

# Constrained Optimization - Inequality

Note Title

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$$\begin{array}{l|l} \min f(x) & f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ (convex)} \\ \text{s.t. } x \in \Omega, G(x) \leq 0 & G: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ (convex?)} \\ & \downarrow \\ & \text{N.L.S.} \end{array}$$

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Def<sup>n</sup>: A set  $C$  in a linear vector space is said to be a cone with vertex at the origin if

$$x \in C \Rightarrow \alpha x \in C \quad \forall \alpha \geq 0$$

# vertex at  $p \rightarrow p + C$

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $P$  be a convex cone in a vector space  $X$ . For  $x, y \in X$  we write  $x \succcurlyeq y$  (w.r.t.  $P$ ) if  $x - y \in P$ .

$P \rightarrow$  positive cone in  $X$

$N = -P \rightarrow$  negative cone

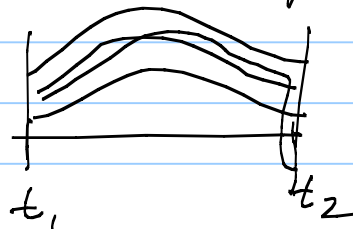
$$y \leq x \equiv y - x \in N$$

$$x \succcurlyeq y, y \succcurlyeq z \Rightarrow x \succcurlyeq z$$

Example: In  $E^n$   
 $P = \{ x \in E^n : x = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) : \xi_i \geq 0 \forall i \}$   
 In N.L.S., cones can be closed/open.

#  $x \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow x$  is an int. pt. of  $P$ .

$$L_1(t_1, t_2) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |f(t)| dt$$



$$P = \{ x(t) \in L(t_1, t_2) : x(t) \geq 0 \forall t \in [t_1, t_2] \}$$

$$\overset{\circ}{P} = \emptyset$$

$$\# P = \{ x(t) \in C([t_1, t_2]) , x(t) \geq 0 \forall t \in [t_1, t_2] \}$$

$$\overset{\circ}{P} \neq \emptyset$$

Def<sup>v</sup>:  $X$  (NLS) with positive cone  $P \subset X$ . Define corresponding +ve cone  $P^\oplus \subset X^*$  by

$$P^\oplus = \{ x^* \in X^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle \geq 0 \forall x \in P \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{if } x^* \geq 0 \text{ \& } x \geq 0, \langle x, x^* \rangle \geq 0 \\ \text{if } x^* \geq 0 \text{ \& } x \leq 0, \langle x, x^* \rangle \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Def<sup>v</sup>: Let  $X$  (V.S),  $Z$  (V.S) with a cone  $P$  specified as the +ve cone.

$Q: X \rightarrow Z$  is convex if the domain  $\Omega$  of  $Q$  is a convex set. and if

$$Q(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2) \leq \alpha Q(x_1) + (1-\alpha)Q(x_2)$$

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in \Omega \quad \forall \alpha, 0 < \alpha < 1$$

w.r.t.  $P$

Fact: If  $g: X \rightarrow Z$  is a convex map  
 then  $\forall z \in Z$ , the set  
 $\{x: g(x) \leq z\}$  is convex.

Problem:  $\min f(x)$   
 s.t.  $x \in \Omega, g(x) \leq \theta$   
 $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \Omega$  convex,  $f$  convex  
 $g: \Omega \rightarrow Z, Z$  has a +ve cone  $P$ .

