## **UIUC IE510 Applied Nonlinear Programming**

Lecture 11: Lagrangian Multipliers
Part b: Inequality Constraints

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• Question 1: Judge: For (smooth) equality constrained problems, at a local-min the gradient of the objective and gradients of constraints are always linearly dependent.

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• Question 2: Judge: For (smooth) equality constrained problems, regular at a local-min the Hessian of the objective is positive semi-definite on the null space defined by the gradients of the constraints. "some" linear combination of objective & constraints PALSE.

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 Question 3: Judge: At a regular local-min, the Lagrangian multipliers are unique.

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#### **This Lecture**

- Today: optimization with both equality/inequality constraints
- After the lecture, you should be able to
  - Write down KKT condition for inequality/equality constrained problems
  - Describe what is "complementary slackness"
  - Compute/verify optimal solutions for simple inequality constrained problems

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## **Inequality Constrained Problem**

minimize 
$$f(x)$$
 subject to  $h_i(x)=0,\ i=1,\ldots,m$   $g_j(x)\leq 0,\ j=1,\ldots,r.$ 

where  $f: R^n \mapsto R, h_i: R^n \mapsto R, g_j: R^n \mapsto R$  are continuously differentiable functions.

- If all  $g_j = 0$ , becomes equality constrained problems.
- If all h<sub>i</sub> are affine, g<sub>j</sub> are convex, becomes optimization over convex set.
  - If further, f is convex, becomes a convex problem

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## One Constraint Case: Change of 1st Order Condition

For simplicity, consider one inequality constraint:

$$\min_{x} f(x), \text{ s.t. } g(x) \leq 0.$$

- Suppose  $x^*$  is a local minimum. There are two possibilities of  $g(x^*)$ :
  - $\star \ g(x^*) < 0$ : in the interior, the constraint does NOT matter
  - $\star g(x^*) = 0$ : treated (almost) as equality constraint
- Assuming  $\nabla g(x^*) \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x^*) = 0, & \text{if } g(x^*) < 0; \\ \nabla f(x^*) + \mu^* \nabla g(x^*) = 0, & \text{if } g(x^*) = 0, \end{cases}$$

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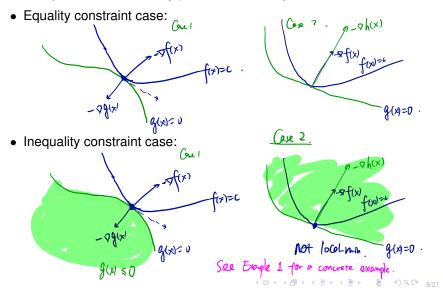
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## Nonnegativity of Lagrangian Multipliers: Intuition

We draw plots to illustrate why  $\mu \geq 0$  is necessary.



#### **One Constraint Case: Alternative Forms**

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• Form 0:

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In-class exercise: form groups, discuss how to supply it.

$$f(x^*) + \mu^* \nabla g(x^*) | \mathsf{Preferably}_{\mathsf{qual}} \rangle$$
 one line for two lines but single .

• Form 2:

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$$\mu^* g(x^*) = 0. \qquad \text{[complementary slackness]}$$

• Form 2b (my choice):

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- Form 1: Id(Statement) =  $\begin{cases} f(x) & \text{form } f(x^*) \\ f(x^*) & \text{fold } f(x^*) \\ & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   $\forall f(x^*) + \mu^* \nabla g(x^*) | \operatorname{d}(g(x^*)) = 0 = 0, \text{ for some } \mu^* \geq 0.$
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 If g(x\*)=0, then ① is meanyless.

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• Form 1:

$$f(x^*) + \mu^* \nabla g(x^*) \frac{\mathrm{Id}(g(x^*) = 0)}{\mathrm{Id}(g(x^*) = 0)} = 0$$
, for some  $\mu^* \ge 0$ .

