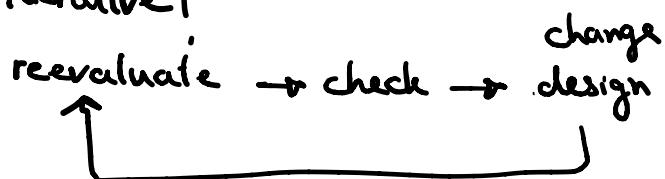


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A typical engineering design optimisation process. → iterative



User: define a problem specification

- Parameters
- Constants
- **Objectives**
- Constraints

- define the merits of potential design
- initial design.

There | Automize the process

- - cost
- - time
- - no improvement

Constraints:

Each constraint limits the set of possible soln.

→ feasible design points do not violate any constraint

Ex.

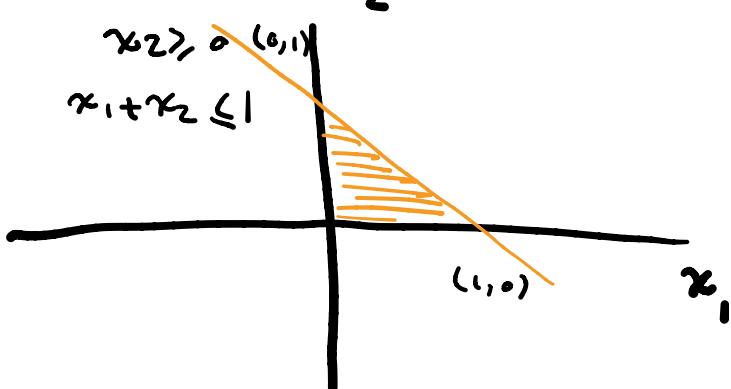
$$\underset{x_1, x_2}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(x_1, x_2)$$

subject to

$$x_1 \geq 0 \quad x_2$$

$$x_2 \geq 0 \quad (0,1)$$

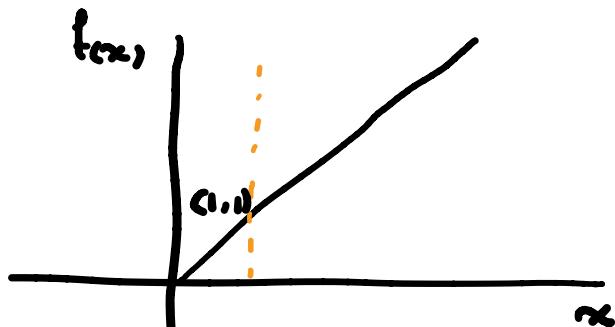
$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 1$$



Constraints typically $\leq, \geq, =$

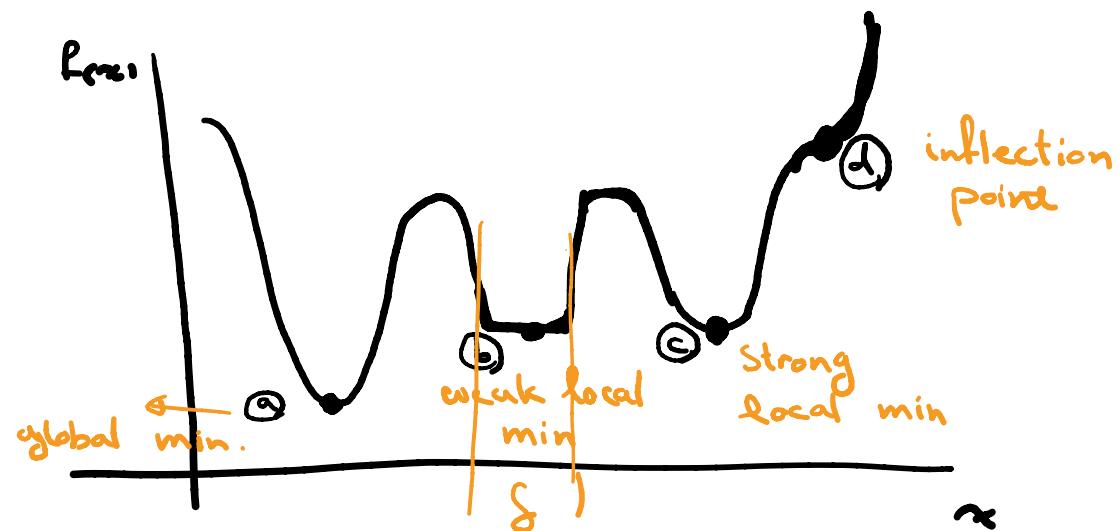
Ex. A potential issue with not including the boundary

