## Groenwolds's relaxed conservatism

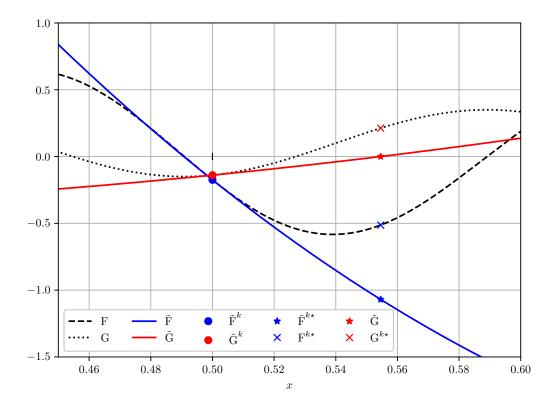
See algorithm in appended Python code. The objective and the constraint function is given verbatim below. (Notice the naive choice of (a quadratic approximation to) a function linearised in terms of reciprocal intervening variables, dd.... The reader is encouraged to, for example, uncomment the analytic second order information.)

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import numpy as np
def obj(x):
    a = 1.; b = 32.; c = -1.
    f = a*np.sin(b*x)*np.exp(c*x)
    df = a*c*np.sin(b*x)*np.exp(c*x) + a*b*np.exp(c*x)*np.cos(b*x)
    ddf = 2*a*c*b*np.cos(b*x)*np.exp(c*x)+a*c*c*np.sin(b*x)*np.exp(c*x)-a*b*b*np.exp(c*x)*np.sin(b*x)
    quad. approx. to function linearised in terms of reciprocal intervening variables
   ddf = -2./x*df
    ddf = abs(-2./x*df) # nonconvex variant
    return [f, df, ddf]
def con(x):
    a = 1./4.; b = 32.
    g = a*np.cos(b*x)+0.1
   dg = -a*b*np.sin(b*x)
    ddg = -a*b*b*np.cos(b*x)
   quad. approx. to function linearised in terms of reciprocal intervening variables
   ddg = -2./x*dg
    ddg = abs(-2./x*dg) # nonconvex variant
    return [g, dg, ddg]
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$$x^{k} = 0.500$$
  
 $F^{k} = -0.175$   
 $d_{x}^{k}F = -18.413$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 73.650$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 1.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.139$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 2.303$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 9.213$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 1.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 5.129$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.555$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -1.069786e + 00$$
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = -4.084337e - 07$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.126674e - 01$$

$$G^{k\star} = 2.126848e - 01$$

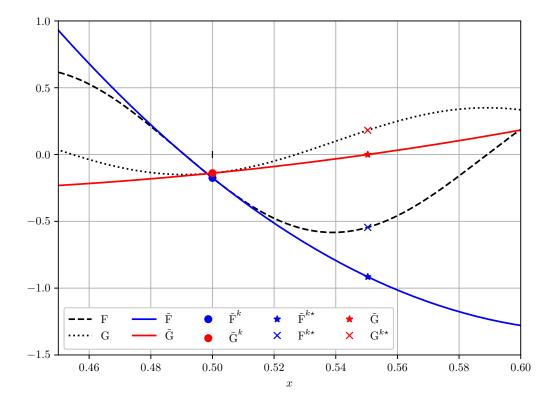
However, the solution (step) is not a feasible descent step, and it is deemed unacceptable, because

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- $\rightarrow$  the value of the constraint function approximation is less than the actual function value, at the new design point,  $\tilde{G}^{k\star} < G^{k\star}$ .