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#### **First Order Condition in General**

• Form 1: Assuming regularity of  $x^*$ , we have

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla h_i(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_j^* \nabla g_j(x^*) = 0,$$

$$u_j^* = 0, \quad \forall j \notin A(x^*).$$

$$\mu_j^* \ge 0; \quad \forall j.$$

where the set of active inequality constraints "Orthe" or "effective"  $\frac{A(x^*)}{}=\{j\mid g_i(x^*)=0\}\;.$  or "Important"

• Form 2: Assuming regularity of  $x^*$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^* \nabla h_i(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_j^* \nabla g_j(x^*) &= 0, \\ \underbrace{\mu_j^* \geq 0}_{\text{extra property comp. slock.}} \underbrace{ g_j(x^*) \leq 0,}_{\text{feasibility}} \ \forall \ j. \end{split}$$

### Karash-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) Conditions

- x is regular iff  $\nabla h_i(x)'s$  and  $\nabla g_j(x)$  for active j's are linearly independent.  $\{ s_j(x) = 0 \cdot \}$
- Lagrangian function  $L(x; \lambda, \mu) = f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i h_i(x) + \sum_j \mu_j g_j(x)$ .
- Let  $x^*$  be a regular local minimum. Then there exist unique Lagrange multipliers  $\lambda^* = (\lambda_1^*, ..., \lambda_m^*), \, \mu^* = (\mu_1^*, ..., \mu_r^*), \, \text{such that}$

• If f,  $h_i's$ , and  $g_j's$  are twice continuously differentiable,  $y'\nabla_{xx}^2L(x^*,\lambda^*,\mu^*)y \geq 0, \ \forall \ y \in V(x^*),$ 

where

$$V(x^*) = \{ y \mid \nabla h_i(x^*)^T y = 0, \forall i; \ \nabla g_j(x^*)^T y = 0, \forall j \in A(x^*) \}.$$

• Similar sufficiency conditions, except that now it require strict complementarity [Prop 3.3.2]:  $\mu_j^* > 0, \ \forall j \in A(x^*).$ 

## KKT Conditions in Human Language

- Problem: equality/inequality constrained (smooth) optimization
- **Assumption**: for a regular local-min  $x^*$ 
  - Regular: gradients of all "active" constraints are linearly independent
- 1oC: (a) Gradient of objective is spanned by the gradients of active constraints (equality and active inequality constraints);
   (b) Coefficients of active inequality constraints are non-negative.
- 2oC: The same linear combination of all Hessians is PSD in an orthogonal space (the space orthogonal to all gradients of active constraints).

## KKT Conditions in Human Language (Langrangian version)

Consider function

$$L(x; \lambda, \mu) = f(x) + \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} h_{i}(x) + \sum_{j} \mu_{j} g_{j}(x), \quad \mu_{j} \ge 0, \forall j.$$

• For a regular local-min of problem (P1), there exist unique Lagrangian multipliers such that

- 1oC:  $(x^*; \lambda^*, \mu^*)$  satisfies 1oC of L [exercise]
- 2oC: Hessian of L is PSD in an orthogonal space (the space orthogonal to gradients of all active constraints)

#### KKT Condition for Linear Constraints

Consider the linearly constrained problem

$$\min_{a'_j x \le b_j, \ j=1,\dots,r} f(x).$$

- Remarkable property: No need for regularity.
- Proposition: If  $x^*$  is a local-min, there exist  $\mu^* = (\mu_1^*, ... \mu_r^*)$ , such that

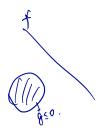
$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_j^* a_j = 0,$$
  
$$\mu_j^* \ge 0 \quad \perp \quad a_j' x^* \le b_j, \ \forall j.$$

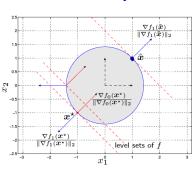
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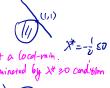
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## **Normal Example 1**









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#### Consider the problem

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} f_0(\boldsymbol{x}) = x_1 + x_2$$

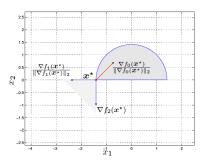
subject to 
$$f_1(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2 \le 0$$
.

