

7.2. = special case of 7.3. (read yourself) <sup>①</sup>

### 7.3. Necessary condition for a minimum.

#### 7.3.1. Only inequality constraints.

Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an **open** set  
(think for now  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  to simplify)

and  $g_k \in C^1(X)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

$$S = \{x \in X \mid g_1(x) \leq 0, g_2(x) \leq 0, \dots, g_m(x) \leq 0\}$$

The problem:

$$\min_{x \in S} f(x)$$

We will see how the necessary condition for min from Lemma looks like for this particular  $S$ .

Def.  $g_k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \underline{\text{active at } a \in S}$  if  $g_k(a) = 0$ .

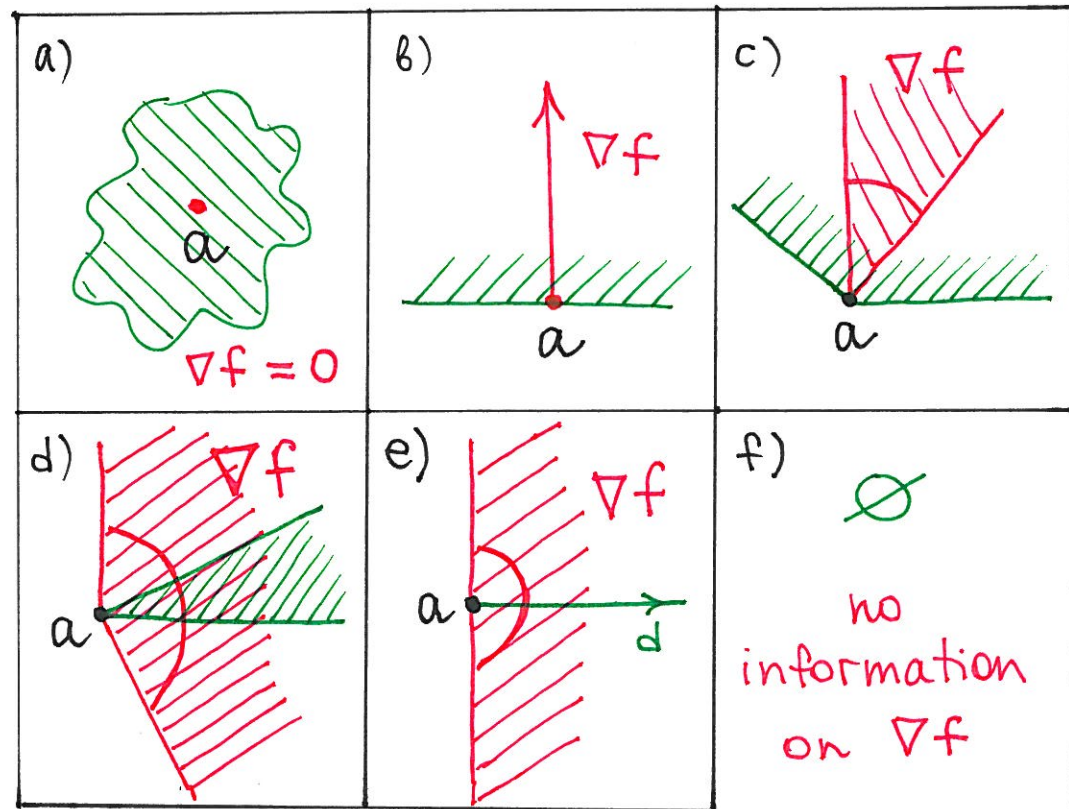
The necessary condition from Lemma: <sup>②</sup>

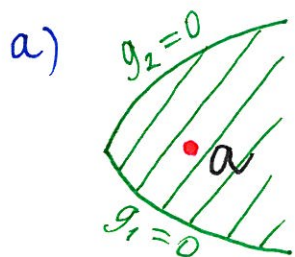
$$a\text{-loc. min.} \Rightarrow \nabla f(a)^T d \geq 0, \forall \text{ feasible } d$$

More feasible directions  $d \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  more information about  $\nabla f(a)$ .

Ex a)  $\rightarrow$  f): less  $d$

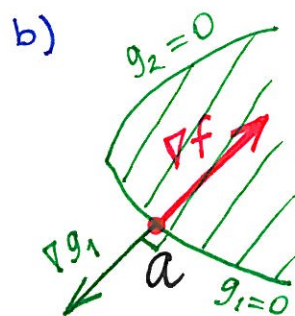




No active  $g_k$ :

$$\nabla f = 0$$

(at a)



$g_1$  is active:  $\nabla f \updownarrow \nabla g_1 \Leftrightarrow$

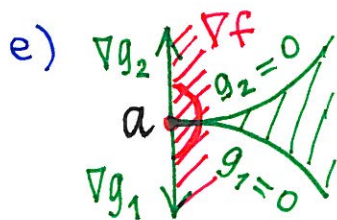
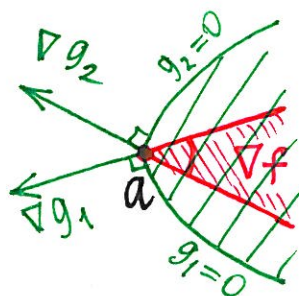
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla f + u_1 \nabla g_1 = 0 \\ u_1 \geq 0 \\ g_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

c)-d)

