Optimum Design

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Ch. 1 Introduction to Optimum Design

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1.1 Overview

Indeterminate and Determinate Problems (1/2)

Variables: x_1, x_2, x_3

Equation: $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3$

- ✓ Number of variables: 3
- ✓ Number of equations: 1

Because the number of variables is larger than that of equations, this problem forms an indeterminate system.

Solution for the indeterminate problem:

We assume two unknown variables

Number of variables (3) – Number of equations (1)

Example) assume that $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0$

➡ $x_3 = 2$

Equation of straight line

$y = a_0 + a_1 x$ Where, a_0, a_1 are given.

- ✓ Number of variables: 2 x, y
- ✓ Number of equations: 1

☞ We can get the value of y by assuming x.

Finding intersection point (x^*, y^*) of two straight lines

$y = a_0 + a_1 x$ Where, a_0, a_1, b_0, b_1 are given.

$y = b_0 + b_1 x$

- ✓ Number of variables: 2 x, y
- ✓ Number of equations: 2

Because the number of variables is equals to that of equations, this problem forms an determinate system.

Indeterminate and Determinate Problems (2/2)

Determinate problem

Variables: x_1, x_2, x_3

Equations: $f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$

$f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$

$f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$

If f_1, f_2, and f_3 are linearly independent,

- ✓ Number of variables: 3
- ✓ Number of equations: 3

Since the number of equations is equal to that of variables, this problem can be solved.

What happens if $2 \times f_3 = f_2$?

Then f_2 and f_3 are linearly dependent.

Since the number of equations, which are linearly independent, is less than that of variables, this problem forms an indeterminate system.

Indeterminate problem

Variables: x_1, x_2, x_3

Equations: $f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$

$f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$

$f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$

If f_1 and f_2 are only linearly independent, then

- ✓ Number of variables: 3
- ✓ Number of equations: 2

Since the number of equations is less than that of variables, one equation should be added to solve this problem.

Added Equation	Solution
$f_4^1 = 0$	(x_1^1, x_2^1, x_3^1)
$f_4^2 = 0$	(x_1^2, x_2^2, x_3^2)
⋮	

We can obtain many sets of solutions by assuming different equations.
➡ Indeterminate problem

We need a certain criteria to determine the proper solution. By adding the criteria, this problem can be formulated as an optimization problem.

Example of a Design Problem

Esthetic* Design of a Dress

Find (Design variables)

- Size, material, color, etc.

Constraints

- There are some requirements, but it can be difficult to formulate them.
- By using the sense of a designer, the requirements are satisfied.

Objective function (Criteria to determine the proper design variables)

- There are many design alternatives.
- Among them, we should select the best one. How?
- Criteria: Preference, cost, etc.
- It can be also difficult to formulate the objective function.

➡ **Indeterminate, optimization problem**

Mathematical Model for Determination of Optimal Principal Dimensions of a Ship - Summary ("Conceptual Ship Design Equation")

Find (Design variables) L, length; B, breadth; D, depth; C_B, block coefficient

Given (Owner's requirements) DWT, deadweight; V_{H_req}, Required cargo hold capacity; $T_{\max}(=T)$, maximum draft; V, ship speed

Physical constraint

→ **Displacement - Weight equilibrium (Weight equation)** – Equality constraint

$$L \cdot B \cdot T \cdot C_B \cdot \rho_{sw} \cdot C_\alpha = DWT_{given} + LWT(L, B, D, C_B)$$
$$= DWT_{given} + C_s \cdot L^{1.6}(B+D) + C_o \cdot L \cdot B$$
$$+ C_{power} \cdot (L \cdot B \cdot T \cdot C_B)^{2/3} \cdot V^3 \quad \cdots(2.3)$$

Economical constraints (Owner's requirements)

→ **Required cargo hold capacity (Volume equation)** - Equality constraint

$$V_{H_req} = C_H \cdot L \cdot B \cdot D \cdots(3.1)$$

- DFOC (Daily Fuel Oil Consumption)
  : It is related with the resistance and propulsion.
- Delivery date
  : It is related with the shipbuilding process.

