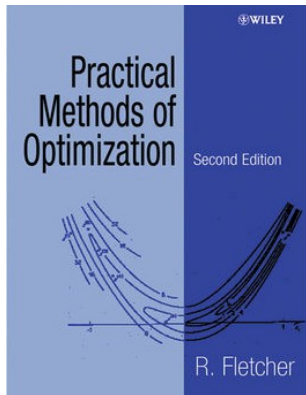


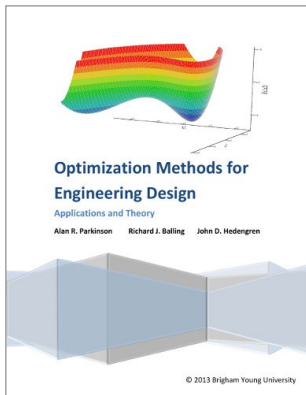
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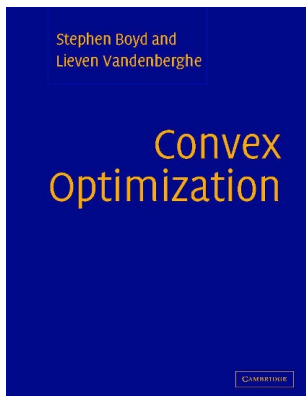
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## Basics of Mathematical Optimization

General definition of **optimization problem**:

- Given is a cost function (**objective function**)  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- **Aim:** Find **parameters**  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  that minimize  $g$  subject to **constraints**  $h_1(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0, \dots, h_l(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$  for **constraint functions**  $h_1, \dots, h_l : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{s. t.} \quad h_k(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, l$$

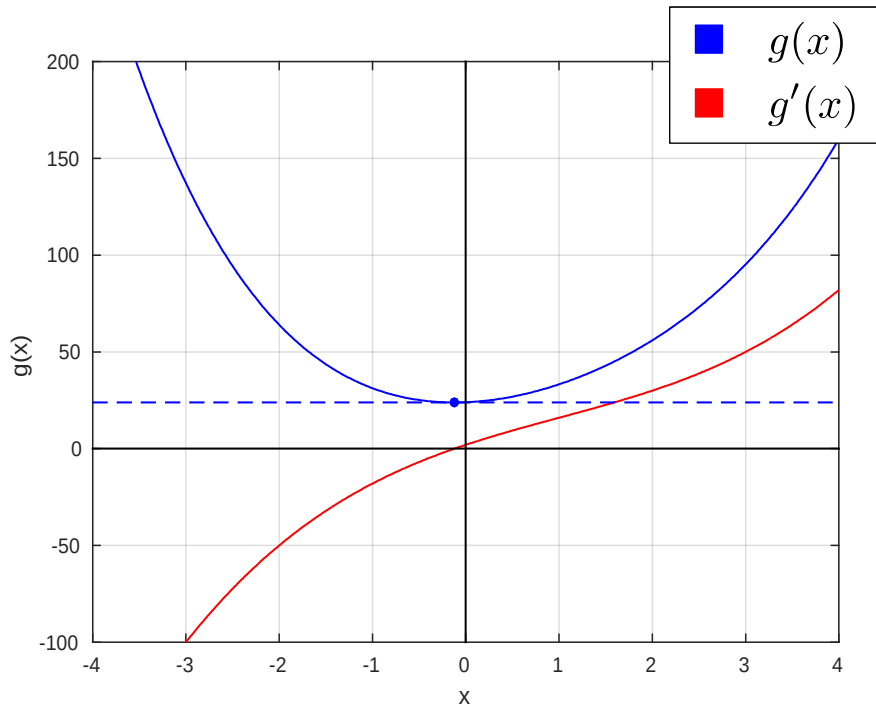
**Note:**  $g$  might have multiple local minima next to global minimum

- Degree of freedom for parameters  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $n - l$
- Without constraints ( $l = 0$ ): **unconstrained optimization problem**:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(\mathbf{x})$$

# Basics of Mathematical Optimization

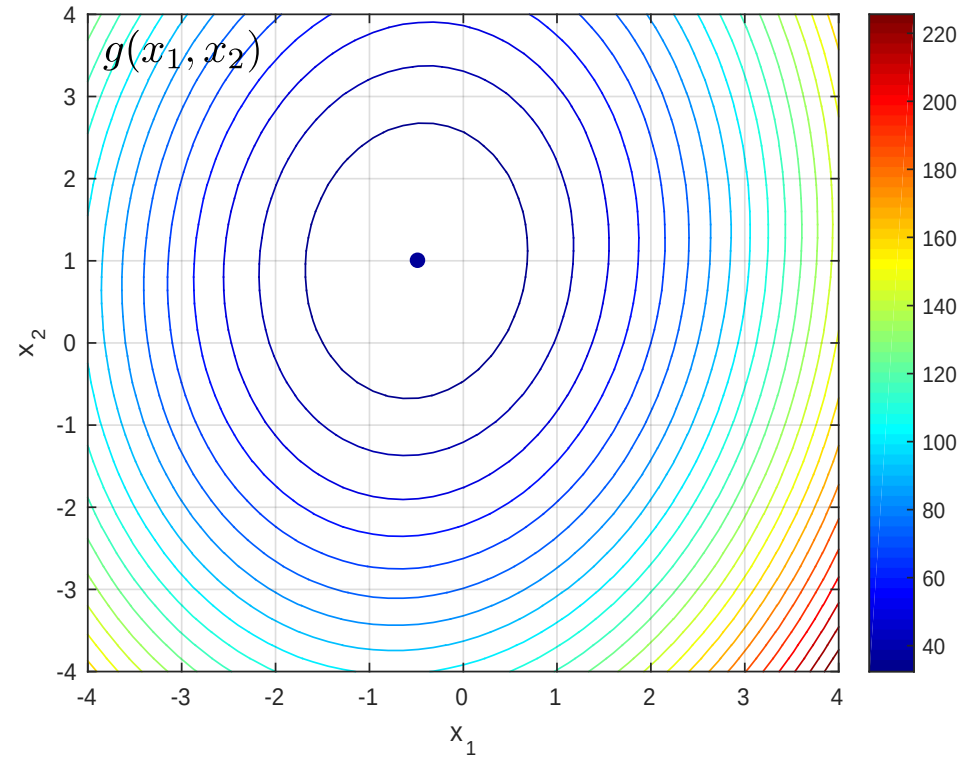
- Necessary condition for (local) optimum of function  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



