

# MA3236 Non-Linear Programming

Midterm Examination Cheatsheet - AY 2022/23 S1

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Open set:  $\forall x \in S, \exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $B(x, \epsilon) \subseteq S$ .

Closed set:  $\forall$  convergent seq.  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \in S$ .

Local minimizer:  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $f(x) \geq f(x^*) \forall x \in S \cap B_\epsilon(x^*)$

• Strict:  $f(x) > f(x^*) \forall x \in S \cap B_\epsilon(x^*) \setminus \{x^*\}$

Global minimizer:  $\forall x \in S, f(x) \geq f(x^*)$

• Strict:  $f(x) > f(x^*) \forall x \in S \setminus \{x^*\}$

Bounded:  $\exists M > 0 \forall x \in S \|x\| \leq M$ .

Compact: Close & Bounded

Weierstrass Theorem: A continuous function on a non-empty compact set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has global max/min.

## Convex Optimization

$\forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$

• Convex set:  $x, y \in D \Rightarrow \lambda x + (1-\lambda)y \in D$

[Prop 1]  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  are convex set, then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n C_i$

is also convex.  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n C_i$  may not.

• Convex function: Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a convex set.

$f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex if  $f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$

concave  $\geq \forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$

• strict:  $< / >$

[Prop 2] assume  $f_1, f_2$  are convex functions

(a)  $f_1 + f_2$  is convex (b)  $\alpha f_1$  is convex for  $\alpha \geq 0$

(c)  $\max\{f_1, f_2\}$  is convex. concave  $\alpha < 0$

[Corollary 3.10]  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k$  are convex,

$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j f_j(x), \alpha_j \geq 0$  is convex.

• if at least 1  $f_j$  is strictly convex,  $f$  also.

[Prop 3]  $h$  convex,  $g$  non-decreasing convex

then  $f = g \circ h$  is also convex.

[Prop 4]  $D$  convex,  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  convex

$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, S_\alpha = \{x \in D \mid f(x) \leq \alpha\}$  convex

[Prop 5]  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  convex.  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(k)}$

Let  $x = \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j x^{(j)}, \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j = 1, f(x) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j f(x^{(j)})$

1-dim	Bisection	Intermediate Value Theorem	$f(a) < 0 < f(b) \Rightarrow \exists r \in (a, b) \mid f(r) = 0$
Unconstrained	Newton	$x^* = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$ recursively	$f(x) \approx f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x-x_k) + \frac{1}{2} f''(x_k)(x-x_k)^2$
	NLP N.M.	Golden Section	$\exists!$ global min on $(a, b)$ , strictly $\uparrow$ on $(a, x^*)$ , $\downarrow$ on $(x^*, b)$

• Gradient Vector  $\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x) \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(x) \end{pmatrix}$

increase most rapidly along  $\nabla f(x^*)$   
decrease most rapidly along  $-\nabla f(x^*)$

$$\nabla f(x^*)^T d = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x^* + \lambda d) - f(x^*)}{\lambda}$$

[Theorem 4.7] Tangent Plane Characterisation

(a)  $f$  is convex  $\Leftrightarrow f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x) \leq f(y), \forall x, y \in S$ .

(b)  $f$  strictly convex  $\Leftrightarrow f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x) < f(y), \forall x \neq y \in S$ .

[Theorem 4.9]  $x^*$  is a global min of  $\min\{f(x) \mid x \in C\}$

$\Leftrightarrow \nabla f(x^*)^T (x-x^*) \geq 0, \forall x \in C$ .

• Hessian

$$H_f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2}(x) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}(x) & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n}(x) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1}(x) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2}(x) & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_n}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

+ve semidefinite	$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x^T A x \geq 0$	$\forall \lambda, \lambda \geq 0$	$\Leftrightarrow$ convex
+ve definite	$\forall x \neq 0, x^T A x > 0$	$\forall \lambda, \lambda > 0$	$\forall k=1, \dots, n, \Delta_k > 0 \Rightarrow$ strictly convex
-ve semidefinite	$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x^T A x \leq 0$	$\forall \lambda, \lambda \leq 0$	$\Leftrightarrow$ concave
-ve definite	$\forall x \neq 0, x^T A x < 0$	$\forall \lambda, \lambda < 0$	$\forall k=1, \dots, n, \Delta_k < 0 \Rightarrow$ strictly concave
indefinite	none of the above	$\exists \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$	$\Rightarrow$ neither nor

Principal Minors  $\Delta_k = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{k1} & \dots & a_{kk} \end{bmatrix}$

[Taylor Theorem]

$f$  has continuous 2nd  $\partial, \exists w \in [x, y]$  s.t. 2nd  $\partial$  derivative

$$f(y) = f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x) + \frac{1}{2} (y-x)^T H_f(w) (y-x)$$

## Unconstrained Optimization

• Coercive function  $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = +\infty$

[Theorem 6.4] continuous + coercive  $\Rightarrow \geq!$  global min

Stationary point:  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$

$x^*$  is a local-min  $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0 \Rightarrow H_f(x^*)$  +ve semidefinite

Saddle point local

stationary + not minimizer/maximizer  
stationary +  $H_f(x^*)$  indefinite  $\Rightarrow x^*$  saddle point.

[Theorem 7.7] stationary +  $H_f$  +ve definite  $\Rightarrow$  strict local minimizer  
 $\Rightarrow$  strict local maximizer

[Theorem 7.10]

$f$  convex +  $x^*$  local minimizer  $\Rightarrow x^*$  global minimizer  
strictly unique

[Corollary 7.11]  $f$  convex + stationary  $\Rightarrow$  global min

[Theorem 7.15]  $x^*$  is a global min of  $q$  if invertible  
 $q(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + C^T x \Leftrightarrow Q x^* = -C \Rightarrow x^* = -Q^{-1} C$