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Optimization

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Content

- ▶ Unconstrained vs Constrained optimization
- ▶ Types of Optimizations problems:
 - ▶ Linear programming (LP)
 - ▶ Quadratic programming (QP)
 - ▶ Nonlinear programming (NLP)
 - ▶ Dynamic optimization as an NLP
- ▶ Overview of Numerical solution approaches

Learning outcomes

Introduction to optimization and different forms of optimization

- ▶ The students are expected to learn
 - ▶ Different types of optimization problems and their application
 - ▶ KKT Conditions for finding an optimal solution
 - ▶ Overview of Line search and trust region for numerical optimization

Optimization

Elements

- ▶ Mathematical Optimization (or Mathematical Programming):
Select a best option or a set of options from the available set

- ▶ Consider an optimization problem with decision variables
 $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{x} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\max_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

- ▶ $f(\mathbf{x})$ is called *cost function* or *objective function* or *loss function*
- ▶ $\mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \leq 1$ are *constraints*

Optimization

Some Problems in ML/DL

- ▶ Regression Analysis: Given a dataset (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) , fit a function form $f(\mathbf{X}, \theta) : \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$$\min_{\theta} \|\mathbf{y} - f(\mathbf{X}, \theta)\|_2^2$$

- ▶ Classification Problems: Given (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) , fit a function form $f(\mathbf{X}, \theta) : \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^p \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$$\min_{\theta} -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i \log(p_i(\mathbf{x}, \theta)) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - p_i(\mathbf{x}, \theta)))$$

where $p_i(\dots)$ is the probability of the class 1.

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Constraints

- ▶ Types of constraints
 - ▶ Linear Constraints

$$\mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \quad (\text{Inequality})$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{eq}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_{eq} \quad (\text{Equality})$$

- ▶ Inequality Constraints

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{Inequality})$$

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{Equality})$$

- ▶ Bounds: $\mathbf{x}_{lb} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}_{ub}$
- ▶ $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}$ For example, $\mathcal{S} = \{-1, 0, 1\}$

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Types

- ▶ Types based constraints: (i) Unconstrained optimization and (ii) Constrained Optimization; (i) Static optimization and (ii) Dynamic optimization
- ▶ Types of function or variable set smoothness: (i) Continuous Optimization, and (ii) Integer optimization
- ▶ Types of function and constraints
 - ▶ Linear Programming (LP)
 - ▶ Quadratic Programming (QP)
 - ▶ Nonlinear Programming (NLP) or Nonlinear Optimization
 - ▶ Mixed Integer LP or NLP

Optimization

- ▶ Unconstrained Optimization: x Decision variables

$$\max_x \text{ or } \min_x f(x) \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Constrained Optimization

$$\begin{aligned} \max_x \quad & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\ & \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{x} = c_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, q \\ & \mathbf{x}^{LB} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}^{UB} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

- ▶ \mathbf{x}^* denote an optimal solution

Motivation

Dynamic Optimization

- ▶ The current profit is a function of the current production ($x(t)$) and the rate of change of production ($x'(t)$)
- ▶ The continuous problem can be defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & J[x] = \int_{t=1}^T f(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)) dt \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x(t) \geq 0, \quad x(0) = x_0 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

- ▶ Objective: Find the function $x(t)$ that maximizes the functional $J[x]$
- ▶ $x^*(t)$: Optimal trajectory

Optimization

► Linear Programming

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}, \\ & \mathbf{Cx} = \mathbf{d}, \\ & \mathbf{x}^{LB} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}^{UB} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

► Quadratic Programming

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b}, \\ & \mathbf{Cx} = \mathbf{d}, \\ & \mathbf{x}^{LB} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}^{UB} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

H: Symmetric matrix

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► Nonlinear Programming

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, M, \\ & h_j(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, N \\ & \mathbf{x}^{LB} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}^{UB} \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

► Integer Quadratic Programming

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}, \\ & \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}, \\ & \text{some } \mathbf{x} \text{ are integer} \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Motivation

