#### Problemi di Ottimizzazione di sistemi alari

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Suggested Links



New scenarios for the aviation of the future.

#### EU VISION 2020: main targets to be achieved.

The European Union published the VISION 2020 report setting a new set of ambitious targets for the next generation air transport system:

- 0 80% reduction of NOx emissions
- e Halving perceived aircraft noise
- Five-fold reduction in accidents
- 50% cut in CO2 emissions per passenger-km
- **99%** of all flights within 15 minutes of timetable

Keywords: more efficiency, more safety, more integration among the airport/transport systems.

New scenarios for the aviation of the future.

#### State of the art. Boeing 787: conventional architecture, composite materials.



#### State of the art. Airbus A380: the upper limit for conventional aircraft.

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State of the art. B707 vs A340

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from Aircraft Design: Synthesis and Analysis I. Kroo, http://adg.stanford.edu/aa241/AircraftDesign.html



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# How does the aircraft of the next generation look like? The Blended Wing Body (BWB).



Figure: BWB tries to minimize wetted area.



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# How does the aircraft of the next generation look like? The C-Wing.



Figure: C-Wing: an example of non-planar wing system.



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## How does the aircraft of the next generation look like? The PrandtlPlane.





Figure: Based on the Best Wing System by Prandtl: the induced drag is minimum.

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#### Optimization in Aeronautics.





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## NLP problem.

$$\begin{aligned} &(\min f(x)) \\ &g(x) \leq 0 \\ &h(x) = 0 \\ &x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

with  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f \in C^1$ ,  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $g \in C^1$ , and  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $h \in C^1$ . Problem 1 is called a Non-Linear Programming (NLP) problem when at least one among the objective functions, inequality constraints and equality constraints is nonlinear with respect to x.



## Optimality Conditions.

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- x<sup>\*</sup> is a *minimum* if the Hessian matrix ∇<sup>2</sup>f(x<sup>\*</sup>) is positive definite (Second Order Sufficient Condition).



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## **Optimality Conditions.**

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For the *constrained* problem 1 necessary conditions are provided by the following

#### Theorem (Karush-Khun-Tucker (KKT))

Let the Lagrange function be  $L(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_i g_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_j h_j(x)$ , let the constraint qualification be verified in  $x^*$ , then the point  $x^*$  is a solution of problem 1 if exist  $\mu^*$  and  $\lambda^* \ge 0$  satisfying the following system:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i g_i(x^*) = 0 \\ h_j(x^*) = 0 & j = 1, \dots, m \end{cases}$$

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## Unconstrained Methods (grad-based)

In general, an Optimization Algorithm generates a sequence

$$x^{k+1} = x^k + t_k d^k = x^k - t_k H^k \nabla f(x^k)$$
 such that  $f(x^{k+1}) \le f(x^k)$ .

where  $H^k$  is a positive defined matrix.

If  $H^k = I \Rightarrow$  steepest descent. If  $H^k = [\nabla^2 f(x^k)]^{-1} \Rightarrow$  Newton's method (quadratic rate of convergence) If  $H^k = [\nabla^2 \widehat{f(x^k)}]^{-1} \Rightarrow$  quasi-Newton's method (superlinear rate of convergence).  $t_k = \arg \min_t f(x^k + td^k)$ : exact search of stepsize.

 $t_k$  such that  $f(x^k + td^k) \le f(x^k) + \gamma t \nabla f(x^k) d^k$ : Armijio's inexact search (LSA).

 $t_k$  such that LSA +  $\nabla f(x^k + t_k d^k) d^k \ge \beta \nabla f(x^k) d^k$ : Wolfe's condition.



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## Unconstrained Derivative-free Methods (Global Pattern Search)

A direct search method.

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# Unconstrained (Constrained) Derivative-free Methods

Derivative-free but some properties must hold to demonstrate convergence:

- If f is strictly differentiable at the solution x\* then x\* is a minimum (KKT) point;
- **2** If f is Lipschitz near  $x^*$  then  $x^*$  is a stationary point of f on  $\Omega$ .



