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1. Introduction. The problem of determining necessary conditions and sufficient conditions for a relative minimum of a function $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ in the class of points $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ satisfying the equations $g_\alpha(x) = 0$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m$), where the functions f and g_α have continuous derivatives of at least the second order, has been satisfactorily treated [1]*. This paper proposes to take up the corresponding problem in the class of points x satisfying the inequalities

$$(1) \quad g_\alpha(x) \geq 0 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m),$$

where m may be less than, equal to, or greater than n .

We shall be interested in a minimizing point x^0 at which all the functions g_α vanish. The reason we limit our attention to this case is that if $f(x^0) = \text{minimum}$ and, say, $g_1(x^0) > 0$ then by continuity $g_1(x) \geq 0$ for all x sufficiently close to x^0 and hence the condition $g_1(x) \geq 0$ puts no restriction on the problem so far as the theory of relative minima is concerned. Henceforth in this paper whenever we state " $f(x^0)$ is a minimum" or " x^0 is a minimizing point" we assume that $g_\alpha(x^0) = 0$ for every α .

*Numbers in brackets refer to the list of references at the end of the paper.

We shall not limit ourselves to the case when f and g_α are of class C^n . In Sections 3 and 4 we consider the minimum problem under the assumption that the functions f and g_α are merely of class C^1 near a point $x = x^0$. However in Sections 5 and 6 we do restrict attention to the case when the functions are of class C^n . Section 2 will deal with some properties of linear inequalities.

We shall have occasion to use all the results in the first part of Bliss's paper [1] and for convenience we list them here. They are concerned with the problem of minimizing $f(x)$ in the class of points x satisfying equations

$$h_\alpha(x) = 0 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m < n),$$

and may be compared with the results obtained in this paper. One needs only continuous first derivatives for Theorem 1:1 and continuous second derivatives for the other theorems.

THEOREM 1:1. A first necessary condition for $f(x^0)$ to be a minimum is that there exist constants $\lambda_0, \lambda_\alpha$ not all zero such that the derivatives H_{x_1} of the function

$$H = \lambda_0 f + \lambda_\alpha h_\alpha$$

all vanish at x^0 .

LEMMA 1:1. If $\|h_\alpha x_1(x^0)\|$ has rank m , then for every set of constants η_1 ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) satisfying the equations

$$h_\alpha x_1(x^0) \eta_1 = 0$$

there exists a curve $x_1(t)$ having continuous second derivatives near $t = 0$, satisfying the equations $h_\alpha[x(t)] = 0$, and such that

$$x_1(0) = x_1^0, \quad x_1'(0) = \eta_1.$$

THEOREM 1:2. If $\|h_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ has rank m and $f(x^0)$ is a minimum then the condition

$$H_{x_1 x_k}(x^0) \gamma_1 \gamma_k \geq 0$$

must hold for every set γ_1 satisfying $h_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \gamma_1 = 0$, where $H = f + \lambda_{\alpha} h_{\alpha}$ is the function formed with the unique set of multipliers $\lambda_0 = 1$, λ_{α} belonging to x^0 .

Our final excerpt from Bliss's paper is a sufficiency theorem.

THEOREM 1:3. If a point x^0 has a set of multipliers $\lambda_0 = 1$, λ_{α} for which the function $H = f + \lambda_{\alpha} h_{\alpha}$ satisfies the conditions

$$H_{x_1}(x^0) = 0, \quad H_{x_1 x_k}(x^0) \gamma_1 \gamma_k > 0$$

for all sets γ_1 satisfying the equations

$$h_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \gamma_1 = 0,$$

then $f(x^0)$ is a minimum.

2. Preliminary theorems on linear inequalities. To introduce the important theorem which is about to follow we consider the system of linear inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &\equiv A_{11}u_1 + A_{12}u_2 + \dots + A_{1n}u_n \geq 0 \\ (2) \quad L_2 &\equiv A_{21}u_1 + A_{22}u_2 + \dots + A_{2n}u_n \geq 0 \\ &\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ L_m &\equiv A_{m1}u_1 + A_{m2}u_2 + \dots + A_{mn}u_n \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

in which the A 's are real constants. If for every solution u of (2) the inequality

$$(2') \quad \Phi \equiv A_1 u_1 + A_2 u_2 + \dots + A_n u_n \geq 0$$

is satisfied, then the inequality (2') is called a consequence of the system of inequalities (2). Farkas, in his paper [4], proved the following theorem. (See also Corollary 1, p. 47 of Dines and McCoy [3]).

THEOREM 2:1. If (2') is a consequence of (2) then there exist non-negative constants C_α such that

$$\Phi \equiv C_1 L_1 + C_2 L_2 + \dots + C_m L_m.$$

The solution $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ will be called a trivial solution of (2). We note that the theorem does not assume that there necessarily exists a non-trivial solution of (2).