Single-parameter function:

$$g'(x) = \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} = 0$$

i. e., **slope** at optimum is zero



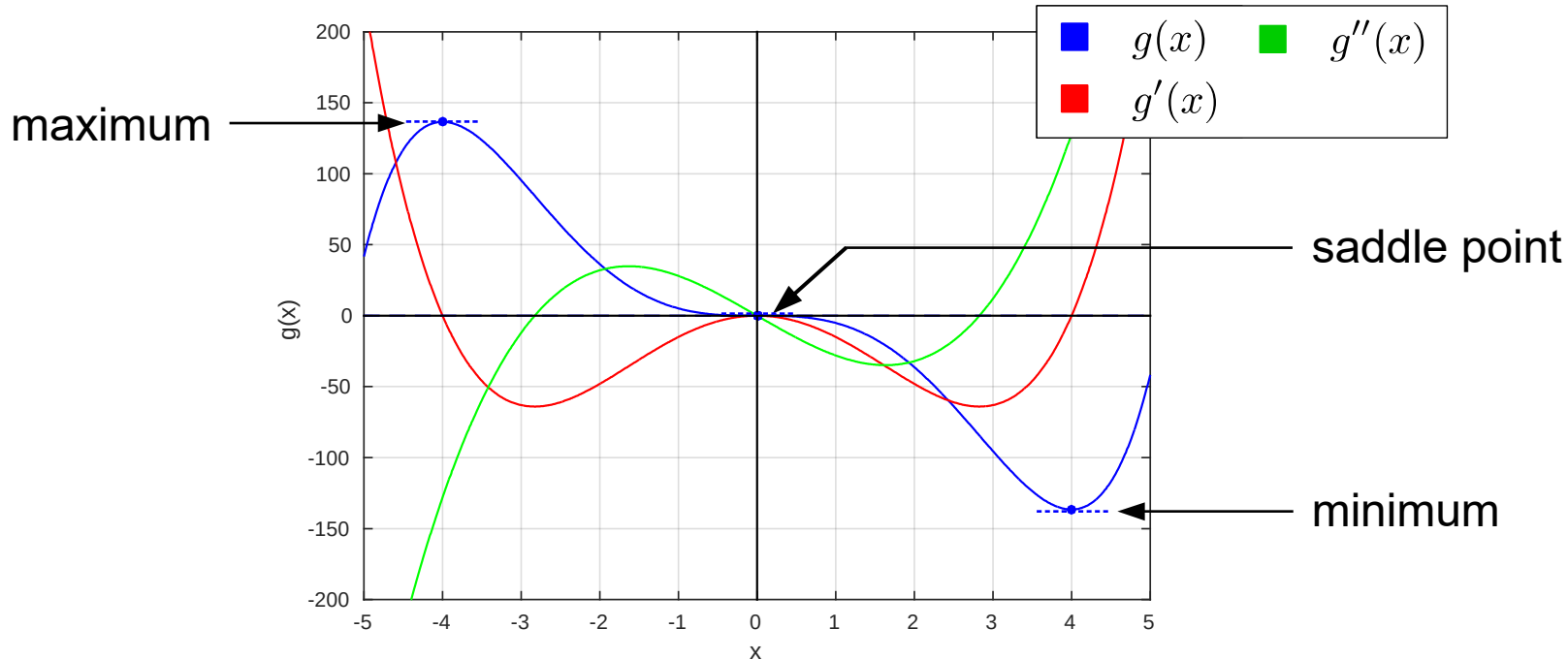
Multiple-parameter function:

$$\nabla g(\mathbf{x}) = \left( \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \right) = (0, \dots, 0)$$

i. e., **gradient** is zero vector

# Basics of Mathematical Optimization

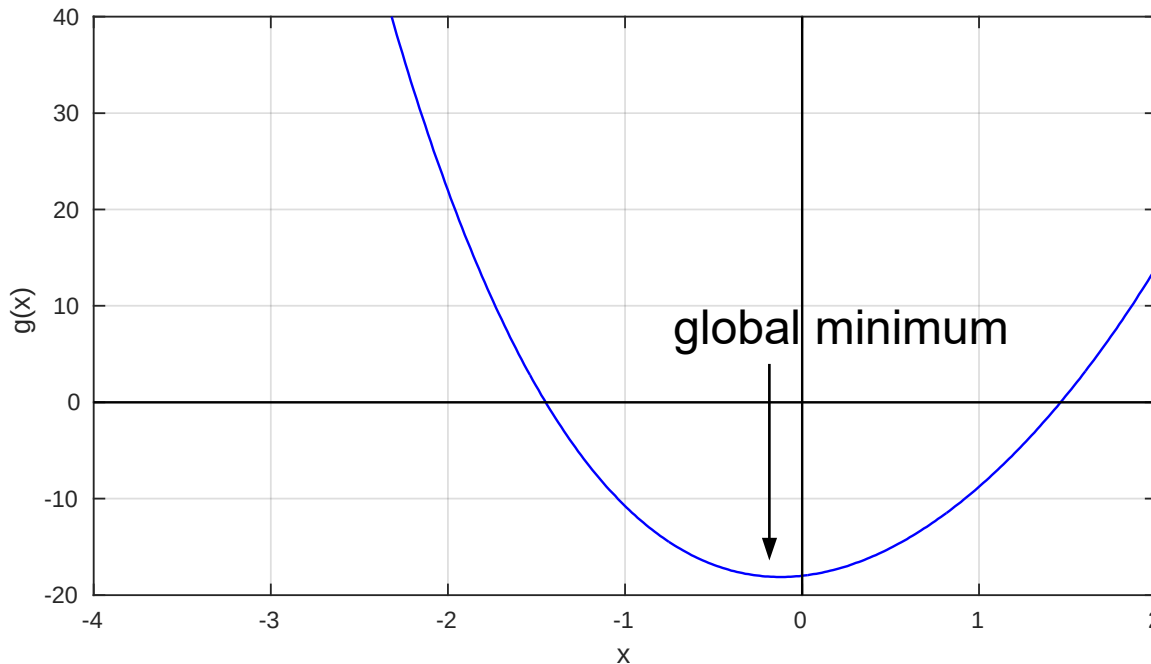
- Slope is zero for all critical points: Minima, maxima, and saddle points



