

Advanced Design Methods (MDO, KBE)

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MDO Practical session 2

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- *Structuring a Multi-Disciplinary Optimization problem*



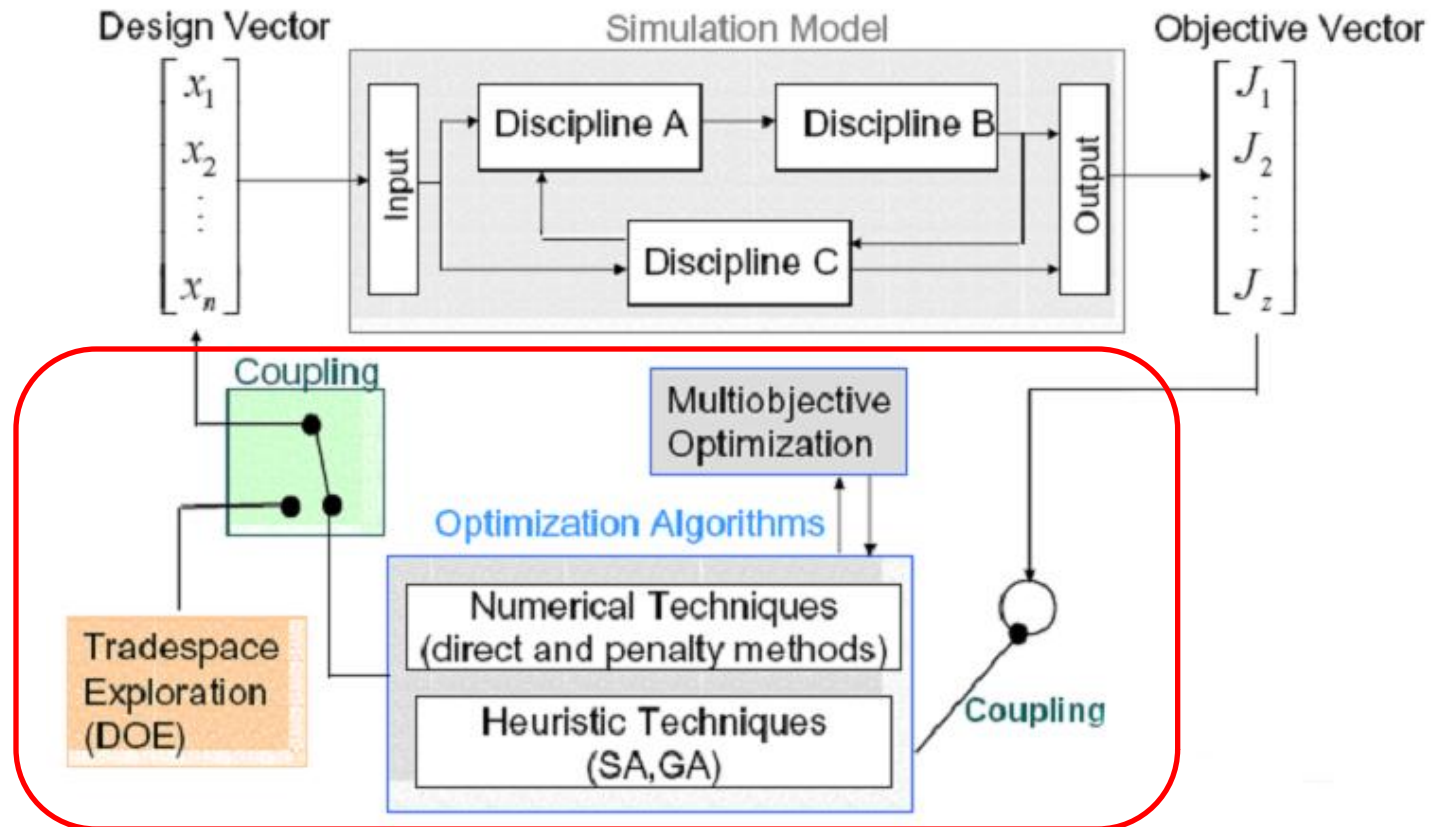
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Optimization algorithm



Example problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} J = x_2^2 + x_3 + y_1 + e^{-y_2} \quad \text{Discipline 3; objective}$$

$$y_1 = x_1^2 + x_2 + x_3 - 0.2y_2 \quad \text{Discipline 1}$$

$$y_2 = \sqrt{y_1} + x_1 + x_3 \quad \text{Discipline 2}$$

s.t.

$$y_1 / 3.16 - 1 \geq 0$$

$$1 - y_2 / 24 \geq 0$$

$$-10 \leq x_1 \leq 10, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 10, 0 \leq x_3 \leq 10$$

Source: AIAA 2004-4537

Sub-systems I/O

$$\begin{matrix} x_1, x_2, \\ x_3, y_2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \boxed{y_1 = x_1^2 + x_2 + x_3 - 0.2y_2} \longrightarrow y_1$$

