

# Optimal Control

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## 0 Introduction

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x, u), \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \quad t \in [t_0, t_f]$$

$$f : [t_0, t_f] \times \mathbb{R}^{n_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_u} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$$

$$x = \text{state}, \quad u = \text{input}$$

Initial Value Problem (IVP)

Given  $x_0, u(\cdot)$  we can compute  $x(\cdot)$

$\curvearrowright$  functions of time  $\curvearrowright$

When is this possible? It depends on  $f$ .

### Lemma 0.1 (Sufficient conditions)

Existence & Uniqueness of solutions of ODEs.

Assume that

- $f$  is piecewise continuous in  $t$  and  $u$
- $f$  is globally Lipschitz in  $x$

$$\exists k(t, u) \text{ s.t. } \|f(t, x_1, u) - f(t, x_2, u)\| \leq k(t, u)\|x_1 - x_2\|, \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$$

Then  $x(\cdot)$  exists for all  $t$  and is unique.

### Remarks

- Lipschitz continuous  $\Rightarrow$  continuous, but not the converse
- $\sqrt{x}$  is continuous but not Lipschitz,  $\dot{x} = \sqrt{x}$  does not have a unique solution
- Continuously differentiable ( $\mathcal{C}^1$ )  $\Rightarrow$  locally Lipschitz continuous  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$
- Locally Lipschitz continuous  $\times$  guarantees existence & uniqueness for small enough times

In this course we will assume  $f \in \mathcal{C}^1$  and implicitly assume that  $t_f$  is chosen such that  $x(\cdot)$  exists in  $[t_0, t_f]$ .

We do not need to worry about existence & uniqueness!

**Goal in Optimal Control:** Design  $u$  such that

1.  $u(t) \in \mathcal{U}(t), x(t) \in \mathcal{X}(t) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f], \quad \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$   
 $\uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow$   
 sets defining constraints on  $u$  &  $x$

$\Rightarrow$  Admissible input/state trajectories

2. The system behaves optimally according to

$$\underset{\uparrow}{J(u)} = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \underset{\uparrow}{l(t, x(t), u(t))} dt + \underset{\uparrow}{\varphi(t_f, x(t_f))}$$

Cost function      running cost      terminal cost

$\Rightarrow$  optimal behaviour

Formally, we can state the goal as follows:

Find an admissible input  $u^*$  which causes the dynamics to follow an admissible trajectory  $x^*$  which minimizes  $J$ , that is

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_f} l(t, x^*(t), u^*(t)) dt + \varphi(t_f, x^*(t_f)) \leq \int_{t_0}^{t_f} l(t, x(t), u(t)) dt + \varphi(t_f, x(t_f))$$

$\forall$  admissible  $x, u$

### Examples of cost functions

- 1) Minimum-time problem

Goal: transfer the system from  $x_0$  to a set  $\mathcal{S}$  in the minimum time

$$J = t_f - t_0 = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} dt \quad (l = 1, \varphi = 0)$$

$$x(t_f) \in \mathcal{S}$$

Note:  $t_f$  is also a decision variable! The unknowns are  $(u, t_f)$ .

- 2) Minimum control-effort problem

$$J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \|u(t)\|^2 dt$$

$$x(t_f) \in \mathcal{S}$$

## 3) Tracking problem

$$J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} (x(t) - r(t))^T Q (x(t) - r(t)) dt$$

$Q > 0$  (positive definit matrix: symmetric & all eigenvalues positive)

$r(t)$  given signal

## 1 Nonlinear Programming

Nonlinear Programs (NLP) are general finite-dimensional optimization problems:

$$\min_x f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g(x) \leq 0, \quad h(x) = 0$$

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , objective function

$g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_g}$ , inequality constraints

$h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_h}$ , equality constraints

Feasible set:

