

# Optimality Criteria

## Unconstrained Optimization

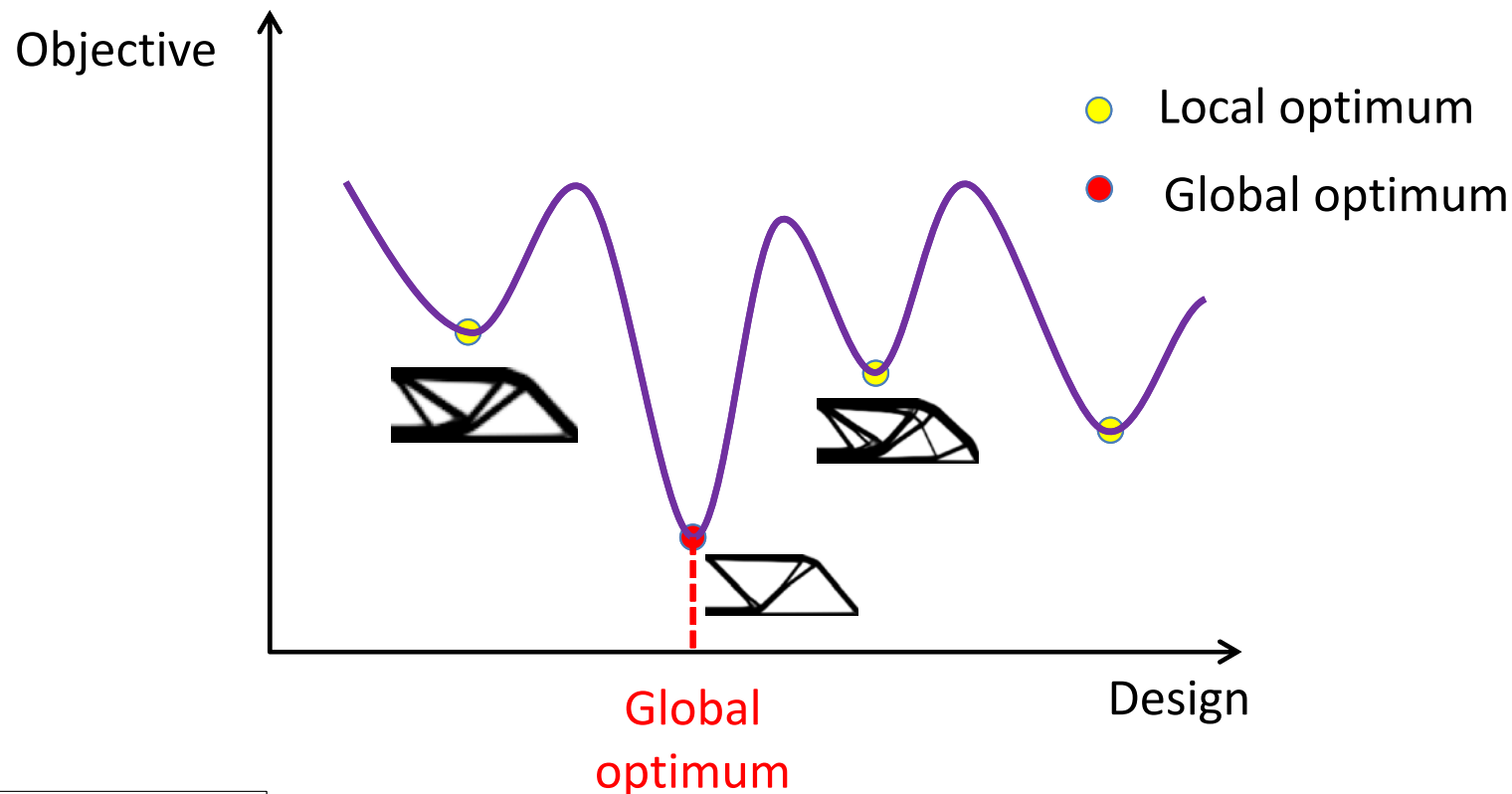


**How do I know the  
current design is an  
optimum**

**Optimum design  
should satisfy  
optimality conditions**

# GLOBAL VERSUS LOCAL MINIMUM

- Optimization algorithm searches for local minimum...global minimum is not guaranteed
- Starting with different initial designs will result in different designs



# GLOBAL OPTIMIZATION

- A point  $\mathbf{b}^*$  is called a global minimum for  $f(\mathbf{b})$  if

$$f(\mathbf{b}^*) \leq f(\mathbf{b}) \quad \forall \mathbf{b} \in S$$

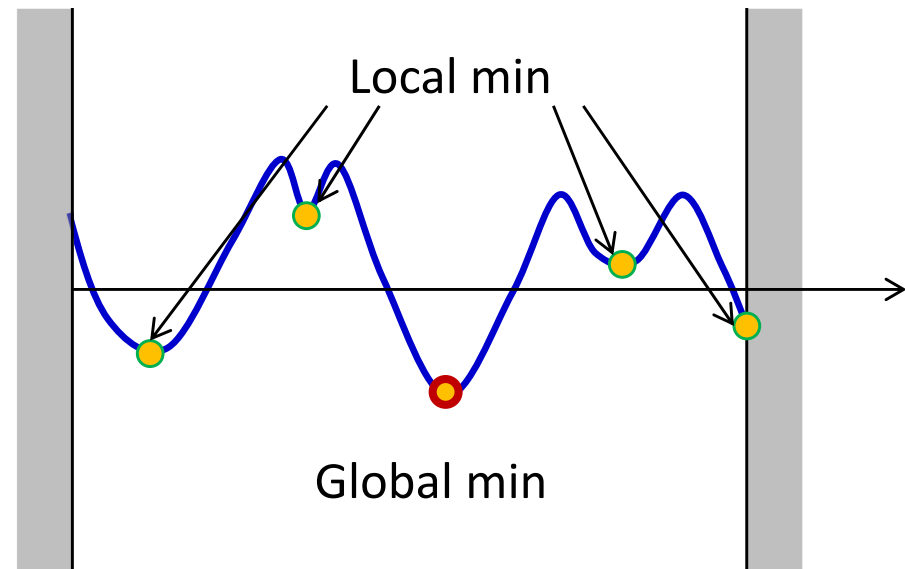
- No mathematical method to find the global minimum
- **Weierstrass theorem**: Existence of global minimum
  - If  $f(\mathbf{b})$  is continuous and the set  $S$  is closed and bounded, then there is a global minimum

