

# Mathematical Overview - L1 - 22/09/23 - Optimization

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

$$x \cdot y = \langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

↓  
dot product (scalar product)

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$$

$$\|x\|_p = (\sqrt[p]{x_1^p + \dots + x_n^p})^{1/p} \text{ (Minkowski norm) } p=1 \text{ city block distance}$$

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2} \text{ distance}$$

$$\cos(x, y) = \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \|y\|}$$

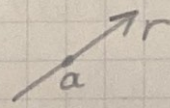
$$x \perp y \iff x \cdot y = 0$$

$$x \times y = \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2 \\ x_1 y_3 - x_3 y_1 \\ x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (cross product in } \mathbb{R}^3)$$

fact:  $x \times y \perp x$ ,  $x \times y \perp y$

$$\text{area} = \|x \times y\|$$

line in } \mathbb{R}^3:

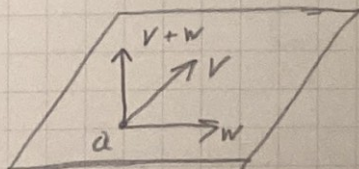


$$a = (a_1, a_2, a_3), \quad v = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$$

$$x = a + t v, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (line through } a, \text{ in direction } v)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

plane in } \mathbb{R}^3:



$$x = a + t v + s w, \quad t, s \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (plane through } a, \text{ spanned by } v, w)$$

$$\text{In other coordinates } (x, y, z): Ax + By + Cz + D = 0, \quad A, B, C, D \in \mathbb{R}$$

$(A, B, C)^T$  is a normal

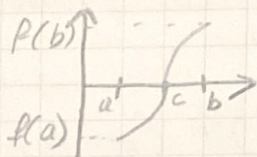


$$f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

$f$  is continuous at  $a \in D$  if  $f \exists \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$   
 $\hookrightarrow \|x - a\| \rightarrow 0$

### Bolzano Theorem

$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous  
 assume  $f(a)f(b) < 0$   
 then  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f(c) = 0$



### Weierstrass Theorem

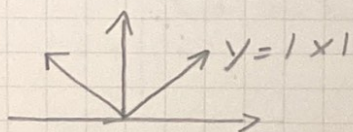
$f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous,  $K$  is compact ( $\Leftrightarrow$  closed and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  bounded)  
 then  $f$  is bounded and achieves it's maximum/minimum  $(a, b)$

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h+a) - f(h)}{h} \quad (\text{if it exists})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h+a) - f(h) - f'(a)h}{h} = 0$$

$$\approx f(a+h) \approx f(a) + f'(a) \cdot h$$

$f$  is differentiable in open  $D \subset \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow \forall a \in D, \exists f'(a)$



continuous but  
 not differentiable  
 ( $\nexists f'(a)$  at  $x=0$ )

$$\mathbb{R}^n, f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, u = (a_1, \dots, a_n)^T$$

Partial derivative at  $a$  in direction of  $x_i$ :

$$p_{x_i}(a) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_i+h, a_{i+1}, \dots) - f(a_1, \dots, a_n)}{h}$$

Gradient of  $f$ :

$$\nabla f(a) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(a), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(a) \right)^T$$



$f$  is differentiable at  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  in the domain of  $f$  iff

$$\lim_{\|h\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(a+h) - f(a) - \nabla f(a)^T \cdot h|}{\|h\|} = 0$$

Directional derivative:  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n, a \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\nabla_v f(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+hr) - f(a)}{h} \quad (\text{assuming } \|v\| = 1)$$

Lemma:  $\nabla_v f(a) = (\nabla f(a))^T \cdot v$

Proof:  $\nabla_v f(a) = \frac{d}{dh} f(a+hr) \Big|_{h=0}$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(a+hr) \frac{d}{dh}(a+hr) \right)$$

