# **Engineering Optimization**



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# Are you using optimization?

The word "optimization" may be very familiar or may be quite new to you.

...... but whether you know about optimization or not, you are using optimization in many occasions of your day to day life ......

.....Examples.....

# Optimization in real life



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# Example

A farmer has 2400 m of fencing and wants to fence off a rectangular field that borders a straight river. He needs no fence along the river. What are the dimensions of the field that has the largest area?



# Example

A manufacturer needs to make a cylindrical can that will hold 1.5 liters of liquid. Determine the dimensions of the can that will minimize the amount of material used in its construction.



### Dimension is in cm

# Example

#### **Objectives**

Topology: Optimal connectivity of the structure

Minimum cost of material: optimal cross section of all the members

We will consider the second objective only



The design variables are the cross sectional area of the members, i.e. A1 to A7

Using symmetry of the structure A7=A1, A6=A2, A5=A3

You have only four design variables, i.e., A1 to A4

# **Optimization formulation**

Objective

Minimize  $1.132A_1\ell + 2A_2\ell + 1.789A_3\ell + 1.2A_4\ell$ 

What are the constraints?

One essential constraint is non-negativity of design variables, i.e. A1, A2, A3, A4 >= 0

Is it complete now?

 $0.4\ell$  -

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 $1.2\ell$ 

P = 2 kN

(4)

D

(6)

0.41

# **Optimization formulation**

Member	Force	Member	Force
AB	$-\frac{P}{2}\csc\theta$	BC	$+\frac{P}{2}\csc\alpha$
AC	$+\frac{P}{2}\cot\theta$	BD	$-\frac{P}{2}(\cot\theta+\cotlpha)$



#### First set of constraints

 $\frac{P \csc \theta}{2A_1} \le S_{yc},$  $\frac{P \cot \theta}{2A_2} \le S_{yt},$ 

$$\frac{P \csc \alpha}{2A_3} \le S_{yt},$$
$$\frac{P}{2A_4} (\cot \theta + \cot \alpha) \le S_{yc}$$

Another constraint is buckling Another of compression members minimi

$$\frac{P}{2\sin\theta} \le \frac{\pi E A_1^2}{1.281\ell^2}$$
$$\frac{P}{2}(\cot\theta + \cot\alpha) \le \frac{\pi E A_4^2}{5.76\ell^2}$$

ng Another constraint may be the minimization of deflection at C

$$\frac{P\ell}{E} \left( \frac{0.566}{A_1} + \frac{0.500}{A_2} + \frac{2.236}{A_3} + \frac{2.700}{A_4} \right) \le \delta_{\max}$$

# **Optimization formulation**



Minimize  $1.132A_1\ell + 2A_2\ell + 1.789A_3\ell + 1.2A_4\ell$ 



# What is Optimization?

- Optimization is the act of obtaining the best result under a given circumstances.
- Optimization is the mathematical discipline which is concerned with finding the maxima and minima of functions, possibly subject to constraints.

# Introduction to optimization



 $f = (x - 5)^2$  Equation of the line

How to find out the minimum of the function

$$f' = 2 \times (x - 5) = 0$$

 $x^* = 5$  Optimal solution



$$f = 25 + x^2$$
 Equation of the line  
 $f' = 2x = 0$   
 $x^* = 0$  Optimal solution

# Introduction to optimization



Optimal solution is (0,0)

Equation of the surface

$$f(x, y) = -(x^2 + y^2) + 4$$

In this case, we can obtain the optimal solution by taking derivatives with respect to variable *x* and *y* and equating them to zero

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -2x = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow x^* = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2y = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow y^* = 0$$

# Single variable optimization

### Objective function is defined as

### Minimization/Maximization f(x)

# Single variable optimization

### **Stationary points**

For a continuous and differentiable function f(x), a stationary point  $x^*$  is a point at which the slope of the function is zero, i.e. f'(x) = 0 at  $x = x^*$ ,