Define:  $\Gamma = \{z \in Z: \exists x \in \Omega \text{ with } g(x) \leq z\}$

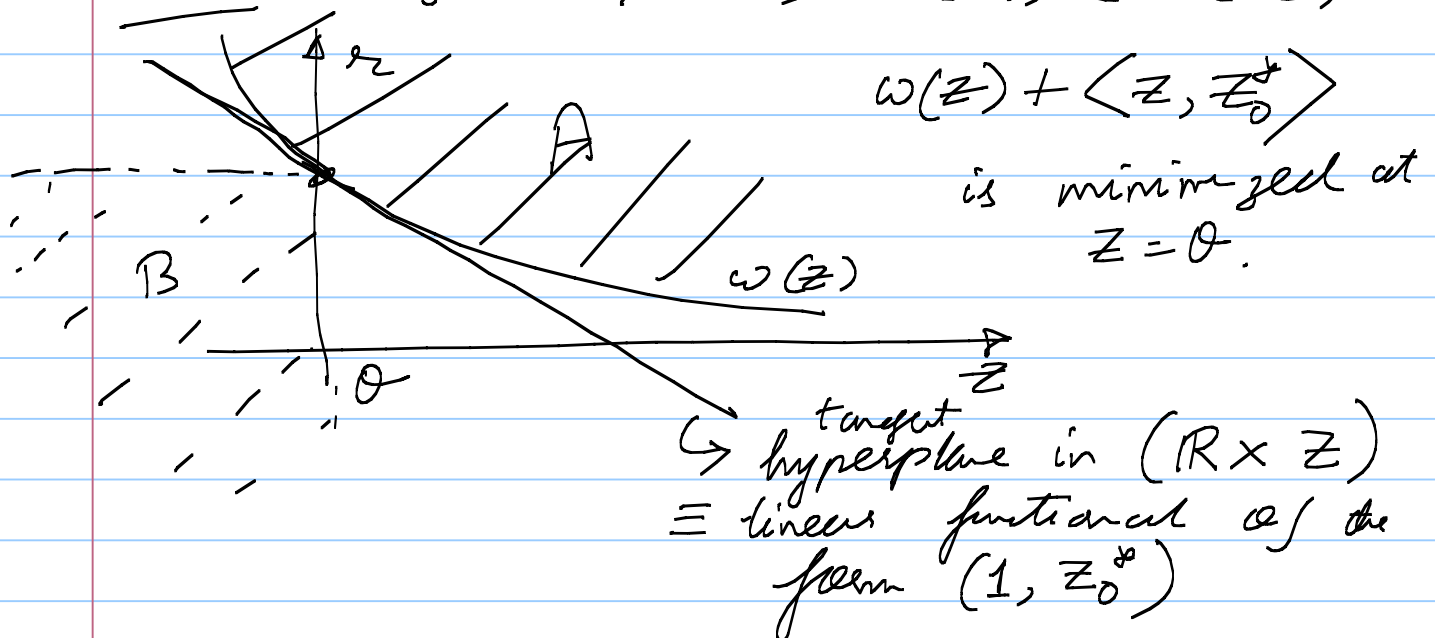
FACT:  $\Gamma$  is convex (Exercise)

Define:  $w(z) = \inf \{f(x): x \in \Omega, g(x) \leq z\}$   
 $w: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

FACT:  $w$  is convex

Proof: Exercise

FACT: If  $z_1 \geq z_2$ ,  $w(z_1) \leq w(z_2)$



Thm: Let  $X$  be a linear vector space,  
 $Z \rightarrow$  N.L.S.,  $\Omega$  convex subset of  
 $X$ ,  $P \rightarrow$  +ve cone in  $Z$ .

$$f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ (convex)}$$

$$G: \Omega \rightarrow Z \text{ (convex mapping)}$$

Assume:  $P$  contains an interior pt.

Assume:  $\exists x_1 \in \Omega$  s.t.  $\underline{G(x_1)} < \emptyset$

let  $N = -P$   
 $\therefore G(x_1) \in N$

①  $\mu_0 = \inf_{x \in \Omega} f(x)$  s.t.  $x \in \Omega, G(x) \leq \emptyset$   
 and let  $\mu_0 < \infty$ . Then  $\exists z_0^* \geq \emptyset$   
 in  $Z^*$  s.t.

②  $\mu_0 = \inf_{x \in \Omega} \left\{ f(x) + \langle G(x), z_0^* \rangle \right\}$

Furthermore, if infimum is achieved in  
 ① by some  $x_0 \in \Omega, G(x_0) \leq \emptyset$  it is  
 achieved by  $x_0$  in ②  $\langle G(x_0), z_0^* \rangle = 0$

Proof: In the space  $W = \mathbb{R} \times Z$  define

$$A = \left\{ (r, z) : r \geq f(x), z \geq G(x) \text{ for some } x \in \Omega \right\}$$

$$B = \left\{ (r, z) : r \leq \mu_0, z \leq \emptyset \right\}$$

$A, B$  are convex sets.

$$A \cap \overset{\circ}{B} = \emptyset \text{ (by def. of } \mu_0)$$

Since  $N \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \overset{\circ}{B} \neq \emptyset$ .

Then by Sep Hyp thm:  $\exists$  a nonzero element of  $\omega_0^* = (r_0, z_0^*) \in W^*$  s.t.

$$r_0 r_1 + \langle z_1, z_0^* \rangle \geq r_0 r_2 + \langle z_2, z_0^* \rangle$$

$$\forall (r_1, z_1) \in A, (r_2, z_2) \in B$$

From the def<sup>n</sup> of  $B$ ,  $\omega_0^* \succ \emptyset$  i.e.  
 $r_0 > 0, z_0^* \succ \emptyset$

Claim:  $r_0 > 0$ .