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 $\alpha_{G} = 2.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 3.401$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.550$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -9.152943e - 01$$
  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = -2.756164e - 09$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.449839e - 01$$

$$G^{k\star} = 1.818020e - 01$$

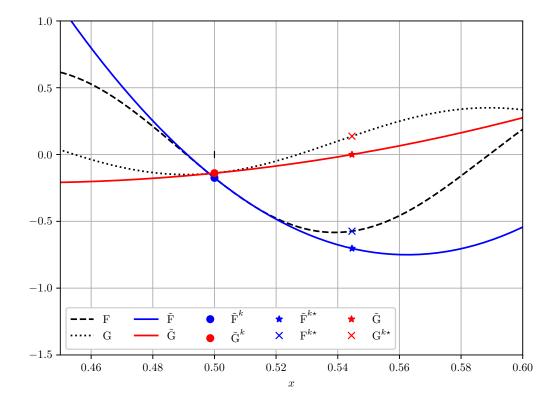
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 $F^{k} = -0.175$   
 $d_{x}^{k}F = -18.413$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 73.650$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 4.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.139$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 2.303$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 9.213$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 4.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 1.335$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.545$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -7.028706e - 01$$
  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = -7.291763e - 08$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.736618e - 01$$

$$G^{k\star} = 1.370522e - 01$$

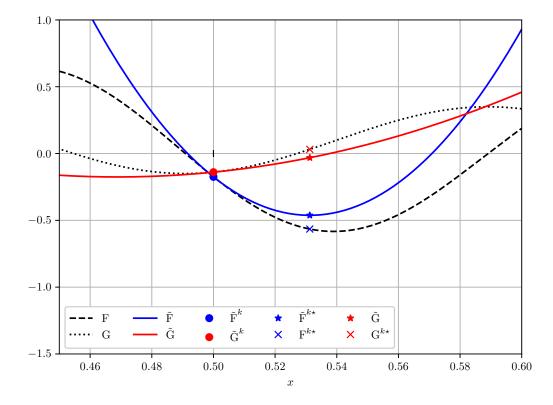
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$$x^{k} = 0.500$$
  
 $F^{k} = -0.175$   
 $d_{x}^{k}F = -18.413$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 73.650$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 8.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.139$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 2.303$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 9.213$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 8.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 0.000$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.531$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -4.623186e - 01$$
  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = -3.145113e - 02$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.651764e - 01$$

$$G^{k\star} = 3.120917e - 02$$

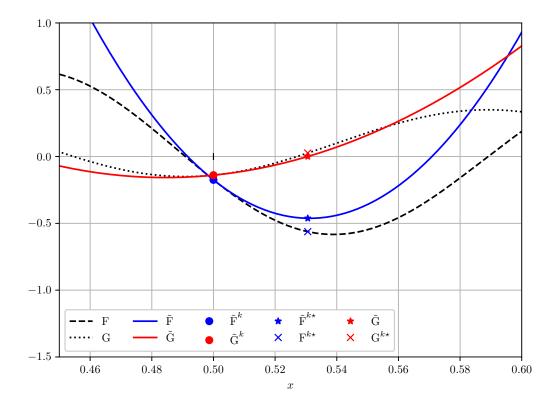
However, the solution (step) is not a feasible descent step, and it is deemed unacceptable, because

 $\rightarrow$  the value of the constraint function approximation is less than the actual function value, at the new design point,  $\tilde{G}^{k\star} < G^{k\star}$ .

$$x^{k} = 0.500$$
  
 $F^{k} = -0.175$   
 $d_{x}^{k}F = -18.413$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 73.650$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 8.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.139$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 2.303$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 9.213$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 16.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star}=0.057$  at the solution  $x^{k\star}=0.531$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -4.621898e - 01$$
  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = -1.493519e - 09$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.619988e - 01$$

$$G^{k\star} = 2.613916e - 02$$

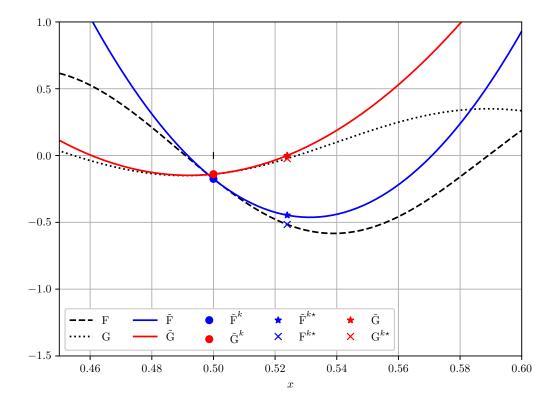
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 $d_{x}^{k}F = -18.413$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 73.650$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 8.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.139$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 2.303$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 9.213$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 32.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 0.462$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.524$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -4.464811e - 01$$
  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = 9.505003e - 08$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.158540e - 01$$

