

# A Trust Funnel Algorithm for Nonconvex Equality Constrained Optimization with $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-3/2})$ Complexity

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# Introduction

Consider nonconvex equality constrained optimization problems of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } c(x) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $c : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  are twice continuously differentiable.

- ▶ We are interested in algorithm worst-case iteration / evaluation complexity.
- ▶ Constraints are not necessarily linear! (No projection-based algorithms.)

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$$\text{s.t. } \|s\|_2 \leq \delta_k \quad (\text{dual: } \lambda_k)$$

2: Compute ratio:

$$\rho_k^q \leftarrow \frac{f_k - f(x_k + s_k)}{f_k - q_k(s_k)}$$

3: Update **radius**:

$$\rho_k^q \geq \eta: \text{ accept and } \delta_k \nearrow$$

$$\rho_k^q < \eta: \text{ reject and } \delta_k \searrow$$

## ARC

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$$\min_{s \in \mathbb{R}^n} c_k(s) \\ := f_k + g_k^T s + \frac{1}{2} s^T H_k s \\ + \frac{1}{3} \sigma_k \|s\|_2^3$$

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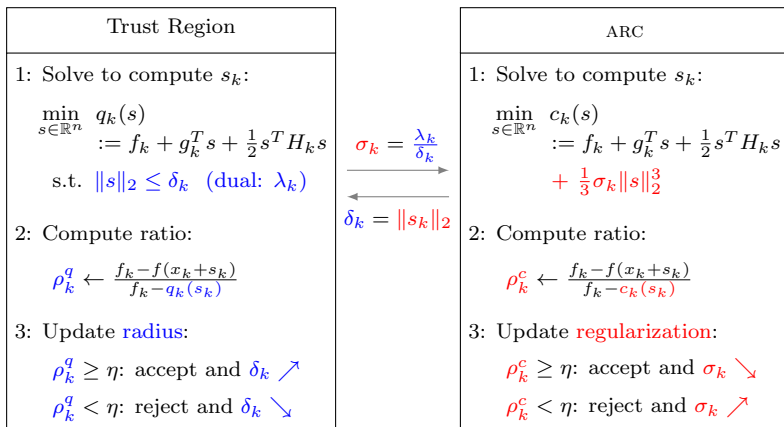
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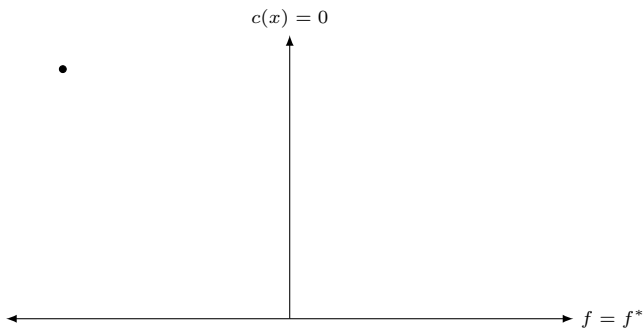
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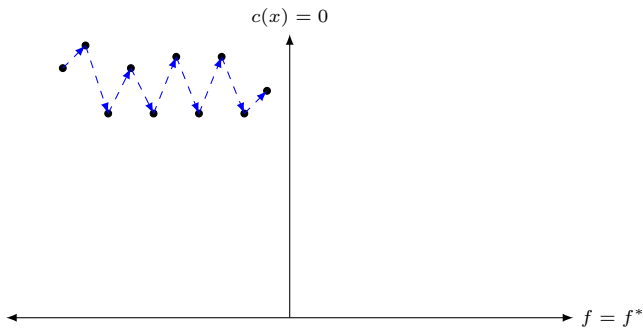
## Trust region vs. ARC: Subproblem solution correspondence



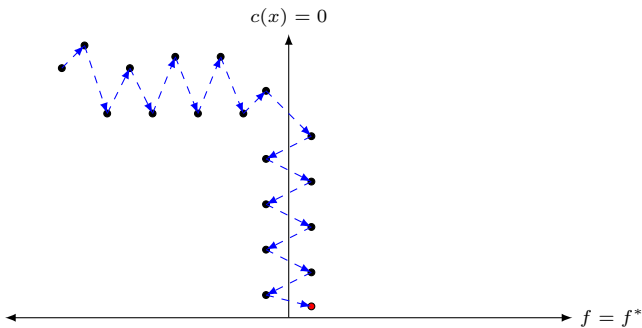
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## Why trust funnel?

