

# 3. Nonlinear programming



$$minimize_{x} f(x)$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$$

Necessary condition:

$$\nabla f(x) = 0$$
 Gradient

Sufficient condition: necessary condition +  $\nabla^2 f(x) > 0$ 

Hessian



• Newton type method: apply rootfinding on  $\nabla f(x) = 0$ 

• Recall: 
$$g(x)=0 \qquad \Delta x = -\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_k)\right)^{-1} g(x_k)$$

For 
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Hessian

Quadratic convergence

Exact or BFGS or GN



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Quadratic convergence

$$\Delta x = -\alpha \nabla f(x_k)$$

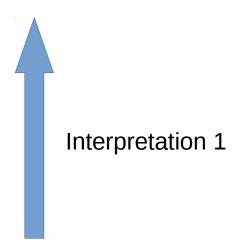
Exact or BFGS or even a constant (steepest descent)

Hessian



Caveat: must keep 'Hessian' positive definite (regularize) to go to minimum

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$$\Delta x = -\left(\nabla^2 f(x_k)\right)^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$$
Interpretation 2

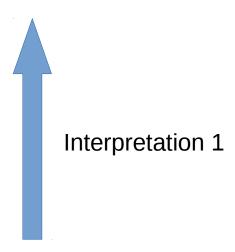
Minimum of quadratic approx.

$$f(x_k) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_k) \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T \nabla^2 f(x_k) \Delta x$$



Hands-on CasADi

• Newton type method: apply rootfinding on  $\nabla f(x)=0$ 

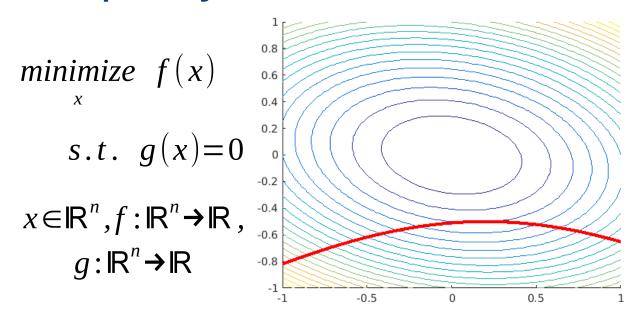


$$\Delta x = -\left(\nabla^2 f_k\right)^{-1} \nabla f_k$$
Interpretation 2 
$$\nabla^2 f_k > 0$$

Minimum of quadratic approx.

$$f_k + \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T \nabla^2 f_k \Delta x$$





$$\nabla f \propto \nabla g$$

Gravitational pull is balanced by force normal to the constraint

$$\nabla f = -\lambda \nabla g$$

$$\nabla f + \lambda \nabla g = 0$$



minimize 
$$f(x)$$
  
 $s.t. g(x)=0$   
 $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R},$   
 $g: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ 

Gravitational pull is balanced by forces normal to the constraints

$$\nabla f + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \nabla g_i = 0$$



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$$g = 0$$



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Necessary condition:

$$\mathcal{L} = f + \lambda^T g \qquad \qquad \nabla \mathcal{L} = 0$$

$$g = 0$$

Lagrangian



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 $g: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ 

$$\mathcal{L} = f + \lambda^T g \qquad \qquad \nabla_x \mathcal{L} = 0$$
$$\nabla_\lambda \mathcal{L} = 0$$



$$minimize_{x} f(x)$$

$$s.t. g(x)=0$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R},$$
  
 $g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ 

apply rootfinding on 
$$\nabla_{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix}} \mathscr{L} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta \lambda \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_k}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_k}{\partial x \partial \lambda} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_k}{\partial \lambda \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_k}{\partial \lambda^2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x \mathcal{L}_k \\ \nabla_\lambda \mathcal{L}_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = f + \lambda^T g$$

$$\nabla_{x} \mathcal{L} = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\lambda} \mathscr{L} = 0$$



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$$\mathcal{L} = f + \lambda^T g$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{L} = 0$$

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$$\nabla_{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix}} \mathscr{L} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \lambda_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_k}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x f_k \\ g_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = f + \lambda^T g$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{L} = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\lambda} \mathscr{L} = 0$$



minimize 
$$f_k + \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T \nabla_x^2 \mathcal{L}_k \Delta x$$

s.t.  $g_k + \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x} \Delta x = 0$ 

Easy (convex) when: 
$$\nabla_x^2 \mathcal{L}_k > 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \lambda_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_k}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x f_k \\ g_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Needs to be full rank: constraints must be linearly independent (LICQ)



minimize 
$$f(x)$$
  
 $s.t.$   $g(x)=0$   
 $h(x) \le 0$ 

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 $g : \mathbb{R}^{n} \to \mathbb{R}^{m}, h : \mathbb{R}^{n} \to \mathbb{R}^{q}$ 

minimize 
$$f_k + \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T \nabla_x \mathcal{L}_k^2 \Delta x$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \lambda_{k+1} \\ \nu_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} \qquad s.t. \quad g_k + \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x} \Delta x = 0$$

$$h_k + \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial x} \Delta x \leq 0$$

$$\nabla f + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \nabla g_i + \sum_{i=1}^{q} v_i \nabla h_i = 0$$

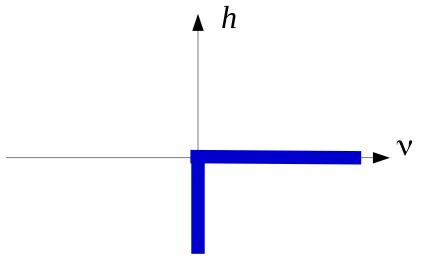
$$g = 0$$

$$v \ge 0$$

$$h \le 0$$

$$v_i h_i = 0$$





$$\nabla f + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \nabla g_i + \sum_{i=1}^{q} v_i \nabla h_i = 0$$

$$g = 0$$

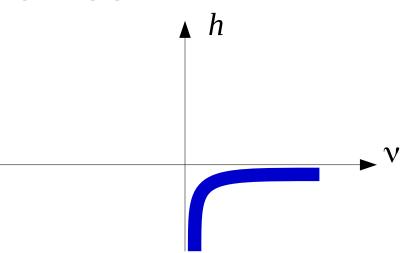
$$v \ge 0$$

$$h \le 0$$

$$v \cdot h \cdot = 0$$



Interior point method (IP)



Necessary condition:

$$\nabla f + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i} \nabla g_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{q} v_{i} \nabla h_{i} = 0$$

$$g = 0$$

$$v_{i} h_{i} = -\tau$$

Rootfinding!

Gradually decrease towards 0



# NLP solving summary

$$\underset{x}{minimize} f(x)$$

$$s.t. \ g(x) = 0$$
$$h(x) \le 0$$

• Obtain 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta \lambda \\ \Delta v \end{bmatrix}$$
 from QP or IP-KKT

• Linesearch: choose t [0,1] such that  $\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_X \\ \Delta_Y \end{bmatrix}$  is a "good" step

Merit function

Take a step, repeat





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