minimize x
subject to $x > 1$



Critical Points :

Where the derivative is zero.



Global min: find a global minimizer, a value of x for which $f(x)$ is minimized

local min: point x^* \Rightarrow
there exist a $\delta > 0$
such that $f(x^*) \leq f(x)$
for all x with $|x - x^*| < \delta$
multivariable $\|x - x^*\| < \delta$

Univariant:

Conditions for a strong local min:

1. $f'(x^*) = 0$ local derivative = zero
2. $f''(x^*) > 0$ Second derivative = positive

Also (local min) first order

1. $f'(x^*) = 0$ necessary condition (FONC)
2. $f''(x^*) \geq 0$ Second order " (SONC)

To show 1) Taylor Series Exp.

$$f(x^* + h) = f(x^*) + h f'(x^*) + o(h^2)$$

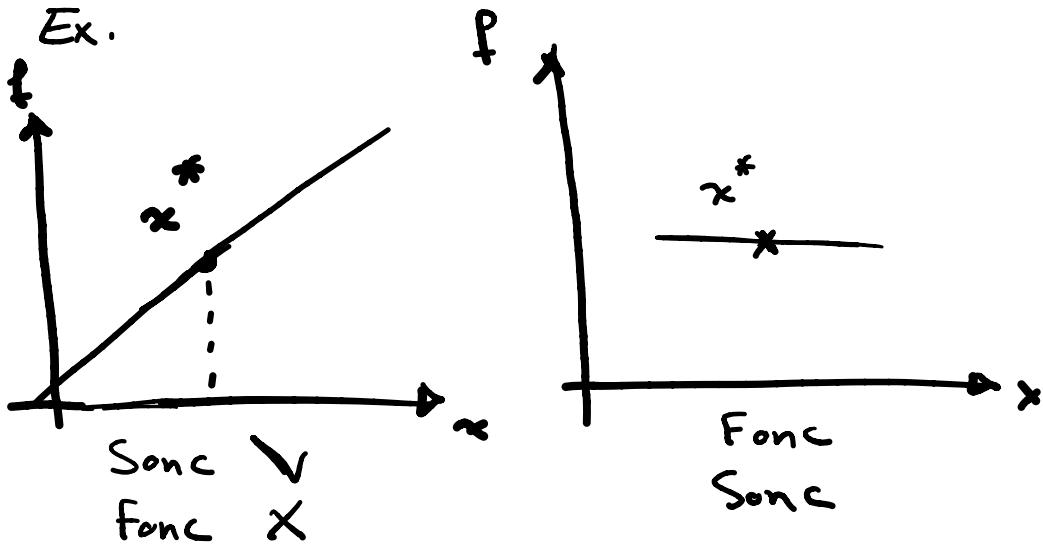
$$f(x^* - h) = f(x^*) - h f'(x^*) + o(h^2)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(x^* + h) \geq f(x^*) \Rightarrow h f'(x^*) \geq 0 \\ f(x^* - h) \geq f(x^*) \Rightarrow h f'(x^*) \leq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f'(x^*) = 0$$

2) Taylor Series Gap.

$$f(x^* + h) = f(x^*) + h f'(x^*) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(x^*) + o(h^3)$$

