

# Modern Optimization Techniques

## 3. Equality Constrained Optimization / 3.2. Methods

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# Equality Constrained Optimization Problems

A **constrained optimization problem** has the form:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} & g_p(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \quad p = 1, \dots, P \end{array}$$

Where:

- ▶  $f : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  objective function
- ▶  $g_1, \dots, g_P : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  equality constraints
- ▶ a feasible, optimal  $\mathbf{x}^*$  exists

# Convex Equality Constrained Optimization Problems

An equality constrained optimization problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} & g_p(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \quad p = 1, \dots, P \end{array}$$

is **convex** iff:

- ▶  $f$  is convex
- ▶  $g_1, \dots, g_P$  are affine

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{a}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times N}, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^P \end{array}$$

# Affine Equality Constraints $Ax = a$

- ▶ Always can assume:  $A$  has rank  $P \leq N$ .
  - ▶ otherwise delete extra rows in  $A$  (by Gauss elimination).
- ▶ each row in  $A$  is a normal vector for  $\mathcal{X}$ .
- ▶ the feasible set  $\mathcal{X}$  is simple, just an affine set.

$P = \text{rank}(A)$	feasible set $\mathcal{X}$	$\dim(\mathcal{X})$
N	point	0
N-1	line	1
N-2	plane	2
N-3	3d volume	3
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
1	hyperplane	$N - 1$
0	unconstrained	$N$

# Optimality criterion

Given a convex equality constrained optimization problem

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Its Lagrangian is given by:

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \nu) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \nu^T (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})$$

with derivative:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} L(\mathbf{x}, \nu) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) + A^T \nu$$



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- 2. dual feasibility:**  $\lambda \geq 0$
- 3. complementary slackness:**  $\lambda_q h_q(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \quad \forall q$
- 4. stationarity:**  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{p=1}^P \nu_p \nabla g_p(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{q=1}^Q \lambda_q \nabla h_q(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

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- ▶ Since there are no inequality constraints, stroke-through conditions are irrelevant.

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- 1. primal feasibility:**  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a}$
- 2. stationarity:**  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + A^T \nu^* = 0$

- ▶ i.e., a feasible  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is optimal,  
if there exists a  $\nu^*$  with  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) + A^T \nu^* = 0$

## Example

Given the following problem:

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$$\text{with solution } x_1 = \frac{5}{3}, x_2 = \frac{1}{3}, \nu = \frac{2}{3}$$

# Generic Handling of Equality Constraints

Two generic ways to handle equality constraints:

## 1. Eliminate affine equality constraints

- ▶ and then use any unconstrained optimization method.
- ▶ limited to **affine** equality constraints

## 2. Represent equality constraints as inequality constraints

- ▶ and then use any optimization method for inequality constraints.



# 1. Eliminating Affine Equality Constraints

Reparametrize feasible values:

$$\{x \mid Ax = a\} = x_0 + \{x \mid Ax = 0\} = x_0 + \{Fz \mid z \in \mathbb{R}^{N-P}\}$$

with

- ▶  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ : any feasible value:  $Ax_0 = a$
- ▶  $F \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (N-P)}$  composed of  $N - P$  basis vectors of the nullspace of  $A$ .
  - ▶  $AF = 0$  (e.g., compute  $F$  by Gauss elimination)

equality constrained problem:

$$\begin{array}{c} \iff \\ x^* = x_0 + Fz^* \end{array}$$

reduced unconstrained problem:

$$\min_x f(x)$$

$$\min_z \tilde{f}(z) := f(x_0 + Fz)$$

subject to  $Ax = a$

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Be  $z^*$  the solution of the reduced unconstrained problem, i.e.,  $\nabla \tilde{f}(z^*) = 0$ .

