

# Constrained Optimization

Basic topics and examples using Julia  
Julia v1.5.3

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General optimization problem equation

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}\end{array}$$

Unconstrained problems:

- Feasible set  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$

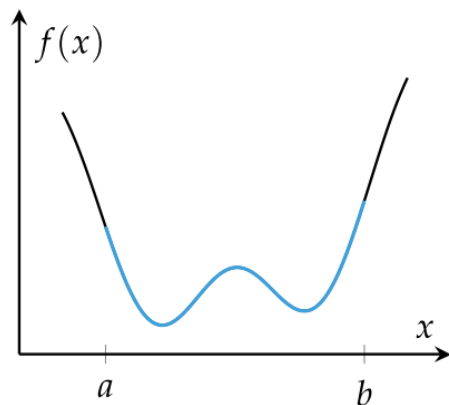
Constrained problems:

- Feasible set: subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Design points must satisfy certain conditions

Bracketing constraints

Some constraints are simply upper or lower bounds on design variables

Univariate problem

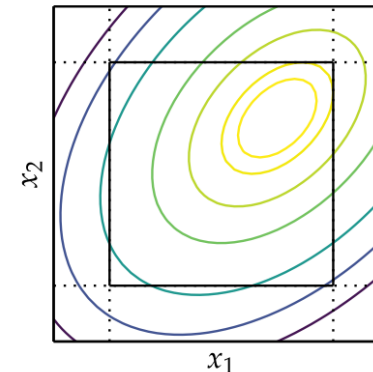


$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & f(x) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in [a, b]\end{array}$$

Inequality constraints

- $x \geq a$
- $x \leq b$

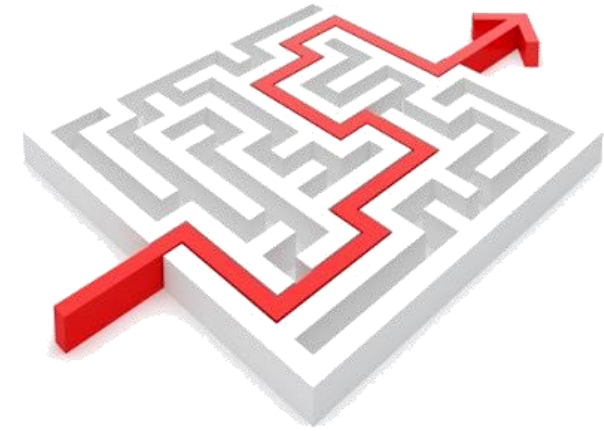
Multivariate problems



Solution must lie within a hyperrectangle

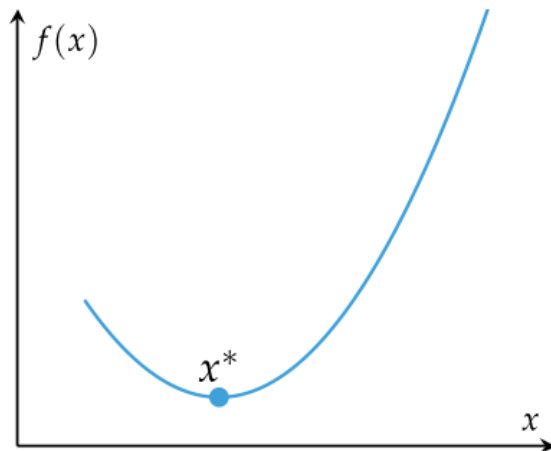
## Constrained problems

- Constraints arise naturally when formulating real problems
  - A structure dimension can't exceed a certain design limit
  - A fund manager can't sell more stock than they have
  - Number of hours spend per day on your job can't exceed X
  - In Sudoku, one can't repeat the same number within a row, column or block
- Constraints are included to prevent infeasible solutions

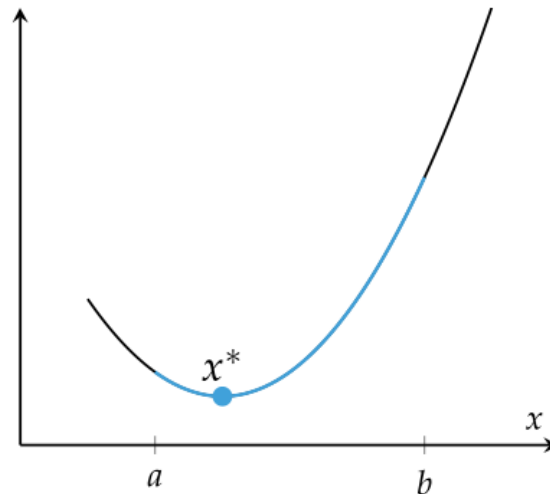


Applying constraints can affect the solution, or not

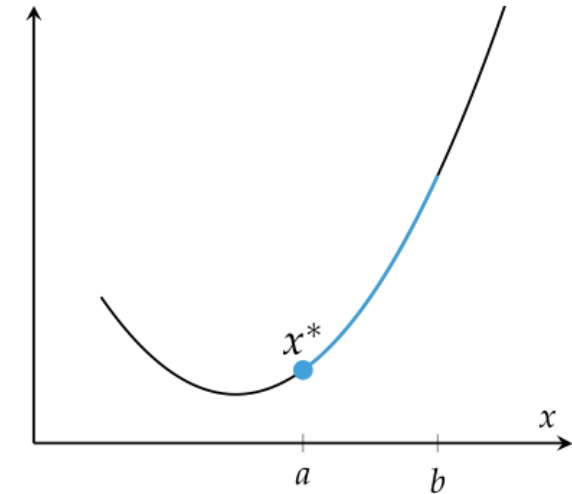
Unconstrained



Constrained, Same Solution



Constrained, New Solution



## The two constraint types

- The feasible set is typically formed from:
  - Equality constraints,  $h(\mathbf{x}) = 0$
  - Inequality constraints,  $g(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$

Greater-than inequalities  $G(x) \geq 0$   
can be translated as  $-G(x) \leq 0$

## Using set membership (not typical)

- $h(x) = (x \notin \chi)$

## Using functions

- $h(x) = 0, g(x) \leq 0$
- Functions are often used because they can provide information about how far a given point is from being feasible, helping drive solution methods

Any optimization problem can be rewritten like:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} && f(\mathbf{x}) \\ & \text{subject to} && h_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \text{ for all } i \text{ in } \{1, \dots, \ell\} \\ & && g_j(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \text{ for all } j \text{ in } \{1, \dots, m\} \end{aligned}$$

Equality constraint as two inequality constraints

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} h(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \\ h(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

## Problem transformation

- Removing constraints
- Such transformations may be possible in some cases

## Eliminating design variables

- Consider the equality constraint

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n x_n - \beta = 0$$

- $x_n$  can be solved using the first  $n - 1$  variables

$$x_n = 1/\alpha_n [\beta - \alpha_1 x_1 - \alpha_2 x_2 - \cdots - \alpha_{n-1} x_{n-1}]$$

- So, one can transform the problem

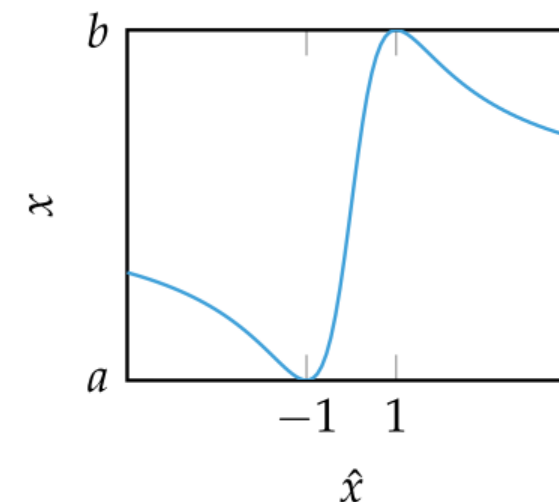
$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & h(x) = 0 \end{array} \quad \text{into}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & f(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \\ \text{with} & x_n = 1/\alpha_n [\beta - \alpha_1 x_1 - \alpha_2 x_2 - \cdots - \alpha_{n-1} x_{n-1}] \end{array}$$

## Removing bound constraints

- Bound constraints  $a \leq x \leq b$  can be removed

$$x = t_{a,b}(\hat{x}) = \frac{b+a}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2} \left( \frac{2\hat{x}}{1+\hat{x}^2} \right)$$



This transformation ensures that  $a \leq x \leq b$

## Example: Removing bound constraints

Kochenderfer & Wheeler (2019) Algorithms for Optimization,  
MIT Press: Example 10.1 (page 170)

- Consider the following optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & x \sin(x) \\ \text{subject to} & 2 \leq x \leq 6\end{array}$$

Transformation

$$x = t_{a,b}(\hat{x}) = \frac{b+a}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2} \left( \frac{2\hat{x}}{1+\hat{x}^2} \right)$$

- Problem can be transformed into

$$\underset{\hat{x}}{\text{minimize}} \quad t_{2,6}(\hat{x}) \sin(t_{2,6}(\hat{x}))$$

$$\underset{\hat{x}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \left( 4 + 2 \left( \frac{2\hat{x}}{1+\hat{x}^2} \right) \right) \sin \left( 4 + 2 \left( \frac{2\hat{x}}{1+\hat{x}^2} \right) \right)$$

- One can solve the unconstrained problem
  - two minimum values can be found
    - $\hat{x} \approx 0.242$ ,  $\hat{x} \approx 4.139$
  - both values of  $\hat{x}$  produce
    - $x = t_{2,6}(\hat{x}) = 4.914$
    - an objective function value of  $\approx -4.814$

## Optimization problem with bound constraints

In [1]: `using Optim, Plots`

```
In [2]: # Objective function
f(x) = x * sin(x)

# Design variable bounds
xmin, xmax = 2., 6.;
```

## Constrained Optimization

```
In [3]: # Constrained optimization
function constrainedOptimization(f, xmin, xmax)
```

```
    res = optimize(f, xmin, xmax)
```

```
    conv = Optim.converged(res); println("converged? ", conv)
    xopt = Optim.minimizer(res); println(" xOpt: ", xopt)
    fmin = Optim.minimum(res);   println("  fMin: ", fmin)
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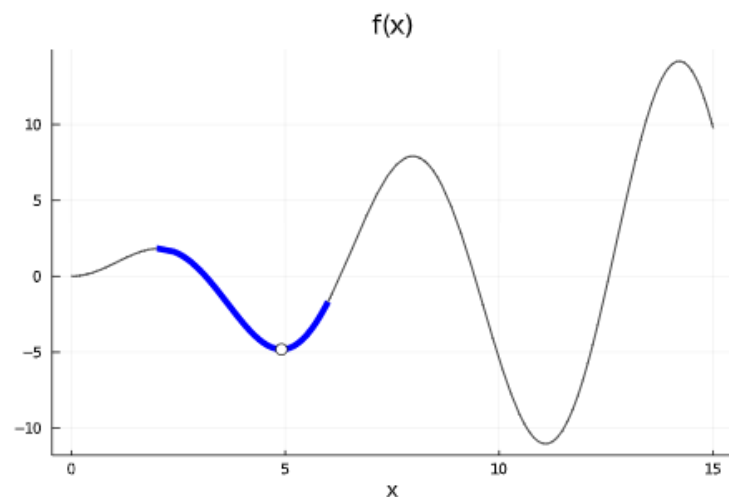
```
    xopt, fmin
end;
```

```
In [4]: # Perform constrained optimization
xopt, fmin = constrainedOptimization(f, xmin, xmax)
```

```
# plot
plot(f, 0, xmin, color=:black, title="f(x)", xlabel="x", legend=false)
plot!(f, xmin, xmax, color=:blue, linewidth=5)
plot!(f, xmax, 15, color=:black)
scatter!([xopt], [fmin], color=:white, markersize=5)
```