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0\}$$

$\bar{x} \in D$  feasible point

### Definition 1.1 (Global, local Minimizers)

$x^* \in \mathcal{D}$  Global Minimizer of the NLP if

$$f(x^*) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{D}$$

$f(x^*)$  is the Global Minimum (or Minimum)

Nomenclature:  $x^*$  is also called (optimal) solution,  $F(x^*)$  is optimal value

$x^*$  is a strict global minimizer if  $f(x^*) < f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{D}$

$x^* \in \mathcal{D}$  Local Minimizer if

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0, \text{ s.t. } f(x^*) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in B_\varepsilon(x^*) \cap \mathcal{D}$$

$$B_\varepsilon(x) := \{y \mid \|x - y\| \leq \varepsilon\} \quad \|\cdot\| : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \text{ any norm in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

Strict local Minimizer if inequality holds strictly

Global min  $\nRightarrow$  local min

Solving an NLP boils down to finding global or local minimizers.

Does a solution always exist? No.

### Definition 1.2 (infimum)

Given  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\inf(\mathcal{S})$  is the greatest lower bound of  $\mathcal{S}$ :

- $z \geq \inf(\mathcal{S}), \quad \forall z \in \mathcal{S}$  (lower bound)
- $\forall \bar{\alpha} > \inf(\mathcal{S}) \quad \exists z \in \mathcal{S} \text{ s. t. } \bar{\alpha} > z$  (greatest bound)

**Example**  $\mathcal{S} = [-1, 1]$ ,  $-50 = \inf(\mathcal{S})?$   $\rightarrow$  No,  $\inf(\mathcal{S}) = -1$

- Analogous:  $\sup(\mathcal{S})$  is smallest upper bound.
- $\inf$  and  $\sup$  always exist if  $\mathcal{S} \neq \emptyset$
- $\inf(\mathcal{S})$  does not have to be an element of  $\mathcal{S}$
- If  $\mathcal{S}$  unbounded from below  $\rightarrow \inf(\mathcal{S}) = -\infty$
- $\inf([a, b]) = \inf((a, b]) = a$

Connections with NLP?

$$f : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\inf(\underbrace{f(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{D}}_{\mathcal{S}}) := \bar{f} = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{D}} f(x) \quad (\text{similar to NLP})$$

Whenever NLP has solution, then NLP is equivalent to this, but  $\nexists x^* \in \mathcal{D}$  s. t.  $f(x^*) = \bar{f} \rightarrow$  infimum exists, but not minimum

**Examples**  $f(x) = e^{-x}, \quad \mathcal{D} = [0, \infty), \quad \inf(\mathcal{S}) = 0$   
 $f(x) = x, \quad \mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R}, \quad \inf(\mathcal{S}) = -\infty$ , min doesn't exist!



When does the infimum coincide with its optimal value?

**Theorem 1.1 (Extreme value problem) (Weierstrass Theorem)**
 $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ 

If:

- $f \in \mathcal{C}$  on  $D$
- $D$  is compact
- $D \neq \emptyset$

Then  $f$  attains a minimum on  $D$ .**Definition 1.3 (Continuous function)**
 $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous at  $x \in D$  if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s. t. } \|x - x'\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|f(x) - f(x')\| < \epsilon$$

If  $f$  is continuous  $\forall x \in D$  then  $f$  is continuous on  $D \rightarrow f \in \mathcal{C}$ 

Implication for NLP: If  $f$  is  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $D$  and  $D$  is compact and non-empty then [NLP] has a solution!