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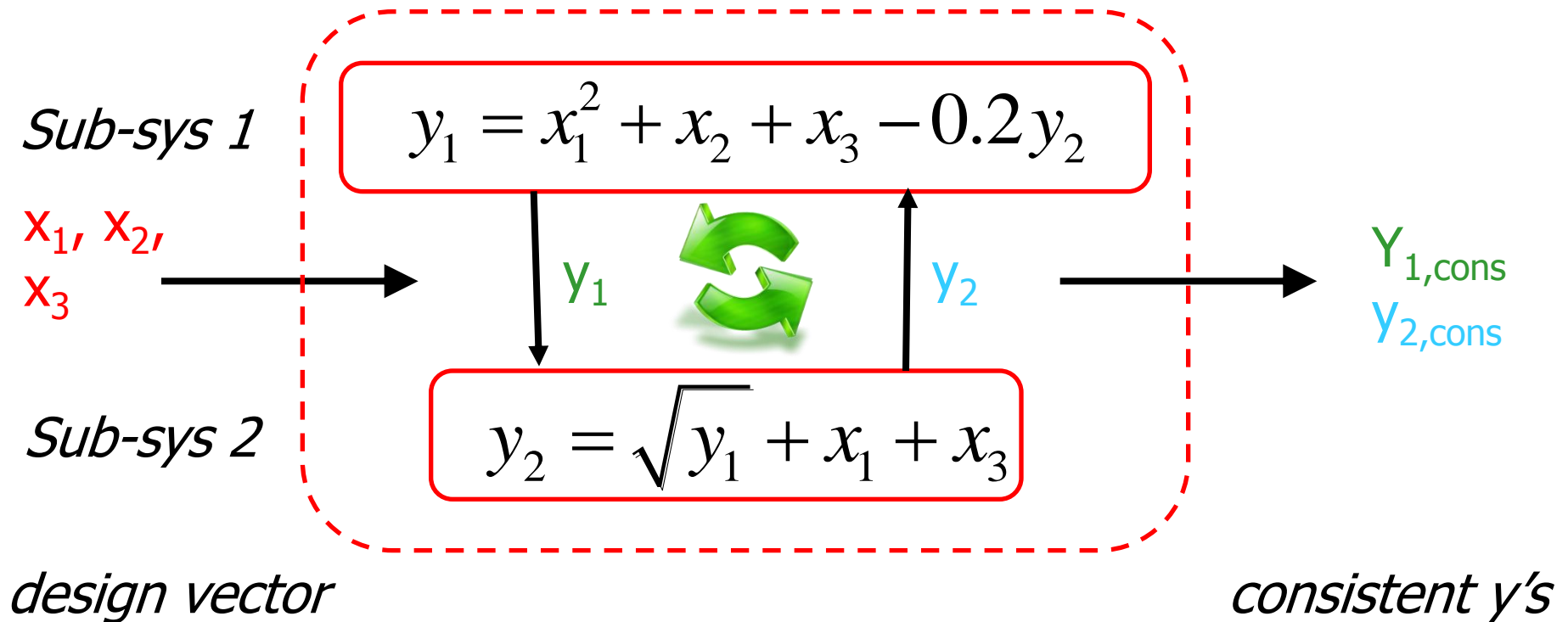
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Interaction between 2 subsystems



Aggregate sub-system

- The aggregate of the two subsystems can be viewed as a black box itself
- This black-box takes as input the **design vector** X
- This aggregate black box is characterised by its **state vector** Y
- For a feasible design to ensue, this black box' state should be consistent, i.e. both sub-systems are in agreement with each other

Recap question

- *What is the mathematical relation that is generally used to evaluate and assert a (sub)-system's level of consistency?*

$$r_i = s_i - s_i^*$$

- *What exactly is the mathematical state that is used to assert consistency of a (sub)-system?*