```
converged? true
# iter: 10
xOpt: 4.913180438706312
fMin: -4.814469889712268
```

Out[4]:



## Unconstrained Optimization (transformed problem)

```
In [5]: # Transformation
x(y) = @. (xmin + xmax) / 2 + (xmax - xmin) * y / (1 + y^2)
fy(y) = f(x(y))
```

```
# Unconstrained optimization: transformed problem
function unconstrainedOptimization(fy, y0, method=LBFGS())

    println("\ninitial guess: ", y0)
    res = optimize(y->fy(first(y)), [y0], method)

    conv = Optim.converged(res); println("converged? ", conv)
    yopt = Optim.minimizer(res); println(" yOpt: ", yopt[1])
    println(" xOpt: ", x(yopt[1]))
    fmin = Optim.minimum(res);   println("  fMin: ", fmin)

    yopt, fmin
end;
```

```
In [6]: # Perform constrained optimization
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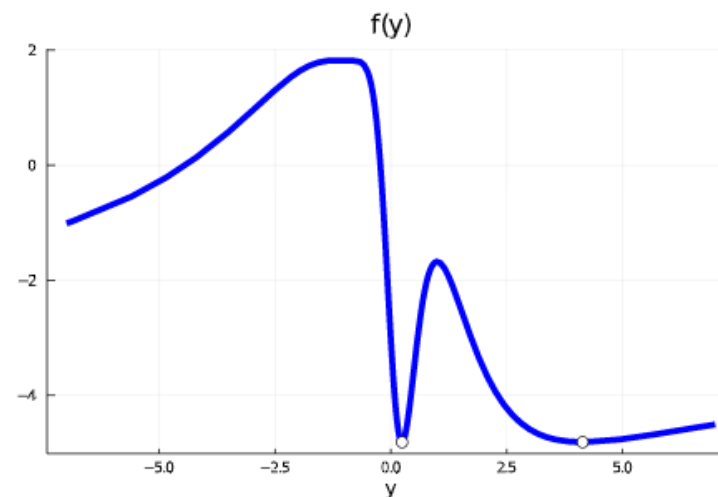
```
# different initial guesses
yopt_a, fmin_a = unconstrainedOptimization(fy, 0.)
yopt_b, fmin_b = unconstrainedOptimization(fy, 0.5)

# plot
plot(fy, -7, 7, color=:blue, linewidth=5, title="f(y)", xlabel="y", legend=false)
scatter!([yopt_a], [fmin_a], color=:white, markersize=5)
scatter!([yopt_b], [fmin_b], color=:white, markersize=5)
```

```
initial guess: 0.0
converged? true
yOpt: 4.138671948497414
xOpt: 4.913180431692558
fMin: -4.814469889712268
```

```
initial guess: 0.5
converged? true
yOpt: 0.24162340533417573
xOpt: 4.913180439619471
fMin: -4.814469889712269
```

Out[6]:



Optim

<https://juliansolvers.github.io/Optim.jl/stable/>



See 01\_alg4opt170.ipynb



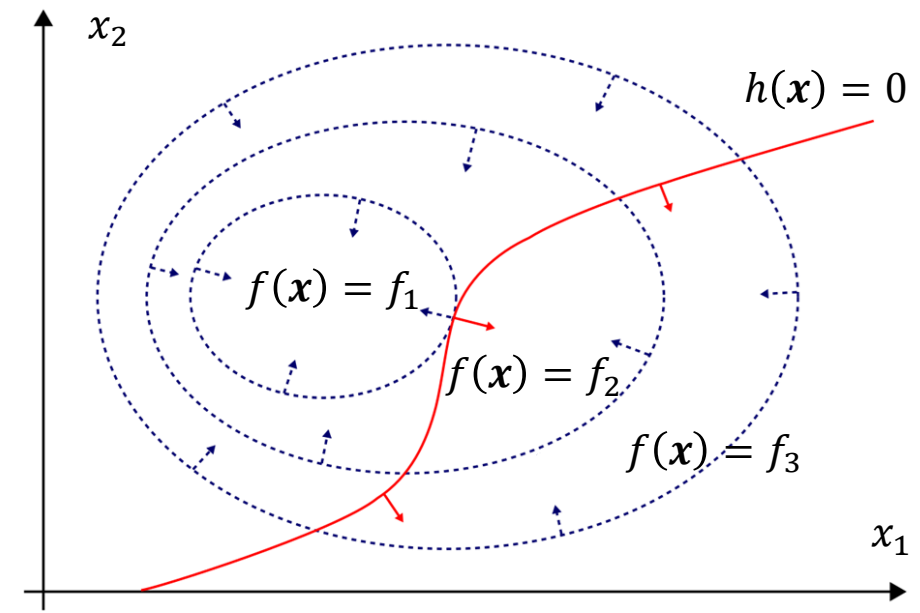
## Method of Lagrange Multipliers

Used to optimize a function subjected to equality constraints

Consider an optimization problem where  $f$  and  $h$  have continuous partial derivatives

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} & h(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \end{array}$$

- Method of Lagrange multipliers is used to compute where a contour line of  $f$  is aligned with a contour line of  $h = 0$
- Hence, we need to find where the gradient of  $f$  and the gradient of  $h$  are aligned



- Contour lines of  $f$  are lines of constant  $f$
- The gradient of a function at a point is perpendicular to the contour line of that function through that point
- The optimum solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$  lies where a contour line of  $f$  is aligned with the contour line  $h = 0$

## Example: Aligned gradients

Kochenderfer & Wheeler (2019) Algorithms for Optimization,  
MIT Press: Example 10.3 (page 172)

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} \quad & -\exp\left(-\left(x_1x_2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(x_2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & x_1 - x_2^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Lagrange Multiplier Motivation

### Optimization problem with equality constraint

```
In [1]: using Optim, Calculus, LinearAlgebra, Plots
```

```
In [2]: # Objective function
f(x) = -exp(-(x[1] * x[2] - 3/2)^2 - (x[2] - 3/2)^2)

# Equality constraint
h(x) = x[1] - x[2]^2;
```

### Find optimal solution

```
In [3]: # Substitute the constraint into the objective function
x1(x2) = x2.^2
fu(x2) = f([x1(x2); x2])

# solve unconstrained objective
res = optimize(x2 -> fu(first(x2)), [0.], LBFGS())
opt_x2 = first(Optim.minimizer(res))
opt_x = [x1(opt_x2), opt_x2]; min_f = f(opt_x)

println("Optimal x1, x2: ", opt_x)
println("Min f: ", min_f)
```

```
Optimal x1, x2: [1.3578043154345563, 1.1652486067078374]
Min f: -0.887974742266445
```

## Alignment of gradients

```
In [4]: # Objective and constraint gradients
∇f = Calculus.gradient(f)
∇h = Calculus.gradient(h);
```

```
In [5]: # eval gradients at optimal point
nf = normalize!(∇f(opt_x))
nh = normalize!(∇h(opt_x));

println("nf: ", nf)
println("nh: ", nh)
```

```
nf: [0.3943241793241729, -0.918971404125459]
nh: [0.39432418041471096, -0.9189714036575167]
```

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In [6]: # plots
pyplot(xlabel="x1", ylabel="x2", colorbar=false, aspect_ratio=:equal)
x = y = LinRange(0, 2.5, 100)

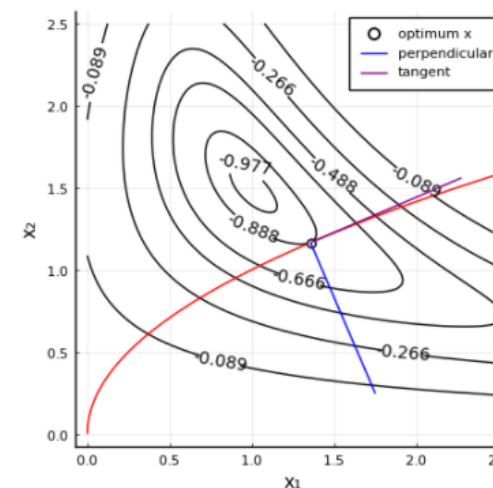
contour(x, y, (x, y)->f([x, y]), levels=[1.1, 1, 0.75, 0.55, 0.3, 0.1]*min_f, c=:black, contour_labels=true)
contour!(x, y, (x, y)->h([x, y]), levels=[0.], c=:red)

scatter!([x1(opt_x2)], [opt_x2], markersize=5, c=:white, label="optimum x")

perpend_x = opt_x + nh
tangent_x = opt_x + [-nh[2], nh[1]]