- $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ : in finite-dimensional spaces: compact = closed and bounded

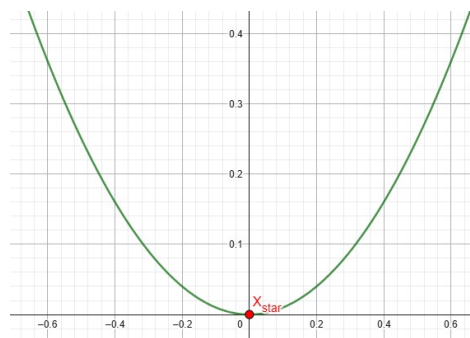
Not compact:

- $(a, b]$  (not closed)
- $(-\infty, b]$  (unbounded)

Compact set:

- $[a, b]$  –  $-\infty < a < b < \infty$

**Warning:**  $D$  infinite dimensional (e.g. function space) then  
compact  $\not\Rightarrow$  bounded and closed



Theorem 1.1 is restrictive e.g.  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $\mathcal{D} = (-\infty, \infty)$  has unique minimum

- Notation convention: Technically it is 'wrong' to write

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{D}} f(x)$$

more compact is:

$$\underset{x \in \mathcal{D}}{\text{minimize}} f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \inf_{x \in \mathcal{D}} f(x)$$

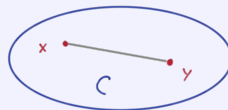
Goal of the Chapter: characterize necessary and sufficient conditions for  $x^*$  to be global minimizer of NLP.

## Convexity

### Definition 1.4 (Convex sets & functions)

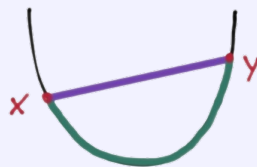
- A set  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is convex (cvx) if  $\forall x, y \in C$

$$\{z \mid z = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y, \lambda \in [0, 1]\} \subseteq C$$



- Given a cvx set  $C$ , a function  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cvx if

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y), \quad \forall x, y \in C, \quad \lambda \in (0, 1)$$



- $f$  is strictly cvx if the inequality holds strictly.



**Remarks**

- The definition extends to vector functions  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  for convex  $f_i$
- $f : C_1 \times C_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $f(x, y)$  is jointly cvx, in  $x, y$  if  $z := \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $f(z)$  is in cvx in  $z$ .

**Example**  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ ,  $z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow f(z) = z_1^2 + z_2^2$

**Definition 1.5**

An NLP is a convex program if

- $f$  is convex function,
- $\mathcal{D}$  is convex set.

**Lemma 1.1**

Let  $x^*$  be a local minimizer of cvx program. Then  $x^*$  is also global minimizer.

**Proof:** try as an exercise

Minimizers of convex NLP form a convex set.

This set might be empty (Convex NLPs not guaranteed to have solution).

However: Unique solution for strictly convex NLPs, if a solution exists.

**Lemma 1.2 (First/Second order conditions for convexity)**

1.  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuously differentiable on  $C$ . Then  $f$  is cvx iff

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T(y - x), \quad \forall x, y \in C$$

$$(\nabla f)_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \text{ is gradient (sometimes } f_{x_i})$$

2.  $f$  twice differentiable on  $C$ , then  $f$  convex iff

$$\nabla_{xx}^2 f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in C$$

$$(\nabla_{xx}^2)_{i,j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \quad (\text{Hessian})$$

- $A \geq 0$  means that:  $A = A^T$  and pos semi-definite, i. e. all eigenvalues non-negative
- $f$  strictly cvx if  $\nabla_{xx}^2 f(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in C$  with  $A > 0$  meaning pos definite and symmetric
- Interpretation: Curvature of function should be non-negative/positive
- For exercises to check convexity, the second condition is generally useful. First condition is useful for proofs.

For  $\mathcal{D} = \{x \mid g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0\}$  the following holds: If

- $g$  are convex functions,
  - $h$  are affine functions (i.e.  $h(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow Ax = b$ ),
- } sufficient

then  $\mathcal{D}$  is a convex set.

