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GPkit is a Python package for defining and manipulating geometric programming (GP) models.

Our hopes are to bring the mathematics of Geometric Programming into the engineering design process in a disciplined and collaborative way, and to encourage research with and on GPs by providing an easily extensible object-oriented framework.

GPkit abstracts away the backend solver so that users can work directly with engineering equations and optimization concepts. Supported solvers are [MOSEK](#) and [CVXOPT](#).

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## Geometric Programming 101

### 1.1 What is a GP?

A Geometric Program (GP) is a type of non-linear optimization problem whose objective and constraints have a particular form.

The decision variables must be strictly positive (non-zero, non-negative) quantities. This is a good fit for engineering design equations (which are often constructed to have only positive quantities), but any model with variables of unknown sign (such as forces and velocities without a predefined direction) may be difficult to express in a GP. Such models might be better expressed as *Signomials*.

More precisely, GP objectives and inequalities are formed out of *monomials* and *posynomials*. In the context of GP, a monomial is defined as:

$$f(x) = cx_1^{a_1}x_2^{a_2}\dots x_n^{a_n}$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant,  $x_{1..n}$  are decision variables, and  $a_{1..n}$  are real exponents. For example, taking  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  to be positive variables, the expressions

$$7x \quad 4xy^2z \quad \frac{2x}{y^2z^{0.3}} \quad \sqrt{2xy}$$

are all monomials. Building on this, a posynomial is defined as a sum of monomials:

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K c_k x_1^{a_1^k} x_2^{a_2^k} \dots x_n^{a_n^k}$$

For example, the expressions

$$x^2 + 2xy + 1 \quad 7xy + 0.4(yz)^{-1/3} \quad 0.56 + \frac{x^{0.7}}{yz}$$

are all posynomials. Alternatively, monomials can be defined as the subset of posynomials having only one term. Using  $f_i$  to represent a monomial and  $g_i$  to represent a posynomial, a GP in standard form is

written as:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & g_0(x) \\ \text{subject to} & f_i(x) = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & g_i(x) \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n\end{array}$$

Boyd et. al. give the following example of a GP in standard form:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & x^{-1}y^{-1/2}z^{-1} + 2.3xz + 4xyz \\ \text{subject to} & (1/3)x^{-2}y^{-2} + (4/3)y^{1/2}z^{-1} \leq 1 \\ & x + 2y + 3z \leq 1 \\ & (1/2)xy = 1\end{array}$$

## 1.2 Why are GPs special?

Geometric programs have several powerful properties:

1. Unlike most non-linear optimization problems, large GPs can be **solved extremely quickly**.
2. If there exists an optimal solution to a GP, it is guaranteed to be **globally optimal**.
3. Modern GP solvers require **no initial guesses** or tuning of solver parameters.

These properties arise because GPs become *convex optimization problems* via a logarithmic transformation. In addition to their mathematical benefits, recent research has shown that many practical problems can be formulated as GPs or closely approximated as GPs.

## 1.3 What are Signomials / Signomial Programs?

When the coefficients in a posynomial are allowed to be negative (but the variables stay strictly positive), that is called a Signomial.

A Signomial Program has signomial constraints. While they cannot be solved as quickly or to global optima, because they build on the structure of a GP they can often be solved more quickly than a generic nonlinear program. More information can be found under [Signomial Programming](#).

## 1.4 Where can I learn more?

To learn more about GPs, refer to the following resources:

- [A tutorial on geometric programming](#), by S. Boyd, S.J. Kim, L. Vandenberghe, and A. Hassibi.
- [Convex optimization](#), by S. Boyd and L. Vandenberghe.
- [Geometric Programming for Aircraft Design Optimization](#), Hoburg, Abbeel 2014



# CHAPTER 2

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## Installation

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1. If you are on Mac or Windows, we recommend installing [Anaconda](#). Alternatively, [install pip and create a virtual environment](#).
2. (optional) Install the MOSEK solver as directed below
3. Run `pip install gpkit` in the appropriate terminal or command prompt.
4. Open a Python prompt and run `import gpkit` to finish installation and run unit tests.

If you encounter any bugs please email [gpkit@mit.edu](mailto:gpkit@mit.edu) or [raise a GitHub issue](#).

## 2.1 Installing MOSEK

GPkit interfaces with two off the shelf solvers: `cvxopt`, and MOSEK. `Cvxopt` is open source and installed by default; MOSEK requires a commercial licence or (free) academic license.

### Mac OS X

- If `which gcc` does not return anything, install the [Apple Command Line Tools](#).
- **Download MOSEK 8, then:**
  - Move the `mosek` folder to your home directory
  - Follow [these steps for Mac](#).
  - Request an [academic license file](#) and put it in `~/mosek/`

### Linux

- **Download MOSEK 8, then:**
  - Move the `mosek` folder to your home directory
  - Follow [these steps for Linux](#).
  - Request an [academic license file](#) and put it in `~/mosek/`

## Windows

- **Download MOSEK 8, then:**
  - Follow [these steps for Windows](#).
  - Request an [academic license file](#) and put it in `C:\Users\<your_username>\mosek\`
  - **Make sure gcc is on your system path.**
    - \* To do this, type `gcc` into a command prompt.
    - \* If you get `executable not found`, then install the 64-bit version (x86\_64 installer architecture dropdown option) with GCC version 6.4.0 or older of [mingw](#).
    - \* In an Anaconda command prompt (or equivalent), run `cd C:\Program Files\mingw-w64\x86_64-6.4.0-posix-seh-rt_v5-rev0\` (or whatever corresponds to the correct installation directory; note that if mingw is in Program Files (x86) instead of Program Files you've installed the 32-bit version by mistake)
    - \* Run `mingw-w64` to add it to your executable path. For step 3 of the install process you'll need to run `pip install gpkit` from this prompt.

## 2.2 Debugging your installation

You may need to rebuild GPkit if any of the following occur:

- You install MOSEK after installing GPkit
- You see `Could not load settings file. when importing GPkit`, or
- `Could not load MOSEK library: ImportError('expopt.so not found.')`

To rebuild GPkit run `python -c "from gpkit.build import rebuild; rebuild()"`.

If that doesn't solve your issue then try the following:

- `pip uninstall gpkit`
- `pip install --no-cache-dir --no-deps gpkit`
- `python -c "import gpkit.tests; gpkit.tests.run()"`
- If any tests fail, please email `gpkit@mit.edu` or [raise a GitHub issue](#).

## 2.3 Bleeding-edge installations

Active developers may wish to install the [latest GPkit](#) directly from Github. To do so,

1. `pip uninstall gpkit` to uninstall your existing GPkit.
2. `git clone https://github.com/convexengineering/gpkit.git`
3. `pip install -e gpkit` to install that directory as your environment-wide GPkit.
4. `cd ..; python -c "import gpkit.tests; gpkit.tests.run()"` to test your installation from a non-local directory.

# CHAPTER 3

## Getting Started

GPkit is a Python package, so we assume basic familiarity with Python: if you're new to Python we recommend you take a look at [Learn Python](#).

Otherwise, *install GPkit* and import away:

```
from gpkit import Variable, VectorVariable, Model
from gpkit.nomials import Monomial, Posynomial, PosynomialInequality
```

### 3.1 Declaring Variables

Instances of the `Variable` class represent scalar variables. They create a `VarKey` to store the variable's name, units, a description, and value (if the `Variable` is to be held constant), as well as other metadata.

#### 3.1.1 Free Variables

```
# Declare a variable, x
x = Variable("x")

# Declare a variable, y, with units of meters
y = Variable("y", "m")

# Declare a variable, z, with units of meters, and a description
z = Variable("z", "m", "A variable called z with units of meters")
```

#### 3.1.2 Fixed Variables

To declare a variable with a constant value, use the `Variable` class, as above, but put a number before the units:

```
rho = Variable("rho", 1.225, "kg/m^3", "Density of air at sea level")
```

In the example above, the key name `"\rho"` is for LaTeX printing (described later). The unit and description arguments are optional.

```
#Declare pi equal to 3.14
pi = Variable("pi", 3.14159, "-", constant=True)
```

### 3.1.3 Vector Variables

Vector variables are represented by the `VectorVariable` class. The first argument is the length of the vector. All other inputs follow those of the `Variable` class.

```
# Declare a 3-element vector variable "x" with units of "m"
x = VectorVariable(3, "x", "m", "Cube corner coordinates")
x_min = VectorVariable(3, "x", [1, 2, 3], "m", "Cube corner minimum")
```

## 3.2 Creating Monomials and Posynomials

Monomial and posynomial expressions can be created using mathematical operations on variables.

```
# create a Monomial term xy^2/z
x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y")
z = Variable("z")
m = x * y**2 / z
assert isinstance(m, Monomial)
```

```
# create a Posynomial expression x + xy^2
x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y")
p = x + x * y**2
assert isinstance(p, Posynomial)
```

## 3.3 Declaring Constraints

Constraint objects represent constraints of the form `Monomial >= Posynomial` or `Monomial == Monomial` (which are the forms required for GP-compatibility).

Note that constraints must be formed using `<=`, `>=`, or `==` operators, not `<` or `>`.

```
# consider a block with dimensions x, y, z less than 1
# constrain surface area less than 1.0 m^2
x = Variable("x", "m")
y = Variable("y", "m")
z = Variable("z", "m")
S = Variable("S", 1.0, "m^2")
c = (2*x*y + 2*x*z + 2*y*z <= S)
assert isinstance(c, PosynomialInequality)
```

## 3.4 Formulating a Model

The `Model` class represents an optimization problem. To create one, pass an objective and list of Constraints.

By convention, the objective is the function to be *minimized*. If you wish to *maximize* a function, take its reciprocal. For example, the code below creates an objective which, when minimized, will maximize  $x*y*z$ .

```
x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y")
z = Variable("z")
S = 200
objective = 1/(x*y*z)
constraints = [2*x*y + 2*x*z + 2*y*z <= S,
               x >= 2*y]
m = Model(objective, constraints)
```

## 3.5 Solving the Model

When solving the model you can change the level of information that gets printed to the screen with the `verbosity` setting. A verbosity of 1 (the default) prints warnings and timing; a verbosity of 2 prints solver output, and a verbosity of 0 prints nothing.

```
sol = m.solve(verbosity=0)
```

## 3.6 Printing Results

The solution object can represent itself as a table:

```
print(sol.table())
```

```
Cost
----
15.59 [1/m**3]

Free Variables
-----
x : 0.5774 [m]
y : 0.2887 [m]
z : 0.3849 [m]

Constants
-----
S : 1 [m**2]

Sensitivities
-----
S : -1.5
```

We can also print the optimal value and solved variables individually.

```
print("The optimal value is %s." % sol["cost"])
```

```
The optimal value is 15.5884619886.  
The x dimension is 0.5774 meter.  
The y dimension is 0.2887 meter.
```

## 3.7 Sensitivities and Dual Variables

When a GP is solved, the solver returns not just the optimal value for the problem’s variables (known as the “primal solution”) but also the effect that relaxing each constraint would have on the overall objective (the “dual solution”).

From the dual solution GPKit computes the sensitivities for every fixed variable in the problem. This can be quite useful for seeing which constraints are most crucial, and prioritizing remodeling and assumption-checking.

### 3.7.1 Using Variable Sensitivities

Fixed variable sensitivities can be accessed from a `SolutionArray`’s `["sensitivities"]["variables"]` dict, as in this example:

```
x = Variable("x")  
x_min = Variable("x_{min}", 2)  
sol = Model(x, [x_min <= x]).solve()  
sens_x_min = sol["sensitivities"]["variables"][x_min]
```

These sensitivities are actually log derivatives ( $\frac{d\log(y)}{d\log(x)}$ ); whereas a regular derivative is a tangent line, these are tangent monomials, so the 1 above indicates that `x_min` has a linear relation with the objective. This is confirmed by a further example:

```
x = Variable("x")  
x_squared_min = Variable("x^2_{min}", 2)  
sol = Model(x, [x_squared_min <= x**2]).solve()  
sens_x_min = sol["sensitivities"]["variables"][x_squared_min]
```

## CHAPTER 4

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### Debugging Models

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A number of errors and warnings may be raised when attempting to solve a model. A model may be primal infeasible: there is no possible solution that satisfies all constraints. A model may be dual infeasible: the optimal value of one or more variables is 0 or infinity (negative and positive infinity in logspace).

For a GP model that does not solve, solvers may be able to prove its primal or dual infeasibility, or may return an unknown status.

Gpkit contains several tools for diagnosing which constraints and variables might be causing infeasibility. The first thing to do with a model `m` that won't solve is to run `m.debug()`, which will search for changes that would make the model feasible:

```
"Debug examples"
from gpkit import Variable, Model, units

x = Variable("x", "ft")
x_min = Variable("x_min", 2, "ft")
x_max = Variable("x_max", 1, "ft")
y = Variable("y", "volts")

m = Model(x/y, [x <= x_max, x >= x_min])
m.debug()

print("# Now let's try a model unsolvable with relaxed constants\n")

m2 = Model(x, [x <= units("inch"), x >= units("yard")])
m2.debug()

print("# And one that's only unbounded\n")

# the value of x_min was used up in the previous model!
x_min = Variable("x_min", 2, "ft")
m3 = Model(x/y, [x >= x_min])
m3.debug()
```

```
< DEBUGGING >
> Trying with bounded variables and relaxed constants:

Solves with these variables bounded:
  sensitive to upper bound: y
    value near upper bound: y

and these constants relaxed:
  x_min [ft]: relaxed from 2 to 1

>> Success!
# Now let's try a model unsolvable with relaxed constants

< DEBUGGING >
> Trying with bounded variables and relaxed constants:
>> Failure.
> Trying with relaxed constraints:

Solves with these constraints relaxed:
  1: 3500% relaxed, from x [ft] >= 1 [yd]
    to 36*x [ft] >= 1 [yd]

>> Success!

# And one that's only unbounded

< DEBUGGING >
> Trying with bounded variables and relaxed constants:

Solves with these variables bounded:
  sensitive to upper bound: y
    value near upper bound: y

>> Success!
```

Note that certain modeling errors (such as omitting or forgetting a constraint) may be difficult to diagnose from this output.

## 4.1 Potential errors and warnings

- **RuntimeWarning: final status of solver 'mosek' was 'DUAL\_INFEAS\_CER', not 'optimal'**
  - The solver found a certificate of dual infeasibility: the optimal value of one or more variables is 0 or infinity. See *Dual Infeasibility* below for debugging advice.
- **RuntimeWarning: final status of solver 'mosek' was 'PRIM\_INFEAS\_CER', not 'optimal'**
  - The solver found a certificate of primal infeasibility: no possible solution satisfies all constraints. See *Primal Infeasibility* below for debugging advice.
- **RuntimeWarning: final status of solver 'cvxopt' was 'unknown', not 'optimal' or 'unbounded'**
  - The solver could not solve the model or find a certificate of infeasibility. This may indicate a dual infeasible model, a primal infeasible model, or other numerical issues. Try



debugging with the techniques in *Dual* and *Primal Infeasibility* below.

- **RuntimeWarning: Primal solution violates constraint: 1.0000149786 is greater than**

- this warning indicates that the solver-returned solution violates a constraint of the model, likely because the solver’s tolerance for a final solution exceeds GPkit’s tolerance during solution checking. This is sometimes seen in dual infeasible models, see *Dual Infeasibility* below. If you run into this, please note on [this GitHub issue](#) your solver and operating system.

- **RuntimeWarning: Dual cost nan does not match primal cost 1.00122315152**

- Similarly to the above, this warning may be seen in dual infeasible models, see *Dual Infeasibility* below.

## 4.2 Dual Infeasibility

In some cases a model will not solve because the optimal value of one or more variables is 0 or infinity (negative or positive infinity in logspace). Such a problem is *dual infeasible* because the GP’s dual problem, which determines the optimal values of the sensitivities, does not have any feasible solution. If the solver can prove that the dual is infeasible, it will return a dual infeasibility certificate. Otherwise, it may finish with a solution status of unknown.

`gpkit.constraints.bounded.Bounded` is a simple tool that can be used to detect unbounded variables and get dual infeasible models to solve by adding extremely large upper bounds and extremely small lower bounds to all variables in a `ConstraintSet`.

When a model with a `Bounded ConstraintSet` is solved, it checks whether any variables slid off to the bounds, notes this in the solution dictionary and prints a warning (if verbosity is greater than 0).

For example, Mosek returns `DUAL_INFEAS_CER` when attempting to solve the following model:

```
"Demonstrate a trivial unbounded variable"
from gpkit import Variable, Model
from gpkit.constraints.bounded import Bounded

x = Variable("x")

constraints = [x >= 1]

m = Model(1/x, constraints) # MOSEK returns DUAL_INFEAS_CER on .solve()
m = Model(1/x, Bounded(constraints))
# by default, prints bounds warning during solve
sol = m.solve(verbosity=0)
print(sol.summary())
# but they can also be accessed from the solution:
assert (sol["boundedness"]["value near upper bound"]
        == sol["boundedness"]["sensitive to upper bound"])
```

Upon viewing the printed output,

```
Solves with these variables bounded:
sensitive to upper bound: x
value near upper bound: x
```

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```

Optimal Cost
-----
1e-30

Free Variables
-----
x : 1e+30

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+1 : x <= 1e+30

```

The problem, unsurprisingly, is that the cost  $1/x$  has no lower bound because  $x$  has no upper bound.

For details read the [Bounded](#) docstring.

## 4.3 Primal Infeasibility

A model is primal infeasible when there is no possible solution that satisfies all constraints. A simple example is presented below.