$$r_i = 0$$

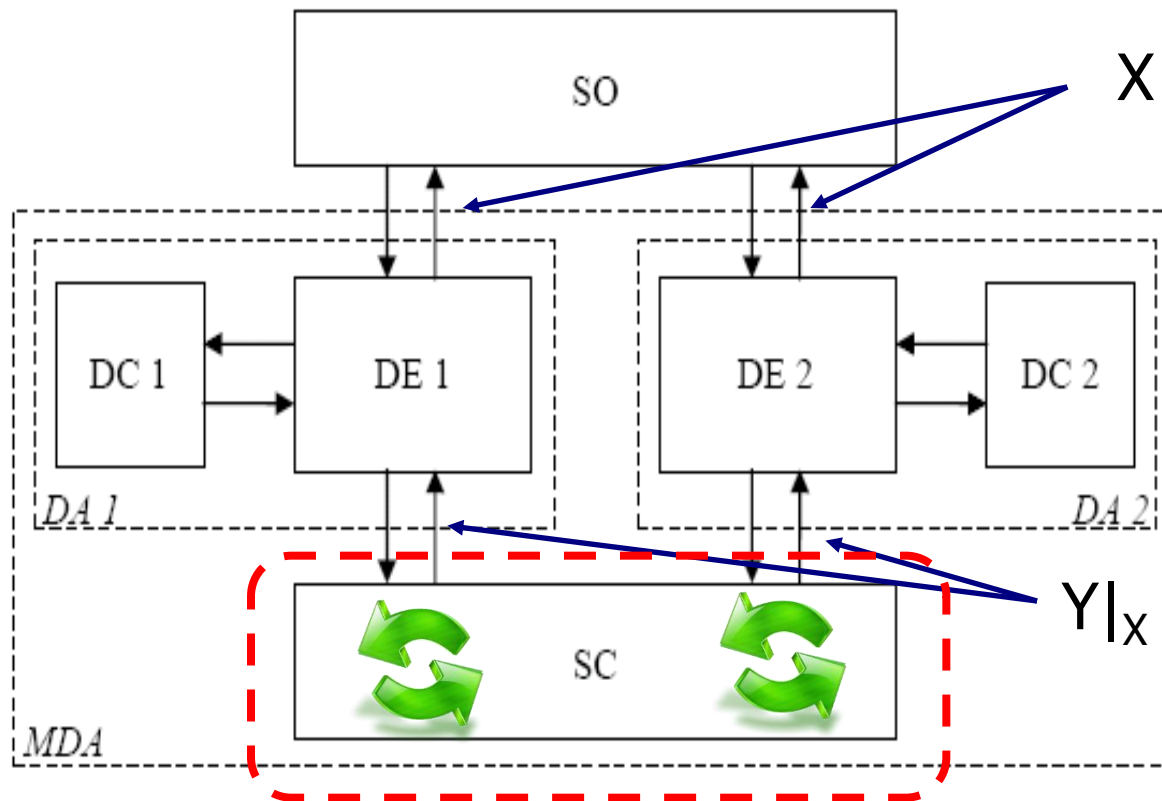
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MDF approach; build system coordinator

- In the MDF approach, a system coordinator is built inside the aggregate black-box.
- This coordinator will iterate the aggregate system for a fixed value of the input X , until consistency is reached for state Y
- The consistent state vector Y_{cons} will be passed forward as output
- Effectively, the aggregate system's solution is rendered as a function of input X :
$$Y_{\text{cons}} = Y_{\text{cons}}(X)$$

