

# Nonlinear Optimization

Note Title

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## Unconstrained Optimization:

Minimize a non-linear function  
 $F(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  over parameters  
 $x = [x_1 \dots x_n]^T$

Denote  $x^* = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} F(x)$   
unconstrained

## Types of minima

Strong:  $F(x)$  increases locally  
in all directions from  $x^*$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>:

A point  $x^*$  is a strong minimum  
of a function  $F(x)$  if  $\exists \delta > 0$   
s.t.  $F(x^*) < F(x^* + \Delta x) \quad \forall \Delta x$   
s.t.  $0 < \|\Delta x\| \leq \delta$

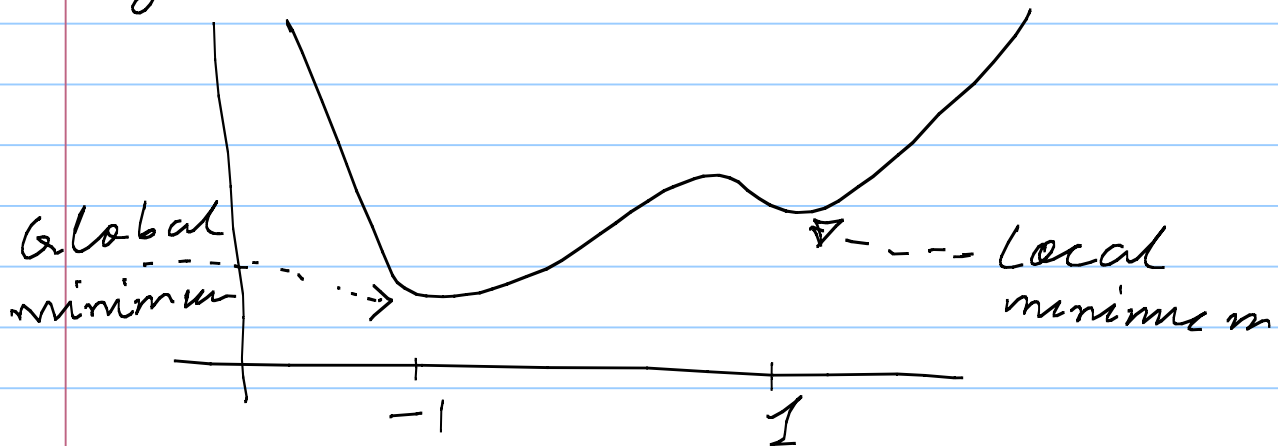
Weak:  $F(x)$  remains same or  
increases locally around  $x^*$

A point  $x^*$  is a weak minimum  
of  $F(x)$  if it is not a strong  
minimum and  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  
 $F(x^*) < F(x^* + \Delta x) \quad \forall \Delta x$  s.t.  
 $0 < \|\Delta x\| \leq \delta$

Global minimum: A minimum is  
global if the above definitions  
hold for  $\delta = \infty$ . Otherwise

there are local minima.

E.g:  $F(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + x + 3$



### First order Conditions

If  $F(x)$  has continuous second derivatives, it can be approximated by a Taylor series in the neighborhood of an arbitrary pt.

$$F(x + \Delta x) \approx F(x) + g^T(x) \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T G_2(x) \Delta x + \dots$$

gradient  $g = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$

$G = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_1^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$

Since  $g^T(x) \Delta x$  can be both + or -ve,  
 $F(x + \Delta x) > F(x)$  is possible for  
all  $\Delta x$  if  $g(x^*) = 0$

Hence  $g(x^*) = 0$  is necessary  
condition for local minimum.

$g(x^*) = 0$  is necessary and sufficient  
condition for  $x^*$  to be a  
stationary point.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> order Conditions

Set  $g(x^*) = 0$

$$F(x^* + \Delta x) \approx F(x^*) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T G(x^*) \Delta x + \dots$$

Strong minimum:

$$\Delta x^T G(x^*) \Delta x > 0 \quad \forall \Delta x \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x^* + \Delta x) > F(x^*)$$