- ▶ Do not know, in general, how to bound number of updates to a penalty parameter and/or updates of filter entries!
- ▶ Trust funnel: “driving factor” is reducing constraint violation.

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## SQP “core”

Ideally, given  $x_k$ , find  $s_k$  as a solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{s \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & f_k + g_k^T s + \frac{1}{2} s^T H_k s \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & c_k + J_k s = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Issues:

- ▶  $H_k$  (Hessian of Lagrangian) might not be positive definite over  $\text{Null}(J_k)$ .
- ▶ Trust region! . . . but constraints might be incompatible.

# Trust funnel basics

Step decomposition approach:

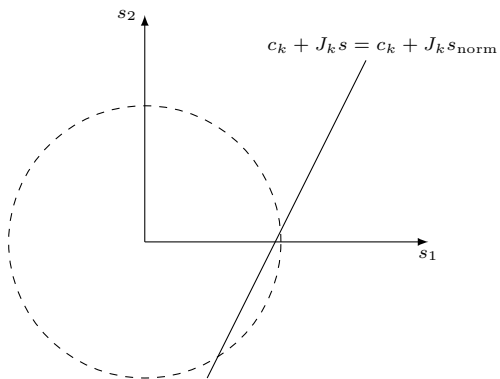
- ▶ First, compute a *normal step* toward minimizing constraint violation:

$$v(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|c(x)\|_2^2 \implies \begin{cases} \min_{s_{\text{norm}} \in \mathbb{R}^n} m_k^v(s_{\text{norm}}) \\ \text{s.t. } \|s_{\text{norm}}\|_2 \leq \delta_k^v \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Second, compute multipliers  $\lambda_k$  (or take from previous iteration).
- ▶ Third, compute a *tangential step* toward optimality:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{s_{\text{tang}} \in \mathbb{R}^n} m_k^f(s_{\text{norm}} + s_{\text{tang}}) \\ \text{s.t. } J_k s_{\text{tang}} = 0, \quad \|s_{\text{norm}} + s_{\text{tang}}\|_2 \leq \delta_k^f. \end{aligned}$$

## Tangential step



# Main idea

Two-phase method combining trust funnel and TRACE.

- ▶ Trust funnel for globalization
- ▶ TRACE for good complexity bounds

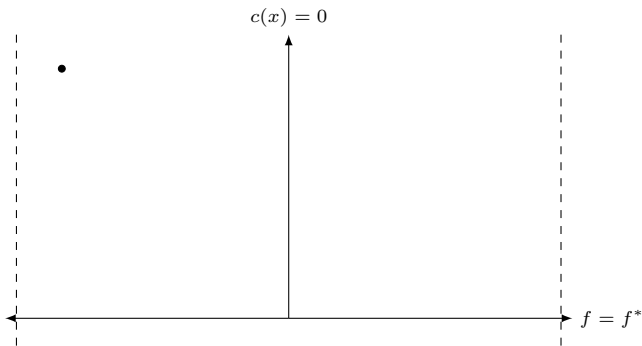
Phase 1 towards feasibility, two types of iterations:

- ▶ F-ITERATIONS improve objective and reduce constraint violation.
- ▶ V-ITERATIONS reduce constraint violation.

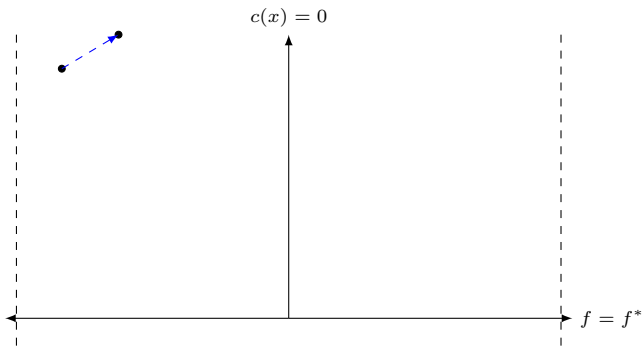
Our algorithm vs. basic trust funnel

- ▶ modified F-ITERATION conditions and a different funnel updating procedure
- ▶ uses TRACE instead of tradition trust region ideas (for radius updates)
- ▶ after getting relatively feasible, switches to “phase 2”.