**Example**  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$\min_x f$		$\min_x f$
s.t. $x^3 - 1 \leq 0$	$\Leftrightarrow$	s.t. $x - 1 \leq 0$
$(ax + b)^2 = 0$		$ax + b = 0$
non-convex		convex
non-affine		affine

Moral to recognize convexity of NLP:

1. Use definition of cvx NLP, cvx  $f$ , convex  $\mathcal{D}$
2. If  $\mathcal{D}$  written as equality/inequality-constraints, check  $g$  convex/ $h$  affine.  
If not, check further whether the feasible set is cvx or not (e.g. can be written equivalently with cvx  $g$ /affine  $h$ ).

## 1.1 Unconstrained Problems

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R}^n$$

Assume throughout that  $f \in \mathcal{C}^1$  (continuously differentiable).

**Definition 1.6 (Descent Direction)**

$d \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a descent direction for  $f$  at  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if

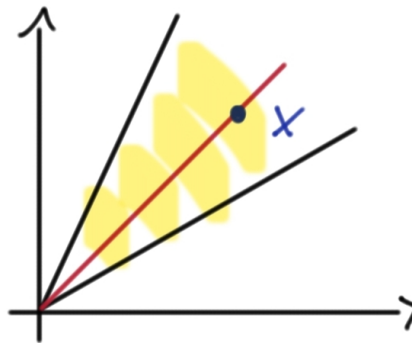
$$\exists \delta > 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad f(\bar{x} + \lambda d) < f(\bar{x}) \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, \delta).$$

$F(\bar{x})$ : Cone of decent directions

Set of all descent directions of  $f$  at  $\bar{x}$

A set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a cone if it contains the full ray through any point in the set.

$$K \text{ cone if } \forall x \in K \text{ and } \rho \geq 0, \quad \rho x \in K$$



This is a geometric characterization of descent direction. It gives us a geometric condition for  $x^*$  to be a local minimizer.

**Lemma 1.3 (Geometric Condition for local minimum)**

$x^*$  is a local minimizer iff

$$\mathcal{F}(\bar{x}) = \emptyset.$$

We want an algebraic condition to be able to compute or look for  $x^*$ .

**Lemma 1.4 (Algebraic first-order characterization of  $\mathcal{F}$ )**

If  $\nabla f(\bar{x}) \neq 0$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}_0(\bar{x}) = \{d \mid \nabla f(\bar{x})^T d < 0\} = \mathcal{F}(\bar{x}).$$

Otherwise

$$\mathcal{F}_0(\bar{x}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{x}).$$

**Proof:** try Taylor-series expansion of  $f$  at  $\bar{x}$

Graphical interpretation:

$\nabla f$  forms angles greater or equal than  $90^\circ$  with all descent directions.

**Lemma 1.5 (First-order necessary condition for local minimum)**

If  $x^*$  is a local minimizer, then

$$\underbrace{\nabla f(x^*) = 0}_{\text{'stationary point'}}$$

**Proof:** Contradiction

If  $\nabla f(x^*) \neq 0$ , then  $d = -\nabla f(x^*) \neq 0$ . Therefore there exists a descent direction  $d \in \mathcal{F}(x^*)$  by Lemma 1.4. Thus  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $f(x^* + \lambda d) < f(x^*) \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, \delta)$ .

This is a contradiction with the fact, that  $x^*$  is a minimizer.  $\square$

Why only necessary?

It can't be a sufficient condition because in case where  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$  we cannot use Lemma 1.4, e.g.  $f_1(x) = -x^2$ ,  $f_2(x) = x^3$ ,  $\nabla f_1(0) = \nabla f_2(0) = 0$ .