- Necessary and sufficient condition for a minimal point:
  - Slope is zero:  $g'(x) = 0$ , curvature is positive:  $g''(x) > 0$
  - Gradient is zero:  $\nabla g(x) = \mathbf{0}$ , Hesse matrix  $\mathbf{H}_g(x) := \left( \frac{\partial^2 g(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$  is positive-semidefinite (i. e.:  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{H}_g(x) \mathbf{u} > 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ )

# Basics of Mathematical Optimization

- **Analytic solution:** Find closed-form solution for  $\nabla g(x) = 0$  if possible, prune results with second derivative
- **Numeric solution:** Use iterative methods, e. g., gradient descent or Newton methods (Gauss-Newton, Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm)
  - **But:** Which minimum is found depends on starting point here!
  - **Convex** functions (e. g., quadratic functions) have unique minimum



## Basics of Mathematical Optimization

Classes of optimization problems  $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(\mathbf{x})$  s. t.  $h_k(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, l$

- **Linear optimization problem** for linear functions  $g, h_1, \dots, h_l$ ,  
i. e.,  $g(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y}) = ag(\mathbf{x}) + bg(\mathbf{y})$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- **Convex optimization problem** for convex functions  $g, h_1, \dots, h_l$ ,  
i. e.,  $g(a\mathbf{x} + (1 - a)\mathbf{y}) \leq ag(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - a)g(\mathbf{y})$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- **Unconstrained problem** for  $l = 0$
- **Least squares problem** for  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\|^2$ ,  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $l = 0$   
with residual functions  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = (f_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, f_m(\mathbf{x}))^T$
- **Linear least squares problem** for  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

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# Least Squares

Common problem statement for **least squares** optimization:

- Given is a **model function**  $b(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x})$  that maps **input values**  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  to **output values**  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  which is parametrized by  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- The **residual functions**  $f_1, \dots, f_m : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  describe the difference between measured output values and predicted values for given model parameters  $\mathbf{x}$
- Given  $m$  **measurements**  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{R}$  for respective input vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , the  $i$ -th residual function is  $f_i(\mathbf{x}) = b(\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{x}) - b_i$
- The **objective function** is given by  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(\mathbf{x})^2 = \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\|^2$

*i. e.*, the sum of squared residuals is minimized (“data fitting”):

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^m (b(\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{x}) - b_i)^2$$

# Examples for Least Squares Applications

- Line fitting, plane fitting (linear least squares), e. g.:

Find 2D line parameters  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  to fit data points  $(a_i, b_i)$ :

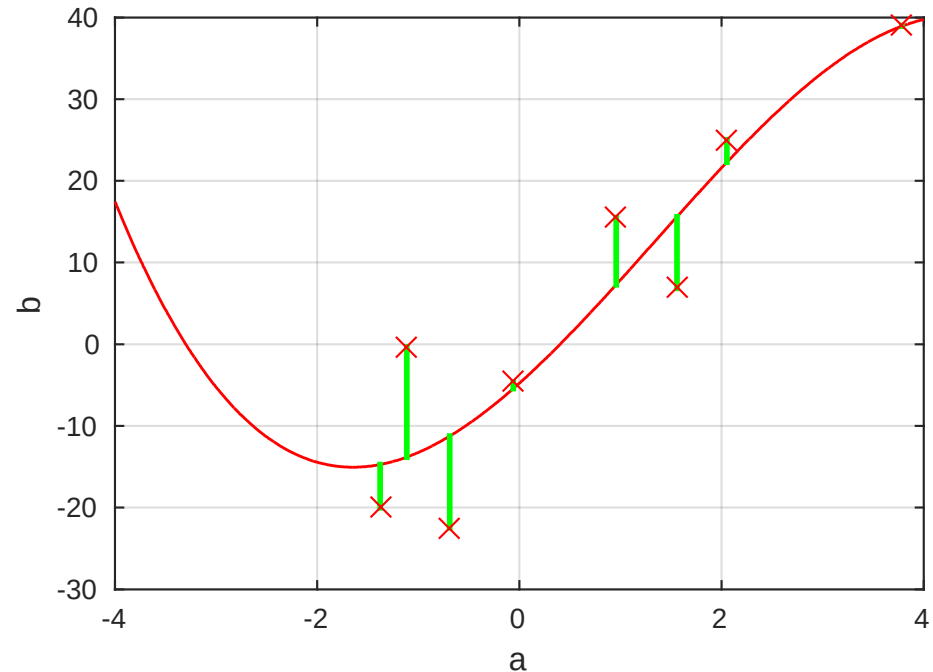
$$b(a_i, \mathbf{x}) = x_1 a_i + x_2 = b_i$$

- Curve fitting, polynomial fitting (linear least squares), e. g.:

Find polynomial coefficients  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to fit data points  $(a_i, b_i)$ :

$$b(a_i, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_i^{n-j} x_j = b_i$$