We make an inductive proof. If $n = 1$ the conclusion is readily verified. We suppose the theorem true for $n-1$ variables u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1} and make the proof for n variables. If $\Phi \equiv 0$ then the conclusion is obvious. Hence we assume some A_1 is different from zero and, for convenience, let $A_n \neq 0$. Solving $\Phi = A_1 u_1 + A_2 u_2 + \dots + A_n u_n$ for u_n we obtain $u_n = \frac{\Phi}{A_n} - \frac{1}{A_n} [A_1 u_1 + \dots + A_{n-1} u_{n-1}]$ which we substitute in L_1 . The result is

$$(3) \quad L_1 \equiv A_{11} u_1 + \dots + A_{1n-1} u_{n-1} + \frac{A_{1n}}{A_n} \Phi - \frac{A_{1n}}{A_n} [A_1 u_1 + \dots + A_{n-1} u_{n-1}] \geq 0.$$

If the coefficient of Φ is different from zero divide both sides of (3) by $|\frac{A_{1n}}{A_n}|$ and obtain an inequality $\bar{L}_1 \geq 0$ in which the coefficient of Φ is ± 1 . Since \bar{L}_1 is a positive multiple of L_1 we can replace the latter by \bar{L}_1 in (2). This we do and, to simplify notation, drop the bar over L_1 . With this understanding the system (2) can be rewritten as

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{i_1} &\equiv \Phi + P_1 \geq 0, & L_{i_2} &\equiv \Phi + P_2 \geq 0, & \dots, & L_{i_r} &\equiv \Phi + P_r \geq 0, \\ L_{j_1} &\equiv -\Phi + N_1 \geq 0, & L_{j_2} &\equiv -\Phi + N_2 \geq 0, & \dots, & L_{j_s} &\equiv -\Phi + N_s \geq 0, \\ L_{k_1} &\equiv Z_1 \geq 0, & L_{k_2} &\equiv Z_2 \geq 0, & \dots, & L_{k_t} &\equiv Z_t \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $r + s + t = m$ and the $P_1, P_2, \dots, N_1, N_2, \dots, Z_1, Z_2, \dots$ are linear forms in u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1} . If we consider (4) as a system of inequalities with independent variables $u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, \Phi$ then from the fact that (2') is a consequence of (2) it follows that

$$(4') \quad \Phi \geq 0$$

is a consequence of (4).

There is at least one linear form in $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}, \Phi)$ of the type displayed in the first line of (4). For, if this were not the case then $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}, \Phi) = (0, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$ would be a solution of (4) in contradiction to (4'). We may also assume that no one of the P 's is identically zero, since if for example $P_1 \equiv 0$ then $\Phi \equiv L_{11}$ and the conclusion would hold. By adding each inequality in the first line of (4) to each inequality in the second line we obtain

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{ll} L_{11} \equiv \Phi + P_1 \geq 0, \dots, & L_{1r} \equiv \Phi + P_r \geq 0 \\ L_{11} + L_{j1} \equiv P_1 + N_1 \geq 0, \dots, & L_{11} + L_{js} \equiv P_1 + N_s \geq 0 \\ L_{12} + L_{j1} \equiv P_2 + N_1 \geq 0, \dots, & L_{12} + L_{js} \equiv P_2 + N_s \geq 0 \\ \dots & \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ L_{1r} + L_{j1} \equiv P_r + N_1 \geq 0, \dots, & L_{1r} + L_{js} \equiv P_r + N_s \geq 0 \\ L_{k1} \equiv Z_1 \geq 0, \dots, & L_{kt} \equiv Z_t \geq 0. \end{array}$$

For each solution $(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, \Phi)$ of (5) we must have

$$(5') \quad \Phi \geq 0.$$

For, let there be a solution with $\Phi < 0$. Then every P is positive and we may suppose, for convenience, that $P_1 > 0$ is the smallest P . Putting $\Phi = -P_1$ we still have a solution of (5). But by

substituting $P_1 = -\bar{\varphi}$ in the second line of (5) we see that the latter solution is also a solution of (4), which is impossible by (4'). Hence (5') is a consequence of (5).

We now consider the system of inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P_1 \geq 0, \quad \dots, \quad P_r \geq 0 \\
 & P_1 + N_1 \geq 0, \quad \dots, \quad P_1 + N_s \geq 0 \\
 (6) \quad & \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
 & P_r + N_1 \geq 0, \quad \dots, \quad P_r + N_s \geq 0 \\
 & Z_1 \geq 0, \quad \dots, \quad Z_t \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the assumption made above that no P is identically zero we see that the system (6) contains at least one form which is not identically zero. If (6) has a non-trivial solution then some P must vanish for every solution. For, if this were not the case then for every P_1 there would be a solution $u_1^{(1)}, \dots, u_{n-1}^{(1)}$ of (6) for which $P_1 > 0$. The solution $(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}) = (u_1^{(1)} + u_1^{(2)} + \dots, \dots, u_{n-1}^{(1)} + u_{n-1}^{(2)} + \dots)$ makes $P_1 > 0$ for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$. From this we deduce that (5) has a solution with $\bar{\varphi} < 0$, which is a contradiction of the fact that (5') is a consequence of (5). Hence we may suppose that $P_1 = 0$ for every solution of (6). It follows that

$$(6') \quad -P_1 \geq 0$$

is a consequence of (6). In the case that (6) has no non-trivial solution then (6') is still a consequence of (6). By our induction assumption there exist non-negative constants a, b, c such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 -P_1 = & a_1 P_1 + \dots + a_r P_r + c_1 Z_1 + \dots + c_t Z_t \\
 & + b_{11}(P_1 + N_1) + b_{12}(P_1 + N_2) + \dots + b_{1s}(P_1 + N_s) \\
 & \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
 & + b_{r1}(P_r + N_1) + b_{r2}(P_r + N_2) + \dots + b_{rs}(P_r + N_s).
 \end{aligned}$$

Employing the identities in (5) we find

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + a_1 + \dots + a_r)\Phi \equiv & (1 + a_1)L_{1_1} + \dots + a_r L_r + c_1 L_{k_1} + \dots + c_t L_{k_t} \\ & + b_{1_1}(L_{1_1} + L_{j_1}) + b_{1_2}(L_{1_1} + L_{j_2}) + \dots + b_{1_s}(L_{1_1} + L_{j_s}) \\ & + b_{r_1}(L_{1_r} + L_{j_1}) + \dots + b_{r_s}(L_{1_r} + L_{j_s}), \end{aligned}$$

which proves the theorem.