Hence sufficient condition for a  
strong local minimum is

$$G(x^*) > 0 \quad (\text{Positive definite})$$

Summary:  $g(x^*) = 0$  &  $G(x^*) > 0$

→ Sufficient condition for a strong  
local minima

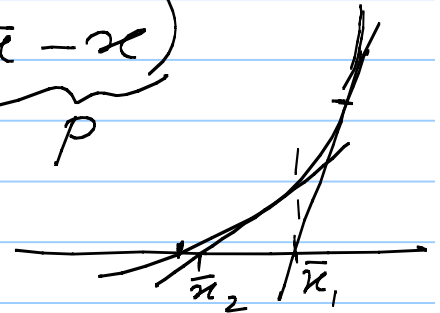
# Numerical Solution Methods

Newton's Method: Solve  $g(x^*) = 0$

Step 1: Linearly approximate  $g(x)$  about an arbitrary point  $x$  using Taylor series. Then for any point  $\bar{x}$  in the neighborhood of  $x$ ,

$$g(\bar{x}) = g(x) + \underbrace{G(x)}_p (\bar{x} - x)$$

$$= g(x) + G(x)p$$



Step 2: Solve for  $\bar{x}/p$  s.t.  $g(\bar{x}) = 0$

$$p = -G^{-1}(x) g(x) \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Assuming} \\ G(x) \text{ is invertible} \end{array} \right]$$

and  $\bar{x} = x + p$

In general  $g(\bar{x}) \neq 0$  but  $\bar{x}$  might be a better estimate for  $x^*$  than  $x$ . Hence  $\bar{x}$  is taken as the new  $x$  and step 1 & 2 are repeated

Note: 1) This method converges to a stationary pt. (not necessarily to a minimum).  
2) computation of  $G$  is expensive (Quasi-Newton methods)

## Equality Constrained Optimization

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^m} F(x, u) & f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x) \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{s.t. } f(x, u) = 0 & \\ & \rightarrow n \text{ eqns} \\ x \in \mathbb{R}^n & \end{array}$$

Basic Requirement: 1) Given  $u$ ,  $x$  should be solvable from  $f(x, u) = 0$

2) The  $x, u$  division is purely for convenience and any suitable partition is fine.

Simple method: direct substitution works only if  $c(x)$  is linear.

Example:  $\min F = x_1^2 + x_2^2$   
s.t.  $x_1 + x_2 + 2 = 0$

$$x_1 = -x_2 - 2$$

The equivalent problem is

$$\min_{x_2} F_{x_2} = (-2 - x_2)^2 + x_2^2$$

so we  $\frac{\partial F_{x_2}}{\partial x_2} = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -1$   
Similarly  $x_1 = -1$

Q. What happens if both  $F(x, u)$  and  $f(x, u)$  are linear in both  $x$  and  $u$ ?

Stationary pt. in the context of the equality constrained problem is one where  $dF = 0$  for arbitrary  $du$  holding  $df = 0$ .

Assuming some non-linearity:

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} du$$

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} du$$

We require  $df = 0$  (since any perturbation must obey the constraint).

Assume:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  is non-singular

[This is equivalent to the assumption that  $u$  determines  $x$  through  $f(x, u) = 0$ . Why?]

$$\text{Then } dx = - \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right] du$$

$$\text{Then } dF = \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right] du$$

Now if  $dF=0$  for arbitrary  $du$  it is necessary that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = 0 \\ + \quad f(x, u) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} m \text{ eqns} \\ n \text{ eqns} \end{array}$$

$$m+n \text{ eqns} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad m+n \text{ unknowns}$$

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$$\qquad \qquad \qquad u \qquad \qquad x$$

### Better Method: Lagrange Multipliers

Adjoin the constraints to the perf. index by  $n$  "undetermined multipliers"  
 $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$       $\lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n]^T$

Define the Lagrangian:

$$H(x, u, \lambda) = F(x, u) + \lambda^T f(x, u)$$

$$dH = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} du$$

Since  $\lambda$  is our choice, we can make  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0$  by proper choice of  $\lambda$ :

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^T = - \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]^{-1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The inv.} \\ \text{assumption} \\ \text{is still req.} \end{array} \right.$$

Replacing,  $dH = \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} du$ . — (1)

Now, whatever perturbation we try in  $u$ ,  $f(x, u) = 0$  must hold i.e.  $df = 0$

For that we saw,  $dx = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} du$

Clearly, for such  $(dx, du)$  combination  $dF = dH$

Proof:

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} du$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right] du$$

$\lambda^T$

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right] du$$

$$= \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} du \rightarrow \text{Same as RHS of (1)}$$

$$= dH$$

Hence for  $dF = 0 \forall du$  while holding  $f(x, u) = 0$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 0$$