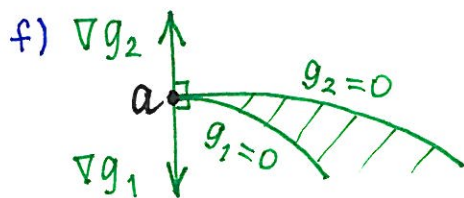
$g_1$  and  $g_2$  are active:

$$\nabla f \in \text{cone} \{ \nabla g_1, \nabla g_2 \} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla f + u_1 \nabla g_1 + u_2 \nabla g_2 = 0 \\ u_1 \geq 0, u_2 \geq 0 \\ g_1 = 0, g_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$



$$-\nabla f \notin \text{cone} \{ \nabla g_1, \nabla g_2 \}$$



no info on  $\nabla f$

③

Look first at "bad" cases e), f):

We have there  $\nabla g_1 \updownarrow \nabla g_2 \Leftrightarrow$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda_1 \geq 0, \lambda_2 \geq 0$ , not all  $\lambda_k = 0$ :

$$\lambda_1 \nabla g_1 + \lambda_2 \nabla g_2 = 0.$$

To avoid this possibility, consider

= Constraint Qualification

CQ condition at a:

for active  $g_k$  the gradients  $\nabla g_k$  are positively linearly independent:

$$\sum_{\text{active } g_k} \lambda_k \nabla g_k(a) = 0, \lambda_k \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{all } \lambda_k = 0$$

CQ

• active  $g_k \Leftrightarrow g_k(a) = 0$

$$\sum_{\text{active } g_k} \lambda_k \nabla g_k = \sum_{k=1}^m \lambda_k \nabla g_k$$

if  $\lambda_k = 0$  for  $k$  with  $g_k(a) \neq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda_k g_k(a) = 0.$$



Thus CQ condition at  $a$  becomes

$$\begin{cases} \sum \lambda_k \nabla g_k(a) = 0 \\ \lambda_k \geq 0, \forall k=1, \dots, m \\ \lambda_k g_k(a) = 0, \forall k=1, \dots, m \\ g_k(a) \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{CQ} \Rightarrow \text{all } \lambda_k = 0$$

Now look at "good" cases a)-d)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow -\nabla f \in \text{cone}_{\substack{\text{active} \\ g_k}} \{ \nabla g_k \} \stackrel{*)}{=}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \exists u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \text{ such that} \\ \nabla f(a) + \sum_{k=1}^m u_k \nabla g_k(a) = 0 \\ u_k \geq 0, k=1, \dots, m \\ u_k g_k(a) = 0, k=1, \dots, m \\ g_k(a) \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{KKT}$$

It's called Karush-Kuhn-Tucker condition (or KKT) at  $a$ .

$*$ ) same trick with adding zeros as above.

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$a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{KKT point}$  if KKT holds.

$a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{CQ point}$  if CQ **does not** hold.

⑥

① (Th. 3, p. 248)

Let  $a$  be a local min for  $f$  in  $S = \{x \in X \mid g_k(x) \leq 0\}$  and  $f, g_k \in C^1(X)$ .

Then  $a$  is CQ point or KKT point.

Remark: It is a generalization of  $\nabla f = 0$ .

Proof: We need first a lemma.

Lemma: ("almost Farkas")

Consider:  $(*) Ax < 0$  and  $(**) \begin{cases} A^T y = 0 \\ y \geq 0 \end{cases}$

Then  $\exists$  solution to  $(*)$



$\nexists$  non-trivial solution to  $(**)$ .

# Proof of the lemma:

$$\exists x: Ax < 0 \iff \exists (x, w): \begin{cases} Ax \leq - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w \\ w > 0 \end{cases} \iff$$

" $\Leftarrow$ " trivial

" $\Rightarrow$ "  $Ax = b < 0 \Rightarrow$  take  $w = \min_k |b_k|$

$$\iff \exists (x, w): \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x \end{bmatrix} \leq 0 \\ [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x \end{bmatrix} > 0 \end{cases} \iff$$

$$\iff \nexists y: \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ A^T \end{bmatrix} y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ y \geq 0 \end{cases} \iff$$

Farkas

$$\iff \nexists y: \begin{cases} y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n = 1 \\ A^T y = 0 \\ y \geq 0 \end{cases} \iff \nexists y \neq 0: \begin{cases} A^T y = 0 \\ y \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

can always scale to get  $\sum y_k = 1$

⑦

Suppose  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_p$  are active at  $a$ . Then