MultiDiscipline Feasible; System Coordinator



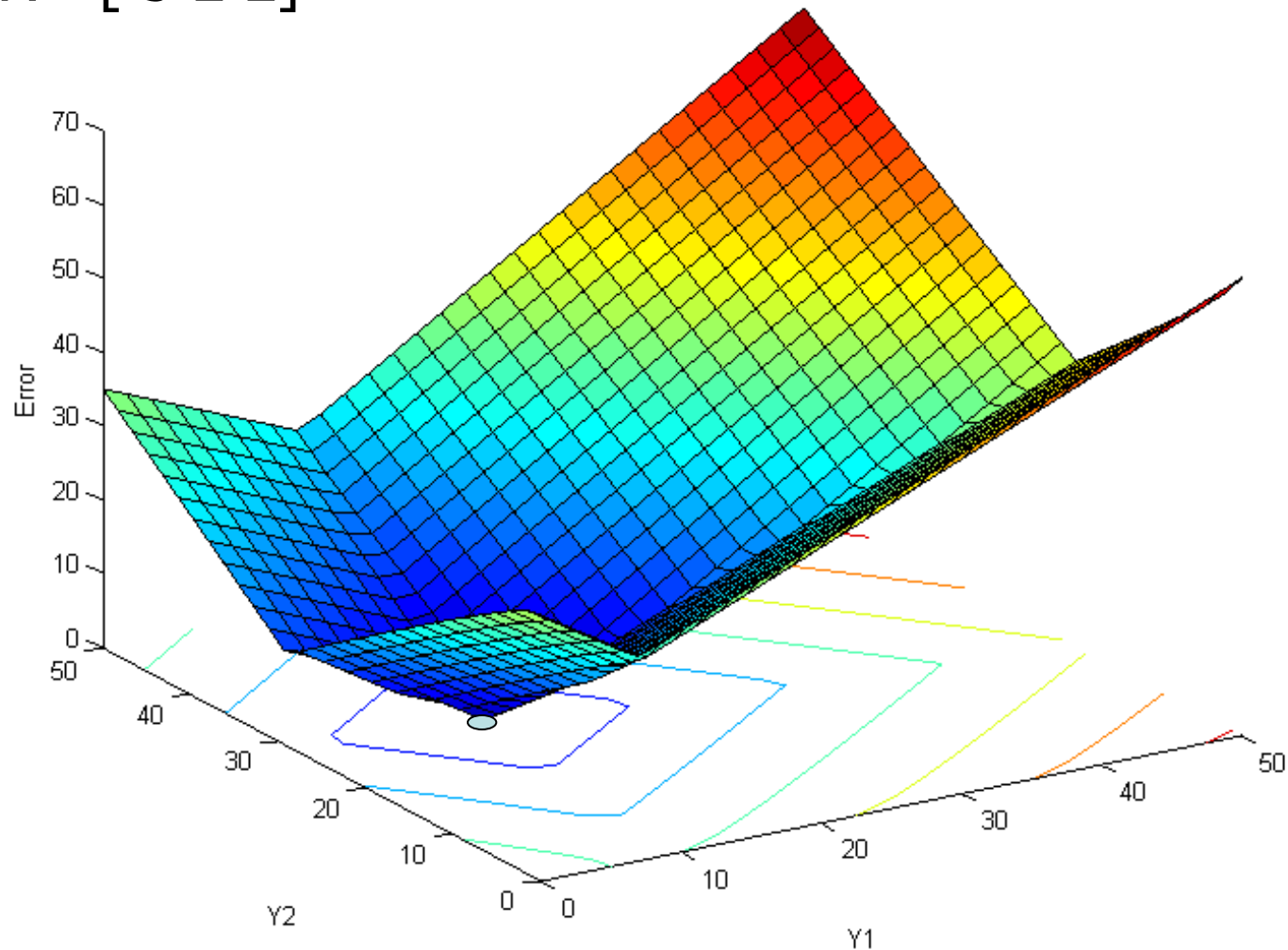
Characteristics of the MDF approach

- In an MDF scheme the system optimizer tries to optimize the aggregate system that is formed by the collection of all sub-systems and its coordinating block(s), in terms of the design vector X
- Notably, for MDF every test-design X (thus, for every iteration) that is evaluated for its objective-value has overall system-level consistency. I.e. every sub-system is in agreement with all others for each specified input X
- Typically, a coordinator-routine is added, in order to achieve this iteration-wise overall consistency
- Responsibility for overall system consistency is assigned to the *system-coordinator*

Example consistency behaviour

$$X = [5 \ 2 \ 2]$$

Consistency vs System State



Iterate until consistent

- In order to find the consistent state, an iterative search has to be performed
- Just as for an optimization, some starting point must be given for this process
- Some termination error-tolerance has to be set for this search routine
- Required number of iterations, hence search time, increases with accuracy (i.e. a lower error-tolerance)

Iterate until consistent

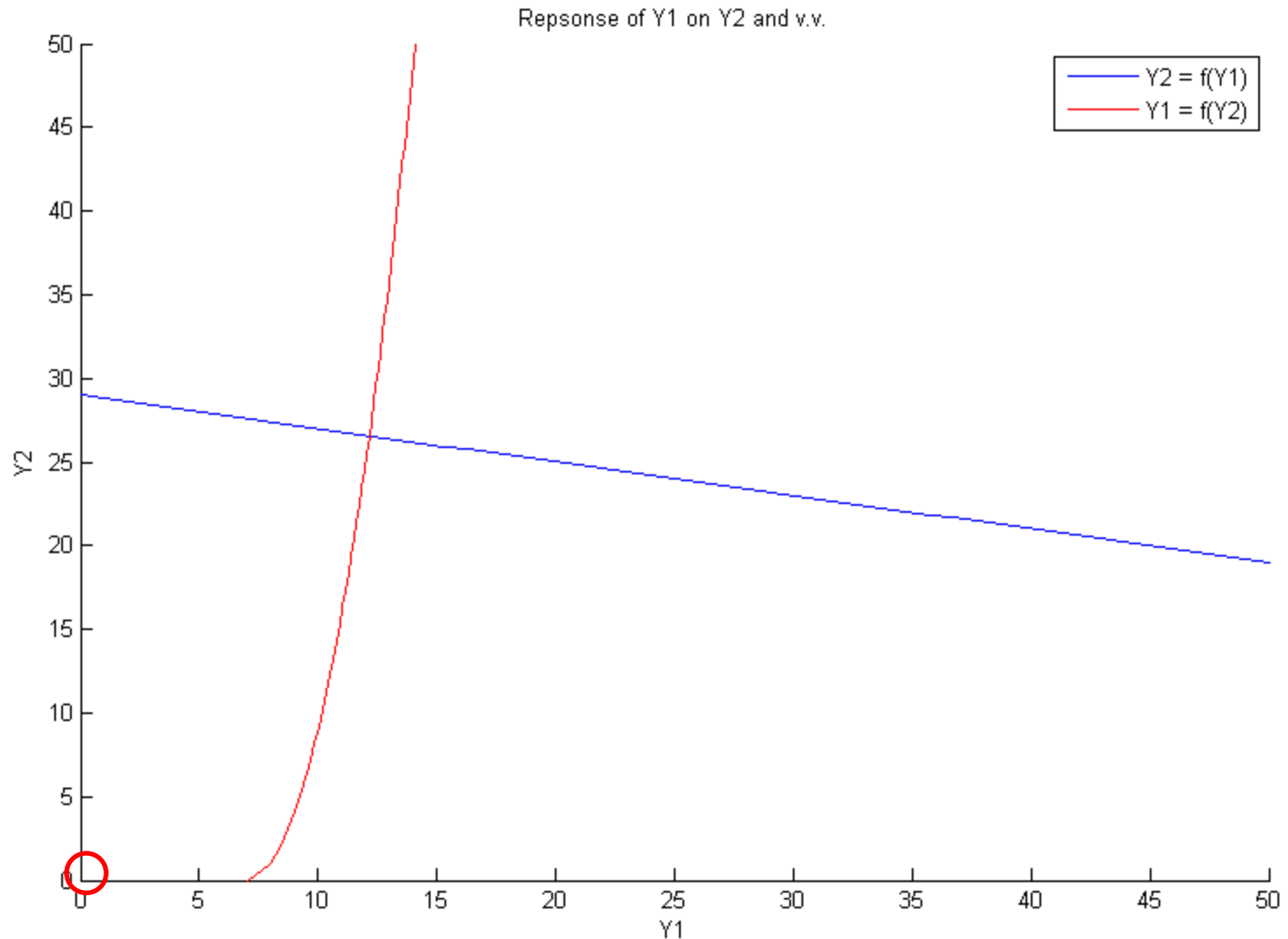
Basic search strategy for this problem:

1. Start with initial state vector
2. Evaluate initial state with each sub-system; use outcome to update state-vector (i.e. the new search point)
3. Evaluate consistency error: $r(X) = |Y_{out} - Y_{in}|$
4. Evaluate updated state-vector with both sub-systems and, again, update its values with the outcome
5. Repeat 3 and 4 until error is lower than desired value



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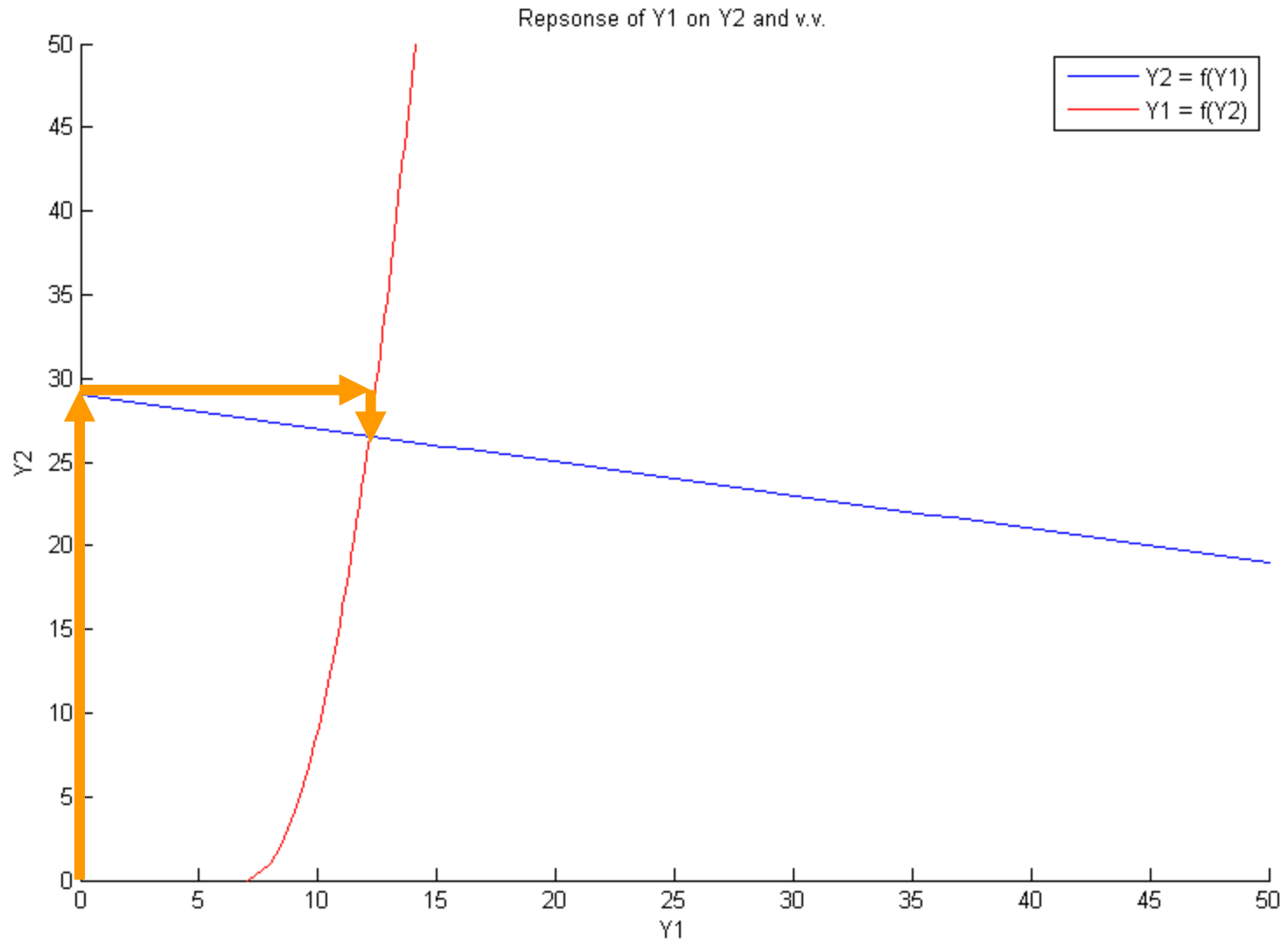
$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$Y_{\text{start}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

