

Safety Critical Control for Robotic Systems



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Lecture 2
Constrained Optimization



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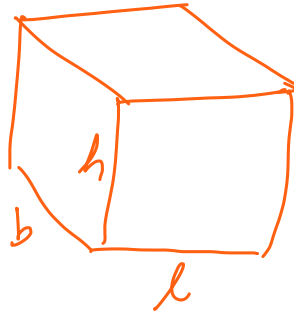
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Note: Optimization is very vast!



What is Optimization?

The act of making the best or most effective use of a situation or resource is Optimization.



$$\begin{array}{l} \min 2(lb + bh + hl) \\ \text{s.t. } lbh = V \\ \quad l > 0 \\ \quad b > 0 \\ \quad h > 0 \end{array} \quad \checkmark$$

Constrained Optimization Problem

$$\begin{array}{l} \min f(x) \quad \leftarrow \text{Objective } f^n \\ \text{s.t. } \begin{array}{ll} h_j(x) \leq 0 & j = 1, 2, \dots, l \\ e_i(x) = 0 & i = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ x \in S \end{array} \end{array} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Constraint Set /} \\ \text{Feasible set} \end{array}$$

$h_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \leftarrow \text{Inequality Constraint fn}$

$e_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \leftarrow \text{Equality Constraint fn.}$

$f(x), h_j, e_i \leftarrow \text{Sufficiently smooth.}$

Feasible Set: $\{x \mid x \in S, h_j(x) \leq 0, e_i(x) = 0$

$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \& j \in \{1, \dots, l\}\} \triangleq X$

$\min f(x) \quad \text{s.t. } x \in X$

Global & Local Minima

A point $x^* \in X$ is said to be a global minima of $f(x)$ over X if $\boxed{f(x) \geq f(x^*)}$ for $x \in X$. $f(x) > f(x^*) \rightarrow$ strict global minima

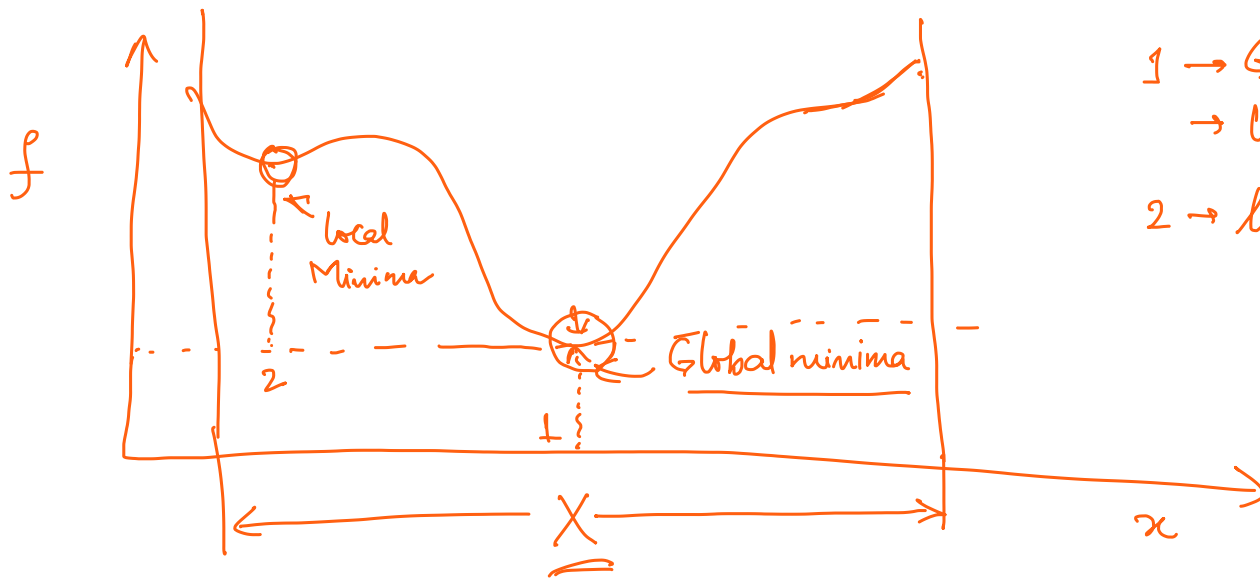
Local Minima $\rightarrow$

$$N_\epsilon(x) = \{z \mid \|x - z\| < \epsilon\}$$

A point $x^* \in X$ is said to be a local minima of f over X and for some $\epsilon > 0$, s.t. $f(x) \geq f(x^*) \quad \forall x \in N_\epsilon(x) \cap X$.

