

**Lecture 19**  
**Global Methods**

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# Outline

- Line Search Algorithm
  - Gauss-Newton
- Application to a Complementarity Problem
- Trust Region Methods

## Line Search for $B$ -Differentiable Problems

*Step 0* Choose  $x^0 \in X$  and  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ . Set  $k = 0$ .

*Step 1* If  $x^k$  is  $B$ -stationary point, stop.

*Step 2* Choose a symmetric positive definite matrix  $H^k$ , and determine a vector  $d^k$  solving the direction-search problem with  $x = x^k$  and  $H = H^k$ . Set  $i = 0$ .

*Step 2(i)* If

$$\theta(x^k + d^k/2^i) \leq \theta(x^k) + \frac{\gamma}{2^i} \theta'(x^k; d^k),$$

set  $i_k = i$  and  $\tau_k = 2^i$ . Otherwise, set  $i := i + 1$  and repeat Step 2(i).

*Step 3* Set  $x^{k+1} = x^k + \tau_k d^k$ ,  $k := k + 1$  and go to Step 1.

## Convergence Result

**Proposition 8.3.7.** Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be closed convex set and  $\theta$  be  $B$ -differentiable on  $X$ . Let  $\{x^k\}$  be a sequence generated by the Line Search Algorithm. Let  $\{x^k \mid k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  be a subsequence such that

(a) There exist positive scalars  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  satisfying for every  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ ,

$$c_1 \|y\|^2 \leq y^T H^k y \leq c_2 \|y\|^2 \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

(b) The subsequence  $\{x^k \mid k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  converges to a vector  $x^*$

(c) The function  $\theta$  has a strong  $F$ -derivative at  $x^*$ , i.e.,

$$\lim_{\substack{y \neq z \\ (y,z) \rightarrow (x^*, x^*)}} \frac{e(y) - e(z)}{\|y - z\|} = 0,$$

where  $e(y) = \theta(y) - \theta(x^*) - \nabla \theta(x^*)^T (y - x^*)$

Then,  $x^*$  is a  $B$ -stationary point of the minimization problem  $\min_{x \in X} \theta(x)$ .

## Case of Differentiable $\theta$

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be closed and convex and  $\theta$  be continuously differentiable. Assume that we choose matrices  $H^k$  so that for some scalars  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 > 0$ , and for all  $k$ , there holds:

$$c_1 \|y\|^2 \leq y^T H^k y \leq c_2 \|y\|^2 \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Let  $\{x^k\}$  be generated by Line Search Algorithm with such matrices  $H^k$ .

Then, by Proposition 8.3.7, **every accumulation point  $\tilde{x}$  of  $\{x^k\}$  is a stationary point** of the problem  $\min_{x \in X} \theta(x)$ :

$$\nabla \theta(\tilde{x})^T (x - \tilde{x}) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

**Caution:** Proposition says **nothing about the existence** of an accumulation point of  $\{x^k\}$ . It merely says what **property an accumulation point would have** if it existed.

## Gauss-Newton Method

We apply the Line Search Algorithm to find an (unconstrained) zero of the following system

$$G(x) = 0 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

where  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is continuously differentiable.

We define  $\theta(x)$  by

$$\theta(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|G(x)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} G(x)^T G(x)$$

We discuss how to **exploit the special structure** of  $\theta$  for defining the matrix  $H$  in the **direction-search problem**

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \theta'(x; d) + \frac{1}{2} d^T H d \\ &\text{subject to} && d \in X - x \end{aligned}$$

The modification we are about to see is a modification of well-known **Gauss-Newton method** for solving the system  $G(x) = 0$ .

## Modified Gauss-Newton Method

In the Line Search Algorithm for a given  $x^k$ , use the matrix  $H^k$  given by

$$H^k = JG(x^k)^T JG(x^k) + \|G(x^k)\| I,$$

where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$ -identity matrix.

Note that  $H^k$  is **positive definite when  $G(x^k) \neq 0$** .

