

Safety Critical Control for Robotic Systems



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Lecture 2

Constrained Optimization



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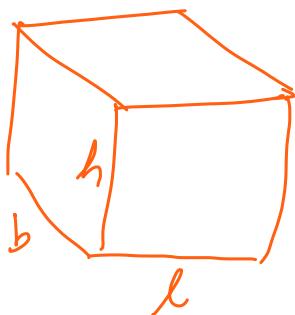
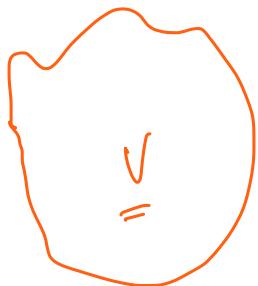
- Optimization meaning & Notation
- Feasible & Descent Directions
- KKT Conditions (First-Order)
- Examples

Note: Optimization is very vast !



What is Optimization?

The act of making the best or most effective use of a situation or resource is Optimization.



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{min } 2(lb + bh + hl) \\
 \text{s.t. } & lbh = V \\
 & l > 0 \\
 & b > 0 \\
 & h > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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Constrained Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min f(x) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Objective function}} \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, l \\
 & e_i(x) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \\
 & x \in S
 \end{aligned}$$

Constraint set / Feasible set

$h_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ← Inequality constraint fn

$e_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ← Equality constraint fn.

$f(x), h_j, e_i \leftarrow$ Sufficiently smooth.

Feasible Set: $\{x \mid x \in S, h_j(x) \leq 0, e_i(x) = 0$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \text{ & } j \in \{1, \dots, l\}\} \triangleq X$$

$$\min f(x) \text{ s.t. } x \in X$$

Global & Local Minima

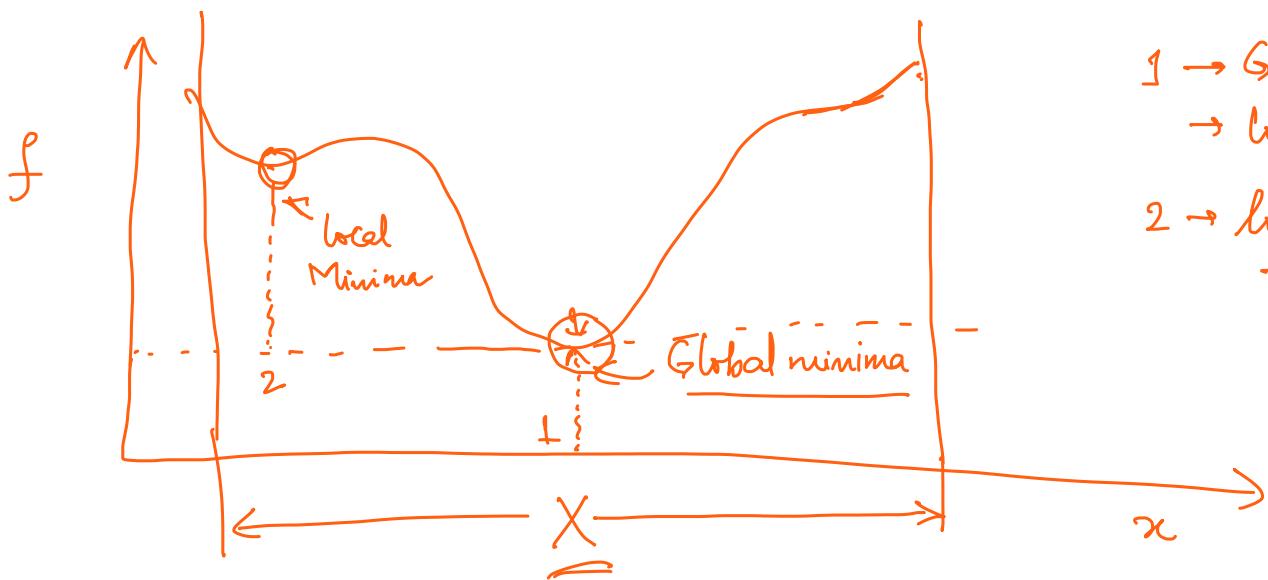
A point $x^* \in X$ is said to be a global minima of $f(x)$ over X if $f(x) \geq f(x^*)$ for $\underline{x} \in X$. $f(x) > f(x^*) \rightarrow$ strict global minima

Local Minima \rightarrow

$$\text{Def } N_\epsilon(x) = \{z \mid \|x-z\| < \epsilon\}$$

A point $x^* \in X$ is said to be a local minima of f over X and for some $\epsilon > 0$,
s.t. $f(x) \geq f(x^*) \forall x \in \underline{N_\epsilon(x) \cap X}$.