- Local Optimum

- A point  $\mathbf{b}^*$  is called a local minimum for  $f(\mathbf{b})$  if

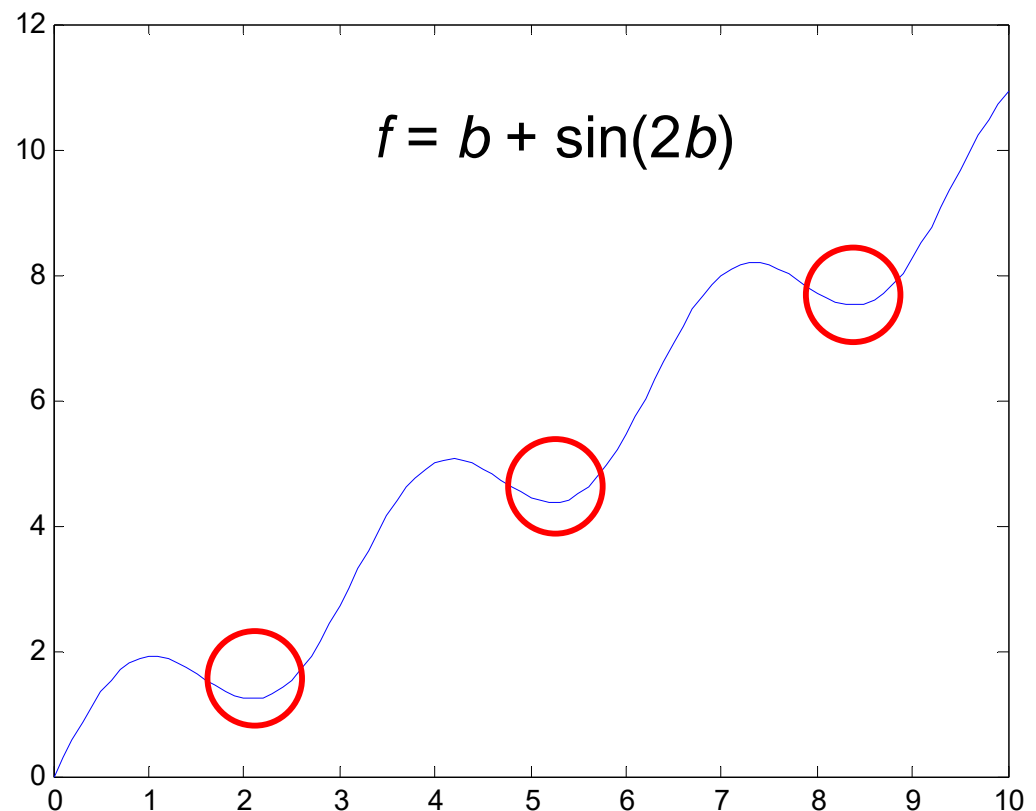
$$f(\mathbf{b}^*) \leq f(\mathbf{b})$$

- for all  $\mathbf{b} \in S$  in a small neighborhood of  $\mathbf{b}^*$



# GLOBAL OPTIMIZATION

- Normally no functional expression available
  - For a given design, we can calculate objective & constraints
- We find optima using numerical search
- We know that there is no better design in the immediate neighborhood
- But, we don't know if that is the global optimum
- We can only guarantee a local optimum

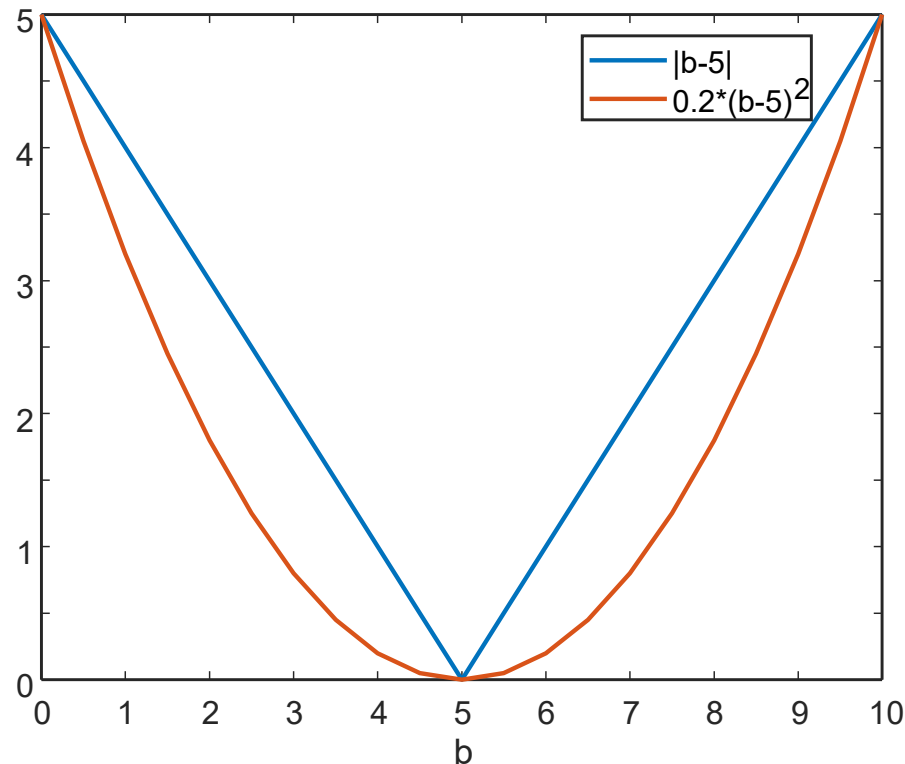


# ONE DIMENSIONAL OPTIMIZATION

- We are accustomed to think that if  $f(b)$  has a minimum then

$$\frac{df(b)}{db} = 0$$

but....



Optimality criteria  
only consider  
smooth functions

No derivative  
at  $b = 5$  for a  
non-smooth  
function

# 1D OPTIMIZATION JARGON

- A point with zero derivative is a **stationary point**

- $b = 5$  can be

- a minimum

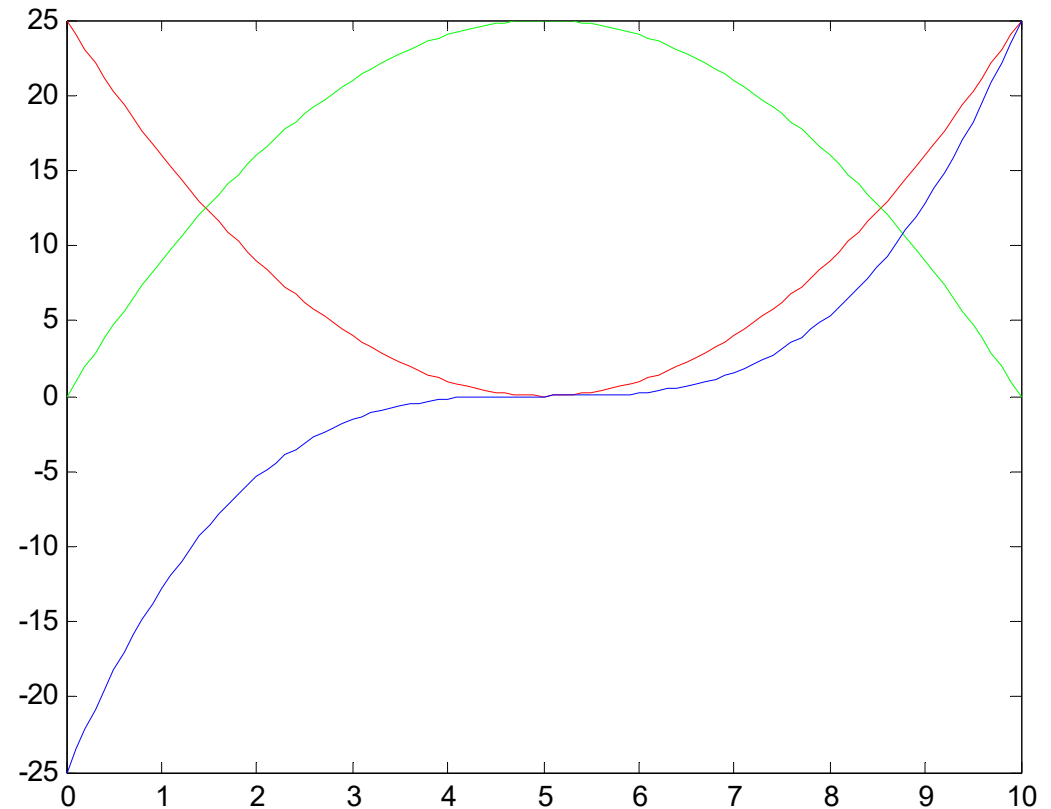
$$f = (b - 5)^2$$

- a maximum

$$f = 10b - b^2$$

- an inflection point

$$f = 0.2(b - 5)^3$$



# OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS

- Unconstrained problems (one variable)

