

# Where the Hessian, gradient and Jacobian meet

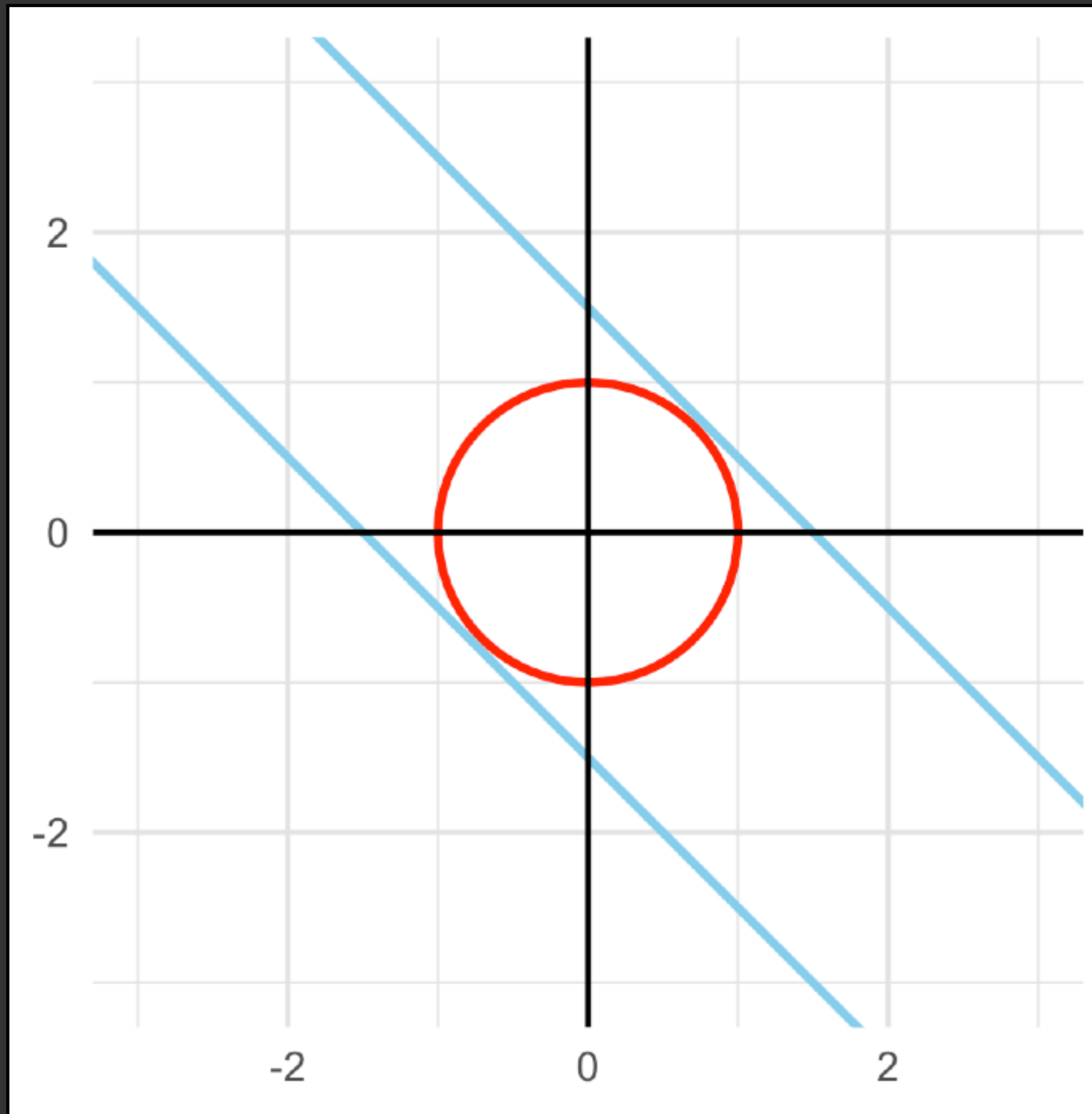
- The **gradient** points in the direction of steepest ascent.
- The **Jacobian** describes how the components of a vector function change with respect to changes in input variables
- The **Hessian** describes the local curvature of a scalar function

Matrix	Purpose	Function Type	Size
<b>Gradient</b> $\nabla f$	First-order derivatives	$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$	$n \times 1$
<b>Jacobian</b> $J$	First-order derivatives of vector functions	$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$	$m \times n$
<b>Hessian</b> $H$	Second-order derivatives	$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$	$n \times n$

- Gradient is the Jacobian of a scalar function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :  $\nabla f = J$
- Hessian is the Jacobian of the Gradient  $\nabla f$ :  $H = J_{\nabla f}$

# for your awareness: constrained optimization

optimize  $f(x, y)$  subject to  $g(x, y) = k$



$$f(x, y) = 2x + y$$
$$g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = 1$$