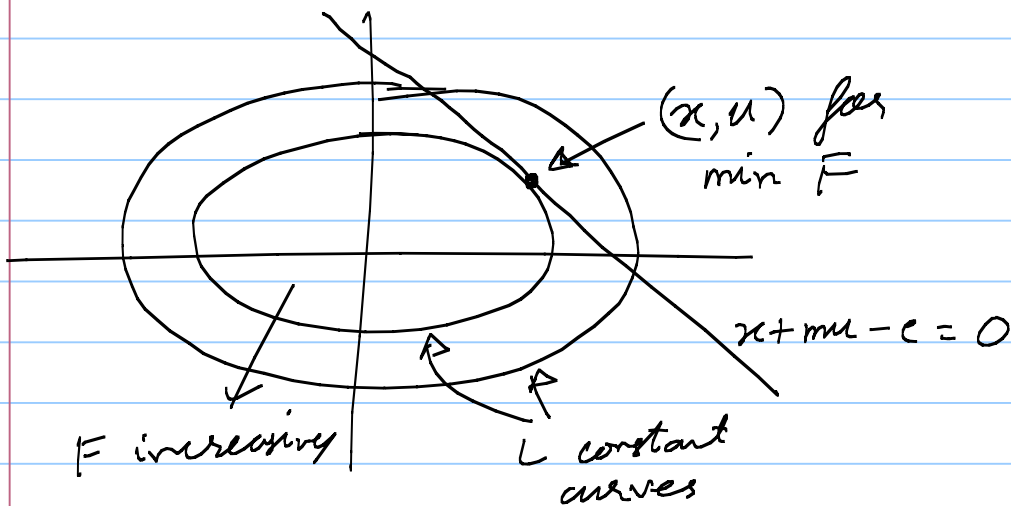
Necessary condition for stationary point:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0 ; \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 0 ; \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} = f(x, u) = 0$$

Example:  $\min_u F(x, u) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{u^2}{b^2} \right)$

s.t.  $f(x, u) = x + mu - c = 0$

$(a, b, m, c)$  are scalar constants.



$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{u^2}{b^2} \right) + \lambda (x + mu - c)$$

Necessary conditions:

$$x + mu - c = 0, \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{a^2} + \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = \frac{u}{b^2} + \lambda m = 0$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$x = \frac{a^2 c}{a^2 + m^2 b^2} ; \quad u = \frac{b^2 m c}{a^2 + m^2 b^2}, \quad \lambda = -\frac{c}{a^2 + m^2 b^2}$$

$$F_{\min} = \frac{c^2}{2(a^2 + m^2 b^2)}$$

Q. What if these eqns are not so easily solvable?

### Algebraic Interpretation of Lag. mult

For every allowed perturbations  $(dx, du)$  about the stationary pt, the necessary eqns:

$dF = 0$  and  $df = 0$   
must be consistent

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} du = 0$$

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} du = 0$$

$dF =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_1 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} du_1 \\ \vdots \\ du_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$df =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_1 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} du_1 \\ \vdots \\ du_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$(n+m)$  cols

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n} & \bigg| & \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_m} \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} & \bigg| & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} & \bigg| & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_1 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \\ du_1 \\ \vdots \\ du_m \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$(n+1)$  rows

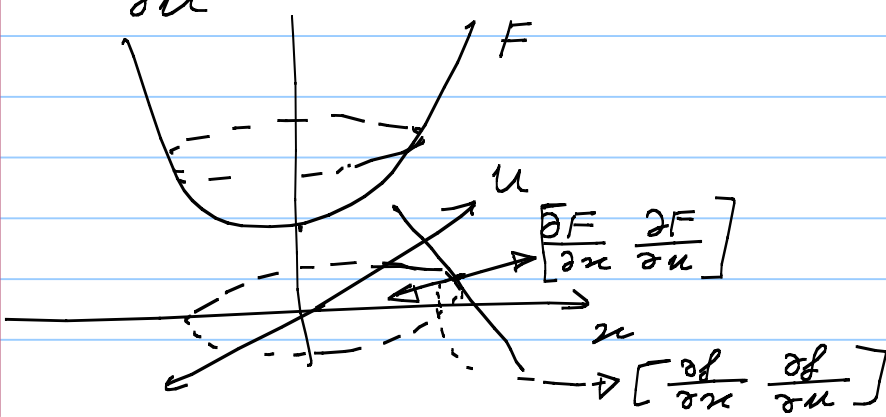
Now whatever  $dx, du$  satisfy  $df=0$  should also satisfy  $dF=0$

$\Rightarrow$  The top row should be linearly dependent on the bottom  $n$  rows

$\Rightarrow \exists n$  constants  $\lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n]^T$  s.t