```

"A simple primal infeasible example"
from gpkit import Variable, Model

x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y")

m = Model(x*y, [
    x >= 1,
    y >= 2,
    x*y >= 0.5,
    x*y <= 1.5
])

# raises UnknownInfeasible on cvxopt, PrimalInfeasible on mosek
# m.solve()

```

It is not possible for  $x*y$  to be less than 1.5 while  $x$  is greater than 1 and  $y$  is greater than 2.

A common bug in large models that use substitutions is to substitute overly constraining values in for variables that make the model primal infeasible. An example of this is given below.

```

"Another simple primal infeasible example"
from gpkit import Variable, Model

x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y", 2)

constraints = [
    x >= 1,
    0.5 <= x*y,
    x*y <= 1.5
]

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    ]

    objective = x*y
    m = Model(objective, constraints)

    # raises UnknownInfeasible on cvxopt and PrimalInfeasible on mosek
    # m.solve()

```

Since  $y$  is now set to 2 and  $x$  can be no less than 1, it is again impossible for  $x*y$  to be less than 1.5 and the model is primal infeasible. If  $y$  was instead set to 1, the model would be feasible and the cost would be 1.

### 4.3.1 Relaxation

If you suspect your model is primal infeasible, you can find the nearest primal feasible version of it by relaxing constraints: either relaxing all constraints by the smallest number possible (that is, dividing the less-than side of every constraint by the same number), relaxing each constraint by its own number and minimizing the product of those numbers, or changing each constant by the smallest total percentage possible.

```

"Relaxation examples"

from gpkit import Variable, Model

x = Variable("x")
x_min = Variable("x_min", 2)
x_max = Variable("x_max", 1)
m = Model(x, [x <= x_max, x >= x_min])
print("Original model")
print("=====")
print(m)
print("")
# m.solve() # raises a RuntimeError!

print("With constraints relaxed equally")
print("=====")

from gpkit.constraints.relax import ConstraintsRelaxedEqually

allrelaxed = ConstraintsRelaxedEqually(m)
mr1 = Model(allrelaxed.relaxvar, allrelaxed)
print(mr1)
print(mr1.solve(verbosity=0).table()) # solves with an x of 1.414
print("")

print("With constraints relaxed individually")
print("=====")

from gpkit.constraints.relax import ConstraintsRelaxed

constraintsrelaxed = ConstraintsRelaxed(m)
mr2 = Model(constraintsrelaxed.relaxvars.prod() * m.cost**0.01,
            # add a bit of the original cost in
            constraintsrelaxed)
print(mr2)

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```

print(mr2.solve(verbosity=0).table())  # solves with an x of 1.0
print("")

print("With constants relaxed individually")
print("=====")

from gpkit.constraints.relax import ConstantsRelaxed

constantsrelaxed = ConstantsRelaxed(m)
mr3 = Model(constantsrelaxed.relaxvars.prod() * m.cost**0.01,
            # add a bit of the original cost in
            constantsrelaxed)
print(mr3)
print(mr3.solve(verbosity=0).table())  # brings x_min down to 1.0
print("")

```

```

Original model
=====

Cost
----
x

Constraints
-----
x <= x_max
x >= x_min

With constraints relaxed equally
=====

Cost
----
C

Constraints
-----
"minimum relaxation":
  C >= 1
"relaxed constraints":
  x <= C*x_max
  x_min <= C*x

Optimal Cost
-----
1.414

Free Variables
-----
x : 1.414

    | Relax
C : 1.414

Fixed Variables
-----

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```

x_max : 1
x_min : 2

Variable Sensitivities
-----
x_max : -0.5
x_min : +0.5

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+0.5 : x <= C·x_max
+0.5 : x_min <= C·x

With constraints relaxed individually
=====

Cost
----
C[:].prod()·x^0.01

Constraints
-----
"minimum relaxation":
  C[:] >= 1
"relaxed constraints":
  x <= C[0]·x_max
  x_min <= C[1]·x

Optimal Cost
-----
2

Free Variables
-----
x : 1

| Relax1
C : [ 1      2      ]

Fixed Variables
-----
x_max : 1
x_min : 2

Variable Sensitivities
-----
x_min : +1
x_max : -0.99

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+1 : x_min <= C[1]·x
+0.99 : x <= C[0]·x_max
+0.01 : C[0] >= 1

```

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```

With constants relaxed individually
=====

Cost
----
[Relax2.x_max, Relax2.x_min].prod()·x^0.01

Constraints
-----
Relax2
"original constraints":
    x <= x_max
    x >= x_min
"relaxation constraints":
    "x_max":
        Relax2.x_max >= 1
        x_max >= Relax2.OriginalValues.x_max/Relax2.x_max
        x_max <= Relax2.OriginalValues.x_max·Relax2.x_max
    "x_min":
        Relax2.x_min >= 1
        x_min >= Relax2.OriginalValues.x_min/Relax2.x_min
        x_min <= Relax2.OriginalValues.x_min·Relax2.x_min

Optimal Cost
-----
2

Free Variables
-----
    x : 1
x_max : 1
x_min : 1

    | Relax2
x_max : 1
x_min : 2

Fixed Variables
-----
    | Relax2.OriginalValues
x_max : 1
x_min : 2

Variable Sensitivities
-----
x_min : +1
x_max : -0.99

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
    +1 : x >= x_min
    +1 : x_min >= Relax2.OriginalValues.x_min/Relax2.x_min
    +0.99 : x <= x_max
    +0.99 : x_max <= Relax2.OriginalValues.x_max·Relax2.x_max

```

### 5.1 Sankey Diagrams

#### 5.1.1 Requirements

- Jupyter Notebook
- `ipysankeywidget`

#### 5.1.2 Example

Code in this section uses the CE solar model

```
from solar import *
Vehicle = Aircraft(Npod=1, sp = False)
M = Mission(Vehicle, latitude=[20])
M.cost = M[M.aircraft.Wtotal]
sol = M.solve()

from gpkit.interactive.sankey import Sankey
Sankey(M).diagram(M.aircraft.Wtotal)
```

```
(objective) adds +1 to the sensitivity of Wtotal_Aircraft
(objective) is Wtotal_Aircraft [lbf]

adds +0.0075 to the overall sensitivity of Wtotal_Aircraft
is Wtotal_Aircraft <= 0.5*CL_Mission/Climb/AircraftDrag/WingAero_(0,)*S_
→Aircraft/Wing/Planform.2*V_Mission/Climb_(0, 0)**2*rho_Mission/Climb_(0, 0)

adds +0.0117 to the overall sensitivity of Wtotal_Aircraft
is Wtotal_Aircraft <= 0.5*CL_Mission/Climb/AircraftDrag/WingAero_(1,)*S_
→Aircraft/Wing/Planform.2*V_Mission/Climb_(0, 1)**2*rho_Mission/Climb_(0, 1)
```

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### 5.1.3 Explanation

**Sankey diagrams** can be used to visualize sensitivity structure in a model. A blue flow from a constraint to its parent indicates that the sensitivity of the chosen variable (or of making the constraint easier, if no variable is given) is negative; that is, the objective of the overall model would improve if that variable's value were increased *in that constraint alone*. Red indicates a positive sensitivity: the objective and the constraint 'want' that variable's value decreased. Gray flows indicate a sensitivity whose absolute value is below  $1e-7$ , i.e. a constraint that is inactive for that variable. Where equal red and blue flows meet, they cancel each other out to gray.

### 5.1.4 Usage

#### Variables

In a Sankey diagram of a variable, the variable is on the left with its final sensitivity; to the right of it are all constraints that variable is in.

#### Free

Free variables have an overall sensitivity of 0, so this visualization shows how the various pressures on that variable in all its constraints cancel each other out; this can get quite complex, as in this diagram of the pressures on wingspan:

```
Sankey(M).diagram(M.aircraft.b)
```

#### Fixed

Fixed variables can have a nonzero overall sensitivity. Sankey diagrams can show how that sensitivity comes together:

```
Sankey(M).diagram(M['vgust'])
```

#### Equivalent Variables

If any variables are equal to the diagram's variable (modulo some constant factor; e.g.  $2 * x == y$  counts for this, as does  $2 * x <= y$  if the constraint is sensitive), they are found and plotted at the same time, and all shown on the left. The constraints responsible for this are shown next to their labels.

```
Sankey(M).sorted_by('constraints', 11)
```



## Models

When created without a variable, the diagram shows the sensitivity of every named model to becoming locally easier. Because derivatives are additive, these sensitivities are too: a model's sensitivity is equal to the sum of its constraints' sensitivities. Gray lines in this diagram indicate models without any tight constraints.

### 5.1.5 Syntax

Code	Result
<code>s = Sankey(M)</code>	Creates Sankey object of a given model
<code>s.diagram(vars)</code>	Creates the diagram in a way Jupyter knows how to present
<code>d = s.diagram()</code>	<b>Don't do this!</b> Captures output, preventing Jupyter from seeing it.
<code>s.diagram(width=..., ..)</code>	Sets width in pixels. Same for height.
<code>s.diagram(left=..., ..)</code>	Sets top margin in pixels. Same for right, top, bottom. Use if the left-hand text is being cut off.
<code>s.diagram(flowright=True)</code>	Shows the variable / top constraint on the right instead of the left.
<code>s.sorted_by("maxflow", 0)</code>	Creates diagram of the variable with the largest single constraint sensitivity. (change the 0 index to go down the list)
<code>s.sorted_by("constraint", 0)</code>	Creates diagram of the variable that's in the most constraints. (change the 0 index to go down the list)

## 5.2 Plotting a 1D Sweep

Methods exist to facilitate creating, solving, and plotting the results of a single-variable sweep (see *Sweeps* for details). Example usage is as follows:

```
"Demonstrates manual and auto sweeping and plotting"
import matplotlib as mpl
mpl.use('Agg')
# comment out the lines above to show figures in a window
import numpy as np
from gpkit import Model, Variable, units
from gpkit.constraints.tight import Tight

x = Variable("x", "m", "Swept Variable")
y = Variable("y", "m^2", "Cost")
m = Model(y, [
    y >= (x/2)**-0.5 * units.m**2.5 + 1*units.m**2,
    Tight([y >= (x/2)**2])
])

# arguments are: model, swept: values, posnomial for y-axis
sol = m.sweep({x: np.linspace(1, 3, 20)}, verbosity=0)
f, ax = sol.plot(y)
ax.set_title("Manually swept (20 points)")
```

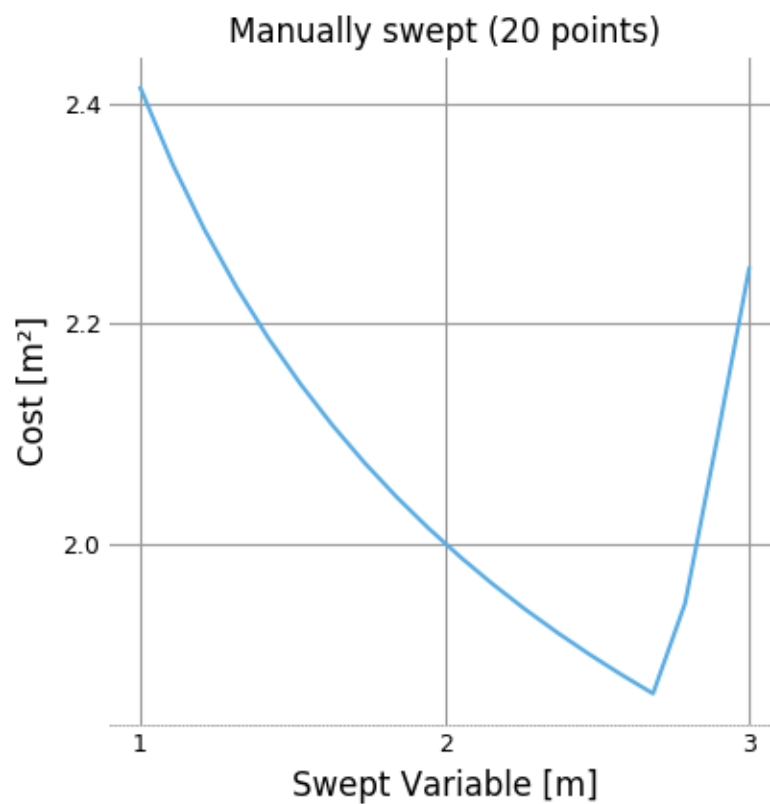
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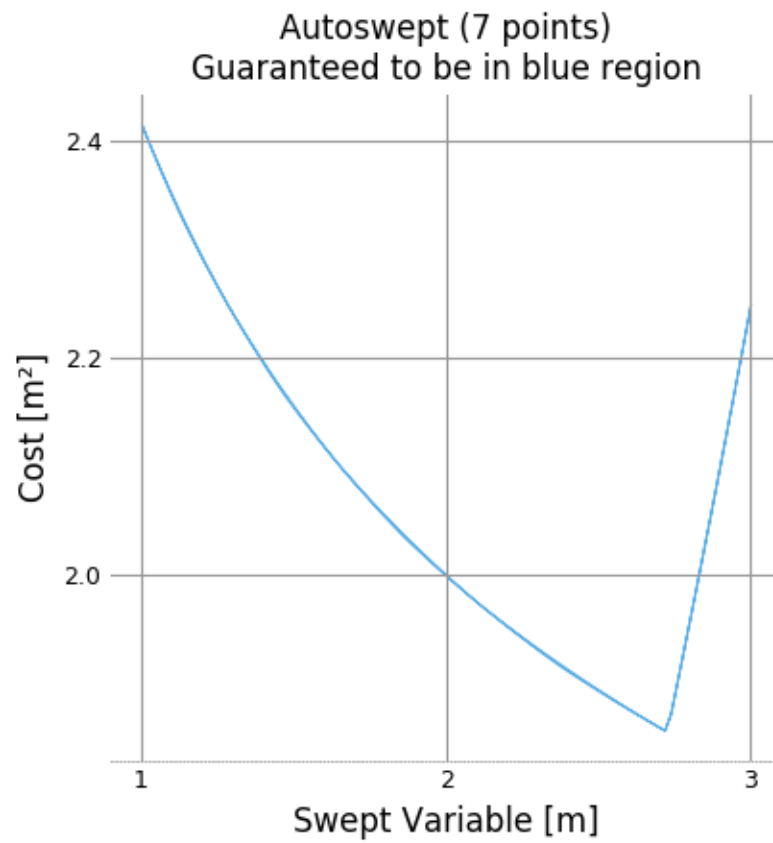
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```
f.show()
f.savefig("plot_sweep1d.png")
sol.save()

# arguments are: model, swept: (min, max, optional logtol), posnomial for y-
↪axis
sol = m.autosweep({x: (1, 3)}, tol=0.001, verbosity=0)
f, ax = sol.plot(y)
ax.set_title("Autoswept (7 points)\nGuaranteed to be in blue region")
f.show()
f.savefig("plot_autosweep1d.png")
```

Which results in:







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## Building Complex Models

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### 6.1 Checking for result changes

Tracking the effects of changes to complex models can get out of hand; we recommend saving solutions with `sol.save()`, then checking that new solutions are almost equivalent with `sol1.almost_equal(sol2)` and/or `print(sol1.diff(sol2))`, as shown below.

```
"Example code for solution saving and differencing."
import pickle
from gpkit import Model, Variable

# build model (dummy)
# decision variable
x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y")

# objective and constraints
objective = 0.23 + x/y # minimize x and y
constraints = [x + y <= 5, x >= 1, y >= 2]

# create model
m = Model(objective, constraints)

# solve the model
sol = m.solve()

# save the current state of the model
sol.save("last_verified.sol")

# uncomment the line below to verify a new model
last_verified_sol = pickle.load(open("last_verified.sol", mode="rb"))
if not sol.almost_equal(last_verified_sol, reltol=1e-3):
    print(last_verified_sol.diff(sol))
```

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```
# Note you can replace the last three lines above with
# print(sol.diff("last_verified.sol"))
# if you don't mind doing the diff in that direction.
```

You can also check differences between swept solutions, or between a point solution and a sweep.

## 6.2 Inheriting from Model

GPkit encourages an object-oriented modeling approach, where the modeler creates objects that inherit from `Model` to break large systems down into subsystems and analysis domains. The benefits of this approach include modularity, reusability, and the ability to more closely follow mental models of system hierarchy. For example: two different models for a simple beam, designed by different modelers, should be able to be used interchangeably inside another subsystem (such as an aircraft wing) without either modeler having to write specifically with that use in mind.

When you create a class that inherits from `Model`, write a `.setup()` method to create the model's variables and return its constraints. `GPkit.Model.__init__` will call that method and automatically add your model's name and unique ID to any created variables.

Variables created in a `setup` method are added to the model even if they are not present in any constraints. This allows for simplistic 'template' models, which assume constant values for parameters and can grow incrementally in complexity as those variables are freed.

At the end of this page a detailed example shows this technique in practice.

## 6.3 Accessing Variables in Models

GPkit provides several ways to access a `Variable` in a `Model` (or `ConstraintSet`):

- using `Model.variables_byname(key)`. This returns all `Variables` in the `Model`, as well as in any submodels, that match the key.
- using `Model.__getitem__`. `Model[key]` returns the only variable matching the key, even if the match occurs in a submodel. If multiple variables match the key, an error is raised.