**Lemma 1.6 (second order necessary condition)**

Assume  $f$  is twice continuously differentiable  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$

$$x^* \text{ local minimizer} \Rightarrow \nabla_{xx}^2 f(x^*) \geq 0$$

**Note:** the condition on the Hessian of  $f$  can be interpreted as a local convexity property (around  $x^*$ ).

**Proof:**  $2^{nd}$  order Taylor expansion around  $x^*$  in direction  $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$f(x^* + \lambda d) = f(x^*) + \lambda \nabla f(x^*)^T d + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} d^T \nabla_{xx}^2 f(x^*) d + \lambda^2 \|d\|^2 \alpha(\lambda d)$$

$(\rightarrow \alpha(\cdot))$  is a function that is order 1 or higher in  $\lambda d$

1. If  $x^*$  is local minimizer  $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0$

2. Divide by  $\lambda^2$ :

$$\frac{f(x^* + \lambda d) - f(x^*)}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{2} d^T \nabla_{xx}^2 f(x^*) d + \|d\| \alpha(\lambda d)$$

3.  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  on the right-hand-side the first term dominates

$$\frac{f(x^* + \lambda d) - f(x^*)}{\lambda^2} \approx \frac{1}{2} d^T \nabla_{xx}^2 f(x^*) d$$

4. For  $x^*$  is a local minimizer, the left-hand-side must be  $\geq 0$  for any  $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\Rightarrow d^T \nabla_{xx}^2 f(x^*) d \geq 0 \quad \forall d \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla_{xx}^2 f(x^*) \geq 0$$

□

Only a necessary condition, because when  $\nabla_{xx}^2 f(x^*)$  is singular, we need to use higher-order information.

Generally it is hard to get (global) sufficient conditions.  $\rightarrow$  convexity to the rescue!

#### Lemma 1.7 (First order N&S condition for global minimizers)

Assume  $f$  is convex.

$$\exists x^* \text{ s.t. } \nabla f(x^*) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x^* \text{ is a global minimizer}$$

If  $f$  is strictly convex, then the minimizer is unique.

**Proof:** ( $\nabla f = 0 \Rightarrow$  global minimum)

First order condition for convexity:

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y - x), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Pick  $x = x^*$ :

$$f(y) \geq f(x^*), \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

(Other direction holds because of Lemma 1.5)

What if we do not have global convexity?

**Lemma 1.8 (Second order sufficient condition for local minimizer)**

Assume  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$ .

If  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$  and  $\nabla_{xx}^2 f(x^*) > 0 \Rightarrow x^*$  is strict local minimizer.

**Proof:** Taylor expansion (Similar to Lemma 1.6)

**1.2 Constrained optimization**

$$\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \mathcal{D} = \{x \mid g_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, n_g \quad h_j(x) = 0, j = 1, \dots, n_h\}$$

We assume throughout  $g_i, h_j$  are all  $\mathcal{C}^1$  functions.

**Definition 1.7 (Tangent vector, tangent cone)**

$p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a tangent vector to  $\mathcal{D}$  at  $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{D}$  if  $\exists$  differential curve  $\bar{x}(s) : [0, \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  with  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\bar{x}(0) = \bar{x}, \left. \frac{d\bar{x}}{ds} \right|_{s=0} = p$ .

Tangent cone  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{D}}(\bar{x})$  to  $\bar{x}$  is the set of all tangent vectors

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{D}}(\bar{x}) := \{p \mid p \text{ tangent vector to } \mathcal{D} \text{ at } \bar{x}\}$$

Graphical representation:

Set of directions that make us stay feasible (at least infinitesimally)

When it comes to geometric conditions for optimality in constrained problems, we now have 2 sets/2 directions:

- $d \in \mathcal{F}(x) \rightarrow$  descent direction: objective improves
- $d \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{D}}(\bar{x}) \rightarrow$  tangent vector: we stay feasible

**Lemma 1.9 (Geometric condition for local minimizer,  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ )**

$x^*$  is a local minimizer iff  $\mathcal{F}(\bar{x}) \cap \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{D}}(\bar{x}) = \emptyset$

It is basically says that 'any improving direction can't be feasible'.

As in the unconstrained case, we want to turn geometric conditions to algebraic ones.