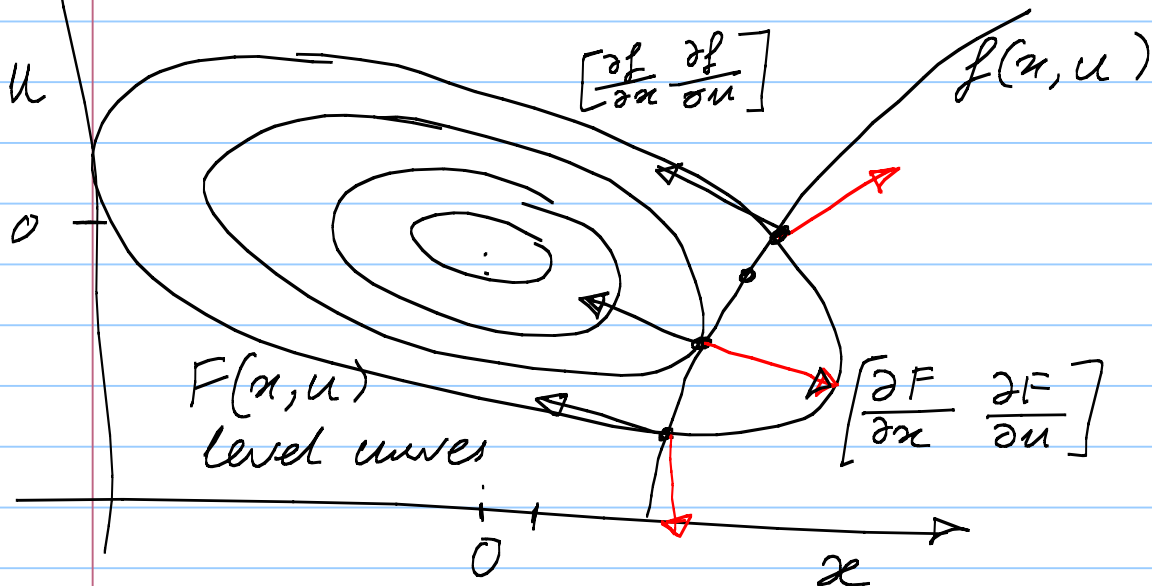
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$  should be in the span of  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$   
 &  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial u}$  " " " " " "  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$



Example:  $F(x, u) = \frac{1}{2} [x \ u] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix}$

$$f(x, u) = u - [x^3 - x^2 + x + 2]$$



Note: Sol<sup>n</sup> to the necessary conditions only imply stationary pt.

Newton's Method for Inequality constrained optimization

Define  $y = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix}$

$$H(y) = F(y) + \lambda^T f(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 0 = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} = 0 = f(y) \text{ ————— } \textcircled{2}$$

Linearize ① & ② about  $(y, \lambda)$   
using Taylor series: Then at  $\bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y}(\bar{y}) = \left\{ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(\bar{y}) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\bar{y})\lambda \right\}$$

-----  $\rightarrow G$

$$g + \left[ \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} + \sum \lambda_i \frac{\partial^2 f_i}{\partial y^2} \right] (\bar{y} - y)$$

$$+ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\bar{\lambda} - \lambda)$$

-----  $\rightarrow$  Name as  $Q$

-----  $\Rightarrow G^T$

Hence, from ①

$$g + G\lambda + Q(\bar{y} - y) + G^T(\bar{\lambda} - \lambda) = 0$$

and from ②,

$$f(y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\bar{y} - y) = 0$$

$$\text{or } f + G(\bar{y} - y) = 0$$

In matrix form:

$$(KKT) \begin{bmatrix} Q & G^T \\ G & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (\bar{y} - y) \\ \bar{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -g \\ -f \end{bmatrix}$$

We can solve for  $p = (\bar{y} - y)$  and  $\bar{\lambda}$  from KKT and use  $\bar{y} = y + p$  and  $\bar{\lambda}$  as the new guesses. Then iterate.

Q. Derive the necessary condition for stationary pt when the objective is quadratic with linear constraints? Is this related to KKT equations?

Problems with Inequality constraints

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & F(y) \\ \text{s.t.} & f(y) \leq 0 \end{array}$$

In general  $\dim f \neq \dim y$  but one is not always greater than the other.