The direction-search problem corresponds to the unconstrained minimization of the (strictly) convex function

$$\nabla\theta(x^k)^T d + \frac{1}{2} dH^k d.$$

The solution  $d$  satisfies:  $\nabla\theta(x^k) + H^k d = 0 \Leftrightarrow H^k d = -\nabla\theta(x^k)$

Using the expression for  $H^k$  and  $\nabla\theta(x) = JG(x)^T G(x)$ , we obtain

$$\left( JG(x^k)^T JG(x^k) + \|G(x^k)\| I \right) d = -JG(x^k)^T G(x^k)$$

Hence:  $d = - \left( JG(x^k)^T JG(x^k) + \|G(x^k)\| I \right)^{-1} JG(x^k)^T G(x^k)$

**Gauss-Newton:**  $d = - \left( JG(x^k)^T JG(x^k) \right)^{-1} JG(x^k)^T G(x^k)$

## Modified Gauss-Newton: Convergence Result

**Proposition 8.3.8:** Let  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuously differentiable. Then, every accumulation point of the modified Gauss-Newton method is stationary point of the unconstrained problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} G(x)^T G(x).$$

*Proof:* Suppose  $x^*$  is an accumulation point of  $\{x^k\}$ . Suppose that  $G(x^*) = 0$ . Then,  $x^*$  is a global minimum of  $\theta(x)$  over  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and hence it is a stationary point of  $\theta(x)$ . When  $G(x^*) \neq 0$ , we apply Proposition 8.3.7 - Homework 4.  $\square$ .

**NOTE:** Here, a stationary point  $\tilde{x}$  of  $\theta(x)$  satisfies

$$\nabla \theta(\tilde{x}) = 0 \quad \iff \quad JG(\tilde{x})^T G(\tilde{x}) = 0$$

Again, the accumulation points are only characterized; they need not exist



## Application to a Complementarity Problem

Applying the Line Search Method to constrained complementarity problem:

**Given a closed convex set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , find an  $x \in X$  such that**

$$0 \leq F(x) \perp G(x) \geq 0,$$

where  $F, G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  are continuously differentiable.

- We define  $B$ -differentiable function  $\theta$  as follows

$$\theta(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|\Phi(x)\|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \Phi(x) = \min\{F(x), G(x)\} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- Function  $\Phi$  has components  $\Phi_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $\Phi_i = \min\{F_i(x), G_i(x)\}$ .

Thus, we have

$$\theta(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n [\Phi_i(x)]^2$$

- Therefore,

$$\theta'(x; d) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(x) \Phi'_i(x; d) \quad \text{for all } x, d \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

where

$$\Phi'_i(x; d) = \begin{cases} F'_i(x; d) & \text{if } F_i(x) < G_i(x) \\ G'_i(x; d) & \text{if } G_i(x) < F_i(x) \\ \min\{F'_i(x; d), G'_i(x; d)\} & \text{if } F_i(x) = G_i(x) \end{cases}$$

By differentiability of  $F$  and  $G$ , we have  $F'_i(x; d) = \nabla F_i(x)^T d$  and similarly  $G'_i(x; d) = \nabla G_i(x)^T d$ .

- Define the following **index** sets, for a fixed but arbitrary  $x$ ,

$$\mathcal{I}_F(x) = \{i \mid F_i(x) < G_i(x)\}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_G(x) = \{i \mid G_i(x) < F_i(x)\}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_=(x) = \{i \mid F_i(x) = G_i(x)\}$$

Thus, we can write  $\theta'(x; d)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\theta'(x; d) = & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_F(x)} F_i(x) \nabla F_i(x)^T d + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_G(x)} G_i(x) \nabla G_i(x)^T d \\ & + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_=(x)} \min \left\{ F_i(x) \nabla F_i(x)^T d, G_i(x) \nabla G_i(x)^T d \right\}\end{aligned}$$

- The direction-search problem now involves a nonconvex function  $\theta'(x; d)$  so the **convexity of this problem is lost**.