plot!([opt_x[1], perpend_x[1]], [opt_x[2], perpend_x[2]], color=:blue, label="perpendicular")
plot!([opt_x[1], tangent_x[1]], [opt_x[2], tangent_x[2]], color=:purple, label="tangent")
```

Out[6]:



## Method of Lagrange Multipliers

So, we seek the best  $\mathbf{x}$  such that

- $h(\mathbf{x}) = 0$
- $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda \nabla h(\mathbf{x})$

Lagrange multiplier,  $\lambda$

- We need the scalar  $\lambda$  because the magnitudes of the gradients may not be the same

We can formulate the *Lagrangian* as

- $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = f(\mathbf{x}) - \lambda h(\mathbf{x})$

Solving  $\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \mathbf{0}$

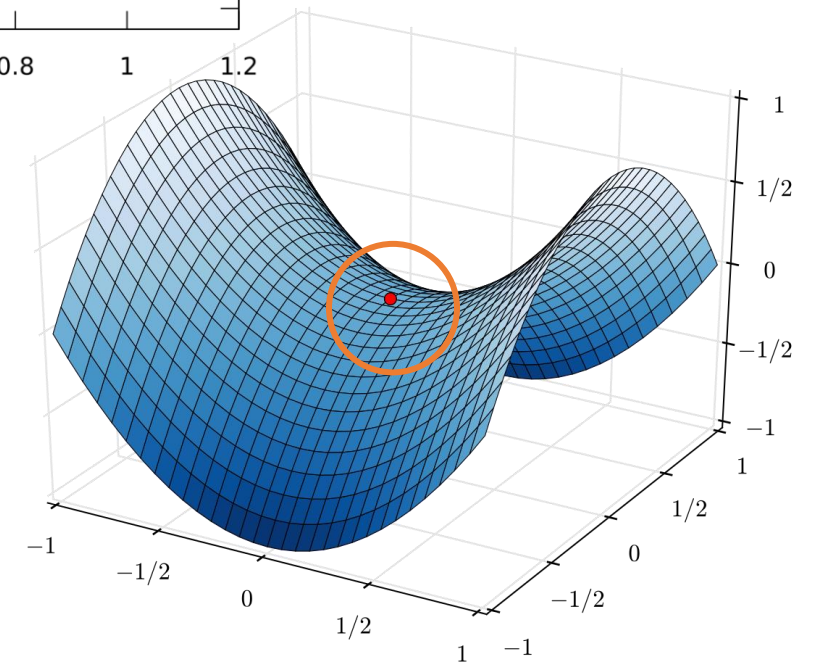
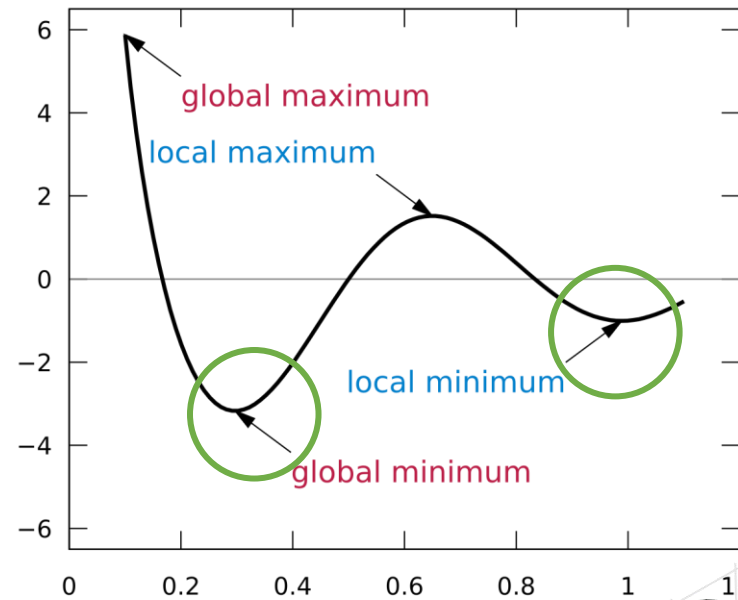
- $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{L} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda \nabla h(\mathbf{x})$
- $\nabla_{\lambda} \mathcal{L} = 0 \Rightarrow h(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

Necessary optimality conditions  
(not sufficient)

Any solution is considered a *critical point*

- Local/global minimum
- Saddle points

For convex problems,  
Necessary conditions = sufficient conditions



Consider the same last example

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} & -\exp\left(-\left(x_1x_2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(x_2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right) \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 - x_2^2 = 0\end{array}$$

- Form the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, \lambda) = -\exp\left(-\left(x_1x_2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(x_2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right) - \lambda(x_1 - x_2^2)$$

- Compute the gradient and set the derivatives to zero

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1} = 2x_2 f(\mathbf{x}) \left(\frac{3}{2} - x_1x_2\right) - \lambda$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_2} = 2\lambda x_2 + f(\mathbf{x}) \left(-2x_1(x_1x_2 - \frac{3}{2}) - 2(x_2 - \frac{3}{2})\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = x_2^2 - x_1$$

- Solve equations and the same solution is obtained:
  - $x_1 \approx 1.358, x_2 \approx 1.165$
  - with Lagrange multiplier,  $\lambda \approx 0.170$

Lagrange Multipliers for multiple equality constraints

Consider the following optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} & h_1(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \\ & h_2(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \\ & \vdots\end{array}$$

- Lagrangian can be defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) &= f(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_i \lambda_i h_i(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

## Example: Minimization of Complementary Energy

- Optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{\mathbf{r}}{\text{minimize}} && \Pi_c(\mathbf{r}) \\ &\text{s.t.} && \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{f} \end{aligned}$$

where:

$\mathbf{r}$ : Internal forces of the bars

$\mathbf{f}$ : Nodal external forces

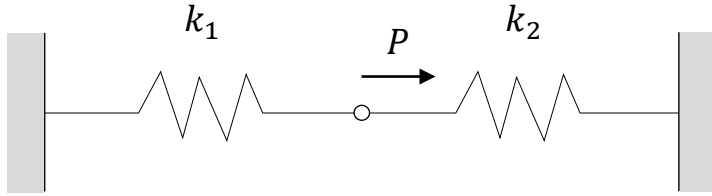
$\mathbf{B}^T$ : Equilibrium matrix

$\mathbf{C}^{-1}$ : Internal Flexibility matrix

- Complementary Energy

$$\Pi_c(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{r}$$

## Example: Minimization of Complementary Energy



- Equilibrium condition (internal x external forces)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 r_1 \quad \xrightarrow{P} \quad r_2 \\
 \longleftarrow \quad \longrightarrow \quad r_1 - r_2 = P
 \end{array}$$

- Complementary Energy

$$\Pi_c(r_1, r_2) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_1^2}{k_1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_2^2}{k_2}$$

- Optimization Problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \underset{r_1, r_2}{\text{minimize}} & \Pi_c(r_1, r_2) \\
 \text{s.t.} & r_1 - r_2 = P
 \end{array}$$

## Complementary Energy Example

Complementary Energy and Equilibrium Condition

$$\Pi_c := (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{k_1} \cdot r_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{k_2} \cdot r_2^2 :$$

$$h := (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow r_2 - r_1 + P :$$

using Force method

$$r_2 := \text{solve}(h(r_1, r_2) = 0, r_2) = r_1 - P$$

$$\Pi_c(r_1, r_2) = \frac{r_1^2}{2 k_1} + \frac{(r_1 - P)^2}{2 k_2}$$

$$r_1 := \text{solve}(\text{diff}(\Pi_c(r_1, r_2), r_1) = 0, r_1) = \frac{P k_1}{k_2 + k_1}$$

$$r_2 := \text{solve}(h(r_1, r_2) = 0, r_2) = -\frac{P k_2}{k_2 + k_1}$$

using Lagrange multiplier

$$L := (r_1, r_2, \lambda) \rightarrow \Pi_c(r_1, r_2) + \lambda \cdot h(r_1, r_2) :$$

$$eq_1 := \text{diff}(L(r_1, r_2, \lambda), r_1) = 0 = \frac{r_1}{k_1} - \lambda = 0$$

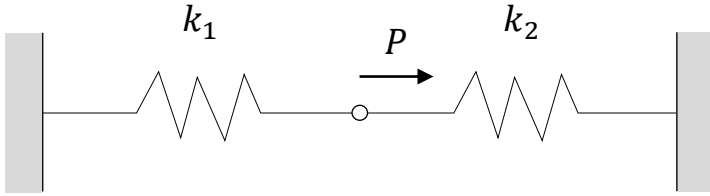
$$eq_2 := \text{diff}(L(r_1, r_2, \lambda), r_2) = 0 = \frac{r_2}{k_2} + \lambda = 0$$

$$eq_3 := \text{diff}(L(r_1, r_2, \lambda), \lambda) = 0 = r_2 - r_1 + P = 0$$

$$\text{solve}(\{eq_1, eq_2, eq_3\}, \{r_1, r_2, \lambda\}) = \left\{ \lambda = \frac{P}{k_2 + k_1}, r_1 = \frac{P k_1}{k_2 + k_1}, r_2 = -\frac{P k_2}{k_2 + k_1} \right\}$$

# Lagrange Multipliers

## Example: Minimization of Complementary Energy



- Equilibrium condition (internal x external forces)

$$\begin{array}{c} r_1 \quad \xrightarrow{P} \quad r_2 \\ \leftarrow \quad \circ \quad \rightarrow \end{array} \quad r_1 - r_2 = P$$

- Complementary Energy

$$\Pi_c(r_1, r_2) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_1^2}{k_1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_2^2}{k_2}$$

- Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{r_1, r_2}{\text{minimize}} && \Pi_c(r_1, r_2) \\ &\text{s.t.} && r_1 - r_2 = P \end{aligned}$$

## Complementary Energy Example

```
In [1]: using JuMP, Ipopt
```

```
In [2]: # Problem data
P, k1, k2 = 10., 100., 200.

# Complementary energy and equilibrium condition
Πc(r1, r2) = 1/2 * r1^2 / k1 + 1/2 * r2^2 / k2
h(r1, r2) = r2 - r1 + P;

# reference results
r1ref(P, k1, k2) = P * k1 / (k1 + k2)
r2ref(P, k1, k2) = -P * k2 / (k1 + k2)

println("r1ref : ", r1ref(P, k1, k2), ", r2ref : ", r2ref(P, k1, k2))

r1ref : 3.3333333333333335, r2ref : -6.666666666666667
```

```
In [3]: m = Model(Ipopt.Optimizer)
set_optimizer_attribute(m, "print_level", 0)

@variable(m, r1)
@variable(m, r2)

@objective(m, Min, Πc(r1, r2))

@constraint(m, h(r1, r2) == 0)

println(m)
optimize!(m)

println("Termination status: ", termination_status(m))
println("Primal status: ", primal_status(m))

println(" f* : ", objective_value(m))
println("r1* : ", value(r1), ", r2* : ", value(r2))

Min 0.005 r1^2 + 0.0025 r2^2
Subject to
-r1 + r2 == -10.0
```

```
*****
This program contains Ipopt, a library for large-scale nonlinear optimization.
Ipopt is released as open source code under the Eclipse Public License (EPL).
For more information visit http://projects.coin-or.org/Ipopt
*****
```