One dimensional case

Let  $y^0$  be the optimal value:  
Then either

Case I:  $f(y^0) < 0$

or Case II:  $f(y^0) = 0$

For Case I; the constraint is ineffective and can be ignored.  $\rightarrow$   
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For case II, for small perturbations about  $y_0$ ,

$$dF = \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right|_{y_0} dy \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

for all admissible values of  $dy$  which satisfy

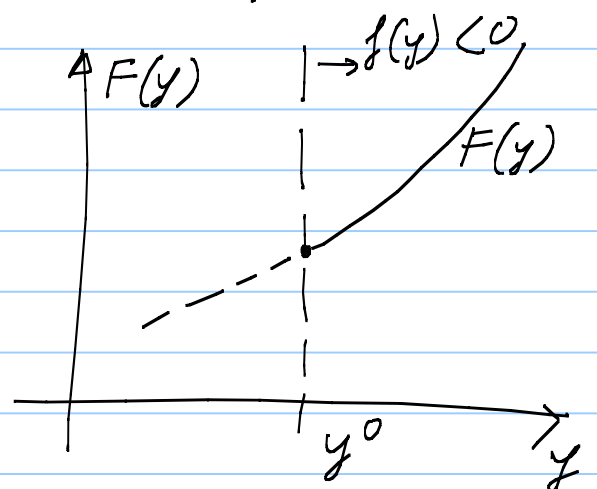
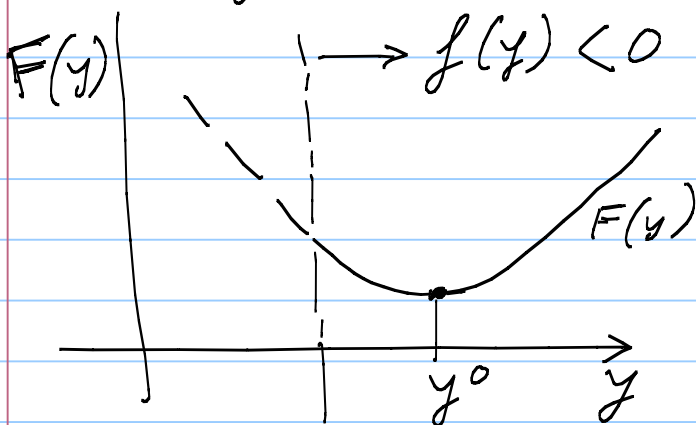
$$df = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{y_0} dy \leq 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

(1) and (2) are simultaneously possible if

$$\text{sgn } \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right|_{y_0} = - \text{sgn } \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{y_0} \quad \text{OR} \quad \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right|_{y_0} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{y_0} = 0$$

Expressed together:

$$\left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right|_{y_0} + \lambda \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{y_0} = 0 \quad \lambda \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$



The problem can be treated by Lag Mult:

$$H(y, \lambda) = F(y) + \lambda f(y)$$

From  $\textcircled{A}$ ,  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 0$  &  $f(y) \leq 0$

where  $\lambda \geq 0, f(y) = 0$   
 $\lambda = 0, f(y) < 0$

General case:

$\min F(y)$  s.t.  $f(y) \leq 0$   
 (Both  $y$  and  $f$  are vectors)

component wise  
 $\downarrow$

Still if  $y^0$  is a minimum, then

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \Big|_{y^0} dy \geq 0$$

for all  $dy$  satisfying

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy \leq 0$$

$\swarrow$  vectors       $\underbrace{\quad}$  matrix       $\downarrow$  vector       $\searrow$  component wise

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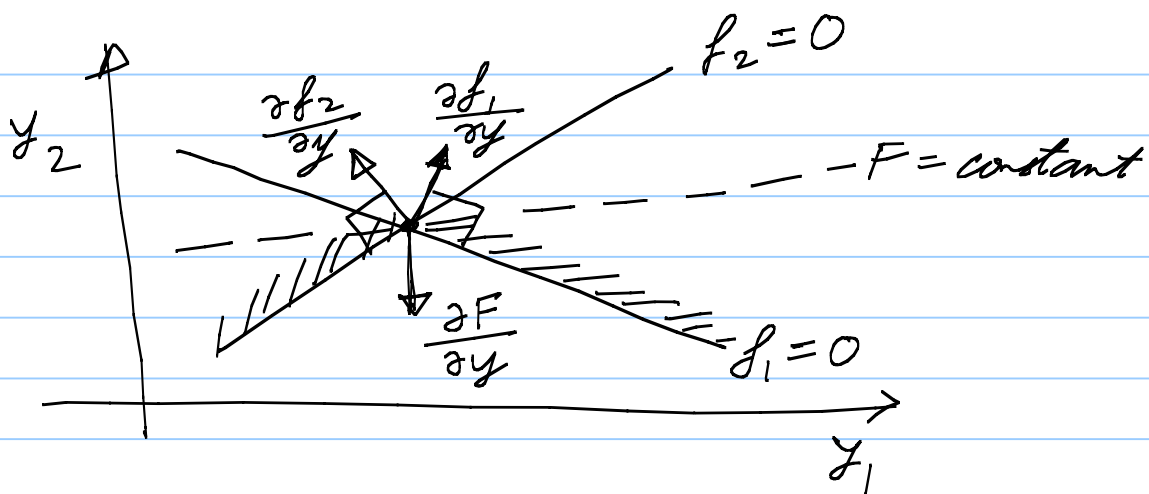
Here:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0, \lambda \geq 0$$