$f(x) > f(x^*) \rightarrow$ strict local minima.



- 1 \rightarrow Global minima.
- \rightarrow local minima
- 2 \rightarrow local minima

Convex Optimization Problem

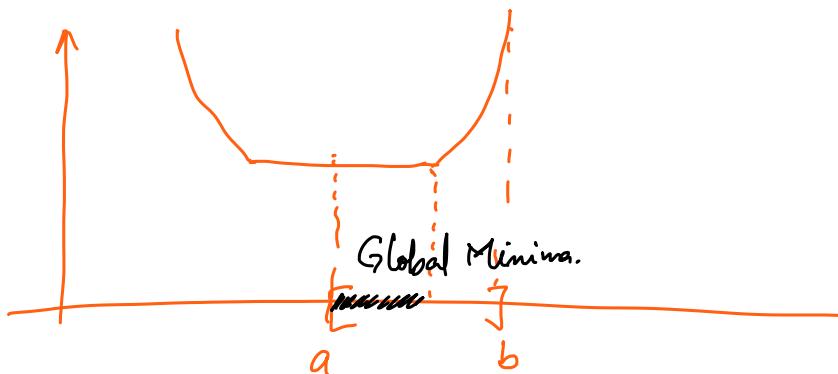
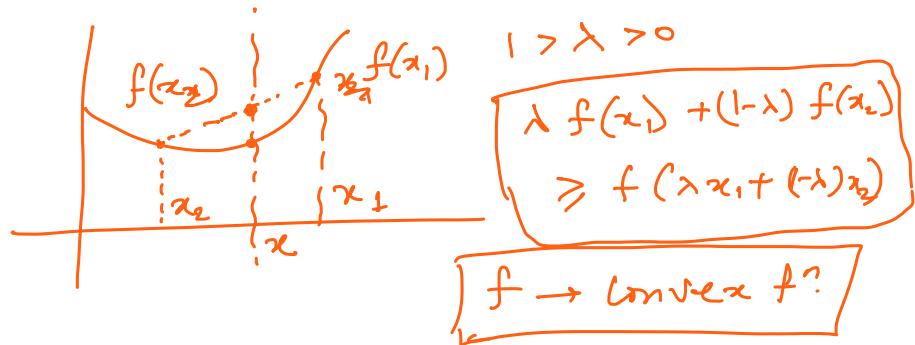
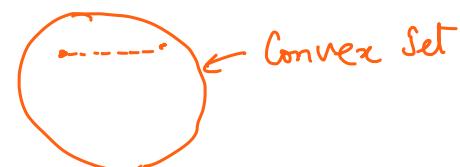
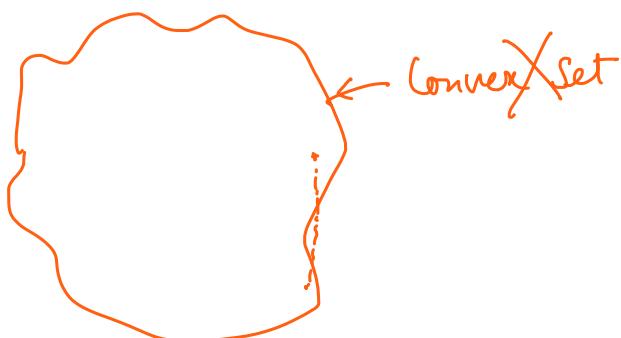
$$\begin{aligned} & \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } & h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j=1, 2, \dots, l \\ & e_i(x) = 0 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \\ & x \in S \end{aligned}$$

→ $f(x)$ is a convex fn

→ $e_i(x)$ is affine i.e. $e_i(x) = a_i^T x + b_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