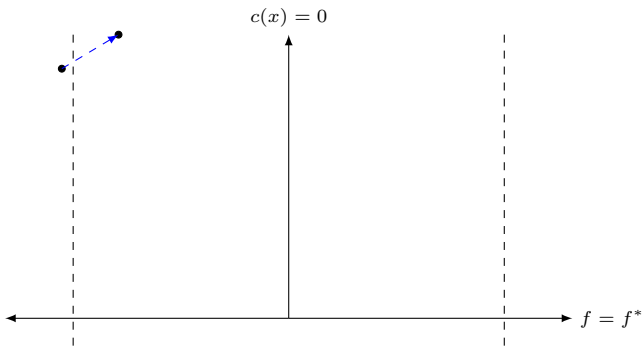
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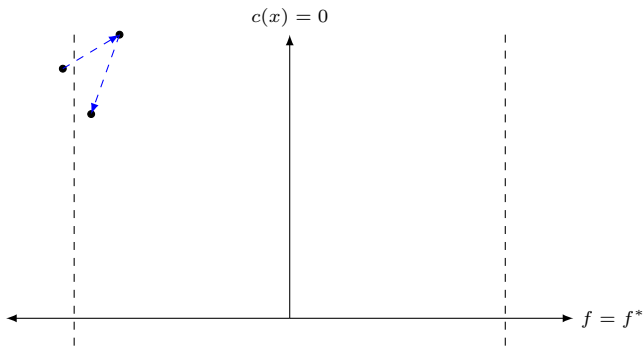
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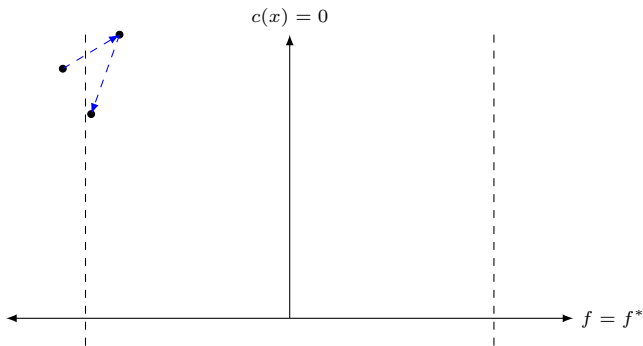


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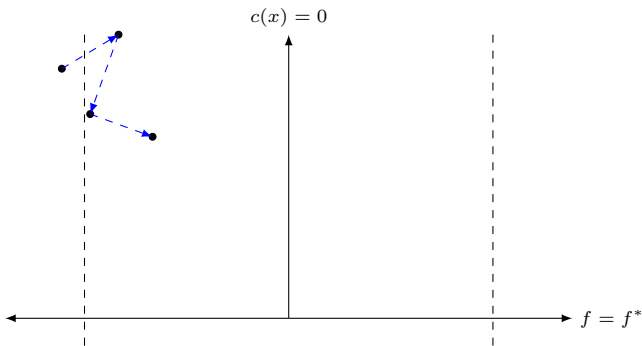




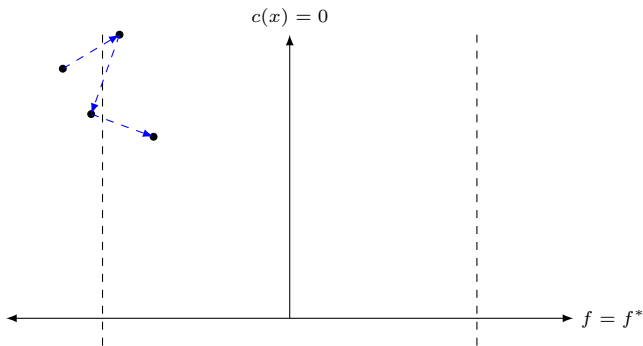
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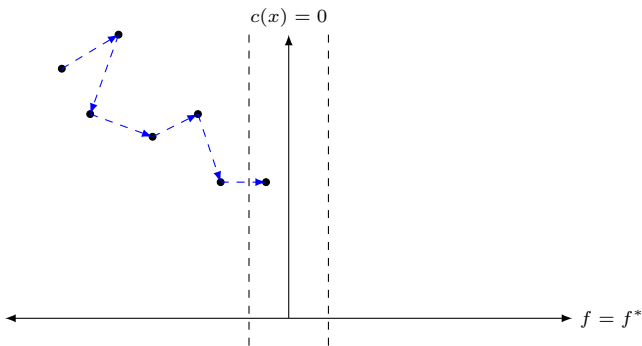
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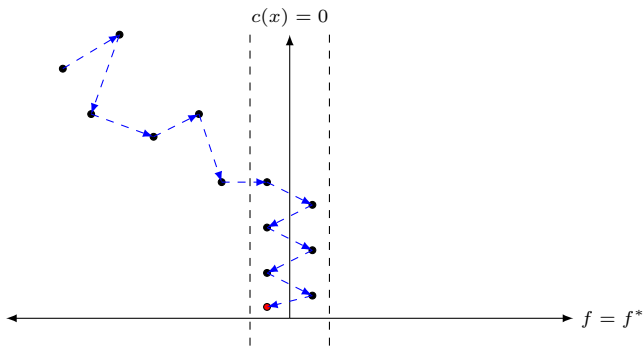
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Recall that  $\nabla v(x) = J(x)^T c(x)$  and define the iteration index set