$$[ \quad ] + [ \quad ] \Big| \Big|$$

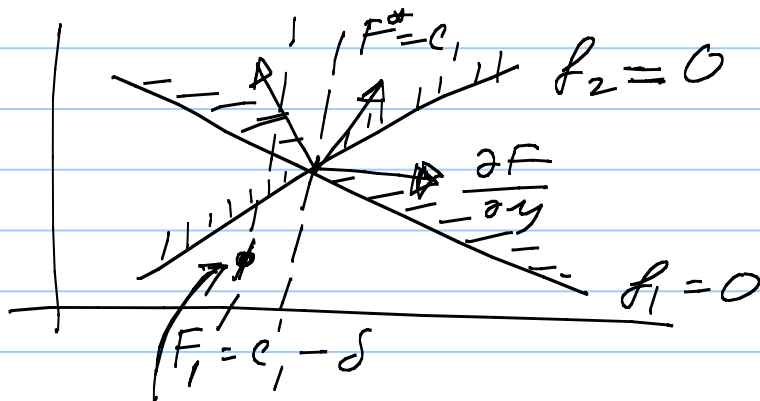
For illustration assume only two components of  $f$ , (say  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ) are effective





If  $y^0$  is a minimizer,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$  must lie between  $-\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}$  and  $-\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y}$

(Otherwise  $F$  could decrease



This pt. for example is satisfying  $f_1 < 0$ ,  $f_2 < 0$  and  $F_1 < F^*$ .

So  $F^*$  cannot be a minima.

In general, if  $q$  components of  $f$  are effective at the optimal pt:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \underbrace{\lambda_1}_{\text{scalars}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}}_{\text{vectors}} + \dots + \lambda_q \frac{\partial f_q}{\partial y} = 0$$

with  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_q \geq 0$

Suppose  $y$  has  $p$  components and  $n$  components of  $f$  are effective.  
Then:

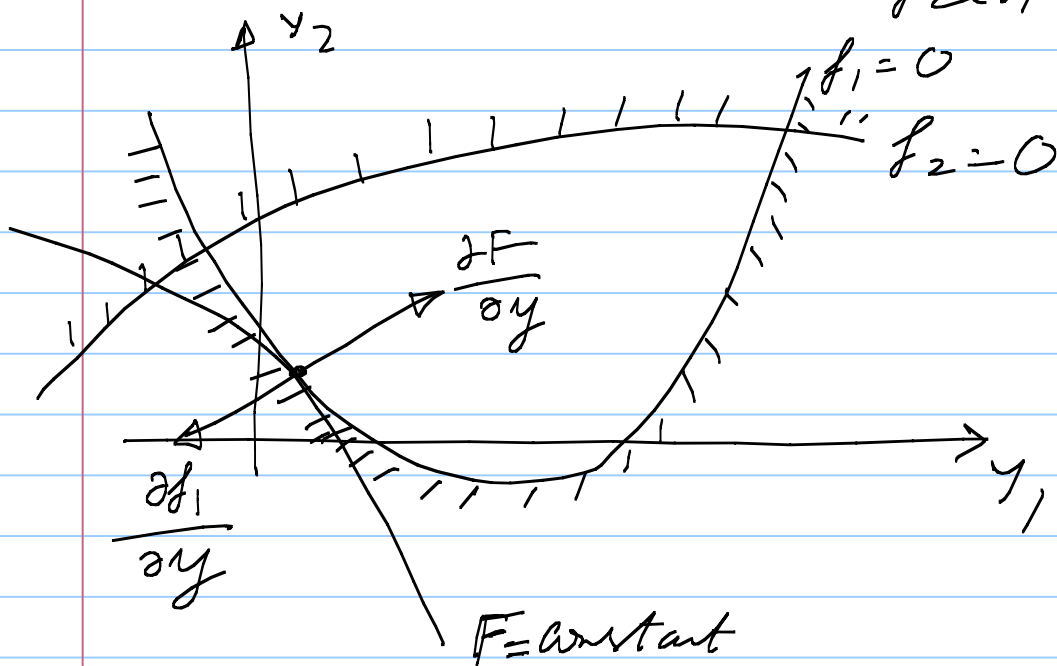
Necessary conditions for minimality

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

where  $\lambda \geq 0$  for  $f_1(y), \dots, f_n(y) = 0$   
 $\lambda = 0$  for  $f_{n+1}(y), f_{n+2}(y) < 0$   
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Note: For a maximum the sign of  $\lambda$  must change. How?

