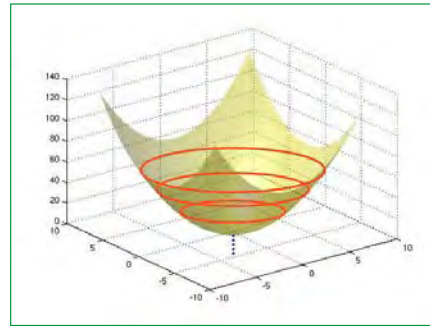


# Minimization of Static Cost Functions

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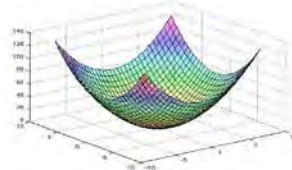
- $J$  = Static cost function with control parameter vector,  $\mathbf{u}$
- Conditions for a minimum in  $J$  with respect to  $\mathbf{u}$
- Analytical and numerical solutions



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## Static Cost Function



- Minimum value of the cost,  $J$ , is fixed, but may be unknown
- Corresponding control parameter,  $\mathbf{u}^*$ , also is fixed but possibly unknown
- Cost function preferably has
  - Single minimum
  - Locally smooth, monotonic contours away from the minimum

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# Vector Norms for Real Variables

- “**Norm**” = Measure of length or magnitude of a vector,  $\mathbf{x}$ 
  - **Scalar quantity**

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\dim(\mathbf{x}) = n \times 1$

- **Taxicab or Manhattan norm**

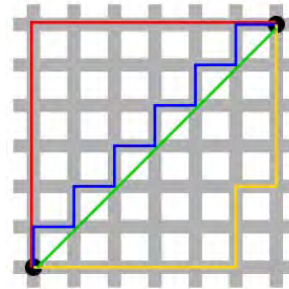
$$L^1 \text{ norm} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

- **Euclidean or Quadratic Norm**

$$L^2 \text{ norm} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x})^{1/2} = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{1/2}$$

- **$p$  Norm**

$$L^p \text{ norm} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$



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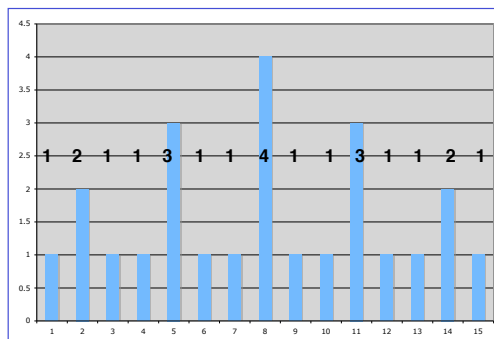
## $p$ Norm Example

$$L^p \text{ norm} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

- **$p$  norms of the vector**

$p$	$L^p$
1	24.0000
2	7.2111
4	4.6312
8	4.0957
16	4.0050
32	4.0000

- **15-dimensional vector**



- **As  $p$  increases, the norm approaches the value of the maximum component of the vector**

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# “Apples and Oranges” Problem

- Suppose elements of  $\mathbf{x}$  represent quantities with different units

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Velocity, } m/s \\ \text{Angle, } rad \\ \dots \\ \text{Temperature, } ^\circ K \end{bmatrix}$$



- What is a reasonable definition for the norm?
- One solution: Vector,  $\mathbf{y}$ , normalized by ranges of elements of  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \dots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} d_1 x_1 \\ d_2 x_2 \\ \dots \\ d_n x_n \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} x_1 / (x_{1_{\max}} - x_{1_{\min}}) \\ x_2 / (x_{2_{\max}} - x_{2_{\min}}) \\ \dots \\ x_n / (x_{n_{\max}} - x_{n_{\min}}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & d_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}$$

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## Weighted Euclidean (Quadratic) Norm of $\mathbf{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 &= (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y})^{1/2} = (y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_m^2)^{1/2} \\ &= (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{x})^{1/2} = \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

$\dim(\mathbf{y}) = m \times 1$   
 $\dim(\mathbf{x}) = n \times 1$   
 $\dim(\mathbf{D}) = m \times n$

- If  $m = n$ ,
  - $\mathbf{D}$  is square
  - $\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D}$  is square and symmetric
- If  $\mathbf{D}$  is diagonal
  - $\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D}$  is diagonal

- If  $m \neq n$ ,
  - $\mathbf{D}$  is not square
  - $\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D}$  is square and symmetric
- $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{D}) \leq m, n > m$
- $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{D}) \leq n, n < m$

## Rank of Matrix **D**

- Maximal number of linearly independent rows or columns of **D**
- Order of the largest non-zero minor of **D**
- **Examples**

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{bmatrix}; \text{ maximal rank } \leq 2$$

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## Quadratic Forms

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{x} \triangleq \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} = \text{Quadratic form}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} \triangleq \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D} = \text{Defining matrix of the quadratic form}$$

- $\dim(\mathbf{Q}) = n \times n$
- **Q** is symmetric
- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}$  is a scalar

- $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{Q}) \leq m, n > m$
- $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{Q}) \leq n, n < m$

- **Useful identity for the trace of the quadratic form**

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T)$$

$$[(1 \times n)(n \times n)(n \times 1)] = [(1 \times 1)] = \text{Tr}(1 \times 1) = \text{Tr}[(n \times n)] = \text{Tr}[(n \times n)] = \text{Scalar}$$

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# Why are Quadratic Forms Useful?