- Least squares problems are very common in Computer Vision



## Linear Least Squares

Linear least squares optimization problem:

- Given is linear model function  $b(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}$
- Given are  $m$  residual functions  $f_i = b(\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x} - b_i$   
defined by data points  $(\mathbf{a}_i, b_i) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$
- The objective function is given by  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(\mathbf{x})^2 = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$   
where  $\mathbf{A} := (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdots \mathbf{a}_m)^T$

**Solution:**

- Necessary condition for minimum:  
 $\nabla g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$   
derived from  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b}$
- Minimum is unique because  $g$  is quadratic (= convex) function

# Linear Least Squares

## Error propagation:

- Assume ground truth values  $\mathbf{b}^* = (b_1^*, \dots, b_m^*)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  for input vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and ground truth model parameter vector  $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , *i. e.*,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{b}^*$
- Measured values are  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  with measurement errors  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b = (\varepsilon_{b_1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{b_m})^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , *i. e.*,  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}^* + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b$

- Linear error propagation:

$$\mathbf{x} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T}_{\mathbf{A}^\dagger} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger (\mathbf{b}^* + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b) = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}^* + \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_x} = \mathbf{x}^* + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_x$$

- For normal-distributed measurement errors  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_b)$ :

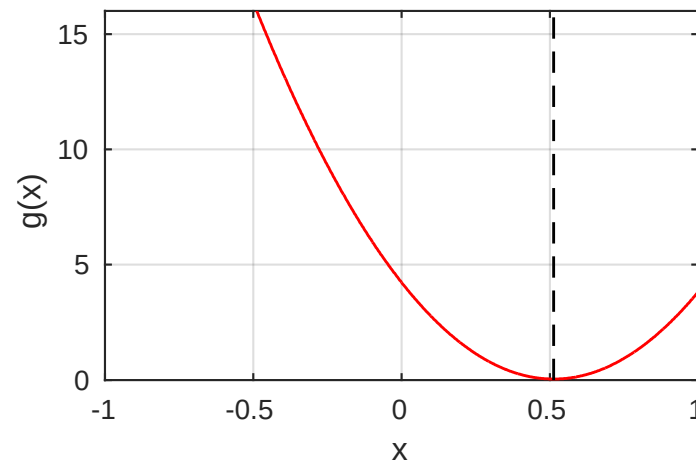
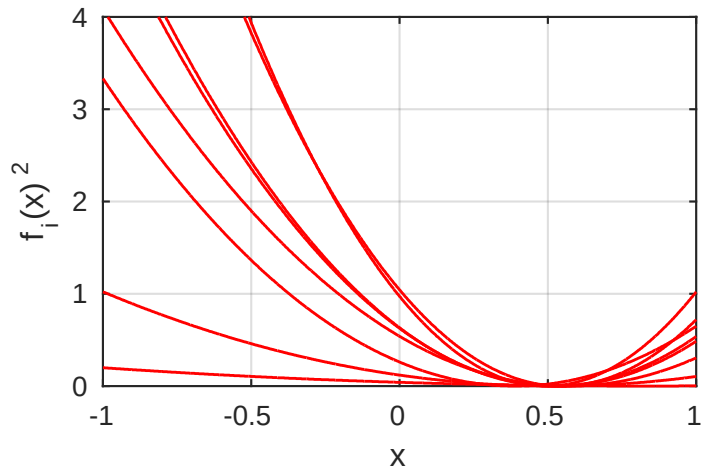
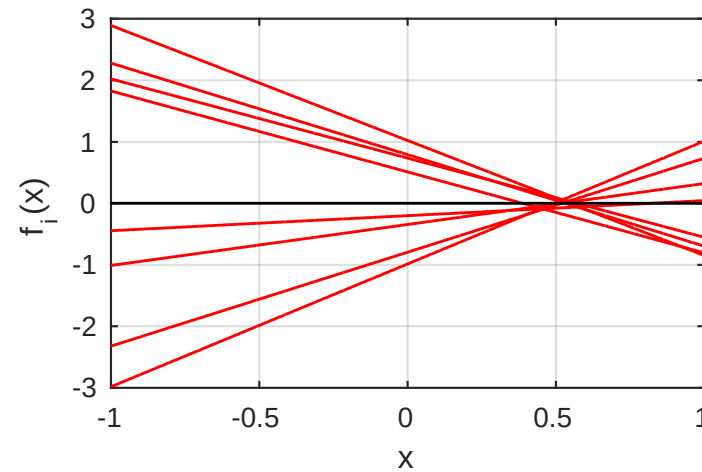
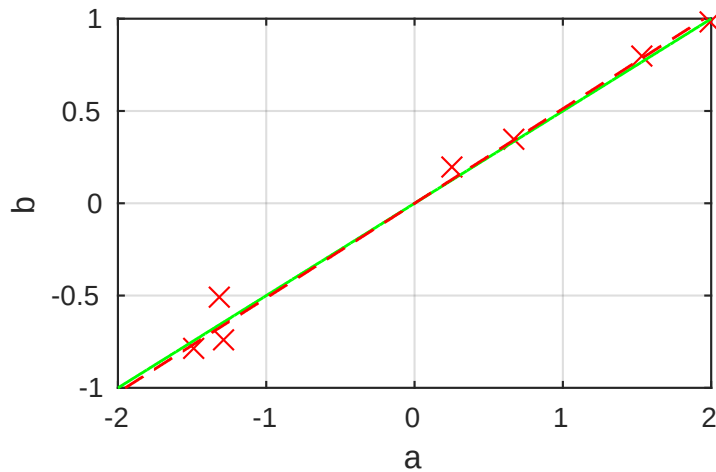
$$\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x), \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_b (\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^T = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} (\mathbf{A}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_b \mathbf{A}) (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-T}$$