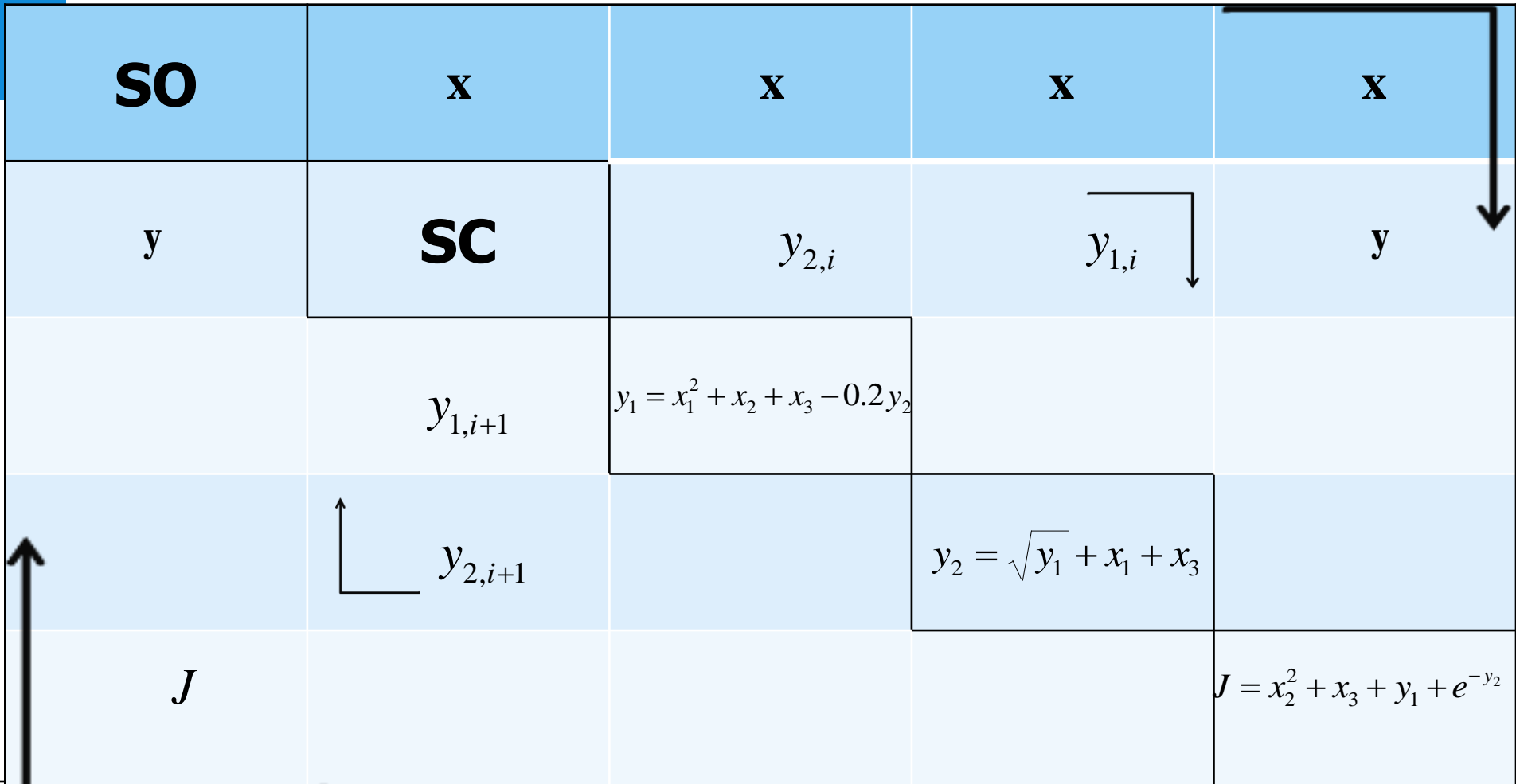
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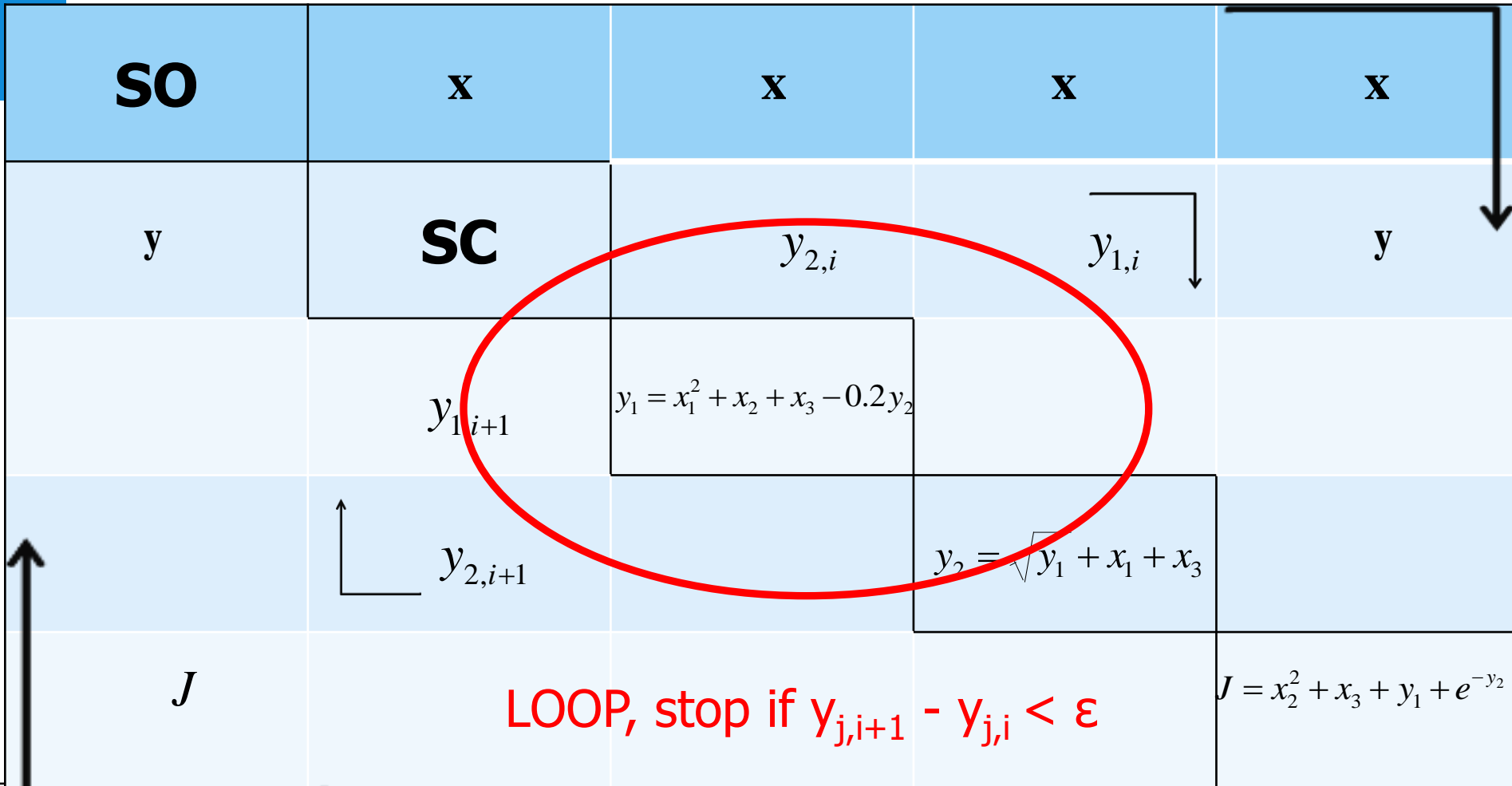