## 2 x 2 example

$$\begin{aligned} J &= [\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= q_{11}x_1^2 + q_{22}x_2^2 + (q_{12} + q_{21})x_1x_2 \\ &= q_{11}x_1^2 + q_{22}x_2^2 + 2q_{12}x_1x_2 \text{ for symmetric matrix} \end{aligned}$$

- **Asymmetric  $\mathbf{Q}$  can always be replaced by a symmetric  $\mathbf{Q}$**
- **Large values are weighted more heavily than small values**
- **Some terms can count more than others**
- **Coupling between terms can be considered**
- **Gradient is well-defined everywhere**

$$\partial J / \partial \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial J / \partial x_1 & \partial J / \partial x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2q_{11}x_1 + 2q_{12}x_2) & (2q_{22}x_2 + 2q_{12}x_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

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## *Definiteness*

## Definiteness of a Matrix

If  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \neq 0$

- a) The scalar is **definitely positive**
- b) The matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a **positive definite matrix**

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \neq 0$

$\mathbf{Q}$  is a **positive semi-definite matrix**

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} < 0$  for all  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \neq 0$

$\mathbf{Q}$  is a **negative definite matrix**

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Positive-Definite Matrix

- $\mathbf{Q}$  is **positive-definite** if
  - All leading principal minor determinants are **positive**
  - All **eigenvalues** are **real and positive**

**3 x 3 example**

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} & q_{13} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} & q_{23} \\ q_{31} & q_{32} & q_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_{11} > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} \end{vmatrix} > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} & q_{13} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} & q_{23} \\ q_{31} & q_{32} & q_{33} \end{vmatrix} > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Q}) &= s^3 + a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0 \\ &= (s - \lambda_1)(s - \lambda_2)(s - \lambda_3) \\ \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

What's an eigenvalue?

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# Characteristic Polynomial

Characteristic polynomial of a matrix, **F**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}| &= \det(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}) = \text{Scalar} \\
 &\equiv \Delta(s) = s^n + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1s + a_0 \\
 &= s^n - \text{Tr}(\mathbf{F})s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1s + a_0
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}) = \begin{pmatrix} (s - f_{11}) & -f_{12} & \dots & -f_{1n} \\ -f_{21} & (s - f_{22}) & \dots & -f_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -f_{n1} & -f_{n2} & \dots & (s - f_{nn}) \end{pmatrix} \quad (n \times n)$$

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## Eigenvalues

Characteristic equation of the matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(s) &= s^n + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1s + a_0 \equiv 0 \\
 &= (s - \lambda_1)(s - \lambda_2)(\dots)(s - \lambda_n) \equiv 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_i \text{ are solutions that set } \Delta(s) = 0$$

- They are called
  - the **eigenvalues** of **F**
  - the **roots** of the characteristic polynomial

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{n-1} &= ? \\
 a_0 &= ?
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{n-1} &= -\text{Tr}(\mathbf{F}) \\
 a_0 &= (-1)^i \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i
 \end{aligned}$$

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# Examples of Positive Definite Matrices

## Inertia matrix of a rigid body

$$\mathbf{I} = \int_{Body} \begin{bmatrix} (y^2 + z^2) & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & (x^2 + z^2) & -yz \\ -xz & -yz & (x^2 + y^2) \end{bmatrix} dm = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & -I_{xy} & -I_{xz} \\ -I_{xy} & I_{yy} & -I_{yz} \\ -I_{xz} & -I_{yz} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Diagonal matrix with positive elements

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{H}_I^a(\phi, \theta, \psi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \psi & \cos \theta \sin \psi & -\sin \theta \\ -\cos \phi \sin \psi + \sin \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi & \cos \phi \cos \psi + \sin \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi & \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ \sin \phi \sin \psi + \cos \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi & -\sin \phi \cos \psi + \cos \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi & \cos \phi \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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*Conditions for a Static Minimum*

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# The Static Minimization Problem

- Find the value of a continuous control parameter,  $\mathbf{u}$ , that minimizes a continuous scalar cost junction,  $J$
- Single control parameter

$$\min_{wrt\ u} J(u); \quad \dim(J) = 1, \quad \dim(u) = 1$$

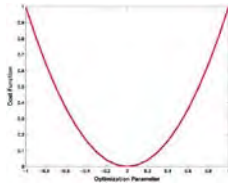
$$u^* = \arg \min_u J(u)$$

- Many control parameters

$$\min_{wrt\ \mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u}); \quad \dim(J) = 1, \quad \dim(\mathbf{u}) = m \times 1$$

$$\mathbf{u}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u})$$

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## Necessary Condition for Static Optimality

- Single control

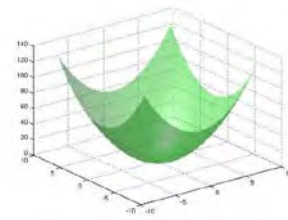
$$\left. \frac{dJ}{du} \right|_{u=u^*} = 0$$

- i.e., the slope is zero at the optimum point
- Example:

$$\begin{aligned} J &= (u - 4)^2 \\ \frac{dJ}{du} &= 2(u - 4) \\ &= 0 \quad \text{when } u^* = 4 \end{aligned}$$

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# Necessary Condition for Static Optimality



- Multiple controls

$$\left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_m} \end{array} \right]_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} = \mathbf{0}$$

**Gradient,**  
defined as a  
row vector

- i.e., **all** the slopes are concurrently zero at the optimum point
- Example:

$$J = (u_1 - 4)^2 + (u_2 - 8)^2$$

$$\frac{dJ}{du_1} = 2(u_1 - 4) = 0 \quad \text{when } u_1^* = 4$$

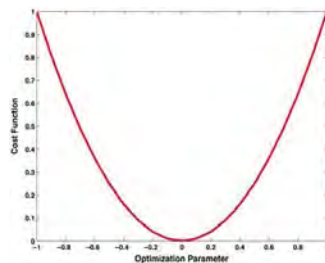
$$\frac{dJ}{du_2} = 2(u_2 - 8) = 0 \quad \text{when } u_2^* = 8$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_2} \end{array} \right]_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

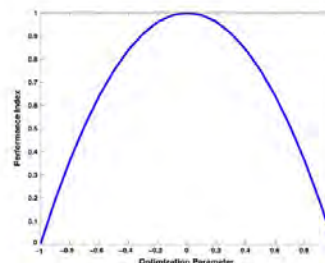
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## ... But the Slope can be Zero for More than One Reason

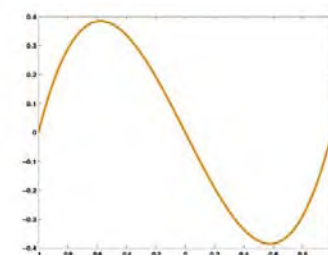
- Minimum



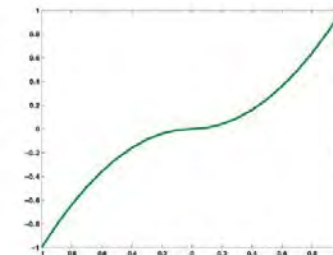
- Maximum



- Either



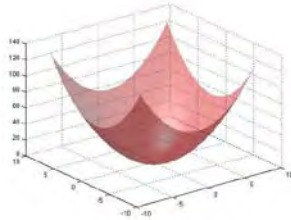
- Neither (Inflection Point)