ϵ Neighbour hood of x .

$f(x) > f(x^*) \rightarrow$ strict local minima.



1 $\rightarrow$ Global minima.

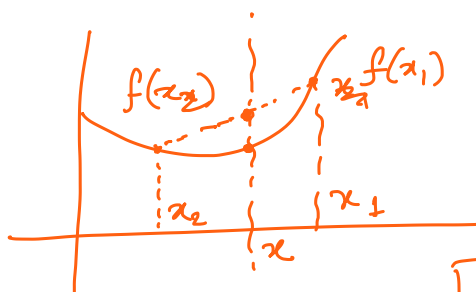
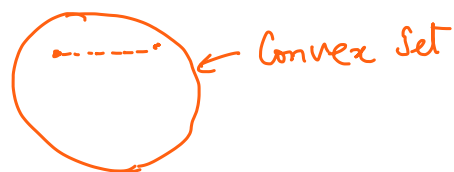
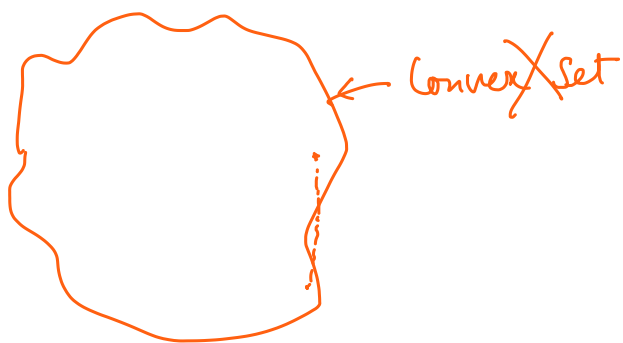
$\rightarrow$ local minima

2 $\rightarrow$ local minima

Convex Optimization Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j=1, 2, \dots, l \\ & e_i(x) = 0 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \\ & x \in S \end{aligned}$$

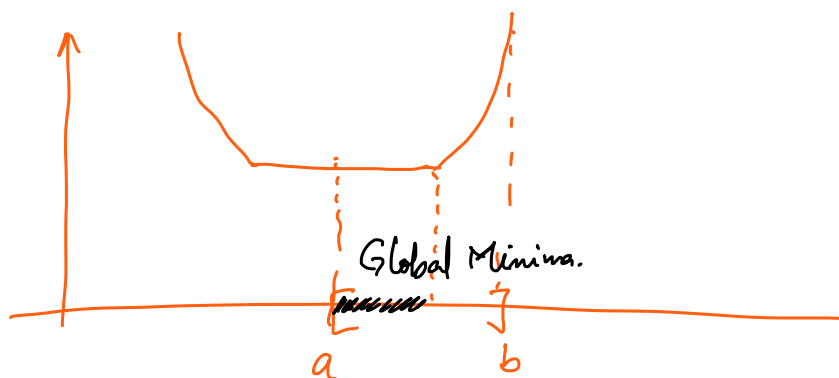
- $f(x)$ is a convex f^n
- $e_i(x)$ is affine i.e. $e_i(x) = a_i^T x + b_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$
- $h_j(x)$ is a convex $f^n \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, l\}$
- $S \rightarrow$ Convex Set.



$$1 > \lambda > 0$$

$$\lambda f(x_1) + (1-\lambda) f(x_2) \geq f(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2)$$

$f \rightarrow$ convex f ?



$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1 \\ & x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = \pm \sqrt{1 - x_2^2}$$

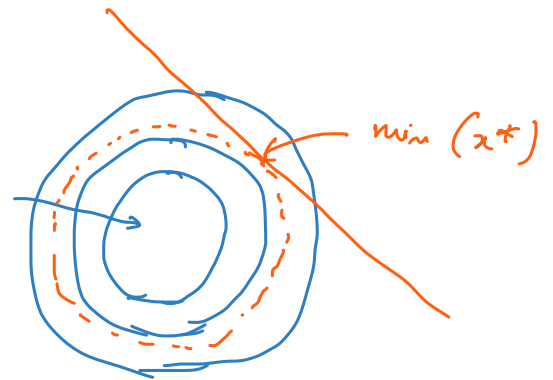
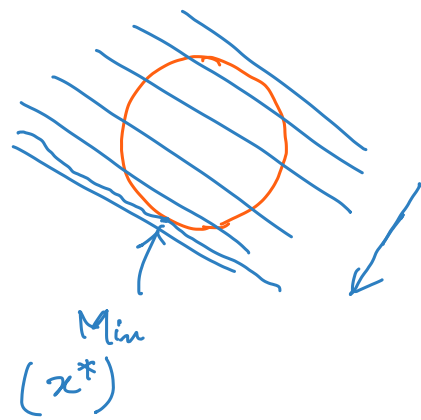
$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_2 \pm \sqrt{1 - x_2^2} \\ & x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_2^2 \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ & x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = 1 - x_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_2^2 + (1 - x_2)^2 \\ & x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