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### GPS performances.

There is a deterioration of the rate of convergence as the dimensions of space increase.



**Figure**: Angle between the GPS search and  $-\nabla f$  directions.



Constrained problem.

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In the present work, the constrained problem has been faced by SQP algorithm already implemented in the function *fmincon* in the software Matlab and by *Penalty Methods*. In particular, the *Augmented Lagrangian* penalty function has been extensively used.

• Courant:

$$\min\{f(x) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_k} \left[ ||\max[g(x), 0]||^2 + ||h(x)||^2 \right] \}$$

• Augmented Lagrangian:

$$\begin{split} \min\{f(x) + \lambda \max\{g(x), -\frac{\epsilon_k}{2}\lambda\} + \mu h(x) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_k} ||\max\{g(x), -\frac{\epsilon_k}{2}\lambda\}||^2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon_k} ||h(x)||^2\} \\ \{\epsilon_{k+1}\} < \{\epsilon_k\} \end{split}$$

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- The solution results in an "improved point" instead of an "optimum point"; often this is enough for engineering purposes if the initial design (the starting point  $x_0$ ) is sufficiently close to the solution. When completely new projects are faced, the starting point may be far from the final solution: algorithms with specific characteristics of exploring the design space, like global optimization algorithms, are necessary.



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#### An Algorithm. The local smoothing technique.

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- the step function is smoothed, minimized and its minimum gives directions on the basin of attraction.

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#### The local smoothing technique. Sampling points to construct the step function.





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Math benchmarking problems. Aerodynamic Optimization of wings.

### Math Test 1: Ackley's function.

$$f(x) = -20e^{-0.2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}^{2}} - e^{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\cos 2\pi x_{i}} + 20 + e$$
  
Domain: -32.768  $\leq x \leq$  32.768.  
Point of global minimum:  $x^{*} = ( 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 )$ .  
Global Minimum:  $f(x^{*}) = 0$ .

	n	LOCSMOOTH with:			
		SQP local solver		MADS local solver	
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	15	13.8393	26243	0.1577 10-4	190992
	20	19.8439	10395	0.1559 10-4	554557
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## Math Test 2: Rastrigin's function.

 $\begin{array}{l} f(x) = 10n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 - 10\cos 2\pi x_i \\ \text{Domain:} \ -5.12 \le x \le 5.12. \\ \text{Point of global minimum:} \ x^* = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{array} \right). \\ \text{Global Minimum:} \ f(x^*) = 0. \end{array}$ 

		LOCSMOOTH with			
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	10	9.9496	7038	0.244 10-7	37806
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	20	20.8940	10363	0.685 10-7	257906
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### Math Test 3: Rosenbrock's function.

 $\begin{array}{l} f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 100(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2 + (1 - x_i)^2 \\ \text{Domain:} -2.48 \leq x \leq 2.48. \\ \text{Point of global minimum:} \ x^* = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{array} \right). \\ \text{Global Minimum:} \ f(x^*) = 0. \end{array}$ 

	n	LOCSMOOTH with				
		SQP local solver		MADS local solver		
		$f(x^*)$	NFval	f(x*)	NFval	
	2	6.14 10 <sup>-11</sup>	3968	8.97 10-10	58916	
	5	1.73 10 <sup>-10</sup>	9416	0.0866 10-3	1243050	
	10	0.996 10-9	22419	0.1059 10-3	3345535	
	15	0.6965 10-9	39776	0.0933 10-3	980867	
	20	0.159 10-9	45309	0.1644 10-3	6758729	
	25	0.6145 10-8	34251	0.1955 10-3	11527938	
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### Math Test 4: Circle Packaging problem.

Given a circle of radius 1 and an interger number K, find the maximum radius r of K non-overlapping circles inside the unit-radius circle.