$\nabla g_k^T d < 0 \Rightarrow d$  feasible  $\Rightarrow \nabla f^T d \geq 0$ . Thus  
( $k=1, 2, \dots, p$ )  $\uparrow$  Lecture 8, p.7

$$\nexists d: \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f^T \\ \nabla g_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \nabla g_p^T \end{bmatrix} d < 0 \iff \exists u \neq 0: \begin{cases} [\nabla f \ \nabla g_1 \dots \nabla g_p] u = 0 \\ u \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$\uparrow$   
By Lemma

Adding non-active constraints with zeros (as above) we get:

$\exists u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$ , not all zero:

$$\begin{cases} u_0 \nabla f + \sum_{k=1}^m u_k \nabla g_k = 0 \\ u_k \geq 0, \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, m \\ u_k g_k = 0, \quad k=1, 2, \dots, m \quad \leftarrow *) \\ g_k \leq 0, \quad k=1, 2, \dots, m \end{cases}$$

•  $u_0 = 0 \Rightarrow$  CQ point.

•  $u_0 > 0 \Rightarrow$  KKT point (divide by  $u_0$ ).

\*)  $u_k g_k = 0$  - complementary slackness.

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Remark: CQ/KKT necessary condition is used similar to  $\nabla f = 0$ , i.e.

min  $\Rightarrow$  CQ/KKT, but  $\Leftarrow$

Existence of min is important!

How to use the necessary condition:

- ① Prove that  $\exists$  min (often Weierstrass).
- ② Find all CQ points, i.e. exceptional points that do not satisfy CQ condition.
- ③ Find all KKT points, i.e. exceptional points that satisfy KKT condition.
- ④ Compare the functional values for all candidates and find the smallest one.

⑨

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \min(8x_1x_2 + 7x_3) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^3 \leq 2 \\ x_3 \geq 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{⑩}$$

Define:  $f(x) = 8x_1x_2 + 7x_3$ ,

$$g_1(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^3 - 2, \quad g_2(x) = -x_3.$$

①  $f \in C(\mathbb{R}^3)$

$0 \leq x_3 \leq 2, x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 2 \Rightarrow S$  bounded  
Only nonstrict inequality  $\Rightarrow S$  closed  
 $\Rightarrow$  Compact  $\Rightarrow \exists$  min by Weierstrass' th.

② CQ points:

1) Only  $g_1$  is active:  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^3 = 2$ .

$$\lambda_1 \nabla g_1 = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \\ 3x_3^2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{x = (0, 0, 0)}_{\lambda_1 = 0} \text{ or } \text{not possible.}$$

CQ condition holds  $\Rightarrow$  no CQ points.

2) Only  $g_2$  is active:  $x_3 = 0$ .

$$\lambda_2 \nabla g_2 = \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\lambda_2 = 0}. \text{ (No CQ points.)}$$

3) Both  $g_1$  &  $g_2$  are active:

$$x_3 = 0, \quad x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 2.$$

↑ not possible

$$\lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 0 \text{ or } x = (0, 0, *) \\ \underline{\lambda_2 = 0} \end{cases}$$

No CQ points for all cases.

③ KKT points:

$$\begin{cases} 8x_2 + u_1 2x_1 = 0 & (1) \\ 8x_1 + u_1 2x_2 = 0 & (2) \\ 7 + u_1 3x_3^2 - u_2 = 0 & (3) \\ u_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^3 - 2) = 0 & (4) \\ u_2(-x_3) = 0 & (5) \\ \text{all } u_k \geq 0 & (6) \\ x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^3 \leq 2, \quad x_3 \geq 0 & (7)-(8) \end{cases}$$

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$$1) u_2 = 0 \xRightarrow{(3)} 7 + " \geq 0 " = 0 \Rightarrow \text{impossible!}$$

$$2) u_2 > 0 \xRightarrow{(5)} x_3 = 0 \xRightarrow{(3)} u_2 = 7 : (6) \text{ ok}$$

$$\bullet u_1 = 0 \xRightarrow{(1,2)} x_1 = x_2 = 0 \xRightarrow{(7)} x = (0, 0, 0) \text{ KKT}$$

$$\bullet u_1 > 0 \xRightarrow{(4)} x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 2 \quad (\text{NB: } x_3 = 0)$$

$$(1,2) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & 4 \\ 4 & u_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ and } (x_1, x_2) \neq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & 4 \\ 4 & u_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow u_1^2 - 16 = 0 \Rightarrow u_1 = \pm 4.$$

But  $u_1 = -4$  contradicts (6)  $\Rightarrow u_1 = 4 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -x_1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_1^2 = 2 \Rightarrow x_1 = \pm 1, \quad x_2 = \mp 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm (1, -1, 0) \text{ KKT}$$

$$④ f(0,0,0) = \boxed{0}, \quad f(1,-1,0) = f(-1,1,0) = \boxed{-8} \leftarrow \underline{\text{min!}}$$

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