- To deal with the nonconvexity, we modify the direction-search problem by introducing a convex function  $a(x, \cdot)$  defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(x, d) = & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_F(x)} F_i(x) \nabla F_i(x)^T d + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_G(x)} G_i(x) \nabla G_i(x)^T d \\
 & + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_=(x)} \max \left\{ F_i(x) \nabla F_i(x)^T d, G_i(x) \nabla G_i(x)^T d \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- In fact, this function is **piecewise linear in  $d$**  for a fixed  $x$ .
- Furthermore, it is a **majorant** of the directional derivative  $\theta'(x; \cdot)$  over  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e., for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$a(x, d) \geq \theta'(x; d) \quad \text{for all } d \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- Alternative convex majorant of  $\theta$  can be obtained by replacing the last summand in the definition of the function  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  by the average

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( F_i(x) \nabla F_i(x)^T d + G_i(x) \nabla G_i(x)^T d \right)$$

## Limsup Property of $a$

**Proposition 8.3.20:** Let  $\{x^k, d^k\}$  be a convergent sequence. Then, for every sequence  $\{t_k\}$  of positive scalars, we have

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta(x^k + t_k d^k) - \theta(x^k) - t_k a(x^k, d^k)}{t_k} \leq 0$$

*Proof:* We at first write the function  $a(x, d)$  as the following sum:

$$a(x, d) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_F(x)} a_i(x, d) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_G(x)} a_i(x, d) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_=(x)} a_i(x, d)$$

where

$$a_i(x, d) = \begin{cases} F_i(x) \nabla F_i(x)^T d & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{I}_F(x) \\ G_i(x) \nabla G_i(x)^T d & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{I}_G(x) \\ \max \{ F_i(x) \nabla F_i(x)^T d, G_i(x) \nabla G_i(x)^T d \} & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{I}_=(x) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

By definition, we have  $\theta(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n [\Phi_i(x)]^2$ . Fix an index  $i$  and for arbitrary  $k$ , consider the difference  $[\Phi_i(x^k + t_k d^k)]^2 - [\Phi_i(x^k)]^2$ .

Suppose  $i \in \mathcal{I}_=(x^k)$ , i.e.,  $F_i(x^k) = G_i(x^k)$  and without loss of generality assume that  $\Phi_i(x^k) = F_i(x^k)$ . Then, by relation (1) for  $a_i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi_i(x^k + t_k d^k)]^2 - [\Phi_i(x^k)]^2 &= [F_i(x^k + t_k d^k)]^2 - [F_i(x^k)]^2 \\ &= 2t_k F_i(x^k) \nabla F_i(x^k)^T d^k + o(t_k) \\ &\leq 2t_k a_i(x^k, d^k) + o(t_k) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $i \in \mathcal{I}_F(x^k)$ , so that  $\Phi_i(x^k) = F_i(x^k)$ . Then, similar to the preceding by relation (1) for  $a_i$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi_i(x^k + t_k d^k)]^2 - [\Phi_i(x^k)]^2 &= [F_i(x^k + t_k d^k)]^2 - [F_i(x^k)]^2 \\ &= 2t_k F_i(x^k) \nabla F_i(x^k)^T d^k + o(t_k) \\ &= 2t_k a_i(x^k, d^k) + o(t_k) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $i \in \mathcal{I}_G(x^k)$ . By the same line of argument with  $G_i$  in place of  $F_i$ , we conclude that

$$[\Phi_i(x^k + t_k d^k)]^2 - [\Phi_i(x^k)]^2 = 2t_k a_i(x^k, d^k) + o(t_k).$$

Therefore, for any  $i$  and  $k$ , there holds

$$[\Phi_i(x^k + t_k d^k)]^2 - [\Phi_i(x^k)]^2 \leq 2t_k a_i(x^k, d^k) + o(t_k),$$

implying that for all  $i$  and  $k$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( [\Phi_i(x^k + t_k d^k)]^2 - [\Phi_i(x^k)]^2 - t_k a_i(x^k, d^k) \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} o(t_k).$$

By summing over  $i$ , we obtain for all  $k$ ,

$$\theta(x^k + t_k d^k) - \theta(x^k) - t_k a(x^k, d^k) \leq \frac{1}{2} o(t_k).$$

By dividing with  $t_k$  and taking *limsup* as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