→ $h_j(x)$ is a convex fn $\forall j \in \{1, \dots, l\}$

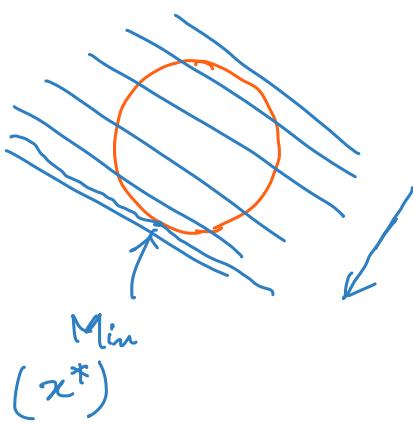
→ $S \rightarrow$ Convex Set.



$$\begin{aligned} \min & \quad \overbrace{x_1 + x_2}^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x_1 = \pm \sqrt{1 - x_2^2}$$



$$\min x_2 \pm \sqrt{1 - x_2^2}$$

$$x_2^2 \leq 1$$

$$x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$\text{s.t. } x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

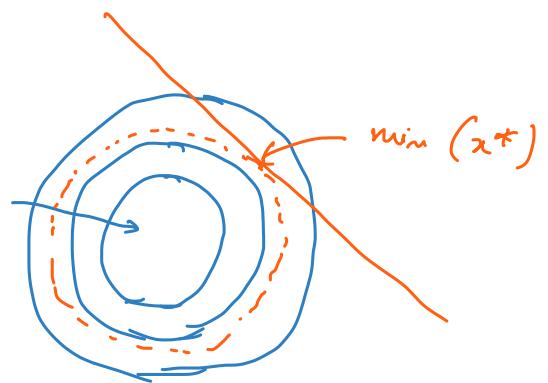
$$x_1 = 1 - x_2$$

$$\boxed{\min x_2^2 + (1 - x_2)^2}$$

$$x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2} \quad x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

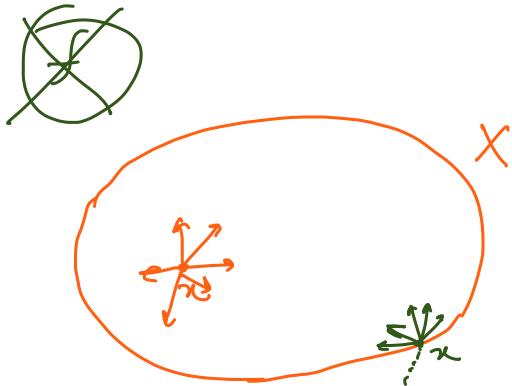
$$x^* = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \checkmark$$



Feasible and Descent Directions

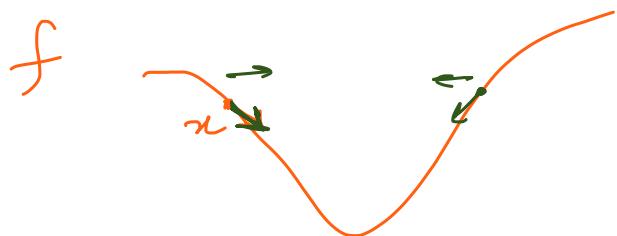
$$\begin{aligned} & \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } & x \in X. \end{aligned}$$

Feasible Direction: $\vec{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $d \neq 0 \rightarrow \delta > 0$ s.t. $x + \alpha d \in X$
 $\forall \alpha \in (0, \delta)$



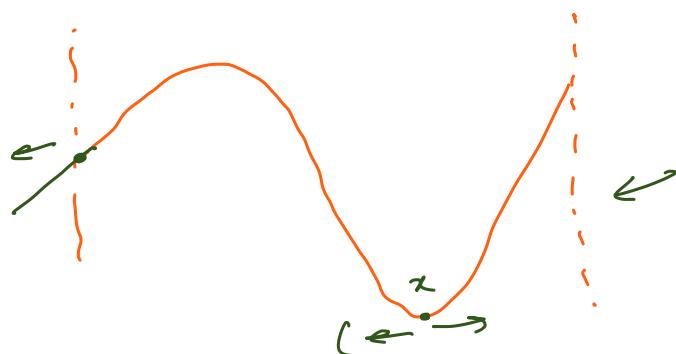
$\mathcal{F}(x) = \text{Set of all feasible directions for } x \in X.$