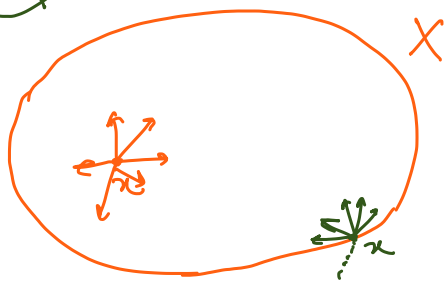


$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} & x_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ x^* &= \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Feasible and Descent Directions

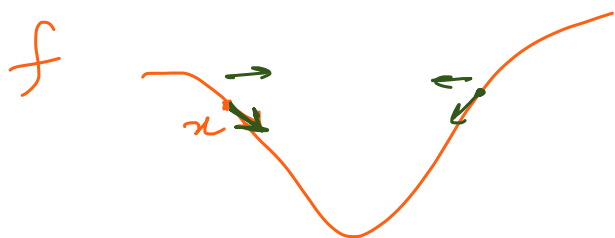
$$\begin{aligned} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } & x \in X. \end{aligned}$$

Feasible Direction: $\vec{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $d \neq 0 \rightarrow \delta > 0$ s.t. $x + \alpha d \in X$
 $\forall \alpha \in (0, \delta)$



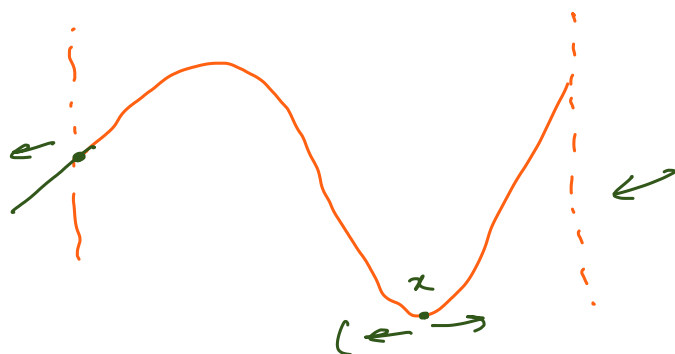
$F(x)$ = Set of all feasible directions for $x \in X$.

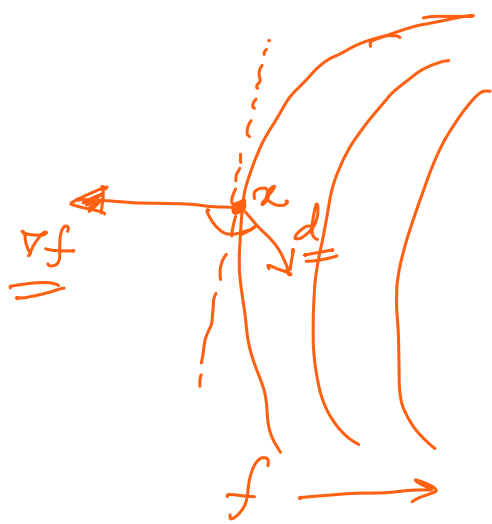
Descent Direction: $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $d \neq 0 \rightarrow \delta > 0$ $f(x + \alpha d) \leq f(x)$
 $\forall \alpha \in (0, \delta)$



$D(x)$ = Set of all descent directions at $x \in X$
(w.r.t f)

Thm: Let X be a non-empty set in $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $x^* \in X$ be a local minima of f over X . Then $\underline{\underline{F(x^*) \cap D(x^*) = \emptyset}}$.