Static Optimization

- ▶ Static Optimization: An optimal number or finite set of numbers
- ▶ Static Optimization:

$$\max_x f(x) \tag{8}$$

- ▶ Assumptions: $f(x)$ is continuously differentiable
- ▶ First order necessary condition: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*) = 0$
- ▶ Second order necessary condition: $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \leq 0$
- ▶ Example: The operating point x^* that maximizes the profit $f(x)$, where x : # of units

Motivation

Static Optimization

► Example

$$\max_x \quad 1000000 + 4000x - x^2 \quad (9)$$

► $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*) = 0 \Rightarrow 4000 - 2x = 0$
 $x^* = 2000$

► $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -2 < 0$

Optimization

Static Optimization

- ▶ Static Optimization with several variables

$$\max_{x_1, \dots, x_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (10)$$

- ▶ Example: A plant can produce n items. Find the operating point x_1, \dots, x_n that maximizes the profit $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Motivation

Static Optimization: Detour to Some Problems in Linear Algebra

- ▶ Recall: $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ when \mathbf{b} is not in the column space spanned by \mathbf{A} .
- ▶ Projection of \mathbf{b} on the plane spanned by \mathbf{Ax}
- ▶ Error $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}$ or the closest point on the plane spanned by the columns of \mathbf{A} from \mathbf{b}
- ▶ Optimization Problem

$$\min_{x_1, \dots, x_n} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|^p$$

$$p = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$$

Motivation

Static Optimization

► Example

$$\max_x \quad 1000000 + 300x_1 + 500x_2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 \quad (11)$$

$$\text{► } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_1^*) = 0 \Rightarrow 300 - 2x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1^* = 150$$

$$\text{► } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_2^*) = 0 \Rightarrow 500 - 2x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2^* = 250$$

$$\text{► } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} = -2 < 0$$

► These conditions are correct??

► Karush-Kuhn-Tucker Conditions (KKT COnditions)

Motivation

Static Optimization

- ▶ Multi-period optimization of operating conditions
- ▶ Assumption: The production in each period t affects only profit in the period only
- ▶ At each period t , # of the item produced x_t

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{t=1}^T f(t, x_t) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_t \geq 0, \quad t = 1, \dots, T \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

- ▶ The optimal solution: a set of T numbers, x_1^*, \dots, x_T^*

Motivation

Dynamic Optimization

- ▶ The profit is affected by not only the current production but also the past one
- ▶ At period $t = 0$, # of the item produced x_0

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{t=1}^T f(t, x_t, x_{t-1}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_t \geq 0, \quad t = 1, \dots, T \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

- ▶ For continuous time??

Constrained Optimization

Equality Constraints

- ▶ Consider the following optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & h_i(x) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m\end{array}\tag{14}$$

- ▶ Constraint optimization to Unconstrained optimization
- ▶ Lagrange function with Lagrange multipliers $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$

$$L(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i h_i(x)$$

Constrained Optimization

- ▶ First-order necessary condition

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \lambda_1^* \nabla h_1(x^*) + \dots + \lambda_m^* \nabla h_m(x^*) = 0$$

$$h_i(x^*) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

- ▶ Second-order necessary condition

$$w^T L_{xx}(x^*, \lambda^*) w \geq 0, \quad \forall w \text{ such that } \nabla h_i(x^*) \cdot w = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

where

$$L_{xx}(x^*, \lambda^*) = \nabla^2 f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla^2 h_i(x^*)$$

$L_{xx}(x^*, \lambda^*)$ is positive definite on the tangent space defined by $\nabla h_i(x^*) \cdot w = 0$ the tangent space

Example: Constrained Optimization

- Problem:

$$\min_{x_1, x_2} x_1 + x_2$$

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$$\text{s.t. } x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2 = 0$$

- $\nabla f = [1, 1]^T$ $\nabla h = [2x_1, 2x_2]^T$

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Constrained Optimization: Example

KKT Conditions

- ▶ Constrained optimization problem:

$$\min f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } h_i(x) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\text{s.t. } g_j(x) \leq 0, j = 1, \dots, n$$

where f , h_i , and g_j : smooth, and real-valued functions on a subset of \mathbb{R}^n

- ▶ x is a feasible point, if it satisfies the equality and inequality constraints
- ▶ A constraint j is said to be active if $g_j(x) = 0$ at any point x
- ▶ $A(x)$: A set of all active constraints at any point x
- ▶ For a feasible point x and the active set $A(x)$, if the gradients ∇h_i , and $\nabla g_j, \forall j \in A(x)$ are linearly independent, they satisfy the Linear Independence Constraint Qualification (LICQ).