Example:  $F(y_1, y_2)$  with  $f_1(y_1, y_2) \leq 0$   
 $f_2(y_1, y_2) \leq 0$



## Numerical Method - Active Set Strategy

$$\min F(y) \quad \text{st} \quad f(y) \leq 0$$

We have seen at  $y^*$ ,

$$1 \rightarrow f_i^0(y^*) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \in A$$

$$2 \rightarrow f_i^0(y^*) < 0 \quad \text{for } i \in A'$$

$A^0$  = the active set

$A'^0$  = the inactive set

Q. How to identify  $A/A'$ ?

A. Use the fact that  $\lambda_i^* \geq 0$  for  $i \in A$

Example:  $F(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$

$$f(x) = -(x_1 + x_2 - 2) \leq 0$$

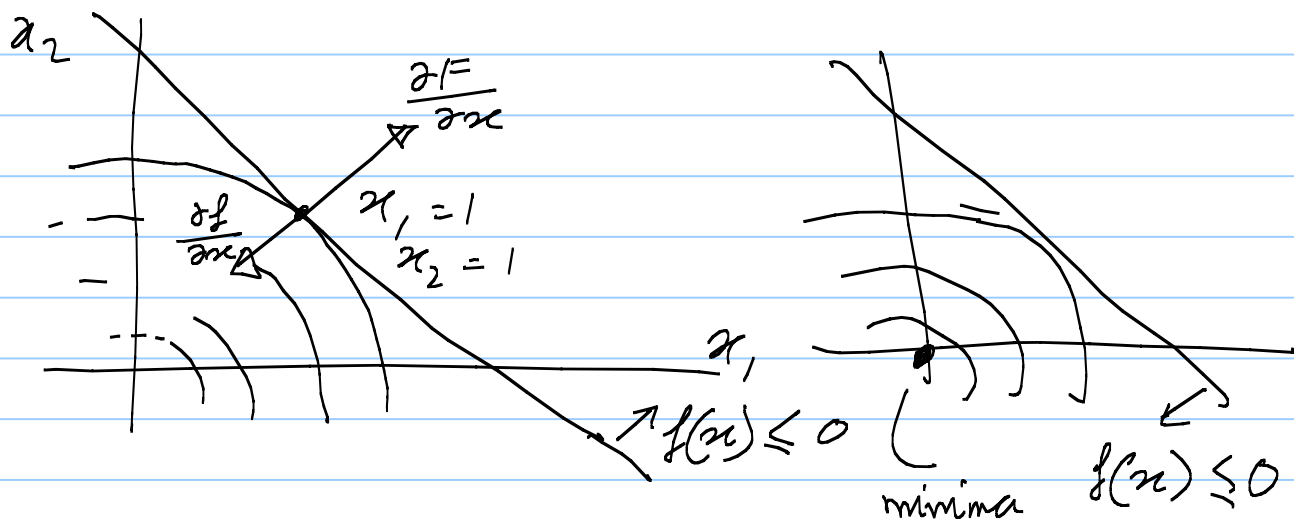
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \lambda(-x_1 - x_2 + 2)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \lambda = 0$$

$$\text{At } x_1 = x_2 = 1, \quad \lambda = 2 > 0$$

So  $x_1 = x_2 = 1$  is a minimum



Now change the problem to  $(0, 0)$

$$\min F(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x_1 + x_2 - 2 \leq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -2 \neq 0$$

$x_1 = x_2 = 1$

Hence  $x_1 = x_2 = 1$  is not a minima  
The minima is at  $(0, 0)$ .

### Quadratic Programming: Active Set Method

$$\min F(x) = g^T x + \frac{1}{2} x^T H x \quad | \quad H > 0$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} Ax = a \\ Bx \leq b \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} Ax - a = 0 \\ Bx - b \leq 0 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{compo} \\ \text{-normalize} \end{array} \right\}$$

Assume that an estimate of the active set  $A^0$  + a feasible pt.  $x^0$  is given. Then:

1) Compute min with only active set constraints: Let  $\tilde{b}$  be the subset

of  $b$  corresponding to active inequality constraint and  $\tilde{B}$  be the corresponding Jacobian for the constraints in  $A_0$ . Then the KKT system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q & G_2^T \\ G_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (\bar{y} - y) \\ \bar{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -g \\ -f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} H & | & A^T & \tilde{B}^T \\ \hline A & | & 0 & 0 \\ \tilde{B} & | & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} - x \\ \bar{\lambda} \\ \bar{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -g \\ -(Ax - a) \\ -(\tilde{B}x - b) \end{bmatrix}$$

2) Take the largest possible step in the direction of  $p$  that does not violate any inactive inequalities,

i.e.  $\bar{x} = x + \alpha p$

where  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  is chosen s.t.  $B\bar{x} \leq b$   
(only check for inactive inequality cost)

3) For restricted step, i.e.  $\alpha < 1$

→ add the limiting inequality to the active set  $A_0$  and return

to step 1

→ otherwise, take full step ( $\alpha=1$ )  
and check sign of Lag. mult.