```
Termination status: LOCALLY_SOLVED
Primal status: FEASIBLE_POINT
f* : 0.16666666666666669
r1* : 3.3333333333333335, r2* : -6.666666666666667
```



See 03\_complementaryenergy.ipynb

## JuMP depends on solvers to solve optimization problems

<https://jump.dev/JuMP.jl/v0.21.1/installation/#Getting-Solvers-1>

Solver	Julia Package	License	Supports
Artelys Knitro	KNITRO.jl	Comm.	LP, MILP, SOCP, MISOCP, NLP, MINLP
Cbc	Cbc.jl	EPL	MILP
CDCS	CDCS.jl	GPL	LP, SOCP, SDP
CDD	CDDLib.jl	GPL	LP
Clp	Clp.jl	EPL	LP
COSMO	COSMO.jl	Apache	LP, QP, SOCP, SDP
CPLEX	CPLEX.jl	Comm.	LP, MILP, SOCP, MISOCP
CSDP	CSDP.jl	EPL	LP, SDP
ECOS	ECOS.jl	GPL	LP, SOCP
FICO Xpress	Xpress.jl	Comm.	LP, MILP, SOCP, MISOCP
GLPK	GLPK.jl	GPL	LP, MILP
Gurobi	Gurobi.jl	Comm.	LP, MILP, SOCP, MISOCP
Ipopt	Ipopt.jl	EPL	LP, QP, NLP

Juniper	Juniper.jl	MIT	MISOCP, MINLP
MOSEK	MosekTools.jl	Comm.	LP, MILP, SOCP, MISOCP, SDP
OSQP	OSQP.jl	Apache	LP, QP
ProxSDP	ProxSDP.jl	MIT	LP, SOCP, SDP
SCIP	SCIP.jl	ZIB	MILP, MINLP
SCS	SCS.jl	MIT	LP, SOCP, SDP
SDPA	SDPA.jl, SDPAFamily.jl	GPL	LP, SDP
SDPNAL	SDPNAL.jl	CC BY-SA	LP, SDP
SDPT3	SDPT3.jl	GPL	LP, SOCP, SDP
SeDuMi	SeDuMi.jl	GPL	LP, SOCP, SDP
Tulip	Tulip.jl	MPL-2	LP

Where:

- LP = Linear programming
- QP = Quadratic programming
- SOCP = Second-order conic programming (including problems with convex quadratic constraints and/or objective)
- MILP = Mixed-integer linear programming
- NLP = Nonlinear programming
- MINLP = Mixed-integer nonlinear programming
- SDP = Semidefinite programming
- MISOCP = Mixed-integer semidefinite programming

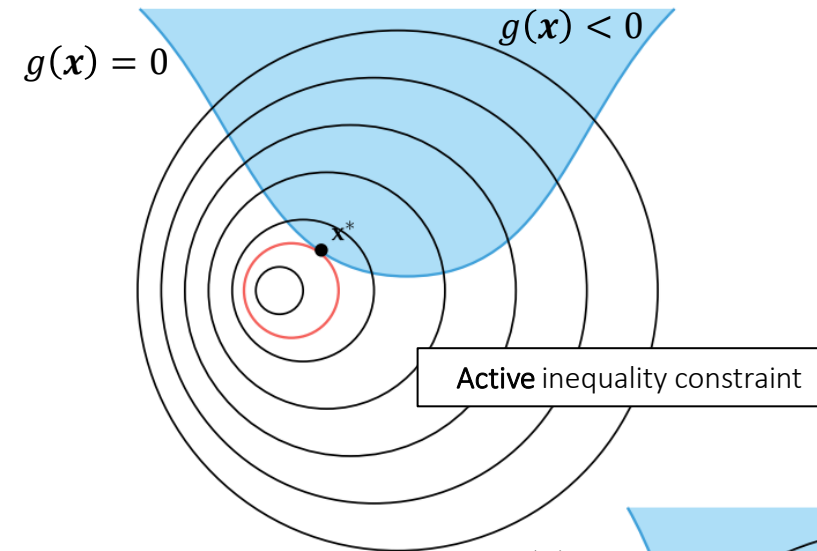


## Inequality constraints

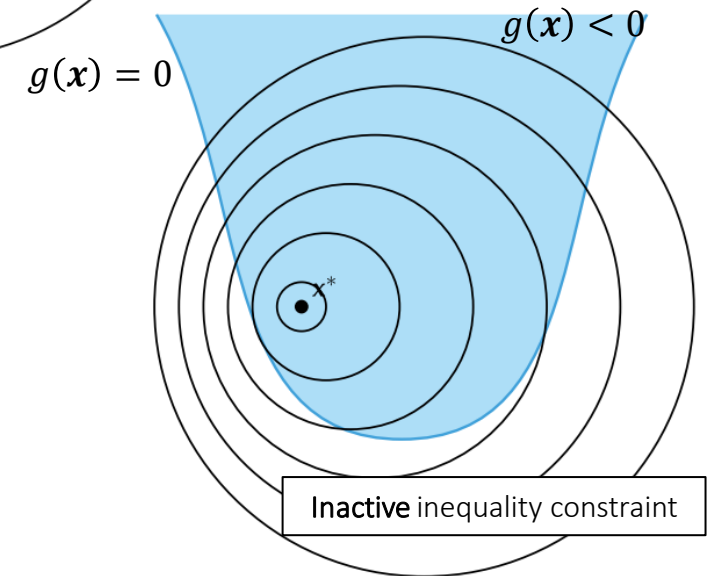
Consider a problem with a single inequality constraint

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} & g(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0\end{array}$$

- If the solution lies at the constraint boundary,
  - the Lagrange condition holds for some constant  $\mu$
  - the constraint is considered **active**
- If the solution does not lie at the constraint boundary,
  - the constraint is considered **inactive**
  - solutions will lie where  $\nabla f = 0$ , as with unconstrained optimization
  - the Lagrange condition holds by setting  $\mu = 0$
- The Lagrangian of the problem is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \mu) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \mu g(\mathbf{x})$
- In order to penalize the objective, for inequalities  $\mu \geq 0$



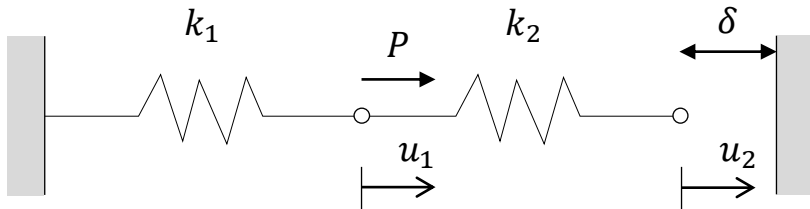
$$\nabla f + \mu \nabla g = \mathbf{0}$$



- Total Potential Energy

$$\Pi(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{u}$$

## Example: Contact Problem



- Contact condition

$$u_2 \leq \delta$$

- Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{u_1, u_2}{\text{minimize}} \quad & \Pi(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (u_2 - u_1)^2 - P u_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & u_2 - \delta \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Contact Problem

restart: with(LinearAlgebra) :

Set stiffness matrix

$$K := \langle k_1 + k_2, -k_2; -k_2, k_2 \rangle :$$

Approach #1: Solving linear system,  $Ku = f$

## Unconstrained problem

$$F := \langle P, 0 \rangle :$$

$$u := \text{LinearSolve}(K, F) :$$

$$u^{\%T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{P}{k_1} & \frac{P}{k_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Constrained problem

$$u := \langle 0, \delta \rangle : \text{free} := 1 : \text{fix} := 2 :$$

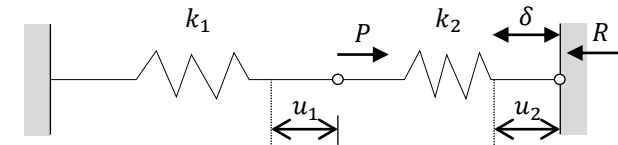
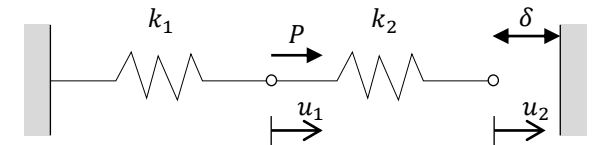
Apply partition method for solving the unknowns

$$u[\text{free}] := \frac{F[\text{free}] - K[\text{free}, \text{fix}] \cdot u[\text{fix}]}{K[\text{free}, \text{free}]} :$$

$$F[\text{fix}] := K[\text{fix}, \text{free}] \cdot u[\text{free}] + K[\text{fix}, \text{fix}] \cdot u[\text{fix}] :$$

$$u^{\%T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{k_2 \delta + P}{k_1 + k_2} & \delta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^{\%T} = \begin{bmatrix} P & k_2 \delta - \frac{k_2 (k_2 \delta + P)}{k_1 + k_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

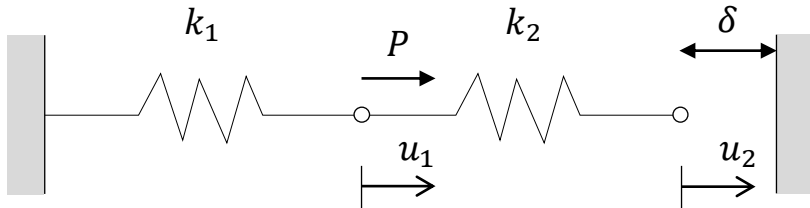


# Inequality Constraints

- Total Potential Energy

$$\Pi(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{u}$$

## Example: Contact Problem



- Contact condition

$$u_2 \leq \delta$$

- Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{u_1, u_2}{\text{minimize}} \quad & \Pi(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (u_2 - u_1)^2 - P u_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & u_2 - \delta \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Approach #2: Solving a optimization problem

### Total Potential Energy and Inequality constraint

$$\Pi := (u_1, u_2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \cdot k_1 \cdot u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot k_2 \cdot (u_2 - u_1)^2 - P \cdot u_1$$

$$g := (u_1, u_2) \rightarrow u_2 - \delta$$

### Lagrangian

$$L := \text{unapply}(\Pi(u_1, u_2) + \mu \cdot g(u_1, u_2), u_1, u_2, \mu)$$

$$L(u_1, u_2, \mu) = \frac{k_1 u_1^2}{2} + \frac{k_2 (u_2 - u_1)^2}{2} - P u_1 + \mu (u_2 - \delta)$$

Number of cases are  $2^n$ , where  $n$  is the number of inequality constraints

Here,  $n=1$ , so the two cases are the unconstrained and the constrained cases

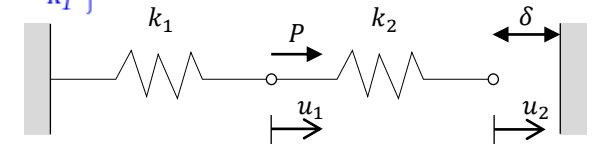
### Unconstrained problem

Set Lagrange multiplier to zero (remove constraint from Lagrangian)

$$eq_1 := D[1](L)(u_1, u_2, 0) = k_1 u_1 - k_2 (u_2 - u_1) - P$$

$$eq_2 := D[2](L)(u_1, u_2, 0) = k_2 (u_2 - u_1)$$

$$\text{solve}(\{eq_1 = 0, eq_2 = 0\}, \{u_1, u_2\}) = \left\{ u_1 = \frac{P}{k_1}, u_2 = \frac{P}{k_1} \right\}$$



### Constrained problem

Constraint  $g$  must be zero

$$u_2 := \text{solve}(g(u_1, u_2) = 0, u_2) = \delta$$

$$eq_1 := D[1](L)(u_1, u_2, \mu) = k_1 u_1 - k_2 (\delta - u_1) - P$$

$$eq_2 := D[2](L)(u_1, u_2, \mu) = k_2 (\delta - u_1) + \mu$$

$$\text{solve}(\{eq_1 = 0, eq_2 = 0\}, \{u_1, \mu\}) = \left\{ \mu = \frac{k_2 (-\delta k_1 + P)}{k_1 + k_2}, u_1 = \frac{k_2 \delta + P}{k_1 + k_2} \right\}$$

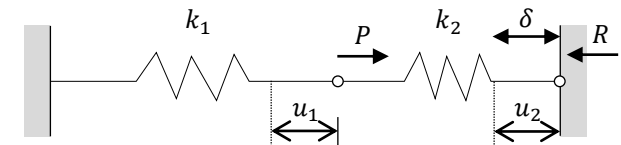
$$\mu = R$$

assign(%) :

Lagrange multiplier and reaction force

$$R := -F[2]:$$

$$\text{simplify}(R - \mu) = 0$$



For inequality constraints, since  $P - \delta \cdot k_1 \geq 0$ , or reaction force due to contact is always non-negative, lagrange multiplier must always be non-negative too!

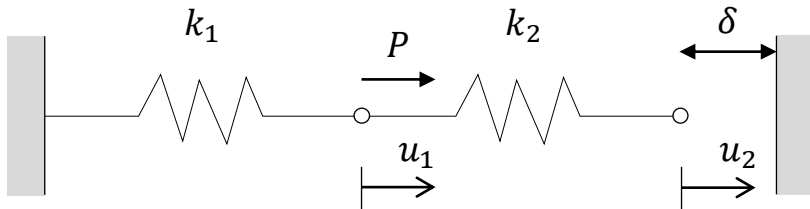
- Total Potential Energy

$$\Pi(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{u}$$

Given this optimization problem

Homework

## Example: Contact Problem



- Contact condition

$$u_2 \leq \delta$$

- Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{u_1, u_2}{\text{minimize}} \quad & \Pi(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (u_2 - u_1)^2 - P u_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & u_2 - \delta \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- A) Consider:

- $P = 100$  kN
- $k_1 = k_2 = 1000$  kN/m
- $\delta = 0.15$  m

- Develop a computational routine to solve the problem
- Verify the results with the analytical solution

- B) Repeat A) but now with  $P = 200$  kN

## Optimizing the problem

Requires finding critical points  $\mathbf{x}^*$  such that

- The point is feasible  $g(\mathbf{x}^*) \leq 0$
- The penalty must point in the right direction  $\mu \geq 0$
- Active constraint,  $g(x) = 0$
- Inactive constraint  $\mu = 0$   $\mu g(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$
- Active constraint, Lagrange condition holds
- Inactive constraint, optimum will have
  - $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}$
  - $\mu = 0$   $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \mu \nabla g(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}$

## KKT Conditions

Generalizing for multiple equality and inequality constraints

- **Feasibility**  $g(\mathbf{x}^*) \leq 0$   
All constraints satisfied  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}$
- **Dual feasibility**  $\mu \geq 0$   
Penalization is toward feasibility
- **Complementary slackness**  $\mu_i g_i(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$   
Either  $\mu_i = 0$  or  $g_i(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$
- **Stationarity**  
 $f$  contour is tangent to each active constraint

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \sum_i \mu_i \nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}^*) + \sum_j \lambda_j \nabla h_j(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}$$

- First-order necessary conditions for optimality
- Identified critical points still should be tested for local minima
- For convex problems, these conditions are already sufficient conditions for optimality

## Example: Solution to the KKT necessary conditions

Arora (2012) Introduction to Optimum Design, Elsevier: Example 4.32 (page 150)

Minimize

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

subject to

$$g_1 = -2x_1 - x_2 + 4 \leq 0, \quad g_2 = -x_1 - 2x_2 + 4 \leq 0$$

### Objective function and inequality constraints

$$f := (x_1, x_2) \rightarrow x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2 \cdot x_1 - 2 \cdot x_2 + 2 :$$

$$g_1 := (x_1, x_2) \rightarrow -2 \cdot x_1 - x_2 + 4 :$$

$$g_2 := (x_1, x_2) \rightarrow -x_1 - 2 \cdot x_2 + 4 :$$

### Generalized Lagrangian

$$l := f(x_1, x_2) + \mu_1 \cdot g_1(x_1, x_2) + \mu_2 \cdot g_2(x_1, x_2) :$$

$$L := \text{unapply}(l, x_1, x_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) :$$

### KKT conditions (Stationarity and feasibility)

$$eq_1 := D[1](L)(x_1, x_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) = 0 :$$

$$eq_2 := D[2](L)(x_1, x_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) = 0 :$$

$$eq_3 := g_1(x_1, x_2) = G_1 :$$

$$eq_4 := g_2(x_1, x_2) = G_2 :$$

### Equations and unknowns

$$eq := \text{unapply}(\{eq_1, eq_2, eq_3, eq_4\}, x_1, x_2, \mu_1, \mu_2, G_1, G_2) :$$

### KKT conditions (Complementary slackness and dual feasibility)

Check  $2^n$   $\mu_1, \mu_2, G_1, G_2$  combinations for  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \geq 0$  and  $G_1, G_2 \leq 0$

$$case_1 := 0, 0, G_1, G_2 : vars_1 := G_1, G_2 :$$

$$case_2 := 0, \mu_2, G_1, 0 : vars_2 := \mu_2, G_1 :$$

$$case_3 := \mu_1, 0, 0, G_2 : vars_3 := \mu_1, G_2 :$$

$$case_4 := \mu_1, \mu_2, 0, 0 : vars_4 := \mu_1, \mu_2 :$$

$$\text{solve}(eq(x_1, x_2, case_1), \{x_1, x_2, vars_1\}) = \{G_1 = 1, G_2 = 1, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1\}$$

$$\text{solve}(eq(x_1, x_2, case_2), \{x_1, x_2, vars_2\}) = \left\{G_1 = \frac{1}{5}, \mu_2 = \frac{2}{5}, x_1 = \frac{6}{5}, x_2 = \frac{7}{5}\right\}$$

$$\text{solve}(eq(x_1, x_2, case_3), \{x_1, x_2, vars_3\}) = \left\{G_2 = \frac{1}{5}, \mu_1 = \frac{2}{5}, x_1 = \frac{7}{5}, x_2 = \frac{6}{5}\right\}$$

$$\text{solve}(eq(x_1, x_2, case_4), \{x_1, x_2, vars_4\}) = \left\{\mu_1 = \frac{2}{9}, \mu_2 = \frac{2}{9}, x_1 = \frac{4}{3}, x_2 = \frac{4}{3}\right\}$$

### Feasible solution: Case 4

$$\text{assign}(\text{solve}(eq(x_1, x_2, case_4), \{x_1, x_2, vars_4\}))$$

$$x_1, x_2 = \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}$$

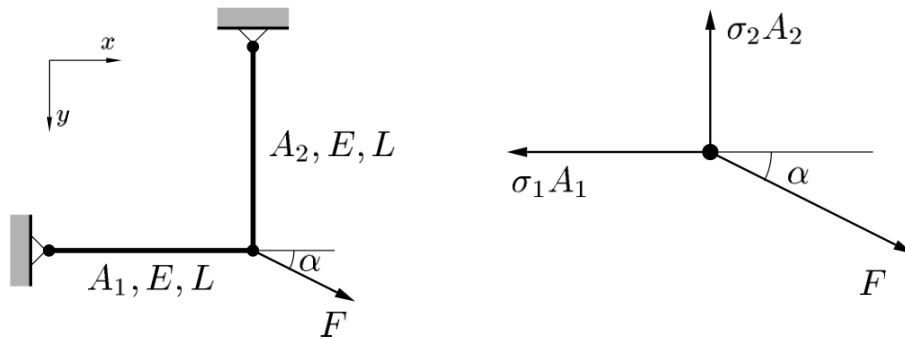
$$\mu_1, \mu_2 = \frac{2}{9}, \frac{2}{9}$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$g_1(x_1, x_2), g_2(x_1, x_2) = 0, 0$$

## Example: Weight minimization with stress constraints

Christensen & Klarbring (2009) An Introduction to Structural Optimization, Springer: Section 2.1 (page 10)



$$\begin{aligned} \min_{A_1, A_2} \quad & A_1 + A_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{cases} A_1 \geq \frac{F \cos \alpha}{\sigma_0} \\ A_2 \geq \frac{F \sin \alpha}{\sigma_0} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

## Objective function and inequality constraints

$$f := (A_1, A_2) \rightarrow A_1 + A_2 :$$

$$g_1 := (A_1, A_2) \rightarrow \frac{F \cos(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_1 :$$

$$g_2 := (A_1, A_2) \rightarrow \frac{F \sin(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_2 :$$

## Generalized Lagrangian

$$l := f(A_1, A_2) + \mu_1 g_1(A_1, A_2) + \mu_2 g_2(A_1, A_2) :$$

$$L := \text{unapply}(l, A_1, A_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) :$$

## KKT conditions (Stationarity and feasibility)

$$eq_1 := D[1](L)(A_1, A_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) = 0 :$$

$$eq_2 := D[2](L)(A_1, A_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) = 0 :$$

$$eq_3 := g_1(A_1, A_2) = G_1 :$$

$$eq_4 := g_2(A_1, A_2) = G_2 :$$

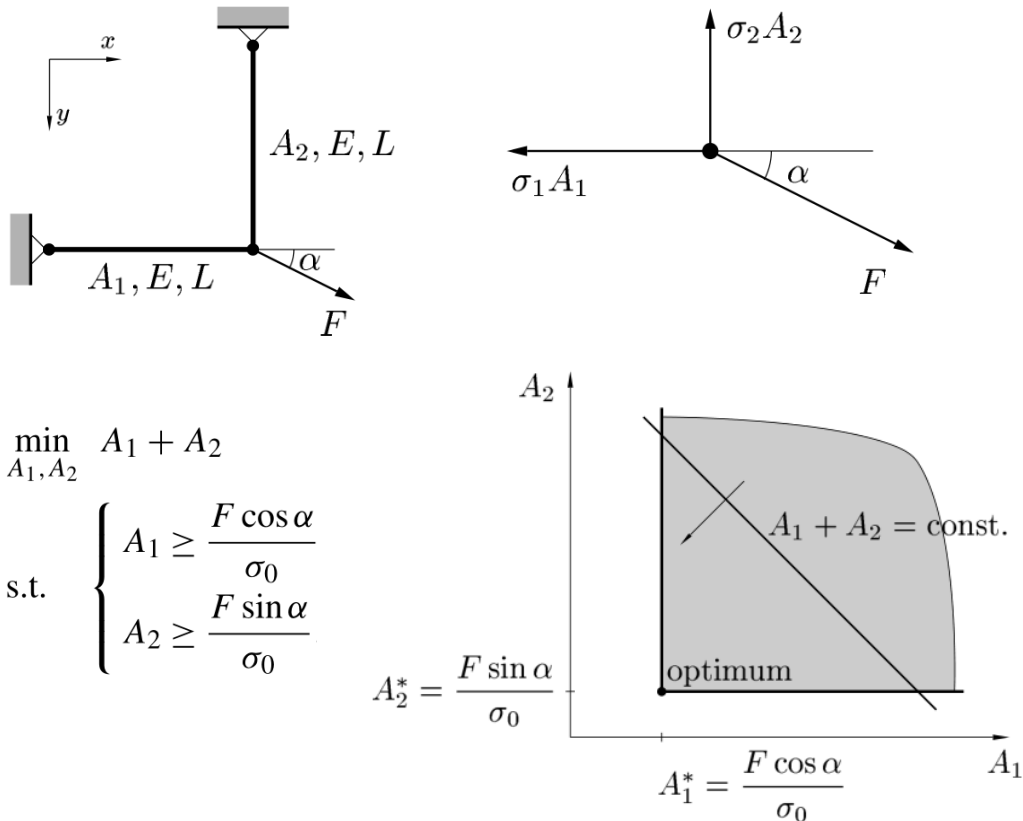
## Equations and unknowns

$$eq := \text{unapply}(\{eq_1, eq_2, eq_3, eq_4\}, A_1, A_2, \mu_1, \mu_2, G_1, G_2) :$$

# Inequality Constraints

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$case_3 := \mu_1, 0, 0, G_2: vars_3 := \mu_1, G_2:$

$case_4 := \mu_1, \mu_2, 0, 0: vars_4 := \mu_1, \mu_2:$

$$eq(A_1, A_2, case_1) = \left\{ 1 = 0, \frac{F \cos(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_1 = G_1, \frac{F \sin(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_2 = G_2 \right\}$$

$$eq(A_1, A_2, case_2) = \left\{ 1 = 0, 1 - \mu_2 = 0, \frac{F \cos(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_1 = G_1, \frac{F \sin(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_2 = 0 \right\}$$

$$eq(A_1, A_2, case_3) = \left\{ 1 = 0, 1 - \mu_1 = 0, \frac{F \cos(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_1 = 0, \frac{F \sin(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_2 = G_2 \right\}$$

$$eq(A_1, A_2, case_4) = \left\{ 1 - \mu_1 = 0, 1 - \mu_2 = 0, \frac{F \cos(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_1 = 0, \frac{F \sin(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} - A_2 = 0 \right\}$$

$$solve(eq(A_1, A_2, case_4), \{A_1, A_2, vars_4\}) = \left\{ A_1 = \frac{F \cos(\alpha)}{\sigma_0}, A_2 = \frac{F \sin(\alpha)}{\sigma_0}, \mu_1 = 1, \mu_2 = 1 \right\}$$

## Feasible solution: Case 4

$assign(solve(eq(A_1, A_2, case_4), \{A_1, A_2, vars_4\}))$

$$A_1, A_2 = \frac{F \cos(\alpha)}{\sigma_0}, \frac{F \sin(\alpha)}{\sigma_0}$$

$$\mu_1, \mu_2 = 1, 1$$

$$f(A_1, A_2) = \frac{F \cos(\alpha)}{\sigma_0} + \frac{F \sin(\alpha)}{\sigma_0}$$

$$g_1(A_1, A_2), g_2(A_1, A_2) = 0, 0$$



## Transforming inequalities into equalities

Arora (2012) Introduction to Optimum Design,  
Elsevier: Theorem 4.6 (page 142)

### Karush-Kuhn-Tucker Optimality Conditions

Let  $\mathbf{x}^*$  be a regular point of the feasible set that is a local minimum for  $f(\mathbf{x})$ , subject to  $h_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ ;  $i = 1$  to  $p$ ;  $g_j(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$ ;  $j = 1$  to  $m$ . Then there exist Lagrange multipliers  $\mathbf{v}^*$  (a  $p$ -vector) and  $\mathbf{u}^*$  (an  $m$ -vector) such that the Lagrangian function is stationary with respect to  $x_j$ ,  $v_i$ ,  $u_j$ , and  $s_j$  at the point  $\mathbf{x}^*$ .

#### 1. Lagrangian Function for the Problem

Written in the Standard Form:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{s}) &= f(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^p v_i h_i(\mathbf{x}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^m u_j (g_j(\mathbf{x}) + s_j^2) \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{u}^T (\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{s}^2) \end{aligned} \quad (4.46)$$

#### 2. Gradient Conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_k} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} + \sum_{i=1}^p v_i^* \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial x_k} \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^m u_j^* \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial x_k} = 0; \quad k = 1 \text{ to } n \end{aligned} \quad (4.47)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial v_i} = 0 \Rightarrow h_i(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0; \quad i = 1 \text{ to } p \quad (4.48)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial u_j} = 0 \Rightarrow (g_j(\mathbf{x}^*) + s_j^2) = 0; \quad j = 1 \text{ to } m \quad (4.49)$$

#### 3. Feasibility Check for Inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} s_j^2 &\geq 0; \text{ or equivalently } g_j \leq 0; \\ j &= 1 \text{ to } m \end{aligned} \quad (4.50)$$

#### 4. Switching Conditions:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial s_j} = 0 \Rightarrow 2u_j^* s_j = 0; \quad j = 1 \text{ to } m \quad (4.51)$$

#### 5. Non-negativity of Lagrange Multipliers for Inequalities:

$$u_j^* \geq 0; \quad j = 1 \text{ to } m \quad (4.52)$$

#### 6. Regularity Check: Gradients of the active constraints must be linearly independent. In such a case the Lagrange multipliers for the constraints are unique.

## Penalty Methods

- Reformulate a constrained optimization problem as an unconstrained problem
- Penalization of the objective function value when constraints are violated

- Simple example

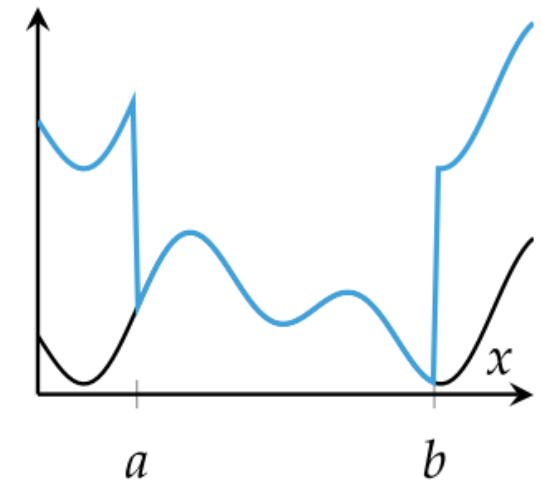
$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \mathbf{0} \\ & \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}\end{array}$$



$$\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(\mathbf{x}) + \rho \cdot p_{\text{count}}(\mathbf{x})$$

Where  $\rho > 0$  adjusts the penalty magnitude

$$p_{\text{count}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i (g_i(\mathbf{x}) > 0) + \sum_j (h_j(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0)$$



—  $f(x)$   
—  $f(x) + \rho p_{\text{count}}(x)$

## Algorithm for Penalty Methods

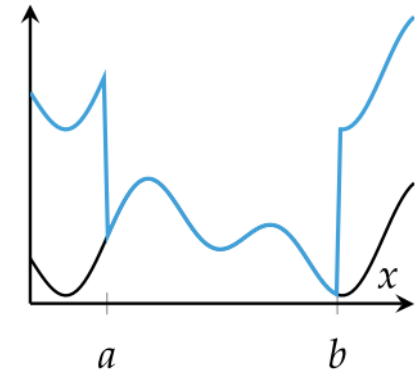
- Start with an initial point  $\mathbf{x}$  and a small value for  $\rho$
- Solve the unconstrained optimization problem
- The resulting design point is then used as the starting point for another optimization with an increased penalty
- We continue with this procedure until the resulting point is feasible or a max number of iterations has been reached

