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Optimization Course

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**FLIPPED CLASSROOM: Video-
lecture based course** CS-236330

Introduction to Optimization and Deep Learning

3 academic points

Spring semester 2016, Tuesday, 16:30 -
18:30, Room Taub 337

[YouTube video lectures here](#)

[Snapshots \(slides\)](#)

Discussion Group: [Optimization Technion
2016](#)

We use a FLIPPED CLASSROOM approach:

Students watch video-lecture at home and discuss the lecture and solve problems *in class*.

Course requirements:

- Participation in class discussions;
- 6 homework exercises, partially in MATLAB (30%)
- Final exam (70%)

Announcements

-- This year (Spring 2016) we are going to include several lectures on Deep Learning instead of Conic Programming, see e.g.

- [Intro to Neural Networks](#)
- [Convolutional Neural Networks in 10 minutes](#)

-- Dear students, please *watch and take notes* of two video lectures: *Lecture 1a* and *Lecture 1b* towards the first class meeting. The link is here: [YouTube video lectures](#)

-- All new students should join our [Discussion Group Optimization Technion 2016](#)

Course Outline

The field of optimization is concerned with the study of maximization and minimization of mathematical functions of one or many variables. Very often the variables are subject to side conditions or constraints (so-called constrained optimization problems). By great utility in such diverse areas as applied science, engineering, economics, finance, medicine, and statistics, optimization holds an important place in the practical world and the scientific world. Indeed, as far back as the Eighteenth Century, the famous mathematician Leonhard Euler proclaimed that . . . *nothing at all takes place in the Universe in which some rule of maximum or minimum does not appear.*

Very often it is impossible to find analytical solution to unconstrained or constrained optimization problem, however there are efficient numerical algorithms which approach solution iteratively. *Optimization algorithms* constitute the central part of our course. We will also learn how to check, whether optimal solution has been achieved (optimality conditions for constrained and unconstrained problems) and duality theory (Lagrange multiplier representation).

In the final part of the course we will learn a modern topic: Conic optimization, which includes Semidefinite Programming - optimization over set of positive-semidefinite matrices. This field has great importance in modern science and engineering.

Lecture 1a, Introduction; Examples of unconstrained and constrained optimization problems:

Lecture 1b, Linear algebra refresh:

Lecture 2-3: Derivatives of multivariate functions: Gradient and Hessian

Lecture 4-5: Convex sets and functions

Lecture 6. Local and global minimum. Sufficient and necessary unconstrained optimality conditions

Lecture 7 (in Hebrew). Optimality conditions; iterative methods of one-dimensional optimization (line search).

Lecture 8 Iterative methods of multivariate unconstrained optimization

Lecture 9 More on Newton method

Lecture 10 Method of Conjugate Gradients 1

Lecture 11 Method of Conjugate Gradients 2

Lecture 12 Sequential subspace optimization (SESOP) method and Quasi-Newton BFGS

Lecture 13. Summary of unconstrained optimization.

Optimization with constraints

Lecture 14 Lagrange multipliers and penalty function method. Augmented Lagrangian

Lecture 15 Minimax theorem, game theory and Lagrange duality

Lecture 16 Conic programming 1 (in particular, semidefinite programming)

Lecture 16b-17 Conic programming 2

Homework on analytical and numerical computation of gradient and Hessian

Penalty method for semidefinite programming and homework on linear matrix approximation

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Literature

Basic References

- Jorge Nocedal, Stephen J. Wright, "Numerical Optimization" (1999)
- D. Bertsekas, "Nonlinear Programming", Second Edition (1999)
- S. Boyd, L. Vandenberghe, "Convex Optimization" (Dec. 2003). Click here for 2 or 4 pages per printed page.
- Old Tutorial book by my former assistant Dori Peleg: [Tutorial book \(2005\)](#)

Additional References

- Gilbert Strang, Video-lectures on Linear Algebra, MIT, [local link here](http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Mathematics/18-06Spring-2005/CourseHome/index.htm) , <http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Mathematics/18-06Spring-2005/CourseHome/index.htm> , http://videlectures.net/gilbert_strang/
- Gilbert Strang, Video-lectures on Computational Methods in Science and Engineering I - Fall 2007
- Dori Peleg, Hebrew Matlab booklet