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Proof:

i. primal feasibility:  $Ax^* = Ax_0 + AFz^* = a + 0 = a$

ii. stationarity:  $\nabla f(x^*) + A^T \nu^* \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} F^T \\ A \end{pmatrix} (\nabla f(x^*) + A^T \nu^*) &= \begin{pmatrix} F^T \nabla f(x^*) - F^T A^T (AA^T)^{-1} A \nabla f(x^*) \\ A \nabla f(x^*) - AA^T (AA^T)^{-1} A \nabla f(x^*) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \nabla \tilde{f}(z^*) - (AF)^T(\dots) \\ A \nabla f(x^*) - A \nabla f(x^*) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and as  $\begin{pmatrix} F^T \\ A \end{pmatrix}$  has full rank / is invertible

$$\nabla f(x^*) + A^T \nu^* = 0$$

## 2. Reducing to Inequality Constraints

- ▶  $P$  equality constraints obviously can be represented as  $2P$  inequality constraints:

$$g_p(x) = 0, \quad p = 1, \dots, P \iff \begin{aligned} -g_p(x) &\leq 0, & p = 1, \dots, P \\ g_p(x) &\leq 0, & p = 1, \dots, P \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Then any method for inequality constraints can be used (see next chapter).
- ▶ For non-linear equality constraints, the problem is not convex anymore.

# Equality Constraints / Algorithms

## 1. Reparametrize:

```
1 min-eq-reparam( $f, A, a, \dots$ ) :  
2    $x_0 := \text{solve}(Ax = a)$   
3    $F := \text{solve-all}(Ax = 0)$   
4    $z^* := \text{min-unconstrained}(\tilde{f}(z) := f(x_0 + Fz), \dots)$   
5   return  $x_0 + Fz^*$ 
```

## 2. Represent as inequalities:

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1 min-eq-represent-ineq( $f, g_{1:P}, \dots$ ) :  
2    $h_{1:P} := g_{1:P}$   
3    $h_{P+1:2P} := -g_{1:P}$   
4    $x^* := \text{min-ineq}(f, h_{1:2P}, \dots)$   
5   return  $x^*$ 
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# Quadratic Programming

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T P \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{x} + r \\ & \text{subject to} && A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

with given  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  pos. semidef.,  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Optimality Condition:

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}^* \\ \nu^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ **KKT Matrix**
- ▶ solve the linear system of equations to compute a solution/minimum.
  - ▶ unique if the *KKT* matrix is invertible/non-singular:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}^* \\ \nu^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Quadratic Programming / Unique Solutions

Unconstrained quadratic programs have a unique solution,  
iff  $P$  is pos.def.:  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T P \mathbf{x} > 0$

**Linearly constrained** quadratic programs have a unique solution,  
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Proof: show that the KKT matrix is invertible:

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \boldsymbol{\nu} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \text{(i) } P\mathbf{x} + A^T \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0, \quad \text{(ii) } A\mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \underset{(i)}{0} = \mathbf{x}^T (P\mathbf{x} + A^T \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \mathbf{x}^T P \mathbf{x} + (A\mathbf{x})^T \boldsymbol{\nu} \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \mathbf{x}^T P \mathbf{x} \rightsquigarrow \underset{ass.}{\mathbf{x} = 0}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \underset{(i)}{A^T \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0} \rightsquigarrow \boldsymbol{\nu} = 0 \text{ as } A \text{ has full rank}$$

# Example

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && (x_1 - 2)^2 + 2(x_2 - 1)^2 - 5 \\ & \text{subject to} && x_1 + 4x_2 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

is an example for a quadratic programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x_1 - 2)^2 + 2(x_2 - 1)^2 - 5 \\ &= x_1^2 - 4x_1 + 4 + 2x_2^2 - 2x_2 + 1 - 5 \\ &= x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 4x_1 - 2x_2 \\ P &:= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{q} := \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad r := 0 \\ A &:= (1 \ 4), \quad \mathbf{a} := (3) \end{aligned}$$

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# Descent step for equality constrained problems