We define $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ as a solution of the system

$$(7) \quad A_{\alpha_1} u_1 > 0$$

in case $A_{\alpha_1} u_1 \geq 0$ is satisfied with the strict inequality holding for at least one value of α . A set of numbers will be called positive definite in case every number of the set is positive.

LEMMA 2:1. A necessary and sufficient condition that (7) admit no solution u is that the system of equalities

$$(8) \quad A_{\alpha_1} \bar{v}_{\alpha} = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

admit a positive definite solution $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)$.

This is Theorem 12 of Dines and McCoy [3]. We employ this lemma to obtain the following modification of Theorem 2:1.

THEOREM 2:2. If for every non-trivial solution u of (2) it is true that $\Phi \equiv A_1 u_1 > 0$ then there exist constants $C_{\alpha} > 0$ such that

$$\Phi \equiv C_1 L_1 + C_2 L_2 + \dots + C_m L_m.$$

If the matrix $\|A_{\alpha_1}\|$ has rank n then the converse is also true.

To prove the first part of the theorem we note that the system of inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
&A_{11}u_1 + A_{12}u_2 + \dots + A_{1n}u_n > '0 \\
&\dots \qquad \dots \qquad \dots \\
&A_{m1}u_1 + A_{m2}u_2 + \dots + A_{mn}u_n > '0 \\
&- A_1u_1 - A_2u_2 - \dots - A_nu_n > '0
\end{aligned}$$

has no solution u . We use Lemma 2:1 with (7) replaced by this system and obtain positive constants C_α such that

$$C_\alpha A_{\alpha 1} - A_1 = 0 \qquad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

as desired. If $\|A_{\alpha 1}\|$ has rank n then every non-trivial solution u of $A_{\alpha 1}u_1 \geq 0$ is also a solution of $A_{\alpha 1}u_1 > '0$. Hence $\phi \equiv C_\alpha L_\alpha > 0$.

For simplicity we use the letter U to denote the class of all non-trivial solutions u of (2).

THEOREM 2:3. The statements:

- (i) there exists a \bar{u} satisfying $A_{\alpha 1}\bar{u}_1 > 0$
for every α ,
- (ii) U is n -dimensional,
- (iii) U is not null and no linear form $A_{\alpha 1}u_1$
vanishes for all u belonging to U ,

are all equivalent.

The first statement (i) implies (ii) for, by continuity, there is an n -dimensional neighborhood of \bar{u} which belongs to U . The statement (iii) follows from (ii) since if we suppose, for example, that $A_{11}u_1 = 0$ for all u belonging to U then obviously U could not contain n linearly independent vectors u and hence could not be n -dimensional. To prove (iii) implies (i) we notice that there are solutions $u^{(1)}, u^{(2)}, \dots, u^{(m)}$ of (2) such that

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{11}u_1^{(1)} &> 0 \\
A_{21}u_1^{(2)} &> 0 \\
&\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
A_{m1}u_1^{(m)} &> 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we need only set $\bar{u}_1 = u_1^{(1)} + u_1^{(2)} + \dots + u_1^{(m)}$.

For the next theorem we need to introduce the notion of I-rank of a matrix, an integral valued function of a matrix analogous to ordinary rank. But first some preliminary remarks are necessary. Suppose

$$m = \begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{vmatrix}$$

is an $m \times n$ matrix whose elements A_{ij} are all real. The matrix m is said to be I-definite with respect to a given column in case the elements of that column are all positive, or are all negative; m will be called I-definite in case it contains at least one column with respect to which it is I-definite.

If m is not I-definite with respect to the q th column we divide the elements of that column into 3 classes,

r positive elements : A_{iq} ($i = i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r$),

s negative elements : A_{jq} ($j = j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s$),

t zero elements : A_{kq} ($k = k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t$).

From m we derive the matrix $m_1^{(q)}$ as follows:

To each pair of elements A_{iq} , A_{jq} , the first positive and the second negative, corresponds one row of $m_1^{(q)}$ given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} A_{1q} & A_{11} \\ A_{jq} & A_{j1} \end{vmatrix}, \dots \begin{vmatrix} A_{1q} & A_{1q-1} \\ A_{jq} & A_{jq-1} \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} A_{1q} & A_{1q+1} \\ A_{jq} & A_{jq+1} \end{vmatrix}, \dots \begin{vmatrix} A_{1q} & A_{1n} \\ A_{jq} & A_{jn} \end{vmatrix}.$$

To each zero element A_{kq} corresponds the row

$$A_{k1}, A_{k2}, \dots, A_{kq-1}, A_{kq+1}, \dots, A_{kn}.$$

The matrix $m_1^{(q)}$ will consist of the rows so formed, the number of rows being $rs + t$. The order of the rows shall be fixed by the rule: (1) each row corresponding to a pair A_{1q}, A_{jq} shall precede every A_{kq} row; (2) of two A_{1q}, A_{jq} rows that one shall precede which has the smaller i or (in case the i 's are equal) that one which has the smaller j ; (3) of two A_{kq} rows that one shall precede which has the smaller k .