```
function penalty_method(f, p, x, k_max; ρ=1, γ=2)
    for k in 1 : k_max
        x = minimize(x -> f(x) + ρ*p(x), x)
        ρ *= γ
        if p(x) == 0
            return x
        end
    end
    return x
end
```

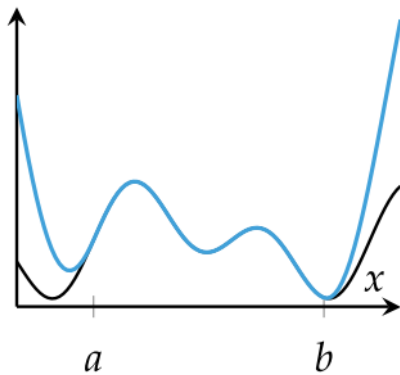
Julia code for penalty method

**minimize** can be any suitable  
unconstrained minimization  
method

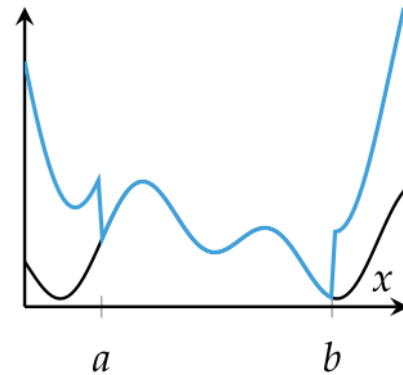
## Penalty functions



—  $f(x)$   
—  $f(x) + \rho p_{\text{count}}(x)$



—  $f(x)$   
—  $f(x) + \rho p_{\text{quadratic}}(x)$



—  $f(x)$   
—  $f(x) + p_{\text{mixed}}(x)$

## Important notes

$$p_{\text{count}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i (g_i(\mathbf{x}) > 0) + \sum_j (h_j(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0)$$

$p_{\text{count}}$  preserves problem solution for large  $\rho$  values

- But introduces a sharp discontinuity
- Points not inside the feasible set lack gradient info

$$p_{\text{quadratic}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i \max(g_i(\mathbf{x}), 0)^2 + \sum_j h_j(\mathbf{x})^2$$

$p_{\text{quadratic}}$  very small close to the constrain boundary

- May require  $\rho$  to approach infinity before cease violation

$$p_{\text{mixed}}(\mathbf{x}) = \rho_1 p_{\text{count}}(\mathbf{x}) + \rho_2 p_{\text{quadratic}}(\mathbf{x})$$

$p_{\text{mixed}}$  clear boundary between the feasible/unfeasible regions

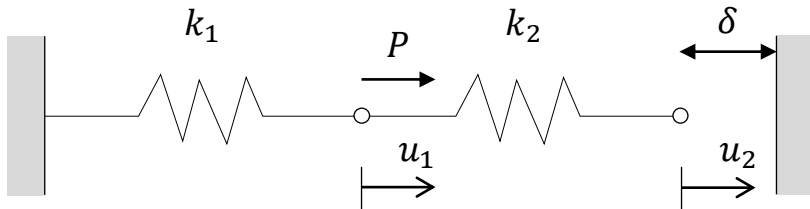
- Also provides gradient info to the solver

# Penalty Methods

- Total Potential Energy

$$\Pi(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{u}$$

## Example: Contact Problem



- Contact condition

$$u_2 \leq \delta$$

- Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{u_1, u_2}{\text{minimize}} \quad & \Pi(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (u_2 - u_1)^2 - P u_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & u_2 - \delta \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Contact Problem using Penalty Method