This is a problem with a linear objective function f(x) and one nonlinear inequality constraint  $f_1(x) \leq 0$ . At the solution  $x^*$ , the gradient of the constraint  $\nabla f_1(x^*)$  is orthogonal to the level set of the function at  $x^*$ , and the following equality holds

$$\nabla f_0(\boldsymbol{x}^*) + \lambda^* \nabla f_1(\boldsymbol{x}^*) = \mathbf{0},$$

for  $\lambda^\star = \frac{1}{2} \geq 0$ . Note that at the point  $\tilde{x} = (1,1)$ ,  $\nabla f_0(\tilde{x}) + \lambda \nabla f_1(\tilde{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  holds as well, however  $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2} \leq 0$ .

## **Normal Example 2**



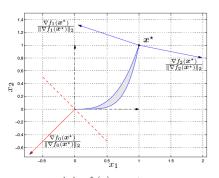
#### Consider the problem

$$\label{eq:continuous} \begin{aligned} & \underset{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2}{\text{minimize}} & f_0(\boldsymbol{x}) = x_1 + x_2 \\ & \text{subject to} & f_1(\boldsymbol{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2 \leq 0, \\ & f_2(\boldsymbol{x}) = -x_2 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

At the solution  $x^\star = (-\sqrt{2},0), -\nabla f_0(x^\star)$  belongs to the normal cone to the feasible set at point  $x^\star$ , hence, there is  $\lambda^\star \geq 0$  that satisfies

$$\nabla f_0(\boldsymbol{x}^*) + \lambda_1^* \nabla f_1(\boldsymbol{x}^*) + \lambda_2^* \nabla f_2(\boldsymbol{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}.$$

## **Normal Example 3**

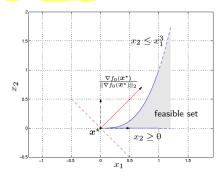


$$\label{eq:maximize} \begin{aligned} & \underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^2}{\text{maximize}} \ f_0(x) = x_1 + x_2 \\ & \text{subject to} \quad f_1(x) = x_2 - x_1^3 \leq 0, \\ & f_2(x) = x_1^5 - x_2 \leq 0, \\ & f_3(x) = -x_2 < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Only the first two inequality constraints are active at the solution  $x^*=(1,1)$ , which satisfies the KKT necessary conditions with  $\lambda_1^\star=3$ ,  $\lambda_2^\star=2$  and  $\lambda_3^\star=0$ . This can be verified by solving the equation

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \nabla f_1(x_1) \\ \nabla f_2(x_1) \end{array} \right]^T \left[ \begin{array}{c} \lambda_1^\star \\ \lambda_2^\star \end{array} \right] = -\nabla f(x^\star) \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc} -3 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{array} \right]^T \left[ \begin{array}{c} \lambda_1^\star \\ \lambda_2^\star \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right].$$

## **Degenerate** Example 1



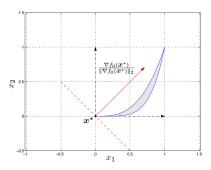
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$$\label{eq:force_equation} \begin{aligned} & \underset{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2}{\text{minimize}} \ f_0(\boldsymbol{x}) = x_1 + x_2 \\ & \text{subject to} \quad f_1(\boldsymbol{x}) = x_2 - x_1^3 \leq 0, \\ & f_2(\boldsymbol{x}) = -x_2 < 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is a problem with a linear objective function  $f_0(x)$ , one nonlinear inequality constraint  $f_1(x) \leq 0$  and one linear inequality constraint  $f_2(x) \leq 0$ . There are infinitely many feasible points, however, at  $x^*$  (where both inequality constraints are active), there is no  $\lambda^*$  satisfying

$$\nabla f_0(\boldsymbol{x}^\star) + \lambda_1^\star \nabla f_1(\boldsymbol{x}^\star) + \lambda_2^\star \nabla f_2(\boldsymbol{x}^\star) = \mathbf{0}.$$

## **Degenerate Example 2**



Consider the problem

At the solution  $x^\star$ , all inequality constraints are active and their gradients are co-linear. There is no  $\lambda^\star$  satisfying

$$\nabla f_0(\boldsymbol{x}^*) + \lambda_1^* \nabla f_1(\boldsymbol{x}^*) + \lambda_2^* \nabla f_2(\boldsymbol{x}^*) + \lambda_3^* \nabla f_3(\boldsymbol{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}.$$