$$Min.\,Roll\ Period : e.g.$$
$$T_R \geq 12 \text{ sec} \ldots\ldots(6)$$

Regulatory constraint

→ **Freeboard regulation (ICLL 1966)** - Inequality constraint

$$D \geq T + C_{FB} \cdot D \cdots(4)$$

Stability regulation(MARPOL, SOLAS, ICLL)

$$GM \geq GM_{Required} \cdots(5)$$
$$GZ \geq GZ_{Required}$$

Objective function (Criteria to determine the proper principal dimensions)

$$Building\ Cost = C_{PS} \cdot C_s \cdot L^{1.6}(B+D) + C_{PO} \cdot C_o \cdot L \cdot B + C_{PM} \cdot C_{power} \cdot (L \cdot B \cdot T \cdot C_B)^{2/3} \cdot V^3$$

4 variables (L, B, D, C_B), 2 equality constraints ((2.3), (3.1)), 3 inequality constraints ((4), (5), (6))
➡ **Optimization problem**

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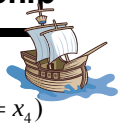
Determination of Optimal Principal Dimensions of a Ship



Optimization problem

➡ Minimize/maximize an objective function with constraints on design variables

Find (Design variables)

x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4

Equality constraint

$h(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 0$

Inequality constraint

$g(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \le 0$

Objective function

$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$

Engineering Design

Find (Design variables)

$L(=x_1), B(=x_2), D(=x_3), C_B(=x_4)$

length, breadth, depth, block coefficient

Weight equation

$$L \cdot B \cdot T \cdot C_B \cdot \rho_{sw} \cdot C_\alpha = DWT_{given} + LWT(L, B, D, C_B)$$

$$x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_4 \cdot C_1 = C_2 + h'(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

$$x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_4 \cdot C_1 - C_2 - h'(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = h(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 0$$

Objective function (Criteria to determine the proper principal dimensions)

$$Building\ Cost = C_{PS} \cdot C_s \cdot L^{1.6}(B+D) + C_{PO} \cdot C_o \cdot L \cdot B + C_{PM} \cdot C_{ma} \cdot NMCR$$

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = C_3 \cdot x_1^{1.6} \cdot (x_2 + x_3) + C_4 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 + C_5$$

- $T, C_\alpha, \rho_{sw}, DWT_{given}, C_{PS}, C_s, C_{PO}, C_o, C_{PM}, C_{ma}, NMCR$ are Given

Characteristics of the constraints

✓ **Physical constraints** are usually formulated as **equality constraints**.
(Example of ship design: Weight equation)

✓ **Economical constraints, regulatory constraints**, and constraints related with **politics and culture** are formulated as **inequality constraints**.
(Example of ship design: Required cargo hold capacity(Volume equation), Freeboard regulation (ICLL 1966))

Classification of Optimization Problems and Methods - Summary

	Unconstrained optimization problem		Constrained optimization problem		
	Linear	Nonlinear	Linear	Nonlinear	
Objective function (example)	**Minimize** $f(\mathbf{x})$ $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + 2x_2$	**Minimize** $f(\mathbf{x})$ $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 3x_1x_2$	**Minimize** $f(\mathbf{x})$ $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + 2x_2$	**Minimize** $f(\mathbf{x})$ $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 3x_1x_2$	**Minimize** $f(\mathbf{x})$ $f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 3x_1x_2$
Constraints (example)	None	None	$h(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + 5x_2 = 0$ $g(\mathbf{x}) = -x_1 \le 0$	$h(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + 5x_2 = 0$ $g(\mathbf{x}) = -x_1 \le 0$	$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{6}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{6}x_2^2 - 1.0 \le 0$ $g_2(\mathbf{x}) = -x_1 \le 0$
Optimization methods for continuous value	① Gradient method - **Steepest descent method** - Conjugate gradient method - **Newton method** - Davidon-Fletcher-Powell (DFP) method - **Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS) method** ② Direct search method - **Hooke & Jeeves method** - **Nelder & Mead method**		**Linear Programming (LP) method** is usually used.	**Penalty function method**: Converting the constrained optimization problem to the unconstrained optimization problem by using the penalty function, the problem can be solved using unconstrained optimization method.	
			Simplex Method (Linear Programming)	**Quadratic programming (QP) method**	SLP(Sequential Linear Programming) First, **linearize the nonlinear problem** and then obtain the solution to this linear approximation problem using the linear programming method. And then, **repeat** the linearization.
					Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) method First, **approximate a quadratic objective function and linear constraints**, find the search direction and then obtain the solution to this quadratic programming problem in this direction. And then, **repeat** the approximation.
Optimization methods for discrete value	Integer programming: ① Cut algorithm ② Enumeration algorithm ③ Constructive algorithm				
Metaheuristic optimization	**Genetic algorithm(GA)**, Ant algorithm, Simulated annealing, etc.				