GUI

Matlab Code	Status	Tutorial	Status
Unconstrained GUI Code	Available	Unconstrained GUI tutorial	Available
Constrained GUI Code	Available	Constrained GUI tutorial	Available

Useful Links

- [Yalmip 3](#)
- [Arkadi Nemirovski, Lectures on modern optimization](#)
- [Freemat - a free Matlab-like coding environment](#)
- [Numerical Recipes - Books Online](#)

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Contents of the video lectures

- Lecture 1a, Introduction; Examples of unconstrained and constrained optimization problems:**
- Linear regression
 - Function approximation with feed-forward neural

network

Resource assignment with Linear Programming

Lecture 1b, Linear algebra refresh:

Linear and affine subspace;

Lp norm of a vector

Matrix norms

Inner product of matrices

Eigenvalue decomposition

Matrix polynomials and functions

Positive (semi) definite matrices

Lecture 2-3: Derivatives of multivariate functions: Gradient and Hessian

Total differential and gradient

Level sets and directional derivatives

Hessian matrix

Second directional derivative

Example: Gradient and Hessian of linear and quadratic function

Taylor expansion of multivariate functions

Gradient of a function of a matrix

Example: Gradient of a neural network

Lecture 4-5: Convex sets and functions

Definition of convex set and function.

Properties of convex sets

Properties of convex functions

Extended value functions

Epigraph

Convex combination and convex hull

Jensen inequality

Gradient inequality. Hessian of a convex function is positive (semi) definite

Lecture 6. Local and global minimum. Sufficient and necessary unconstrained optimality conditions

Lecture 7 (in Hebrew). Optimality conditions; iterative methods of one-dimensional optimization (line search).

Optimality conditions

One-dimensional optimization, Bisection method

Golden section method

Quadratic interpolation method

Cubic interpolation method

Note: First part of Lecture 7 (optimality conditions) repeats in Hebrew the second part of Lecture 6.

Lecture 8 Iterative methods of multivariate unconstrained optimization

General line search method
 Choice of step size: Exact optimization, Backtracking, Armijo stopping rule
 Steepest descent (gradient descent)
 Newton method

Lecture 9 More on Newton method

Newton method for nonlinear equations
 Modified Newton method: enforcing descent direction
 Solving symmetric system of equations via Cholesky factorization
 Least-squares problem: Gauss-Newton and *Levenberg-Marquardt methods*

Lecture 10 Method of Conjugate Gradients 1

Motivation
 Scalar product, definition and examples
 Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization
 Q-conjugate (Q-orthogonal) directions
 Minimization of a quadratic function using conjugate directions

Lecture 11 Method of Conjugate Gradients 2

Derivation of the method of Conjugate Gradients
 Summary of CG method
 Convergence rate of CG
 Preconditioning
 Truncated Newton method
 Computational burden to compute function, gradient and Hessian-vector product is about the same

Lecture 12 Sequential subspace optimization (SESOP) method and Quasi-Newton BFGS

SESOP method
 Fast optimization over subspace
 Quasi-Newton methods
 How to approximate Hessian
 Approximation of inverse Hessian, Sherman-Morrison formula
 Broyden family Quasi-Newton methods, DFP, BFGS
 Initialization and convergence properties

Lecture 13. Summary of unconstrained optimization. Optimization with constraints

Summary of unconstrained optimization
 Constrained optimization, optimality conditions

Karush - Kuhn - Tucker (KKT) first order optimality conditions
 Penalty function method

Lecture 14 Lagrange multipliers and penalty function method. Augmented Lagrangian

Lagrange multipliers via penalty function method
 Penalty for equality constraints
 Barrier method
 Augmented Lagrangian method (or method of multipliers)
 Augmented Lagrangian for equality constraints
 Optimal solution in one step, when multipliers are known

Lecture 15 Minimax theorem, game theory and Lagrange duality

Introduction
 Minimax theorem
 Game interpretation of Minimax
 Saddle point theorem
 Minimax of Lagrangian;
 Dual problem and weak duality
 Strong duality
 Slater condition for strong duality
 Examples of dual problems:
 Quadratic program
 Linear program

