

ON SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR OPTIMALITY

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Let f, g_1, \dots, g_m be continuously differentiable real valued functions defined on a domain Ω of n -dimensional real space \mathbb{R}^n . We consider the following optimization problem.

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} f(x) &\rightarrow \inf \\ g_i(x) &\leq 0, \quad x \in \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Let $x_0 \in \Omega$. We assume that at x_0 all constraints g_i are active, i.e. $g_i(x_0) = 0$.

THEOREM 1 ([9]): *Suppose that at the point x_0 all gradients of g_i , ∇g_i , are linearly independent. Suppose that at x_0 Kuhn-Tucker necessary conditions for optimality hold, i.e. there are $\lambda_i \geq 0$ such that*

$$(2) \quad \nabla(f + \sum \lambda_i g_i) \Big|_{x_0} = 0.$$

If all $\lambda_i > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, then x_0 is a local minimum of problem

(1) if and only if it is a local minimum of the following equality problem

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} f(x) &\rightarrow \inf \\ g_i(x) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Theorem 1 is elementary and uses only the implicit functions theorem. Theorem 1 gives a very useful algorithm for reducing a problem of sufficient condition for problem (1) to well-known classical

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