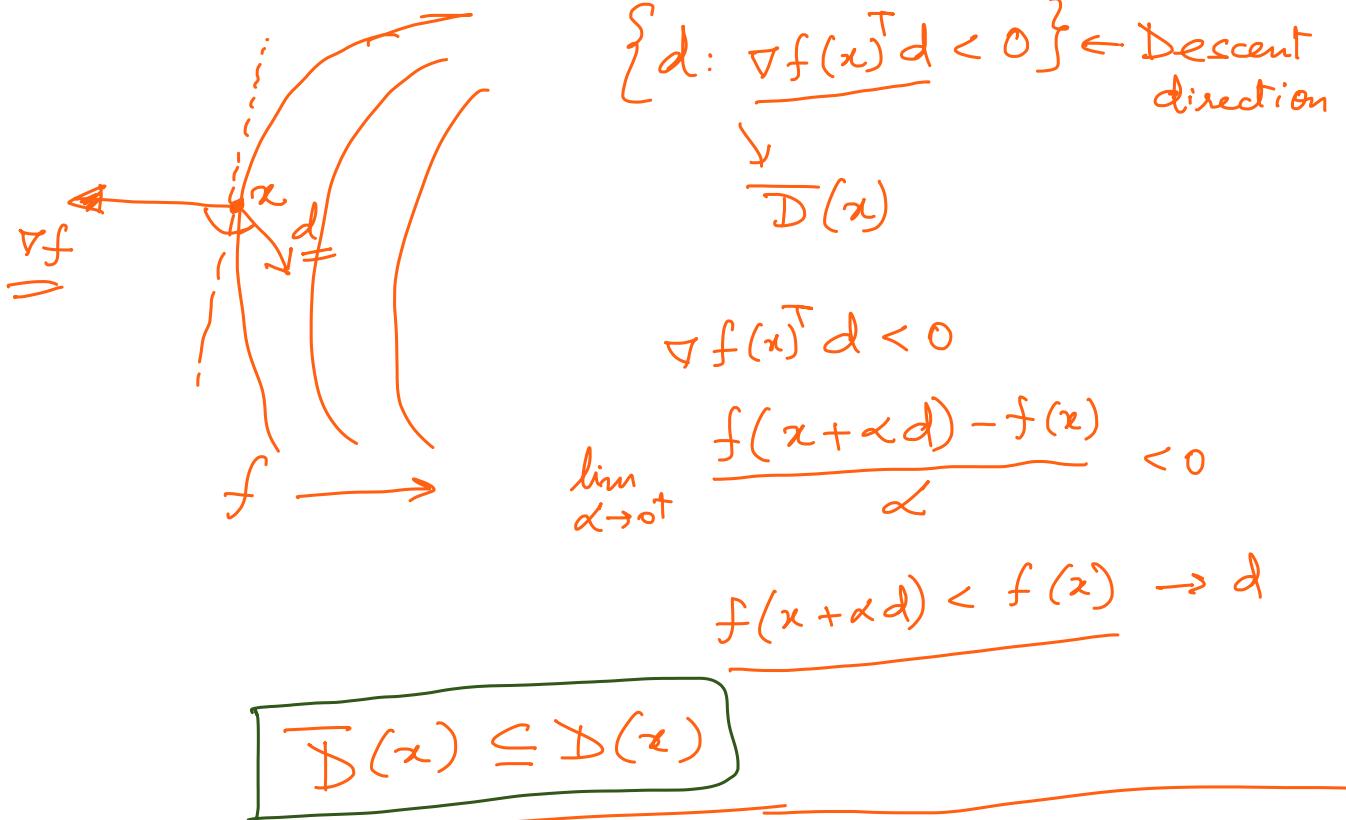
Descent Direction: $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $d \neq 0 \rightarrow \delta > 0$ $f(x + \alpha d) \leq f(x)$
 $\forall \alpha \in (0, \delta)$



$\mathcal{D}(x) = \text{Set of all descent directions at } x \in X$
 (w.r.t f)

Thm: Let X be a non-empty set in \mathbb{R}^n and $x^* \in X$ be a local minima of f over X . Then $\underline{\mathcal{F}(x^*) \cap \mathcal{D}(x^*)} = \emptyset$.



