Optimality conditions. Optimization with equality / inequality conditions. KKT.

Seminar

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Optimality Conditions. Important notions recap

$$f(x) \to \min_{x \in S}$$

A set S is usually called a budget set.

- A point x^* is a global minimizer if $f(x^*) \leq f(x)$ for all x.
- A point x^* is a local minimizer if there exists a neighborhood N of x^* such that $f(x^*) \leq f(x)$ for all $x \in N$.
- A point x^* is a strict local minimizer (also called a strong local minimizer) if there exists a neighborhood N of x^* such that $f(x^*) < f(x)$ for all $x \in N$ with $x \neq x^*$.
- We call x^* a stationary point (or critical) if $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$. Any local minimizer must be a stationary point.

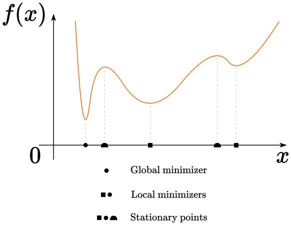

Figure 1: Illustration of different stationary (critical) points

Unconstrained optimization recap

First-Order Necessary Conditions

If x^* is a local minimizer and f is continuously differentiable in an open neighborhood, then

$$\nabla f(x^*) = 0 \tag{1}$$

Second-Order Sufficient Conditions

Suppose that $\nabla^2 f$ is continuous in an open neighborhood of x^* and that

$$\nabla f(x^*) = 0 \quad \nabla^2 f(x^*) \succ 0. \tag{2}$$

Then x^* is a strict local minimizer of f.

Optimization with equality conditions

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Necessery conditions:

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Sufficient conditions:

$$\langle y, \nabla^2_{xx} L(x^*, \nu^*) y \rangle > 0,$$

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The solution involves constructing a Lagrange function:

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L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^p \nu_i h_i(x)
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&(1)\nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*, \nu^*) = 0 \\
&(2)\nabla_\nu L(x^*, \lambda^*, \nu^*) = 0 \\
&(3)\lambda_i^* \geq 0, i = 1, \ldots, m \\
&(4)\lambda_i^* f_i(x^*) = 0, i = 1, \ldots, m \\
&(5)f_i(x^*) \leq 0, i = 1, \ldots, m
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> If for a convex problem (i.e., assuming minimization, f_0, f_i are convex and h_i are affine), there exists a point x such that $h(x) = 0$ and $f_i(x) < 0$ (existance of a strictly feasible point), then we have a zero duality gap and KKT conditions become necessary and sufficient.

KKT Sufficient conditions

For smooth, non-linear optimization problems, a second order sufficient condition is given as follows. The solution x^*, λ^*, ν^*, which satisfies the KKT conditions (above) is a constrained local minimum if for the Lagrangian,

$$L(x, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i f_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \nu_i h_i(x)$$

the following conditions hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\langle y, \nabla^2_{xx} L(x^*, \lambda^*, \nu^*) y \rangle > 0 \\
&\forall y \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n : \nabla h_i(x^*)^\top y = 0, \nabla f_0(x^*)^\top y \leq 0, \nabla f_j(x^*)^\top y = 0 \\
&i = 1, \ldots, p \quad \forall j : f_j(x^*) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 1

Question

Function $f : E \to \mathbb{R}$ is defined as

$$f(x) = \ln\left(-Q(x)\right)$$

where $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Q(x) < 0\}$ and

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^\top Ax + b^\top x + c$$

with $A \in \mathbb{S}^n_{++}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$.
Find the maximizer x^* of the function f.

Problem 2

Question

Give an explicit solution of the following task.

$$
\begin{aligned}
f(x, y) = x + y &\to \min \\
\text{s.t. } x^2 + y^2 &= 1
\end{aligned}
$$

where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Problem 3

Question

Give an explicit solution of the following task.

$$\langle c, x\rangle + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log x_i \to \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1,$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n_{++}, c \neq 0$.

Problem 4

Question

Give an explicit solution of the following task.

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\begin{aligned}
& f(x,y) = (x-2)^2 + 2(y-1)^2 \to \min \\
\text{s.t. } & x + 4y \leq 3 \\
& x \geq y
\end{aligned}
$$

where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Problem 5

Question

Given $y \in \{-1, 1\}$, and $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, the Support Vector Machine problem is:

$$
\begin{split}
&\frac{1}{2}||w||_2^2 + C\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \to \min_{w, w_0, \xi_i} \\
\text{s.t. } &\xi_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n \\
&y_i(x_i^T w + w_0) \geq 1 - \xi_i, i = 1, \dots, n
\end{split}
$$

find the KKT stationarity condition.