## Line Search Algorithm

Suppose we use Line Search Algorithm with

- Symmetric positive definite matrices  $H^k$  with uniform bounds on the minimum and the maximum eigenvalues, i.e., such that for some scalars  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 > 0$ , we have for all  $k$

$$c_1 \|y\|^2 \leq y^T H^k y \leq c_2 \|y\|^2.$$

- Forcing function  $\sigma(x, d) = -a(x, d)$
- At iteration  $k$ , the direction  $d^k$  determined by solving the following direction-search (convex) problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && a(x^k, d) + \frac{1}{2} d^T H^k d \\ & \text{subject to} && d \in X - x \end{aligned}$$

- Stopping rule  $a(x^k, d^k) = 0$
- Otherwise, we must have  $a(x^k, d^k) < 0$ , and we determine the next iterate  $x^{k+1}$  by using Armijo line search rule



## Some Properties

Suppose that  $\{x^k \mid k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  converges to  $x^*$ , which belongs to  $X$  by closedness of  $X$ . In view of the direction search problem, it follows that

$$a(x^k, d^k) + \frac{1}{2} (d^k)^T H^k d^k \leq 0,$$

implying  $(d^k)^T H^k d^k \leq -2 a(x^k, d^k)$ . By the choice of  $H^k$ , we have

$$c_1 \|d^k\|^2 \leq -2 a(x^k, d^k)$$

Therefore

$$\|d^k\| \leq \sqrt{-2c_1^{-1} a(x^k, d^k)} \quad (2)$$

Hence,  $\{d^k \mid k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  is bounded, and let  $\mathcal{K}' \subseteq \mathcal{K}$  be such that  $\{d^k \mid k \in \mathcal{K}'\}$  is convergent. Then, by Proposition 8.3.20, we obtain

$$\limsup_{\substack{k \rightarrow \infty \\ k \in \mathcal{K}'}} \frac{\theta(x^k + t_k d^k) - \theta(x^k) - t_k a(x^k, d^k)}{t_k} \leq 0$$

Hence, Theorem 8.3.3 applies and thus,  $a(x^k, d^k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty, k \in \mathcal{K}'$ . By Eq. (2), we also have  $d^k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty, k \in \mathcal{K}'$ .

## Forcing Function Convergence Properties

### Recall:

**Theorem 8.3.3.** Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a convex set and let  $\theta$  be locally Lipschitz function on  $X$ . Let  $\{x^k\}$  be a sequence generated by the Line Search Algorithm. Assume that  $\{x^k \mid k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  is a subsequence with the following properties:

- (1) The function value sequence  $\{\theta(x^k) \mid k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  is bounded below.
- (2) For every sequence of positive scalars  $\{t_k \mid k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  converging to zero, there holds

$$\limsup_{\substack{k \rightarrow \infty \\ k \in \mathcal{K}}} \frac{\theta(x^k + t_k d^k) - \theta(x^k) + t_k \sigma(x^k, d^k)}{t_k} \leq 0$$

Then, we have

$$\lim_{\substack{k \rightarrow \infty \\ k \in \mathcal{K}}} \sigma(x^k, d^k) = 0.$$

## Convergence Result

**Proposition 8.3.21:** Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be closed convex, and  $F, G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuously differentiable. Let  $\{x^k\}$  be generated by Line Search Algorithm, and assume that  $x^*$  is its accumulation point. Then,  $x^*$  is a solution to the complementarity problem

$$0 \leq F(x) \perp G(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{with } x \in X$$

if and only if for every partitioning of the index set  $\mathcal{I}_=(x^*)$  into three mutually disjoint sets  $A_F$ ,  $A_=(x^*)$  and  $A_G$ , there exists a vector  $d^* \in X - x^*$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} F_i(x^*) + \nabla F_i(x^*)^T d^* &= 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in \mathcal{I}_F(x^*) \cup A_F \\ G_i(x^*) + \nabla G_i(x^*)^T d^* &= 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in \mathcal{I}_G(x^*) \cup A_G \\ [\Phi_i(x^*)]^2 + \max\{F_i(x^*)\nabla F_i(x^*)^T d^*, G_i(x^*)\nabla G_i(x^*)^T d^*\} &\leq 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in A_=(x^*) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