## Linear Least Squares Problem

- **Example:** Consider 1D-LLS problem with single parameter  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 
  - linear model function  $b(a, x) = ax$
  - input data  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}$
  - measurements  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{R}$
  - residual functions are  $f_i(x) := b(a_i, x) - b_i, i = 1, \dots, m$
- **Task:**  $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} g(x)$  with  $g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)^2 = \|\mathbf{ax} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$
- **Solution:**  $g'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{ax} = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}}$

# Linear Least Squares Problem

- Example:** Ground truth value is  $x^* = 0.5$ ,  $m = 8$  measurements  $b_i$  for inputs  $a_i$ , measurement error from normal distribution  $\varepsilon_b \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.1)$



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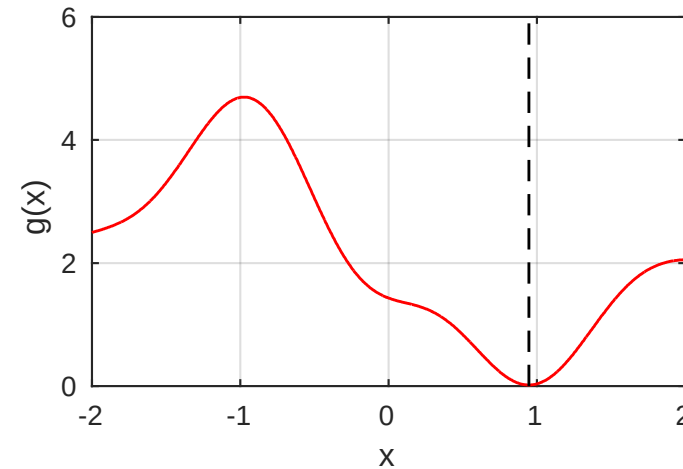
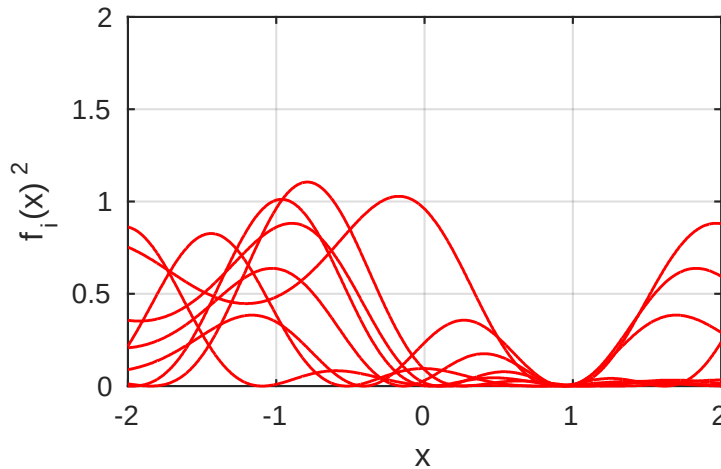
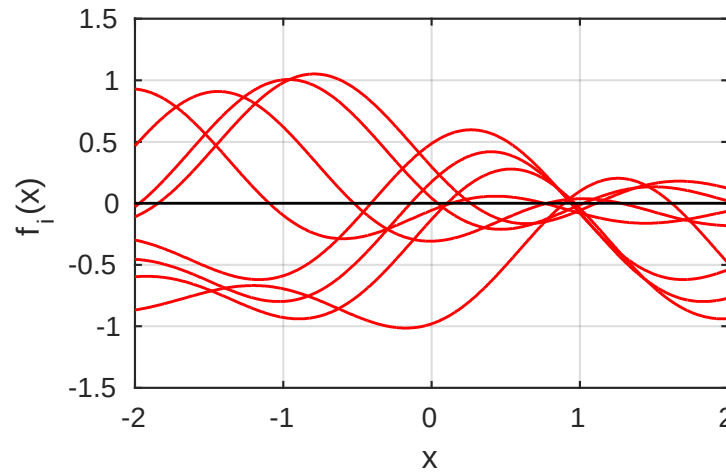
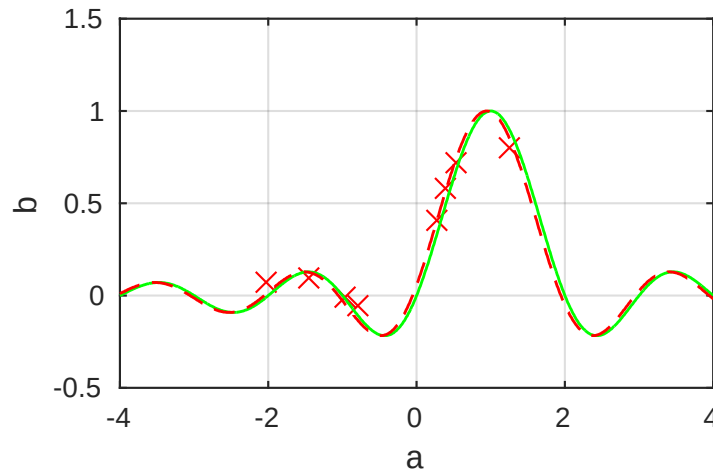
## Nonlinear Least Squares Problem

- **Example:** Consider 1D-NLS problem with single parameter  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 
  - nonlinear model function  $b(a, x) = \text{sinc}(a - x)$
  - input data  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}$
  - measurements  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{R}$
  - residual functions are  $f_i(x) := b(a_i, x) - b_i, i = 1, \dots, m$
- **Task:**  $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} g(x)$  with  $g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{sinc}(a_i - x) - b_i)^2$
- **Solution:**
  - Analytic: Find closed-form solution for  $g'(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n 2f_i(x)f_i'(x) = 0$
  - Iterative methods, e. g., gradient descent methods, Newton methods (Gauss-Newton, Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm)



