

On KKT and M-Stationarity in Nonconvex Optimization

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Abstract:

In this talk an overview on the main optimality conditions (OC) which lie at the core of mathematical programming is outlined. Such an OC may be considered as a generalization of the classical Lagrange multiplier rule. The notion of contingent (Bouligand- Severi) cone is used to formulate the standard OC due to Karush-Kuhn-Tucker, whose validity requires constraint qualification. The concept of M-stationarity, which uses the limiting normal cone is also presented, and applied to optimization problems under the presence of a geometric constraint set being either a quadric surface or the union of two polyhedra. Various classes of optimization problems are discussed under this framework and new results are also established.

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