$$\underset{b}{\text{Minimize}} \quad f(b)$$

- Necessary condition for  $b^*$  to be a local min

$$f'(b^*) = 0$$

Kuhn-Tucker (KT) condition  
1st-order necessary condition

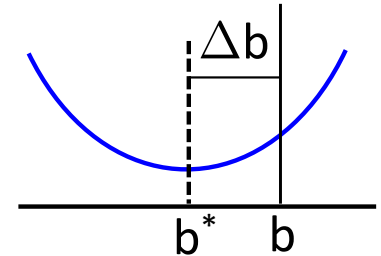
$$f(b) = f(b^* + \Delta b) = f(b^*) + f'(b^*)\Delta b + \frac{1}{2}f''(b^*)\Delta b^2 + \text{H.O.T.}$$

$$\Delta f = f(b) - f(b^*) = f'(b^*)\Delta b + \frac{1}{2}f''(b^*)\Delta b^2 + \text{H.O.T.}$$

- For  $b^*$  to be minimum,  $\Delta f \geq 0$

$$\Delta f \cong f'(b^*)\Delta b \geq 0 \text{ for arbitrary } \Delta b$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(b^*) = 0$$



- Now,

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{2} f''(b^*) \Delta b^2 + \text{H.O.T.} \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f''(b^*) \geq 0$$

$$f''(b^*) \geq 0$$

2nd-order necessary condition

- Sufficient condition

$$f''(b^*) > 0$$



# EXERCISES

- Classify the stationary points of the following functions from the optimality conditions, then check by plotting them
  - $f(b) = 2b^3 + 3b^2$
  - $f(b) = 3b^4 + 4b^3 - 12b^2$
  - $f(b) = b^5$
  - $f(b) = b^4 + 4b^3 + 6b^2 + 4b$
- Answer true or false
  - A function can have a negative value at its maximum point
  - If a constant is added to a function, the location of its minimum point can change.
  - If the curvature of a function is negative at a stationary point, then the point is a maximum.

# TAYLOR SERIES EXPANSION IN N DIMENSIONS

- Expanding  $f(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_N)$  about a candidate minimum  $\mathbf{b}^*$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{b}) &= f(\mathbf{b}^*) + \sum_{i=1}^N (b_i - b_i^*) \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i}(\mathbf{b}^*) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^N (b_i - b_i^*) (b_j - b_j^*) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial b_i \partial b_j}(\mathbf{b}^*) + \dots \\ &= f(\mathbf{b}^*) + \Delta \mathbf{b}^T \nabla f(\mathbf{b}^*) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{b}^*) \Delta \mathbf{b} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- The condition for stationarity

If  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i} \neq 0$  choose  $(b_i - b_i^*)$  of opposite sign and other  $(b_j - b_j^*) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta f < 0$$

So must have  $\nabla f = 0$

$$\nabla f = \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_1} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_N} \right\}^T = \mathbf{0}$$

# CONDITIONS FOR MINIMUM

$$f(\mathbf{b}) = f(\mathbf{b}^*) + \Delta \mathbf{b}^T \nabla f(\mathbf{b}^*) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{b}^*) \Delta \mathbf{b} + \text{H.O.T.}$$

- Sufficient condition for a minimum is that

$$\Delta \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{b}^*) \Delta \mathbf{b} > 0 \quad \text{for all } \Delta \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

- That is, the matrix of second derivatives (Hessian) is positive definite
- Simplest way to check positive definiteness is eigenvalues: All eigenvalues need to be positive
- Necessary conditions: Hessian matrix is positive-semi definite, i.e., all eigenvalues are non-negative

# OPTIMALITY CONDITION FOR UNCONSTRAINED PROBLEM

- Multi-variable case

- KT condition

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{b}^*) = \mathbf{0}$$

- Second-order necessary condition

$$\Delta \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{b}^*) \Delta \mathbf{b} \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \Delta \mathbf{b} \in R^N$$

- Sufficient condition

$$\Delta \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{b}^*) \Delta \mathbf{b} > 0 \quad \text{for all } \Delta \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}, \Delta \mathbf{b} \in R^N$$

$$\nabla f = \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i} \right\} \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

Column vector

$$\mathbf{H} = \left[ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial b_i \partial b_j} \right] \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N$$

Hessian matrix

# TYPES OF STATIONARY POINTS

$q = \Delta \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{H} \Delta \mathbf{b}$ : quadratic form

$q > 0$        $\mathbf{H} : P.D$        $q \geq 0$        $\mathbf{H} : P.S.D$

$q < 0$        $\mathbf{H} : N.D$        $q \leq 0$        $\mathbf{H} : N.S.D$

otherwise  $\mathbf{H} : \text{indefinite}$

- Positive definite: Minimum
- Positive semi-definite: possibly minimum
- Indefinite: Saddle point
- Negative semi-definite: possibly maximum
- Negative definite: maximum

# EXAMPLE

$$f = b_1^2 + b_1 b_2 + b_2^2 \quad \nabla f = \begin{Bmatrix} 2b_1 + b_2 \\ b_1 + 2b_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Stationary point:  $b_1 = b_2 = 0$

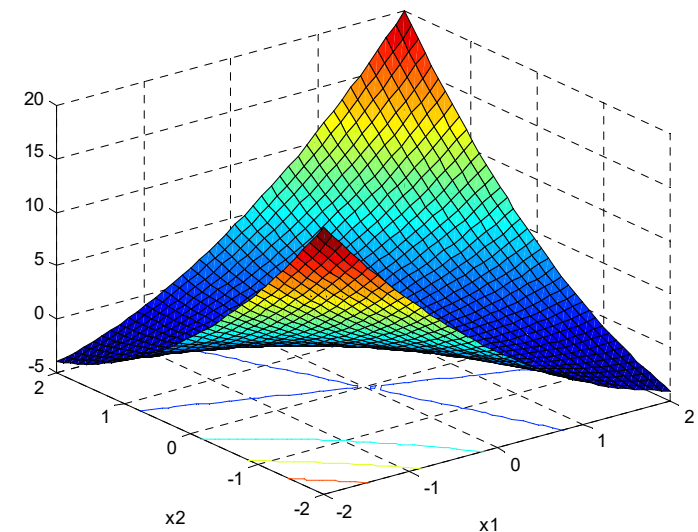
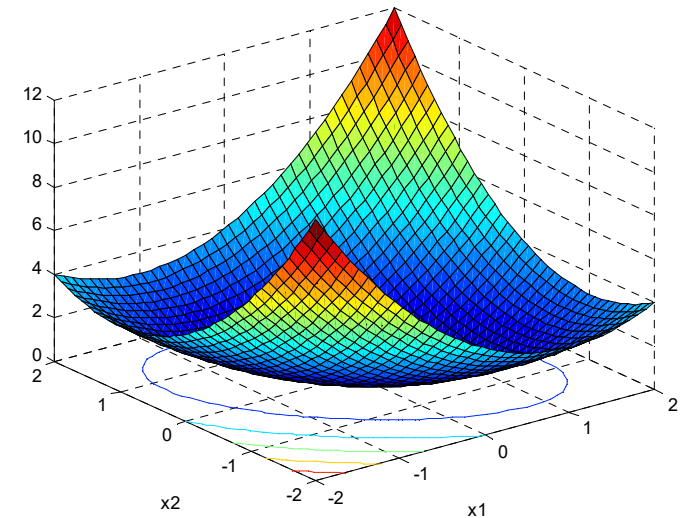
Hessian matrix