Thus $m_1^{(q)}$ is well-defined if m is not I-definite with respect to its q th column. If m is I-definite with respect to its q th column we define $m_1^{(q)}$ as the matrix of 1 row and $(n-1)$ columns all of whose elements are $+1$ or -1 according as the elements of the q th column of m are all positive or all negative. The matrix $m_1^{(q)}$ will be called the I-complement of the q th column of m , and the set \mathcal{G}_1 of matrices $m_1^{(1)}, m_1^{(2)}, \dots, m_1^{(n)}$ will be called the I-minors of $(n-1)$ columns of the matrix m . We notice that if a matrix is I-definite then all its I-complements are likewise I-definite.

Now we form the I-complements for each matrix $m_1^{(q)}$, and call the set \mathcal{G}_2 of all such I-complements the I-minors of $(n-2)$ columns of m . Continuing this process we obtain a finite sequence of sets $\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2, \dots, \mathcal{G}_{n-1}$ where each matrix in \mathcal{G}_p is an I-minor of $n-p$ columns of m . If we define m as its own I-minor of n columns then $\mathcal{G}_0 \equiv m$ and the set $\mathcal{G}_0 + \mathcal{G}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{G}_{n-1}$ of matrices constitute all the I-minors of m .

We are ready to make the definition: A matrix will be said to be of I-rank h if it possesses at least one I-minor of h columns which is I-definite, but does not possess any I-minor of $h+1$ columns which is I-definite. If none of its I-minors are I-definite then it will be said to be of I-rank 0 .

In his paper [2] Dines proves the following theorem, the proof of which we shall omit.

THEOREM 2:4. A necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a solution $\bar{u} = (\bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_n)$ of

$$A_{11}u_1 + A_{12}u_2 + \dots + A_{1n}u_n > 0$$

$$\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots$$

$$A_{m1}u_1 + A_{m2}u_2 + \dots + A_{mn}u_n > 0$$

is that the I-rank of $\|A_{\alpha j}\|$ be greater than zero.

3. Necessary conditions involving only first derivatives.

We make some preliminary definitions. A solution $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ of

$$g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \lambda_1 \geq 0 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m),$$

will be called an admissible direction if λ is not the zero vector.

A regular arc $x_1(t)$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n; 0 \leq t \leq t_0$), will be called admissible in case $g_{\alpha}[x(t)] \geq 0$ for every α and t . A point x^0 is a normal point in case the matrix

$$\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$$

has rank m .

THEOREM 3:1. If $f(x^0)$ is a minimum then there exist multipliers $\lambda_0, \lambda_{\alpha}$ not all zero such that the derivatives F_{x_1} of the function

$$F(x) = \lambda_0 f(x) + \lambda_\alpha g_\alpha(x)$$

all vanish at x^0 .

In the class of points $(x, z) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, z_1, \dots, z_m)$ satisfying $h_\alpha(x, z) = g_\alpha(x) - z_\alpha^2 = 0$ the point $(x, z) = (x^0, 0)$ is a minimizing point for f . Hence, by Theorem 1:1, there exist constants $\lambda_0, \lambda_\alpha$ not all zero such that the function $H(x, z) = \lambda_0 f + \lambda_\alpha h_\alpha = \lambda_0 f + \lambda_\alpha g_\alpha - \lambda_\alpha z_\alpha^2$ has $H_{x_1}(x^0, 0) = 0$. It follows that $F(x) = \lambda_0 f + \lambda_\alpha g_\alpha$ has $F_{x_1}(x^0) = 0$.

We note that if $m < n$ the above proof of Theorem 3:1 is unnecessary. For, if x^0 is a minimizing point in the class of points satisfying $g_\alpha(x) \geq 0$ it certainly is a minimizing point in the class satisfying $g_\alpha(x) = 0$, and Theorem 1:1 can be applied directly.

If x^0 is a minimizing point for f which is normal then the multiplier λ_0 is not zero and can be given the value one by dividing each number of the set $\lambda_0, \lambda_\alpha$ by λ_0 and obtaining a new set $\lambda_0 = 1, \lambda_\alpha$ which satisfies the conclusion of the theorem. Assume, then, that x^0 is a normal minimizing point and $\lambda_0 = 1$. If we suppose, for the moment, that the functions f and g_α have continuous second derivatives then by employing the necessary condition on the second derivatives of $H(x, z)$ at the minimizing point $(x, z) = (x^0, 0)$ of f as given in Theorem 1:2 we can easily show that $\lambda_\alpha \leq 0$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m$). For, by the theorem just referred to, the quadratic form

$$\sum_i \sum_k H_{x_i x_k}(x^0, 0) + 2 \sum_i \sum_\alpha H_{x_i z_\alpha}(x^0, 0) + \sum_\alpha \sum_\beta H_{z_\alpha z_\beta}(x^0, 0) =$$

$$\sum_i \sum_k F_{x_i x_k}(x^0) - 2 \sum_\alpha \lambda_\alpha$$

must be non-negative for all sets $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_m$ for which $\gamma_1 g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) = 0$ and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_m$ is arbitrary. Setting every γ and γ except γ_α equal to zero and substituting in the quadratic form we find that $\lambda_\alpha \leq 0$.

However, in this section we shall make proofs of the non-positive character of the multipliers λ_α which do not involve second derivatives, and the case when the minimizing point is normal will appear as a special instance (see the proof of the corollary to Theorem 5:1).

We use Theorem 2:1 to obtain the following necessary condition.