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## **Proof Method 1: Penalty Approach**

- Use equality-constraints result to obtain all the conditions except for  $u_j^* \ge 0$  for  $j \in A(x^*)$ .
- Introduce the penalty functions  $g_j^+(x) = \max\{0, g_j(x)\}, j = 1, ..., r$ , and for k = 1, 2, ..., let  $x^k$  minimize

$$f(x) + \frac{k}{2} \|h(x)\|^2 + \frac{k}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{r} (g_j^+(x))^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x - x^*\|^2$$

over a neighborhood (closed sphere) of  $x^*$ .

Using the same argument as for equality constraints,

$$\lambda_i^* = \lim_{k \to \infty} k h_i(x^k), \quad i = 1, ..., m,$$
$$\mu_j^* = \lim_{k \to \infty} k g_j^+(x^k), \quad j = 1, ..., r.$$

• Since  $g_j^+(x^k) \ge 0$ , we obtain  $\mu_j^* \ge 0$  for all j.

## **Proof Method 2: Transform to Equality Case**

The original problem

Consider an equivalent problem

(P2) 
$$\min_{x,z} f(x)$$
  
subject to  $h_i(x) = 0, i = 1,...,m$   
 $g_j(x) + \frac{z_j^2}{z_j^2} = 0, j = 1,...,r.$  (2)

- From 1oC for (P2), get 1oC for (P1) plus  $\mu_i^* = 0, \forall j \notin \mathcal{A}(x^*)$ .
- From 2oC for (P2), get 2oC for (P1) and

$$\mu_j \geq 0, \forall j.$$

See details in Sec. 3.3.2.
 Requires twice differentiable, so slightly less general than Penalty approach.

## **Tip: Transformations Between Problems**

Transform inequality constraints to equality constraints?

$$g(x) \le 0 \iff g(x) + 2^2 = 0$$
, for some 2. (introduce additional variable)

Transform equality constraints to inequality constraints?

$$h(x)=0$$
  $\Leftrightarrow$   $h(x) \geq 0$  (increase # of constraints)

Transform constraints to objective?

min 0 
$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} ||h(x)||^2$ ;  $\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$   $\Rightarrow$   $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \lambda ||h(x)||^2$   $\Rightarrow$   $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \lambda ||h(x)||^2$   $\Rightarrow$   $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \lambda ||h(x)||^2$   $\Rightarrow$   $f(x) = 0$   $\Rightarrow$   $f(x) = 0$ 

Transform objective to constraints?

$$(p1) \begin{cases} m_{i} & f(x) \\ s.t. & g(x) \leq 0 \end{cases} (p2) \overset{m_{i}}{s.t} \overset{t}{f(x)} \leq t \qquad (simple objective)$$

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• Lesson: constrained-opt "e(p2) can be solved by bisection on  $t^{*}t$   $t = f(x) \leq t^{*}t$ , (no objective)  $t = f(x) \leq t^{*}t$ , (no objective)

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• Lesson: constrained-opt "equivalent" to solving equations.

## **Side: Move Objective to Constraints**

Consider a problem  $\min_{x \in X} f(x)$ .

How to move *f* to the constraints?

(P1) 
$$\begin{cases} m_i & f(x) \\ s.t. & \chi \in X \end{cases} \iff (P2) \stackrel{\text{fit}}{s.t}. \quad f(x) \leq t \\ & \chi \in X. \end{cases}$$
 (simple objective)

We show (P2) can be solved by bisection on  $\hat{t} + (P3)$   $\gamma = 0$ .

Assume the optimal value of  $(P1)$  is  $t \neq 0$ .

Assume the optimal value of  $(P_1)$  is  $t^* \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Clash If for some fixed  $\hat{t}$ , problem (P3) is feasible, then  $t^* \in \hat{t}$ ; otherwise, t\*> f

Bosed on this claim, we can solve (P2) by solving a series of (P3) with changing  $\hat{t}$ , where  $\hat{t}$  is updated by bisection.

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