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$$\begin{cases} \max r \\ \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2} \ge 2r & 1 \le i \le k, 1 \le j \le k, i \ne j \\ \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2} + r \le 1 & i = 1, \dots, k \\ 0 \le x_i \le 1 & i = 1, \dots, k \\ 0 \le y_i \le 1 & i = 1, \dots, k \\ 0 \le r \le 1 \end{cases}$$

The number of variables is 2K + 1, the number of non-linear, non-convex constraints for the non-overlapping condition is K(K - 1)/2, and the number of non-linear, non-convex constraints for the container condition is K.

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## Aerodynamic Optimization of wings. Results of Calculus of Variations.

The problem of the minimum induced drag in wings and lifting system was faced for the first time by  $Munk^{5,6}$  by means the calculus of variations. In particular, by considering a lifting line of length *b*, the following isoperimetric problem can be formulated:

$$\begin{cases} \min \frac{\varrho}{4\pi} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \Gamma(y_1) \frac{d\Gamma}{dy} \frac{dydy_1}{y-y_1} \\ \varrho V_0 \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \Gamma(y) dy = W \end{cases}$$

The unknown is the circulation function  $\Gamma(y)$ .

As a result, Munk stated his two theorems (the cosinus theorem and the staggered wings theorem), and he make more general the Prandtl's result for the optimum wing, that is:

$$w_i(y) = const$$

<sup>5</sup>Isoperimetrische Aufgaben aus der Theorie des Fluges – 1919

<sup>6</sup>The minimum induced drag in airfoils, NACA 121

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### Aerodynamic Optimization of wings. Numerical Approach.



One trapezoidal wing bay (wing trunk) is defined by 12 parameters.



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### Aerodynamic Optimization of wings. Numerical Approach.

In order to solve the problem, an aerodynamic solver based on the Vortex Lattice Method (VLM) has been used. This code offers the advantages of fast simulations and good prediction of the aerodynamic derivatives for subsonic flows. The viscous part of drag has been simulated by means the flat plate analogy, with a model that considers all the flow laminar or turbulent depending on Reynolds number.



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#### Aerodynamic Optimization of wings. Minimum induced drag of a wing.



MADS+LocSmooth result: e = 1.

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SQP+LocSmooth result: e = 0.997.

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#### Aerodynamic Optimization of wings. Minimum total (induced + viscous) drag of a wing.



SQP+LocSmooth result:  $D/D_0 = 0.654$ .



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SQP + LocSmooth solver  $D/D_0 = 0.933$ 

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# Aerodynamic Optimization of wings.

Minimum total (induced + viscous) drag of a wing-tail combination: very large weight.









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#### Aerodynamic Optimization of wings. Minimum Induced Drag of a biplane.





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#### Aerodynamic Optimization of wings. Minimum Induced Drag of a BWS.





General Layout of PP-ULM. Optimization Model. Some solutions.

# The PrandtlPlane: ULM case.







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General Layout of PP-ULM. Optimization Model. Some solutions.

The aerodynamic model has been tested by a flying model (see video later)







General Layout of PP-ULM. Optimization Model. Some solutions.

# Geometry Variations.

Every half wing is divided into 2 bays (3 sections). The position of the wing-fuselage connection is fixed. An example of modification of the geometry.





General Layout of PP-ULM. Optimization Model. Some solutions.

# Trim & Stability Constraints.

In order to have trim and stability, the following system must be satisfied:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i} L_{i} = W \\ \sum_{i} M_{i}|_{CG} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial M}{\partial \alpha} < 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sum_{i} L_{i} = W \\ X_{CG} = X_{PC} \\ MoS_{min} \le MoS \le MoS_{max} \end{cases}$$


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## The starting geometry.





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# The starting geometry.

#### The starting geometry



Item	Value
Wing Surface	$15.34m^2$
Lift	5010 <i>N</i>
Induced Drag	36.23 <i>N</i>
Viscous Drag	348.91 <i>N</i>
Total Drag (no fuselage)	385.14 <i>N</i>
MoS	-9%
Trim Condition	YES



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### PrandtlPlane ULM case.