$$\mathcal{I} := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : \|J_k^T c_k\|_2 > \epsilon_v\}.$$

## Theorem 1

For any  $\epsilon_v \in (0, \infty)$ , the cardinality of  $\mathcal{I}$  is at most  $K(\epsilon_v)$ , which accounts for

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## Corollary 2

If  $\{J_k\}$  have full row rank with singular values bounded below by  $\zeta \in (0, \infty)$ , then

$$\mathcal{I}_c := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : \|c_k\|_2 > \epsilon_v/\zeta\}$$

has cardinality  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon_v^{-3/2})$ .



## Phase 2

Options for phase 2:

- ▶ trust funnel method (no complexity guarantees) or
- ▶ “target-following” approach similar to Short-Step ARC to minimize

$$\Phi(x, t) = \|c(x)\|_2^2 + |f(x) - t|^2$$

### Theorem 3

For  $\epsilon_f \in (0, \epsilon_v^{1/3}]$ , the number of iterations until

$$\|g_k + J_k^T y_k\|_2 \leq \epsilon_f \|(y_k, 1)\|_2 \quad \text{or} \quad \|J_k^T c_k\|_2 \leq \epsilon_f \|c_k\|_2$$

is  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon_f^{-3/2} \epsilon_v^{-1/2})$ .

Same complexity as Short-Step ARC:

- ▶ If  $\epsilon_f = \epsilon_v^{2/3}$ , then overall  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon_v^{-3/2})$  (though loose KKT tolerance).
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# Implementation

Matlab implementation:

- ▶ Phase 1: our algorithm vs. one doing V-ITERATIONS only
- ▶ Phase 2: trust funnel method [Curtis, Gould, Robinson, & Toint (2016)]

Termination conditions:

- ▶ Phase 1:

$$\|c_k\|_\infty \leq 10^{-6} \max\{\|c_0\|_\infty, 1\} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} \|J_k^T c_k\|_\infty \leq 10^{-6} \max\{\|J_0^T c_0\|_\infty, 1\} \\ \text{and } \|c_k\|_\infty > 10^{-3} \max\{\|c_0\|_\infty, 1\} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Phase 2:

$$\|g_k + J_k^T y_k\|_\infty \leq 10^{-6} \max\{\|g_0 + J_0^T y_0\|_\infty, 1\}.$$

# Test set

Equality constrained problems (190) from the CUTEst test set:

78	constant (or null) objective
60	time limit (1 hour)
13	feasible initial point
3	infeasible phase 1
2	function evaluation error
1	small stepsizes (less than $10^{-20}$ )

Remaining set consists of 33 problems.