These methods are illustrated in the following example.

```
"Demo of accessing variables in models"
from gpkit import Model, Variable

class Battery(Model):
    """A simple battery

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    m

    Lower Unbounded
    -----
    E

    """
```

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```

def setup(self):
    h = Variable("h", 200, "Wh/kg", "specific energy")
    E = self.E = Variable("E", "MJ", "stored energy")
    m = self.m = Variable("m", "lb", "battery mass")
    return [E <= m*h]

class Motor(Model):
    """Electric motor

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    m

    Lower Unbounded
    -----
    Pmax

    """
    def setup(self):
        m = self.m = Variable("m", "lb", "motor mass")
        f = Variable("f", 20, "lb/hp", "mass per unit power")
        Pmax = self.Pmax = Variable("P_{max}", "hp", "max output power")
        return [m >= f*Pmax]

class PowerSystem(Model):
    """A battery powering a motor

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    m

    Lower Unbounded
    -----
    E, Pmax

    """
    def setup(self):
        battery, motor = Battery(), Motor()
        components = [battery, motor]
        m = self.m = Variable("m", "lb", "mass")
        self.E = battery.E
        self.Pmax = motor.Pmax

        return [components,
                m >= sum(comp.m for comp in components)]

PS = PowerSystem()
print("Getting the only var 'E': %s" % PS["E"])
print("The top-level var 'm': %s" % PS.m)
print("All the variables 'm': %s" % PS.variables_byname("m"))

```

```

Getting the only var 'E': PowerSystem.Battery.E [MJ]
The top-level var 'm': PowerSystem.m [lb]
All the variables 'm': [gpkit.Variable(PowerSystem.Battery.m [lb]), gpkit.
↪Variable(PowerSystem.Motor.m [lb]), gpkit.Variable(PowerSystem.m [lb])]

```

## 6.4 Vectorization

`gpkit.Vectorize` creates an environment in which Variables are created with an additional dimension:

```
"Example Vectorize usage, from gpkit/tests/t_vars.py"
from gpkit import Variable, Vectorize, VectorVariable

with Vectorize(3):
    with Vectorize(5):
        y = Variable("y")
        x = VectorVariable(2, "x")
        z = VectorVariable(7, "z")

assert(y.shape == (5, 3))
assert(x.shape == (2, 5, 3))
assert(z.shape == (7, 3))
```

This allows models written with scalar constraints to be created with vector constraints:

```
"Vectorization demonstration"
from gpkit import Model, Variable, Vectorize

class Test(Model):
    """A simple scalar model

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    x
    """
    def setup(self):
        x = self.x = Variable("x")
        return [x >= 1]

print("SCALAR")
m = Test()
m.cost = m["x"]
print(m.solve(verbosity=0).summary())

print("_____\\n")
print("VECTORIZED")
with Vectorize(3):
    m = Test()
m.cost = m["x"].prod()
m.append(m["x"][1] >= 2)
print(m.solve(verbosity=0).summary())
```

```
SCALAR

Optimal Cost
-----
1

Free Variables
-----
x : 1
```

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```

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+1 : x >= 1

-----

VECTORIZED

Optimal Cost
-----
2

Free Variables
-----
x : [ 1      2      1      ]

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+1 : x[0] >= 1
+1 : x[1] >= 2
+1 : x[2] >= 1

```

## 6.5 Multipoint analysis modeling

In many engineering models, there is a physical object that is operated in multiple conditions. Some variables correspond to the design of the object (size, weight, construction) while others are vectorized over the different conditions (speed, temperature, altitude). By combining named models and vectorization we can create intuitive representations of these systems while maintaining modularity and interoperability.

In the example below, the models `Aircraft` and `Wing` have a `.dynamic()` method which creates instances of `AircraftPerformance` and `WingAero`, respectively. The `Aircraft` and `Wing` models create variables, such as size and weight without fuel, that represent a physical object. The `dynamic` models create properties that change based on the flight conditions, such as drag and fuel weight.

This means that when an aircraft is being optimized for a mission, you can create the aircraft (AC in this example) and then pass it to a `Mission` model which can create vectorized aircraft performance models for each flight segment and/or flight condition.

```

"""Modular aircraft concept"""
import pickle
import numpy as np
from gpkit import Model, Vectorize, parse_variables

class AircraftP(Model):
    """Aircraft flight physics: weight <= lift, fuel burn

    Variables
    -----
    Wfuel [lbf] fuel weight
    Wburn [lbf] segment fuel burn

    Upper Unbounded
    """

```

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```

-----
Wburn, aircraft.wing.C, aircraft.wing.A

Lower Unbounded
-----
Wfuel, aircraft.W, state.mu

"""
@parse_variables(__doc__, globals())
def setup(self, aircraft, state):
    self.aircraft = aircraft
    self.state = state

    self.wing_aero = aircraft.wing.dynamic(aircraft.wing, state)
    self.perf_models = [self.wing_aero]

    W = aircraft.W
    S = aircraft.wing.S

    V = state.V
    rho = state.rho

    D = self.wing_aero.D
    CL = self.wing_aero.CL

    return {
        "lift":
            W + Wfuel <= 0.5*rho*CL*S*V**2,
        "fuel burn rate":
            Wburn >= 0.1*D,
        "performance":
            self.perf_models}

class Aircraft(Model):
    """The vehicle model

    Variables
    -----
    W [lbf] weight

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    W

    Lower Unbounded
    -----
    wing.c, wing.S
    """
    @parse_variables(__doc__, globals())
    def setup(self):
        self.fuse = Fuselage()
        self.wing = Wing()
        self.components = [self.fuse, self.wing]

    return {
        "definition of W":

```

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```

        W >= sum(c.W for c in self.components),
        "components":
            self.components}

dynamic = AircraftP

class FlightState(Model):
    """Context for evaluating flight physics

    Variables
    -----
    V      40      [knots]    true airspeed
    mu     1.628e-5 [N*s/m^2] dynamic viscosity
    rho    0.74     [kg/m^3]  air density

    """
    @parse_variables(__doc__, globals())
    def setup(self):
        pass

class FlightSegment(Model):
    """Combines a context (flight state) and a component (the aircraft)

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    Wburn, aircraft.wing.C, aircraft.wing.A

    Lower Unbounded
    -----
    Wfuel, aircraft.W

    """
    def setup(self, aircraft):
        self.aircraft = aircraft

        self.flightstate = FlightState()
        self.aircraftp = aircraft.dynamic(aircraft, self.flightstate)

        self.Wburn = self.aircraftp.Wburn
        self.Wfuel = self.aircraftp.Wfuel

        return {"flightstate": self.flightstate,
                "aircraft performance": self.aircraftp}

class Mission(Model):
    """A sequence of flight segments

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    aircraft.wing.C, aircraft.wing.A

    Lower Unbounded
    -----
    aircraft.W

```

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```

"""
def setup(self, aircraft):
    self.aircraft = aircraft

    with Vectorize(4): # four flight segments
        self.fs = FlightSegment(aircraft)

    Wburn = self.fs.aircraftp.Wburn
    Wfuel = self.fs.aircraftp.Wfuel
    self.takeoff_fuel = Wfuel[0]

    return {
        "definition of Wburn":
            Wfuel[:-1] >= Wfuel[1:] + Wburn[:-1],
        "require fuel for the last leg":
            Wfuel[-1] >= Wburn[-1],
        "flight segment":
            self.fs}

class WingAero(Model):
    """Wing aerodynamics

    Variables
    -----
    CD      [-]      drag coefficient
    CL      [-]      lift coefficient
    e    0.9 [-]      Oswald efficiency
    Re      [-]      Reynold's number
    D        [lbf]   drag force

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    D, Re, wing.A, state.mu

    Lower Unbounded
    -----
    CL, wing.S, state.mu, state.rho, state.V
    """
    @parse_variables(__doc__, globals())
    def setup(self, wing, state):
        self.wing = wing
        self.state = state

        c = wing.c
        A = wing.A
        S = wing.S
        rho = state.rho
        V = state.V
        mu = state.mu

        return {
            "drag model":
                CD >= 0.074/Re**0.2 + CL**2/np.pi/A/e,
            "definition of Re":
                Re == rho*V*c/mu,
            "definition of D":

```

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```

D >= 0.5*rho*V**2*CD*S}

class Wing(Model):
    """Aircraft wing model

    Variables
    -----
    W          [lbf]          weight
    S          [ft^2]         surface area
    rho        1 [lbf/ft^2]   areal density
    A          27 [-]         aspect ratio
    c          [ft]          mean chord

    Upper Unbounded
    -----
    W

    Lower Unbounded
    -----
    c, S
    """
    @parse_variables(__doc__, globals())
    def setup(self):
        return {"parametrization of wing weight":
                W >= S*rho,
                "definition of mean chord":
                c == (S/A)**0.5}

    dynamic = WingAero

class Fuselage(Model):
    """The thing that carries the fuel, engine, and payload

    A full model is left as an exercise for the reader.

    Variables
    -----
    W 100 [lbf] weight

    """
    @parse_variables(__doc__, globals())
    def setup(self):
        pass

AC = Aircraft()
MISSION = Mission(AC)
M = Model(MISSION.takeoff_fuel, [MISSION, AC])
print(M)
sol = M.solve(verbosity=0)
# save solution to some files
sol.savemat()
sol.savecsv()
sol.savetxt()
sol.save("solution.pkl")
# retrieve solution from a file

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sol_loaded = pickle.load(open("solution.pkl", "rb"))

vars_of_interest = set(AC.varkeys)
# note that there's two ways to access submodels
assert (MISSION["flight segment"]["aircraft performance"]
        is MISSION.fs.aircraftp)
vars_of_interest.update(MISSION.fs.aircraftp.unique_varkeys)
vars_of_interest.add(M["D"])
print(sol.summary(vars_of_interest))
print(sol.table(tables=["loose constraints"]))

M.append(MISSION.fs.aircraftp.Wburn >= 0.2*MISSION.fs.aircraftp.wing_aero.D)
sol = M.solve(verbosity=0)
print(sol.diff("solution.pkl", showvars=vars_of_interest, sortbymodel=False))

```

Note that the output table can be filtered with a list of variables to show.

```

Cost
----
Wfuel[0]

Constraints
-----
Mission
  "definition of Wburn":
    Wfuel[:-1] >= Wfuel[1:] + Wburn[:-1]
  "require fuel for the last leg":
    Wfuel[3] >= Wburn[3]

FlightSegment
AircraftP
  "fuel burn rate":
    Wburn[:] >= 0.1*D[:]
  "lift":
    Aircraft.W + Wfuel[:] <= 0.5*rho[:]·CL[:]·S·V[:]2
  "performance":
    WingAero
      "definition of D":
        D[:] >= 0.5·rho[:]·V[:]2·CD[:]·S
      "definition of Re":
        Re[:] = rho[:]·V[:]·c/mu[:]
      "drag model":
        CD[:] >= 0.074/Re[:]0.2 + CL[:]2/π/A/e[:]

FlightState
  (no constraints)

Aircraft
  "definition of W":
    Aircraft.W >= Aircraft.Fuselage.W + Aircraft.Wing.W
  "components":
    Fuselage
      (no constraints)

    Wing
      "definition of mean chord":

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```

    c = (S/A)^0.5
    "parametrization of wing weight":
    Aircraft.Wing.W >= S*Aircraft.Wing.rho

Optimal Cost
-----
1.091

Free Variables
-----
    | Aircraft
    W : 144.1                                [lbf] weight

    | Aircraft.Wing
    S : 44.14                                [ft2] surface area
    W : 44.14                                [lbf] weight
    c : 1.279                                [ft] mean chord

    | Mission.FlightSegment.AircraftP
Wburn : [ 0.274    0.273    0.272    0.272    ] [lbf] segment fuel burn
Wfuel : [ 1.09     0.817    0.544    0.272    ] [lbf] fuel weight

    | Mission.FlightSegment.AircraftP.WingAero
    D : [ 2.74     2.73     2.72     2.72     ] [lbf] drag force

Variable Sensitivities
-----
    | Aircraft.Fuselage
    W : +0.97 weight

    | Aircraft.Wing
    A : -0.67 aspect ratio
    rho : +0.43 areal density

Next Most Sensitive Variables
-----
    | Mission.FlightSegment.AircraftP.WingAero
    e : [ -0.18    -0.18    -0.18    -0.18    ] Oswald efficiency

    | Mission.FlightSegment.FlightState
    V : [ -0.22    -0.21    -0.21    -0.21    ] true airspeed
    rho : [ -0.12    -0.11    -0.11    -0.11    ] air density

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
    | Aircraft
+1.4 : .W >= .Fuselage.W + .Wing.W

    | Mission
+1 : Wfuel[0] >= Wfuel[1] + Wburn[0]
+0.75 : Wfuel[1] >= Wfuel[2] + Wburn[1]
+0.5 : Wfuel[2] >= Wfuel[3] + Wburn[2]

    | Aircraft.Wing
+0.43 : .W >= S*.rho

Insensitive Constraints |below +1e-05|

```

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```

-----
(none)

Solution Diff (for selected variables)
=====
(positive means the argument is smaller)

Constraint Differences
*****
--- only in argument
+++ not in argument

@@ -41,3 +41,4 @@
    c = (S/A)^0.5
    "parametrization of wing weight":
      Aircraft.Wing.W >= S*Aircraft.Wing.rho
+ Wburn[:] >= 0.2*D[:]

*****

Relative Differences |above 1%|
-----
Wburn : [ +102.1%   +101.6%   +101.1%   +100.5% ] segment fuel burn
Wfuel  : [ +101.3%   +101.1%   +100.8%   +100.5% ] fuel weight
      D : [  +1.1%      -        -        -        ] drag force

Sensitivity Differences |above 0.1|
-----
The largest is -0.00451643.

```



## 7.1 Derived Variables

### 7.1.1 Evaluated Fixed Variables

Some fixed variables may be derived from the values of other fixed variables. For example, air density, viscosity, and temperature are functions of altitude. These can be represented by a substitution or value that is a one-argument function accepting `model.substitutions` (for details, see [Substitutions](#) below).

```
"Example pre-solve evaluated fixed variable"
from gpkit import Variable, Model

# code from t_GPSubs.test_calconst in tests/t_sub.py
x = Variable("x", "hours")
t_day = Variable("t_{day}", 12, "hours")
t_night = Variable("t_{night}", lambda c: 24 - c[t_day], "hours")

# note that t_night has a function as its value
m = Model(x, [x >= t_day, x >= t_night])
sol = m.solve(verbosity=0)
assert sol["variables"][t_night] == 12

# call substitutions
m.substitutions.update({t_day: ("sweep", [8, 12, 16])})
sol = m.solve(verbosity=0)
assert (sol["variables"][t_night] == [16, 12, 8]).all()
```

These functions are automatically differentiated with the `ad` package to provide more accurate sensitivities. In some cases may require using functions from the `ad.admath` instead of their python or numpy equivalents; the [ad documentation](#) contains details on how to do this.

### 7.1.2 Evaluated Free Variables

Some free variables may be evaluated from the values of other (non-evaluated) free variables after the optimization is performed. For example, if the efficiency  $\nu$  of a motor is not a GP-compatible variable, but  $(1 - \nu)$  is a valid GP variable, then  $\nu$  can be calculated after solving. These evaluated free variables can be represented by a `Variable` with `evalfn` metadata. Note that this variable should not be used in constructing your model!

```
"Example post-solve evaluated variable"
from gpkit import Variable, Model

# code from t_constraints.test_evalfn in tests/t_sub.py
x = Variable("x")
x2 = Variable("x^2", evalfn=lambda v: v[x]**2)
m = Model(x, [x >= 2])
m.unique_varkeys = set([x2.key])
sol = m.solve(verbosity=0)
assert abs(sol(x2) - 4) <= 1e-4
```

For evaluated variables that can be used during a solution, see *Sequential Geometric Programs*.

## 7.2 Sweeps

Sweeps are useful for analyzing tradeoff surfaces. A sweep “value” is an `Iterable` of numbers, e.g. `[1, 2, 3]`. The simplest way to sweep a model is to call `model.sweep({sweepvar: sweepvalues})`, which will return a solution array but not change the model’s substitutions dictionary. If multiple sweepvars are given, the method will run them all as independent one-dimensional sweeps and return a list of one solution per sweep. The method `model.autosweep({sweepvar: (start, end)}, tol=0.01)` behaves very similarly, except that only the bounds of the sweep need be specified and the region in between will be swept to a maximum possible error of `tol` in the log of the cost. For details see *1D Autosweeps* below.

### 7.2.1 Sweep Substitutions

Alternatively, or to sweep a higher-dimensional grid, Variables can swept with a substitution value takes the form `('sweep', Iterable)`, such as `('sweep', np.linspace(1e6, 1e7, 100))`. During variable declaration, giving an `Iterable` value for a `Variable` is assumed to be giving it a sweep value: for example, `x = Variable("x", [1, 2, 3])` will sweep `x` over three values.

Vector variables may also be substituted for: `{y: ("sweep", [[1, 2], [1, 2], [1, 2]])}` will sweep  $y \forall y_i \in \{1, 2\}$ . These sweeps cannot be specified during `Variable` creation.

A `Model` with sweep substitutions will solve for all possible combinations: e.g., if there’s a variable `x` with value `('sweep', [1, 3])` and a variable `y` with value `('sweep', [14, 17])` then the `gp` will be solved four times, for  $(x, y) \in \{(1, 14), (1, 17), (3, 14), (3, 17)\}$ . The returned solutions will be a one-dimensional array (or 2-D for vector variables), accessed in the usual way.

### 7.2.2 1D Autosweeps

If you’re only sweeping over a single variable, autosweeping lets you specify a tolerance for cost error instead of a number of exact positions to solve at. GPkit will then search the sweep segment for a locally optimal number of sweeps that can guarantee a max absolute error on the log of the cost.

Accessing variable and cost values from an autosweep is slightly different, as can be seen in this example:

```
"Show autosweep_1d functionality"
import pickle
import numpy as np
import gpkit
from gpkit import units, Variable, Model
from gpkit.tools.autosweep import autosweep_1d
from gpkit.small_scripts import mag

A = Variable("A", "m**2")
l = Variable("l", "m")

m1 = Model(A**2, [A >= l**2 + units.m**2])
tol1 = 1e-3
bst1 = autosweep_1d(m1, tol1, l, [1, 10], verbosity=0)
print("Solved after %2i passes, cost logtol +/-%.3g" % (bst1.nsols, bst1.
    ↳tol))
# autosweep solution accessing
l_vals = np.linspace(1, 10, 10)
sol1 = bst1.sample_at(l_vals)
print("values of l: %s" % l_vals)
print("values of A: %s" % sol1("A"))
cost_estimate = sol1["cost"]
cost_lb, cost_ub = sol1.cost_lb(), sol1.cost_ub()
print("cost lower bound:\n%s\n" % cost_lb)
print("cost estimate:\n%s\n" % cost_estimate)
print("cost upper bound:\n%s\n" % cost_ub)
# you can evaluate arbitrary posynomials
np.testing.assert_allclose(mag(2*sol1(A)), mag(sol1(2*A)))
assert (sol1["cost"] == sol1(A**2)).all()
# the cost estimate is the logspace mean of its upper and lower bounds
np.testing.assert_allclose((np.log(mag(cost_lb)) + np.log(mag(cost_ub)))/2,
    np.log(mag(cost_estimate)))
# save autosweep to a file and retrieve it
bst1.save("autosweep.pkl")
bst1_loaded = pickle.load(open("autosweep.pkl", "rb"))

# this problem is two intersecting lines in logspace
m2 = Model(A**2, [A >= (1/3)**2, A >= (1/3)**0.5 * units.m**1.5])
tol2 = {"mosek": 1e-12, "cvxopt": 1e-7,
        "mosek_cli": 1e-6,
        'mosek_conif': 1e-6}[gpkit.settings["default_solver"]]
# test Model method
sol2 = m2.autosweep({l: [1, 10]}, tol2, verbosity=0)
bst2 = sol2.bst
print("Solved after %2i passes, cost logtol +/-%.3g" % (bst2.nsols, bst2.
    ↳tol))
print("Table of solutions used in the autosweep:")
print(bst2.solarray.table())
```

If you need access to the raw solutions arrays, the smallest simplex tree containing any given point can be gotten with `min_bst = bst.min_bst(val)`, the extents of that tree with `bst.bounds` and solutions of that tree with `bst.sols`. More information is in `help(bst)`.

## 7.3 Tight ConstraintSets

Tight ConstraintSets will warn if any inequalities they contain are not tight (that is, the right side does not equal the left side) after solving. This is useful when you know that a constraint *should* be tight for a given model, but representing it as an equality would be non-convex.