Given the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && f(\mathbf{x}) \\ & \text{subject to} && A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ start with a feasible solution  $\mathbf{x}$
- ▶ compute a step  $\Delta\mathbf{x}$  such that
  - ▶  $f$  decreases:  $f(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x})$
  - ▶ yields feasible point:  $A(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}$
- ▶ which means solving the following problem for  $\Delta\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && f(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) \\ & \text{subject to} && A(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

# Newton Step

The Newton Step is the solution for the minimization of the second order approximation of  $f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \hat{f}(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \Delta\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta\mathbf{x}^T \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \Delta\mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & A(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

which can be simplified to

$$A\Delta\mathbf{x} = 0$$

if the last iterate is feasible already

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a}$$

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This is a quadratic programming problem with:

- ▶  $P := \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$
- ▶  $\mathbf{q} := \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$
- ▶  $r := f(\mathbf{x})$

and thus optimality conditions:

- ▶  $A\Delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
- ▶  $\nabla_{\Delta\mathbf{x}} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) + A^T \nu = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \Delta\mathbf{x} + A^T \nu = \mathbf{0}$

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Is computed by solving the following system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta\mathbf{x} \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Newton's Method for Unconstrained Problems (Review)

```
1 min-newton( $f, \nabla f, \nabla^2 f, x^{(0)}, \mu, \epsilon, K$ ):  
2   for  $k := 1, \dots, K$ :  
3      $\Delta x^{(k-1)} := -\nabla^2 f(x^{(k-1)})^{-1} \nabla f(x^{(k-1)})$   
4     if  $-\nabla f(x^{(k-1)})^T \Delta x^{(k-1)} < \epsilon$ :  
5       return  $x^{(k-1)}$   
6      $\mu^{(k-1)} := \mu(f, x^{(k-1)}, \Delta x^{(k-1)})$   
7      $x^{(k)} := x^{(k-1)} + \mu^{(k-1)} \Delta x^{(k-1)}$   
8   return "not converged"
```

where

- ▶  $f$  objective function
- ▶  $\nabla f, \nabla^2 f$  gradient and Hessian of objective function  $f$
- ▶  $x^{(0)}$  starting value
- ▶  $\mu$  step length controller
- ▶  $\epsilon$  convergence threshold for Newton's decrement
- ▶  $K$  maximal number of iterations



# Newton's Method for Affine Equality Constraints

```

1 min-newton-eq( $f, \nabla f, \nabla^2 f, A, x^{(0)}, \mu, \epsilon, K$ ):
2   for  $k := 1, \dots, K$ :
3      $\begin{pmatrix} \Delta x^{(k-1)} \\ \nu^{(k-1)} \end{pmatrix} := - \begin{pmatrix} \nabla^2 f(x^{(k-1)}) & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f(x^{(k-1)}) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 
4     if  $-\nabla f(x^{(k-1)})^T \Delta x^{(k-1)} < \epsilon$ :
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where

- ▶  $A$  affine equality constraints
- ▶  $x^{(0)}$  **feasible** starting value (i.e.,  $Ax^{(0)} = a$ )

# Convergence

- ▶ The iterates  $x^{(k)}$  are the same as those of the Newton algorithm for the eliminated unconstrained problem

$$\tilde{f}(z) := f(x_0 + Fz), \quad x^{(k)} = x_0 + Fz^{(k)}$$

- ▶ as the Newton steps  $\Delta x = F\Delta z$  coincide as they fulfil the KKT conditions of the quadratic approximation
- ▶ Thus convergence is the same as in the unconstrained case.

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## Newton Step at Infeasible Points

If  $\mathbf{x}$  is infeasible, i.e.  $A\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{a}$ , we have the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \hat{f}(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \Delta\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta\mathbf{x}^T \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \Delta\mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & A\Delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} - A\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

which can be solved for  $\Delta\mathbf{x}$  by solving the following system of equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta\mathbf{x} \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \\ A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ An **undamped** iteration of this algorithm yields a feasible point.
- ▶ With step length control: points will stay infeasible in general.

# Step Length Control

- ▶  $\Delta x$  is not necessarily a descent direction for  $f$
- ▶ but  $(\Delta x \ \nu)$  is a descent direction for the norm of the **primal-dual residuum**:

$$r(x, \nu) := \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f(x) + A^T \nu \\ Ax - a \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

- ▶ The Infeasible Start Newton algorithm requires a proper convergence analysis (see [Boyd and Vandenberghe, 2004, ch. 10.3.3])

# Newton's Method for Lin. Eq. Cstr. / Infeasible Start

