

# PDE-Constrained Multiobjective Optimization

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# Multiobjective Optimization [e.g., Ehrgott'05]

**Competing goals in many applications:** e.g.

- production (quality  $\longleftrightarrow$  production costs)
- transport (travel costs  $\longleftrightarrow$  comfort  $\longleftrightarrow$  energy consumption)

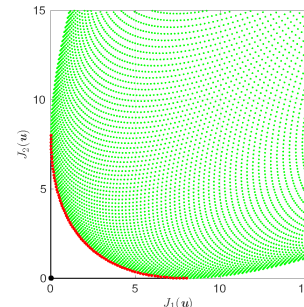
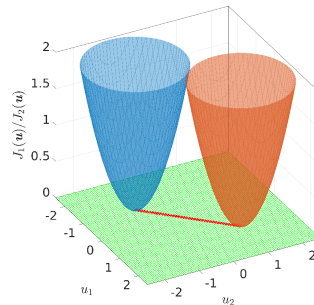
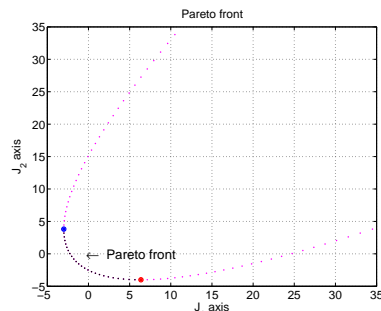
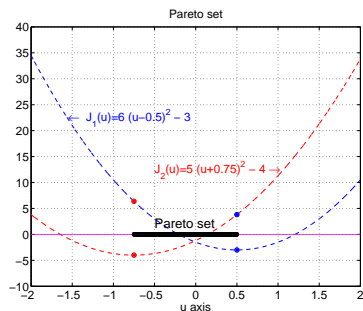
**Multiobjective optimization:**  $\hat{J} \in C^1(\mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}, \mathbb{R}^k)$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  Hilbert space

$$\min \hat{J}(u) = (\hat{J}_1(u), \dots, \hat{J}_k(u)) \quad \text{subject to} \quad u \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}} \subset \mathcal{U} \quad (\hat{\mathbf{P}})$$

**Pareto optimal points:**  $\bar{u} \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}$  Pareto optimal, if there is no  $u \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}$  such that

$$\hat{J}_j(u) \leq \hat{J}_j(\bar{u}) \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq k \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{J}_j(u) < \hat{J}_j(\bar{u}) \text{ for at least one } j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$$

**Sets:** Pareto set  $\mathcal{P}_s = \{\bar{u} \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}} \mid \bar{u} \text{ Pareto optimal}\}$ , Pareto front  $\mathcal{P}_f = \hat{J}(\mathcal{P}_s) \subset \mathbb{R}^k$



# Optimality Conditions and Optimization Methods

**Karush-Kuhn-Tucker** [Kuhn/Tucker'51]:  $\bar{u} \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}$  Pareto optimal, then there is  $\bar{\mu} = (\bar{\mu}_1, \dots, \bar{\mu}_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$

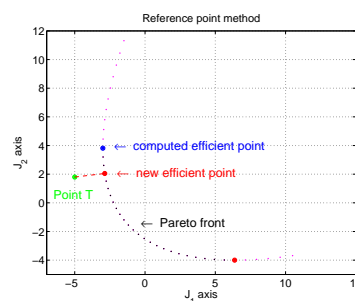
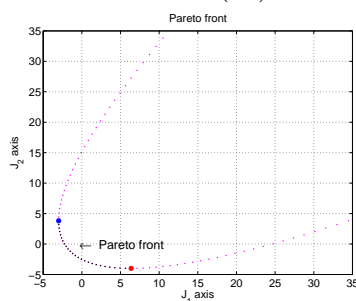
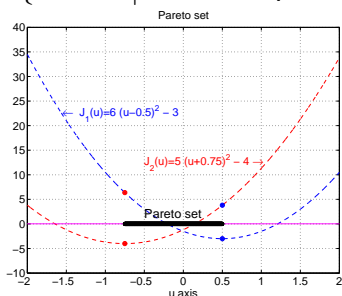
$$0 \leq \bar{\mu}_i \leq 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \bar{\mu}_i = 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \bar{\mu}_i \langle \hat{J}_i'(\bar{u}), u - \bar{u} \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^k \bar{\mu}_i \hat{J}_i'(\bar{u}), u - \bar{u} \right\rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \geq 0 \text{ for all } u \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}$$

→ first-order (necessary) optimality conditions for  $\min_{u \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}} \hat{G}(u; \bar{\mu}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \bar{\mu}_i \hat{J}_i(u)$

**Weighted sum method**: solve  $\bar{u}_{\mu} = \arg \min_{u \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}} \hat{G}(u; \mu)$  with  $0 \leq \mu_i \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i = 1$

**Euclidean reference point method** [Wierzbicki'79]:  $\min_{u \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}} \hat{F}_T(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|T - \hat{J}(u)\|_2^2$  for reference point  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_k)^\top$

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# Motivating Example: Heat Equation with Convection

**Bicriterial optimal control problem:** minimize

$$J(y, u) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \|y(T, \cdot) - y_\Omega\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ \sum_{i=1}^m \|u_i(t)\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

subject to the parabolic convection-diffusion PDE

$$y_t(t, \mathbf{x}) - \Delta y(t, \mathbf{x}) + b(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla y(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i(t) \chi_{\Omega_i}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (t, \mathbf{x}) \in Q = (0, T) \times \Omega, \quad \Omega = \Omega_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} \Omega_m$$

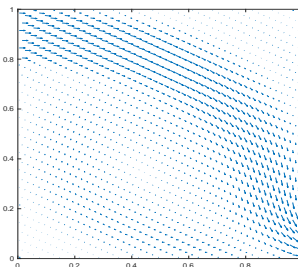
$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial n}(t, \mathbf{x}) + \alpha_i y(t, \mathbf{x}) = \alpha_i y_a(t), \quad (t, \mathbf{x}) \in \Sigma_i = (0, T) \times \Gamma_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq r \tag{SE}$$

$$y(0, \mathbf{x}) = y_0(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \quad d \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

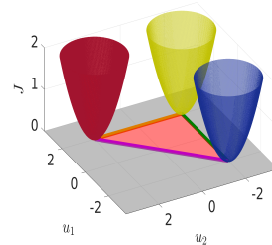
**Reduced cost:**  $\hat{J}(u) = J(\mathcal{S}(u), u)$ , where  $y = \mathcal{S}(u)$  solves (SE).

**Diffusion dominated (Movie 1):**  
temperature  $y(t_f, \cdot)$  (left) and Pareto front (right)

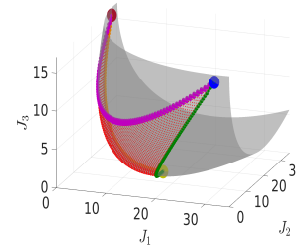
**Convection dominated (Movie 2):**  
temperature  $y(t_f, \cdot)$  (left) and Pareto front (right)



(a) Advection Field



(b) Three Costs



(c) Pareto Front

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