```
"Example Tight ConstraintSet usage"
from gpkit import Variable, Model
from gpkit.constraints.tight import Tight

Tight.reltol = 1e-2 # set the global tolerance of Tight
x = Variable('x')
x_min = Variable('x_{min}', 2)
m = Model(x, [Tight([x >= 1], reltol=1e-3), # set the specific tolerance
              x >= x_min])
m.solve(verbosity=0) # prints warning
```

## 7.4 Loose ConstraintSets

Loose ConstraintSets will warn if any GP-compatible constraints they contain are not loose (that is, their sensitivity is above some threshold after solving). This is useful when you want a constraint to be inactive for a given model because it represents an important model assumption (such as a fit only valid over a particular interval).

```
"Example Loose ConstraintSet usage"
from gpkit import Variable, Model
from gpkit.constraints.loose import Loose

Loose.reltol = 1e-4 # set the global tolerance of Loose
x = Variable('x')
x_min = Variable('x_{min}', 1)
m = Model(x, [Loose([x >= 2], sensitol=1e-4), # set the specific tolerance
              x >= x_min])
m.solve(verbosity=0) # prints warning
```

## 7.5 Substitutions

Substitutions are a general-purpose way to change every instance of one variable into either a number or another variable.

### 7.5.1 Substituting into Posynomials, NomialArrays, and GPs

The examples below all use Posynomials and NomialArrays, but the syntax is identical for GPs (except when it comes to sweep variables).

```
"Example substitution; adapted from t_sub.py/t_NomialSubs /test_Basic"
from gpkit import Variable
x = Variable("x")
p = x**2
assert p.sub({x: 3}) == 9
```

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```
assert p.sub({x.key: 3}) == 9
assert p.sub({"x": 3}) == 9
```

Here the variable  $x$  is being replaced with 3 in three ways: first by substituting for  $x$  directly, then by substituting for the `VarKey("x")`, then by substituting the string "x". In all cases the substitution is understood as being with the `VarKey`: when a variable is passed in the `VarKey` is pulled out of it, and when a string is passed in it is used as an argument to the `Posynomial`'s `varkeys` dictionary.

## 7.5.2 Substituting multiple values

```
"Example substitution; adapted from t_sub.py/t_NomialSubs/test_Vector"
from gpkit import Variable, VectorVariable
x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y")
z = VectorVariable(2, "z")
p = x*y*z
assert all(p.sub({x: 1, "y": 2}) == 2*z)
assert all(p.sub({x: 1, y: 2, "z": [1, 2]}) == z.sub({z: [2, 4]}))
```

To substitute in multiple variables, pass them in as a dictionary where the keys are what will be replaced and values are what it will be replaced with. Note that you can also substitute for `VectorVariables` by their name or by their `NomialArray`.

## 7.5.3 Substituting with nonnumeric values

You can also substitute in sweep variables (see *Sweeps*), strings, and monomials:

Note that units are preserved, and that the value can be either a string (in which case it just renames the variable), a `varkey` (in which case it changes its description, including the name) or a `Monomial` (in which case it substitutes for the variable with a new monomial).

## 7.5.4 Updating ConstraintSet substitutions

`ConstraintSets` have a `.substitutions` `KeyDict` attribute which will be substituted before solving. This `KeyDict` accepts variable names, `VarKeys`, and `Variable` objects as keys, and can be updated (or deleted from) like a regular Python dictionary to change the substitutions that will be used at solve-time. If a `ConstraintSet` itself contains `ConstraintSets`, it and all its elements share pointers to the same substitutions dictionary object, so that updating any one of them will update all of them.

## 7.5.5 Fixed Variables

When a `Model` is created, any fixed `Variables` are used to form a dictionary: `{var: var.descr["value"] for var in self.varlocs if "value" in var.descr}`. This dictionary is then substituted into the `Model`'s cost and constraints before the `substitutions` argument is (and hence values are supplanted by any later substitutions).

`solution.subinto(p)` will substitute the solution(s) for variables into the posynomial `p`, returning a `NomialArray`. For a non-swept solution, this is equivalent to `p.sub(solution["variables"])`.

You can also substitute by just calling the solution, i.e. `solution(p)`. This returns a numpy array of just the coefficients (`c`) of the posynomial after substitution, and will raise a `ValueError` if some of the variables in `p` were not found in `solution`.

## 7.5.6 Freeing Fixed Variables

After creating a Model, it may be useful to “free” a fixed variable and resolve. This can be done using the command `del m.substitutions["x"]`, where `m` is a Model. An example of how to do this is shown below.

```
"Example of freeing fixed variables"
from gpkit import Variable, Model
x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y", 3) # fix value to 3
m = Model(x, [x >= 1 + y, y >= 1])
sol = m.solve() # optimal cost is 4; y appears in sol["constants"]

assert abs(sol["cost"] - 4) <= 1e-4
assert y in sol["constants"]

del m.substitutions["y"]
sol = m.solve() # optimal cost is 2; y appears in Free Variables
assert abs(sol["cost"] - 2) <= 1e-4
assert y in sol["freevariables"]
```

Note that `del m.substitutions["y"]` affects `m` but not `y.key`. `y.value` will still be 3, and if `y` is used in a new model, it will still carry the value of 3.

## Signomial Programming

Signomial programming finds a local solution to a problem of the form:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & g_0(x) \\ \text{subject to} & f_i(x) = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & g_i(x) - h_i(x) \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \end{array}$$

where each  $f$  is monomial while each  $g$  and  $h$  is a posynomial.

This requires multiple solutions of geometric programs, and so will take longer to solve than an equivalent geometric programming formulation.

In general, when given the choice of which variables to include in the positive-posynomial /  $g$  side of the constraint, the modeler should:

1. maximize the number of variables in  $g$ ,
2. prioritize variables that are in the objective,
3. then prioritize variables that are present in other constraints.

The `.localsolve` syntax was chosen to emphasize that signomial programming returns a local optimum. For the same reason, calling `.solve` on an SP will raise an error.

By default, signomial programs are first solved conservatively (by assuming each  $h$  is equal only to its constant portion) and then become less conservative on each iteration.

### 8.1 Example Usage

```
"""Adapted from t_SP in tests/t_geometric_program.py"""
from gpkit import Model, Variable, SignomialsEnabled

# Decision variables
x = Variable('x')
y = Variable('y')
```

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```
# must enable signomials for subtraction
with SignomialsEnabled():
    constraints = [x >= 1-y, y <= 0.1]

# create and solve the SP
m = Model(x, constraints)
print(m.localsolve(verbosity=0).summary())
assert abs(m.solution(x) - 0.9) < 1e-6

# full interim solutions are available
print("x values of each GP solve (note convergence)")
print(", ".join("%.5f" % sol["freevariables"][x] for sol in m.program.
    ↪results))
```

When using the `localsolve` method, the `reltol` argument specifies the relative tolerance of the solver: that is, by what percent does the solution have to improve between iterations? If any iteration improves less than that amount, the solver stops and returns its value.

If you wish to start the local optimization at a particular point  $x_k$ , however, you may do so by putting that position (a dictionary formatted as you would a substitution) as the `xk` argument.

## 8.2 Sequential Geometric Programs

The method of solving local GP approximations of a non-GP compatible model can be generalized, at the cost of the general smoothness and lack of a need for trust regions that SPs guarantee.

For some applications, it is useful to call external codes which may not be GP compatible. Imagine we wished to solve the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & y \\ \text{subject to} & y \geq \sin(x) \\ & \frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{array}$$

This problem is not GP compatible due to the  $\sin(x)$  constraint. One approach might be to take the first term of the Taylor expansion of  $\sin(x)$  and attempt to solve:

```
"Can be found in gpkit/docs/source/examples/sin_approx_example.py"
import numpy as np
from gpkit import Variable, Model

x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y")

objective = y

constraints = [y >= x,
               x <= np.pi/2,
               x >= np.pi/4,
               ]

m = Model(objective, constraints)
print(m.solve(verbosity=0).summary())
```



```

Optimal Cost
-----
0.7854

Free Variables
-----
x : 0.7854
y : 0.7854

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+1 : x >= 0.785
+1 : y >= x

```

Assume we have some external code which is capable of evaluating our incompatible function:

```

"""External function for GPkit to call. Can be found
in gpkit/docs/source/examples/external_function.py"""
import numpy as np

def external_code(x):
    "Returns sin(x)"
    return np.sin(x)

```

Now, we can create a ConstraintSet that allows GPkit to treat the incompatible constraint as though it were a signomial programming constraint:

```

"Can be found in gpkit/docs/source/examples/external_constraint.py"
from external_function import external_code

class ExternalConstraint:
    "Class for external calling"

    def __init__(self, x, y):
        # We need a GPkit variable defined to return in our constraint. The
        # easiest way to do this is to read in the parameters of interest in
        # the initiation of the class and store them here.
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

    def as_gpconstr(self, x0):
        "Returns locally-approximating GP constraint"
        # Creating a default constraint for the first solve
        if self.x not in x0:
            return (self.y >= self.x)
        # Otherwise calls external code at the current position...
        x_star = x0[self.x]
        res = external_code(x_star)
        # ...and returns a linearized posy <= 1
        return (self.y >= res * self.x/x_star)

```

and replace the incompatible constraint in our GP:

```
"Can be found in gpkit/docs/source/examples/external_sp.py"
import numpy as np
from gpkit import Variable, Model
from external_constraint import ExternalConstraint

x = Variable("x")
y = Variable("y")

objective = y

constraints = [ExternalConstraint(x, y),
               x <= np.pi/2,
               x >= np.pi/4,
               ]

m = Model(objective, constraints)
print(m.localsolve(verbosity=0).summary())
```

```
Optimal Cost
-----
0.7071

Free Variables
-----
x : 0.7854
y : 0.7071

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+1 : <external_constraint.ExternalConstraint object>
+1 : x >= 0.785
```

which is the expected result. This method has been generalized to larger problems, such as calling XFOIL and AVL.

If you wish to start the local optimization at a particular point  $x_0$ , however, you may do so by putting that position (a dictionary formatted as you would a substitution) as the `x0` argument

### 9.1 iPython Notebook Examples

More examples, including some with in-depth explanations and interactive visualizations, can be seen on [nbviewer](#).

### 9.2 A Trivial GP

The most trivial GP we can think of: minimize  $x$  subject to the constraint  $x \geq 1$ .

```
"Very simple problem: minimize x while keeping x greater than 1."
from gpklt import Variable, Model

# Decision variable
x = Variable("x")

# Constraint
constraints = [x >= 1]

# Objective (to minimize)
objective = x

# Formulate the Model
m = Model(objective, constraints)

# Solve the Model
sol = m.solve(verbosity=0)

# print selected results
print("Optimal cost:  %.4g" % sol["cost"])
print("Optimal x val:  %.4g" % sol["variables"][x])
```

Of course, the optimal value is 1. Output:

```
Optimal cost: 1
Optimal x val: 1
```

## 9.3 Maximizing the Volume of a Box

This example comes from Section 2.4 of the [GP tutorial](#), by S. Boyd et. al.

```
"Maximizes box volume given area and aspect ratio constraints."
from gpkit import Variable, Model

# Parameters
alpha = Variable("alpha", 2, "-", "lower limit, wall aspect ratio")
beta = Variable("beta", 10, "-", "upper limit, wall aspect ratio")
gamma = Variable("gamma", 2, "-", "lower limit, floor aspect ratio")
delta = Variable("delta", 10, "-", "upper limit, floor aspect ratio")
A_wall = Variable("A_{wall}", 200, "m^2", "upper limit, wall area")
A_floor = Variable("A_{floor}", 50, "m^2", "upper limit, floor area")

# Decision variables
h = Variable("h", "m", "height")
w = Variable("w", "m", "width")
d = Variable("d", "m", "depth")

# Constraints
constraints = [A_wall >= 2*h*w + 2*h*d,
               A_floor >= w*d,
               h/w >= alpha,
               h/w <= beta,
               d/w >= gamma,
               d/w <= delta]

# Objective function
V = h*w*d
objective = 1/V # To maximize V, we minimize its reciprocal

# Formulate the Model
m = Model(objective, constraints)

# Solve the Model and print the results table
print(m.solve(verbosity=0).table())
```

The output is

```
Optimal Cost
-----
0.003674

Free Variables
-----
d : 8.17    [m] depth
h : 8.163   [m] height
w : 4.081   [m] width

Fixed Variables
```

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-----
A_{floor} : 50    [m^2] upper limit, floor area
A_{wall}  : 200   [m^2] upper limit, wall area
  alpha   : 2     lower limit, wall aspect ratio
  beta    : 10    upper limit, wall aspect ratio
  delta   : 10    upper limit, floor aspect ratio
  gamma   : 2     lower limit, floor aspect ratio

```

#### Variable Sensitivities

```

-----
A_{wall} : -1.5 upper limit, wall area
  alpha  : +0.5 lower limit, wall aspect ratio

```

#### Most Sensitive Constraints

```

-----
+1.5 : A_{wall} >= 2·h·w + 2·h·d
+0.5 : alpha <= h/w

```

## 9.4 Water Tank

Say we had a fixed mass of water we wanted to contain within a tank, but also wanted to minimize the cost of the material we had to purchase (i.e. the surface area of the tank):

```

"Minimizes cylindrical tank surface area for a particular volume."
from gpkrit import Variable, VectorVariable, Model

M = Variable("M", 100, "kg", "Mass of Water in the Tank")
rho = Variable("\rho", 1000, "kg/m^3", "Density of Water in the Tank")
A = Variable("A", "m^2", "Surface Area of the Tank")
V = Variable("V", "m^3", "Volume of the Tank")
d = VectorVariable(3, "d", "m", "Dimension Vector")

# because its units are incorrect the line below will print a warning
bad_monomial_equality = (M == V)

constraints = (A >= 2*(d[0]*d[1] + d[0]*d[2] + d[1]*d[2]),
              V == d[0]*d[1]*d[2],
              M == V*rho)

m = Model(A, constraints)
sol = m.solve(verbosity=0)
print(sol.summary())

```

The output is:

```

Infeasible monomial equality: Cannot convert from 'V [m^3]' to 'M [kg]'

Optimal Cost
-----
1.293

Free Variables
-----

```

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```

A : 1.293                                [m2] Surface Area of the Tank
V : 0.1                                  [m3] Volume of the Tank
d : [ 0.464      0.464      0.464      ] [m]   Dimension Vector

```

#### Variable Sensitivities

```

-----
M : +0.67  Mass of Water in the Tank
\rho : -0.67  Density of Water in the Tank

```

#### Most Sensitive Constraints

```

-----
+1 : A >= 2·(d[0]·d[1] + d[0]·d[2] + d[1]·d[2])
+0.67 : M = V·\rho
+0.67 : V = d[0]·d[1]·d[2]

```

## 9.5 Simple Wing

This example comes from Section 3 of *Geometric Programming for Aircraft Design Optimization*, by W. Hoburg and P. Abbeel.

