Multi-D optimization problem

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Notes

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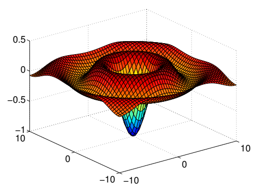

Find $\vec{x}$ that minimizes $E(\vec{x})$ subject to $g(\vec{x}) = 0, h(\vec{x}) \leq 0$

- $\vec{x}$ design variables
- $E(\vec{x})$ merit or objective or fitness or energy function
- $g(\vec{x})$ and $h(\vec{x})$ constrains

It is easy to see that the maximization problem is the same as minimization once $E(\vec{x}) \rightarrow -E(\vec{x})$.

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Solution with Matlab built in Multi-D minimization - fminsearch

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[x,fval] = fminsearch(fun,x0)
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- fun hanldle to the multi-variable function
- x0 initial 'guess' (vector)
- x optimum position vector
- fval value of the function at the optimum

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fminsearch - usage example

Example

```
function ret=fsample_sinc(v)
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  r=sqrt(x^2+y^2);
  ret= -sin(r)/r;
end
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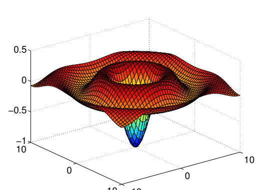


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x0vec=[0.5, 0.5];
[xResVec,zopt]=fminsearch(@fsample_sinc, x0vec)
  xResVec = [0.2852e-4,    0.1043e-4]
  zopt = -1.0000
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It is easy to miss global minimum

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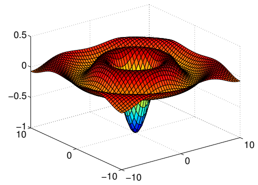

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x0vec=[5, 5];
[xResVec,zopt]=fminsearch(@fsample_sinc, x0vec)
  xResVec = [ 5.6560     5.2621 ]
  zopt = -0.1284
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$F(x, y, z) = (x + y)^2 + (x + z)^2 + (z - 1)^2$

Minimum is $[x, y, z]$=[-1,1,1]

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Sample problem 2: Potential well

Consider a 1D potential well with the following potential

$$U(x) = \begin{cases} \infty & : \; x < 0 \\ 0 & : \; x \le L \\ U_o & : \; x > L \end{cases}$$

The wave function for this problem

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & : \; x < 0 \\ \sin(kx) & : \; x \le L \\ Be^{-\alpha x} & : \; x > L \end{cases}$$

Quantum Mechanics requires that $k = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E-U_o)}}{\hbar}$ and $\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{2m(U_o-E)}}{\hbar}$
We know that Ψ function must be continuous and differentiable

$$\Psi_{in}(L) = \Psi_{out}(L)$$
$$\Psi'_{in}(L) = \Psi'_{out}(L)$$

Suppose that we somehow know k. What are the values for α and B?

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k=5.1416; L=1;
v0=fminsearch(...
   @merit_psi, [.11,1])
v0 = 2.3531   -9.5640
%    alpha    B
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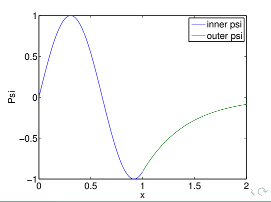

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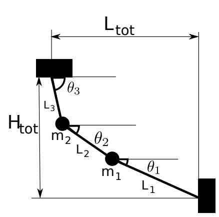

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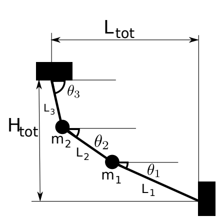

The answer should be close to $\theta_1 = -1.231; \theta_2 = 0; \theta_3 = 1.231$;

```
theta = fminsearch( @EconstrainedSuspendedWeights,
        [-1,0,-1], optimset('TolX',1e-6))
theta = -1.2321   -0.0044    1.2311
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