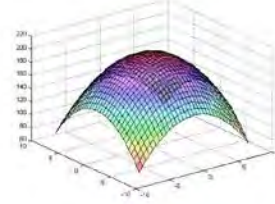
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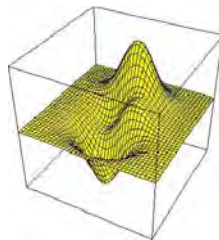
- **Minimum**



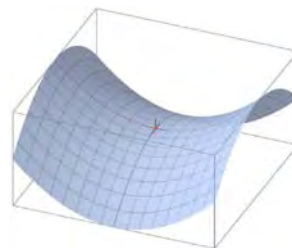
- **Maximum**



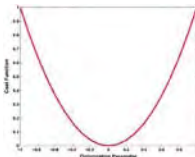
- **Either**



- **Neither (Saddle Point)**

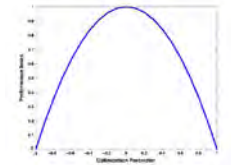


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## Sufficient Condition for Extremum

### Single control



- **Minimum**

- Satisfy necessary condition
- **plus**

$$\left. \frac{d^2 J}{du^2} \right|_{u=u^*} > 0$$

- i.e., the curvature is **positive** at the optimum point

- **Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} J &= (u - 4)^2 \\ \frac{dJ}{du} &= 2(u - 4) \\ \frac{d^2 J}{du^2} &= 2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

- **Maximum**

- Satisfy necessary condition
- **plus**

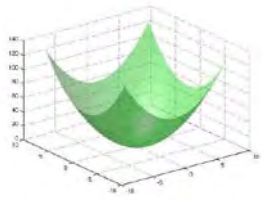
$$\left. \frac{d^2 J}{du^2} \right|_{u=u^*} < 0$$

- i.e., the curvature is **negative** at the optimum point

- **Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} J &= -(u - 4)^2 \\ \frac{dJ}{du} &= -2(u - 4) \\ \frac{d^2 J}{du^2} &= -2 < 0 \end{aligned}$$

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# Sufficient Condition for a Minimum

Multiple controls

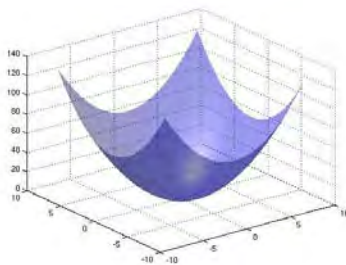
- Satisfy necessary condition

– plus

**Hessian matrix**

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_1 \partial u_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_1 \partial u_m} \\ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_2 \partial u_1} & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_2 \partial u_m} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_m \partial u_1} & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_m \partial u_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_m^2} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} > \mathbf{0}$$

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# Minimized Cost Function, $J^*$

- Gradient is zero at the minimum
- Hessian matrix is positive-definite at the minimum

$$J(\mathbf{u}^* + \Delta \mathbf{u}) \approx J(\mathbf{u}^*) + \Delta J(\mathbf{u}^*) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 J(\mathbf{u}^*) + \dots$$

$$\Delta J(\mathbf{u}^*) = \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right]_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} \Delta \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\Delta^2 J(\mathbf{u}^*) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{u}^T \left[ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \right]_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} \Delta \mathbf{u} \geq 0$$

- First variation is zero at the minimum
- Second variation is positive at the minimum

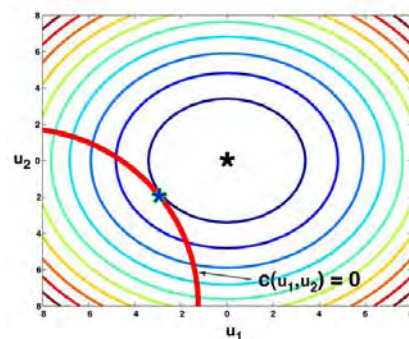
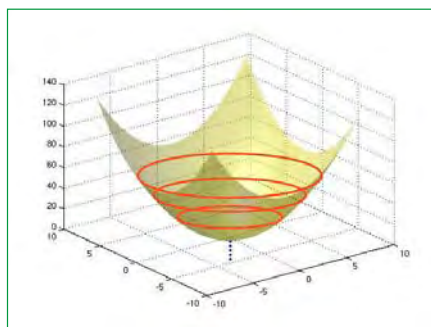
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# Equality Constraints

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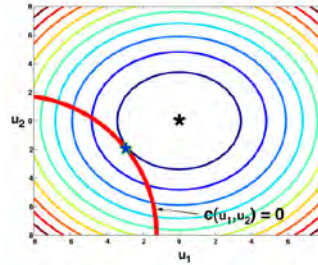
## Static Cost Functions with Equality Constraints

- Minimize  $J(u')$ , subject to  $c(u') = 0$ 
  - $\dim(c) = [n \times 1]$
  - $\dim(u') = [(m + n) \times 1]$



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# Two Approaches to Static Optimization with a Constraint



1. Use constraint to reduce control dimension

$$\mathbf{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example :  $\min_{u_1, u_2} J$  subject to

$$c(\mathbf{u}') = c(u_1, u_2) = 0 \rightarrow u_2 = fcn(u_1)$$

then

$$J(\mathbf{u}') = J(u_1, u_2) = J[u_1, fcn(u_1)] = J'(u_1)$$

2. Augment the cost function to recognize the constraint

Lagrange multiplier,  $\lambda$ , is an unknown constant

$$\dim(\lambda) = \dim(c) = n \times 1$$

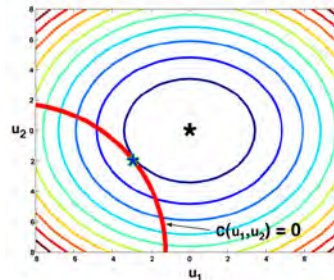
$$J_A(\mathbf{u}') = J(\mathbf{u}') + \lambda^T c(\mathbf{u}')$$