Lecture 16 Conic programming 1

Introduction
 Examples of cones - \mathbb{R}^n_+ , Lorenz cone, cone of positive semidefinite matrices
 Semidefinite programming (SDP)
 Dual cone, Dual conic problem, weak duality
 Strong conic duality and complementarity slackness
 Example: Dual SDP problem
 Minimax problem
 Chebyshev approximation

Lecture 16b-17 Conic programming 2

Continue with Chebyshev approximation, which starts at
 Complex Chebyshev approximation
 Conversion of different problems to SDP
 Lemma of Schur complement
 Minimize maximal eigenvalue of symmetric matrix
 Linear matrix approximation
 Expression of Linear program via SDP
 Conic quadratic program via SDP
 Barrier method for solution of conic programming problem
 Examples of barriers
 Matrix functions
 Gradient of trace of matrix function
 Gradient of the barrier $\log \det A(x)$

Homework on analytical and numerical computation of gradient and Hessian

**Penalty method for semidefinite programming and
homework on linear matrix approximation**

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**Contents of the video lectures
(time pointers included)**

**Lecture 1a, Introduction; Examples of unconstrained
and constrained optimization problems:**

Linear regression (slides 10:08, 11:56)
Function approximation with feed-forward neural
network 12:15 (slides 16:15, 24:44, 27.21)
Resource assignment with Linear programming 27:40
(slides 33:02, 35:42)

Lecture 1b, Linear algebra refresh:

Linear and affine subspace; 0:0 (slides 05:39, 07:07)
Lp norm of a vector 7:24 (slides 9:44 13:45)
Matrix norms - 14:52 (slides 18:29)
Inner product of matrices - 19:30 (slides 22:40)
Eigenvalue decomposition -23:15 (slides 29:20, 31:47)
Matrix polynomials and functions 31:45 (35:12, 40:25)
Positive (semi) definite matrices - 41:17 (slides 45:41)

**Lecture 2-3: Derivatives of multivariate functions:
Gradient and Hessian**

Total differential and gradient - 0:0 (slides 5:14, 13:16)
Level sets and directional derivatives - 13:17 (slides
23:07)
Hessian matrix - 23:20 (slides 28:50, 33:54)
Second directional derivative - 34:45 (slides 35:55)
Example: Gradient and Hessian of linear and quadratic

function -39:04 (slides 39:04)

Taylor expansion of multivariate functions 46:30 (slides 52:56)

Gradient of a function of a matrix - 53:23 (slides 58:54)

Example: Gradient of a neural network 58:56 (slides 1:09:43)

Homework - 1:09:45

Lecture 4-5: Convex sets and functions

Definition of convex set and function. Properties of convex sets - 0:0 (slides 03:05, 9:15, 9:53, 19:10)

Properties of convex functions - 19:10 (slides 20:52, 26:15)

Extended value functions - 26:41 (slides 31:22)

Epigraph - 31:31 (slides 34:34)

Convex combination and convex hull 34:38 (slides 37:18)

Jensen inequality 39:02 (slides 43:24)

Gradient inequality. Hessian of a convex function is positive (semi) definite 43:28 (slides 47:47)

Lecture 6. Local and global minimum. Sufficient and necessary unconstrained optimality conditions

(slides 2:10, 7:54, 12:24, 17:34, 21:55)

Lecture 7 (in Hebrew). Optimality conditions; iterative methods of one-dimensional optimization (line search).

Optimality conditions - 0:0

One-dimensional optimization, Bisection method 13:13 (slides 23:13)

Golden section method 23:17 (slides 32:02)

Quadratic interpolation method 32:04 (slides 36:39, 43:22, 47:00)

Cubic interpolation method 47:04 (slides 51:07, 57:35)

Note: First part of Lecture 7 (optimality conditions) repeats in Hebrew the second part of Lecture 6.