```
In [1]: using Optim, LinearAlgebra
```

```
In [2]: # Problem data
P = 200.
k1, k2, δ = 1000., 1000., 0.15

# Stiffness matrix and external force vector
K = [k1+k2 -k2; -k2 k2]
F = [P, 0.]

# Total Potential Energy and contact condition
Π(u) = 1/2 * u * (K * u) - (F * u)
g(u) = u[2] - δ

# Penalty function (quadratic)
p(u) = max(g(u), 0)^2;
```

```
In [3]: # minimize: calling Optim unconstrained optimize function
function minimize(f, x0)

    res = optimize(f, x0)
    return Optim.minimizer(res)

end;
```

```
In [7]: # Penalty method code
function penalty_method(f, p, x, k_max; p=1, γ=2)
    for k in 1 : k_max
        x = minimize(x -> f(x) + p * p(x), x)
        p *= γ
        if p(x) == 0
            return x, k, p
        end
    end
    return x, k, p
end;
```

```
In [8]: # Eval contact problem using penalty method
uopt, k, p = penalty_method(Π, p, [0., 0], 100)
println("u* : ", uopt, ", iterations: ", k, ", p : ", p)
```

```
u* : [0.17500468911768227, 0.14999999945312512], iterations: 46, p : 70368744177664
```



See 04\_contactproblem-penalty.ipynb

## Augmented Lagrange Method

- Adaption of penalty method for equality constraints
- Unlike the penalty method, works with smaller values of  $\rho$

$$p_{\text{Lagrange}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\rho \sum_i (h_i(\mathbf{x}))^2 - \sum_i \lambda_i h_i(\mathbf{x})$$

where  $\lambda$  converges towards the Lagrange multiplier

- $\rho$  still increases with each iteration
- and also, the linear penalty vector is updated according to

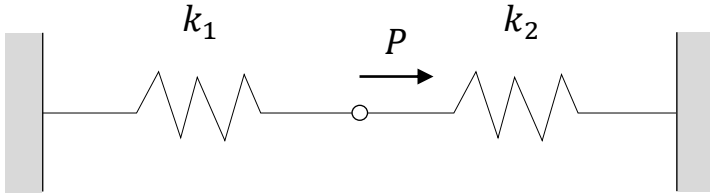
$$\lambda^{(k+1)} = \lambda^{(k)} - \rho \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})$$

## Algorithm for Augmented Lagrange Method