## Warning

Lagrange multiplier,  $\lambda$ , is not the same as an eigenvalue,  $\lambda$

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## Solution Example: First Approach



Cost function

$$J = u_1^2 - 2u_1u_2 + 3u_2^2 - 40$$

Constraint

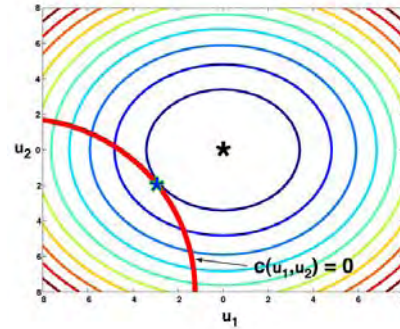
$$c = u_2 - u_1 - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore u_2 = u_1 + 2$$

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## Solution Example: Reduced Control Dimension

Cost function and gradient  
with substitution

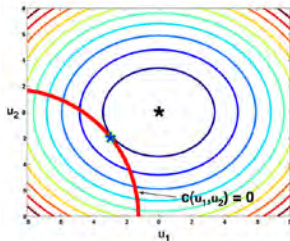


$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= u_1^2 - 2u_1u_2 + 3u_2^2 - 40 \\
 &= u_1^2 - 2u_1(u_1 + 2) + 3(u_1 + 2)^2 - 40 \\
 &= 2u_1^2 + 8u_1 - 28 \\
 \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_1} &= 4u_1 + 8 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Optimal  
solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1^* &= -2 \\
 u_2^* &= 0 \\
 J^* &= -36
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Solution: Second Approach

- Partition  $\mathbf{u}'$  into a state,  $\mathbf{x}$ , and a control,  $\mathbf{u}$ , such that

- $\dim(\mathbf{x}) = [n \times 1] = \dim(\mathbf{c})$
- $\dim(\mathbf{u}) = [m \times 1]$

$$\mathbf{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{u} \end{bmatrix}$$

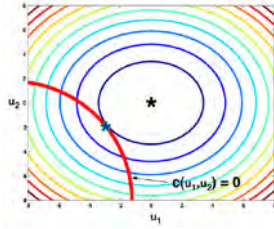
- Add constraint to the cost function, weighted by Lagrange multiplier,  $\lambda$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_A(\mathbf{u}') &= J(\mathbf{u}') + \lambda^T \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{u}') \\
 J_A(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) &= J(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) + \lambda^T \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{c}$  is required to be zero when  $J_A$  is a minimum

$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{u}') = \mathbf{c} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

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## Solution: Adjoin Constraint with Lagrange Multiplier

Gradients with respect to  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  are zero at the optimum point

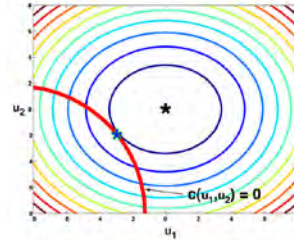
$$\frac{\partial J_A}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{\partial J_A}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{\partial J_A}{\partial \boldsymbol{\lambda}} = \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

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## Simultaneous Solutions for State and Control



$(2n + m)$  values must be found:  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$

- **First equation:** form for optimizing Lagrange multiplier ( $n$  scalar equations)
- **Second and third equations:**  $(n + m)$  scalar equations that specify the state and control

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{*T} = -\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^{-1} \quad [\text{Row}]$$

or

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^* = -\left[ \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^{-1} \right]^T \left( \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T \quad [\text{Column}]$$

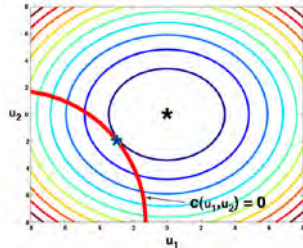
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{*T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} - \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$$

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## Solution Example: Lagrange Multiplier

- Cost function

$$J = u^2 - 2xu + 3x^2 - 40$$

- Constraint

$$c = x - u - 2 = 0$$

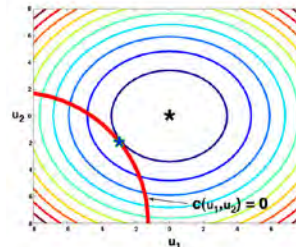
- Partial derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial x} &= -2u + 6x \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial u} &= 2u - 2x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} &= 1 \\ \frac{\partial c}{\partial u} &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

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## Solution Example: Lagrange Multiplier



- From first equation

$$\lambda^* = 2u - 6x$$

- From second equation

$$\begin{aligned} (2u - 2x) + (2u - 6x)(-1) \\ \therefore x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- From constraint

$$u = -2$$

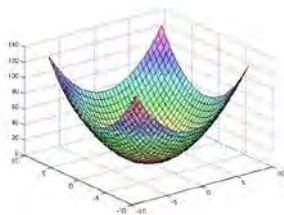
**Optimal solution**

$$\begin{aligned} x^* &= 0 \\ u^* &= -2 \\ J^* &= -36 \end{aligned}$$

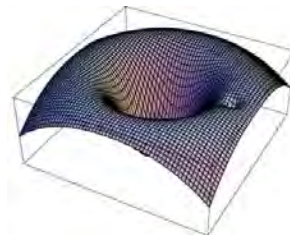
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# Numerical Optimization

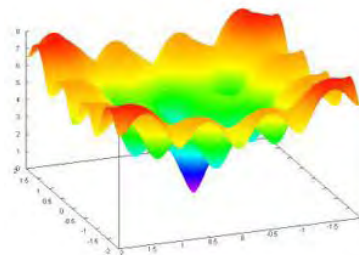
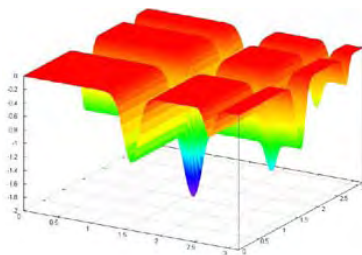
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## Numerical Optimization

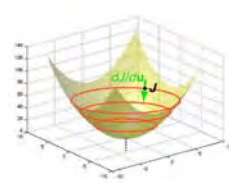


- What if  $J$  is too complicated to find an analytical solution for the minimum?
- ... or  $J$  has multiple minima?
- Use numerical optimization to find local and/or global solutions