```

1 min-newton-eq-inf( $f, \nabla f, \nabla^2 f, A, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}^{(0)}, \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(0)}, \mu, \epsilon, K$ ):
2   for  $k := 1, \dots, K$ :
3     if  $r(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}, \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(k-1)}) < \epsilon$ :
4       return  $\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ 
5     
$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} \\ \Delta \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(k-1)} \end{pmatrix} := - \begin{pmatrix} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) + A^T \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(k-1)} \\ A \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} - \mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

6     
$$\mu^{(k-1)} := \mu(r, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(k-1)} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} \\ \Delta \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(k-1)} \end{pmatrix})$$

7      $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} := \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + \mu^{(k-1)} \Delta \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ 
8      $\boldsymbol{\nu}^{(k)} := \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(k-1)} + \mu^{(k-1)} \Delta \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(k-1)}$ 
9   return "not converged"
  
```

where

- ▶  $A, \mathbf{a}$  affine equality constraints
- ▶  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  possibly infeasible starting value (i.e.,  $A\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \neq \mathbf{a}$ )
- ▶  $\boldsymbol{\nu}^{(0)}$  starting multiplier (e.g., random)
- ▶  $r$  is the norm of the primal-dual residuum (see previous slide)

# Solving KKT systems of equations

The KKT systems are systems of equations that look like this:

$$\begin{pmatrix} H & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{w} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g} \\ \mathbf{h} \end{pmatrix}$$

Standard methods for solving it:

- ▶  $LDL^T$  factorization
- ▶ Elimination (might require inverting  $H$ )

# Summary

► Optimal solutions for equality constrained optimization problems

- have to fulfill KKT conditions:

1. primal feasibility:  $g_p(x) = 0, \quad p = 1, \dots, P$

2. stationarity:  $\nabla f(x) + \sum_{p=1}^P \nu_p \nabla g_p(x) = 0$

- for convex equality constrained problems,

1. primal feasibility:  $Ax = a$

2. stationarity:  $\nabla f(x) + A^T \nu = 0$

► Equality problems can be handled two ways:

1. if they are affine, eliminate them.

- **reparametrize** feasible values

$$\{x \mid Ax = a\} = x_0 + \{x \mid Ax = 0\} = x_0 + \{Fz \mid z \in \mathbb{R}^{N-P}\}$$

- then solve **reduced unconstrained problem** in  $z$

2. represent them as two inequality constraints each.



## Summary (2/2)

- ▶ **quadratic programming:** affine constrained quadratic objectives can be optimized by solving a linear system of equations.

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}^* \\ \nu^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Equality constraints can be **integrated into Newton's method** by extending the linear system for the descent direction:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x} \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ if the last iterate was already feasible
- ▶ Alternatively, for **infeasible starting points**,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x} \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \\ A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ either an undamped step to become feasible or
- ▶ damped steps to reduce the primal-dual residuum

## Further Readings

- ▶ equality constrained problems, quadratic programming, Newton's method for affine/linear equality constrained problems:
  - ▶ [Boyd and Vandenberghe, 2004, ch. 10]
- ▶ further methods for non-linear equality constrained optimization:
  - ▶ Murray [2008]

# References

Stephen Boyd and Lieven Vandenberghe. *Convex Optimization*. Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Walter Murray. Lecture notes on nonlinear constraints / Chapter 3: Nonlinear Constraints, 2008.