# Global minimum and maximum

 $A_1, A_2, A_3 =$  Relative maxima

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 $A_2 = Global maximum$ A function is said to have a *global or absolute*  $B_1, B_2 = Relative minima$ minimum at  $x = x^*$  if  $f(x^*) \le f(x)$  for all x in the  $B_1 = Global minimum$ domain over which f(x) is defined.  $A_2$  $A_3$ A function is said to have a global or absolute maximum at  $x = x^*$  if  $f(x^*) \ge f(x)$  for all x in the domain over which f(x) is defined. R

# Introduction to optimization





## Necessary and sufficient conditions for optimality

### **Necessary condition**

If a function f(x) is defined in the interval  $a \le x \le b$  and has a relative minimum at  $x = x^*$ , Where  $a \le x^* \le b$  and if f'(x) exists as a finite number at  $x = x^*$ , then  $f'(x^*) = 0$ 

### Proof

$$f'(x^*) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x^* + h) - f(x^*)}{h}$$

Since  $x^*$  is a relative minimum  $f(x^*) \le f(x^* + h)$ 

For all values of h sufficiently close to zero, hence

$$\frac{f(x^*+h) - f(x^*)}{h} \ge 0 \qquad \text{if } h \ge 0$$
$$\frac{f(x^*+h) - f(x^*)}{h} \le 0 \qquad \text{if } h \le 0$$

## Necessary and sufficient conditions for optimality

Thus

 $f'(x^*) \ge 0$  If *h* tends to zero through +ve value

 $f'(x^*) \le 0$  If *h* tends to zero through -ve value

Thus only way to satisfy both the conditions is to have

 $f'(x^*) = 0$ 

Note:

- This theorem can be proved if  $x^*$  is a relative maximum
- Derivative must exist at x\*
- The theorem does not say what happens if a minimum or maximum occurs at an end point of the interval of the function
- It may be an inflection point also.

### Sufficient condition

Suppose at point  $x^*$ , the first derivative is zero and first nonzero higher derivative is denoted by *n*, then

- If n is odd, x\* is an inflection point
  If n is even, x\* is a local optimum
  - If the derivative is positive, x<sup>\*</sup> is a local minimum
  - 2. If the derivative is negative,  $x^*$  is a local maximum

### Sufficient conditions for optimality

Proof

Apply Taylor's series

$$f(x^* + h) = f(x^*) + hf'(x^*) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x^*) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(x^*) + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x^*)$$
  
Since  $f'(x^*) = f''(x^*) = \dots = f^{n-1}(x^*) = 0$   
$$f(x^* + h) - f(x^*) = \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x^*)$$
  
When *n* is even  $\frac{h^n}{n!} \ge 0$   
Thus if  $f'(x^*)$  is positive  $f(x^* + h) - f(x^*)$  is positive Hence it is local minimum  
Thus if  $f'(x^*)$  negative  $f(x^* + h) - f(x^*)$  is negative Hence it is local maximum  
When *n* is odd  $\frac{h^n}{n!}$  changes sign with the change in the sign of h.  
Hence it is an inflection point  
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### Sufficient conditions for optimality

Take an example

$$f(x) = x^3 - 10x - 2x^2 - 10$$

Apply necessary condition  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 10 - 4x = 0$ 

Solving for x = 2.61 and -1.28 These two points are stationary points

Apply sufficient condition f''(x) = 6x - 4

f''(2.61) = 11.66 positive and n is odd f''(-1.28) = -11.68 negative and n is odd

 $x^* = 2.61$  is a minimum point

 $x^* = -1.28$  is a maximum point

### **Multivariable optimization without constraints**

Minimize 
$$f(X)$$

) Where 
$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

### **Necessary condition for optimality**

If f(X) has an extreme point (maximum or minimum) at  $X = X^*$  and if the first partial Derivatives of f(X) exists at  $X^*$ , then

$$\frac{\partial f(X^*)}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial f(X^*)}{\partial x_2} = \dots = \frac{\partial f(X^*)}{\partial x_n} = 0$$

 $x_1$ 

### Sufficient condition for optimality

The sufficient condition for a stationary point  $X^*$  to be an extreme point is that the matrix of second partial derivatives of f(X) evaluated at  $X^*$  is