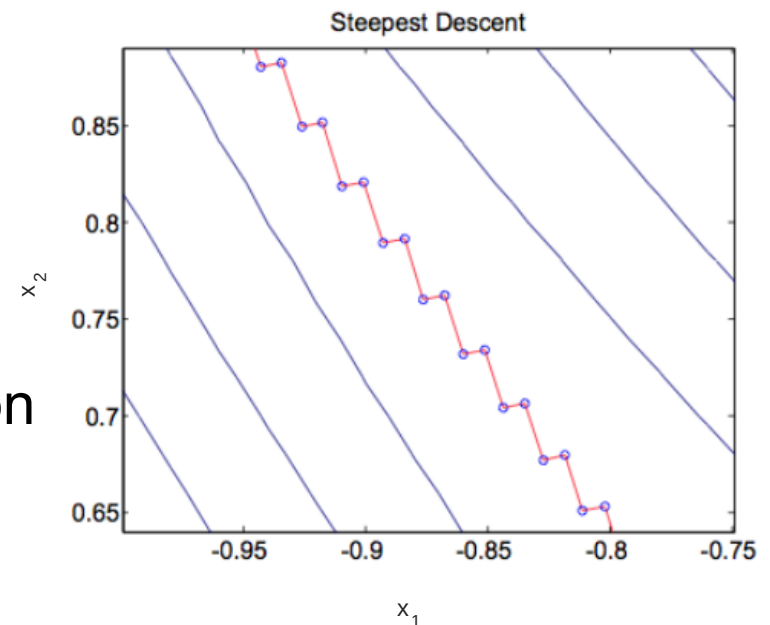
# Nonlinear Least Squares Problem

- Example:** Ground truth value is  $x^* = 1$ ,  $m = 8$  measurements  $b_i$  for inputs  $a_i$ , measurement error from normal distribution  $\varepsilon_b \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.1)$



# Gradient Descent Algorithm

- **Aim:** Find local minimum of nonlinear  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  starting from  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- In each step  $k = 0, \dots, k_{\max}$ :
  - Compute gradient at current  $\mathbf{x}_k$ :  $\nabla g(\mathbf{x}_k) = \left( \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x}_k)}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x}_k)}{\partial x_n} \right)$
  - Move “downhill”:  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} := \mathbf{x}_k + \alpha_k \Delta \mathbf{x}$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{x} := -\nabla g(\mathbf{x}_k)^T$
  - Choose stepwidth  $\alpha_k$  so that  $g(\mathbf{x}_k + \alpha_k \Delta \mathbf{x}) < g(\mathbf{x}_k)$   
 (different strategies, e. g., **steepest descent**: use line search  
 $\alpha_k = \arg \min_{\alpha} g(\mathbf{x}_k + \alpha \Delta \mathbf{x})$ )
  - Steps orthogonal to contour lines of  $g$
  - Terminate if  $\|\nabla g(\mathbf{x}_k)\| < \varepsilon_{\text{grad}}$
- **Convergence:** Stable, but slow
- **Example:** Rosenbrock’s “banana” function



## Newton Methods

- **Aim:** Find local minimum of nonlinear  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  starting from  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- In each step  $k = 0, \dots, k_{\max}$ :
  - Approximate with **Taylor expansion** of 2nd order:  

$$g(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta \mathbf{x}) \approx g(\mathbf{x}_k) + \nabla g(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{H}_g(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta \mathbf{x}$$
  - Solve  $\nabla g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  for approximation, solution is  

$$\nabla g(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{H}_g(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \Delta \mathbf{x} := -\mathbf{H}_g(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1} \nabla g(\mathbf{x}_k)$$
  - Update  $\mathbf{x}$  for next iteration:  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} := \mathbf{x}_k + \Delta \mathbf{x}$
  - Terminate if  $\|\nabla g(\mathbf{x}_k)\| < \varepsilon_{\text{grad}}$
- **Convergence:** Quadratic convergence, often combined with line search
- **Drawback:** Hessian  $\mathbf{H}_g$  must be computed at each step

# Gauss-Newton Algorithm

- **Aim:** Find local minimum of NLS problem near initial solution  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{with} \quad g(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(\mathbf{x})^2$$

- In each step  $k = 0, \dots, k_{\max}$ :

- Approximate  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}) \approx \underbrace{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k)}_{\mathbf{f}_k} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{\mathbf{J}_k} \Delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{J}_k \Delta\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}_k$

- Solve  $\min_{\Delta\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{J}_k \Delta\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}_k\|^2$ , solution is  $\Delta\mathbf{x} := -(\mathbf{J}_k^T \mathbf{J}_k)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_k^T \mathbf{f}_k$