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## Two Approaches to Numerical Minimization



- Evaluate  $\partial J / \partial \mathbf{u}$  and search for zero [Gradient-Based Search]

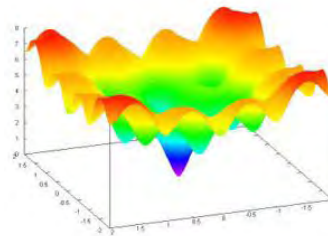
$$\left( \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right)_0 = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_0} = \text{starting guess}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right)_n = \left( \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right)_{n-1} + \Delta \left( \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right)_n = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_n} \quad \text{such that} \quad \left| \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_n < \left| \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{n-1}$$

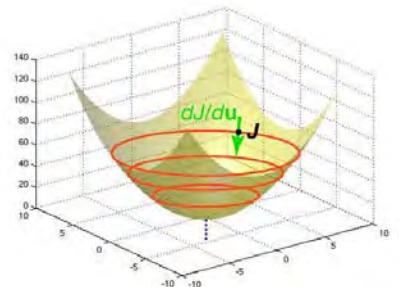
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## Gradient-Free vs. Gradient-Based Searches

- $J$  is a scalar
- $J$  provides no search direction
- Search may provide a global minimum

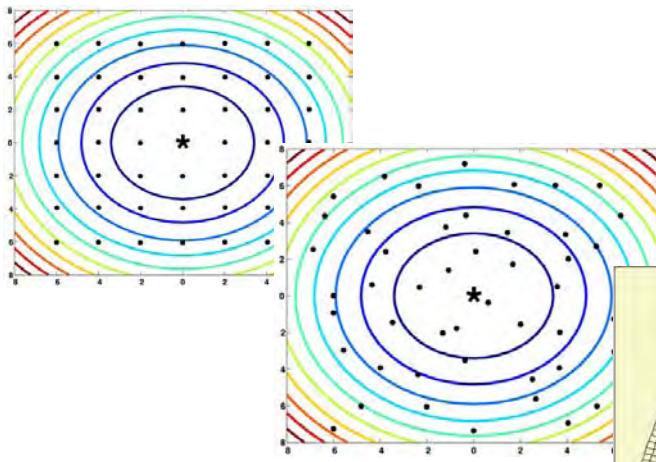


- $\partial J / \partial \mathbf{u}$  is a vector
- $\partial J / \partial \mathbf{u}$  indicates feasible search direction
- Search defines a local minimum



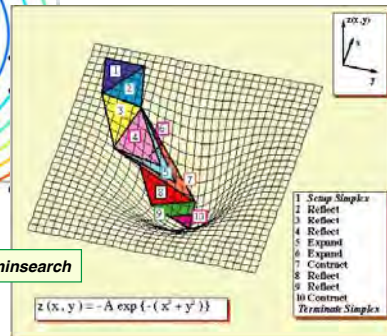
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# Gradient-Free Search (Based on $J$ )



- Exhaustive grid search
- Unstructured random search
- Downhill-Simplex (Nelder-Mead) algorithm

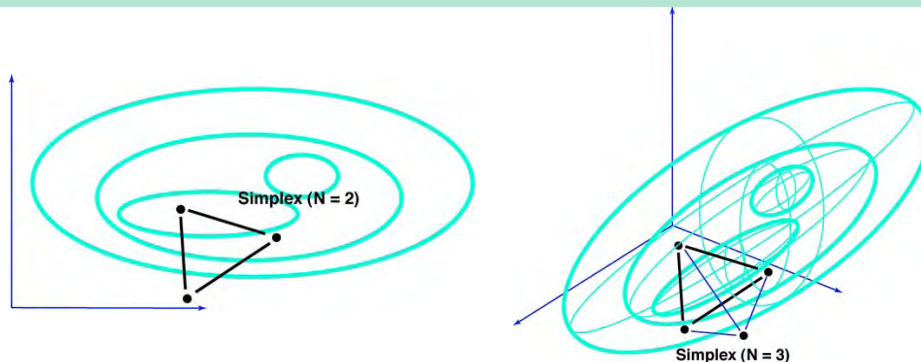
MATLAB's `fminsearch`



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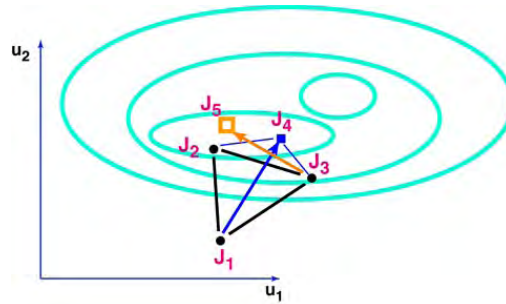
## Downhill Simplex Search (Nelder-Mead Algorithm)

- **Simplex:**  $N$ -dimensional figure in control space defined by
  - $N + 1$  vertices
  - $(N + 1) N / 2$  straight edges between vertices



# Search Procedure for Downhill Simplex Method

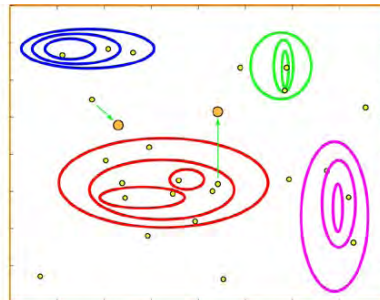
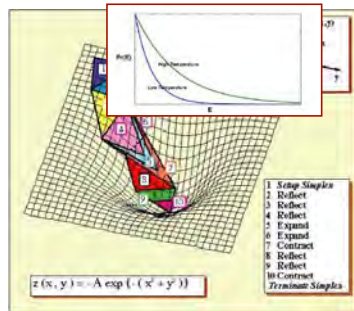
- Select starting set of vertices
- Evaluate cost at each vertex
- Determine vertex with largest cost (e.g.,  $J_1$  at right)



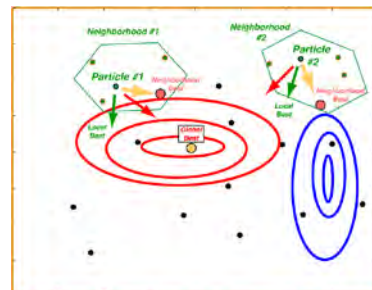
- Project search from this vertex through middle of opposite face (or edge for  $N = 2$ )
- Evaluate cost at new vertex (e.g.,  $J_4$  at right)
- Drop  $J_1$  vertex, and form simplex with new vertex
- Repeat until cost is small

