

Constrained Extrema

DEF<sup>n</sup>: Let  $g_i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $i=1, 2, \dots, n$  be Fréchet differentiable functionals. We say that  $x_0 \in X$  is a regular point of the set  $\Omega = \{x: g_i(x) = 0, i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$  if  $g_i(x_0) = 0$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$  and the Fréchet derivatives

$$f_i = Dg_i(x_0) \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

are linearly independent linear functionals on  $X$ .

Theorem 3 Consider the functional  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let

$\Omega = \{x: g_i(x) = 0, i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be a constraint set defined by the linear functionals  $g_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

If  $x_0$  is an extremum of  $g$  subject to the constraints and if  $x_0$  is a regular point of  $\Omega$

then

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n \text{Ker}(Dg_i(x_0)) \subset \text{Ker} Dg(x_0)$$

Proof Let  $h \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n \text{Ker} Dg_i(x_0)$  and associated Remark  
By Theorem 1 (Lecture notes 5(b)) there exist linearly independent vectors  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in X$  such that

$$M = [Dg_i(x_0) y_j] = \mathbb{1} \quad \text{the identity matrix}$$

Consider the equations (an implicit system)

$$g_i(x_0 + \epsilon h + \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i y_i) = 0$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

where  $x_0$ ,  $h$  and all  $y_i$  are fixed and

the unknowns are  $\epsilon, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n$ .

Let

$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ \vdots \\ g_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The above equations are of the form

$$\tilde{g}: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(\epsilon, \varphi) \mapsto \tilde{g}(\epsilon, \varphi) = 0$$

Since  $D_2 \tilde{g}(0, 0) = [Dg_i(x_0) y_j]$  is nonsingular,

by the implicit function theorem, there is a

neighborhood  $U$  of  $\epsilon = 0$  and a unique vector valued function  $\varphi(\epsilon)$  on  $U$  such that

$$\tilde{g}(\epsilon, \varphi(\epsilon)) = 0.$$

Let  $y(\epsilon) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\epsilon) y_i$ . Then

$$0 = g_i(x_0 + \epsilon h + \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi_j(\epsilon) y_j) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$= g_i(x_0) + \epsilon Dg_i(x_0)h + Dg_i(x_0)y(\epsilon) + o(\|\epsilon h + y(\epsilon)\|)$$

$$= g_i(x_0) + \varepsilon Dg_i(x_0)h + Dg_i(x_0)y(\varepsilon) + o(\varepsilon) + o(\|y(\varepsilon)\|).$$

By hypothesis  $g_i(x_0) = 0$  and  $Dg_i(x_0)h = 0$ .

Also  $Dg_i(x_0)y(\varepsilon) = \varphi_i(\varepsilon)$ .

Collecting all  $n$  equations above in vector form and taking norms, we get

$$0 = \|\varphi(\varepsilon)\| + o(\varepsilon) + o(\|y(\varepsilon)\|)$$

Since  $y(\varepsilon) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \varphi(\varepsilon)$ , there exist constants

$c_1, c_2$  such that

$$\|y(\varepsilon)\|_X \leq c_1 \|\varphi(\varepsilon)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n} \leq c_2 \|y(\varepsilon)\|_X$$

Hence  ~~$\varphi(\varepsilon)$~~   $y(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^2 \tilde{y}(\varepsilon)$

and  $x_0 + \varepsilon h + y(\varepsilon) = x_0 + \varepsilon h + \varepsilon^2 \tilde{y}(\varepsilon)$

belongs to  $\Omega$  for every  $\varepsilon \in U$ .

Thus  $x_0$  is an unconstrained local extremum (i.e.  $\varepsilon = 0$  is an unconstrained local extremum) of  $g(x_0 + \varepsilon h + \varepsilon^2 \tilde{y}(\varepsilon))$ .

By Theorem 1 (Lecture 4 continued)

$$\left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} g(x_0 + \varepsilon h + \varepsilon^2 \tilde{y}(\varepsilon)) \right|_{\varepsilon=0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Dg(x_0)h = 0 \quad \square$$

### Corollary (Lagrange Multiplier Theorem)

If  $x_0$  is an extreme of  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in  $\Omega$  and  $x_0$  is a regular point of  $\Omega$ , then  $\exists$   $n$  scalars  $\lambda_i$  such that

$$D(g + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i g_i)(x_0) = 0$$

We call  $\lambda_i$  the Lagrange multipliers.

Proof:  $f_i \triangleq Dg_i(x_0)$  and  $f = Dg(x_0)$

By Theorem 3

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n \text{Ker } f_i \subset \text{Ker } f$$

By Theorem 2

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i f_i$$

$$\Rightarrow Dg(x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i Dg_i(x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow D(g(x_0) - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i g_i)(x_0) = 0$$

Set  $\lambda_i = -\alpha_i$   $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .  $\square$

Remark From theorem 2 we know that

$\alpha_i = f(x_i)$  where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent vectors satisfying  $f_i(x_j) = \delta_j^i$  (i.e. dual basis). So the Lagrange multipliers can be computed from the dual basis  $\square$