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1.2 Problem Statement of Optimum Design

General Formulation of an Optimization Problem

Minimize $f(\mathbf{x})$ — Objective Function

Subject to — Constraints

$g_j(\mathbf{x}) \le 0,\ j = 1, \cdots, m$

: Inequality Constraint

$h_k(\mathbf{x}) = 0, k = 1, \cdots, p$

: Equality Constraint

$\mathbf{x}_l \le \mathbf{x} \le \mathbf{x}_u$

: Upper and Lower Limits of Design Variables

Where $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n)$ — Design Variables

Components of an Optimization Problem (1/3)

☑ Design variable

- A set of variables that describes the system such as size and position, etc.
- It is also called 'Free variable' or 'Independent variable'.
- Dependent Variable
  : A variable that is dependent on the design variable(independent variable)

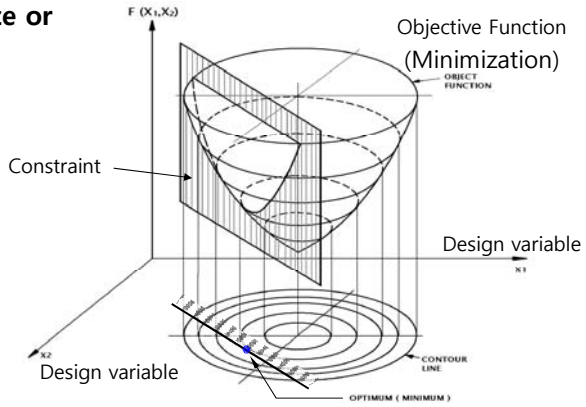
☑ Constraint

- A certain set of specified requirements and restrictions placed on a design
- Inequality Constraint, Equality Constraint

Components of an Optimization Problem (2/3)

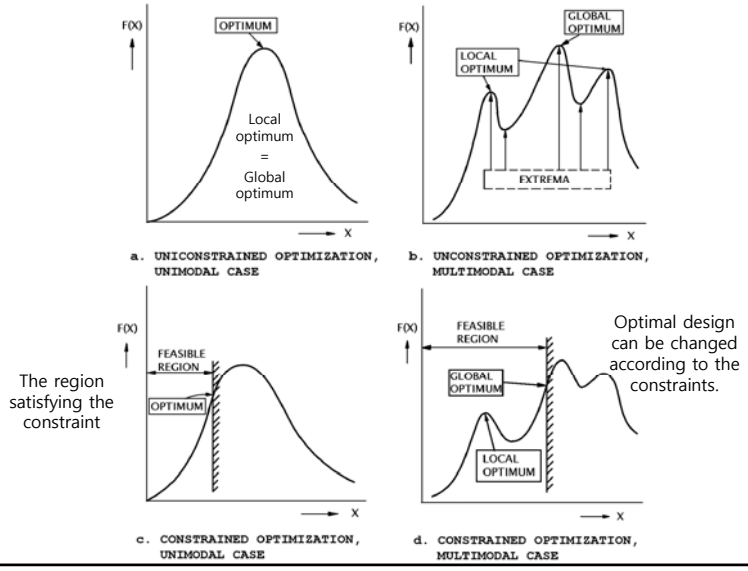
☑ Objective function

- A criteria to compare the different design and determine the proper design such as cost, profit, weight, etc.
- It is a function of the design variables.
- To minimize or maximize



Components of an Optimization Problem (3/3)

Determination of the optimal design considering the objective function (maximization) and constraints



