

Constrained multivariable optimization with
inequality constraints.

$$\text{optimize } z = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\text{s.t. } g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq c \quad \& \quad x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \geq 0$$

Introduce the function $h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(x_1, \dots, x_n) - c$

$$z = f(x) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad h(x) \leq 0 \quad \& \quad x \geq 0$$

Introduce a slack variable s s.t.

$$h(x) + s^2 = 0$$

(we take s^2 to ensure its being non-negative)

$$\text{Optimize } z = f(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \quad h(x) + s^2 = 0 \quad \& \quad x \geq 0$$

Lagrangian function

$$L(x, s, \lambda) = f(x) - \lambda (h(x) + s^2)$$

where λ is the Lagrange multiplier. The necessary conditions for stationary points are

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} - \lambda \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_j} = 0, \quad j=1, \dots, n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = -(h(x) + s^2) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial s} = -2s\lambda = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Eqn (3) states that $\frac{\partial L}{\partial s} = 0$, which requires either $\lambda = 0$ or $s = 0$. If $s = 0$, (2) implies that $h(x) = 0$. Thus (2) & (3) together imply

$$\lambda h(x) = 0.$$

Necessary condition

$$f_j - \lambda h_j = 0$$

$$\lambda h = 0$$

$$h \leq 0$$

$$0 \geq 0$$

Max f

$$\text{s.t. } h \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimize } z &= f(x) \\ \text{st } g(x) &\geq c, \quad \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_j - \lambda h_j = 0$$

$$\lambda h = 0$$

$$h \geq 0$$

$$\lambda \geq 0$$

Ex Determine x_1 & x_2 so as to

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 12x_1 + 21x_2 + 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1^2 - 2x_2^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_2 \leq 8$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 10$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

Solⁿ

$$\text{Here } f(x_1, x_2) = 12x_1 + 21x_2 + 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1^2 - 2x_2^2$$

$$g_1(x_1, x_2) = x_2 - 8 \leq 0, \quad g_2(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + x_2 - 10 \leq 0$$

$$L(x, s, \lambda) = f(x) - \lambda_1(g_1(x) + s_1^2) - \lambda_2(g_2(x) + s_2^2)$$

The K-T conditions can be stated as

$$(i) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} - \lambda_1 \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_j} - \lambda_2 \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

$$\text{or } 12 + 2x_2 - 4x_1 - \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$21 + 2x_1 - 4x_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad \lambda_i h_i(x) = 0, \quad i=1, 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1(x_1 - 8) = 0$$

$$\lambda_2(x_1 + x_2 - 10) = 0$$

$$(iii) \quad h_i(x) \leq 0$$

$$x_2 - 8 \leq 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - 10 \leq 0$$

$$(iv) \quad \lambda_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2$$

There may arise 4 cases

Case 1 If $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 0$, then from condition (i),

$$\text{we have } 12 + 2x_2 - 4x_1 = 0 \text{ \& } 21 + 2x_1 - 4x_2 = 0$$

$$\text{solving these, } x_1 = 15/2, x_2 = 9.$$

However, the solution violates condition (iii) & therefore it may be ~~directly~~ discarded.

Case 2 $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$, then from condition (ii),

$$x_2 - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 8$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 2$$

Substituting these values in condition (i), we get $\lambda_1 = -27, \lambda_2 = 20$, this violates condition (iv), so discarded.

Case 3 $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 = 0$, then from (ii) & (i)

$$x_1 + x_2 = 10$$

$$2x_2 - 4x_1 = -12$$

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 = -12 + \lambda_1$$

Solving these eqns, we get $x_1 = 2, x_2 = 8$ & $\lambda_1 = -16$. $\lambda_1 < 0$ violates condition (iv), so discarded.

Case 4 $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$, then from (i) & (ii)

$$2x_2 - 4x_1 = -12 + \lambda_2$$

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 = -21 + \lambda_2$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 10$$

Solving these, $x_1 = 17/4, x_2 = 23/4$ & $\lambda_2 = 13/4$

This soln does not violate any of the K-T conditions & therefore, must be accepted.

Hence the optimum soln is $x_1 = 17/4, x_2 = 23/4$,

$\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 13/4$ & Max $Z = 1734/16$.