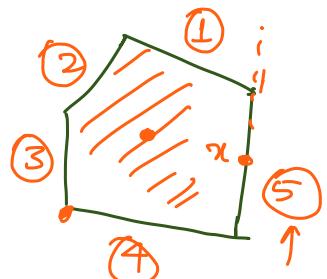


Consider this problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min f(x) \\
 \text{s.t. } & h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, l \\
 & x \in \mathbb{R}^n
 \end{aligned}$$

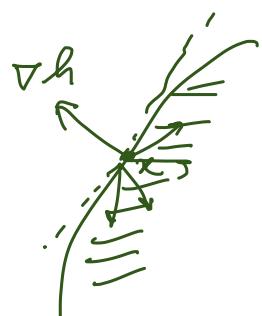
Active Constraints:

$$A(x) = \{j : h_j(x) = 0\}$$



Lemma: For any $x \in X$,

$$\bar{F}(x) = \{d : \nabla h_j^T(x) d < 0 \quad j \in A(x)\} \subseteq F(x)$$



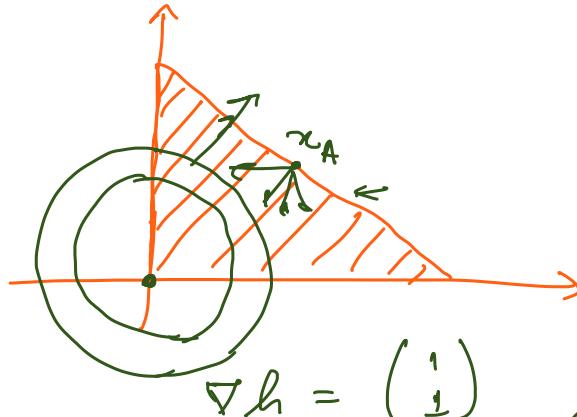
$$\boxed{\nabla h_j^T(x) d < 0} \leftarrow \text{feasible directions.}$$

$$\text{By Thm 1 : } \quad \mathcal{F}(x^*) \cap \mathcal{D}(x^*) = \emptyset$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{F}}(x^*) \cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}(x^*) = \emptyset$$

x^* is a local minima, then $\overline{\mathcal{F}}(x^*) \cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}(x^*) = \emptyset$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \underline{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \underline{x_1 + x_2 \leq 1} \\ & x_1 \geq 0 \\ & x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \text{At } x^* = (0,0) \quad & \leftarrow \\ \overline{\mathcal{F}}(x^*) \cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}(x^*) &= \emptyset \end{aligned}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_1 + d_2 < 0 \end{array} \right\} \cap$$

$$\phi = \phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathcal{F}}(x) &= \left\{ d : \nabla h^\top d < 0 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ d_1, d_2 : d_1 + d_2 < 0 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathcal{D}}(x) &= \left\{ d : \nabla f^\top(x) d < 0 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ d_1, d_2 : \underline{\frac{2(x_1 d_1 + x_2 d_2)}{-}} < 0 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is a necessary condition.

$$\min f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, l$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$X = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : h_j(x) \leq 0, j = 1, \dots, l \}$$

$x^* \in X$ is local minima

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{F}}(x^*) \cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}(x^*) = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \{ d \mid \nabla h_j^T d < 0 \quad j \in A(x^*) \} \cap \{ d \mid \nabla f(x^*)^T d < 0 \} = \emptyset$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f(x^*) \\ \vdots \\ \nabla h_j(x^*) \quad j \in A(x^*) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{(1 + |A(x^*)|) \times n}_{\text{---}}$$

$$x^* \in X \text{ is local minima} \Rightarrow \{ d \mid Ad < 0 \} = \emptyset \quad \checkmark$$

Farka's Lemma

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then only one of the following conditions are true:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) $Ax \leq 0, c^T x > 0$ | for some $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ |
| (2) $A^T y = c, y \geq 0$ | for some $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ |

Corollary of Farka's Lemma

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$. Then exactly one of the following conditions are true :-

$$(1) \quad Ax < 0 \quad \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \text{Not True}$$

$$(2) \quad A^T y = 0, \quad y \geq 0 \quad \text{for some non zero } y \in \mathbb{R}^m \leftarrow \text{True}$$

$x^* \in X$ is local minima $\Rightarrow \{d \mid Ad < 0\} = \emptyset$

$$= A^T y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y \geq 0$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_j \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \quad y \neq 0 \quad | \lambda_i \text{'s to be non zero.} \quad \lambda \geq 0$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_0 \nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{j \in A(x^*)} \lambda_j \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0} \leftarrow$$

λ_0, λ_j 's are all nonzero at the same time.