~~o~~ ||
 $f''(x^*) \geq 0$



Multivariate:

$$1. \nabla f(x) = 0 \quad (\text{FonN})$$

$$2. \underline{\underline{\nabla^2 f(x)}} \quad \text{Positive semi definite (SonC)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x^* + hy) = f(x^*) + h \nabla f(x^*)^\top y \\ + \frac{1}{2} h^2 y^\top \nabla^2 f(x^*) y + o(h^3)$$

$$\boxed{y^\top \nabla^2 f(x^*) y \geq 0}$$

\mapsto eigenvalues $\lambda_j \geq 0$

Ex. Rosenbrock banana functions

$$f(x) = (1-x_1)^2 + 5(x_2 - x_1^2)^2$$

(a) $(1,1)$ does this satisfy SonC & FonC

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 42 & -20 \\ -20 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Gradient-based
- Derivative-free methods
 - * Population methods
 - * Stochastic methods

- Surrogate space optimisation

$$f(x) \longrightarrow \tilde{f}(x)$$

Derivatives & Gradients

Numerical differentiation:

- * Finite difference Method :

(i) $f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ forward diff.

(ii) $f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h_e) - f(x-h_e)}{2h_e}$ Central diff

(iii) $f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$ backward diff

* Complex Step Method:

bypass the effect of subtractive cancellation

→ Single function evaluation (step in Imag. dir)

$$f(x+ih) = f(x) + ih f'(x) - h^2 \frac{f''(x)}{2!} - ih^3 \frac{f'''(x)}{3!} \dots$$

$$\text{Im}(f(x+ih)) = h f'(x) - h^3 \frac{f'''(x)}{3!} + \dots$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\text{Im}(f(x+ih))}{h} + \underbrace{h^2 \frac{f'''(x)}{3!}}_{\propto (h^2)}$$

Dual numbers: $\propto h \rightarrow 0$

using an abstract quantity ε , where ε^2 is defined as 0.

like complex numbers, a dual number is written as $a + \epsilon b$

& $\frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow$ real values

$$(a + \epsilon b) + (c + \epsilon d) = (a+c) + \epsilon(b+d)$$

$$(a + \epsilon b) \times (c + \epsilon d) = ac + \epsilon(ad+bc)$$

- by passing a dual number in any smooth function f , get $f(x)$
 $f'(x)$

* Automatic differentiation :

→ Numerical evaluation of derivative through algorithms

⇒ key: Application of chain rule

⇒ Program: Composed of operations like addition, substraction, multip. & division