```

"Minimizes airplane drag for a simple drag and structure model."
import pickle
import numpy as np
from gpkit import Variable, Model, SolutionArray
pi = np.pi

# Constants
k = Variable("k", 1.2, "-", "form factor")
e = Variable("e", 0.95, "-", "Oswald efficiency factor")
mu = Variable("\\mu", 1.78e-5, "kg/m/s", "viscosity of air")
rho = Variable("\\rho", 1.23, "kg/m^3", "density of air")
tau = Variable("\\tau", 0.12, "-", "airfoil thickness to chord ratio")
N_ult = Variable("N_{ult}", 3.8, "-", "ultimate load factor")
V_min = Variable("V_{min}", 22, "m/s", "takeoff speed")
C_Lmax = Variable("C_{L,max}", 1.5, "-", "max CL with flaps down")
S_wetratio = Variable("(\\frac{S}{S_{wet}})", 2.05, "-", "wetted area ratio")
W_W_coeff1 = Variable("W_{W_{coeff1}}", 8.71e-5, "1/m",
                      "Wing Weight Coefficient 1")
W_W_coeff2 = Variable("W_{W_{coeff2}}", 45.24, "Pa",
                      "Wing Weight Coefficient 2")
CDA0 = Variable("CDA0", 0.031, "m^2", "fuselage drag area")
W_0 = Variable("W_0", 4940.0, "N", "aircraft weight excluding wing")

# Free Variables
D = Variable("D", "N", "total drag force")
A = Variable("A", "-", "aspect ratio")
S = Variable("S", "m^2", "total wing area")
V = Variable("V", "m/s", "cruising speed")
W = Variable("W", "N", "total aircraft weight")
Re = Variable("Re", "-", "Reynold's number")
C_D = Variable("C_D", "-", "Drag coefficient of wing")
C_L = Variable("C_L", "-", "Lift coefficient of wing")

```

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```

C_f = Variable("C_f", "-", "skin friction coefficient")
W_w = Variable("W_w", "N", "wing weight")

constraints = []

# Drag model
C_D_fuse = CDA0/S
C_D_wpar = k*C_f*S_wetratio
C_D_ind = C_L**2/(pi*A*e)
constraints += [C_D >= C_D_fuse + C_D_wpar + C_D_ind]

# Wing weight model
W_w_strc = W_W_coeff1*(N_ult*A**1.5*(W_0*W*S)**0.5)/tau
W_w_surf = W_W_coeff2 * S
constraints += [W_w >= W_w_surf + W_w_strc]

# and the rest of the models
constraints += [D >= 0.5*rho*S*C_D*V**2,
               Re <= (rho/mu)*V*(S/A)**0.5,
               C_f >= 0.074/Re**0.2,
               W <= 0.5*rho*S*C_L*V**2,
               W <= 0.5*rho*S*C_Lmax*V_min**2,
               W >= W_0 + W_w]

print("SINGLE\n=====")
m = Model(D, constraints)
sol = m.solve(verbosity=0)
print(sol.summary())
# save solution to a file and retrieve it
sol.save("solution.pkl")
sol.save_compressed("solution.pgz")
print(sol.diff("solution.pkl"))

print("SWEEP\n=====")
N = 2
sweeps = {V_min: ("sweep", np.linspace(20, 25, N)),
          V: ("sweep", np.linspace(45, 55, N)), }
m.substitutions.update(sweeps)
sweepsol = m.solve(verbosity=0)
print(sweepsol.summary())
sol_loaded = pickle.load(open("solution.pkl", "rb"))
assert sol_loaded.almost_equal(SolutionArray.decompress_file("solution.pgz"))
print(sweepsol.diff(sol_loaded, absdiff=True))

```

The output is:

```

SINGLE
=====

Optimal Cost
-----
303.1

Free Variables
-----
A : 8.46          aspect ratio
C_D : 0.02059     Drag coefficient of wing

```

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```

C_L : 0.4988          Lift coefficient of wing
C_f : 0.003599        skin friction coefficient
  D : 303.1           [N] total drag force
  Re : 3.675e+06       Reynold's number
  S : 16.44           [m²] total wing area
  V : 38.15           [m/s] cruising speed
  W : 7341            [N] total aircraft weight
W_w : 2401            [N] wing weight

Most Sensitive Variables
-----
          W_0 : +1      aircraft weight excluding wing
          e : -0.48     Oswald efficiency factor
(\frac{S}{S_{wet}}) : +0.43 wetted area ratio
          k : +0.43     form factor
          V_{min} : -0.37 takeoff speed

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+1.3 : W >= W_0 + W_w
+1 : C_D >= (CDA0)/S + k·C_f·(\frac{S}{S_{wet}}) + C_L²/(π·A·e)
+1 : D >= 0.5·\rho·S·C_D·V²
+0.96 : W <= 0.5·\rho·S·C_L·V²
+0.43 : C_f >= 0.074/Re^0.2

Solution Diff
=====
(positive means the argument is smaller)

** no constraint differences **

Relative Differences |above 1%|
-----
The largest is +0%.

Sensitivity Differences |above 0.1|
-----
The largest is +0.

SWEEP
=====

Optimal Cost
-----
[ 338      396      294      326      ]

Swept Variables
-----
      V : [ 45      55      45      55      ] [m/s] cruising speed
V_{min} : [ 20      20      25      25      ] [m/s] takeoff speed

Free Variables
-----
      A : [ 6.2      4.77      8.84      7.16      ] aspect ratio
C_D : [ 0.0146      0.0123      0.0196      0.0157      ] Drag coefficient of ↵
↵wing
C_L : [ 0.296      0.198      0.463      0.31      ] Lift coefficient of ↵
↵wing

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```

C_f : [ 0.00333  0.00314  0.00361  0.00342 ]      skin friction_
↪coefficient
  D : [ 338      396      294      326      ] [N]  total drag force
  Re : [ 5.38e+06 7.24e+06 3.63e+06 4.75e+06 ]      Reynold's number
  S : [ 18.6     17.3     12.1     11.2     ] [m²] total wing area
  W : [ 6.85e+03 6.4e+03  6.97e+03 6.44e+03 ] [N]  total aircraft weight
W_w : [ 1.91e+03 1.46e+03 2.03e+03 1.5e+03 ] [N]  wing weight

Most Sensitive Variables
-----
          W_0 : [ +0.92      +0.85      +0.95      +0.85      ] aircraft_
↪weight excluding wing
          V_{min} : [ -0.82      -1          -0.41      -0.71      ] takeoff_
↪speed
          V : [ +0.59      +0.97      +0.25      +0.75      ] cruising_
↪speed
(\frac{S}{S_{wet}}) : [ +0.56      +0.63      +0.45      +0.54      ] wetted area_
↪ratio
          k : [ +0.56      +0.63      +0.45      +0.54      ] form factor

Most Sensitive Constraints (in last sweep)
-----
+1 : C_D >= (CDA0)/S + k·C_f·(\frac{S}{S_{wet}}) + C_L^2/(π·A·e)
+1 : D >= 0.5·\rho·S·C_D·V^2
+1 : W >= W_0 + W_w
+0.57 : W <= 0.5·\rho·S·C_L·V^2
+0.54 : C_f >= 0.074/Re^0.2

Solution Diff
=====
(positive means the argument is smaller)

** no constraint differences **

Relative Differences |above 1%|
-----
      Re : [ +46.4%  +97.1%   -1.1%  +29.2% ] Reynold's number
      C_L : [ -40.6%  -60.2%   -7.2%  -37.9% ] Lift coefficient of wing
      V : [ +18.0%  +44.2%  +18.0%  +44.2% ] cruising speed
      W_w : [ -20.7%  -39.3%  -15.6%  -37.4% ] wing weight
      C_D : [ -29.0%  -40.4%   -5.0%  -23.9% ] Drag coefficient of wing
      A : [ -26.7%  -43.6%   +4.5%  -15.3% ] aspect ratio
      S : [ +12.8%   +5.5%  -26.5%  -32.0% ] total wing area
      D : [ +11.5%  +30.7%   -2.9%   +7.5% ] total drag force
V_{min} : [ -9.1%   -9.1%  +13.6%  +13.6% ] takeoff speed
      W : [ -6.8%   -12.8%  -5.1%   -12.2% ] total aircraft weight
      C_f : [ -7.3%   -12.7%   -        -5.0% ] skin friction_
↪coefficient

Absolute Differences |above 0|
-----
      Re : [ +1.7e+06  +3.6e+06  -4.1e+04  +1.1e+06 ]      Reynold's number
      W : [ -5e+02   -9.4e+02  -3.8e+02   -9e+02 ] [N]  total aircraft_
↪weight
      W_w : [ -5e+02   -9.4e+02  -3.8e+02   -9e+02 ] [N]  wing weight
      D : [ +35      +93      -8.8      +23 ] [N]  total drag force
      V : [ +6.8     +17     +6.8     +17 ] [m/s] cruising speed

```

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S :	[	+2.1	+0.9	-4.4	-5.3	]	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	total wing area
V_{min} :	[	-2	-2	+3	+3	]	[m/s]	takeoff speed
A :	[	-2.3	-3.7	+0.38	-1.3	]		aspect ratio
C_L :	[	-0.2	-0.3	-0.036	-0.19	]		Lift coefficient_
↪of wing								
C_D :	[	-0.006	-0.0083	-0.001	-0.0049	]		Drag coefficient_
↪of wing								
C_f :	[	-0.00026	-0.00046	+8e-06	-0.00018	]		skin friction_
↪coefficient								
Sensitivity Differences  above 0.1								
-----								
V :	[	+0.59	+0.97	+0.25	+0.75	]		cruising speed
V_{min} :	[	-0.45	-0.67	-	-0.34	]		takeoff speed
C_{L,max} :	[	-0.23	-0.34	-	-0.17	]		max CL with flaps_
↪down								
e :	[	+0.15	+0.25	-	+0.19	]		Oswald efficiency_
↪factor								
W_0 :	[	-	-0.17	-	-0.16	]		aircraft weight_
↪excluding wing								
\rho :	[	-	+0.13	-	+0.19	]		density of air
(\frac{S}{S_{wet}}) :	[	+0.13	+0.20	-	+0.11	]		wetted area ratio
k :	[	+0.13	+0.20	-	+0.11	]		form factor
N_{ult} :	[	-0.11	-0.18	-	-0.14	]		ultimate load factor
W_{W_{coeff1}} :	[	-0.11	-0.18	-	-0.14	]		Wing Weight_
↪Coefficient 1								
\tau :	[	+0.11	+0.18	-	+0.14	]		airfoil thickness_
↪to chord ratio								

## 9.6 Simple Beam

In this example we consider a beam subjected to a uniformly distributed transverse force along its length. The beam has fixed geometry so we are not optimizing its shape, rather we are simply solving a discretization of the Euler-Bernoulli beam bending equations using GP.

```
"""
A simple beam example with fixed geometry. Solves the discretized
Euler-Bernoulli beam equations for a constant distributed load
"""
import numpy as np
from gpkit import parse_variables, Model, ureg
from gpkit.small_scripts import mag

eps = 2e-4 # has to be quite large for consistent cvxopt printouts;
           # normally you'd set this to something more like 1e-20

class Beam(Model):
    """Discretization of the Euler beam equations for a distributed load.

    Variables
    -----
    EI      [N*m^2]    Bending stiffness
```

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```

dx      [m]          Length of an element
L      5 [m]          Overall beam length

Boundary Condition Variables
-----
V_tip    eps [N]      Tip loading
M_tip    eps [N*m]    Tip moment
th_base  eps [-]      Base angle
w_base   eps [m]      Base deflection

Node Variables of length N
-----
q  100*np.ones(N) [N/m]  Distributed load
V                        [N]  Internal shear
M                        [N*m] Internal moment
th                        [-]  Slope
w                        [m]  Displacement

Upper Unbounded
-----
w_tip

"""
@parse_variables(__doc__, globals())
def setup(self, N=4):
    # minimize tip displacement (the last w)
    self.cost = self.w_tip = w[-1]
    return {
        "definition of dx": L == (N-1)*dx,
        "boundary_conditions": [
            V[-1] >= V_tip,
            M[-1] >= M_tip,
            th[0] >= th_base,
            w[0] >= w_base
        ],
        # below: trapezoidal integration to form a piecewise-linear
        #         approximation of loading, shear, and so on
        # shear and moment increase from tip to base (left > right)
        "shear integration":
            V[:-1] >= V[1:] + 0.5*dx*(q[:-1] + q[1:]),
        "moment integration":
            M[:-1] >= M[1:] + 0.5*dx*(V[:-1] + V[1:]),
        # slope and displacement increase from base to tip (right > left)
        "theta integration":
            th[1:] >= th[:-1] + 0.5*dx*(M[1:] + M[:-1])/EI,
        "displacement integration":
            w[1:] >= w[:-1] + 0.5*dx*(th[1:] + th[:-1])
    }

b = Beam(N=6, substitutions={"L": 6, "EI": 1.1e4, "q": 110*np.ones(6)})
sol = b.solve(verbosity=0)
print(sol.summary(maxcolumns=6))
w_gp = sol("w") # deflection along beam

L, EI, q = sol("L"), sol("EI"), sol("q")
x = np.linspace(0, mag(L), len(q))*ureg.m # position along beam

```

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```

q = q[0] # assume uniform loading for the check below
w_exact = q/(24*EI) * x**2 * (x**2 - 4*L*x + 6*L**2) # analytic soln
assert max(abs(w_gp - w_exact)) <= 1.1*ureg.cm

PLOT = False
if PLOT: # pragma: no cover
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    x_exact = np.linspace(0, L, 1000)
    w_exact = q/(24*EI) * x_exact**2 * (x_exact**2 - 4*L*x_exact + 6*L**2)
    plt.plot(x, w_gp, color='red', linestyle='solid', marker='^',
             markersize=8)
    plt.plot(x_exact, w_exact, color='blue', linestyle='dashed')
    plt.xlabel('x [m]')
    plt.ylabel('Deflection [m]')
    plt.axis('equal')
    plt.legend(['GP solution', 'Analytical solution'])
    plt.show()

```

The output is:

```

Optimal Cost
-----
1.621

Free Variables
-----
dx : 1.2 [m]
↳Length of an element
M : [ 1.98e+03  1.27e+03  713  317  79.2  0.0002 ] [N·m]
↳Internal moment
V : [ 660  528  396  264  132  0.0002 ] [N]
↳Internal shear
th : [ 0.0002  0.177  0.285  0.341  0.363  0.367 ]
↳Slope
w : [ 0.0002  0.107  0.384  0.76  1.18  1.62 ] [m]
↳Displacement

Most Sensitive Variables
-----
L : +4 Overall
↳beam length
EI : -1 Bending
↳stiffness
q : [ +0.0072  +0.042  +0.12  +0.23  +0.37  +0.22 ]
↳Distributed load

Most Sensitive Constraints
-----
+4 : L = 5·dx
+1 : w[5] >= w[4] + 0.5·dx·(th[5] + th[4])
+0.74 : th[2] >= th[1] + 0.5·dx·(M[2] + M[1])/EI
+0.73 : w[4] >= w[3] + 0.5·dx·(th[4] + th[3])
+0.64 : M[1] >= M[2] + 0.5·dx·(V[1] + V[2])

```

By plotting the deflection, we can see that the agreement between the analytical solution and the GP

solution is good.



*For an alphabetical listing of all commands, check out the `genindex`*

## 10.1 gpkit package

### 10.1.1 Subpackages

**gpkit.constraints package**

**Submodules**

**gpkit.constraints.array module**

Implements `ArrayConstraint`

**class** `gpkit.constraints.array.ArrayConstraint` (*constraints, left, oper, right*)  
Bases: `gpkit.constraints.single_equation.SingleEquationConstraint`,  
`list`

A `ConstraintSet` for prettier array-constraint printing.

`ArrayConstraint` gets its *sub* method from `ConstrainSet`, and so *left* and *right* are only used for printing.

When created by `NomialArray` *left* and *right* are likely to be either `NomialArrays` or `Varkeys` of `VectorVariables`.

**lines\_without** (*excluded*)

Returns lines for indentation in hierarchical printing.

## gpkit.constraints.bounded module

Implements Bounded

**class** gpkit.constraints.bounded.**Bounded** (*constraints*, \*, *verbosity*=1, *eps*=1e-30, *lower*=None, *upper*=None)

Bases: *gpkit.constraints.set.ConstraintSet*

Bounds contained variables so as to ensure dual feasibility.

**constraints** [iterable] constraints whose varkeys will be bounded

**verbosity** [int (default 1)]

**how detailed of a warning to print** 0: nothing 1: print warnings

**eps** [float (default 1e-30)] default lower bound is eps, upper bound is 1/eps

**lower** [float (default None)] lower bound for all varkeys, replaces eps

**upper** [float (default None)] upper bound for all varkeys, replaces 1/eps

**check\_boundaries** (*result*, \*, *verbosity*=0)

Creates (and potentially prints) a dictionary of unbounded variables.

**logtol\_threshold** = 3

**process\_result** (*result*)

Add boundedness to the model's solution

**sens\_threshold** = 1e-07

gpkit.constraints.bounded.**varkey\_bounds** (*varkeys*, *lower*, *upper*)

Returns constraints list bounding all varkeys.

**varkeys** [iterable] list of varkeys to create bounds for

**lower** [float] lower bound for all varkeys

**upper** [float] upper bound for all varkeys

## gpkit.constraints.costed module

Implement CostedConstraintSet

**class** gpkit.constraints.costed.**CostedConstraintSet** (*cost*, *constraints*, *substitutions*=None)

Bases: *gpkit.constraints.set.ConstraintSet*

A ConstraintSet with a cost

**cost** : gpkit.Posynomial constraints : Iterable substitutions : dict (None)

**constrained\_varkeys** ()

Return all varkeys in the cost and non-ConstraintSet constraints

**lineage** = None

## gpkit.constraints.gp module

Implement the GeometricProgram class



```
class gpkit.constraints.gp.GeometricProgram(cost, constraints, substitutions,
                                             *, checkbounds=True)
```

Bases: object

Standard mathematical representation of a GP.

*solver\_out* and *solve\_log* are set during a solve *result* is set at the end of a solve if solution status is optimal

```
>>> gp = gpkit.geometric_program.GeometricProgram(
    # minimize
    x,
    [    # subject to
        1/x # <= 1, implicitly
    ], {})
>>> gp.solve()
```

```
check_bounds (*, err_on_missing_bounds=False)
```

Checks if any variables are unbounded, through equality constraints.