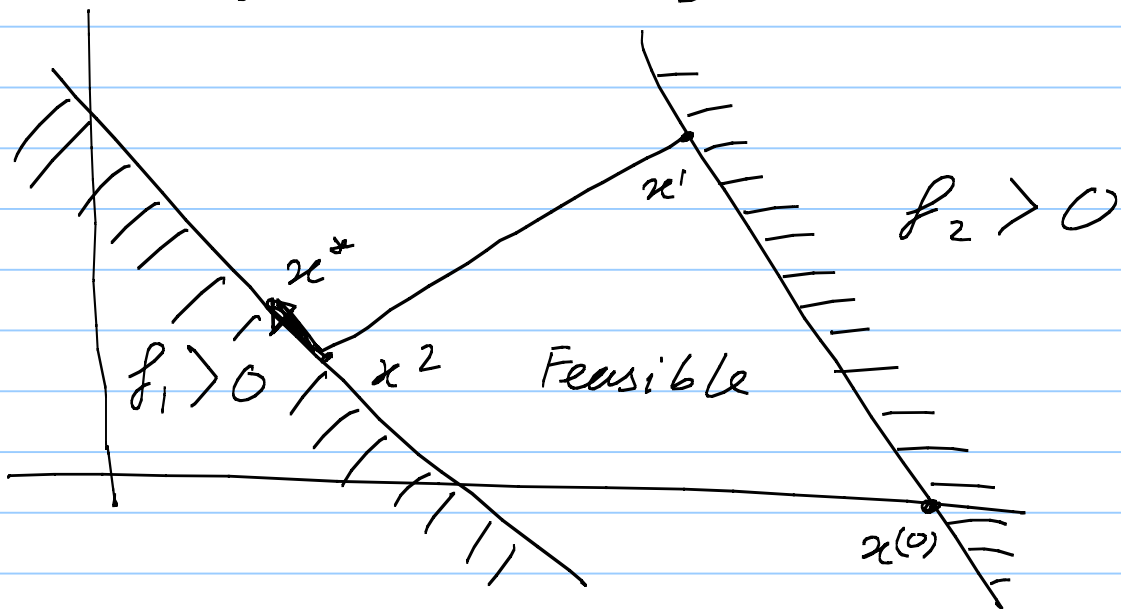
⇒ if all  $\lambda$ 's are +ve, stop.

⇒ otherwise delete the inequality  
with most -ve  $\lambda$  from active  
set & return to step 1.

Example:  $F(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$f_1(x) = 2 - x_1 - x_2 \leq 0$$

$$f_2(x) = x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_2 - 4 \leq 0$$



Assume:  $x(0) = (4, 0)$   
and  $A^0 = \{f_2\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} H & \frac{\partial f_2^T}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_1 - x_1 \\ \bar{x}_2 - x_2 \\ \bar{\lambda}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial F^T}{\partial x} \\ -f_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ at } (4, 0)$$

$$\equiv \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2/3 \\ \hline 1 & 2/3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p_1 = -1.23 ; \quad p_2 = 1.84 ; \quad \lambda = -5.5$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = x_1 + p_1 = 2.76$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = x_2 + p_2 = 1.84$$

Since  $\bar{\lambda} < 0$ ,  $f_2$  is inactive and can be deleted from the active set.

Step 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> QP:  $x^T = (2.76, 1.84)$  with no active constraints,  $A^1 = \{\emptyset\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5.53 \\ -3.69 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $p_1, p_2$ , we see that it is not possible to take a full step  $\rightarrow$  violates  $f_1$ . Instead take  $\bar{x} = x + \alpha p$  with  $\alpha = 0.56$

$$\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Q. How to compute } \alpha?$$

Hence  $f_1$  must be added  $A^2 = \{f_1\}$

Step 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> QP.  $x^T = [1.2 \ 0.8]$ ,  $A^2 = \{f_1\}$

$$x^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^* = \{f_1\}$$

Lagrange mult  $\rightarrow \lambda^* = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$  so actual minimum.