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# OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES IN ENGINEERING

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## Introduction

### Definition of Optimization :

— The process of making something as effective or functional as possible.

### Importance in Engineering

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## Types of Optimization

- **Linear Optimization** : Involves linear relationships among variables. Example : resource allocation.
- **Non-Linear Optimization** : Deals with problems where relationships are non-linear. Example : structural design.
- **Integer Optimization** : Optimization with integer constraints. Example : scheduling problems.
- **Dynamic Programming** : Solves complex problems by breaking them into simpler sub-problems. Example : control systems.

## Mathematical Programming

- **Gradient Descent** : Optimization of a linear objective function subject to linear constraints.
- **Non-Linear Programming (NLP)** : Optimization of non-linear objective functions
- **Mixed-Integer Programming (MIP)** : Involves both integer and continuous variables

## Computational Techniques

- **Linear Programming (LP)** : An iterative optimization algorithm for finding the minimum of a function
- **Newton's Method** : Uses second-order derivatives to find roots or optimize functions

## Optimization in Specific Engineering Fields



- **Civil Engineering** : Structural design and load optimization.
- **Mechanical Engineering** : Design of mechanical components for optimal performance.
- **Electrical Engineering** : Circuit design and signal processing optimization.
- **Chemical Engineering** : Process optimization and resource management.





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Tools and Software	
MATLAB	For numerical computation and optimization.
GAMS (General Algebraic Modeling System)	For complex optimization problems.
Excel Solver	For simpler linear and non-linear problems.