Constrained Optimization

KKT Conditions

- ▶ Lagrangian for the problem with the Lagrange multipliers λ and μ :

$$L(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i h_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j g_j(x)$$

- ▶ First order Necessary conditions (Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions): For x^* a local solution

$$\nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) = 0$$

$$h_i(x^*) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$g_j(x^*) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\lambda_i > 0, \mu_j \geq 0$$

$$\mu_j(x^*)g_j(x^*) = 0 \text{ (Complementarity condition)}$$

- ▶ Complementarity condition: Ensures $\mu_j = 0, \forall j \notin A(x)$

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- ▶ Complementarity condition: Ensures $\mu_j = 0, \forall j \notin A(x)$
- ▶ Second order necessary condition

$$w^T \nabla^2 L(x^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) w \geq 0, \forall w \in T(x^*)$$

$$T(x^*) = \{w | \nabla h_i(x^*)^T w = 0, \forall i \text{ and } \nabla g_j(x^*)^T w = 0, \forall j \in A(x^*)\}$$

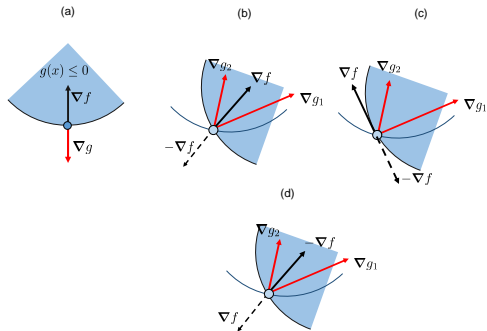
- ▶ (a) $\mu_j > 0, \forall j \in A(x^*)$: ∇f inwards: Otherwise maximization and ∇g outward: Otherwise increase inward

- ▶ $-\nabla f(x^*) = \sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j \nabla g_j(x^*)$

(b) $\mu_1, \mu_2 < 0$,

(c) $\mu_1 > 0, \mu_2 < 0$,

(d) $\mu_1, \mu_2 > 0$



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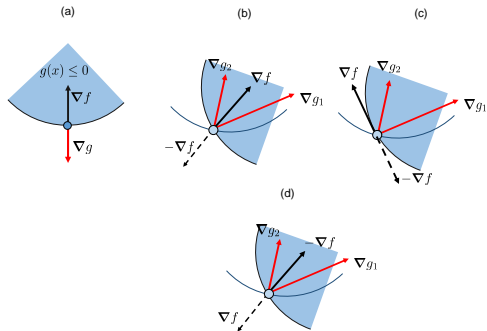
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KKT Conditions: Problem

- ▶ Optimization problem

$$\min \quad x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad x_1 + x_2 \geq 3$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad x_2 - x_1^2 \geq 1$$

- ▶ The Lagrangian function:

$$l(x, \mu_1, \mu_2) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - \mu_1(x_1 + x_2 - 3) - \mu_2(x_2 - x_1^2 - 1), \quad \mu_1, \mu_2 \geq 0$$

- ▶ KKT Conditions

1. $2x_1 - \mu_1 + 2\mu_2x_1 = 0$

2. $4x_2 - \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$

3. $x_1 + x_2 \geq 3$

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- ▶ Case 3: $\mu_1 = 0, \mu_2 > 0$ (Second constraint is active), then $(x_1^*, x_2^*) = (0, 1)$ and $\mu_2 = -1 < 0 \implies$ Violates 3 and 7
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 - ▶ $(x_1^*, x_2^*) = (-2, 5) \implies \mu_1 = +4, \mu_2 = -4$ not possible, Violates 7
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