

Theorem 1 (Lagrange) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$, $g_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 functions. Suppose x^* is a local maximum of f on

$$D = U \cup \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : g_i(x) = 0, i = 1, \dots, k\},$$

where U is an open set in \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose $\text{rank}(Dg(x^*)) = k$, then there exists a vector $\lambda^* = (\lambda_1^*, \dots, \lambda_k^*)$, $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the following conditions are met:

$$Df(x^*) + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i^* Dg_i(x^*) = 0 \quad (0.1)$$

Proof. WLOG, assume that the principal $k \times k$ matrix of $Dg(x^*)$ is invertible. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be thought of as $x = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ z \end{bmatrix}$, with $w \in \mathbb{R}^k$. So if $A = Dg(x^*)$ then A_w is invertible (why?).

By Implicit Function Theorem,

$$\exists W \text{ open in } \mathbb{R}^{n-k} : z^* \in W, \text{ and } h : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k : h(z^*) = w^* \text{ and } g(h(z^*), z^*) = 0$$

$$Dh(z^*) = -A_w^{-1} A_z \quad (0.2)$$

Let $B = Df(x^*)$. We need a $\lambda^* = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^* \\ \lambda_2^* \\ \dots \\ \lambda_k^* \end{bmatrix}$, such that

$$B_w + (\lambda^*)^T A_w = 0 \quad (0.3)$$

$$B_z + (\lambda^*)^T A_z = 0. \quad (0.4)$$

$$(0.5)$$

Lets define λ^* from (0.3) and show that (0.4) is satisfied. Hence take $\lambda^* = (-B_w A_w^{-1})^T$. Now, taking this definition and using (0.2),

$$(\lambda^*)^T A_y + B_z = -B_w A_w^{-1} A_y + B_z = B_w Dh(z^*) + B_z = DF(z^*),$$

where $F : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that $F(z) = f(h(z), z)$. But $DF(z^*) = 0$ (why?), so we are done.

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