```
check_solution (cost, primal, nu, la, tol, abstol=1e-20)
```

Run checks to mathematically confirm solution solves this GP

**cost: float** cost returned by solver

**primal: list** primal solution returned by solver

**nu: numpy.ndarray** monomial lagrange multiplier

**la: numpy.ndarray** posynomial lagrange multiplier

Infeasible if any problems are found

```
gen ()
```

Generates nomial and solve data (A, p\_idx) from posynomials

```
generate_result (solver_out, *, verbosity=0, dual_check=True)
```

Generates a full SolutionArray and checks it.

```
model = None
```

```
nu_by_posy = None
```

```
result
```

Creates and caches a result from the raw solver\_out

```
solve (solver=None, *, verbosity=1, gen_result=True, **kwargs)
```

Solves a GeometricProgram and returns the solution.

**solver** [str or function (optional)] By default uses a solver found during installation. If “mosek\_conif”, “mosek\_cli”, or “cvxopt”, uses that solver. If a function, passes that function cs, A, p\_idx, and k.

**verbosity** [int (default 1)] If greater than 0, prints solver name and solve time.

**\*\*kwargs** : Passed to solver constructor and solver function.

result : SolutionArray

```
solve_log = None
```

```
solver_out = None
```

```
v_ss = None
```

```
class gpkit.constraints.gp.MonoEqualityIndexes
    Bases: object

    Class to hold MonoEqualityIndexes

gpkit.constraints.gp.fulfill_meq_bounds (missingbounds, meq_bounds)
    Bounds variables with monomial equalities

gpkit.constraints.gp.gen_meq_bounds (missingbounds, exps, meq_idxs)
    Generate conditional monomial equality bounds
```

### gpkit.constraints.loose module

Implements Loose

```
class gpkit.constraints.loose.Loose (constraints, *, sensol=None)
    Bases: gpkit.constraints.set.ConstraintSet

    ConstraintSet whose inequalities must result in an equality.

    process_result (result)
        Checks that all constraints are satisfied with equality

    raiseerror = False

    sensol = 1e-05
```

### gpkit.constraints.model module

Implements Model

```
class gpkit.constraints.model.Model (cost=None, constraints=None, *args,
                                     **kwargs)
    Bases: gpkit.constraints.costed.CostedConstraintSet

    Symbolic representation of an optimization problem.

    The Model class is used both directly to create models with constants and sweeps, and indirectly
    inherited to create custom model classes.

    cost [Posynomial (optional)] Defaults to Monomial(1).

    constraints [ConstraintSet or list of constraints (optional)] Defaults to an empty list.

    substitutions [dict (optional)] This dictionary will be substituted into the problem before solving,
    and also allows the declaration of sweeps and linked sweeps.

    program is set during a solve solution is set at the end of a solve

    autosweep (sweeps, tol=0.01, samplepoints=100, **solveargs)
        Autosweeps {var: (start, end)} pairs in sweeps to tol.

        Returns swept and sampled solutions. The original simplex tree can be accessed at sol.bst

    debug (solver=None, verbosity=1, **solveargs)
        Attempts to diagnose infeasible models.

    gp (constants=None, **initargs)
        Return program version of self

    localsolve (solver=None, *, verbosity=1, skipsweepfailures=False, **solveargs)
        Forms a mathematical program and attempts to solve it.
```

**solver** [string or function (default None)] If None, uses the default solver found in installation.

**verbosity** [int (default 1)] If greater than 0 prints runtime messages. Is decremented by one and then passed to programs.

**skipsweepfailures** [bool (default False)] If True, when a solve errors during a sweep, skip it.

**\*\*solveargs** : Passed to solve() call

**sol** [SolutionArray] See the SolutionArray documentation for details.

ValueError if the program is invalid. RuntimeWarning if an error occurs in solving or parsing the solution.

**program = None**

**solution = None**

**solve** (*solver=None, \*, verbosity=1, skipsweepfailures=False, \*\*solveargs*)

Forms a mathematical program and attempts to solve it.

**solver** [string or function (default None)] If None, uses the default solver found in installation.

**verbosity** [int (default 1)] If greater than 0 prints runtime messages. Is decremented by one and then passed to programs.

**skipsweepfailures** [bool (default False)] If True, when a solve errors during a sweep, skip it.

**\*\*solveargs** : Passed to solve() call

**sol** [SolutionArray] See the SolutionArray documentation for details.

ValueError if the program is invalid. RuntimeWarning if an error occurs in solving or parsing the solution.

**sp** (*constants=None, \*\*initargs*)

Return program version of self

**sweep** (*sweeps, \*\*solveargs*)

Sweeps {var: values} pairs in sweeps. Returns swept solutions.

**verify\_docstring** ()

Verifies docstring bounds are sufficient but not excessive.

`gpkit.constraints.model.get_relaxed(relaxvals, mapped_list, min_return=1)`

Determines which relaxvars are considered ‘relaxed’

## gpkit.constraints.prog\_factories module

Scripts for generating, solving and sweeping programs

`gpkit.constraints.prog_factories.evaluate_linked(constants, linked)`

Evaluates the values and gradients of linked variables.

`gpkit.constraints.prog_factories.progify(program, return_attr=None)`

Generates function that returns a program() and optionally an attribute.

**program: NomialData** Class to return, e.g. GeometricProgram or SequentialGeometricProgram

**return\_attr: string** attribute to return in addition to the program

```
gpkIt.constraints.prog_factories.run_sweep(genfunction, self, solution,  
                                           skipsweepfailures, constants,  
                                           sweep, linked, solver, verbosity,  
                                           **solveargs)
```

Runs through a sweep.

```
gpkIt.constraints.prog_factories.solvify(genfunction)  
Returns function for making/solving/sweeping a program.
```

## gpkIt.constraints.relax module

Models for assessing primal feasibility

```
class gpkIt.constraints.relax.ConstantsRelaxed(constraints, *, in-  
                                              clude_only=None, ex-  
                                              clude=None)
```

Bases: *gpkIt.constraints.set.ConstraintSet*

Relax constants in a constraintset.

**constraints** [iterable] Constraints which will be relaxed (made easier).

**include\_only** [set (optional)] variable names must be in this set to be relaxed

**exclude** [set (optional)] variable names in this set will never be relaxed

**relaxvars** [Variable] The variables controlling the relaxation. A solved value of 1 means no relaxation was necessary or optimal for a particular constant. Higher values indicate the amount by which that constant has been made easier: e.g., a value of 1.5 means it was made 50 percent easier in the final solution than in the original problem. Of course, this can also be determined by looking at the constant's new value directly.

```
process_result (result)
```

Transfers the constant sensitivities back to the original constants

```
class gpkIt.constraints.relax.ConstantsRelaxed(original_constraints)
```

Bases: *gpkIt.constraints.set.ConstraintSet*

Relax constraints, as in Eqn. 11 of [Boyd2007].

**constraints** [iterable] Constraints which will be relaxed (made easier).

**relaxvars** [Variable] The variables controlling the relaxation. A solved value of 1 means no relaxation was necessary or optimal for a particular constraint. Higher values indicate the amount by which that constraint has been made easier: e.g., a value of 1.5 means it was made 50 percent easier in the final solution than in the original problem.

[Boyd2007] : "A tutorial on geometric programming", Optim Eng 8:67-122

```
class gpkIt.constraints.relax.ConstantsRelaxedEqually(original_constraints)
```

Bases: *gpkIt.constraints.set.ConstraintSet*

Relax constraints the same amount, as in Eqn. 10 of [Boyd2007].

**constraints** [iterable] Constraints which will be relaxed (made easier).

**relaxvar** [Variable] The variable controlling the relaxation. A solved value of 1 means no relaxation. Higher values indicate the amount by which all constraints have been made easier: e.g.,

a value of 1.5 means all constraints were 50 percent easier in the final solution than in the original problem.

[Boyd2007] : “A tutorial on geometric programming”, Optim Eng 8:67-122

## gpkit.constraints.set module

Implements ConstraintSet

```
class gpkit.constraints.set.ConstraintSet (constraints, substitutions=None)
    Bases: list, gpkit.repr_conventions.ReprMixin

    Recursive container for ConstraintSets and Inequalities

    as_hmaps1 (subs)
        Yields hmaps<=1 from self.flat()

    as_view ()
        Return a ConstraintSetView of this ConstraintSet.

    constrained_varkeys ()
        Return all varkeys in non-ConstraintSet constraints

    flat (yield_if_hasattr=None)
        Yields contained constraints, optionally including constraintsets.

    idxlookup = {}

    latex (excluded=('units',))
        LaTeX representation of a ConstraintSet.

    lines_without (excluded)
        Lines representation of a ConstraintSet.

    name_collision_varkeys ()
        Returns the set of contained varkeys whose names are not unique

    process_result (result)
        Does arbitrary computation / manipulation of a program's result

        There's no guarantee what order different constraints will process results in, so any changes
        made to the program's result should be careful not to step on other constraint's toes.

        • check that an inequality was tight

        • add values computed from solved variables

    str_without (excluded=('unnecessary lineage', 'units'))
        String representation of a ConstraintSet.

    unique_varkeys = frozenset ()

    variables_byname (key)
        Get all variables with a given name

class gpkit.constraints.set.ConstraintSetView (constraintset, index=())
    Bases: object

    Class to access particular views on a set's variables

gpkit.constraints.set.add_meq_bounds (bounded, meq_bounded)
    Iterates through meq_bounds until convergence
```

`gpkit.constraints.set.badelement (cns, i, constraint, cause=)`  
 Identify the bad element and raise a `ValueError`

`gpkit.constraints.set.flatiter (iterable, yield_if_hasattr=None)`  
 Yields contained constraints, optionally including constraintsets.

`gpkit.constraints.set.recursively_line (iterable, excluded)`  
 Generates lines in a recursive tree-like fashion, the better to indent.

`gpkit.constraints.set.sort_constraints_dict (iterable)`  
 Sort a dictionary of {k: constraint} and return its keys and values

## gpkit.constraints.sgp module

Implement the `SequentialGeometricProgram` class

```
class gpkit.constraints.sgp.SequentialGeometricProgram (cost,      model,
                                                         substitutions, *,
                                                         use_pccp=True,
                                                         pccp_penalty=200.0,
                                                         check-
                                                         bounds=True)
```

Bases: `object`

Prepares a collection of signomials for a SP solve.

**cost** [Posynomial] Objective to minimize when solving

**constraints** [list of Constraint or SignomialConstraint objects] Constraints to maintain when solving (implicitly Signomials  $\leq 1$ )

**verbosity** [int (optional)] Currently has no effect: `SequentialGeometricPrograms` don't know anything new after being created, unlike `GeometricPrograms`.

`gps` is set during a solve `result` is set at the end of a solve

```
>>> gp = gpkit.geometric_program.SequentialGeometricProgram(
    # minimize
    x,
    [ # subject to
      1/x - y/x, # <= 1, implicitly
      y/10      # <= 1
    ])
>>> gp.solve()
```

**gp** (`x0=None`, \*, `cleanx0=False`)  
 Update `self._gp` for `x0` and return it.

**gps** = `None`

**localsolve** (`solver=None`, \*, `verbosity=1`, `x0=None`, `reitol=0.0001`, `iteration_limit=50`,  
 \*\*`solveargs`)  
 Locally solves a `SequentialGeometricProgram` and returns the solution.

**solver** [str or function (optional)] By default uses one of the solvers found during installation. If set to "mosek", "mosek\_cli", or "cvxopt", uses that solver. If set to a function, passes that function `cs`, `A`, `p_idx`s, and `k`.

**verbosity** [int (optional)] If greater than 0, prints solve time and number of iterations. Each GP is created and solved with verbosity one less than this, so if greater than 1, prints solver name and time for each GP.

**x0** [dict (optional)] Initial location to approximate signomials about.

**reltol** [float] Iteration ends when this is greater than the distance between two consecutive solve's objective values.

**iteration\_limit** [int] Maximum GP iterations allowed.

**mutategp: boolean** Prescribes whether to mutate the previously generated GP or to create a new GP with every solve.

**\*\*solveargs** : Passed to solver function.

**result** [dict] A dictionary containing the translated solver result.

```
model = None
result = None
results
    Creates and caches results from the raw solver_outs
slack = gpkit.Variable(SGP.PCCPslack)
solver_outs = None
```

### gpkit.constraints.sigeq module

Implements SignomialEquality

**class** gpkit.constraints.sigeq.**SignomialEquality** (*left, right*)

Bases: *gpkit.constraints.set.ConstraintSet*

A constraint of the general form posynomial == posynomial

### gpkit.constraints.single\_equation module

Implements SingleEquationConstraint

**class** gpkit.constraints.single\_equation.**SingleEquationConstraint** (*left,*  
*oper,*  
*right*)

Bases: *gpkit.repr\_conventions.ReprMixin*

Constraint expressible in a single equation.

**func\_ops** = {'<=': <built-in function le>, '=': <built-in function eq>, '>=':

**latex** (*excluded='units'*)

Latex representation without attributes in excluded list

**latex\_ops** = {'<=': '\\leq', '=': '=', '>=': '\\geq'}

**str\_without** (*excluded='units'*)

String representation without attributes in excluded list

## gpkIt.constraints.tight module

Implements Tight

```
class gpkIt.constraints.tight.Tight (constraints, *, reitol=None, **kwargs)  
    Bases: gpkIt.constraints.set.ConstraintSet  
    ConstraintSet whose inequalities must result in an equality.  
  
    process_result (result)  
        Checks that all constraints are satisfied with equality  
  
    reitol = 0.001
```

## Module contents

Contains ConstraintSet and related classes and objects

## gpkIt.interactive package

### Submodules

## gpkIt.interactive.plot\_sweep module

Implements plot\_sweep1d function

```
gpkIt.interactive.plot_sweep.assign_axes (var, posys, axes)  
    Assigns axes to posys, creating and formatting if necessary  
  
gpkIt.interactive.plot_sweep.format_and_label_axes (var, posys, axes, ylab=True)  
    Formats and labels axes  
  
gpkIt.interactive.plot_sweep.plot_1dsweepgrid (model, sweeps, posys,  
                                                origsol=None, tol=0.01,  
                                                **solveargs)  
    Creates and plots a sweep from an existing model  
    Example usage: f, _ = plot_sweep_1d(m, {'x': np.linspace(1, 2, 5)}, 'y') f.savefig('mysweep.png')
```

## gpkIt.interactive.plotting module

Plotting methods

```
gpkIt.interactive.plotting.compare (models, sweeps, posys, tol=0.001)  
    Compares the values of posys over a sweep of several models.  
    If posys is of the same length as models, this will plot different variables from different models.  
    Currently only supports a single sweepvar.  
    Example Usage: compare([aec, fbc], {"R": (160, 300)},  
                           ["cost", ("W_{rm batt}", "W_{rm fuel}")], tol=0.001)  
  
gpkIt.interactive.plotting.plot_convergence (model)  
    Plots the convergence of a signomial programming model
```



**model: Model** Signomial programming model that has already been solved

**matplotlib.pyplot Figure** Plot of cost as functions of SP iteration #

**gpkit.interactive.sankey module**

**gpkit.interactive.widgets module**

## Module contents

Module for the interactive and plotting functions of GPKit

**gpkit.nomials package**

## Submodules

**gpkit.nomials.array module**

Module for creating NomialArray instances.

## Example

```
>>> x = gpkit.Monomial('x')
>>> px = gpkit.NomialArray([1, x, x**2])
```

**class** gpkit.nomials.array.NomialArray

Bases: [gpkit.repr\\_conventions.ReprMixin](#), [numpy.ndarray](#)

A Numpy array with elementwise inequalities and substitutions.

input\_array : array-like