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial b_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial b_1 \partial b_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial b_1 \partial b_2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial b_2^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_{1,2} = 1, 3 \rightarrow$  minimum

$$f = b_1^2 + 3b_1 b_2 + b_2^2$$

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_{1,2} = -1, 5 \rightarrow$  saddle point



# EXERCISES

- Find the stationary points of the following functions and classify them:

$$1. f(\mathbf{b}) = b_1^2 + 4b_1b_2 + 2b_1b_3 - 7b_2^2 - 6b_2b_3 + 5b_3^2$$

$$2. f(\mathbf{b}) = b_1^2 + 2b_2b_3 + b_2^2 + 4b_3^2$$

$$3. f(\mathbf{b}) = 40b_1 + b_1^2b_2 + \frac{b_2^2}{b_1}$$

# Review of linear algebra

- Set of vectors:  $\mathbf{a}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{a}^{(k)} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}^{(i)} \in R^n$  has  $n$  components
- Linear combination  $\mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \mathbf{a}^{(i)}$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{a}^{(k)}]_{n \times k}$$

- Linear independence
  - From linear combination and set it to zero,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = 0$ , if  $\mathbf{x} = 0$  is the only solution, then columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linear **independent**
  - Non-trivial solutions ( $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$ ) exist if  $\mathbf{A}$  is rank deficient
  - If it has only  $\mathbf{x} = 0$  unique solution,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = k$



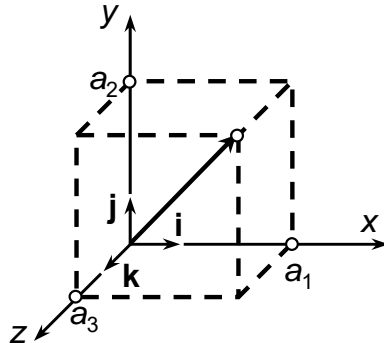
# Vector space

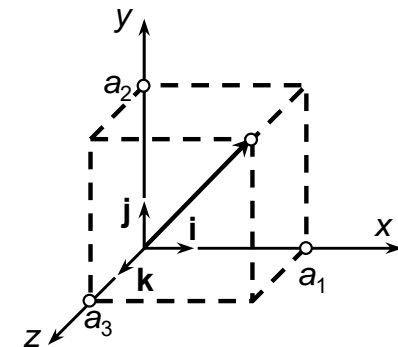
- Set of vectors must be closed under addition and scalar multiplication

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in S & \rightarrow & \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in S \\ \alpha \in R & \rightarrow & \alpha \mathbf{y} \in S \end{cases}$$

- Let  $S = \{\mathbf{x} \in R^3 | x_1 = 1\}$ , let  $\mathbf{x}^1 = [1, a, b]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^2 = [1, c, d]^T$ , then  $\mathbf{x}^1 + \mathbf{x}^2 = [2, a + c, b + d]^T$  does not belong to  $S$ .  
Therefore  $S$  is not a vector space
- No. of linearly independent vectors in a set is called **dimension** of the vector space
- Linear independent vectors form the **basis** of the vector space

# Orthogonality of vectors

- Orthogonal:  $\mathbf{a}^{(i)T} \mathbf{a}^{(j)} = 0$
  - If  $(\mathbf{a}^{(i)}, \mathbf{a}^{(j)}) = 0$  for  $\forall i \neq j$ , then the set is called an **orthogonal** set
  - If  $\|\mathbf{a}^{(i)}\| = 1$ , then the set is called an **orthonormal** set
  - In  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  form a basis for  $k$ -dim subspace
  - Null space:  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = 0$ 
    - Collection of all  $\mathbf{y}_{(n \times 1)}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = 0$  is called the null space
    - No. of independent vector of null space =  $n - k$
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# Hyperplane

- 3D plane:  $ax + ay + az = d$
- n-dimension hyperplane:  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \cdots a_nx_n = c$ 
  - Vector notation:  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} = c$  or  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) = c$
  - Vector  $\mathbf{a}$  is normal to the plane
  - Let  $f(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) - c$ , then  $\nabla f = \mathbf{a}$ : gradient is normal to the surface
  - If  $|\mathbf{a}| = 1$ , then  $c$  is the least distance from the origin to the hyperplane
  - If  $\mathbf{a}$  is not a unit vector, then the distance  $= \frac{c}{\|\mathbf{a}\|}$
- If two points  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  are on the plane, then
  - $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) = c, (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y}) = c, (\mathbf{a}, (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})) = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$  is normal to  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$

## Hyperplane *cont.*

- A set of vectors satisfying  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) = c$  is not a subspace
  - $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) = c, (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y}) = c, (\mathbf{a}, (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})) = 2c \rightarrow$  not a subspace
- If  $c = 0$  (hyperplane passes through the origin), then vectors satisfying  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) = 0$  form a subspace
  - $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) = 0$ : vector  $\mathbf{a}$  forms a basis for subspace of dimension one
  - Null space of vector  $\mathbf{a}$  has dimension  $n - 1$
- Reisz representation
  - Given a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in R^n$ ,  $\mathbf{x}$  can be decomposed into sum of two vectors  $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}$  when  $\mathbf{y} \in F$  and  $\mathbf{z} \in F^\perp$
  - $F$ : subspace of  $m$  ( $<n$ ) dim.  $F^\perp$ : Null space of  $F$  dim( $n - m$ )

# CONSTRAINED PROBLEM (INACTIVE CONSTRAINT)

- Inequality constraint example

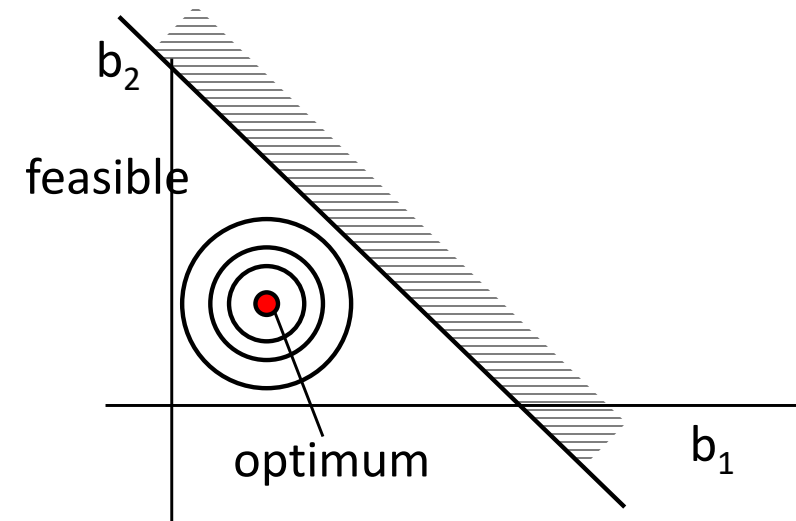
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Minimize } f(\mathbf{b}) = (b_1 - 1)^2 + (b_2 - 1)^2 \\ &\text{subject to } g(\mathbf{b}) = b_1 + b_2 \leq 4 \end{aligned}$$