$$\{d: \nabla f(x)^T d < 0\} \leftarrow \text{Descent direction}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\overline{D}(x)$$

$$\nabla f(x)^T d < 0$$

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x + \alpha d) - f(x)}{\alpha} < 0$$

$$f(x + \alpha d) < f(x) \rightarrow d$$

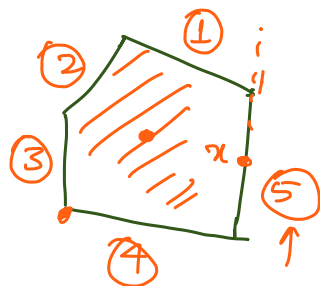
$$\overline{D}(x) \subseteq D(x)$$

Consider this problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, l \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

Active Constraints:

$$A(x) = \{j: h_j(x) = 0\}$$



Lemma: For any $x \in X$,

$$\overline{F}(x) = \{d: \nabla h_j(x)^T d < 0 \quad j \in A(x)\} \subseteq F(x)$$

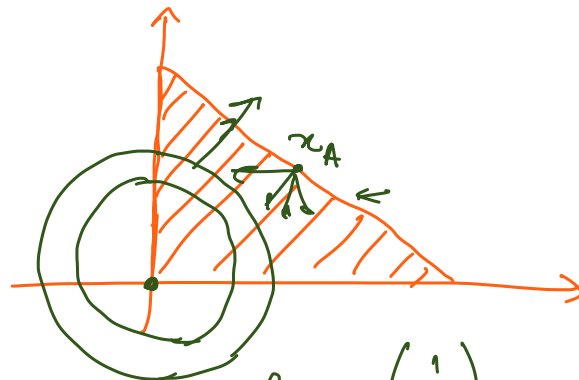


$$\nabla h^T(x) d < 0 \leftarrow \text{feasible directions.}$$

By Thm 1: $\mathcal{F}(x^*) \cap \mathcal{D}(x^*) = \emptyset$
 $\overline{\mathcal{F}}(x^*) \cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}(x^*) = \emptyset$

x^* is a local minima, then $\overline{\mathcal{F}}(x^*) \cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}(x^*) = \emptyset$

min $\underline{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$
 s.t $x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \leftarrow$
 $x_1 \geq 0$
 $x_2 \geq 0$



$\nabla h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$d = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\overline{\mathcal{F}}(x) = \{d: \nabla h^T d < 0\}$
 $= \{d_1, d_2: d_1 + d_2 < 0\}$

$\overline{\mathcal{D}}(x) = \{d: \nabla f^T(x) d < 0\}$
 $= \{d_1, d_2: \underline{2(x_1 d_1 + x_2 d_2)} < 0\}$

$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

At $x^* = (0,0) \leftarrow$
 $\boxed{\overline{\mathcal{F}}(x^*) \cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}(x^*) = \emptyset}$
 $\{d_1 + d_2 < 0\} \cap$
 $\emptyset = \emptyset$

This is a necessary condition.

$$\begin{aligned} \min f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j=1, \dots, l \\ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

$$X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : h_j(x) \leq 0, j=1, \dots, l\}$$

$x^* \in X$ is local minima

$$\Rightarrow \overline{F}(x^*) \cap \overline{D}(x^*) = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \{d \mid \nabla h_j^T d < 0 \quad j \in \mathcal{A}(x^*)\} \cap \{d \mid \nabla f(x^*)^T d < 0\} = \emptyset$$

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f(x^*) \\ \vdots \\ \nabla h_j(x^*) \quad j \in \mathcal{A}(x^*) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}_{(1+|\mathcal{A}(x^*)|) \times n}$$

$$\underline{x^*} \in X \text{ is local minima} \Rightarrow \boxed{\{d \mid Ad < 0\} = \underline{\emptyset}} \quad \checkmark$$

Farka's Lemma

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $C \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Then only one of the following

conditions are true:

- $$\left. \begin{aligned} (1) \quad Ax \leq 0, \quad C^T x > 0 \\ (2) \quad A^T y = C, \quad y \geq 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &\text{for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ &\text{for some } y \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{aligned}$$

Corollary of Farka's Lemma

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$. Then exactly one of the following conditions are true :-

- (1) $Ax < 0$ for some $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$ Not True
(2) $A^T y = 0, y \geq 0$ for some non zero $y \in \mathbb{R}^m \leftarrow$ True
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$$x^* \in X \text{ is local minima} \Rightarrow \{d \mid Ad < 0\} = \emptyset$$
$$= A^T y = 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_j \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad y \neq 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_i \text{ 's to be non zero.} \\ \lambda \geq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\lambda_0 \nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{j \in A(x^*)} \lambda_j \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

λ_0, λ_j 's are all non zero at the same time.