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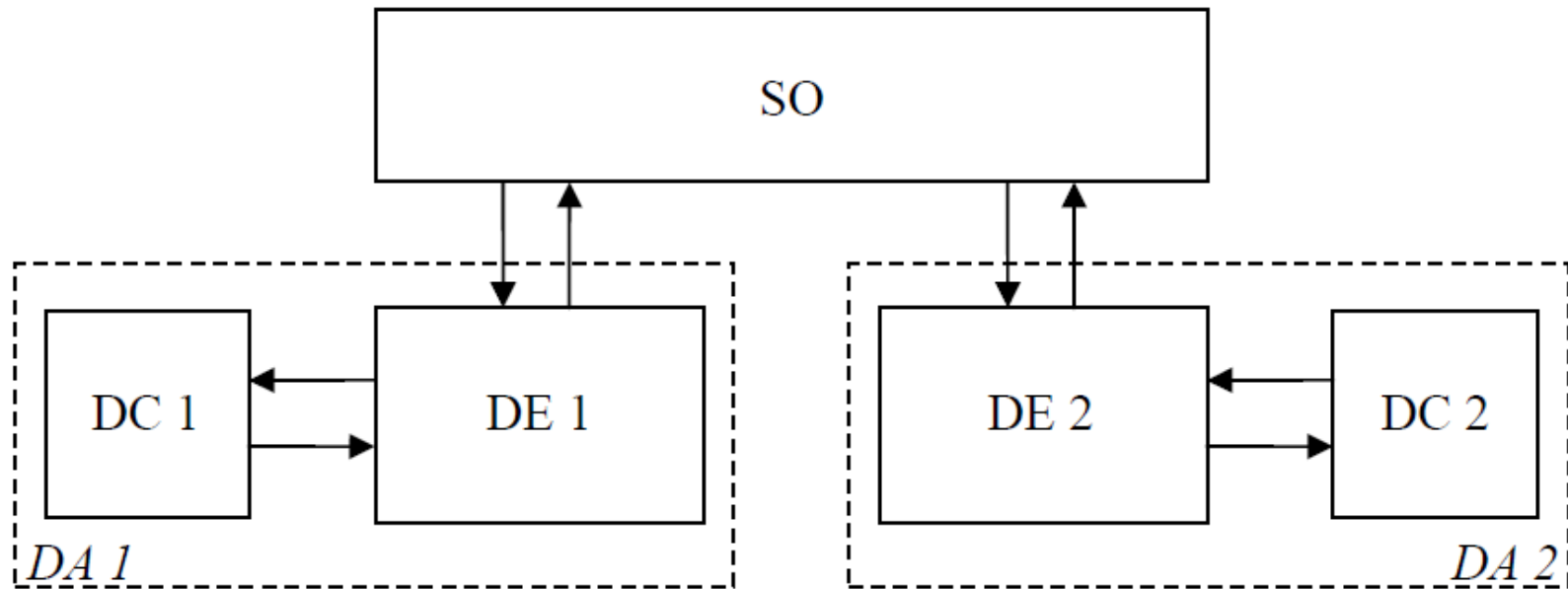
Assignment