*Humanoid Walker optimized via Nelder-Mead*  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcYPLR\\_j5dg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcYPLR_j5dg)

## Gradient-Free Search



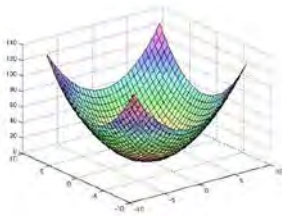
- **Structured random search**
  - Nelder-Mead (Downhill Simplex) algorithm
  - Simulated annealing
    - shown as modification to D-S method
  - Genetic algorithm
    - crossover, reproduction, mutation of parameter codes
  - Particle-swarm optimization
    - positions and velocities of parameter swarm



# MATLAB Implementations of Gradient-Free Search

- Nelder-Mead (Downhill Simplex) algorithm
  - <http://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/fminsearch.html>
- Simulated annealing
  - <http://www.mathworks.com/help/gads/simulated-annealing.html>
- Genetic algorithm
  - <http://www.mathworks.com/help/gads/genetic-algorithm.html>
  - Example: edit gaconstrained
- Particle-swarm optimization
  - <http://www.mathworks.com/help/gads/particle-swarm.html>

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## Gradient Search to Minimize a Quadratic Function

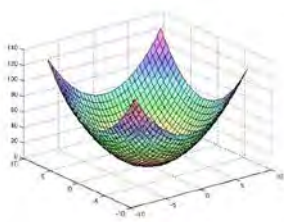
- Cost function, gradient, and Hessian matrix of a quadratic function
- Guess a starting value of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_o$
- Solve gradient equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*)^T \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*), \quad \mathbf{R} > 0 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{u}^{*T} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^{*T} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}^*) \\
 \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} &= (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*)^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0} \text{ when } \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^* \\
 \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} &= \mathbf{R} = \text{symmetric constant}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_o} &= (\mathbf{u}_o - \mathbf{u}^*)^T \mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{u}_o - \mathbf{u}^*)^T \left. \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_o} \\
 (\mathbf{u}_o - \mathbf{u}^*)^T &= \left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_o} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \quad (\text{row}) \\
 \mathbf{u}^* &= \mathbf{u}_o - \mathbf{R}^{-1} \left[ \left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_o} \right]^T \quad (\text{column})
 \end{aligned}$$

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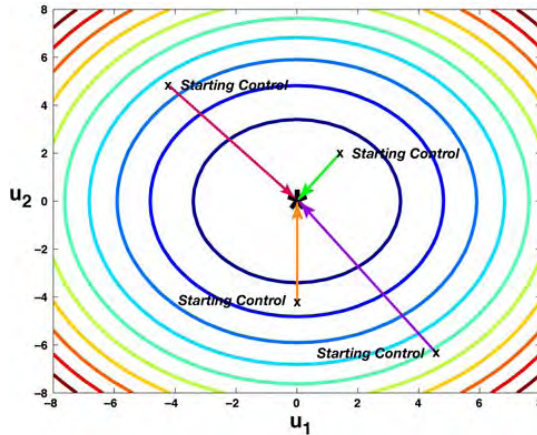
## Optimal Value Found in a Single Step

- For a quadratic cost function

$$\mathbf{u}^* = \mathbf{u}_o - \mathbf{R}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_o} \right]^T$$

$$= \mathbf{u}_o - \left[ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_o} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_o} \right]^T$$

- Gradient** establishes general search direction
- Hessian** fine-tunes direction and tells exactly how far to go



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## Numerical Example

- Cost function and derivatives

$$J = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*)^T \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*), \quad \mathbf{R} > \mathbf{0}$$

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left[ \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right\}$$

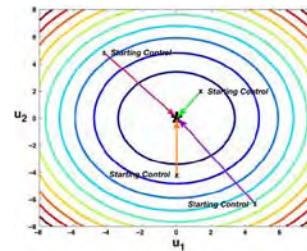
$$\left( \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right)^T = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- First guess at optimal control (details of the actual cost function are unknown)

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Derivatives evaluated at starting point

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_0} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 42 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$



**Solution from starting point**

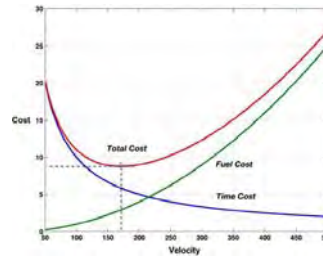
$$\mathbf{u}^* = \mathbf{u}_o - \mathbf{R}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_o} \right]^T$$

$$\mathbf{u}^* = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 9/5 & -2/5 \\ -2/5 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 42 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Newton-Raphson Iteration



- Many cost functions are not quadratic
- However, the surface is well-approximated by a quadratic in the vicinity of the optimum,  $\mathbf{u}^*$

$$J(\mathbf{u}^* + \Delta \mathbf{u}) \approx J(\mathbf{u}^*) + \Delta J(\mathbf{u}^*) + \Delta^2 J(\mathbf{u}^*) + \dots$$

$$\Delta J(\mathbf{u}^*) = \Delta \mathbf{u}^T \left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} = 0$$

$$\Delta^2 J(\mathbf{u}^*) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{u}^T \left[ \left. \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} \right] \Delta \mathbf{u} \geq 0$$

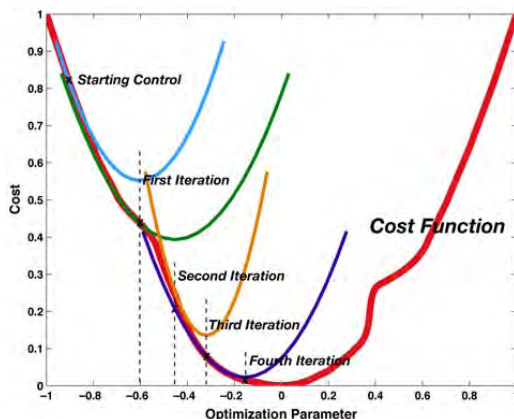
Optimal solution requires multiple steps