Regular point: $x^* \in X$ is said to be a regular point, if gradient vectors $\nabla h_j(x^*)$ are linearly independent.

$$x^* \in X \text{ is a regular point} \Rightarrow \lambda_0 \neq 0$$

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_j \bar{\lambda}_j \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_j = \frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda_0}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_j \geq 0 \quad j \in \underline{A(x^*)}$$
$$\bar{\lambda}_i = 0 \quad i \notin \underline{A(x^*)}$$

$$\sum_i \bar{\lambda}_i \nabla h_i(x^*) = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum \lambda_k \nabla h_k(x^*) = 0$$

$$k \in \{1, \dots, l\}$$

$$\lambda_k h_k(x^*) = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\lambda_k \geq 0$$

$$k \notin A(x^*) \therefore \lambda_k = 0$$

$$k \in A(x^*) \quad h_k = 0$$

$$k \notin A(x^*) \quad \lambda_k = 0$$

$$k \in A(x^*) \quad \lambda_k \geq 0$$

Karush - Kuhn - Tucker (KKT) Conditions

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t} & h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j \in \{1, \dots, l\} \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

$$X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid h_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j \in \{1, \dots, l\}\}$$

KKT necessary Conditions (First Order): If $x^* \in X$ is a

local minima and a regular point, then there exists a unique vector $\lambda^* = (\lambda_1^*, \lambda_2^*, \dots, \lambda_l^*)$ such that

$$\nabla f(x^*) + \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j^* \nabla h_j(x^*) = 0$$

$$\lambda_j^* h_j(x) = 0$$

$$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, l\}.$$

$$\lambda_j^* \geq 0$$

$$(x^*, \lambda^*) \rightarrow \text{KKT points}, \quad x^* \in X \quad \lambda^* \geq 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j h_j(x) \leftarrow \text{Lagrangian function}$$

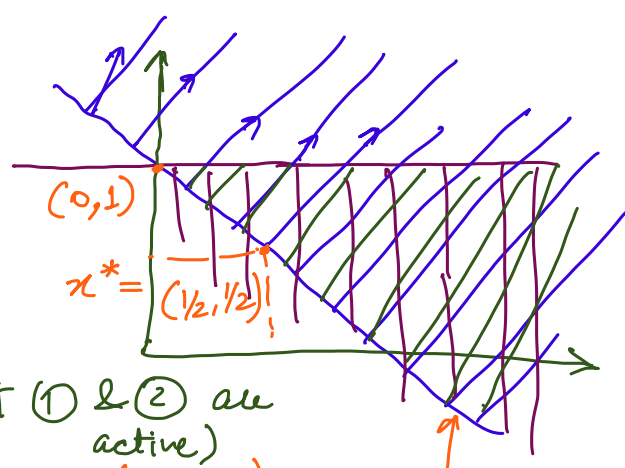
$$\nabla \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = 0 \quad ; \quad \lambda_j: \text{Lagrangian multiplier: } \lambda_j \geq 0;$$

$$\lambda_j^* h_j(x^*) = 0 \leftarrow \text{Complementary Slackness Condition.}$$

$$\lambda_j^* = 0 \quad \forall j \notin A(x^*)$$

Example

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1^2 + x_2^2 \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_1 + x_2 \geq 1 \quad - \textcircled{1} \leftarrow \\ & x_2 \leq 1 \quad - \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 \geq 0 \quad \lambda_2 \geq 0 \quad (\text{Const } \textcircled{1} \text{ \& } \textcircled{2} \text{ are active})$$

$$f(x, \lambda) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \lambda_1(1 - x_1 - x_2) + \lambda_2(x_2 - 1)$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - \lambda_1 + 0 \\ 2x_2 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0 \quad x_2 = 1$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2 \quad \times$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= ? \quad \lambda_1 \geq 0 \quad \lambda_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 &= 1 \quad \leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

(Const $\textcircled{1}$ is active)

$$f(x, \lambda) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \lambda_1(1 - x_1 - x_2) + 0$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - \lambda_1 \\ 2x_2 - \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2x_1$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \lambda_1/2$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{2} + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_1^* = 1} \geq 0$$

$$\boxed{x_1^* = x_2^* = 1/2}$$