THEOREM 3:2. Suppose that for each admissible direction λ there is an admissible arc issuing from x^0 in the direction λ . Then a first necessary condition for $f(x^0)$ to be a minimum is that there exist multipliers $\lambda_\alpha \leq 0$ such that the derivatives F_{x_1} of the function

$$F = f + \lambda_\alpha g_\alpha$$

all vanish at x^0 .

By a curve $x_1(t)$ ($0 \leq t \leq t_0$), "issuing from x^0 in the direction λ " we mean, of course, that $x_1(0) = x_1^0$ and $x_1'(0) = \lambda_1$. Consider an admissible direction λ and the corresponding admissible curve $x_1(t)$ given in the hypothesis. Let $F(t) = f[x(t)]$. Since $F(0) \leq F(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq t_0$, it follows that $F'(0) \geq 0$. But $F'(0) = f_{x_1}(x^0) \lambda_1$. Hence $f_{x_1}(x^0) \lambda_1 \geq 0$. Then $f_{x_1}(x^0) u_1 \geq 0$ is a consequence of $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) u_1 \geq 0$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m$), and by Theorem 2:1 there exist multipliers $\lambda_\alpha \leq 0$ such that $f_{x_1}(x^0) u_1 + \lambda_\alpha g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) u_1 = 0$. Thus $f_{x_1} + \lambda_\alpha g_{\alpha x_1} = 0$ for every 1, and the theorem is proved.

The condition that there exist multipliers $\lambda_\alpha \leq 0$ satisfying the conclusion of Theorem 3:2 will be referred to as "the first necessary condition". For brevity, the property that for each admissible direction λ there is an admissible arc issuing from x^0 in the direction λ will be called property Q.

One would naturally like to know what the probability is, roughly, that the functions $g_\alpha(x)$ will satisfy property Q, as well as some conditions on the functions g_α which will ensure the satisfaction of Q. In order to partially answer these questions we shall briefly discuss one geometric interpretation of an admissible direction.

The tangent planes to the surfaces $g_\alpha(x) = 0$ at their common point of intersection x^0 are given by

$$T_\alpha(x) \equiv g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)(x_1 - x_1^0) = 0 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m).$$

The straight line issuing from x^0 in the admissible direction λ is

$$(9) \quad S: x_1(t) = \lambda_1 t + x_1^0 \quad (0 \leq t \leq t_0; 1 = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

Substituting the equations of S in $T_\alpha(x)$ we obtain $T_\alpha[x(t)] \geq 0$. We conclude that the line S lies in the set of points x near x^0 satisfying $T_\alpha(x) \geq 0$; and since the latter set, in a sense, approximates the set of points x near x^0 satisfying $g_\alpha(x) \geq 0$, if the functions g_α are regular enough, it seems that the satisfaction of property Q is not a great restriction on the functions g_α . In fact, the following corollary states a condition on g_α which makes the line S an admissible arc.

COROLLARY. Suppose that for every admissible direction λ it is true that $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \lambda_1 = 0$ implies that $g_{\alpha x_1 x_k}(x^0) \lambda_1 \lambda_k > 0$.

Then if $f(x^0)$ = minimum the first necessary condition is satisfied.

Consider any admissible direction λ and the corresponding line S given in (9). Define $\bar{g}_\alpha(t) = g_\alpha[x(t)]$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m$; $0 \leq t \leq t_0$). We have $d\bar{g}_\alpha(t)/dt = g_{\alpha x_1}[x(t)]x_1'(t) = g_{\alpha x_1}[x(t)]\lambda_1$. Hence

$$\frac{d\bar{g}_\alpha(0)}{dt} = g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\lambda_1 \geq 0.$$

If $d\bar{g}_\alpha(0)/dt > 0$ then $\bar{g}_\alpha(t)$ is monotonically increasing near $t = 0$ and $\bar{g}_\alpha(t) = g_\alpha[x(t)] \geq g_\alpha(x^0) = 0$. Hence S lies in the set of points x satisfying $g_\alpha(x) \geq 0$. If $d\bar{g}_\alpha(0)/dt = 0$ then $d^2\bar{g}_\alpha(t)/dt^2 = g_{\alpha x_1 x_k}[x(t)]\lambda_1\lambda_k$ and by hypothesis

$$\frac{d^2\bar{g}_\alpha(0)}{dt^2} = g_{\alpha x_1 x_k}(x^0)\lambda_1\lambda_k > 0.$$

Therefore $\bar{g}_\alpha(t)$ is monotonically increasing and, as before, satisfies $g_\alpha[x(t)] \geq 0$. We have shown that with S the hypotheses of Theorem 3:2 are satisfied, and the conclusion follows.

In Theorem 3:3 we obtain the same necessary condition that Theorem 3:2 yielded but under a different hypothesis.

THEOREM 3:3. Suppose there exists an admissible direction $\bar{\lambda}$ for which $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\bar{\lambda}_1 > 0$ for every α . Then if $f(x^0)$ = minimum the first necessary condition is satisfied.