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# Newton-Raphson Iteration

- Newton-Raphson algorithm is an iterative search patterned after the quadratic search

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{u}_k - \left[ \left. \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^{-1} \left[ \left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^T$$



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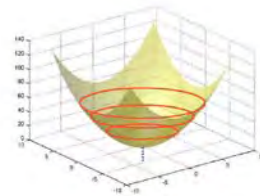
## Difficulties with Newton-Raphson Iteration

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{u}_k - \left[ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^T$$

- Good when close to the optimum, but ...
- Hessian matrix (i.e., the curvature) may be
  - Difficult to estimate from local measurements of the cost
  - May have the wrong sign (e.g., not positive-definite)
  - May lead to large errors in incremental control variation

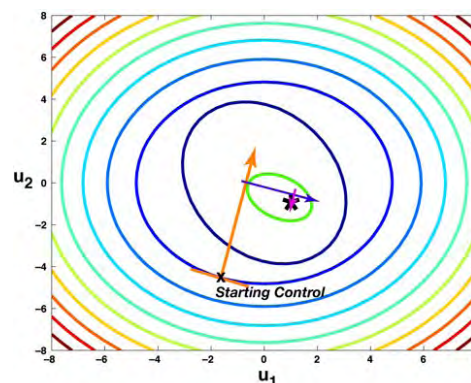
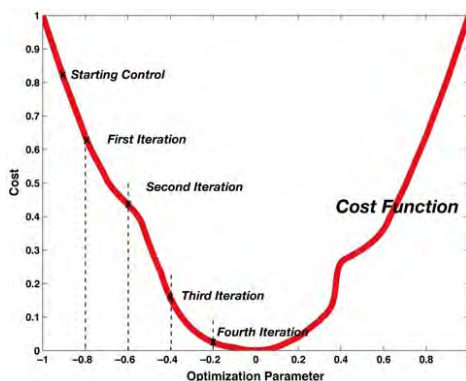
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## Steepest-Descent Algorithm Multiplies Gradient by a Scalar Constant (“Gain”)

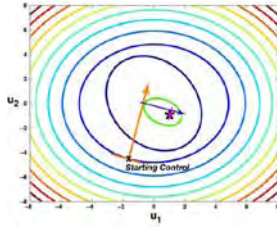


$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{u}_k - \varepsilon \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^T$$

- Replace Hessian matrix by a scalar constant
- Gradient is orthogonal to equal-cost contours

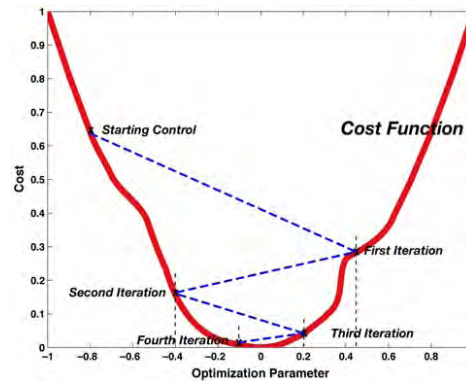
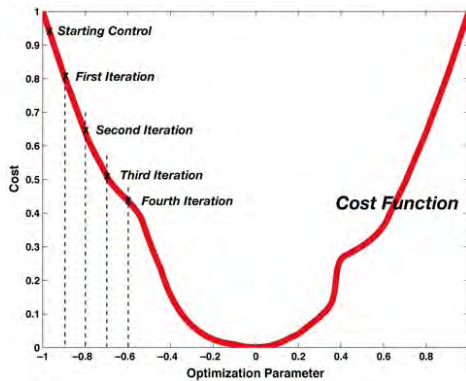


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## Choice of Steepest-Descent Constant

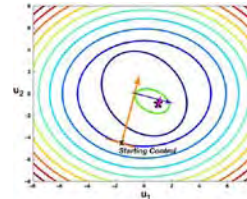
- If gain is too small
  - Convergence is slow
- If gain is too large
  - Convergence oscillates or may fail



**Solution: Make gain adaptive**

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## Optimal Steepest-Descent Gain



Find optimal gain by evaluating cost,  $J$ , for intermediate solutions (with same  $\partial J / \partial \mathbf{u}$ )

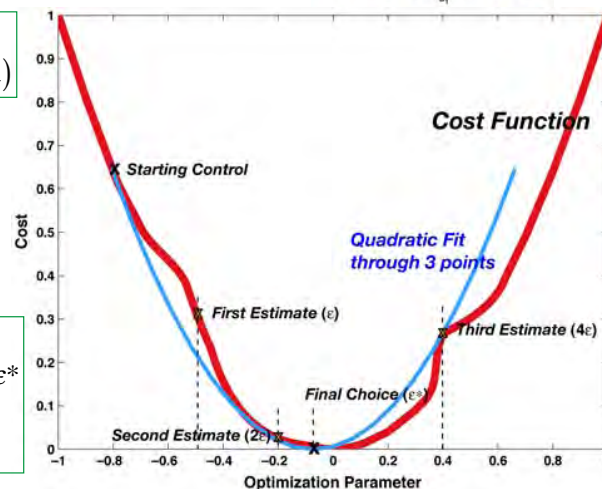
Adjustment rule for  $\varepsilon$

- Starting estimate,  $J_0$
- First estimate,  $J_1$ , using  $\varepsilon$
- Second estimate,  $J_2$ , using  $2\varepsilon$

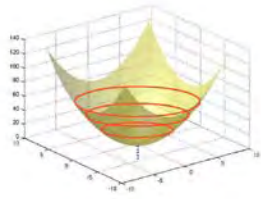
If  $J_2 > J_1$

- Quadratic fit through three points to find  $\varepsilon^*$
- Else, third estimate,  $J_3$ , using  $4\varepsilon$
- ...