Problem	$n$	$m$	TF						TF-V-ONLY					
			Phase 1			Phase 2			Phase 1			Phase 2		
			#V	#F	$f$	$\ g + J^T y\ $	#V	#F	#V	$f$	$\ g + J^T y\ $	#V	#F	
BT1	2	1	4	0	-8.02e-01	+4.79e-01	0	139	4	-8.00e-01	+7.04e-01	7	136	
BT10	2	2	10	0	-1.00e+00	+5.39e-04	1	0	10	-1.00e+00	+6.74e-05	1	0	
BT11	5	3	6	1	+8.25e-01	+4.84e-03	2	0	1	+4.55e+04	+2.57e+04	16	36	
BT12	5	3	12	1	+6.19e+00	+1.18e-05	0	0	16	+3.34e+01	+4.15e+00	4	8	
BT2	3	1	22	8	+1.45e+03	+3.30e+02	3	12	21	+6.14e+04	+1.82e+04	0	40	
BT3	5	3	1	0	+4.09e+00	+6.43e+02	1	0	1	+1.01e+05	+8.89e+02	0	1	
BT4	3	2	1	0	-1.86e+01	+1.00e+01	20	12	1	-1.86e+01	+1.00e+01	20	12	
BT5	3	2	15	2	+9.62e+02	+2.80e+00	14	2	8	+9.62e+02	+3.83e-01	3	1	
BT6	5	2	11	45	+2.77e-01	+4.64e-02	1	0	14	+5.81e+02	+4.50e+02	5	59	
BT7	5	3	15	6	+1.31e+01	+5.57e+00	5	1	12	+1.81e+01	+1.02e+01	19	28	
BT8	5	2	50	26	+1.00e+00	+7.64e-04	1	1	10	+2.00e+00	+2.00e+00	1	97	
BT9	4	2	11	1	-1.00e+00	+8.56e-05	1	0	10	-9.69e-01	+2.26e-01	5	1	
BYRDSPHR	3	2	29	2	-4.68e+00	+1.28e-05	0	0	19	-5.00e-01	+1.00e+00	16	5	
CHAIN	800	401	9	0	+5.12e+00	+2.35e-04	3	20	9	+5.12e+00	+2.35e-04	3	20	
FLT	2	2	15	4	+2.68e+10	+3.28e+05	0	13	19	+2.68e+10	+3.28e+05	0	17	
GENHS28	10	8	1	0	+9.27e-01	+5.88e+01	0	0	1	+2.46e+03	+9.95e+01	0	1	
HS100LNP	7	2	16	2	+6.89e+02	+1.74e+01	4	1	5	+7.08e+02	+1.93e+01	14	3	
HS111LNP	10	3	9	1	-4.78e+01	+4.91e-06	2	0	10	-4.62e+01	+7.49e-01	10	1	
HS27	3	1	2	0	+8.77e+01	+2.03e+02	3	5	1	+2.54e+01	+1.41e+02	11	34	
HS39	4	2	11	1	-1.00e+00	+8.56e-05	1	0	10	-9.69e-01	+2.26e-01	5	1	
HS40	4	3	4	0	-2.50e-01	+1.95e-06	0	0	3	-2.49e-01	+3.35e-02	2	1	
HS42	4	2	4	1	+1.39e+01	+3.94e-04	1	0	1	+1.50e+01	+2.00e+00	3	1	
HS52	5	3	1	0	+5.33e+00	+1.54e+02	1	0	1	+8.07e+03	+4.09e+02	0	1	
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HS77	5	2	13	30	+2.42e-01	+1.26e-02	0	0	17	+5.52e+02	+4.54e+02	3	11	
HS78	5	3	6	0	-2.92e+00	+3.65e-04	1	0	10	-1.79e+00	+1.77e+00	2	30	
HS79	5	3	13	21	+7.88e-02	+5.51e-02	0	2	10	+9.70e+01	+1.21e+02	0	24	
MARATOS	2	1	4	0	-1.00e+00	+8.59e-05	1	0	3	-9.96e-01	+9.02e-02	2	1	
MSS3	2070	1981	12	0	-4.99e+01	+2.51e-01	50	0	12	-4.99e+01	+2.51e-01	50	0	
MWRIGHT	5	3	17	6	+2.31e+01	+5.78e-05	1	0	7	+5.07e+01	+1.04e+01	12	20	
ORTHREGB	27	6	10	15	+7.02e-05	+4.23e-04	0	6	10	+2.73e+00	+1.60e+00	0	10	
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## Summary of results

Our algorithm, at the end of phase 1

- ▶ for 26 problems, reaches a smaller function value
- ▶ for 6 problems, reaches the same function value

Total number of iterations of our algorithm

- ▶ for 18 problems is smaller
- ▶ for 8 problems is equal

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- ▶ Proposed an algorithm for equality constrained optimization
  - ▶ Trust funnel algorithm with improved complexity properties
  - ▶ Promising performance in practice based on our preliminary experiment
  - ▶ A step toward practical algorithms with good iteration complexity
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