## Proof

*Only If Part:* Suppose that the given partition property of  $\mathcal{I}_=(x^*)$  holds. We prove that  $x^*$  solves the *CP*. Since  $x^*$  is an accumulation point of  $\{x^k\}$ , we can find an appropriate subsequence  $\{x^k \mid k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  such that

$$\mathcal{I}_F(x^k) = \mathcal{C}_F, \quad \mathcal{I}_G(x^k) = \mathcal{C}_G, \quad \mathcal{I}_=(x^k) = \mathcal{C}_= \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathcal{K}. \quad (4)$$

Then, by continuity of  $F, \nabla F, G$  and  $\nabla G$ , we obtain

$$\mathcal{I}_F(x^*) \subseteq \mathcal{C}_F, \quad \mathcal{I}_G(x^*) \subseteq \mathcal{C}_G, \quad \mathcal{C}_= \subseteq \mathcal{I}_=(x^*). \quad (5)$$

Define a partition of the index set  $\mathcal{I}_=(x^*)$ , as follows:

$$A_F = \mathcal{C}_F \setminus \mathcal{I}_F(x^*), \quad A_G = \mathcal{C}_G \setminus \mathcal{I}_G(x^*), \quad A_= = \mathcal{C}_=. \quad (6)$$

Let  $d^* \in X - x^*$  be a vector satisfying Eq. (3). For any  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the vector  $d = t(d^* + x^* - x^k)$  is feasible in direction-search problem at iteration  $k$ , implying that

$$a(x^k, d) + \frac{1}{2} d^T H^k d \geq a(x^k, d^k) + \frac{1}{2} (d^k)^T H^k d^k$$

We have  $a(x^k, d^k) \rightarrow 0$  and  $d^k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ . Furthermore, by definition of  $a$ , we obtain  $a(x^k, d) = t a(x^k, d^* + x^* - x^k)$ . Thus,

$$t \lim_{\substack{k \rightarrow \infty \\ k \in \mathcal{K}}} a(x^k, d^* + x^* - x^k) + t^2 \limsup_{\substack{k \rightarrow \infty \\ k \in \mathcal{K}}} (d^*)^T H^k d^* \geq 0$$

By the uniform max and min eigenvalue boundedness property for  $H^k$ , we have  $\limsup_{\substack{k \rightarrow \infty \\ k \in \mathcal{K}}} (d^*)^T H^k d^* \leq t^2 c_2 \|d^*\|^2$ . Hence

$$t \lim_{\substack{k \rightarrow \infty \\ k \in \mathcal{K}}} a(x^k, d^* + x^* - x^k) + t^2 c_2 \|d^*\|^2 \geq 0.$$

Dividing by  $t$ , and letting  $t \downarrow 0$ , we obtain  $\lim_{\substack{k \rightarrow \infty \\ k \in \mathcal{K}}} a(x^k, d^* + x^* - x^k) \geq 0$ .

By the definition of  $a$  and equation (4), due to taking limits in  $a(x^k, d^* + x^* - x^k)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}_F} F_i(x^*) \nabla F_i(x^*)^T d^* + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}_G} G_i(x^*) \nabla G_i(x^*)^T d^* \\ & + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}_=} \max \left\{ F_i(x^*) \nabla F_i(x^*)^T d^*, G_i(x^*) \nabla G_i(x^*)^T d^* \right\} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of the partition in Eq. (6) and given relation (3), we see that

$$F_i(x^*) \nabla F_i(x^*)^T d^* = -[F_i(x^*)]^2 \quad \text{for all } i \in \mathcal{C}_F$$

$$G_i(x^*) \nabla G_i(x^*)^T d^* = -[G_i(x^*)]^2 \quad \text{for all } i \in \mathcal{C}_G$$

while the last term is less than  $-[\Phi_i(x^*)]^2$  for  $i \in \mathcal{C}_=$ . Using the preceding relations, Eq. (5), and ..., we can see that

$$-2\theta(x^*) \geq 0 \quad \text{Homework 4}$$

implying that  $\theta(x^*) = 0$ .