$\hookrightarrow$  in the direction of  $i$

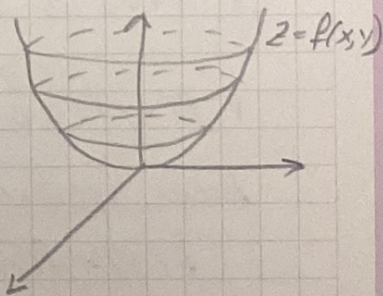
$$a+hr = (a_1+hr_1, a_2+hr_2, \dots, a_n+hr_n)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(a) \cdot v_i = \nabla f(a) \cdot v$$

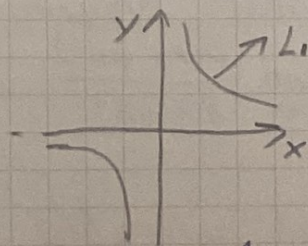
$\hookrightarrow$  by definition  $\square$

For a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , its level set  $L_c = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) = c\}, c \in \mathbb{R}$

•  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow$  all  $L_c$ , for  $c > 0$  are circles

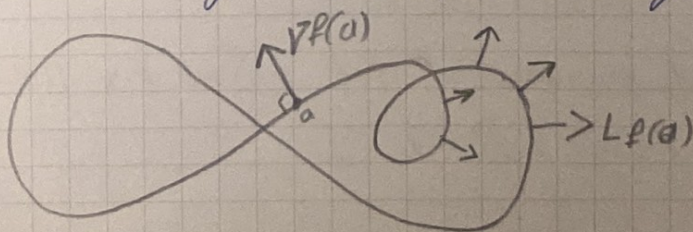


•  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2, L_1 = \{(x, y)^T \mid x^2 - y^2 = 1\}$



Lemma:  $\forall a$  in the domain of definition of  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$\nabla f(a)$  is orthogonal to  $L_f(a)$  (assuming it is defined,  $\nabla f(a) \neq 0$ )





$$f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2, \quad \nabla f(x, y) = (2x, -2y)$$

$$L_0 = \text{X} \quad \nabla f(0, 0) = 0$$

Partial derivatives of order 2:

$$f_{x_i x_j}(a) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(a) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right)(a) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}(a)$$

Hessian of  $f$  at  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\nabla^2 f(a) = Hf(a) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2}(a) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1}(a) & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1}(a) \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}(a) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2}(a) & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2}(a) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n}(a) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n}(a) & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2}(a) \end{bmatrix}$$

in our setting (assuming  $f$  is smooth enough)

$\nabla^2 f(a)$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix

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

linear approximation (follows from the Taylor formula)

$$f(x) \approx f(a) + (\nabla f(a))^T \cdot (x - a) + o(\|x - a\|)$$

quadratic approximation:  $Q(x) = f(a) + (\nabla f(a))^T \cdot (x - a) + \frac{1}{2} (x - a)^T \nabla^2 f(a) (x - a)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{o(\|x - a\|^2)}{\|x - a\|^2} \text{ is bounded} \quad + o(\|x - a\|^3)$$

Local optimality conditions

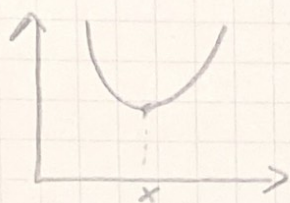
$$f(x) \rightarrow \min \quad -f(x) \rightarrow \max$$

$x^*$  is a local minimizer if  $\exists \delta > 0 \forall x: \|x - x^*\| < \delta$

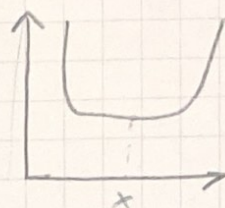
$$\text{we have } f(x^*) \leq f(x)$$



$x^*$  is a strict local minimizer i.f.f  $f(x^*) < f(x)$  for all  $x: 0 < \|x - x^*\| < \delta$



strict local  
minimizer



not a strict  
local  
minimizer

Theorem: Necessity Conditions for local minima

(1) (first order)  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$

(2) (second order)  $\nabla^2 f(x^*)$ : positive semi-definite

$\nabla^2 f(x^*)$  is positive semi-definite i.f.f

$$x^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) \cdot x \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$