$$f(a, b) = \ln(ab + \max(a, 2))$$

To compute: partial derivative
w.r.t. a @ point

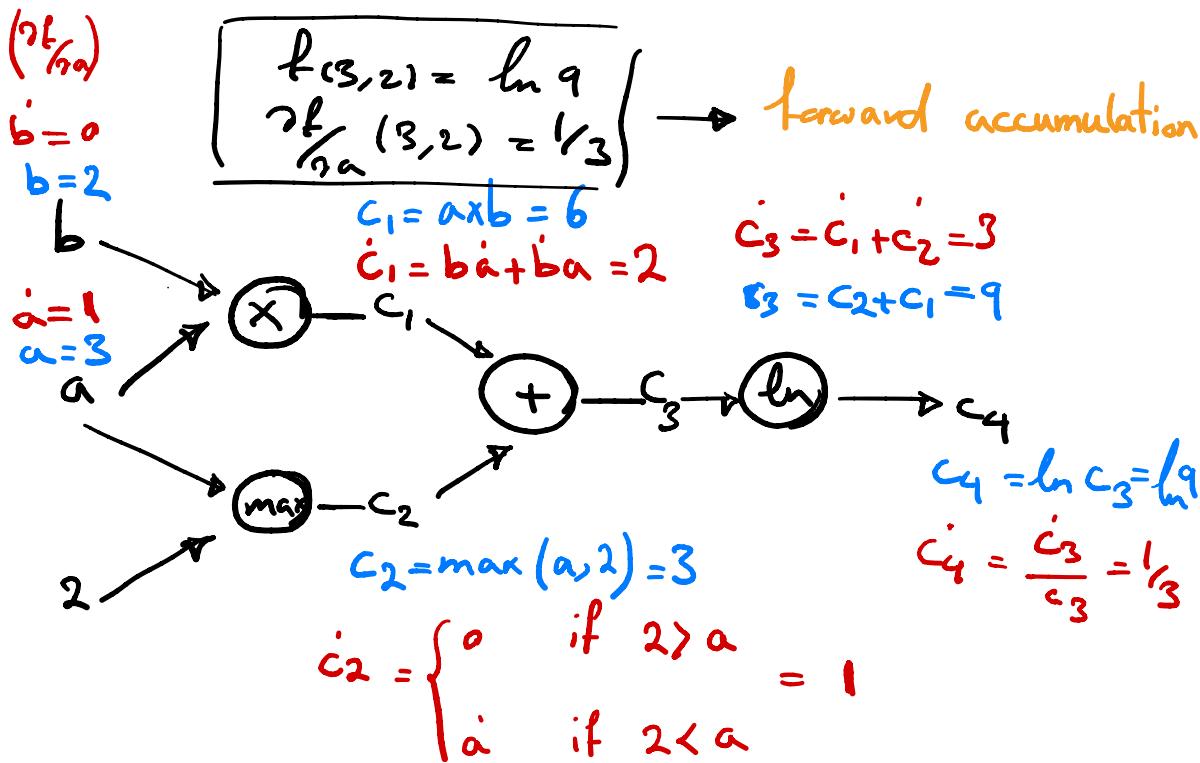
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial a} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \ln(ab + \max(a, 2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{ab + \max(a, 2)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial a}(ab + \max(a, 2))}_{\sim} \\ &= \sim \left(\frac{\partial(ab)}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial}{\partial a}(\max(a, 2)) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{ab + \max(a, 2)} [b + (2 \cdot a)]\end{aligned}$$

→ Automated ⇒ use computational graph

Computational graph



A function where the nodes are operations and edges are input-output relation



Chain - rule :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_4} \frac{dc_4}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_4} \left(\frac{\partial c_4}{\partial c_3} \frac{dc_3}{\partial x} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_4} \left(\frac{\partial c_4}{\partial c_3} \left(\frac{\partial c_3}{\partial c_2} \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial c_3}{\partial c_1} \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial x} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

(a)

 $a=3$
 $b=2$

- the value of the function and partial derivative at each node
- Proceed the tree (one node at a time)

Gradient-based Optimisation algorithms

First Order Methods:

Rely on gradient information to help direct the search for a minimum.

* Gradient Descent

for descent direction " d " \rightarrow direction of steepest descent

\rightarrow Progress guaranteed (if) f smooth

* Steplength
sufficiently
small

\rightarrow direction of descent is $-\nabla f$
 \rightarrow gradient

here : $g^{(k)} = \nabla f(x^{(k)})$

↑
design point
iteration k

Usually normalized :

$$d^{(k)} = -\frac{g^{(k)}}{\|g^{(k)}\|}$$

Ex. $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2^2$

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2^2 \\ 2x_1 x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for $x^{(k)} = [1, 2]$

gradient : $g = [-4, -4]$

direction "d" : $d = \left[-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$

Direction
size ?