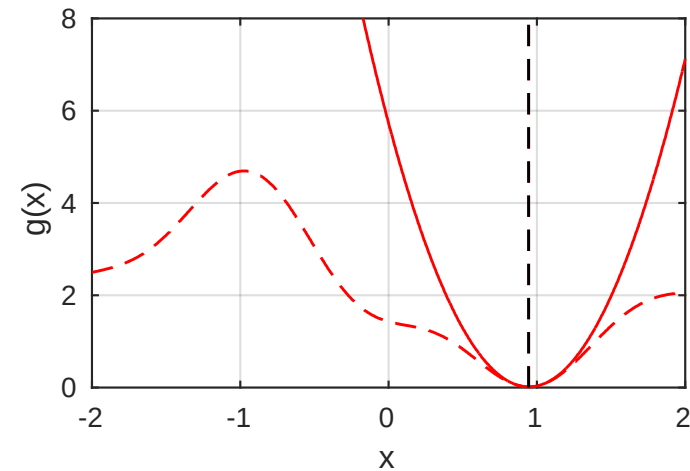
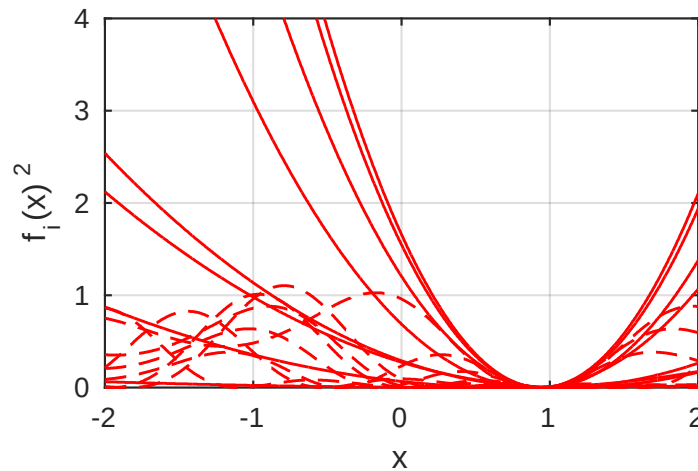
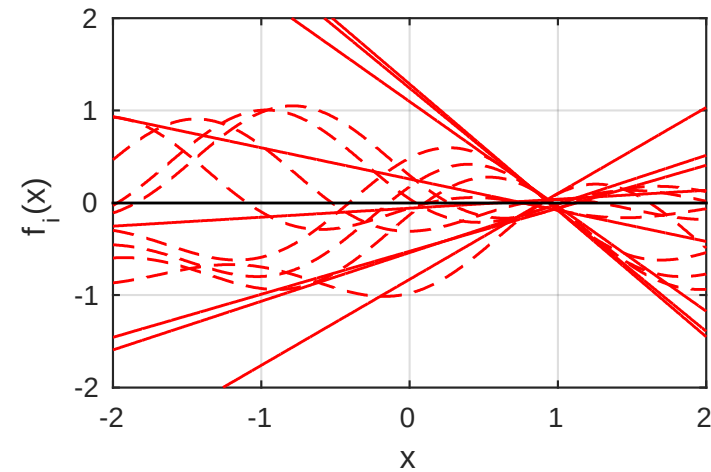
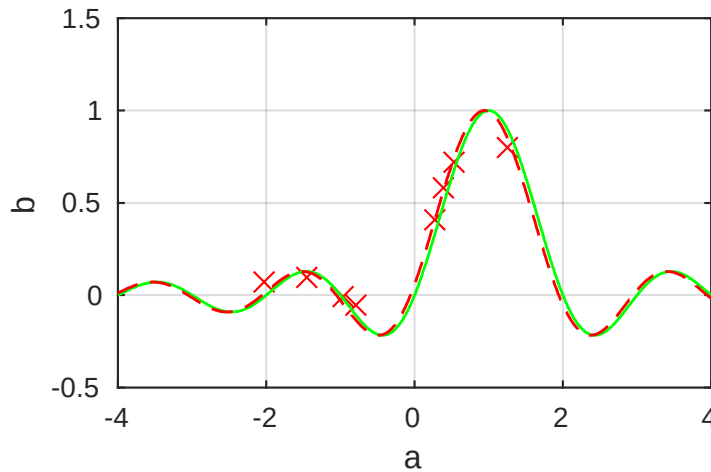
- Update  $\mathbf{x}$  for next iteration:  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} := \mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}$

- Terminate if  $\|\mathbf{f}_k\| < \varepsilon_{\text{error}}$ ,  $\|\Delta\mathbf{x}\| < \varepsilon_{\text{param}}$  or  $\|\mathbf{J}_k^T \mathbf{f}_k\| < \varepsilon_{\text{grad}}$

- **Convergence:** Unstable, but fast

# Gauss-Newton Algorithm

- Example:** Ground truth value is  $x^* = 1$ ,  $m = 8$  measurements  $b_i$  for inputs  $a_i$ , measurement error from normal distribution  $\varepsilon_b \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.1)$



## Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm

- Gauss-Newton approximation is not good when away from the minimum in regions where curvature is negative:
  - Better use steepest descent step in such cases.
- Steepest descent can progress slowly when close to the minimum (“zig-zagging”):
  - Better use Gauss-Newton step in such cases.
- The **Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm** provides mechanism for changing between steepest descent and Gauss-Newton steps depending on how good the approximation is locally.

# Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm

- **Aim:** Find local minimum of NLS problem near initial solution  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{with} \quad g(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(\mathbf{x})^2$$

- In each step  $k = 0, \dots, k_{\max}$ :

- Approximate  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}) \approx \underbrace{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k)}_{\mathbf{f}_k} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{\mathbf{J}_k} \Delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{J}_k \Delta\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}_k$

- Solve  $\min_{\Delta\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{J}_k \Delta\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}_k\|^2$  with damping factor  $\mu_k \geq 0$

solution is  $\Delta\mathbf{x} := -(\mathbf{J}_k^T \mathbf{J}_k + \mu_k \text{diag}(\mathbf{J}_k^T \mathbf{J}_k))^{-1} \mathbf{J}_k^T \mathbf{f}_k$

- Update  $\mathbf{x}$  for next iteration:  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} := \mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}$

- Update  $\mu$  for next iteration to improve convergence

- Terminate if  $\|\mathbf{f}_k\| < \varepsilon_{\text{error}}$ ,  $\|\Delta\mathbf{x}\| < \varepsilon_{\text{param}}$  or  $\|\mathbf{J}_k^T \mathbf{f}_k\| < \varepsilon_{\text{grad}}$

## Constrained Optimization

Consider optimization problem with **equality constraint**:

- Given is a **cost function**  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
and **constraint function**  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- **Aim:** Find **parameters**  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  that minimize  $g$  subject to  $h(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{s. t.} \quad h(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

### Solutions:

- Add **penalty term** to cost function (with heuristic weight  $\mu$ ):

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(\mathbf{x}) + \mu h(\mathbf{x})^2$$