## Trust Region Algorithms

- Similar to Line Search Algorithms
- Differ mainly in the direction-search problem
  - Do not require positive definiteness of  $H^k$
  - Use another parameter  $\Delta$  to bound the length of directions  $d$ , ensuring the existence of the solution  $d^k$
- One interpretation of the direction-search problem is that it **approximates locally** the objective function  $\theta(x)$

$$\theta(x) \approx \theta(x^k) + \theta'(x^k; x - x^k) + \frac{1}{2} (x - x^k)^T H^k (x - x^k)$$

or in terms of a majorant/approximation  $a(x, \cdot)$  for the derivative  $\theta'(x^k; \cdot)$

$$\theta(x) \approx \theta(x^k) + a(x^k, x - x^k) + \frac{1}{2} (x - x^k)^T H^k (x - x^k)$$

- In Trust Region Methods, the right-hand side is taken as a local model of  $\theta(x)$  that we **trust** within a ball  $B(x^k, \Delta)$  for some  $\Delta > 0$
- We then minimize (approximately) the model function within the specified ball, and decide on  $x^{k+1}$  upon sufficient “descent”
  - We change the parameter  $\Delta$  from iteration to iteration
  - Based on information gathered, we may decide to shrink or enlarge  $\Delta$
  - Depends on our belief of the quality of the local model within the  $\Delta$ -ball