```
>>> px = gpkit.NomialArray([1, x, x**2])
```

**latex** (*excluded=()*)

Returns latex representation without certain fields.

**outer** (*other*)

Returns the array and argument's outer product.

**prod** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Returns a product. O(N) if no arguments and only contains monomials.

**str\_without** (*excluded=()*)

Returns string without certain fields (such as 'lineage').

**sub** (*subs, require\_positive=True*)

Substitutes into the array

**sum** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Returns a sum. O(N) if no arguments are given.

**vectorize** (*function, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Apply a function to each terminal constraint, returning the array

`gpkIt.nomials.array.array_constraint` (*symbol, func*)  
Return function which creates constraints of the given operator.

### gpkIt.nomials.core module

The shared non-mathematical backbone of all Nomials

**class** `gpkIt.nomials.core.Nomial` (*hmap*)  
Bases: `gpkIt.nomials.data.NomialData`  
Shared non-mathematical properties of all nomials

**latex** (*excluded=()*)  
Latex representation, parsing *excluded* just as *.str\_without* does

**prod** ()  
Return self for compatibility with `NomialArray`

**str\_without** (*excluded=()*)  
String representation, excluding fields ('units', varkey attributes)

**sub** = **None**

**sum** ()  
Return self for compatibility with `NomialArray`

**value**  
Self, with values substituted for variables that have values  
float, if no symbolic variables remain after substitution (Monomial, Posynomial, or Nomial), otherwise.

`gpkIt.nomials.core.nomial_latex_helper` (*c, pos\_vars, neg\_vars*)  
Combines (varlatex, exponent) tuples, separated by positive vs negative exponent, into a single latex string.

### gpkIt.nomials.data module

Machinery for exps, cs, varlocs data – common to nomials and programs

**class** `gpkIt.nomials.data.NomialData` (*hmap*)  
Bases: `gpkIt.repr_conventions.ReprMixin`  
Object for holding cs, exps, and other basic 'nomial' properties.

cs: array (coefficient of each monomial term) exps: tuple of {VarKey: float} (exponents of each monomial term) varlocs: {VarKey: list} (terms each variable appears in) units: `pint.UnitsContainer`

**cs**  
Create cs or return cached cs

**exps**  
Create exps or return cached exps

**to** (*units*)  
Create new Signomial converted to new units

**varkeys**  
The `NomialData`'s varkeys, created when necessary for a substitution.

## gpkit.nomials.map module

Implements the NomialMap class

**class** gpkit.nomials.map.NomialMap

Bases: *gpkit.small\_classes.HashVector*

Class for efficient algebraic representation of a nomial

A NomialMap is a mapping between hashvectors representing exponents and their coefficients in a posynomial.

For example,  $\{\{x : 1\}: 2.0, \{y : 1\}: 3.0\}$  represents  $2*x + 3*y$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are VarKey objects.

**copy()**

Return a copy of this

**csmmap = None**

**diff**(varkey)

Differentiates a NomialMap with respect to a varkey

**expmap = None**

**mmap**(orig)

Maps substituted monomials back to the original nomial

**self.expmap is the map from pre- to post-substitution exponents, and** takes the form  $\{\text{original\_exp}: \text{new\_exp}\}$

**self.csmmap** is the map from pre-substitution exponents to coefficients.

**m\_from\_ms** is of the form  $\{\text{new\_exp}: [\text{old\_exps}, ]\}$

**pmap** is of the form  $[[\text{orig\_idx1}: \text{fraction1}, \text{orig\_idx2}: \text{fraction2}, ], ]$  where at the index corresponding to each new\_exp is a dictionary mapping the indices corresponding to the old exps to their fraction of the post-substitution coefficient

**sub**(substitutions, varkeys, parsedsubs=False)

Applies substitutions to a NomialMap

**substitutions** [(dict-like)] list of substitutions to perform

**varkeys** [(set-like)] varkeys that are present in self (required argument so as to require efficient code)

**parsedsubs** [bool] flag if the substitutions have already been parsed to contain only keys in varkeys

**to**(to\_units)

Returns a new NomialMap of the given units

**units = None**

**units\_of\_product**(thing, thing2=None)

Sets units to those of  $\text{thing} * \text{thing2}$ . Ugly optimized code.

**gpkit.nomials.map.subinplace**(cp, exp, o\_exp, vk, cval, squished)

Modifies cp by substituting cval/expval for vk in exp

## gpkit.nomials.math module

Signomial, Posynomial, Monomial, Constraint, & MonoEQCOnstraint classes

```
class gpkit.nomials.math.Monomial (hmap=None, cs=1, require_positive=True)
    Bases: gpkit.nomials.math.Posynomial
    A Posynomial with only one term

    c
        Creates c or returns a cached c

    exp
        Creates exp or returns a cached exp

    mono_approximation (x0)
        Monomial approximation about a point x0

        x0 (dict): point to monomialize about

        Monomial (unless self(x0) < 0, in which case a Signomial is returned)

class gpkit.nomials.math.MonomialEquality (left, right)
    Bases: gpkit.nomials.math.PosynomialInequality
    A Constraint of the form Monomial == Monomial.

    as_hmaps1t1 (substitutions)
        Tags posynomials for dual feasibility checking

    oper = '='

    sens_from_dual (la, nu, _)
        Returns the variable/constraint sensitivities from lambda/nu

class gpkit.nomials.math.Posynomial (hmap=None, cs=1, require_positive=True)
    Bases: gpkit.nomials.math.Signomial
    A Signomial with strictly positive cs

    mono_lower_bound (x0)
        Monomial lower bound at a point x0

        x0 (dict): point to make lower bound exact

        Monomial

class gpkit.nomials.math.PosynomialInequality (left, oper, right)
    Bases: gpkit.nomials.math.ScalarSingleEquationConstraint
    A constraint of the general form monomial >= posynomial Stored in the posylt1_rep attribute as a
    single Posynomial (self <= 1) Usually initialized via operator overloading, e.g. cc = (y**2 >= 1 +
    x)

    as_hmaps1t1 (substitutions)
        Returns the posys <= 1 representation of this constraint.

    feastol = 0.001

    sens_from_dual (la, nu, _)
        Returns the variable/constraint sensitivities from lambda/nu

class gpkit.nomials.math.ScalarSingleEquationConstraint (left,      oper,
                                                         right)
    Bases: gpkit.constraints.single_equation.SingleEquationConstraint
    A SingleEquationConstraint with scalar left and right sides.

    bounded = {}

    generated_by = None
```

```

meq_bounded = {}

parent = None

relaxed (relaxvar)
    Returns the relaxation of the constraint in a list.

v_ss = None

class gpkit.nomials.math.Signomial (hmap=None, cs=1, require_positive=True)
    Bases: gpkit.nomials.core.Nomial

    A representation of a Signomial.

exps: tuple of dicts Exponent dicts for each monomial term

cs: tuple Coefficient values for each monomial term

require_positive: bool If True and Signomials not enabled,  $c \leq 0$  will raise ValueError

    Signomial Posynomial (if the input has only positive cs) Monomial (if the input has one term and
    only positive cs)

chop ()
    Returns a list of monomials in the signomial.

diff (var)
    Derivative of this with respect to a Variable

    var [Variable key] Variable to take derivative with respect to

    Signomial (or Posynomial or Monomial)

mono_approximation (x0)
    Monomial approximation about a point  $x_0$ 

    x0 (dict): point to monomialize about

    Monomial (unless  $\text{self}(x_0) < 0$ , in which case a Signomial is returned)

posy_negy ()
    Get the positive and negative parts, both as Posynomials

    Posynomial, Posynomial:  $p_{\text{pos}}$  and  $p_{\text{neg}}$  in  $(\text{self} = p_{\text{pos}} - p_{\text{neg}})$  decomposition,

sub (substitutions, require_positive=True)
    Returns a nomial with substituted values.

     $3 == (x**2 + y).sub(\{'x': 1, y: 2\})$   $3 == (x).gp.sub(x, 3)$ 

    substitutions [dict or key] Either a dictionary whose keys are strings, Variables, or VarKeys,
    and whose values are numbers, or a string, Variable or Varkey.

    val [number (optional)] If the substitutions entry is a single key, val holds the value

    require_positive [boolean (optional, default is True)] Controls whether the returned value
    can be a Signomial.

    Returns substituted nomial.

class gpkit.nomials.math.SignomialInequality (left, oper, right)
    Bases: gpkit.nomials.math.ScalarSingleEquationConstraint

    A constraint of the general form posynomial  $\geq$  posynomial

    Stored at .unsubbed[0] as a single Signomial ( $0 \geq \text{self}$ )

```

**as\_gpconstr** (*x0*)

Returns GP-compatible approximation at *x0*

**as\_hmaps1t1** (*substitutions*)

Returns the posys  $\leq 1$  representation of this constraint.

**sens\_from\_dual** (*la, nu, result*)

**We want to do the following chain:**  $\text{dlog}(\text{Obj})/\text{dlog}(\text{monomial}[i]) = \text{nu}[i] * \text{dlog}(\text{monomial})/\text{d}(\text{monomial}) = 1/(\text{monomial value}) * \text{d}(\text{monomial})/\text{d}(\text{var}) = \text{see below} * \text{d}(\text{var})/\text{dlog}(\text{var}) = \text{var} = \text{dlog}(\text{Obj})/\text{dlog}(\text{var})$

**each final monomial is really**  $(\text{coeff signomial})/(\text{negy signomial})$

**and by the chain rule**  $\text{d}(\text{monomial})/\text{d}(\text{var}) = \text{d}(\text{coeff})/\text{d}(\text{var}) * 1/\text{negy} + \text{d}(1/\text{negy})/\text{d}(\text{var}) * \text{coeff} = \text{d}(\text{coeff})/\text{d}(\text{var}) * 1/\text{negy} - \text{d}(\text{negy})/\text{d}(\text{var}) * \text{coeff} * 1/\text{negy}^2$

**class** `gpkIt.nomials.math.SingleSignomialEquality` (*left, right*)

Bases: `gpkIt.nomials.math.SignomialInequality`

A constraint of the general form posynomial == posynomial

**as\_gpconstr** (*x0*)

Returns GP-compatible approximation at *x0*

**as\_hmaps1t1** (*substitutions*)

SignomialEquality is never considered GP-compatible

## gpkIt.nomials.substitution module

Scripts to parse and collate substitutions

`gpkIt.nomials.substitution.append_sub` (*sub, keys, constants, sweep, linkedsweep*)

Appends sub to constants, sweep, or linkedsweep.

`gpkIt.nomials.substitution.parse_subs` (*varkeys, substitutions, clean=False*)

Seperates subs into the constants, sweeps, linkedsweeps actually present.

## gpkIt.nomials.variables module

Implement Variable and ArrayVariable classes

**class** `gpkIt.nomials.variables.ArrayVariable`

Bases: `gpkIt.nomials.array.NomialArray`

A described vector of singlet Monomials.

**shape** [int or tuple] length or shape of resulting array

**\*args :**

may contain “name” (Strings)

“value” (Iterable) “units” (Strings)

and/or “label” (Strings)

**\*\*descr :** VarKey description

NomialArray of Monomials, each containing a VarKey with name ‘\$name\_{i}’, where \$name is the vector’s name and i is the VarKey’s index.

```
class gpkit.nomials.variables.Variable(*args, **descr)
```

Bases: `gpkit.nomials.math.Monomial`

A described singlet Monomial.

**\*args** [list]

may contain “name” (Strings)

“value” (Numbers + Quantity) or (Iterable) for a sweep “units” (Strings)

and/or “label” (Strings)

**\*\*descr** [dict] VarKey description

Monomials containing a VarKey with the name ‘\$name’, where \$name is the vector’s name and i is the VarKey’s index.

**sub** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Same as nomial substitution, but also allows single-argument calls

`x = Variable('x') assert x.sub(3) == Variable('x', value=3)`

**to** (units)

Create new Signomial converted to new units

```
class gpkit.nomials.variables.VectorizableVariable(*args, **descr)
```

Bases: `gpkit.nomials.variables.Variable`, `gpkit.nomials.variables.ArrayVariable`

A Variable outside a vectorized environment, an ArrayVariable within.

```
gpkit.nomials.variables.addmodelstodescr(descr, addtonamedvars=None)
```

Add models to descr, optionally adding the second argument to NAMEDVARS

```
gpkit.nomials.variables.veclinkedfn(linkedfn, i)
```

Generate an indexed linking function.

## Module contents

Contains nomials, inequalities, and arrays

## gpkit.solvers package

### Submodules

#### gpkit.solvers.cvxopt module

#### gpkit.solvers.mosek\_cli module

Module for using the MOSEK EXPOPT command line interface

## Example

```
result = _mosek.cli_expopt.imize(cs, A, p_idx, "gpkit_mosek")
```

```
gpkit.solvers.mosek_cli.assert_equal(received, expected)
```

Asserts that a file’s next line is as expected.

`gpkIt.solvers.mosek_cli.optimize_generator` (*path=None, \*\*\_*)

Constructor for the MOSEK CLI solver function.

**path** [str (optional)] The directory in which to put the MOSEK CLI input/output files. By default uses a system-appropriate temp directory.

`gpkIt.solvers.mosek_cli.read_vals` (*fil*)

Read numeric values until a blank line occurs.

`gpkIt.solvers.mosek_cli.remove_read_only` (*func, path, exc*)

If we can't remove a file/directory, change permissions and try again.

`gpkIt.solvers.mosek_cli.write_output_file` (*filename, c, A, p\_idx*s)

Writes a mosekexpopt compatible GP description to *filename*.

## gpkIt.solvers.mosek\_conif module

### Module contents

### gpkIt.tools package

### Submodules

## gpkIt.tools.autosweep module

Tools for optimal fits to GP sweeps

**class** `gpkIt.tools.autosweep.BinarySweepTree` (*bounds, sols, sweptvar, cost-posy*)

Bases: `object`

Spans a line segment. May contain two subtrees that divide the segment.

**bounds** [two-element list] The left and right boundaries of the segment

**sols** [two-element list] The left and right solutions of the segment

**costs** [array] The left and right logcosts of the segment

**splits** [None or two-element list] If not None, contains the left and right subtrees

**splitval** [None or float] The worst-error point, where the split will be if tolerance is too low

**splitlb** [None or float] The cost lower bound at splitval

**splitub** [None or float] The cost upper bound at splitval

**add\_split** (*splitval, splitsol*)

Creates subtrees from `bounds[0]` to `splitval` and `splitval` to `bounds[1]`

**add\_splitcost** (*splitval, splitlb, splitub*)

Adds a `splitval`, lower bound, and upper bound

**cost\_at** (*\_*, *value*, *bound=None*)

Logspace interpolates between `split` and `costs`. Guaranteed bounded.

**min\_bst** (*value*)

Returns smallest bst around *value*.



**posy\_at** (*posy, value*)

Logspace interpolates between sols to get posynomial values.

No guarantees, just like a regular sweep.

**sample\_at** (*values*)

Creates a SolutionOracle at a given range of values

**save** (*filename='autosweep.p'*)

Pickles the autosweep and saves it to a file.

**The saved autosweep is identical except for two things:**

- the cost is made unitless
- each solution's 'program' attribute is removed

**Solution can then be loaded with e.g.:**

```
>>> import cPickle as pickle
>>> pickle.load(open("autosweep.p"))
```

**solararray**

Returns a solution array of all the solutions in an autosweep

**sollist**

Returns a list of all the solutions in an autosweep

**class** gpkit.tools.autosweep.**SolutionOracle** (*bst, sampled\_at*)

Bases: object

Acts like a SolutionArray for autosweeps

**cost\_lb** ()

Gets cost lower bounds from the BST and units them

**cost\_ub** ()

Gets cost upper bounds from the BST and units them

**plot** (*posys=None, axes=None*)

Plots the sweep for each posy

gpkit.tools.autosweep.**autosweep\_1d** (*model, logtol, sweepvar, bounds, \*\*solvekwargs*)

Autosweep a model over one sweepvar

gpkit.tools.autosweep.**get\_tol** (*costs, bounds, sols, variable*)

Gets the intersection point and corresponding bounds from two solutions.

gpkit.tools.autosweep.**recurse\_splits** (*model, bst, variable, logtol, solvekwargs, sols*)

Recursively splits a BST until logtol is reached

## gpkit.tools.docstring module

Docstring-parsing methods

gpkit.tools.docstring.**check\_and\_parse\_flag** (*string, flag, declaration\_func=None*)

Checks for instances of flag in string and parses them.

gpkit.tools.docstring.**constant\_declare** (*string, flag, idx2, countstr*)

Turns Variable declarations into Constant ones

`gpkit.tools.docstring.expected_unbounded(instance, doc)`

Gets expected-unbounded variables from a string

**class** `gpkit.tools.docstring.parse_variables(string, scopevars=None)`

Bases: object

decorator for adding local Variables from a string.

Generally called as `@parse_variables(__doc__, globals())`.

`gpkit.tools.docstring.parse_varstring(string)`

Parses a string to determine what variables to create from it

`gpkit.tools.docstring.variable_declaration(nameval, units, label, line, error-catch=True)`

Turns parsed output into a Variable declaration

`gpkit.tools.docstring.vv_declare(string, flag, idx2, countstr)`

Turns Variable declarations into VectorVariable ones

## gpkit.tools.tools module

Non-application-specific convenience methods for GPkit

`gpkit.tools.tools.te_exp_minus1(posy, nterm)`

Taylor expansion of  $e^{\text{posy}} - 1$

**posy** [gpkit.Posynomial] Variable or expression to exponentiate

**nterm** [int] Number of non-constant terms in resulting Taylor expansion

**gpkit.Posynomial** Taylor expansion of  $e^{\text{posy}} - 1$ , carried to nterm terms

`gpkit.tools.tools.te_secant(var, nterm)`

Taylor expansion of  $\secant(\text{var})$ .

**var** [gpkit.monomial] Variable or expression argument

**nterm** [int] Number of non-constant terms in resulting Taylor expansion

**gpkit.Posynomial** Taylor expansion of  $\secant(x)$ , carried to nterm terms

`gpkit.tools.tools.te_tangent(var, nterm)`

Taylor expansion of  $\tangent(\text{var})$ .

**var** [gpkit.monomial] Variable or expression argument

**nterm** [int] Number of non-constant terms in resulting Taylor expansion

**gpkit.Posynomial** Taylor expansion of  $\tangent(x)$ , carried to nterm terms

## Module contents

Contains miscellaneous tools including fmincon comparison tool

## 10.1.2 Submodules

### 10.1.3 gpkit.build module

Finds solvers, sets gpkit settings, and builds gpkit

```
class gpkit.build.CVXopt
    Bases: gpkit.build.SolverBackend
    CVXopt finder.

    look()
        Attempts to import cvxopt.

    name = 'cvxopt'

class gpkit.build.MosekCLI
    Bases: gpkit.build.SolverBackend
    MOSEK command line interface finder.

    look()
        Looks in default install locations for a mosek before version 9.

    name = 'mosek_cli'

    run(where='in the default PATH')
        Attempts to run mskexopt.

class gpkit.build.MosekConif
    Bases: gpkit.build.SolverBackend
    MOSEK exponential cone solver finder.

    look()
        Attempts to import a mosek supporting exponential cones.

    name = 'mosek_conif'

class gpkit.build.SolverBackend
    Bases: object
    Inheritable class for finding solvers. Logs.

    look = None
    name = None

gpkit.build.build()
    Builds GPkit

gpkit.build.call(cmd)
    Calls subprocess. Logs.

gpkit.build.diff(filename, diff_dict)
    Applies a simple diff to a file. Logs.

gpkit.build.isfile(path)
    Returns true if there's a file at $path. Logs.

gpkit.build.log(*args)
    Print a line and append it to the log string.

gpkit.build.pathjoin(*args)
    Join paths, collating multiple arguments.
```

`gpkit.build.replacedir(path)`  
Replaces directory at \$path. Logs.

### 10.1.4 gpkit.exceptions module

GPkit-specific Exception classes

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.DualInfeasible`

Bases: `gpkit.exceptions.Infeasible`

Raised if a model returns a certificate of dual infeasibility

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.Infeasible`

Bases: `RuntimeWarning`

Raised if a model does not solve

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.InvalidGPConstraint`

Bases: `gpkit.exceptions.MathematicallyInvalid`

Raised if a non-GP-compatible constraint is used in a GP

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.InvalidLicense`

Bases: `RuntimeWarning`

Raised if a solver's license is missing, invalid, or expired.

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.InvalidPosynomial`

Bases: `gpkit.exceptions.MathematicallyInvalid`

Raised if a Posynomial would be created with a negative coefficient

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.InvalidSGPConstraint`

Bases: `gpkit.exceptions.MathematicallyInvalid`

Raised if a non-SGP-compatible constraint is used in an SGP

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.MathematicallyInvalid`

Bases: `TypeError`

Raised whenever something violates a mathematical definition.

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.PrimalInfeasible`

Bases: `gpkit.exceptions.Infeasible`

Raised if a model returns a certificate of primal infeasibility

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.UnboundedGP`

Bases: `ValueError`

Raise if a GP is not fully bounded

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.UnknownInfeasible`

Bases: `gpkit.exceptions.Infeasible`

Raised if a model does not solve for unknown reasons

**exception** `gpkit.exceptions.UnnecessarySGP`

Bases: `ValueError`

Raised if an SGP is fully GP-compatible

### 10.1.5 gpkit.globals module

global mutable variables

**class** gpkit.globals.**NamedVariables** (*name*)

Bases: object

Creates an environment in which all variables have a model name and num appended to their varkeys.

**lineage** = ()

**modelnums** = {((), 'SGP'): 1}

**namedvars** = {}

**classmethod** **reset\_modelnumbers** ()

Clear all model number counters

**class** gpkit.globals.**SignomialsEnabled**

Bases: object

Class to put up and tear down signomial support in an instance of GPkit.