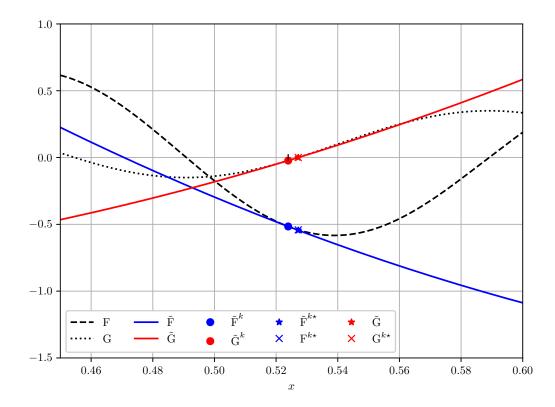
$$G^{k\star} = -2.278227e - 02$$

The solution leads to a feasible descent step and is therefore deemed *acceptable*, as is. (In this case both approximations are indeed conservative, nevertheless.)

$$x^{k} = 0.524$$
  
 $F^{k} = -0.516$   
 $d_{x}^{k}F = -8.791$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 33.559$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 1.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.023$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 6.969$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 26.602$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 1.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star}=1.231$  at the solution  $x^{k\star}=0.527$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -5.442415e - 01$$
  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = 1.200414e - 06$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.414921e - 01$$
$$G^{k\star} = 4.830983e - 04$$

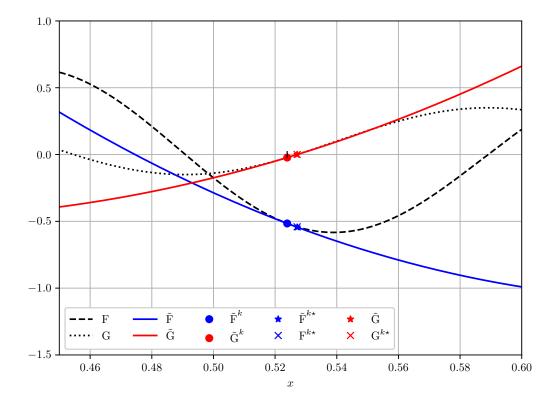
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$$G^{k} = -0.023$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 6.969$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 26.602$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 2.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 1.201$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.527$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -5.438946e - 01 \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = 2.464175e - 07$$

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.413539e - 01$$
$$G^{k\star} = 3.378196e - 04$$

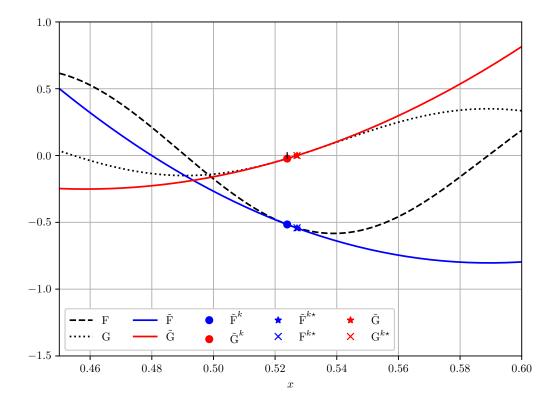
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$$x^{k} = 0.524$$
  
 $F^{k} = -0.516$   
 $d_{x}^{k}F = -8.791$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 33.559$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 4.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.023$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 6.969$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 26.602$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 4.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 1.144$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.527$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -5.432267e - 01$$
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = -3.228880e - 07$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.410877e - 01$$