- Constraint is not active  $\rightarrow$  ignore

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial b_1} = 2(b_1 - 1) = 0 \quad b_1 = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial b_2} = 2(b_2 - 1) = 0 \quad b_2 = 1$$

- Hessian is positive definite (sufficient)  $\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

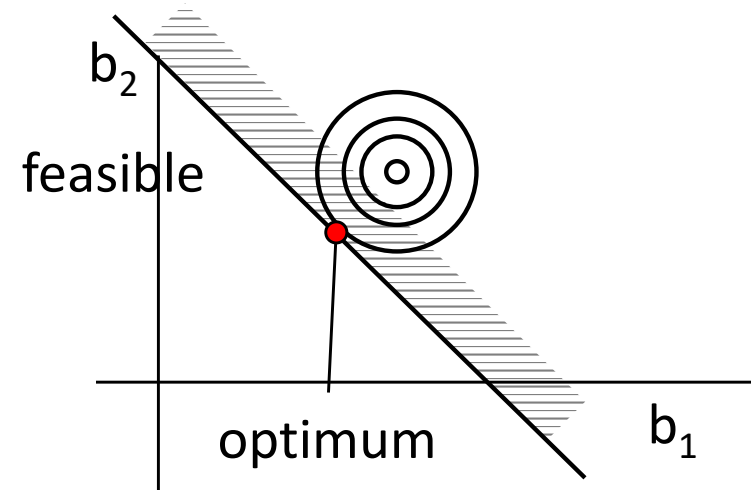


Inactive constraints  
do not affect optimum

# CONSTRAINED PROBLEM (ACTIVE CONSTRAINT)

- Inequality constraint example

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Minimize } f(\mathbf{b}) = (b_1 - 3)^2 + (b_2 - 3)^2 \\ &\text{subject to } g(\mathbf{b}) = b_1 + b_2 \leq 4 \end{aligned}$$



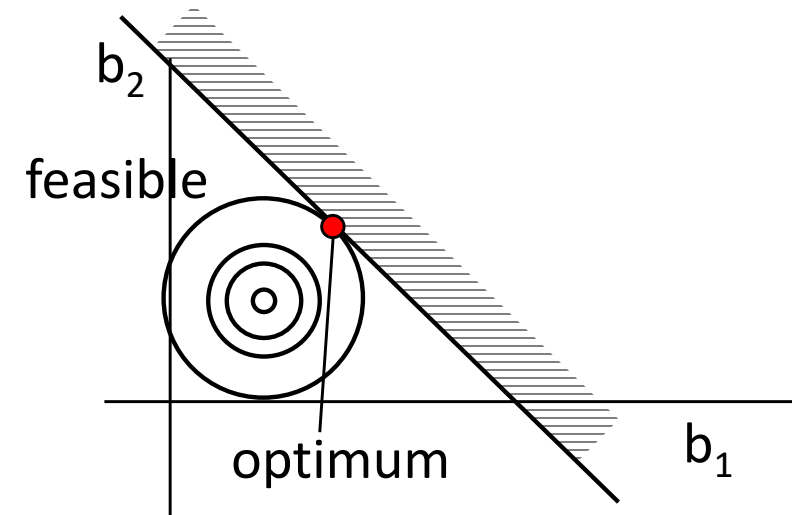
- Constraint is **active**
- At (3,3),  $f = 0$ ,  $g = 3+3-4 = 2 > 0$  (infeasible)
- At (2,2),  $f = 2$ ,  $g = 0$  (constraint is active)

Optimum design is located on the boundary of active constraints  
At optimum design,  $g(\mathbf{b}) = b_1 + b_2 = 4$ . Inequality becomes equality

# CONSTRAINED PROBLEM (EQUALITY CONSTRAINT)

- Equality constraint example

Minimize  $f(\mathbf{b}) = (b_1 - 1)^2 + (b_2 - 1)^2$   
subject to  $h(\mathbf{b}) = b_1 + b_2 = 4$



- Equality constraint is always active
- Let  $b_2 = 4 - b_1$ , then the original constrained problem becomes unconstrained problem with  $f(b_1) = (b_1 - 1)^2 + (4 - b_1)^2$ 
  - Equality constraint can reduce design variables
  - If constraints are implicit, we cannot reduce design variables

# OPTIMALITY CONDITION (EQUALITY CONSTRAINT)

- With an equality constraint: 
$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{\mathbf{b}}{\text{Minimize}} \quad f(\mathbf{b}) \\ &\text{subject to } h(\mathbf{b}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$
- Lagrange function: 
$$\underset{\mathbf{b}, \lambda}{\text{Minimize}} \quad \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \lambda) = f(\mathbf{b}) + \lambda h(\mathbf{b})$$

Lagrange function transforms to unconstrained optimization by introducing additional variable (Lagrange multiplier)
- 1st-order necessary condition:

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \lambda) = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{b}} + \lambda \frac{\partial h}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = 0 \\ h(\mathbf{b}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Multiple constraints: 
$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \lambda) = f(\mathbf{b}) + \sum_{i=1}^M \lambda_i h_i(\mathbf{b})$$



# Derivation of Lagrange multiplier (equality constraint)

\* Derivation of Lagrange multiplier

$$\begin{aligned} & - \min_{\underline{b}} f(\underline{b}) \\ & \text{s.t. } \underline{g}(\underline{b}) = 0 \quad \underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \underline{g} \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad n > m \end{aligned}$$

- partition  $\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y} \\ \underline{z} \end{bmatrix}$   $\underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  dependent variables  
 $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$  independent variables.

- Due to equality constraints, conceptually  $\underline{y} = \phi(\underline{z})$ . but we don't know  $\phi(\underline{z})$ .

$$- \underline{g}(\underline{y}, \underline{z}) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{g}(\phi(\underline{z}), \underline{z}) = 0$$

$f(\underline{y}, \underline{z}) = f(\phi(\underline{z}), \underline{z}) \Rightarrow$  unconstrained problem with  $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$

- Unconstrained necessary condition.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{z}}(\phi(\underline{z}), \underline{z}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{z}} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{y}} \frac{\partial \underline{y}}{\partial \underline{z}} = 0$$

$1 \times (n-m) \quad 1 \times (n-m) \quad (1 \times m) \times m \times (n-m)$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \underline{z}}(\phi(\underline{z}), \underline{z}) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \underline{z}} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \underline{y}} \frac{\partial \underline{y}}{\partial \underline{z}} = 0$$

$m \times (n-m) \quad (m \times m) \cdot (m \times (n-m))$

# Derivation of Lagrange multiplier (equality constraint) cont.

- Unconstrained necessary condition.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\phi(z), z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = 0$$

$1 \times (n-m)$                        $1 \times (n-m)$      $(1 \times m) \times m \times (n-m)$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(\phi(z), z) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = 0$$

$m \times (n-m)$      $(m \times m) \cdot (m \times (n-m))$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = - \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = - \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}}_{= u^T} = 0 \quad u: \text{Lagrange multiplier}$$

$$u = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)^T \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)^{-1} \Rightarrow - \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)^T u = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)^T \Rightarrow -u^T \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} + u^T \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = 0 & (n-m) \text{ Eq.} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + u^T \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0 & m \text{ Eq.} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + u^T \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0 \\ g = 0 \end{cases}} \begin{matrix} n \text{ Eq.} \\ m \text{ Eq.} \end{matrix}$$