First we prove that if λ is such that $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\lambda_1 > 0$ for every α then $f_{x_1}(x^0)\lambda_1 \geq 0$. Let g represent any one of the g_α and define, as before,

$$\bar{g}(t) = g[x(t)], \quad \bar{f}(t) = f[x(t)],$$

where $x(t)$ represents the equations of the line S in (9). Since $d\bar{g}(0)/dt = g_{x_1}(x^0)\lambda_1 > 0$, $\bar{g}(t)$ is monotonically increasing, $g[x(t)] \geq g(x^0) = 0$, and S is an admissible arc. Thus $\bar{f}(0) \leq \bar{f}(t)$,

and consequently

$$\frac{d\bar{f}(0)}{dt} = f_{x_1}(x^0) \lambda_1 \geq 0.$$

Now suppose μ_1 is an admissible direction. We define a family of directions

$$v_1(s) = \bar{\lambda}_1 + s(\mu_1 - \bar{\lambda}_1) \quad (0 \leq s \leq 1),$$

where $\bar{\lambda}$ is given in the hypothesis of the theorem. Rewriting $v_1(s) = (1-s)\bar{\lambda}_1 + s\mu_1$, it is clear that $g_{x_1}(x^0) v_1(s) > 0$ for $0 \leq s < 1$. From the first part of the proof,

$$f_{x_1}(x^0) v_1(s) \geq 0 \quad (0 \leq s < 1),$$

so that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1} f_{x_1}(x^0) v_1(s) = f_{x_1}(x^0) \mu_1 \geq 0.$$

Hence the inequality $f_{x_1}(x^0) u_1 \geq 0$ is a consequence of $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) u_1 \geq 0$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m$), and the theorem follows from Theorem 2:1.

Suppose $m = n$ and the determinant of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ is different from zero. For this case we can write the first necessary condition in an entirely equivalent form as follows.

COROLLARY. Suppose $m = n$ and determinant $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\| \neq 0$. Then a necessary condition for $f(x^0)$ to be a minimum is that

$$f_{x_1}(x^0) G_{1\alpha} \geq 0 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

where $\|G_{1\alpha}\|$ is the inverse matrix of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$.

The system of equations

$$g_{1x_1}(x^0)u_1 = 1$$

$$\dots \dots$$

$$g_{nx_1}(x^0)u_1 = 1$$

has a solution $u = \bar{\lambda}$ since determinant $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\| \neq 0$. Thus

$$g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\bar{\lambda}_1 > 0,$$

and we can apply Theorem 3:3 to obtain the first necessary condition; that is, there exist multipliers $\gamma_\alpha \leq 0$ such that

$$f_{x_1}(x^0) = -\gamma_\alpha g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0).$$

Multiplying both sides of the last equation by $G_{1\beta}$ and summing with respect to the index 1, we obtain

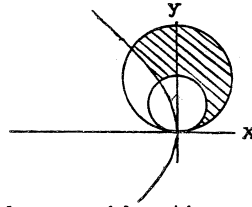
$$f_{x_1}(x^0)G_{1\beta} = -\gamma_\beta \geq 0,$$

as desired.

The problem of determining necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of an admissible direction $\bar{\lambda}$ satisfying $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\bar{\lambda}_1 > 0$ naturally arises in the consideration of Theorem 3:3. The question is answered by Theorems 2:3 and 2:4. In particular, the latter theorem provides a useful method for determining in a finite number of steps whether or not such an admissible vector $\bar{\lambda}$ does exist.

It is easy to give an example in which the functions g_α satisfy neither the hypothesis of the corollary to Theorem 3:2 nor the hypothesis of Theorem 3:3, but in which the hypothesis of Theorem 3:2 is satisfied. Let

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(x,y) &= x^2 + (y-1)^2 - 1 \geq 0 \\ g_2(x,y) &= 4 - [x^2 + (y-2)^2] \geq 0 \\ g_3(x,y) &= y^2 + x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



determine the class of points (x,y) under consideration. At $(0,0)$ we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} g_{1x} & g_{1y} \\ g_{2x} & g_{2y} \\ g_{3x} & g_{3y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

The only admissible direction is $(a,0)$ with $a > 0$. There is no solution of $g_{\alpha x}(0,0)\bar{\lambda}_1 + g_{\alpha y}(0,0)\bar{\lambda}_2 > 0$ for all α . Also $g_{2xx}(0,0)a^2 < 0$ so that the hypothesis of the corollary to Theorem 3:2 is not satisfied. However, it is obvious that there is an admissible arc issuing from $(0,0)$ in the direction $(a,0)$.

4. Sufficient conditions involving only first derivatives.

By a proper strengthening of the first necessary condition we can obtain a sufficiency theorem without resorting to second derivatives.

THEOREM 4:1. Suppose $m \geq n$ and $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ has maximum rank n . If x^0 is a point satisfying $g_{\alpha}(x^0) = 0$ for which there exist multipliers $\lambda_{\alpha} < 0$ such that $F = f + \lambda_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}$ has $F_{x_1}(x^0) = 0$, then $f(x^0)$ is a minimum.

By Taylor's expansion formula,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) - f(x^0) &= f_{x_1}(x^0)\eta_1 \\ 0 \leq g_{\alpha}(x) &= g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\eta_1 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m), \end{aligned}$$

for x near x^0 and x satisfying $g_{\alpha}(x) \geq 0$, where $\eta_1 = x_1 - x_1^0$, $x_{\alpha 1}^1 = x_1^0 + \theta_{\alpha}(x_1^1 - x_1^0)$. By hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) \quad & c_1 g_{1x_1}(x^0) + c_2 g_{2x_1}(x^0) + \dots + c_m g_{mx_1}(x^0) = f_{x_1}(x^0) \\
 & \dots \qquad \qquad \qquad \dots \qquad \qquad \dots \\
 & c_1 g_{1x_n}(x^0) + c_2 g_{2x_n}(x^0) + \dots + c_m g_{mx_n}(x^0) = f_{x_n}(x^0)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $c_\alpha = -\gamma_\alpha > 0$. For convenience suppose

$$\begin{vmatrix} g_{1x_1}(x^0) & \dots & g_{nx_1}(x^0) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ g_{1x_n}(x^0) & \dots & g_{nx_n}(x^0) \end{vmatrix} \neq 0.$$