(1) positive definite when  $X^*$  is a relative minimum  $\chi^*$ 

(2) negative definite when  $X^*$  is a relative maximum

(3) neither positive nor negative definite when  $X^*$  is neither a minimum nor a maximum

Proof Taylor series of two variable function

$$f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) = f(x, y) + \Delta x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \Delta y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2!} \left( \Delta x^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + 2\Delta x \Delta y \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + \Delta y^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \right) + \cdots$$
$$f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) = f(x, y) + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x & \Delta y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2!} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x & \Delta y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix} + \cdots$$

### **Multivariable optimization without constraints**

$$f(X^* + h) = f(X^*) + h^T \nabla f(X^*) + \frac{1}{2!} h^T H h + \cdots$$

Since  $X^*$  is a stationary point, the necessary condition gives that  $\nabla f(X^*) = 0$ Thus  $f(X^* + h) - f(X^*) = \frac{1}{2!}h^T H h + \cdots$ 

$$f(X^* + h) - f(X^*) = \frac{1}{2!}h^T Hh + \cdots$$

Now,  $X^*$  will be a minima, if  $h^T H h$  is positive

 $X^*$  will be a maxima, if  $h^T H h$  is negative

 $h^{T}Hh$  will be positive if H is a positive definite matrix

 $h^{T}Hh$  will be negative if H is a negative definite matrix

A matrix H will be positive definite if all the eigenvalues are positive, i.e. all the  $\lambda$  values are positive which satisfies the following equation

 $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ 

### Line search techniques

One peak function- Hill Climbing results



### **Unimodal and duality principle**



Optimal solution  $x^* = 0$ 

Optimal solution  $x^* = 0$ 

Minimization f(x) = Maximization -f(x)

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Quiz



Quiz



Quiz













## Golden ratio
















### Newton-Raphson method



# Newton-Raphson method



# QUIZ

- 1. If f(x) is an unimodal convex function in the interval [a, b], then  $f'(a) \times f'(b)$  is
- a) Positive
- b) Negative
- c) It may be negative or may be positive
- d) None of the above

2. For the same function, take any point *c* between [a, b]. If f'(c) is less than 0, then minima is not within the range

- a) [*a*, *c*]
- b) [*c*, *b*]
- c) [*a*, *b*]
- d) None of the above

2. For the same function, take any point c between [a, b]. If f'(c) is greater than 0, then minima not within the range

- a) [*a*, *c*]
- b) [*c*, *b*]
- c) [*a*, *b*]
- d) None of the above



Ans. a

Ans. b

# **Bisection method**



# Disadvantage

Magnitude of the derivatives is not considered

# **Bisection method**



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A multivariable problem can be converted to a single variable problem using the following equation  $x^{t+1} = x^t + \alpha d^t$ 

Take an example  $f(x, y) = -(x^2 - y^2) + 4$ 

$$X^{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad d = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad X^{1} = X^{0} + \alpha d$$
$$X^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \alpha \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Putting in equation (1)

$$f(\alpha) = -((1+\alpha)^2 - 1^2) + 4$$

Taking first derivative

$$f'(\alpha) = -2 - 2\alpha = 0$$
  

$$\alpha^* = -1 \qquad X^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \alpha \\ 1 \\ R.K. Bhattacharjya/CE/IITG$$

 $X^{2} = X^{1} + \alpha d$   $X^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 + \alpha \end{pmatrix}$ Putting in equation (1)  $f(\alpha) = -(0 + (1 + \alpha)^{2}) + 4$ 

Taking first derivative

$$f'(\alpha) = -2 - 2\alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha^* = -1$$
$$X^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 1+\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$







#### **Descent direction**

A search direction  $d^t$  is a descent direction at point  $x^t$  if the condition  $\nabla f(x^t)$ .  $d^t < 0$  is satisfied in the vicinity of the point  $x^t$ .