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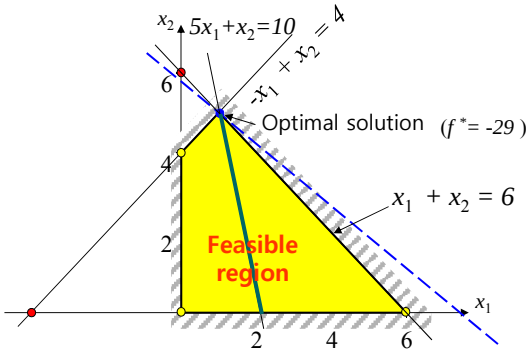
Example of the Formulation of an Optimization Problem



Minimize	$f = -4x_1 - 5x_2$	*Minimize*	$f(\mathbf{x})$
Subject to	$-x_1 + x_2 \le 4$ ⇨ $-x_1 + x_2 - 4 \le 0$ $x_1 + x_2 \le 6$ $x_1 + x_2 - 6 \le 0$	*Subject to*	$g_j(\mathbf{x}) \le 0,\ j = 1, \cdots, m$: Inequality constraint
	$5x_1 + x_2 = 10$ ⇨ $5x_1 + x_2 - 10 = 0$		$h_k(\mathbf{x}) = 0, k = 1, \cdots, p$: Equality constraint
	$0 \le x_1, x_2$		$\mathbf{x}_l \le \mathbf{x} \le \mathbf{x}_u$: Constraint (limit for the design variable)

Objective Function

Constraints

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1.3 Classification of Optimization Problems

Classification of Optimization Problems (1/4)

☑ **Existence of constraints**

- **Unconstrained optimization problem**
  - **Minimize the objective function $f(\mathrm{x})$ without any constraints on the design variables x.**

Minimize	$f(\mathrm{x})$

- **Constrained optimization problem**
  - **Minimize the objective function $f(\mathrm{x})$ with some constraints on the design variables x.**

Minimize	$f(\mathrm{x})$
Subject to	$h(\mathrm{x})=0$
	$g(\mathrm{x})\leq 0$

Classification of Optimization Problems (2/4)

☑ **Number of objective functions**

■ **Single-objective optimization problem**

Minimize	$f(\mathrm{x})$
Subject to	$h(\mathrm{x})=0$
	$g(\mathrm{x})\leq 0$

■ **Multi-objective optimization problem**

● **Weighting Method, Constraint Method**

Minimize	$f_1(\mathrm{x}), f_2(\mathrm{x}), f_3(\mathrm{x})$
Subject to	$h(\mathrm{x})=0$
	$g(\mathrm{x})\leq 0$

Classification of Optimization Problems (3/4)

☑ **Linearity of objective function and constraints**

■ **Linear optimization problem**

● **The objective function($f(\mathbf{x})$) and constraints($h(\mathbf{x})$, $g(\mathbf{x})$) are linear functions of the design variables $\mathbf{x}$.**

Minimize

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + 2x_2$$

Subject to

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + 5x_2 = 0$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = -x_1 \leq 0$$

■ **Nonlinear optimization problem**

● **The objective function($f(\mathbf{x})$) or constraints($h(\mathbf{x})$, $g(\mathbf{x})$) are nonlinear functions of the design variables $\mathbf{x}$.**

Minimize

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 3x_1x_2$$

Subject to

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + 5x_2 = 0$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = -x_1 \leq 0$$

Minimize

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 3x_1x_2$$

Subject to

$$g_1(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{6}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{6}x_2^2 - 1.0 \leq 0$$

$$g_2(\mathbf{x}) = -x_1 \leq 0$$

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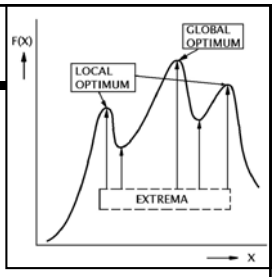
Classification of Optimization Problems (4/4)

☑ Type of design variables

- Continuous optimization problem
  - Design variables are continuous in the optimization problem.
- Discrete optimization problem
  - Design variables are discrete in the optimization problem.
  - It is also called a 'combinatorial optimization problem'.
  - Example) Integer programming problem