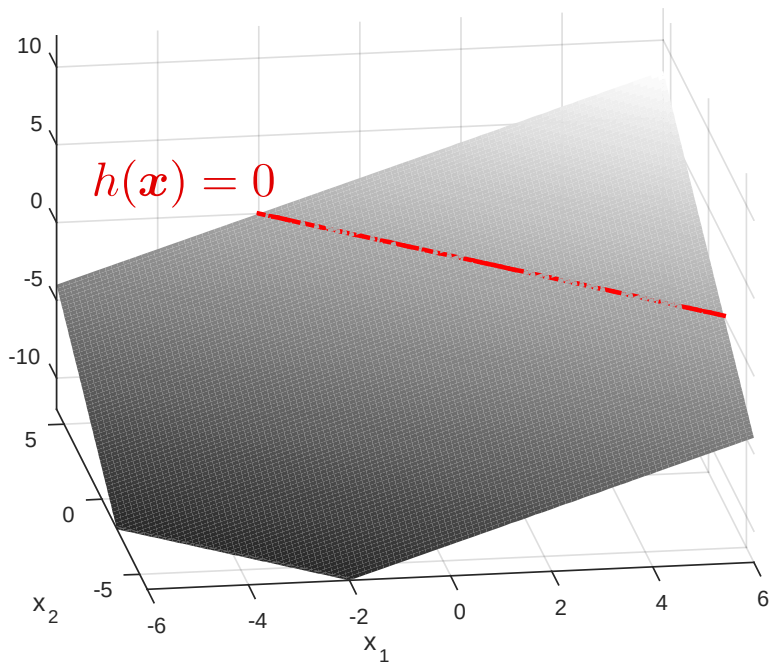
- **Pro:** Can be solved with default methods, e. g., Levenberg-Marquardt
- **Contra:** Result depends on choice of  $\mu$
- Solve with **Lagrange multiplier** method



# Constrained Optimization

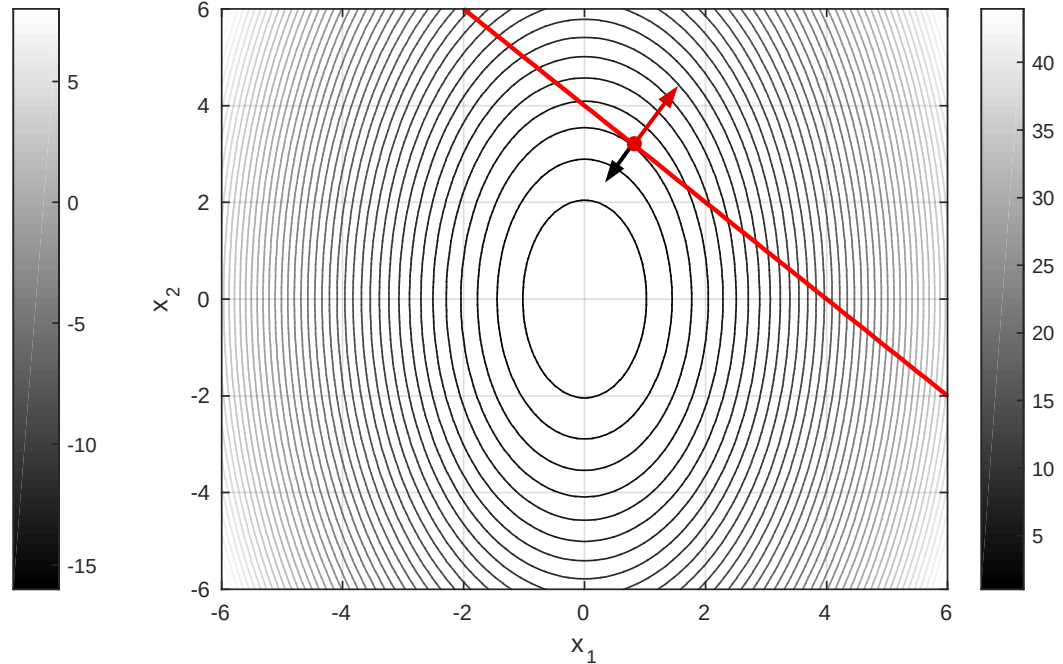
## Lagrange multiplier:

- Note:** Gradient of  $g$  is parallel to gradient of  $h$  at a constrained minimum



Plot of constraint function

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + x_2 - 4$$



Plot of objective function

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + \left(\frac{x_2}{2}\right)^2$$

## Constrained Optimization

### Lagrange multiplier:

- **Note:** Gradient of  $g$  is parallel to gradient of  $h$  at a constrained minimum
- This is described by critical points of **Lagrange function**  $L$ , *i. e.*, extension of  $g$  by  $h$  scaled with an additional parameter  $\lambda$  (**Lagrange multiplier**):

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) := g(\mathbf{x}) - \lambda h(\mathbf{x})$$

- **Critical point conditions:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \nabla g(\mathbf{x}) - \lambda \nabla h(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \text{gradients are parallel}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = h(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \rightarrow \text{constraint is satisfied}$$

- Solve  $\nabla L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \mathbf{0}$  to obtain constrained minima of  $g$

## Constrained Optimization

- **Example:** Solve underconstrained linear least squares problem for unit length parameter vector  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 \quad \text{s. t.} \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1$$

- Lagrange function is:

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) := \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \lambda(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 1)$$

- Critical point (*i. e.*, constrained minimum of  $g$ ) satisfies:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - 2\lambda \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$$

- Solution  $\mathbf{x}$  is unit length **eigenvector** of matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- Can be solved via matrix decomposition (*e. g.*, via SVD)

## Optimization Problems in Computer Vision

- **Relative pose estimation:** Estimate rotation and translation between two cameras from 2D/2D point correspondences
- **Absolute pose estimation:** Estimate camera rotation and translation from 2D/3D point correspondences
- **Absolute orientation:** Estimate rotation and translation between two point sets from 3D/3D point correspondences
- **Camera calibration:** Estimate camera function from 2D/3D point correspondences
- **Stereo calibration:** Estimate rotation and translation between two cameras from 2D/3D point correspondences
- **Stereo reconstruction:** Estimate 3D point from 2D projections in two camera images with known stereo calibration