If  $g_i$  are all independent,  $\left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)^{-1}$  exists.

unknowns  
 $\underline{b} : m$   
 $\underline{u} : n$

## EXAMPLE: EQUALITY CONSTRAINT

- Ex) Minimize  $f(\mathbf{b}) = (b_1 - 1)^2 + (b_2 - 1)^2$   
subject to  $h(\mathbf{b}) = b_1 + b_2 = 4$

- Lagrange function

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \lambda) = (b_1 - 1)^2 + (b_2 - 1)^2 + \lambda(b_1 + b_2 - 4)$$

- KKT conditions

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_1} = 2(b_1 - 1) + \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_2} = 2(b_2 - 1) + \lambda = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} b_1 &= 2 \\ b_2 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = b_1 + b_2 - 4 = 0 \quad \lambda = -2$$

## EXAMPLE: QUADRATIC FUNCTION

- Quadratic objective and constraint

$$\text{Minimize } f(\mathbf{b}) = b_1^2 + 10b_2^2$$

$$\text{subject to } h(\mathbf{b}) = 100 - (b_1^2 + b_2^2) = 0$$

- Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L} = b_1^2 + 10b_2^2 + \lambda(100 - b_1^2 - b_2^2)$

- Stationarity conditions

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_1} = 2b_1 - 2\lambda b_1 = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_2} = 20b_2 - 2\lambda b_2 = 0$$

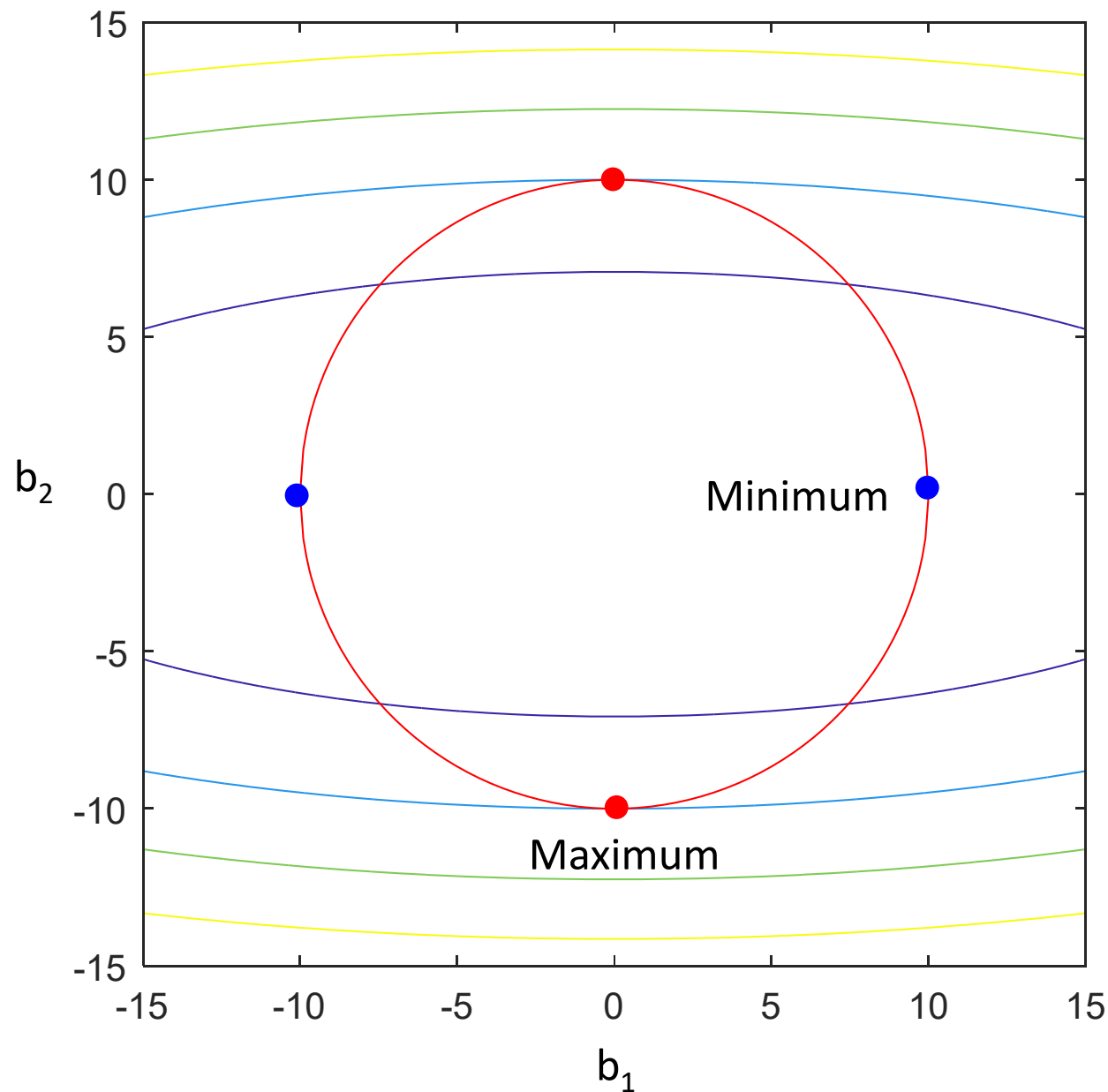
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = 100 - (b_1^2 + b_2^2) = 0$$

- Four stationary points

$$b_1 = 0, b_2 = \pm 10, \lambda = 10 (f = 1000, \text{maxima})$$

$$b_1 = \pm 10, b_2 = 0, \lambda = 1 (f = 100, \text{minima})$$

## EXAMPLE: QUADRATIC FUNCTION *cont.*



## EXERCISE: LAGRANGE MULTIPLIERS

- Solve the problem of minimizing the surface area of a cylinder of given volume  $V$ . The two design variables are the radius and height. The equality constraint is the volume constraint.

# INEQUALITY CONSTRAINTS

- Optimization with inequality constraints

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Minimize} & f(\mathbf{b}) \\ \text{subject to} & g_i(\mathbf{b}) \leq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, K \end{array}$$

- Introducing a **slack variable** (convert to equality constraint)

$$g_i(\mathbf{b}) \leq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_i(\mathbf{b}) + s_i^2 = 0 \quad s_i^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{slack variable}$$

- Lagrange function**

$$\text{Minimize}_{\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{s}} \quad \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{s}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i (g_i + s_i^2)$$

$$\text{unknown : } \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{s} \quad (N + K + K)$$

# INEQUALITY CONSTRAINTS

- KT condition

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{s}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{b}} + \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = 0 \\ g_i + s_i^2 = 0 \\ 2\lambda_i s_i = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} N \text{ equations} \\ K \text{ equations} \\ K \text{ equations} \end{array}$$

Nonlinear equation

$$\lambda_i s_i = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\lambda_i g_i = 0} \quad \text{Complementary slackness (switching cond)}$$