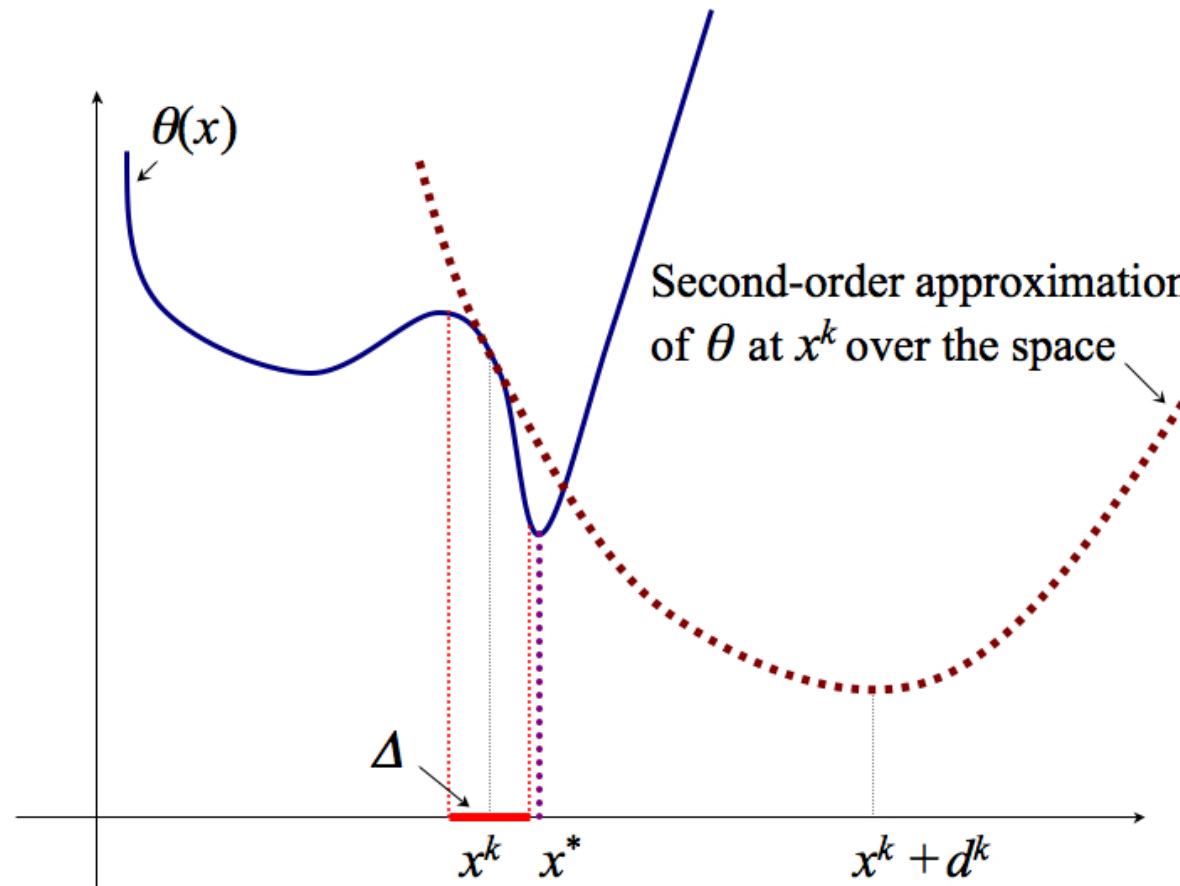


## The idea of Trust Region

Let  $\theta : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be twice continuously differentiable, and suppose we want to minimize  $\theta$  over  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . At a given iterate  $x^k$ , suppose we approximate the function with a second-order model

$$\theta(x^k + d) \approx \theta(x^k) + \nabla\theta(x^k)^T d + \frac{1}{2} d^T \nabla^2\theta(x^k) d$$

- A natural idea is to minimize the right-hand side over  $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Potential sources of trouble
  - The quadratic function in  $d$  may be **unbounded below**, so minimizing the right-hand side is meaningless
  - Even if it is bounded below, and therefore, the minimizer  $d^k$  exists, the **quality** of  $d^k$  becomes an issue
  - Direction  $d^k$  may lie far out of the region where the quadratic model provides good local approximation for  $\theta(x^k + d)$



A possible remedy is to bound the region over which we minimize,

$$\min_{\|d\| \leq \Delta} \left\{ \nabla \theta(x^k)^T d + \frac{1}{2} d^T \nabla^2 \theta(x^k) d \right\}$$

## Generic Trust Region Problem

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be closed convex, and let  $\theta : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . For a given  $\bar{x} \in X$ , a scalar  $\Delta > 0$ , and a **symmetric** matrix  $H$ , the direction  $\bar{d}$  is computed by solving (possibly approximately) the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && a(\bar{x}, d) + \frac{1}{2} d^T H d \\ & \text{subject to} && \|d\| \leq \Delta, \quad d \in X - \bar{x} \end{aligned}$$

- In theory, any  $\|\cdot\|$  can be used to define the trust region
- In practice, mostly used are Euclidean norm and max-norm
- Trust Region problem plays a role similar to that of the direction-search problem in Line Search Methods
- Uses the forcing function  $\sigma(x, d) = -[a(x, d) + d^T H d/2]$
- Has a major operational difference from the Line Search Methods
  - After a sufficient objective decrease, shrinks or enlarges the trust region parameter  $\Delta$  and generates a new iterate  $x^{k+1}$
  - After an insufficient decrease, the parameter  $\Delta$  shrinks and the algorithm does not move,  $x^{k+1} = x^k$

## Generic Trust Region Algorithm

*Step 0* Choose  $x^0 \in X$  and the parameters  $0 < \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < 1$ ,  $\Delta_0 > 0$ ,  $\Delta_{\min} > 0$ ,  $\rho \in (0, 1]$ . Set  $k = 0$ .

*Step 1* Find a vector  $d^k$  such that  $\|d^k\| \leq \Delta_k$ ,  $d^k \in X - x^k$ , and

$$a(x^k, d^k) + \frac{1}{2} (d^k)^T H d^k \leq \rho \min_{\substack{\|d\| \leq \Delta \\ d \in X - x^k}} \left\{ a(x^k, d) + \frac{1}{2} d^T H d \right\}$$

*Step 2* If  $\sigma(x^k, d^k) = 0$  stop.

*Step 3* In case of insufficient decrease, i.e.,  $\theta(x^k + d^k) - \theta(x^k) > -\gamma_1 \sigma(x^k, d^k)$  set  $x^{k+1} = x^k$ ,  $\Delta_{k+1} = \Delta_k/2$ ,  $k := k + 1$  and go to Step 1. Otherwise, set  $x^{k+1} = x^k + d^k$ , and

$$\Delta_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \max\{2\Delta_k, \Delta_{\min}\} & \text{if } \theta(x^k + d^k) - \theta(x^k) \leq -\gamma_2 \sigma(x^k, d^k) \\ \max\{\Delta_k, \Delta_{\min}\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

set  $k := k + 1$  and go to Step 1.