

KKT Optimality conditions.

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In the previous lectures we have seen some convex programming problems. We also discussed the constraints optimization ~~with using~~ with equality constraints using Lagrange's optimization technique.

Now, in this lecture we will see KKT conditions.

Remember when we have equality type constraints then we use Lagrange's Method to find out the optimal solution of that type of problems. But, suppose we have a constraint optimization problem with inequality type constraints, then Karush-Kuhn-Tucker proposed some condition to find optimal solutions of the problems. We called that condition as KKT-condition in short. Let's see the following form of the KKT-Problem:

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▣ Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) Conditions :-

~~Consider~~ Consider the optimization problem as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Min } f(x) \\ & \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m, \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} & \text{Min } f(x) \\ & \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m, \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{---} (*)$$

where $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Also, assume that f and g_i are continuously differentiable functions.

Necessary Condition :-

Let x^* be a local min point of the problem $(*)$ at which basic constraint qualification holds.

Then there exist multipliers (called KKT-multipliers) λ_i^* , $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ such that the following conditions hold :

- (i) $\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla g_i(x^*) = 0$ (Optimality Condⁿ)
- (ii) $g_i(x^*) \leq 0$, $i=1, 2, \dots, m$, (Feasibility Condⁿ)
- (iii) $\lambda_i^* g_i(x^*) \leq 0$, $i=1, 2, \dots, m$, (Complementary slackness)
- (iv) $\lambda_i^* \geq 0 \quad \forall i$ (Non-negativity)

These (above four) conditions $\} \text{ are called KKT-conditions.}$

Note :- Here, λ_i^* 's are called KKT-multipliers, x^* called KKT - point.

Sufficient Conditions :-

Let $(x^*, \lambda_1^*, \lambda_2^*, \dots, \lambda_m^*)$ satisfy the KKT-conditions

(i) to (iv). Let f and g_i for $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ be differentiable convex functions. Then x^* is a global min point of the problem $(*)$.

Note that f and g_i ($\forall i$) are diff. convex fns. That means the optimization problem $(*)$ becomes convex optimization problem.

Proof:-

\Rightarrow Let us suppose $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : g_i(x) \leq 0, i=1, 2, \dots, m\}$

Now, $f(x)$ and $g_i(x)$ is diff. convex fns.

then
$$f(x) - f(x^*) \geq (x - x^*)^T \nabla f(x) \quad \forall x \in S \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and
$$g_i(x) - g_i(x^*) \geq (x - x^*)^T \nabla g_i(x) \quad \forall x \in S.$$

Now, from necessary condition (iv) $\lambda_i^* \geq 0$ (non-negative)

Therefore we can multiply λ_i^* in the above inequality and adding them we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* g_i(x) - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* g_i(x^*) \geq (x - x^*)^T \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla g_i(x) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Adding equations (1) and (2), we get

$$f(x) - f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* g_i(x) - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* g_i(x^*) \geq (x - x^*)^T \left(\nabla f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla g_i(x) \right)$$

\downarrow
 $0 \quad \forall i$
 (from (ii))

\parallel
 0 (from (i))

Now, $g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall i \quad [\text{Cond}^*(iii)]$
 $\lambda_i^*(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall i \quad [\text{Cond}^*(iv)]$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_i^* g_i(x) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall i, \quad \forall x \in S.$$

Therefore, $f(x) - f(x^*) \geq - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* g_i(x) \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow f(x^*) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in S.$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* \text{ is the global minimum point.}$$

Example 1 :- Min $f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 + x_2$

s.t. $x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 4$

$x_1 - x_2 \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &\text{Min } f(x) \\ &\text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where $x = (x_1, x_2)$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 + x_2$$

$$g_1(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4 \leq 0$$

$$g_2(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - x_2 \leq 0$$

Step-I

Let's first check this problem is a CPP or NOT?

If convex, then KKT - conditions will be sufficient.

Step-2: Calculate Hessian Matrix for the constraints (which are not linear) ③

for g_1 , $\nabla^2 g_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\lambda_1^* = 2 > 0$
 $\lambda_2^* = 2 > 0$.

$\therefore \nabla^2 g_1$ is positive-definite, hence convex.

Step-3: Try to write all the KKT-conditions

(i) $\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i^* g_i(x^*) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1^* \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 & 2x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 2x_1 \lambda_1^* + \lambda_2^* = 0$$

$$1 + 2x_2 \lambda_1^* - \lambda_2^* = 0$$

(ii) $g_i(x^*) \leq 0 \quad \forall i$, $g_1(x^*) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4 \leq 0$
 $g_2(x^*) = x_1 - x_2 \leq 0$

(iii) $\lambda_1^* g_1(x^*) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1^* (x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4) = 0$

$$\lambda_2^* g_2(x^*) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2^* (x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

(iv) $\lambda_1^*, \lambda_2^* \geq 0$

Step-4: Try to find x^*

Case-I: $\lambda_1^* = \lambda_2^* = 0$

Case-II: $\lambda_1^* > 0$, $x_1 = x_2$, $\lambda_2^* > 0$.

Case-III: $x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4 = 0$, $\lambda_1^* > 0$, $\lambda_2^* = 0$.

Case-IV: $x_1 - x_2 = 0$, $x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4 = 0$, $\lambda_1^* > 0$, $\lambda_2^* > 0$.

Case - I :

Case - II :

Case - III :

$$x_1 \lambda_1^* = -1$$

$$x_2 \lambda_2^* = -1/2$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 4 \Rightarrow 16\lambda_1^2 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1^2 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$\therefore (x_1, x_2) = \left(-\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right).$$

check it satisfy all the KKT conditions or NOT?

If Yes, then (x_1, x_2) is the global min for the CPP.

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Similar to the previous optimization (min) problem,
we can extend the logic the sufficient condition
for the maximization problem as

if x^* is the local max for the corresponding
maximization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } g_i(x) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then that local maxima would be the global
maxima if the objective function $f(x)$ is
concave and the associated constraints, i.e. $g_i(x)$
(feasible space) is convex. In the other way we
can say that KKT conditions are the sufficient condⁿ,
if $f(x)$ is concave and feasible space is convex
for the maximization problem.

Exercise:- Find the solution of the following optimization problem.
Example:- $\min f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1$ $x = (x_1, x_2)$
s.t. $x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1 = 0$