Use optimal gain,  $\varepsilon^*$ , on each major iteration



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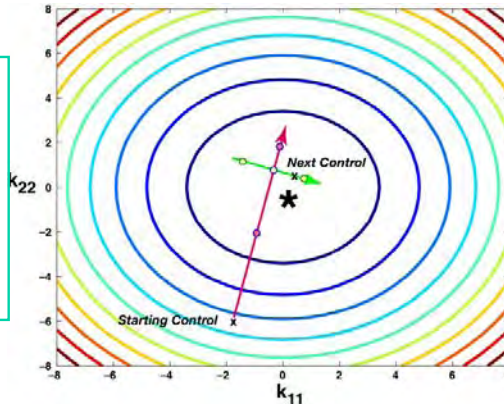


## Generalized Direct Search Algorithm

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1}(t) = \mathbf{u}_k(t) - \mathbf{K}_k \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_k^T$$

- Choose optimal elements of  $\mathbf{K}$  by sequential line search before recalculating the gradient

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & k_{22} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Ad Hoc Modifications to the Newton-Raphson Search

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{u}_k - \varepsilon \left[ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^T, \quad \varepsilon < 1$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{u}_k - \left[ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_1^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_m^2} \end{bmatrix} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^T$$

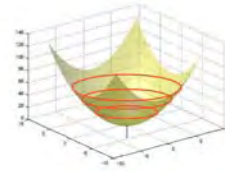
$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{u}_k - \left[ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} + \mathbf{K} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^T, \quad \mathbf{K} > 0, \text{ diagonal}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{u}_k - \left[ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} + \varepsilon \mathbf{I} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}_k} \right]^T$$

← With varying  $\varepsilon$ , this is the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm

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# Conjugate Gradient Algorithm



- First step

$$\mathbf{u}_1(t) = \mathbf{u}_k(t) - \mathbf{K}_0 \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_0^T$$

- Calculate ratio of integrated gradient magnitudes squared

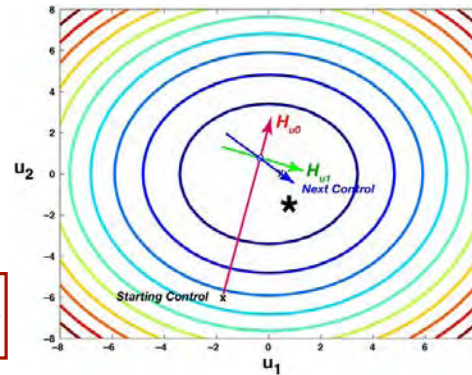
$$b = \frac{\int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_1^T \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_1 dt}{\int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_0^T \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_0 dt}$$

- Second step

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1}(t) = \mathbf{u}_2(t) = \mathbf{u}_1(t) - \mathbf{K}_1 \left\{ \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_1^T - b \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_0^T \right\}$$

- Calculate gradient of improved trajectory

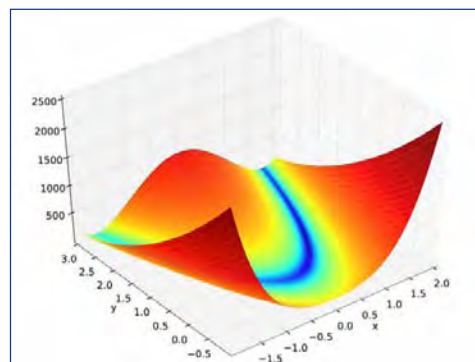
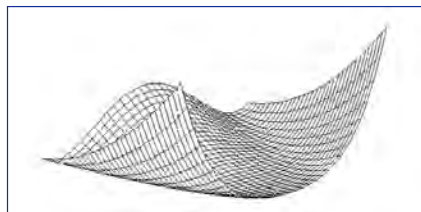
$$\left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(t) \right]_1^T$$



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## Rosenbrock Function

- Typical test function for numerical optimization algorithms



$$J(u_1, u_2) = (1 - u_1)^2 + 100(u_2 - u_1^2)^2$$

- Wolfram Alpha

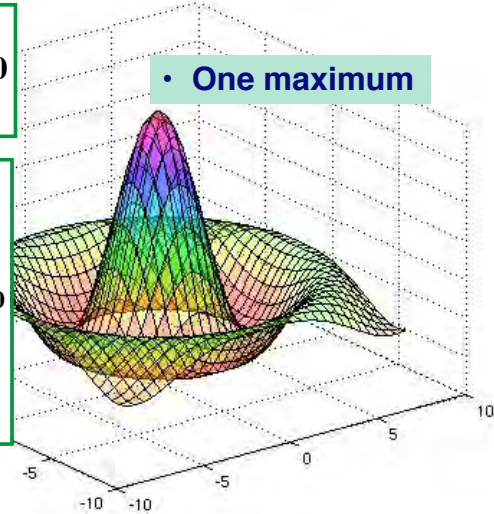
- Plot (D ((1-u1)^2+100 (u2 - u1^2)^2, u1), D ((1-u1)^2+100 (u2 - u1^2)^2, u2))
- Minimize[(1-u1)^2+100 (u2 - u1^2)^2, u1, u2]

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## How Many Maxima/Minima does the “Mexican Hat” $[z = (\sin R)/R]$ Have?

$$\left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_m} \end{bmatrix} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2} \right|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_1 \partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_1 \partial u_m} \\ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_2 \partial u_1} & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_2^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_2 \partial u_m} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_m \partial u_1} & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_m \partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u_m^2} \end{bmatrix} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*} \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} \mathbf{0}$$



### • Wolfram Alpha

- $(\sin(\sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2})) / (\sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2})$
- $\text{maximize}(\sin(\sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2})) / (\sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2})$

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*Next Time:*  
*Principles for Optimal Control*  
*of Dynamic Systems*

*Reading:*  
*OCE: Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.4*

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# Supplemental Material

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## Infinity Norm

- $\infty$  Norm
  - As  $p \rightarrow \infty$
  - Norm is the value of the maximum component

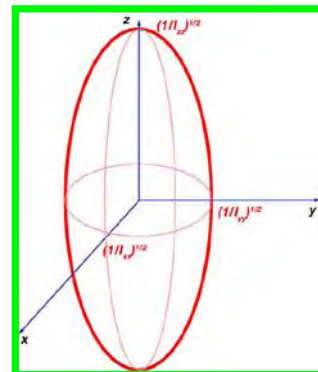
$$L^p \text{ norm} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^\infty \right)^{1/\infty} = x_{i_{\max}} = L^\infty \text{ norm}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\dim(\mathbf{x}) = n \times 1$

- Also called
  - Supremum norm
  - Chebyshev norm
  - Uniform norm

$$L^\infty \text{ norm} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max \{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_n|\}$$



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