Regular point: $x^* \in X$ is said to be a regular point, if gradient vectors $\nabla h_j(x^*)$ are linearly independent.

$$\boxed{x^* \in X \text{ is a regular point} \Rightarrow \lambda_0 \neq 0}$$

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum \bar{\lambda}_j \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_j = \frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda_0}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_j \geq 0 \quad j \in \underline{A(x^*)}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{\lambda}_i = 0} \quad i \notin \underline{A(x^*)}$$

$$\sum \bar{\lambda}_i \nabla h_i(x^*) = 0 \leftarrow$$

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum \lambda_k \nabla h_k(x^*) = 0 \quad k \in \{1, \dots, l\}$$

$\lambda_k h_k(x^*) = 0 \quad \underline{\underline{\lambda_k \geq 0}}$

$k \notin A(x^*) \Rightarrow \lambda_k = 0$
 $k \in A(x^*) \quad h_k = 0$
 $k \notin A(x^*) \quad \lambda_k = 0$
 $\underline{k \in A(x^*) \quad \lambda_k \geq 0}$

Karush - Kuhn - Tucker (KKT) Conditions

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j \in \{1, \dots, l\} \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

$$X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j \in \{1, \dots, l\}\}$$

KKT necessary Conditions (First Order): If $x^* \in X$ is a local minima and a regular point, then there exists a unique vector $\lambda^* = ((\lambda_1^*, \lambda_2^*, \dots, \lambda_l^*))$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j^* \nabla h_j(x^*) &= 0 \\ \lambda_j^* h_j(x) &= 0 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, l\} \\ \lambda_j^* &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$(x^*, \lambda^*) \rightarrow \text{KKT points}, \quad x^* \in X \quad \lambda^* \geq 0$

$$L(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j h_j(x) \leftarrow \text{Lagrangian function}$$

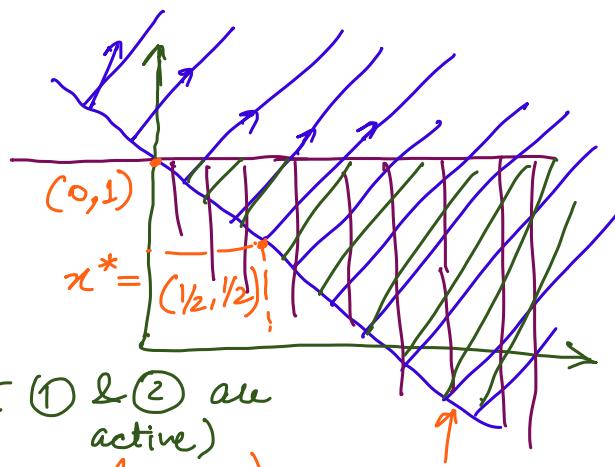
$\nabla L(x, \lambda) = 0 ; \quad \lambda_j : \text{Lagrangian multipliers: } \lambda_j \geq 0 ;$

$\boxed{\lambda_j^* h_j(x^*) = 0} \leftarrow \text{Complementary Slackness Condition.}$

$$\lambda_j^* = 0 \quad \forall j \notin A(x^*)$$

Example

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{min} & x_1^2 + x_2^2 \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1 + x_2 \geq 1 \quad -\textcircled{1} \leftarrow \\ & x_2 \leq 1 \quad -\textcircled{2} \end{array}$$



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 \geq 0 \quad \lambda_2 \geq 0 \quad (\text{Const } \textcircled{1} \text{ & } \textcircled{2} \text{ are active})$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \lambda_1(1 - x_1 - x_2) + \lambda_2(x_2 - 1)$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - \lambda_1 + 0 \\ 2x_2 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2 \quad \times$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} x = ? & \lambda_1 \geq 0 & \lambda_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 1 & \leftarrow & (\text{Const } \textcircled{1} \text{ is active}) \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \lambda_1(1 - x_1 - x_2) + 0$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - \lambda_1 \\ 2x_2 - \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\lambda_1 = 2x_1$
 $\lambda_1 = 2x_2$
 $\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \lambda_1/2$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{2} + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_1 = 1} \geq 0$$

$$\boxed{x_1^* = x_2^* = 1/2}$$