- Slack variable

$\lambda_i = 0, \quad g_i < 0$  : inactive constraint

$\lambda_i > 0, \quad g_i = 0$  : active constraint



# EXAMPLE: INEQUALITY CONSTRAINT

- Optimization Problem

$$\text{Minimize } f(\mathbf{b}) = (b_1 - 3)^2 + (b_2 - 3)^2$$

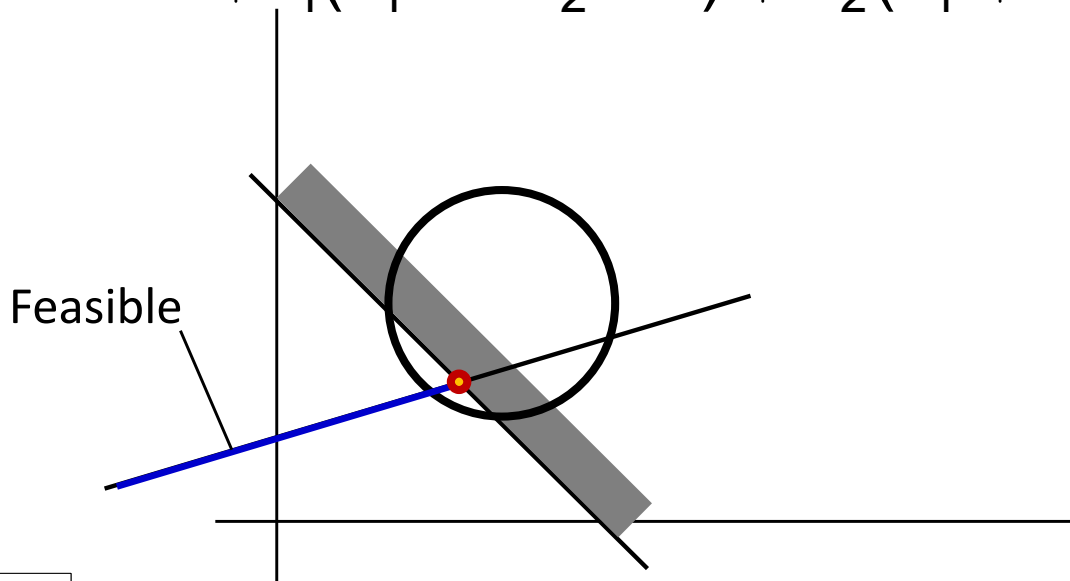
$$\text{subject to } g(\mathbf{b}) = b_1 + b_2 \leq 4$$

$$h(\mathbf{b}) = b_1 - 3b_2 = 1$$

- Lagrange Function

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \lambda, s) = (b_1 - 3)^2 + (b_2 - 3)^2$$

$$+ \lambda_1(b_1 - 3b_2 - 1) + \lambda_2(b_1 + b_2 - 4 + s^2)$$



# EXAMPLE: INEQUALITY CONSTRAINT *cont.*

$$\nabla L = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_1} = 2(b_1 - 3) + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_2} = 2(b_2 - 3) - 3\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda_1} = b_1 - 3b_2 - 1 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda_2} = b_1 + b_2 - 4 + s^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Case 1)  $\lambda_2 = 0$

$$2b_1 + \lambda_1 = 6$$

$$2b_2 - 3\lambda_1 = 6$$

$$b_1 - 3b_2 = 1$$

$$s^2 = 4 - b_1 - b_2$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = 3.7, b_2 = 0.9, \lambda_1 = -1.4$$

$$\text{But } s^2 = -0.6$$

$\therefore g_2$  is violated!

\*  $\lambda_2 \geq 0$  : always positive for active inequality constraint.

$\lambda_1$  : arbitrary in sign.

Case 2)  $s = 0$

$$2b_1 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 6$$

$$2b_2 - 3\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 6$$

$$b_1 - 3b_2 = 1$$

$$b_1 + b_2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = 0.75, b_2 = 3.25, \lambda_1 = -1.25$$

$$\lambda_2 = 0.75 > 0.$$

# LAGRANGE MULTIPLIER

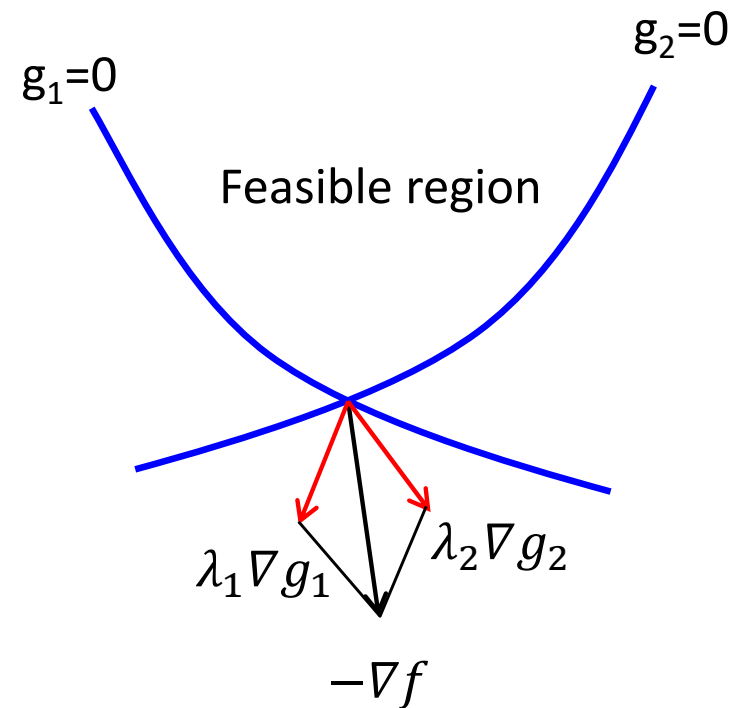
- Observation (Assume all  $g_i$  are active, i.e.,  $s_i = 0$ )

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \lambda) = f(\mathbf{b}) + \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i g_i(\mathbf{b})$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \lambda) = \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} f(\mathbf{b}) + \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} g_i(\mathbf{b}) = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} f(\mathbf{b}) = - \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} g_i(\mathbf{b})$$

- $-\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} f(\mathbf{b})$  is a positive linear combination of  $\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} g_i(\mathbf{b})$
- Only with active constraints!

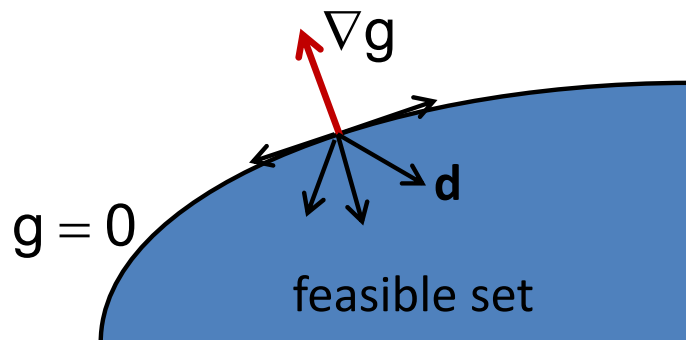


# SECOND-ORDER CONDITIONS

- Lagrange function

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{s}) = f(\mathbf{b}) + \sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i h_i + \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i (g_i + s_i^2)$$

- First-order condition:  $\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{s}) = 0$
- Sufficient condition (unconstrained):  $\nabla^2 f$  P.D.
- Sufficient condition (constrained):  $\nabla_{\mathbf{bb}} \mathcal{L}$  P.D. for all feasible directions