$$f(x^{t+1}) = f(x^t + \alpha d^t)$$
  
=  $f(x^t) + \alpha \nabla^T f(x^t) d^t$   
The  $f(x^{t+1}) < f(x^t)$ 

When  $\alpha \nabla^T f(x^t) d^t < 0$ Or,  $\nabla^T f(x^t) d^t < 0$ 

**Steepest descent direction** 

### Newton's method for multi-variable problem

Taylor series 
$$f(X + h) = f(X) + h^T \nabla f(X) + \frac{1}{2!} h^T H h + \cdots$$
  
 $f(X_{i+1}) = f(X_i) + \nabla f(X_i)^T (X_{i+1} - X_i) + \frac{1}{2!} (X_{i+1} - X_i)^T H (X_{i+1} - X_i) + \cdots$ 

By setting partial derivative of the equation to zero for minimization of f(X), we have

$$\nabla f = 0 + \nabla f(X_i) + H(X_{i+1} - X_i) = 0$$

 $X_{i+1}$ 

Since higher order derivative terms have been neglected, the above equation can be iteratively used to find the value of the optimal solution

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A X)}{\partial X} = A X + A^T X$$
  
In this  

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A X)}{\partial X} = 2A X$$
  

$$\frac{\partial (A X)}{\partial X} = A^T$$
  

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A)}{\partial X} = A$$
  

$$\frac{\partial (A^T X)}{\partial X} = A$$

# Transformation method

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The bracket operator  $\langle \rangle$ can be implemented using min(g, 0) function

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Minimize  $f(x) = x^{3} - 10x - 2x^{2} + 10$ Subject to  $g(x) = x \ge 3$ Or,  $g(x) = x - 3 \ge 0$ 

The problem can be written as

 $\mathsf{F}(x,R) = f(x) + R\langle g(x) \rangle^2$ 

Where,

 $\langle g(x) \rangle = 0 \text{ if } x \ge 3$ 

 $\langle g(x) \rangle = g(x)$  otherwise



$$F(x,R) = (x^3 - 10x - 2x^2 + 10) + R\langle x - 3 \rangle^2$$
$$F(x,R) = (x^3 - 10x - 2x^2 + 10) + R(min(x - 3,0))^2$$

# Minimize $F(x,R) = (x^3 - 10x - 2x^2 + 10) + R(min(x - 3,0))^2$

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By changing R value, it is possible to avoid the infeasible solution

The minimization of the transformed function will provide the optimal solution which is in the feasible region only



Minimize  $f(x) = x^{3} - 10x - 2x^{2} + 10$ Subject to  $g(x) = x \ge 3$ Or,  $g(x) = x - 3 \ge 0$ 

The problem can also be converted as

This term is added in feasible side only

$$F(x,R) = (x^3 - 10x - 2x^2 + 10) + R \frac{1}{g(x)} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{g(x)}$$

$$F(x,R) = (x^3 - 10x - 2x^2 + 10) + R \frac{1}{(x-3)}$$

Minimize 
$$F(x,R) = (x^3 - 10x - 2x^2 + 10) + R \frac{1}{(x-3)}$$



By changing R value, it is possible to avoid the infeasible solution

The minimization of the transformed function will provide the optimal solution which is in the feasible region only

### Exterior penalty method

### Interior penalty method



The transformation function can be written as  $F(X,R) = f(X) + \Psi(g(X),h(X))$ This term is called Penalty term *R* is called penalty parameter

# Penalty terms

Parabolic penalty

 $\Psi = R[h(x)]$ 



# Penalty terms

Log penalty

$$\Psi = -Rln[g(x)]$$





Inverse penalty



# Penalty terms

**Bracket operator** 

 $\Psi = R\langle g(x)\rangle$ 



# Take an example

Minimize 
$$f = (x_1 - 4)^2 + (x_2 - 4)^2$$

Subject to 
$$g = x_1 + x_2 - 5$$

Minimize 
$$f = (x_1 - 4)^2 + (x_2 - 4)^2$$
  
Subject to  $g = x_1 + x_2 - 5$   
The transform function can be written as  
Minimize  $F = (x_1 - 4)^2 + (x_2 - 4)^2 + R(x_1 + x_2 - 5)^2$ 





