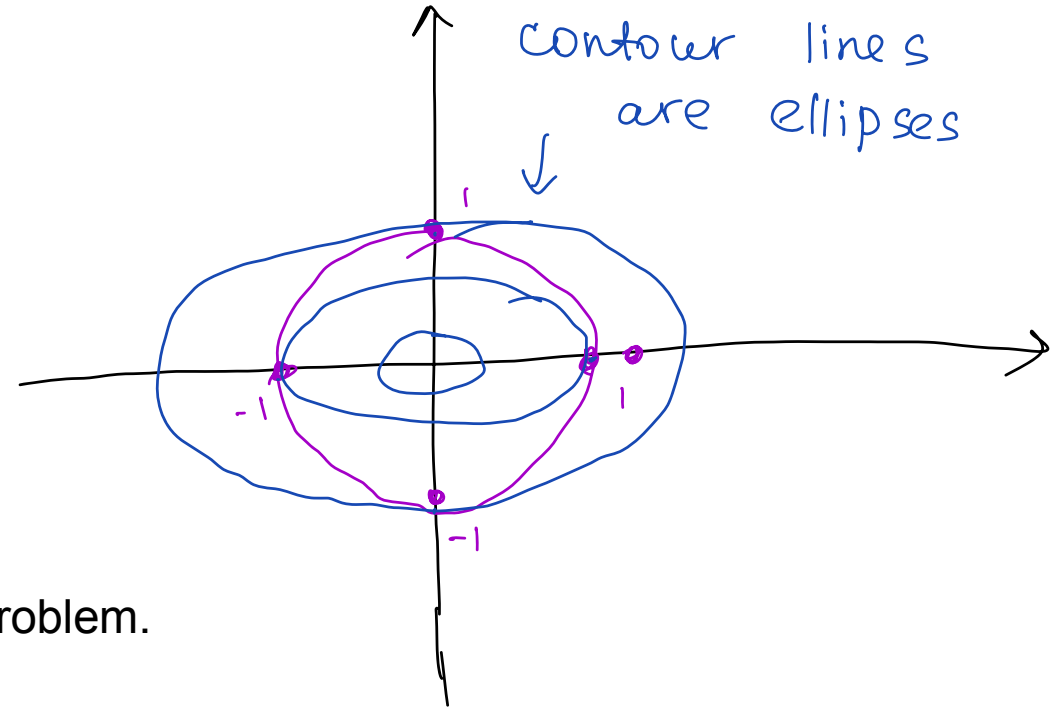
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$$\triangleright L(x_1, x_2, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum \lambda_i (b_i - g_i(x)) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + \lambda(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

to find $\min L(x, \lambda)$ ^{w.r.t}

$$\downarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \lambda \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 - 2x_1\lambda = 0 \\ 4x_2 - 2x_2\lambda = 0 \\ 1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow$$

$$\triangleright \nabla L(x_1, x_2, \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \lambda \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 - 2x_1\lambda = 0 \\ 4x_2 - 2x_2\lambda = 0 \\ 1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x_1 = 2x_1\lambda & \textcircled{1} \\ 2x_2 = x_2\lambda & \textcircled{2} \\ x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x_1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = 1 \quad (x_1 \neq 0)$$

↓

$$x_2 = \pm 1 \quad (\text{from } \textcircled{3})$$

↓

$$x_2 = \pm 1 \rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

$$(0, 1)$$

$$(0, -1)$$

↓

$$x_2 = 0 \quad (\text{from } \textcircled{2})$$

↓

$$x_1 = \pm 1 \quad (\text{from } \textcircled{3})$$

$$(-1, 0)$$

$$(1, 0)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x_2 = 0$$

↓

$$x_1 = \pm 1$$

↓

$$\lambda = 1$$

or

$$\lambda = 2 \quad (x_2 \neq 0)$$

↓

$$x_1 = 0 \quad (\text{from } \textcircled{1})$$

↓

$$x_2 = \pm 1$$

$$L(\underbrace{\pm 1, 0, 1}_{\text{min}}) = 1 + 0 + 1 \times (1 - 1 - 0) = 1$$

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

$$L(\underbrace{0, \pm 1, 2}_{\text{max}}) = 0 + 2 + 2 \times (1 - 0 - 1) = 2$$

Hence $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are

local minimisers of $f(x_1, x_2)$
on $\{x: x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1\}$