```
function augmented_lagrange_method(f, h, x, k_max; p=1, γ=2)
    λ = zeros(length(h(x)))
    for k in 1 : k_max
        p = x -> f(x) + p/2*sum(h(x).^2) - λ·h(x)
        x = minimize(x -> f(x) + p(x), x)
        ρ *= γ
        λ -= ρ*h(x)
    end
    return x
end
```

Julia code for Augmented  
Lagrange Method

## Example: Complementary Energy with Augmented Lagrange Method



- Equilibrium condition (internal x external forces)

$$r_1 - r_2 = P$$

- Complementary Energy

$$\Pi_c(r_1, r_2) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_1^2}{k_1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_2^2}{k_2}$$

- Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{r_1, r_2}{\text{minimize}} && \Pi_c(r_1, r_2) \\ &\text{s.t.} && r_1 - r_2 = P \end{aligned}$$

Given this optimization problem

Homework

- Consider:
  - $P = 10 \text{ kN}$
  - $k_1 = 100 \text{ kN/m}$
  - $k_2 = 200 \text{ kN/m}$
- Develop an Augmented Lagrange Method routine to solve the problem
  - Consider a break condition if  $\Delta\lambda$  is smaller than a given tolerance
- Verify the results with the prementioned analytical solution
- Display the number of iterations and  $\rho$  value obtained

## Interior Point Methods

- Also called Barrier Methods
- Ensure that each step is feasible
- Allows premature termination
  - to return a nearly optimal, feasible point

## Barrier Functions, $p_{\text{barrier}}(\mathbf{x})$

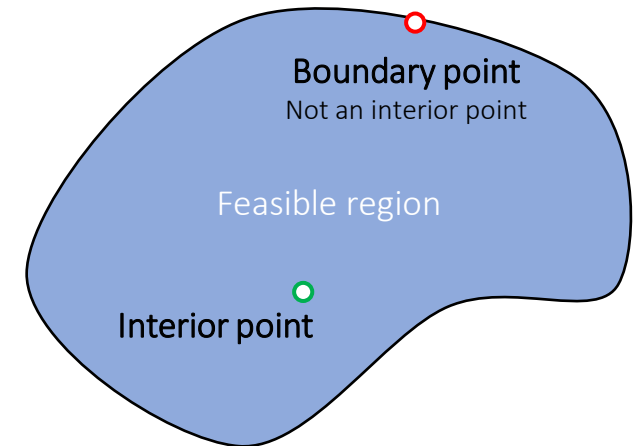
- Similar to penalties but must meet the following conditions:
  - Continuous
  - Non-negative
  - Approach  $\infty$  as  $\mathbf{x}$  approaches any constraint boundary

## Special care with line searches

- Line searches  $f(\mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{d})$  with  $0 < \alpha < \alpha_u$
- $\alpha_u$  is the step to the nearest boundary

## Initial guess

- Interior Point method requires a feasible point as an initial guess





## Examples of barrier functions

- Inverse Barrier

$$p_{\text{barrier}}(\mathbf{x}) = -\sum_i \frac{1}{g_i(\mathbf{x})}$$

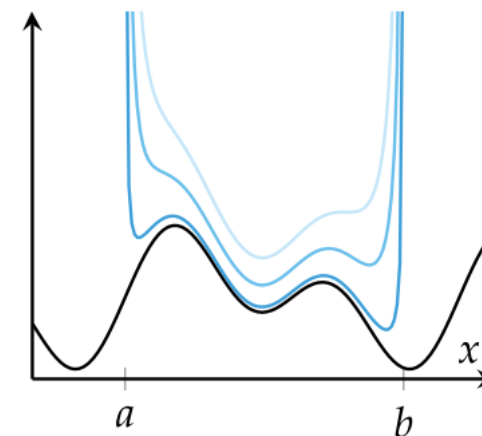
- Log Barrier

$$p_{\text{barrier}}(\mathbf{x}) = -\sum_i \begin{cases} \log(-g_i(\mathbf{x})) & \text{if } g_i(\mathbf{x}) \geq -1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- A problem with inequality constraints can be transformed into an unconstrained optimization problem

$$\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} \ f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{\rho} p_{\text{barrier}}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Applying interior point method with an inverse barrier for minimizing  $f$  s.t.  $a \leq x \leq b$



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{---} f(x) \\ & \text{---} f(x) + p_{\text{barrier}}(x) \\ & \text{---} f(x) + \frac{1}{2} p_{\text{barrier}}(x) \\ & \text{---} f(x) + \frac{1}{10} p_{\text{barrier}}(x) \end{aligned}$$

## Problem Formulation

- Optimization problem with a linear objective and constraints
- Called a **linear program** and its general form is

$$\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{A}_{\text{LE}} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}_{\text{LE}}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{\text{GE}} \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}_{\text{GE}}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{\text{EQ}} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_{\text{EQ}}$$

- Every general form linear program can be rewritten more compactly in standard form

$$\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{\text{GE}} \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}_{\text{GE}} \rightarrow -\mathbf{A}_{\text{GE}} \mathbf{x} \leq -\mathbf{b}_{\text{GE}}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{\text{EQ}} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_{\text{EQ}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{A}_{\text{EQ}} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}_{\text{EQ}} \\ -\mathbf{A}_{\text{EQ}} \mathbf{x} \leq -\mathbf{b}_{\text{EQ}} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+ - \mathbf{x}^- \rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}^+ \geq \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{x}^- \geq \mathbf{0} \end{cases}$$



$$\underset{\mathbf{x}^+, \mathbf{x}^-}{\text{minimize}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}^\top & -\mathbf{c}^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^+ \\ \mathbf{x}^- \end{bmatrix}$$

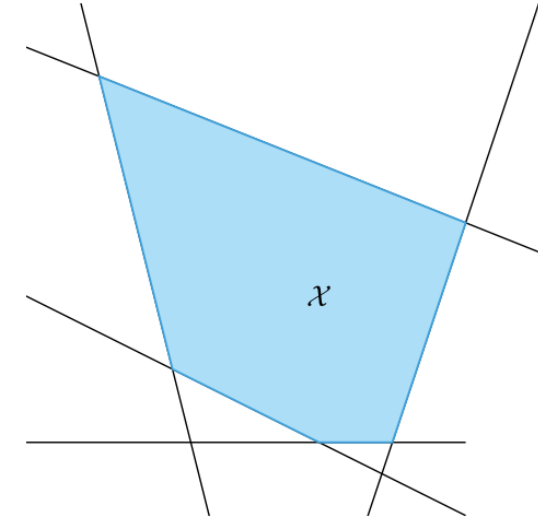
$$\text{subject to} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^+ \\ \mathbf{x}^- \end{bmatrix} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^+ \\ \mathbf{x}^- \end{bmatrix} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

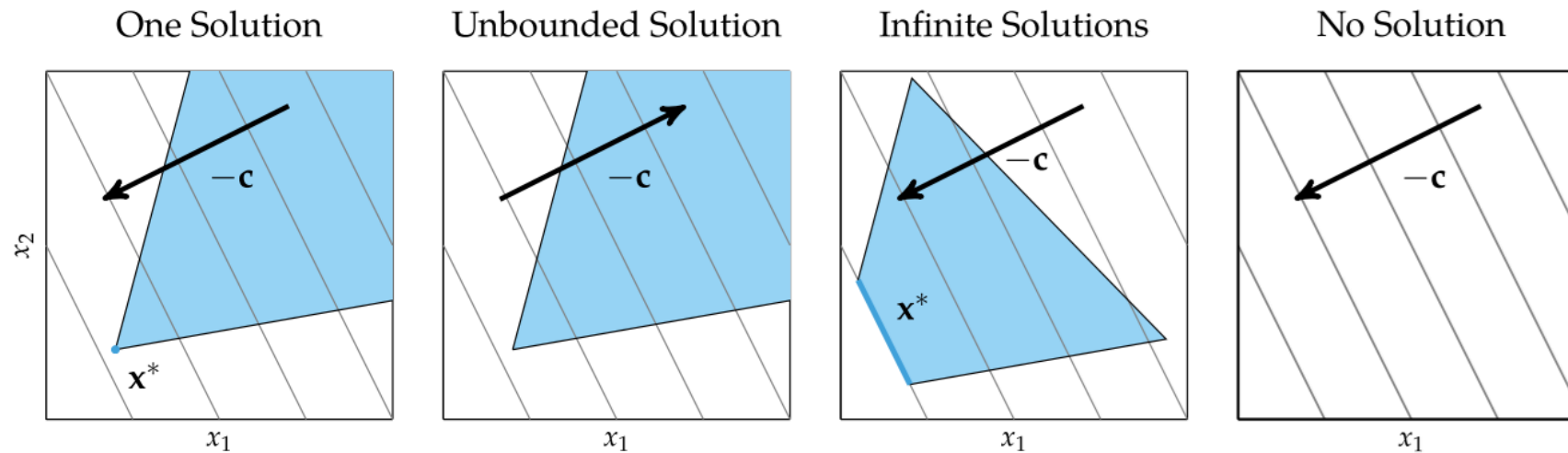
## Problem Formulation

- Each inequality constraint defines a planar boundary of the feasible set (half-space)
- The set of inequality constraints define the intersection of multiple half-spaces (convex set)

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} && \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \\ & && \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$



- No unique solution exists if the problem is unbounded
- There are infinite solutions, or it is over-constrained



## Problem Formulation

- Linear programs are often solved in equality form
- Feasible sets lie on hyperplanes

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} & \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}\end{array}$$

- Any linear program in standard form can be transformed to equality form using slack variables  $\mathbf{s}$

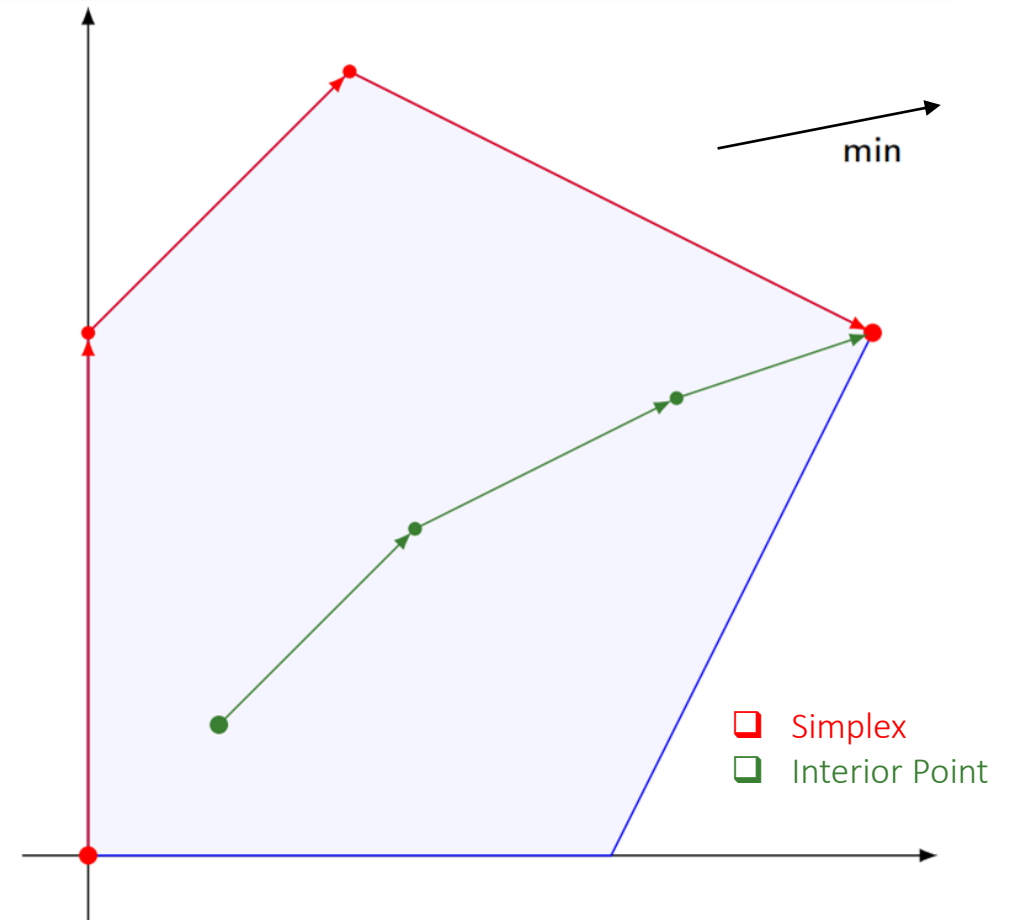
$$\mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{s} \geq \mathbf{0}$$



$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}}{\text{minimize}} & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}^\top & \mathbf{0}^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} \geq \mathbf{0}\end{array}$$

## Linear Programming algorithms

- Solve any feasible and bounded linear program
- The feasible set of a linear program forms a polytope
- **Simplex**
  - Proposed by George B. **Dantzig** (1946-1947)
  - Moves between extreme vertices (basic points) until it finds an optimal vertex
  - Many cheap iterations
- **Interior Point**
  - Proposed by Narendra K. **Karmarkar** (1984)
  - A polynomial-time algorithm for linear programming that use interior point method
  - Few expensive iterations



# Linear Constrained Optimization

## Example

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && -2x_1 - 3x_2 - 4x_3 \\ & && x \geq 0 \\ &\text{s. t.} && 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \leq 10 \\ & && 2x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 15 \\ & && x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- GLPK Optimizer (Simplex-based)
  - Obtained the exact solution
    - $x = [0 \quad 0 \quad 5]$
- Tulip Optimizer (Interior Point-based)
  - Obtained approximated solution
    - $x = [9.50 \cdot 10^{-10} \quad 3.116 \cdot 10^{-11} \quad 4.999]$

## Linear Program Example

```
In [1]: using JuMP, GLPK, Tulip
```

### Build the model

```
In [2]: model = Model()

@variable(model, x[1:3] >= 0)

c = [-2, -3, -4]
@objective(model, Min, c' * x)

A = [3 2 1; 2 5 3]; b = [10, 15]
@constraint(model, A * x .<= b)

print(model)

Min -2 x[1] - 3 x[2] - 4 x[3]
Subject to
 3 x[1] + 2 x[2] + x[3] <= 10.0
 2 x[1] + 5 x[2] + 3 x[3] <= 15.0
 x[1] >= 0.0
 x[2] >= 0.0
 x[3] >= 0.0
```



See 05\_LPexample.ipynb

### Define optimize function

```
In [3]: function optimize(model, optimizer)

    # set optimizer and optimize
    println(optimizer)
    set_optimizer(model, optimizer)
    @time optimize!(model)

    # check the termination and primal status to see if we have a solution
    println("Termination status : ", termination_status(model))
    println("Primal status      : ", primal_status(model))