- *Work out the presented example problem in an MDF optimization scheme in MatLab*

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Individual Discipline Feasible (IDF)



Recap question

- Why is the Individual Discipline Feasible approach called this way?
- How does it differ from the Multi-Discipline Feasible approach in this respect?

Recap question; answer

- Why is the Individual Discipline Feasible approach called this way?

The IDF approach has assigned the coordination of inter-system consistency to the optimizer. This optimizer will, parallel to searching for the optimum, search for an inter-discipline consistent solution. Therefore, at each iteration of the optimizer, the sub-disciplines are only self-consistent, but not inter-discipline consistent, except at the final optimum

Recap question; answer

- How does it differ from the Multi-Discipline Feasible approach in this respect?

Because the MDF approach includes a dedicated system coordinator, it is ensured that overall inter-discipline consistency is achieved at each iteration of the optimizer. This results in an overall feasible design solution at each iteration, even before reaching the final optimum

IDF approach; tear coupling relations

- In the IDF approach the couplings relations between individual sub-systems are removed, or “torn”
- The torn state variables are replaced by surrogate variables that are now directly provided by the optimizer
- In order to ensure consistency of the sub-systems, extra constraints are added to the optimization problem

Characteristics of the IDF approach

- By tearing the coupling variables between sub-systems, these sub-systems will no longer be consistent throughout every iteration (each sub-system is consistent by itself, however)
- Responsibility for consistency is assigned to the optimizer
- The optimizer is tasked with finding a final design that is both consistent and optimal

Example

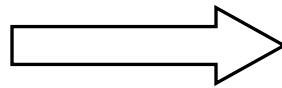
Mathematically;

$$\max R(X)$$

s.t.

$$g_i \leq 0$$

Introduce
surrogate
variables



$$\max R(X, Y^*)$$

s.t.

$$g_i \leq 0$$

$$Y = Y^*$$

Additional equality constraints

Example DSM (IDF)

SO	\mathbf{x}, y_2^*	\mathbf{x}, y_1^*	\mathbf{x}, y_1^*, y_2^*
$y_1, r_1 = y_1^* - y_1$	$y_1 = x_1^2 + x_2 + x_3 - 0.2y_2^*$		
$y_2, r_2 = y_2^* - y_2$		$y_2 = \sqrt{y_1^*} + x_1 + x_3$	
J			$J = x_2^2 + x_3 + y_1^* + e^{-y_2^*}$

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J	<div>2 additional constraints and more variables to handle, But no more loop</div>		$J = x_2^2 + x_3 + y_1^* + e^{-y_2^*}$

Assignment

- *Work out the earlier presented example problem in an IDF optimization scheme in MatLab*