$$G^{k\star} = 5.887112e - 05$$

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$$x^{k} = 0.524$$

$$F^{k} = -0.516$$

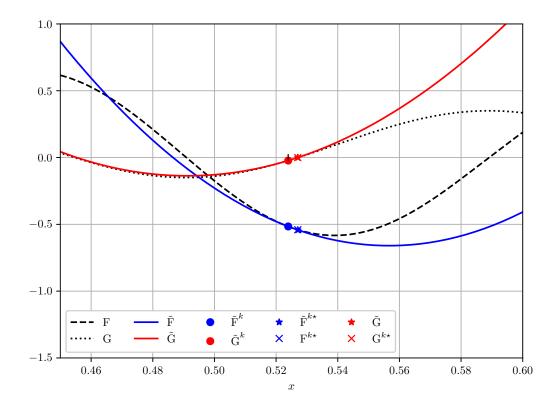
$$d_{x}^{k}F = -8.791$$

$$dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 33.559$$

$$\alpha_{F} = 8.000$$

$$G^{k} = -0.023$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 6.969$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 26.602$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 8.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 1.042$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.527$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -5.419799e - 01$$
  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = -1.188763e - 07$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.405892e - 01$$

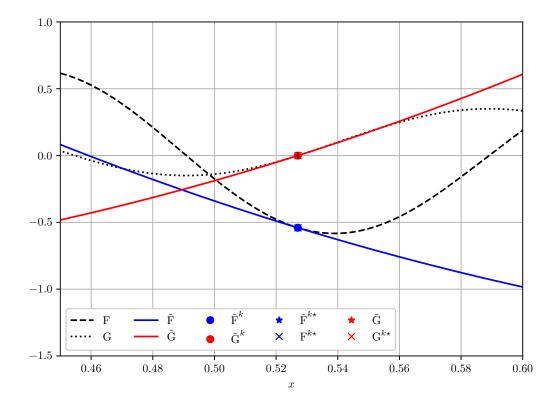
$$G^{k\star} = -4.607702e - 04$$

The solution leads to a feasible descent step and is therefore deemed *acceptable*, as is. (Note that the objective and/or constraint function approximation is not conservative, in this case.)

$$x^{k} = 0.527$$
  
 $F^{k} = -0.541$   
 $d_{x}^{k}F = -7.051$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 26.756$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 1.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.000$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 7.326$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 27.799$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 1.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 0.962$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.527$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{F}^{k\star} = -5.410317e - 01$$
  
 $\tilde{G}^{k\star} = -8.705594e - 07$ 

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.410307e - 01$$

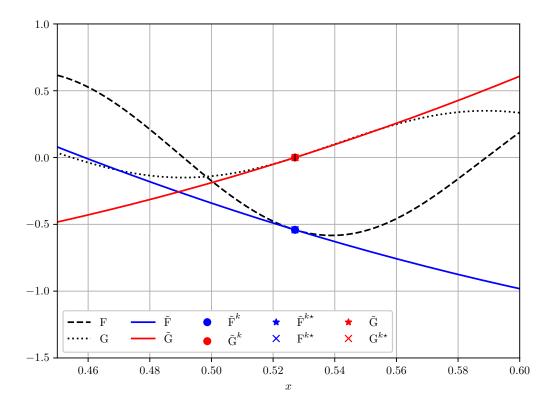
$$G^{k\star} = -7.229650e - 07$$

The solution leads to a feasible descent step and is therefore deemed *acceptable*, as is. (Note that the objective and/or constraint function approximation is not conservative, in this case.)

$$x^{k} = 0.527$$
  
 $F^{k} = -0.541$   
 $d_{x}^{k}F = -7.015$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{F} = 26.617$   
 $\alpha_{F} = 1.000$ 

$$G^{k} = -0.000$$
  
 $d_{x}^{k}G = 7.332$   
 $dd_{x}^{k}\tilde{G} = 27.821$   
 $\alpha_{G} = 1.000$ 

with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda^{k\star} = 0.957$  at the solution  $x^{k\star} = 0.527$ 



At the solution of the QP the function approximations have the values

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{k\star} = -5.410317e - 01 \\ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{k\star} = 3.024409e - 07$$

while the actual functions are evaluated to be

$$F^{k\star} = -5.410317e - 01$$

$$G^{k\star} = 3.024416e - 07$$

Both the value objective function approximation and the constraint function approximation, at the new design point  $x^{k\star}$ , is conservative with respect to the actual function values,  $\tilde{F}^{k\star} > F^{k\star}$ ,  $\tilde{G}^{k\star} > G^{k\star}$ 

Terminated on  $|x^{k\star} - x^k| < 1.0$ e-06

Python code