We fix c_{n+1}, \dots, c_m in (10) and solve for c_1, \dots, c_n as continuous functions of the coefficients $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)$ and $f_{x_1}(x^0)$. Hence for $A_{\alpha 1}$ sufficiently close to $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)$ and A_1 sufficiently close to $f_{x_1}(x^0)$ there exists a unique solution $\bar{c}_1 > 0, \bar{c}_2 > 0, \dots, \bar{c}_m > 0$ of

$$\bar{c}_\alpha A_{\alpha 1} = A_1 \qquad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

Hence for x sufficiently close to x^0 there exist constants $\bar{c}_1 > 0, \dots, \bar{c}_m > 0$ such that

$$\bar{c}_\alpha g_{\alpha x_1}(x_\alpha^i) = f_{x_1}(x^i),$$

$$f(x) - f(x^0) = f_{x_1}(x^i) \gamma_1 = \bar{c}_\alpha g_{\alpha x_1}(x_\alpha^i) \gamma_1 \geq 0,$$

and $f(x^0)$ is a minimum.

We have a sufficiency theorem corresponding to the necessary condition in the corollary to Theorem 3:3.

COROLLARY. Suppose $m = n$ and determinant $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\| \neq 0$. We let $\|G_{1\alpha}\|$ be the inverse matrix of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}\|$. If x^0 is a point satisfying $g_\alpha(x^0) = 0$ such that

$$f_{x_1}(x^0) G_{1\alpha} > 0 \qquad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

then $f(x^0)$ is a minimum.

We define $\lambda_\alpha < 0$ by the equation

$$f_{x_1}(x^0)g_{1\alpha} = -\lambda_\alpha.$$

Multiplying both sides by $g_{\alpha x_j}(x^0)$ and summing with respect to the index α , we obtain

$$f_{x_j}(x^0) = -\lambda_\alpha g_{\alpha x_j}(x^0),$$

and the conclusion follows from Theorem 4:1.

The following sufficiency theorem is entirely equivalent to Theorem 4:1.

THEOREM 4:2. Suppose $m \geq n$ and $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ has rank n . If x^0 is a point satisfying $g_\alpha(x^0) = 0$ such that $f_{x_1}(x^0)\lambda_1 > 0$ for every admissible direction λ , then $f(x^0)$ is a minimum.

This result follows at once from Theorem 2:2 and Theorem 4:1.

5. A necessary condition involving second derivatives.

Suppose $f(x^0)$ is a minimum, $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ has rank r , and for convenience the first r row vectors are linearly independent. We also suppose that there exist multipliers λ_α such that $F = f + \lambda_\alpha g_\alpha$ has $F_{x_1}(x^0) = 0$, that is,

$$f_{x_1}(x^0) + \lambda_\alpha g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

Since all the row vectors are linear combinations of the first r we may suppose $\lambda_{r+1} = 0, \dots, \lambda_m = 0$. In this form the multipliers λ_α are unique for, if λ'_α is any other set with $\lambda'_{r+1} = 0, \dots, \lambda'_m = 0$ then $\sum_{\alpha=1}^r (\lambda'_\alpha - \lambda_\alpha) g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) = 0$ and hence $\lambda'_\alpha = \lambda_\alpha$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, r$).

If the hypotheses of Theorem 3:3 are satisfied and $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ has rank $r = 1$ or 2 we can show that there are respectively one or two linearly independent rows whose unique multipliers are non-positive. It is obviously sufficient to prove the following proposition: If there exists an admissible direction $\bar{\lambda}$ satisfying $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\bar{\lambda}_1 > 0$, every row of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ is a linear combination with non-negative coefficients of some r linearly independent rows ($r = 1$ or 2). If $r=1$ the proof is obvious. If $r = 2$ we make an inductive proof. The case $m = 2$ is clear. We assume the proposition for $m-1$ and make the proof for m . By our induction assumption we may suppose that the first two rows of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ are linearly independent and every other row, except possibly the last, is a linear combination with non-negative coefficients of these two. For the last row we have

$$ag_{1x_1} + bg_{2x_1} + cg_{mx_1} = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

with $(a, b, c) \neq (0, 0, 0)$. Hence $ag_{1x_1}\bar{\lambda}_1 + bg_{2x_1}\bar{\lambda}_1 + cg_{mx_1}\bar{\lambda}_1 = 0$. The numbers a, b, c cannot all be of the same sign. For, if they were then the last expression would be different from zero since $g_{\alpha x_1}\bar{\lambda}_1 > 0$. Hence one of the three vectors is a linear combination with non-negative coefficients of the other two, and it follows that every row vector is a linear combination with non-negative coefficients of the same two.

That one cannot hope to extend the above proposition to the case when $r \geq 3$ is shown by the following example. Let

$$\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

The system of inequalities

$$g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \lambda_1 > 0$$

has a solution $(\bar{\lambda}_1, \bar{\lambda}_2, \bar{\lambda}_3, \bar{\lambda}_4) = (1, 1, 1, 1)$. If we take the linear combination of the rows with respective coefficients $-1, -1, +1, +1$ we obtain the zero vector. Since the rank of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ is three any solution v of $g_{\alpha x_1} v_{\alpha} = 0$ is given by $v = k(-1, -1, +1, +1)$. Hence no row can be a linear combination with positive coefficients of the other three rows.