1.4 Classification of Optimization Methods

Classification of Optimization Method



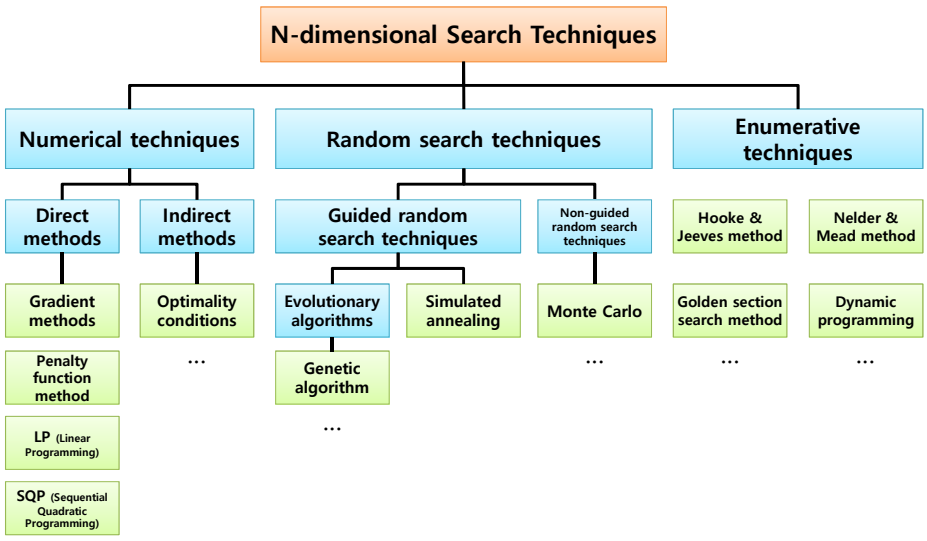
☑ **Global Optimization Method**

- Advantage
  - It is useful for solving the global optimization problem which has many local optima.
- Disadvantage
  - It needs many iterations (much time) to obtain the optimum.
- Genetic Algorithms (GA), Simulated Annealing, etc.

☑ **Local Optimization Method**

- Advantage
  - It needs relatively few iterations (less time) to obtain the optimum.
- Disadvantage
  - It is only able to find the local optimum which is near to the starting point.
- Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP), Method of Feasible Directions (MFD), Multi-Start Optimization Method, etc.

Classes of Search Techniques (1/4)



Classes of Search Techniques (2/4)

☑ Numerical techniques (Classical, Calculus based techniques)

- Use deterministic approach to find best solution. That is, Use a set of necessary and sufficient conditions to be satisfied by the solutions of an optimization problem.
- Require knowledge of gradients or higher order derivatives.
- Indirect methods
  - Search for local extremes by solving the usually nonlinear set of equations resulting from setting the gradient of the objective function to zero.
  - The search for possible solutions (function peaks) starts by restricting itself to points with zero slope in all directions.
  - Methods using optimality conditions (Kuhn-Tucker condition)
- Direct methods
  - Seek extremes by hopping around the search space and assessing the gradient of the new point, which guides the search.
  - This is simply the notion of hill climbing, which finds the best local point by climbing the steepest permissible gradient.
  - These techniques can be used only on a restricted set of well behaved functions.
  - Gradient methods, Penalty function method, LP, SQP, etc.

Classes of Search Techniques (3/4)

☑ Guided random search techniques (Stochastic techniques)

- Based on enumerative, stochastic techniques but use additional information to guide the search.
- Two major subclasses are simulated annealing and evolutionary algorithms that both can be seen as evolutionary processes.
- Evolutionary algorithms
  - Use natural selection principles.
  - This form of search evolves throughout generations, improving the features of potential solutions by means of biological inspired operations.
  - Genetic algorithms, Evolutionary Strategies (ES), etc.
- Simulated annealing
  - Uses a thermodynamic evolution process to search minimum energy states.

Classes of Search Techniques (4/4)

☑ **Enumerative techniques**

- **Search every point related to the function's domain space (finite or discretized), one point at a time.**
- **At each point, all possible solutions are generated and tested to find optimum.**
- **They are very simple to implement but usually require significant computation.**
- **These techniques are not suitable for applications with large domain spaces.**
- **Dynamic programming, Hooke and Jeeves method, Nelder and Mead method, golden section method, etc.**