* Optimise the step-size at each step

$$\alpha^{(k)} = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(f(x) + \alpha d^{(k)} \right)$$

line search

Ex. Consider conducting a linesearch
on $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \sin(x_1 + x_2)$
 $+ \exp(x_2 + x_3) - x_3$

from $x = [1, 2, 3]$ in the direction

$$d = [0, -1, -1]$$

resulting optimisation problem, line search:

$$\underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{minimize}} \left((\sin(1 + 0\alpha)(2 - \alpha) + \exp((2 - \alpha) + (3 - \alpha))) - (3 - \alpha) \right)$$

$$\underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{minimize}} \left(\sin(2 - \alpha) + \exp(5 - 2\alpha) + \alpha - 3 \right)$$

$$\alpha_{\min} = 3.127 \text{ with } x \approx [1, -1.126, -0.126]$$

One can show that using line-search each direction is orthogonal to the new search directions

$$\alpha^{(k)} = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{arg\min}} f(x^{(k)} + \alpha d^{(k)})$$

\rightarrow directional derivative equals zero

using,

$$\nabla_S f(x) = \nabla f(x)^T S$$

we have:

$$\nabla f(x^{(k)} + \alpha d^{(k)})^T d^{(k)} = 0$$

therefore

$$d^{(k+1)} = - \frac{\nabla f(x^k + \alpha d^k)}{\|\nabla f(x^k + \alpha d^k)\|}$$

$$d^{k+1}^T d^k = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Orthogonal}$$

Vally's floor \Rightarrow lots of iterations!

Conjugate Gradient:

Overcomes this issue by borrowing inspiration from methods for optimizing quadratic functions,

$$\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + b^T x + c$$

f has a unique local minimum \Leftarrow Symmetric positive definite

→ Can optimise n-dimension quadratic functions in n-steps. The directions are mutually conjugate with respect to A :

$$d^{(i)T} A d^{(j)} = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \neq j$$

1 1 basis vectors of A .

The algorithm.

1. Start with the direction of steepest descent

$$d^{(1)} = -g^{(1)}$$

2. Use line-search for the next design point.

\Rightarrow for quadratic functions α can be computed exactly

$$x^{(2)} = x^{(1)} + \alpha^{(1)} d^{(1)}$$

3. for subsequent iteration choose $d^{(k+1)}$ based on the next gradient and contribution from the current descent

$$d^{(k+1)} = -g^{(k+1)} + \beta^{(k)} d^{(k)}$$

$\beta \uparrow \rightarrow$ previous descent direction contributes more

Ex: line-search for quadratic functions:

derive the optimal step factor for a line search on a quadratic function:

$$\underset{\alpha}{\text{minimise}} \quad f(x + \alpha d)$$

compute the derivative w.r.t α

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(x + \alpha d)}{\partial \alpha} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left[\frac{1}{2} (x + \alpha d)^T A (x + \alpha d) + b^T (x + \alpha d) + c \right] \\ &= d^T A (x + \alpha d) + d^T b \end{aligned}$$

$$= d^T A x + b + \alpha d^T A d$$

Setting $\frac{\partial f(x + \alpha d)}{\partial \alpha} = 0$

$$\boxed{\alpha = - \frac{d^T(Ax + b)}{d^T A d}}$$

A is known

best value for β using, $d^{(k+1)}$ is conjugate to $d^{(k)}$

$$d^{(k+1)T} A d^{(k)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-g^{(k+1)} + \beta^{(k)} d^{(k)})^T A d^{(k)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-g^{(k+1)T} A d^{(k)} + \beta^{(k)} d^{(k)T} A d^{(k)}}{A d^{(k)T} A d^{(k)}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta^{(k)} = \frac{g^{(k+1)T} A d^{(k)}}{d^{(k)T} A d^{(k)}}$$

Unfortunately we don't have access

to $A \Rightarrow$

* Fletcher - Reeves : $\beta^{(k)} = \frac{g^{(k)T} g^{(k)}}{g^{(k-1)T} g^{(k-1)}}$

* Palak-Ribiere :
$$\beta^{(k)} = \frac{\mathbf{g}^T(k) (\mathbf{g}^{(k)} - \mathbf{g}^{(k-1)})}{\mathbf{g}^T(k-1) \mathbf{g}^{(k-1)}}$$

Convergence for PR method can be guaranteed if we modify

$$\beta \rightarrow \max(\beta, \alpha)$$

automatic reset