#### In terms of optimization ...

$$\begin{cases} \min D(x) = D_{ind}(x) + D_{visc}(x) \\ L_{cr,Lan} = (n_z W)_{cr,Lan} \\ M_{cr,Lan}|_{CG} = 0 \\ MoS_{min} \le MoS \le MoS_{max} \\ C_L|_{Lan} \le C_L|_{Stall} \\ lb \le x \le ub \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \min D(x) = D_{ind}(x) + D_{visc}(x) \\ W_{min}^*|_{cr,Lan} \le L_{cr,Lan} \le W_{max}^*|_{cr,Lan} \\ |X_{CG} - X_{PC}|_{cr,Lan} \le \delta \\ MoS_{min} \le MoS \le MoS_{max} \\ C_L|_{Lan} \le C_L|_{Stall} \\ lb \le x \le ub \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc} c_i & \theta_i & \Lambda_j & \alpha_{cr} & \alpha_{Lan} & \delta_e & \delta_f \end{array}\right) \\ i &= 1, \dots, 6 \\ j &= 1, \dots, 5 \end{aligned}$$

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Optimization Model.

#### Mathematical Model. PrandtlPlane ULM case.

### **Boundaries**

- $0.5m < c_i <$  $-10 deg < \theta_i <$  $0 deg < \Lambda_i <$  $-35 deg < \Lambda_i < 0 deg i = 3, 4$ , rearward wing  $-3 deg < \alpha_{AV} <$ 3deg  $0 deg < \alpha_{BV} <$ 16deg  $-20 deg < \delta_e <$ 20deg  $0 deg < \delta_f <$ 30deg 4950*N* < *W* < 5050N  $5\% < MoS_{cr.Lan} <$ 20%
  - 1.5m  $i = 1, \dots, 6$
  - 10*deg* i = 1, ..., 6
  - 35 deg i = 1, 2, forward wing



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## The optimum point $x^*$

### The optimum geometry



ltem	Value	Variation
Wing Surface	13.47 <i>m</i> <sup>2</sup>	$\searrow$
Lift	5004 <i>N</i>	$\searrow$
Induced Drag	36.53 <i>N</i>	~
Viscous Drag	282.81 <i>N</i>	$\searrow$
Total Drag (no fuselage)	319.34 <i>N</i>	$\searrow$
MoS	7.4%	~
Trim Condition	YES	$\leftrightarrow$



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# Changing constraints:

### The optimum geometry



ltem	Value	Variation
Wing Surface	$14.26m^2$	~
Lift	4990 <i>N</i>	$\searrow$
Induced Drag	36.59 <i>N</i>	~
Viscous Drag	311.87 <i>N</i>	~
Total Drag (no fuselage)	348.46 <i>N</i>	~
MoS	5%	$\searrow$
Trim Condition	YES	$\leftrightarrow$



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## Final tuning:

### The optimum geometry



ltem	Value	Variation
Wing Surface	$14.22m^2$	$\searrow$
Lift	4976 <i>N</i>	$\searrow$
Induced Drag	36.49 <i>N</i>	$\searrow$
Viscous Drag	311 <i>N</i>	$\searrow$
Total Drag (no fuselage)	347.49 <i>N</i>	$\searrow$
MoS	5.74%	~
Trim Condition	YES	$\leftrightarrow$



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Suggested Links

# Conclusions, results and way forward.

- A general overview of the current state of the art in aeronautics has been presented
- A short and quick overview of some optimization algorithms applied during the research have been presented and they have been tested on some benchmarking problems
- The same algorithms have been applied to design the preliminary wing planform of an innovative aircraft configuration
- The construction of a prototype of the aircraft has been funded and it is under construction



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- http://www.optimization-online.org/
- http://ntrs.nasa.gov/search.jsp
- http://www.prandtlplane.it/
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