Lagrangian function – equality constraints

- The first-order optimality condition for unconstrained NLP requires that

$$\nabla L(x, \Lambda) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{i.e. } \nabla_{\Lambda} L(x, \Lambda) = \mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_x L(x, \Lambda) = \quad (***)$$

$$= \mathbf{0} \quad = \nabla f(x) - A^T \lambda = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla_x L(x, \Lambda) = \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \nabla f(x) =$$

$$\nabla f(x) = A^T \lambda .$$

- Any point (x', Λ') satisfying (***) is a **stationary** point for $L(x, \Lambda)$ and a feasible point for (**).

• Stationary point of $L(x, \lambda)$
 (x^*, λ^*) : x^* is feasible for
 constrained opt.
 problem (**)

Lagrangian function – equality constraints

Theorem 3. - constrained

➤ If (x^*, Λ^*) is a stationary point to $L(x, \Lambda)$:

$$1. \bullet \frac{\partial L(x, \Lambda)}{\partial \lambda_i} = 0, i = 1..m \rightarrow \text{Feasibility of } x^*$$

$$2. \bullet \frac{\partial L(x, \Lambda)}{\partial x_j} = 0, j = 1..n \rightarrow \underbrace{\nabla f(x^*) = A^T \Lambda^*}_{\text{KKT condition}} \rightarrow z^T \nabla f(x^*) = z^T A^T \Lambda^* = 0$$

3. Each $g_i(x)$ is linear And $f(x)$ is a convex function,

then x^* is a local minimum of $f(x)$ on $\underbrace{\{g(x) = b\}}$

if $f(x)$ is not convex, then

check if $z^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) z$ is
pos. - def

Example 2

Consider the NLP problem:

$$\blacktriangleright \min f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 - 2x_1 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 + 4x_3$$

$$s.t. \quad x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$$

- a) Write the Lagrangian function for this problem.
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$$s.t. \quad x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$$

$$L(x_1, x_2, x_3, \lambda) = x_1^2 - 2x_1 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 + 4x_3 + \lambda(2 - x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3)$$

i. Find Stationary point of L

$$\triangleright \nabla L(x_1, x_2, x_3, \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - 2 - \lambda = 0 \\ 2x_2 + \lambda = 0 \\ -2x_3 + 4 - 2\lambda = 0 \rightarrow -2x_3 - 2\lambda = -4 \\ 2 - x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \\ \\ (\div (-2)) \\ \end{matrix}$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right) \sim \\
& \sim \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right) \sim \\
& \sim \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow (x^*, \lambda^*)^T = \left. \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x^* = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda^* = 3 \end{array}
\end{aligned}$$

Assume we found $(x^*, \lambda^*) \rightarrow$ stationary point of $L(x, \lambda)$.

Check condition 3 of Th. 3 - constr.

$$g(x) = b \rightarrow \text{linear } g(x) \rightarrow x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 - 2 \\ 2x_2 \\ -2x_3 + 4 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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pos.-def for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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 $f(x)$ is strictly convex

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 x^* is local min on $\{x: ax - b = g\}$

Example 3* *in tutorial*

Consider the NLP problem:

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$$\text{s.t.} \quad 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

- Write the Lagrangian function for this problem.
- Use the Lagrangian to find local minimiser(s) for the given problem

* from Linear and Non-Linear Programming by S.G.Nash and A.Soffer

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$$\triangleright \nabla L(x_1, x_2, x_3, \lambda) = \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right.$$