The next theorem gives a necessary condition involving the second derivatives of the functions f and g_{α} .

THEOREM 5:1. Suppose $f(x^0)$ is a minimum and there exist multipliers λ_{α} such that $\bar{F} = f + \lambda_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}$ has $\bar{F}_{x_1}(x^0) = 0$. Suppose, further, that $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ has rank $r < n$ with the first r rows linearly independent. Then for every admissible direction η satisfying $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \eta_1 = 0$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m$), such that there is an admissible arc $x(t)$ of class C^n issuing from x^0 in the direction η and satisfying $g_{\alpha}[x(t)] = 0$ for $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, r$, it is true that

$$F_{x_1 x_k}(x^0) \eta_1 \eta_k \geq 0,$$

where F is formed with the unique set of multipliers λ_{α} belonging to the first r rows of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$.

We notice that for any particular η satisfying $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \eta_1 = 0$ the selection of the r linearly independent rows that shall satisfy with η the hypotheses of the theorem, depends upon η . In the statement of the theorem we have taken an η and renumbered the functions g_{α} so that the r linearly independent rows going with η are the first r rows.

We have $g_{\alpha}[x(t)] \equiv 0$ and hence $g_{\alpha x_1} x_1'(t) \equiv 0$ for $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, r$. Let $\bar{F}(t) = f[x(t)]$. Then

$$\bar{F}'(t) = f_{x_1}[x(t)]x_1'(t) = (f_{x_1} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \lambda'_{\alpha} g_{\alpha x_1})x_1'(t) = F_{x_1}[x(t)]x_1'(t),$$

$$\bar{F}'(0) = F_{x_1}[x^0]\eta_1 = 0.$$

but since $f(x^0)$ is a minimum $\bar{F}(0) \leq \bar{F}(t)$, $\bar{F}''(0) = F_{x_1 x_k}[x^0]\eta_1 \eta_k \geq 0$, and the theorem is proved.

Theorem 5:1 can be applied in the particular case when x^0 is a normal point.

COROLLARY. Suppose x^0 is a normal point. Then necessary conditions for $f(x^0)$ to be a minimum are that the first necessary condition be satisfied and that

$$F_{x_1 x_k}(x^0)\eta_1 \eta_k \geq 0$$

is satisfied for every admissible direction η satisfying

$$g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\eta_1 = 0 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m).$$

The first necessary condition is easily proved by means of Theorem 3:3. For, since the rank of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}\|$ is m there exists a solution $\bar{\lambda}$ of $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\bar{\lambda}_1 = 1$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m$), and hence a solution of $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\bar{\lambda}_1 > 0$.

If the rank of $\|g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\|$ is $m = n$ then the second necessary condition in the corollary is vacuously satisfied since a η exists for which $g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0)\eta_1 = 0$. If $m < n$ the second necessary condition follows if we notice that Lemma 1:1 enables us to satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 5:1.

6. A sufficiency theorem involving second derivatives. Corresponding to Theorem 1:3 we have the following sufficiency theorem.

THEOREM 6:1. If a point x^0 satisfying $g_\alpha(x^0) = 0$ has a set of multipliers $\lambda_\alpha < 0$ for which the function $F = f + \lambda_\alpha g_\alpha$ satisfies

$$F_{x_1}(x^0) = 0, \quad F_{x_1 x_k}(x^0) \eta_1 \eta_k > 0$$

or all admissible directions η satisfying

$$g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \eta_1 = 0,$$

then $f(x^0)$ is a minimum.

The proof consists of verifying that the hypotheses of theorem 1:3 are satisfied for the problem of showing that $(x, z) = (x^0, 0)$ is a minimizing point for f in the class of points $(x, z) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, z_1, \dots, z_m)$ satisfying

$$h_\alpha(x, z) = g_\alpha(x) - z_\alpha^2 = 0 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m).$$

Let $H(x, z) = f + \lambda_\alpha h_\alpha = F(x) - \lambda_\alpha z_\alpha^2$. Then

$$H_{x_1}(x^0, 0) = F_{x_1}(x^0) = 0, \quad H_{z_k} = 0.$$

Consider any set $(\eta_1, \zeta_k) \neq (0, 0)$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$; $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$), such that

$$h_{\alpha x_1}(x^0, 0) \eta_1 + h_{\alpha z_k}(x^0, 0) \zeta_k = 0 \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, m),$$

that is, such that

$$g_{\alpha x_1}(x^0) \eta_1 = 0, \quad \zeta_k \text{ arbitrary.}$$

The quadratic form formed with the second derivatives of H is

$$H_{x_1 x_k}(x^0, 0) \eta_1 \eta_k + 2H_{x_1 z_k}(x^0, 0) \eta_1 \zeta_k + H_{z_k z_l}(x^0, 0) \zeta_k \zeta_l$$

which reduces to

$$F_{x_1 x_k}(x^0) \eta_1 \eta_k - 2\lambda'_k J_k^2 > 0.$$

since $(x^0, 0)$ is a minimizing point. It follows that (x^0) is a minimizing point for the original problem.

Under the assumption that the functions f and g_α have continuous derivatives of at least the second order, Theorem 4:1 is an immediate corollary of Theorem 6:1. However, as observed before, Theorem 4:1 also holds for the case when f and g_α have continuous derivatives of only the first order.

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