Minimize F = 
$$(x_1 - 4)^2 + (x_2 - 4)^2 + R(x_1 + x_2 - 5)^2$$



R	x1	x2	f(x)	h(x)	F
0	4.000	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000
0.5	3.250	3.250	1.125	1.500	2.250
1	3.000	3.000	2.000	1.000	3.000
5	2.636	2.636	3.719	0.273	4.091
10	2.571	2.571	4.082	0.143	4.286
20	2.537	2.537	4.283	0.073	4.390
30	2.525	2.525	4.354	0.049	4.426
50	2.515	2.515	4.411	0.030	4.455
100	2.507	2.507	4.455	0.015	4.478
200	2.504	2.504	4.478	0.007	4.489
500	2.501	2.501	4.491	0.003	4.496
1000	2.501	2.501	4.496	0.001	4.498
10000	2.500	2.500	4.500	0.000	4.500



# Quadratic approximation

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$$f(x) = 2x^{4} - x^{3} + 5x^{2} - 12x + 1$$
  
$$f'(x) = 8x^{3} - 3x^{2} + 10x - 12 = 0$$
  
Solving for x  
$$x^{*} = 0.8831 \text{ and } f(x^{*}) = -5.1702$$



 $f(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 5x^2 - 12x + 1$ 

Quadratic approximation of the function at  $x_o$  can be written as

 $f(x) = f(x_o) + f'(x_o)(x - x_o) + 0.5^* f''(x_o)(x - x_o)^2$ 

Approximate function for  $x_o = 0$ 

Now we can minimize the function Minimize  $f/(x_o)(x - x_o) + 0.5^* f^{//}(x_o)(x - x_o)^2$ 

#### Solution is

 $x^* = 1.2$  and  $f(x^*) = -3.7808$  and  $f'(x^*) = 9.5040$ 

This is the solution of the approximate function: First trial



 $f(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 5x^2 - 12x + 1$ 

Quadratic approximation of the function at  $x_o$  can be written as

 $f(x) = f(x_o) + f'(x_o)(x - x_o) + 0.5^* f''(x_o)(x - x_o)^2$ 

Approximate function for  $x_o = 1.2$ 

Now we can minimize the function Minimize  $f/(x_o)(x - x_o) + 0.5^* f^{//}(x_o)(x - x_o)^2$ 

#### Solution is

$$x^* = 0.9456, f(x^*) = -5.1229$$
 and  $f'(x^*) = 1.5377$ 

This is the solution of the approximate function: Second trial


 $f(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 5x^2 - 12x + 1$ 

Quadratic approximation of the function at  $x_o$  can be written as

 $f(x) = f(x_o) + f'(x_o)(x - x_o) + 0.5^* f''(x_o)(x - x_o)^2$ 

Approximate function for  $x_o = 0.9456$ 

Now we can minimize the function Minimize  $f/(x_o)(x - x_o) + 0.5^* f^{//}(x_o)(x - x_o)^2$ 

## Solution is

 $x^* = 0.8864$  and  $f(x^*) = -5.1701$  and  $f'(x^*) = 0.0785$ 

This is the solution of the approximate function: Third trial

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Now take an example of multivariable problem

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Minimize f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2 + x_2 - 11)^2 + (x_1 + x_2^2 \pm 7)^2
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Minimize  $f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2 + x_2 - 11)^2 + (x_1 + x_2^2 \pm 7)^2$   $x_0 = [2 \ 2]^T$ 

The quadratic approximation of the function at  $x_o = [2 \ 2]^T$  can be written as  $f(X) = f(X_o) + (X - X_o)\nabla f(X_o)^T + (X - X_o)H(X_o)(X - X_o)^T$ 

For first approximation

 $f(X) = (X - X_o)\nabla f(X_o)^T + (X - X_o)H(X_o)(X - X_o)^T$ Minimize

Or, 
$$f(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 2 & x_2 - 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -42 \\ -18 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 2 & x_2 - 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 16 \\ 16 & 30 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - 2 \\ x_2 - 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Solution



## THANKS

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