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Often we care about multiple criteria at once.¹

Definition

A *multiobjective optimization problem* is a pair $(X, f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d)$. As before, X is the *constraint set* and f is called the *objective function*. Since f is vector valued, and there is no natural order on \mathbf{R}^d , there may exist $x \in X$ with non-comparable images under f .

Scalarization

The $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}^d$ *scalarization* of a multiobjective optimization problem (X, f) is the optimization problem (X, g) where $g : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is defined by $g(x) = \alpha^\top f(x)$. We call g the *scalarized objective*.

¹Future editions will modify.

