

MORE DETAILS ON GETTING YOUR AUGMENTED LAGRANGIAN CODE WORKING.

Remember that the goal is to formulate "stand-alone" code that can solve any appropriately formulated optimization problem.

This means that for: $\min f(x)$ s.t. $C_E(x) = 0$, $C_I(x) \geq 0$ where

$$C_E(x)^T = [\dots c_i(x) \dots] \quad i \in \mathcal{E} \quad \text{and} \quad C_I(x)^T = [\dots c_i(x) \dots] \quad i \in \mathcal{I}.$$

a problem is defined by a structure variable / dictionary / class:

pr. obj → function handle to f and ∇f computation

pr. econ → function handle to C_E and $h_E = \nabla C_E$ computation

pr. icon → function handle to C_I and $h_I = \nabla C_I$ computation

pr. x₀ → initial point in \mathbb{R}^n .

pr. par → parameters necessary for computing f.g., C_E etc.
(and hyperparameters)

THIS IS ALL
that the
USER
SUPPLIES!

The problem description can be complicated because there are two distinct (but related) problems to keep track of.

pr → The user-defined problem

spr → the internally-defined unconstrained subproblem

Subproblem spr will call the Augmented Lagrangian objective function to compute $F := L_A(w, \lambda, \mu)$ and $G := \nabla_w L_A(w, \lambda, \mu)$ where $w^T = [x^T \ y^T]$
and the y's are slack variables used to convert the inequality constraints into equality constraints. ($C_I(x) \geq 0 \rightarrow C_I(x) - y^2 = 0$).

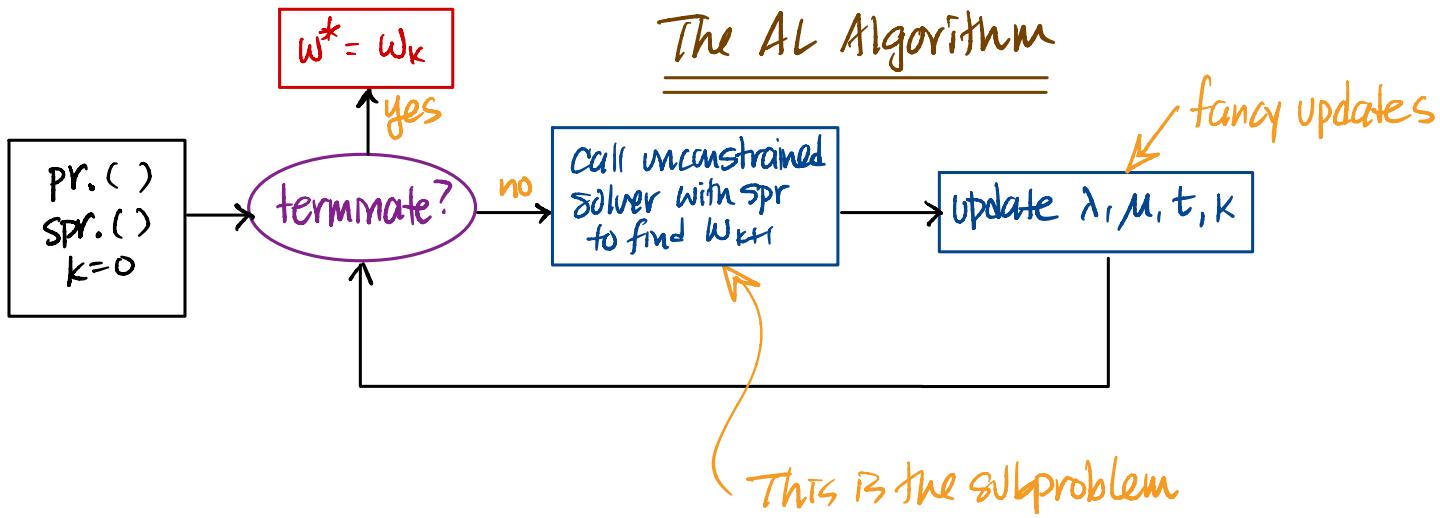
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so, ..

- SPR.Obj = @ ALOBJ
- SPR.Par = pr.Par
- SPR.Par.Obj = pr.Obj
- SPR.Par.Icon = pr.Icon
- SPR.Par.Econ = pr.Econ
- SPR.Par.Mu = mu
- SPR.Par.Lambda = lambda

← internally use this function to compute objective and gradient of L_A

with parameters it needs.



Define $C(w) = C(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} C_E(x) \\ C_I(x) - y^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$F := L_A(w; \lambda; \mu) = f(x) - \lambda^T C(w) + \frac{1}{2} \mu C(w)^T C(w)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G := \nabla_w L_A(w; \lambda; \mu) &= \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x f(x) \\ \nabla_y f(x) \end{bmatrix} - \lambda^T \begin{bmatrix} C_E(x) \\ C_I(x) - y^2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \mu \begin{bmatrix} C_E(x) \\ C_I(x) - y^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} C_E(x) \\ C_I(x) - y^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x f(x) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x C_E(x) & \nabla_x C_I(x) \\ 0 & -2y \end{bmatrix} \left(\lambda - \mu \begin{bmatrix} C_E(x) \\ C_I(x) - y^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Skeleton of ALOBJ:

this is spr.par

function $[F, G] = \text{ALOBJ}(w, p)$

$$n = \text{length}(w) - P.I$$

$$x = w(1:n); y = w(n+1:\text{end})$$

$[f, g] = p.\text{obj}(x, p)$

$[C_E, h_E] = p.\text{econ}(x, p)$

$[C_I, h_I] = p.\text{icon}(x, p)$

} calling
user-defined
functions

$$Y = \text{diag}(y)$$

$$C = [C_E; C_I - Y * Y]$$

$$F = f - \lambda' * C + (\mu/2) * C^T * C$$

$$G = [g; \text{zeros}(P.I, 1)] - [C_E \ C_I; \text{zeros}(P.I, n) - 2 * Y] * [\lambda - \mu * C]$$

return

P.I and P.E are the number of ineq./eq. constraints

This illustrates the case with
both eq. and ineq. constraints
and computing both F and G.

Notice that this is a fixed problem-independent function.

The specific user-defined problem is only in the computations
of f,g,C,E etc and defined by the user elsewhere.