```
>>> import gpkit
>>> x = gpkit.Variable("x")
>>> y = gpkit.Variable("y", 0.1)
>>> with SignomialsEnabled():
>>>     constraints = [x >= 1-y]
>>> gpkit.Model(x, constraints).localsolve()
```

**class** gpkit.globals.**SignomialsEnabledMeta**

Bases: type

Metaclass to implement falsiness for SignomialsEnabled

**class** gpkit.globals.**Vectorize** (*dimension\_length*)

Bases: object

Creates an environment in which all variables are extended in an additional dimension.

**vectorization** = ()

**gpkit.globals.load\_settings** (*path=None, trybuild=True*)

Load the settings file at SETTINGS\_PATH; return settings dict

### 10.1.6 gpkit.keydict module

Implements KeyDict and KeySet classes

**class** gpkit.keydict.**KeyDict** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Bases: *gpkit.keydict.KeyMap*, dict

KeyDicts do two things over a dict: map keys and collapse arrays.

>>>> kd = gpkit.keydict.KeyDict()

For mapping keys, see KeyMapper.\_\_doc\_\_

If *.collapse\_arrays* is True then VarKeys which have a *shape* parameter (indicating they are part of an array) are stored as numpy arrays, and automatically de-indexed when a matching VarKey with a particular *idx* parameter is used as a key.

See also: `gpkit/tests/t_keydict.py`.

**collapse\_arrays = True**

**get** (*key*, *\*alternative*)

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

**update** (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Iterates through the dictionary created by args and kwargs

**class** `gpkit.keydict.KeyMap` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Bases: `object`

Helper class to provide KeyMapping to interfaces.

A KeyMap keeps an internal list of VarKeys as canonical keys, and their values can be accessed with any object whose *key* attribute matches one of those VarKeys, or with strings matching any of the multiple possible string interpretations of each key:

For example, after creating the KeyDict `kd` and setting `kd[x] = v` (where `x` is a Variable or VarKey), `v` can be accessed with by the following keys:

- `x`
- `x.key`
- `x.name` (a string)
- `"x_modelname"` (`x`'s name including `modelname`)

Note that if a item is set using a key that does not have a *.key* attribute, that key can be set and accessed normally.

**collapse\_arrays = False**

**keymap = []**

**log\_gets = False**

**parse\_and\_index** (*key*)

Returns key if key had one, and `veckey/idx` for indexed `veckey`s.

**update\_keymap** ()

Updates the keymap with the keys in `_unmapped_keys`

**varkeys = None**

**class** `gpkit.keydict.KeySet` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Bases: `gpkit.keydict.KeyMap`, `set`

KeyMaps that don't collapse arrays or store values.

**collapse\_arrays = False**

**update** (*keys*)

Iterates through the dictionary created by args and kwargs

`gpkit.keydict.clean_value` (*key*, *value*)

Gets the value of variable-less monomials, so that `x.sub({x: gpkit.units.m})` and `x.sub({x: gpkit.ureg.m})` are equivalent.

Also converts any quantities to the key's units, because quantities can't/shouldn't be stored as elements of numpy arrays.

### 10.1.7 gpkIt.repr\_conventions module

Repository for representation standards

**class** gpkIt.repr\_conventions.ReprMixin

Bases: object

This class combines various printing methods for easier adoption.

**ast** = None

**cached\_strs** = None

**latex\_unitstr**()

Returns latex unitstr

**lineagestr**(*modelnums=True*)

Returns properly formatted lineage string

**parse\_ast**(*excluded='units'*)

Turns the AST of this object's construction into a faithful string

**unitstr**(*into='%s', options=':P~', dimless=""*)

Returns the string corresponding to an object's units.

gpkIt.repr\_conventions.**latex\_unitstr**(*units*)

Returns latex unitstr

gpkIt.repr\_conventions.**lineagestr**(*lineage, modelnums=True*)

Returns properly formatted lineage string

gpkIt.repr\_conventions.**parenthesize**(*string, addi=True, mult=True*)

Parenthesizes a string if it needs it and isn't already.

gpkIt.repr\_conventions.**strify**(*val, excluded*)

Turns a value into as pretty a string as possible.

gpkIt.repr\_conventions.**unitstr**(*units, into='%s', options=':P~', dimless=""*)

Returns the string corresponding to an object's units.

### 10.1.8 gpkIt.small\_classes module

Miscellaneous small classes

**class** gpkIt.small\_classes.CootMatrix(*row, col, data*)

Bases: object

A very simple sparse matrix representation.

**dot**(*arg*)

Returns dot product with arg.

**tocoo**()

Converts to another type of matrix.

**tocsc**()

Converts to another type of matrix.

**tocsr**()

Converts to a Scipy sparse csr\_matrix

**todense**()

Converts to another type of matrix.

**todia()**  
Converts to another type of matrix.

**todok()**  
Converts to another type of matrix.

**class** gpkit.small\_classes.Count  
Bases: object  
Like python 2's itertools.count, for Python 3 compatibility.

**next()**  
Increment self.count and return it

**class** gpkit.small\_classes.DictOfLists  
Bases: dict  
A hierarchy of dictionaries, with lists at the bottom.

**append(sol)**  
Appends a dict (of dicts) of lists to all held lists.

**atindex(i)**  
Indexes into each list independently.

**to\_arrays()**  
Converts all lists into array.

**class** gpkit.small\_classes.FixedScalar  
Bases: object  
Instances of this class are scalar Nomials with no variables

**class** gpkit.small\_classes.FixedScalarMeta  
Bases: type  
Metaclass to implement instance checking for fixed scalars

**class** gpkit.small\_classes.HashVector  
Bases: dict  
A simple, sparse, string-indexed vector. Inherits from dict.  
The HashVector class supports element-wise arithmetic: any undeclared variables are assumed to have a value of zero.  
arg : iterable

```
>>> x = gpkit.nomials.Monomial("x")
>>> exp = gpkit.small_classes.HashVector({x: 2})
```

**copy()**  
Return a copy of this

**hashvalue = None**

**class** gpkit.small\_classes.SolverLog(output=None, \*, verbosity=0)  
Bases: list  
Adds a *write* method to list so it's file-like and can replace stdout.

**write(writ)**  
Append and potentially write the new line.



`gpkit.small_classes.matrix_converter` (*name*)  
Generates conversion function.

### 10.1.9 gpkit.small\_scripts module

Assorted helper methods

`gpkit.small_scripts.appendsolwarning` (*msg*, *data*, *result*, *category*=*'uncategorized'*)  
Append a particular category of warnings to a solution.

`gpkit.small_scripts.is_sweepvar` (*sub*)  
Determines if a given substitution indicates a sweep.

`gpkit.small_scripts.mag` (*c*)  
Return magnitude of a Number or Quantity

`gpkit.small_scripts.maybe_flatten` (*value*)  
Extract values from 0-d numpy arrays, if necessary

`gpkit.small_scripts.splitsweep` (*sub*)  
Splits a substitution into (is\_sweepvar, sweepval)

`gpkit.small_scripts.try_str_without` (*item*, *excluded*, \*, *latex=False*)  
Try to call `item.str_without(excluded)`; fall back to `str(item)`

### 10.1.10 gpkit.solution\_array module

Defines `SolutionArray` class

**class** `gpkit.solution_array.SolSavingEnvironment` (*solarray*)  
Bases: `object`

Temporarily removes construction/solve attributes from constraints.

This approximately halves the size of the pickled solution.

**class** `gpkit.solution_array.SolutionArray`  
Bases: `gpkit.small_classes.DictOfLists`

A dictionary (of dictionaries) of lists, with convenience methods.

cost : array variables: dict of arrays sensitivities: dict containing:

monomials : array posynomials : array variables: dict of arrays

**localmodels** [NomialArray] Local power-law fits (small sensitivities are cut off)

```
>>> import gpkit
>>> import numpy as np
>>> x = gpkit.Variable("x")
>>> x_min = gpkit.Variable("x_{min}", 2)
>>> sol = gpkit.Model(x, [x >= x_min]).solve(verbosity=0)
>>>
>>> # VALUES
>>> values = [sol(x), sol.subinto(x), sol["variables"]["x"]]
>>> assert all(np.array(values) == 2)
>>>
>>> # SENSITIVITIES
```

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```
>>> senss = [sol.sens(x_min), sol.sens(x_min)]
>>> senss.append(sol["sensitivities"]["variables"]["x_{min}"])
>>> assert all(np.array(senss) == 1)
```

**almost\_equal** (*other*, *reitol*=0.001, *sens\_abstol*=0.01)

Checks for almost-equality between two solutions

**static decompress\_file** (*file*)

Load a gzip-compressed pickle file

**diff** (*other*, *showvars*=None, \*, *constraintsdiff*=True, *senssdiff*=True, *sensstol*=0.1, *absdiff*=False, *abstol*=0, *reldiff*=True, *reitol*=1.0, *\*\*tableargs*)

Outputs differences between this solution and another

**other** [solution or string] strings will be treated as paths to pickled solutions

**senssdiff** [boolean] if True, show sensitivity differences

**sensstol** [float] the smallest sensitivity difference worth showing

**absdiff** [boolean] if True, show absolute differences

**absstol** [float] the smallest absolute difference worth showing

**reldiff** [boolean] if True, show relative differences

**reitol** [float] the smallest relative difference worth showing

str

**modelstr** = ''

**name\_collision\_varkeys** ()

Returns the set of contained varkeys whose names are not unique

**plot** (*posys*=None, *axes*=None)

Plots a sweep for each posy

**save** (*filename*='solution.pkl', *\*\*pickleargs*)

Pickles the solution and saves it to a file.

Solution can then be loaded with e.g.: >>> import pickle >>>  
pickle.load(open("solution.pkl"))

**save\_compressed** (*filename*='solution.pgz', *\*\*cpickleargs*)

Pickle a file and then compress it into a file with extension.

**savcsv** (*showvars*=None, *filename*='solution.csv', *valcols*=5)

Saves primal solution as a CSV sorted by modelname, like the tables.

**savemat** (*filename*='solution.mat', *showvars*=None, *excluded*=('unnecessary lineage',  
'vec'))

Saves primal solution as matlab file

**savetxt** (*filename*='solution.txt', *printmodel*=True, *\*\*kwargs*)

Saves solution table as a text file

**subinto** (*posy*)

Returns NomialArray of each solution substituted into posy.

**summary** (*showvars*=(), *ntopsenss*=5, *\*\*kwargs*)

Print summary table, showing top sensitivities and no constants

**table** (*showvars=()*, *tables=('cost', 'warnings', 'sweepvariables', 'freevariables', 'constants', 'sensitivities', 'tightest constraints')*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
A table representation of this SolutionArray

**tables:** Iterable

**Which to print of (“cost”, “sweepvariables”, “freevariables”, “constants”, “sensitivities”)**

**fixedcols:** If true, print vectors in fixed-width format latex: int

If > 0, return latex format (options 1-3); otherwise plain text

**included\_models:** Iterable of strings If specified, the models (by name) to include

**excluded\_models:** Iterable of strings If specified, model names to exclude

str

**table\_titles** = {'constants': 'Fixed Variables', 'freevariables': 'Free Variables'}

**todataframe** (*showvars=None*, *excluded=('unnecessary lineage', 'vec')*)  
Returns primal solution as pandas dataframe

**varnames** (*showvars*, *exclude*)  
Returns list of variables, optionally with minimal unique names

`gpkit.solution_array.cast` (*function*, *val1*, *val2*)  
Relative difference between val1 and val2 (positive if val2 is larger)

`gpkit.solution_array.constraint_table` (*data*, *title*, *sortbymodel=True*, *showmodels=True*, *\*\*\_*)  
Creates lines for tables where the right side is a constraint.

`gpkit.solution_array.insenss_table` (*data*, *\_*, *maxval=0.1*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Returns insensitivity table lines

`gpkit.solution_array.loose_table` (*self*, *\_*, *min\_senss=1e-05*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return constraint tightness lines

`gpkit.solution_array.senss_table` (*data*, *showvars=()*, *title='Variable Sensitivities'*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Returns sensitivity table lines

`gpkit.solution_array.tight_table` (*self*, *\_*, *ntightconstrs=5*, *tight\_senss=0.01*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Return constraint tightness lines

`gpkit.solution_array.topsenss_filter` (*data*, *showvars*, *nvars=5*)  
Filters sensitivities down to top N vars

`gpkit.solution_array.topsenss_table` (*data*, *showvars*, *nvars=5*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Returns top sensitivity table lines

`gpkit.solution_array.unrolled_absmax` (*values*)  
From an iterable of numbers and arrays, returns the largest magnitude

`gpkit.solution_array.var_table` (*data*, *title*, *\**, *printunits=True*, *latex=False*, *rawlines=False*, *varfmt='%s : '*, *valfmt='%-.4g '*, *vecfmt='%-8.3g'*, *minval=0*, *sortbyvals=False*, *hidebelowminval=False*, *included\_models=None*, *excluded\_models=None*, *sortbymodel=True*, *maxcolumns=5*, *skipifempty=True*, *\*\*\_*)

Pretty string representation of a dict of VarKeys Iterable values are handled specially (partial printing)

**data** [dict whose keys are VarKey's] data to represent in table

**title** : string printunits : bool latex : int

If > 0, return latex format (options 1-3); otherwise plain text

**varfmt** [string] format for variable names

**valfmt** [string] format for scalar values

**vecfmt** [string] format for vector values

**minval** [float] skip values with  $\text{abs}(\text{value}) < \text{minval}$

**sortbyvals** [boolean] If true, rows are sorted by their average value instead of by name.

**included\_models** [Iterable of strings] If specified, the models (by name) to include

**excluded\_models** [Iterable of strings] If specified, model names to exclude

`gpkit.solution_array.warnings_table(self, _, **kwargs)`

Makes a table for all warnings in the solution.

### 10.1.11 gpkit.units module

wraps pint in gpkit monomials

**class** `gpkit.units.GPkitUnits`

Bases: `object`

Return Monomials instead of Quantities

**division\_cache** = {}

**monomial\_cache** = {}

**multiplication\_cache** = {}

**of\_division** (*numerator, denominator*)

Cached unit division. Requires Quantity inputs.

**of\_product** (*thing1, thing2*)

Cached unit division. Requires united inputs.

`gpkit.units.qty(unit)`

Returns a Quantity, caching the result for future retrievals

### 10.1.12 gpkit.varkey module

Defines the VarKey class

**class** `gpkit.varkey.VarKey(name=None, **descr)`

Bases: `gpkit.repr_conventions.ReprMixin`

An object to correspond to each 'variable name'.

**name** [str, VarKey, or Monomial] Name of this Variable, or object to derive this Variable from.

**\*\*descr** : Any additional attributes, which become the descr attribute (a dict).

VarKey with the given name and descr.

**latex** (*excluded=()*)

Returns latex representation.

**models**

Returns a tuple of just the names of models in self.lineage

**str\_without** (*excluded=()*)

Returns string without certain fields (such as 'lineage').

**subscripts** = ('lineage', 'idx')

**classmethod unique\_id** ()

Increment self.count and return it

**vars\_of\_a\_name** = {}

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## Citing GPkit

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↵Computing Systems},  
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}
```

(and you can read that paper, which describes some of GPkit's design philosophy, [here](#).)





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