Proof: Since  $(\mu_0, \emptyset) \in B$

$$r_0 r + \langle z, z_0^* \rangle \geq r_0 \mu_0 \quad \forall (r, z) \in A$$

If  $r_0 = 0$ ,  $\langle g_2(x_1), z_0^* \rangle \geq 0$  with  $z_0^* \neq \emptyset$

But  $g_2(x_1) \in \dot{N}$  and  $z_0^* \succ \emptyset$   
 $\Rightarrow \langle g_2(x_1), z_0^* \rangle < 0$

Contradiction

$\Rightarrow r_0 > 0$  and without loss of generality assume  $r_0 = 1$ .

Now since  $(\mu_0, \emptyset)$  is arbitrarily close to both  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$\mu_0 = \inf_{(r, z) \in A} [r + \langle z, z_0^* \rangle]$$

$$\leq \inf_{x \in \Omega} [f(x) + \langle g(x), z_0^* \rangle]$$

$$\underbrace{\leq}_{\substack{x \in \Omega \\ g(x) \leq \theta}} \inf f(x) = \mu_0$$

Second Part: If  $\exists x_0$  s.t.  $g(x_0) \leq \theta$   
and  $\mu_0 = f(x_0)$

then  $\mu_0 \leq f(x_0) + \langle g(x_0), z_0^* \rangle \leq f(x_0) = \mu_0$

Hence  $\langle g(x_0), z_0^* \rangle = 0$

Local minimum (inequality const) thm)

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $X$  (v.s),  $Z$  (N.L.S) with the cone  $P$  with  $P^\circ \neq \emptyset$ .

$g: X \rightarrow Z$ ,  $g$  with Gateaux diff. linear in its increment

$x_0 \in X$  is a regular point of  $g(x) \leq \theta$  if  $g(x_0) \leq \theta$  and  $\exists h \in X$  s.t.

$$g(x_0) + \delta g(x_0; h) < \theta$$

(Generalized Kuhn-Tucker Thm)

Let  $X$  (v.s),  $Z$  (N.L.S) with the cone  $P$ .

$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Gateaux diff.

$g: X \rightarrow Z$  " " "

Let  $x_0$  minimize  $f(x)$  s.t.  $g(x) \leq \theta$

- Assumptions:
- 1)  $P$  contains an interior pt.
  - 2) The Gateaux diff. of  $f$  and  $G$  are linear in their increments.
  - 3)  $x_0$  is a regular point of the inequality  $G(x_0) \leq \theta$

Then  $\exists z_0^* \in Z^*$ ,  $z_0^* \geq \theta$  s.t. the Lagrangian  $f(x) + \langle G(x), z_0^* \rangle$  is stationary at  $x_0$ ; also  $\langle G(x_0), z_0^* \rangle = 0$

$$\delta f(x_0; h) + \langle \delta G(x_0; h), z_0^* \rangle = 0 \quad \forall h \in X.$$

Proof (Outline):

$$A = \{ (r, z) : r \geq \delta f(x_0, h), z \geq G(x_0) + \delta G(x_0, h) \text{ for some } h \in X \}$$

$$B = \{ (r, z) : r \leq 0, z \leq \theta \}$$

Claim:  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Proof: Let  $(r, z) \in A$  with  $r < 0, z < \theta$   
 then  $\exists h \in X$  s.t.  
 $\delta f(x_0; h) < 0 \quad G(x_0) + \delta G(x_0, h) < \theta$

$G(x_0) + \delta G(x_0, h) \in N^{\circ}$  Consider a open sphere of radius  $\rho$  about  $G(x_0) + \delta G(x_0, h)$   
 $B_{\rho}(G(x_0) + \delta G(x_0, h)) \in N$

$$\Rightarrow OB_{(\alpha, \rho)}(\alpha [G(x_0) + \delta G(x_0; h)]) \in N$$

$$\Rightarrow OB_{(\alpha, \rho)}((1-\alpha)G(x_0) + \alpha [G(x_0) + \delta G(x_0; h)]) \in N$$

$$\Rightarrow OB_{(\alpha, \rho)}(G(x_0) + \alpha \delta G(x_0; h)) \in N$$

But for fixed  $h$ ,

$$\|G(x_0 + \alpha h) - (G(x_0) + \alpha \delta G(x_0; h))\| = o(\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{For small } \alpha, G(x_0 + \alpha h) \in OB(\cdot) \in N$$

$$\text{i.e., } G(x_0 + \alpha h) < 0$$

Similarly,  $f(x_0 + \alpha h) < f(x_0)$ . small  $\alpha$

But this contradicts the optimality of  $f(x_0)$ .  $\Rightarrow A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Corollary: Let  $X$  be NLS in last Thm, and  $f$  and  $G$  are Fréchet diff. Then if the sol<sup>n</sup> is a regular pt.,

$$f'(x_0) + z_0^* G'(x_0) = 0$$

$$\langle G(x_0), z_0^* \rangle = 0$$

Applications: Euler-Lagrange eqns, Optimal Control, Pontryagin's Max Principle.