    # print the solution
    println("f* : ", objective_value(model))
    println("x* : ", [value(x[i]) for i=1:3])

end;
```

### Perform optimizations

```
In [4]: optimize(model, GLPK.Optimizer) # simplex-based
```

```
GLPK.Optimizer
7.029700 seconds (28.18 M allocations: 1.416 GiB, 7.91% gc time)
Termination status : OPTIMAL
Primal status      : FEASIBLE_POINT
f* : -20.0
x* : [0.0, 0.0, 5.0]
```

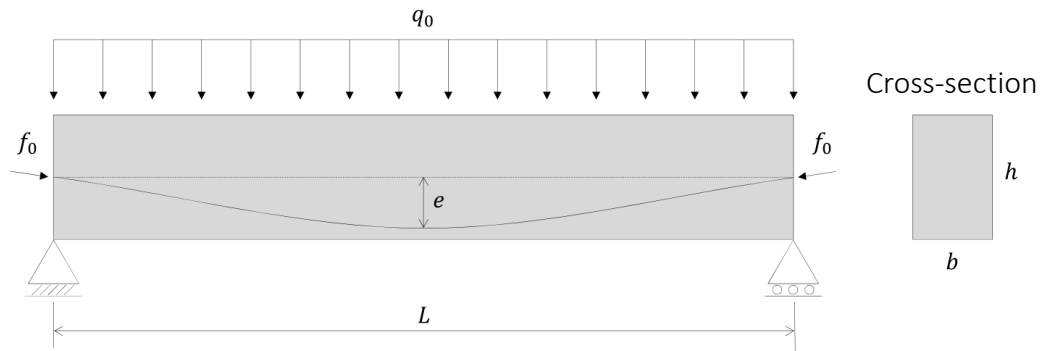
```
In [5]: optimize(model, Tulip.Optimizer) # interior point-based
```

```
Tulip.Optimizer
12.081357 seconds (33.00 M allocations: 1.572 GiB, 4.82% gc time)
Termination status : OPTIMAL
Primal status      : FEASIBLE_POINT
f* : -19.999999997829246
x* : [9.849747875647242e-10, 3.115766236747574e-11, 4.999999998941455]
```

## Example: Prestressed beam problem

Kirsch (1993) Structural Optimization, Springer-Verlag: Adapted from Example 4.6 (page 203)

Minimize the prestress force



- Solving as a conventional optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{f_0, e} \quad & f_0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sigma_L \leq -\frac{f_0}{bh} \pm \frac{6}{bh^2} \left[ \frac{q_0 L^2}{8} - f_0 e \right] \leq \sigma_U, \\ & \delta_L \leq \frac{5L^4}{32Ebh^3} \left[ q_0 - \frac{8}{L^2} f_0 e \right] \leq \delta_U, \\ & e_L \leq e \leq e_U, \\ & f_0 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$



See 06\_prestressedbeam.ipynb

## Prestressed Beam Problem ¶

### Input data

```
In [1]: using JuMP, Ipopt, GLPK
```

```
In [2]: # Geometry
L, b, h = 12., 0.1, 1. # m

# Load and material
q0 = 20. # kN/m
E = 30e+6 # kPa

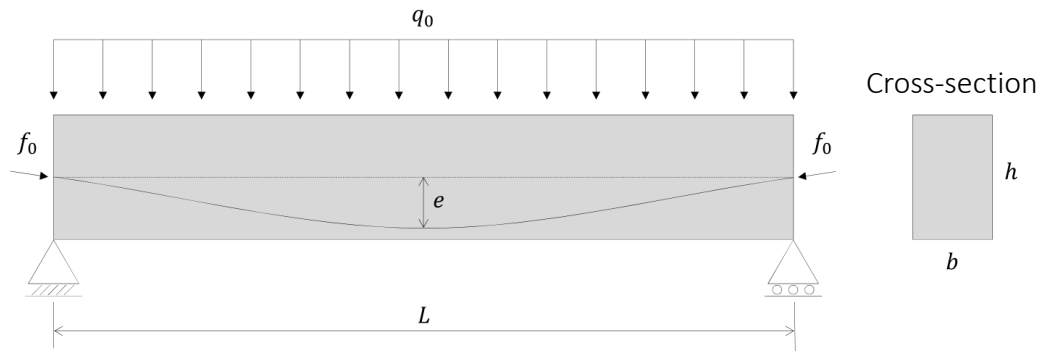
# Bounds
σmin, σmax = -15e+3, 1e+3 # kPa
δmin, δmax = -L/300, L/300 # m
f0max = 5e+3 # kN
cover = 0.05 # m
emax = (h-2*cover)/2;

# Beam maximum stress (top/bottom) and deflection
σt(f0, e) = -f0 / (b * h) - 6 / (b * h^2) * (q0 / 8 * L^2 - f0 * e)
σb(f0, e) = -f0 / (b * h) + 6 / (b * h^2) * (q0 / 8 * L^2 - f0 * e)
δ(f0, e) = 5 / (32E * b * h^3) * L^4 * (q0 - 8 / L * L / L * f0 * e);
```

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### ■ Solving as a conventional optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{f_0, e} \quad & f_0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sigma_L \leq -\frac{f_0}{bh} \pm \frac{6}{bh^2} \left[ \frac{q_0 L^2}{8} - f_0 e \right] \leq \sigma_U, \\ & \delta_L \leq \frac{5L^4}{32Ebh^3} \left[ q_0 - \frac{8}{L^2} f_0 e \right] \leq \delta_U, \\ & e_L \leq e \leq e_U, \\ & f_0 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

### Solving as a conventional problem

```
In [3]: model = Model(Ipopt.Optimizer)
        set_optimizer_attribute(model, "print_level", 0)

        @variable(model, f0 >= 0)
        @variable(model, 0 <= e <= emax)

        @objective(model, Min, f0)

        @constraint(model, sigma_min <= ob(f0, e) <= sigma_max)
        @constraint(model, sigma_min <= ot(f0, e) <= sigma_max)
        @constraint(model, delta_min <= delta(f0, e) <= delta_max)

        println(model)
        optimize!(model)

        println("Termination status: ", termination_status(model))
        println("Primal status: ", primal_status(model))

        println("f* : ", objective_value(model))
        println("f0* : ", value(f0), ", e* : ", value(e))
```

```
Min f0
Subject to
 -60 f0*e - 10 f0 in [-36600.0, -20600.0]
 60 f0*e - 10 f0 in [6600.0, 22600.0]
-5.9999999999999995e-5 f0*e in [-0.0616, 0.0184]
 f0 >= 0.0
 e >= 0.0
 e <= 0.45
```

```
*****
This program contains Ipopt, a library for large-scale nonlinear optimization.
Ipopt is released as open source code under the Eclipse Public License (EPL).
For more information visit http://projects.coin-or.org/Ipopt
*****
```

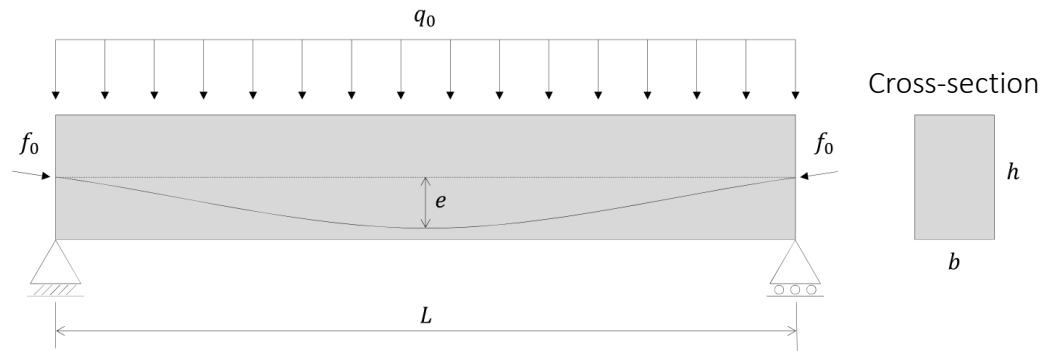
```
Termination status: LOCALLY_SOLVED
Primal status: FEASIBLE_POINT
f* : 556.7567421657133
f0* : 556.7567421657133, e* : 0.45
```



## Example: Prestressed beam problem

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Minimize the prestress force



### ■ Solving as a linear program

Transformation  
 $m = f_0 e$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{f_0, m} \quad & f_0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sigma_L \leq -\frac{f_0}{bh} \pm \frac{6}{bh^2} \left[ \frac{q_0 L^2}{8} - m \right] \leq \sigma_U, \\ & \delta_L \leq \frac{5L^4}{32Ebh^3} \left[ q_0 - \frac{8}{L^2} m \right] \leq \delta_U, \\ & f_0 e_L \leq m \leq f_0 e_U \\ & f_0 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

## Solving as a linear program

using  $m = f_0 \cdot e$

```
In [4]: model = Model(GLPK.Optimizer)

@variable(model, f0 >= 0)
@variable(model, m >= 0) # m = f0 * e

@objective(model, Min, f0)

# Beam maximum stress (top/bottom) and deflection
ot(f0, m) = -f0 / (b * h) - 6 / (b * h^2) * (q0 / 8 * L^2 - m)
ob(f0, m) = -f0 / (b * h) + 6 / (b * h^2) * (q0 / 8 * L^2 - m)
δ(f0, m) = 5 / (32E * b * h^3) * L^4 * (q0 - 8 / L * L * m);

@constraint(model, σmin <= ob(f0, m) <= σmax)
@constraint(model, σmin <= ot(f0, m) <= σmax)
@constraint(model, δmin <= δ(f0, m) <= δmax)

# Additional constraint
@constraint(model, m <= f0 * emax)

println(model)
optimize!(model)

println("Termination status: ", termination_status(model))
println("Primal status: ", primal_status(model))

println(" f* : ", objective_value(model))
println("f0* : ", value(f0), ", m* : ", value(m))
println(" e* : ", value(m)/value(f0))
```

```
Min f0
Subject to
-0.45 f0 + m <= 0.0
-10 f0 - 60 m in [-36600.0, -20600.0]
-10 f0 + 60 m in [6600.0, 22600.0]
-5.9999999999999995e-5 m in [-0.0616, 0.0184]
f0 >= 0.0
m >= 0.0
```

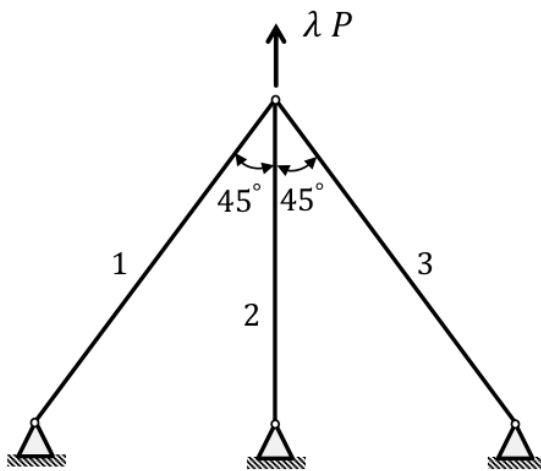
```
Termination status: OPTIMAL
Primal status: FEASIBLE_POINT
f* : 556.7567567567568
f0* : 556.7567567567568, m* : 250.54054054054055
e* : 0.45
```

## Example: Truss with collapse load

## Homework

Given the following optimization problem

- Format as a linear program
- Solve it using a linear program routine
- Verify the results using a graphical optimization procedure



### Optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{\lambda, r_1, r_2, r_3}{\text{maximize}} && \lambda \\ &\text{s.t.} && \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{r} = \lambda \mathbf{f} \\ & && \mathbf{r} \leq \bar{\mathbf{r}} \\ & && \lambda \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where:

$\mathbf{r}$ : Internal forces  
 $\mathbf{f}$ : Reference external forces  
 $\mathbf{B}^T$ : Equilibrium matrix  
 $\lambda$ : Load factor

$\bar{\mathbf{r}}$ : Tensile strength  
 $\bar{\mathbf{r}} = r_{\max} [\alpha \quad \beta \quad \gamma]^T$

# Questions? Comments?

Constrained Optimization  
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This presentation and its complementary files

<https://github.com/ricardoaf/conopt>

New to Julia?

<https://github.com/ricardoaf/juliafirststeps>