**Lemma 1.10 (1st order Nec. condition - semi-algebraic)**

If  $x^*$  is a local minimizer. Then:

1.  $x^* \in \mathcal{D}$
2.  $\forall p \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{D}}(x^*)$ , it holds  $\underbrace{p^T \nabla f(x^*)}_{\text{geometric}} \geq 0$   $\underbrace{\phantom{p^T \nabla f(x^*)}}_{\text{algebraic}}$

**Proof:**

Item 1  $\rightarrow$  feasibility

Item 2: Assume there is a  $p$  s.t.  $p^T \nabla f(x^*) < 0$ . Then

$$\exists \text{ curve } \bar{x}(s) \in \mathcal{D} \text{ s.t. } \left. \frac{df(\bar{x})}{ds} \right|_{s=0} \underset{\text{chain rule}}{=} p^T \nabla f(x^*) < 0$$

which would mean that  $p$  is descent direction. Contradicts  $x^*$  local minimizer.

This is almost a translation of Lemma 1.9 because we replaced  $\mathcal{F}(x^*)$  with its algebraic form ' $d^T \nabla f(x^*) < 0$ '.

To obtain a fully algebraic test, we need a few more concepts.

**Definition 1.8 (Active constraints, active set, regular points)**

$\bar{x} \in \mathcal{D}$

- $g_i$  is active at  $\bar{x}$  if  $g_i(\bar{x}) = 0$
- $\mathcal{A}(\bar{x}) = \{i \mid g_i(\bar{x}) = 0\}$  set of active constraints at  $\bar{x}$
- $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{D}$  is a regular point if  $\nabla g_i(\bar{x})$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{A}(\bar{x})$  and  $\nabla h_j(\bar{x})$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n_h$  are linearly independent.

**Lemma 1.11 (Algebraic first-order characterization of target set)**

If  $\bar{x}$  is regular point. Then

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{D}}(\bar{x}) = \{p \mid \nabla h(\bar{x})^p = 0, \nabla g_i(\bar{x})^p \leq 0, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{A}(\bar{x})\} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

where  $\nabla h(\bar{x}) := [\nabla h_1(\bar{x}), \dots, \nabla h_{n_h}(\bar{x})] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n_h}$ .

$\textcircled{1}$  can be written equivalently as  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{D}}(\bar{x}) = \{p \mid \mathcal{A}(\bar{x})p \geq 0\}$

$$A(\bar{x}) := \left[ \begin{array}{c} \nabla h(\bar{x})^T \\ -\nabla h(\bar{x})^T \\ \vdots \\ -\nabla g_i(\bar{x})^T \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c} \nabla h(\bar{x})^T \\ -\nabla h(\bar{x})^T \\ \vdots \\ -\nabla g_i(\bar{x})^T \\ \vdots \end{array}} \right\} i \in \mathcal{A}(\bar{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{(2n_h + |\mathcal{A}(\bar{x})|) \times n}$$

In other words, item 2 of Lemma 1.10 can be written as follows:

$$p \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathcal{A}(x^*)p \geq 0, p^T \nabla f(x^*) < 0$$

still not very tractable?

Farkas Lemma to the rescue:

#### Lemma 1.12 (Farkas Lemma)

For any matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Exactly one of the following holds:

1.  $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^m, y \geq 0$ , such that  $A^T y = b$
2.  $\exists p \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , such that  $A^T p \geq 0, p^T b < 0$

Take  $A \equiv A(x^*)$  and  $b \equiv \nabla f(x^*)$

If we find  $y$  satisfying 1., then 2. can't hold  $\Rightarrow$  item 2 of Lemma 1.10 is verified  $\Rightarrow x^* \in \mathcal{D}$  is a local minimizer.

KTK-conditions just follow from imposing

item 1 of Lemma 1.10  $\rightarrow x^* \in \mathcal{D}$

item 2 of Lemma 1.10  $\rightarrow \exists y \in \mathbb{R}^m, y \geq 0$  s.t.  $\mathcal{A}(x^*)^T y = \nabla f(x^*)$



Conceptual summary