Equality:  $\nabla h_i \cdot \Delta \mathbf{b} = 0$

Inequality:  $\nabla g_i \cdot \Delta \mathbf{b} \leq 0$

But,  $\nabla g_i \cdot \Delta \mathbf{b} < 0$  direction becomes inactive

Assume that small feasible move keeps the constraint active

## SECOND-ORDER CONDITIONS *cont.*

- Second-order necessary condition

$$q = \Delta \mathbf{b}^T [\nabla_{\mathbf{bb}} \mathcal{L}] \Delta \mathbf{b} \geq 0 \text{ for all } \Delta \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0} \text{ satisfying}$$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla g_i \cdot \Delta \mathbf{b} = 0 & \text{for all active inequalities} \\ \nabla h_i \cdot \Delta \mathbf{b} = 0 & \text{for all equalities} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- Second-order sufficient condition

$$q = \Delta \mathbf{b}^T [\nabla_{\mathbf{bb}} \mathcal{L}] \Delta \mathbf{b} > 0 \text{ for all } \Delta \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0} \text{ satisfying (1)}$$

# EFFECT OF CONSTRAINT LIMIT

- Let's work with non-standard form for the moment

$$h_i(\mathbf{b}) = a_i, \quad g_j(\mathbf{b}) \leq c_j \quad a_i, c_j: \text{constraint bounds}$$

- Optimum design:  $\mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{b}^*(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c})$
- Optimum objective:  $f = f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c})$
- Optimum Lagrange multipliers:  $\mu_i^*$  for  $h_i(\mathbf{b}^*)$  and  $\lambda_j^*$  for  $g_j(\mathbf{b}^*)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial a_i} = -\mu_i^*, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_j} = -\lambda_j^*$$

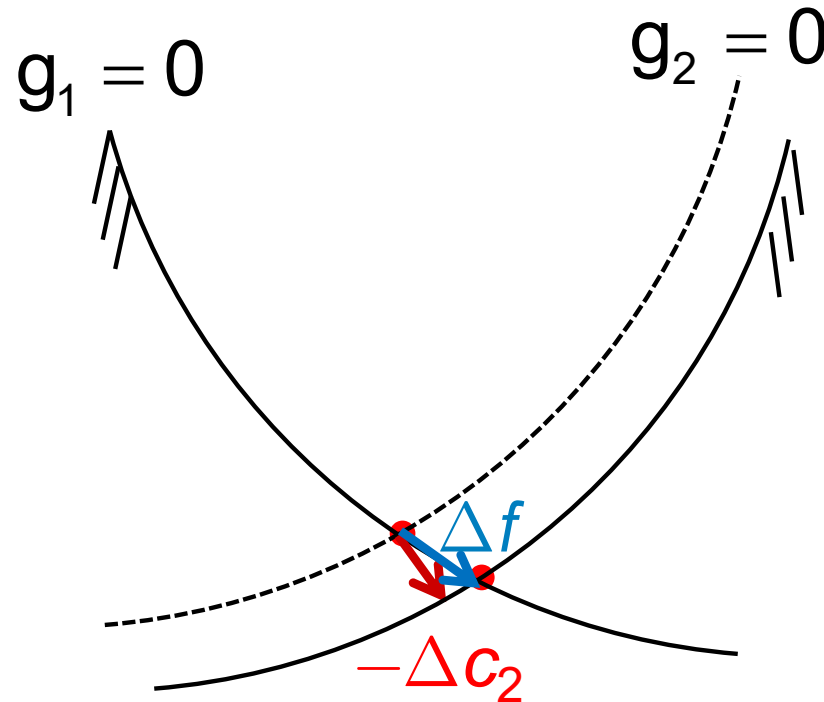
- How much will  $f$  change due to  $\Delta \mathbf{a}$  and  $\Delta \mathbf{c}$ ?

$$f(a_i + \Delta a_i, c_j + \Delta c_j) = f(a_i, c_j) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_i} \Delta a_i + \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_j} \Delta c_j + \text{H.O.T.}$$

$$\Delta f = -\sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i^* \Delta a_i - \sum_{j=1}^K \lambda_j^* \Delta c_j$$

# EFFECT OF CONSTRAINT LIMIT *cont.*

- Change in optimal objective ( $\Delta f$ ) due to change in constraint bound ( $\Delta c_2$ )



$$\Delta f = -\sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i^* \Delta a_i - \sum_{j=1}^K \lambda_j^* \Delta c_j$$

# SENSITIVITY OF OPTIMUM SOLUTION TO PARAMETERS

- Assuming that objective and constraints depend on parameter  $p$

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{Minimize} & f(\mathbf{b}, p) \\ \text{subject to} & g_j(\mathbf{b}, p) \leq 0\end{array}$$

- Optimum solution:  $\mathbf{b}^*(p)$
- Optimum objective:  $f^*(p) = f(\mathbf{b}^*(p), p)$
- Sensitivity of  $f^*(p)$  w.r.t.  $p$

$$\frac{df^*}{dp} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial p}$$

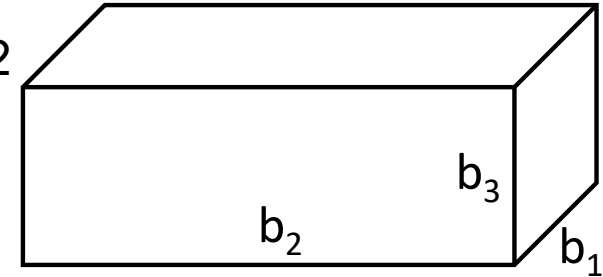
- Lagrange multipliers are called “shadow prices” because they provide the price of imposing constraints



# EXAMPLE: CONTAINER DESIGN

- Side panels (\$10/ft<sup>2</sup>), ends & floor (\$15/ft<sup>2</sup>), volume  $\geq 125$ ft<sup>3</sup>
- Optimization problem (cost)

$$\text{Minimize } f(\mathbf{b}) = 20b_2b_3 + 30b_1b_3 + 15b_1b_2$$
$$\text{subject to } g(\mathbf{b}) = b_1b_2b_3 \geq 125$$



- Lagrange function

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}, \lambda) = 20b_2b_3 + 30b_1b_3 + 15b_1b_2 + \lambda(125 - b_1b_2b_3)$$

- Optimum design

$$b_1^* = 4.8075, \quad b_2^* = 7.2112, \quad b_3^* = 3.6056$$

$$f(\mathbf{b}^*) = 1560.0, \quad \lambda^* = 8.320$$

- Increase volume to 130ft<sup>3</sup>

$$\Delta f = -\lambda^* \Delta c = -8.32 \times (-5) = 41.6$$

- Actual optimum  $f^* = 1601.3, \quad \Delta f = 41.3$

# EXAMPLE: QUADRATIC OBJECTIVE INSIDE A CIRCLE

- Optimization problem

$$\text{Minimize } f(\mathbf{b}) = b_1^2 + 10b_2^2$$

$$\text{subject to } g(\mathbf{b}) = p - (b_1^2 + b_2^2) \leq 0$$

- For  $p = 100$  we found  $\lambda = 1$

$$b_1^* = \sqrt{p}, \quad b_2^* = 0, \quad f^*(p) = p, \quad \frac{df^*}{dp} = 1$$

- Which agrees with

$$\frac{df^*}{dp} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} + \lambda \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} = 0 + 1 \times 1$$

## EXERCISE: SENSITIVITY OF OPTIMA

- For  $f(b, p) = \sin b + pb$ ,  $0 \leq b \leq 2\pi$  find the minimum for  $p = 0$ , estimate the derivative  $df^*/dp$ , and check by solving again for  $p = 0.1$  and comparing to finite difference derivative
- Calculate the derivative of the cylinder surface area with respect to change in volume using the Lagrange multiplier and compare to the derivative obtained by differentiating the exact solution