Lecture 8 Iterative methods of multivariate unconstrained optimization

General line search method 0:0 (slides 05:40)

Choice of step size: Exact optimization, Backtracking, Armijo stopping rule 5:53 (slides 17:05, 20:44)

Steepest descent (gradient descent) 20:55 (slides 36:07)

Newton method 36:22 (slides 45:18, 56:04)

End - 56:15 (after this time - garbage from previous lecture)

Lecture 9 More on Newton method

Newton method for nonlinear equations 0:0 (slides 5:28, 8:24)

Modified Newton method: enforcing descent direction 8:26 (slides 15:54)

Solving symmetric system of equations via Cholesky factorization 15:58 (slides 22:35, 28:39)

Least-squares problem: Gauss-Newton and *Levenberg-Marquardt methods* 28:44 (slides 33:39, 43:02, 52:27, 54:18)

Lecture 10 Method of Conjugate Gradients 1

Motivation 0:0

Scalar product, definition 4:47 (slide on 8:53), and examples 8:56 (slides 13:00)

Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization 13:07 (slides 21:13)

Q-conjugate (Q-orthogonal) directions 21:18 (slides 26:24)

Minimization of a quadratic function using conjugate directions 26:30 (slides 36:14 or 38:13)

Expanding manifold property 38:10 (slides 48:53 and 50:58)

Lecture 11 Method of Conjugate Gradients 2

Derivation of the method of Conjugate Gradients 0:0 (slides 5:34, 12:11, 19:32)

Summary of CG method 19:33 (slides 27:06)

Convergence rate of CG 27:08 (slides 32:57)

Preconditioning 32:58 (slides 44:03)

Truncated Newton method 44:04 (slide 50:20)

Computational burden to compute function, gradient and Hessian-vector product is about the same 50:20 (slides 52:36, 57:14)

Lecture 12 Sequential subspace optimization (SESOP) method and Quasi-Newton BFGS

SESOP method 0:42 (slides 7:35)

Fast optimization over subspace 7:37 (slides 15:36)

Quasi-Newton methods 15:37 (slides 22:42)

How to approximate Hessian 22:43 (slide 32:24)

Approximation of inverse Hessian, Sherman-Morrison formula 32:25 (slide 37:43)

Broyden family Quasi-Newton methods, DFP, BFGS 37:44 (slides 41:06, 44:10, 47:01)

Initialization and convergence properties 47:02 (slide 53:26)

Lecture 13. Summary of unconstrained optimization. Optimization with constraints

Summary of unconstrained optimization 0:0 (slide 4:59, one-dimensional methods)

Multivariate methods 05:03 (slides 13:47, 15:41)

Constrained optimization, optimality conditions 15:44
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 Karush - Kuhn - Tucker (KKT) first order optimality
 conditions 30:06 (slide 35:03)
 Penalty function method 35:05 (slides 48:36, 54:44, 57:29)

Lecture 14 Lagrange multipliers and penalty function method. Augmented Lagrangian

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 5:54, 16:30)
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 Augmented Lagrangian method (or method of multipliers)
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 Optimal solution in one step, when multipliers are known
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Lecture 15 Minimax theorem, game theory and Lagrange duality

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 Minimax theorem 1:19 (slides 6:16)
 Game interpretation of minimax 6:20 (slides 12:07)
 Saddle point theorem 12:12 (slides 19:03)
 Minimax of Lagrangian; weak duality 19:08 (slides 29:07)
 Dual problem and weak duality 29:19 (slides 30:39)
 Strong duality 30:43 (slides 39:14, 43:03)
 Slater condition for strong duality 43:10 (slides 44:33)
 Examples of dual problems:
 Quadratic program 44:38 (slides 49:26)
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Lecture 16 Conic programming 1

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 Semidefinite programming (SDP) 24:49 (slides 28:40)
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 Chebyshev approximation 1:16:14 (slides in the next
 video, 2:10)

Lecture 16b-17 Conic programming 2

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Examples of barriers 57:29 (slides 1:03:12)
Matrix functions 1:03:16 (slides 1:14:53, 1:17:05)
Gradient of trace of matrix function 1:17:09 (slides 1:25:24)
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Gradient of log det barrier 1:28:31 (slides 1:31:30)

**Homework on analytical and numerical computation of
gradient and Hessian** (file opt_hw_Grad_Hess_compr.avi
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**Penalty method for semidefinite programming and
homework on linear matrix approximation**
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