Line Search Methods for Multi-variable Problems

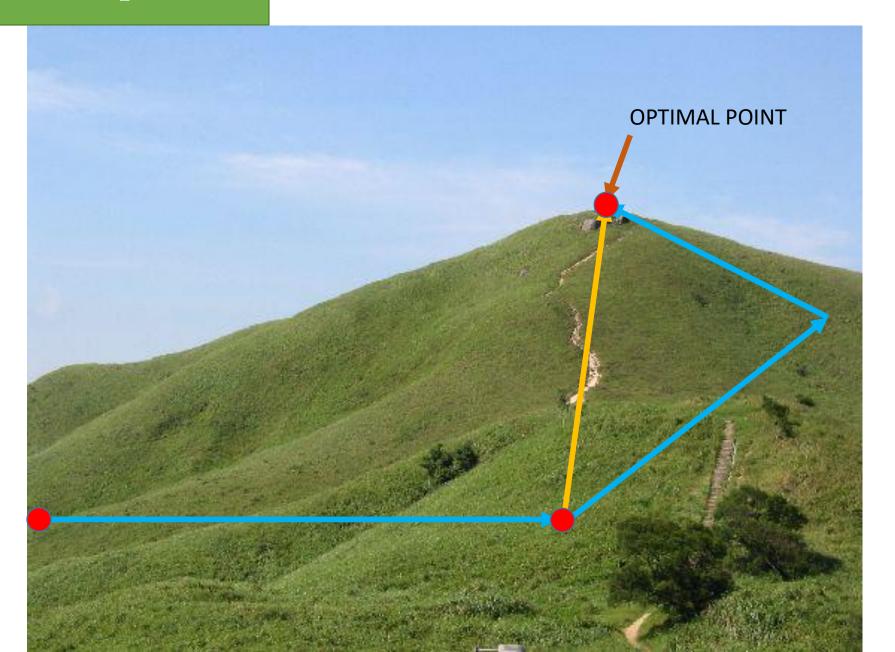
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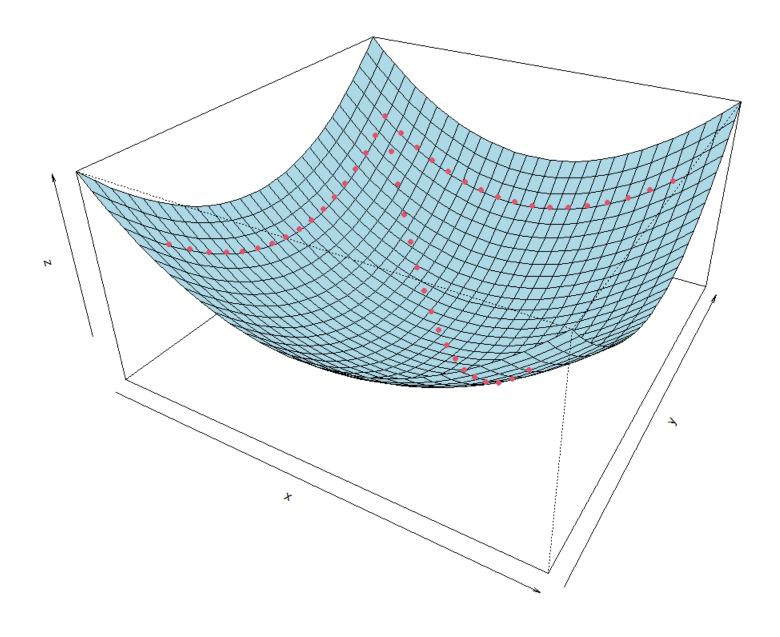


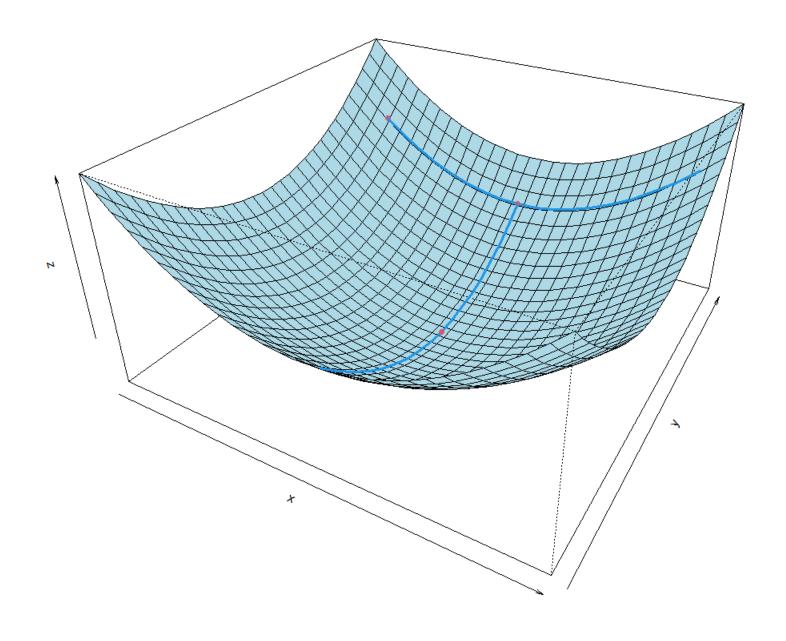
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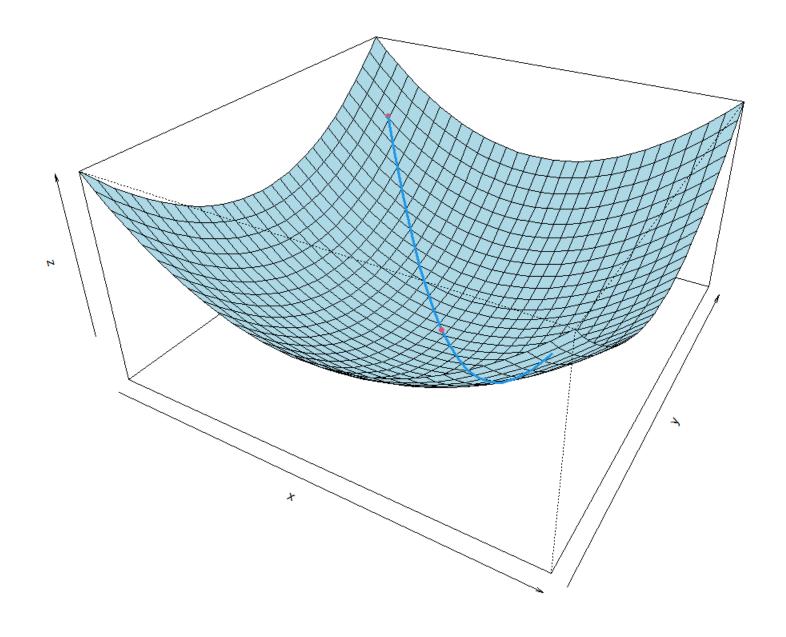
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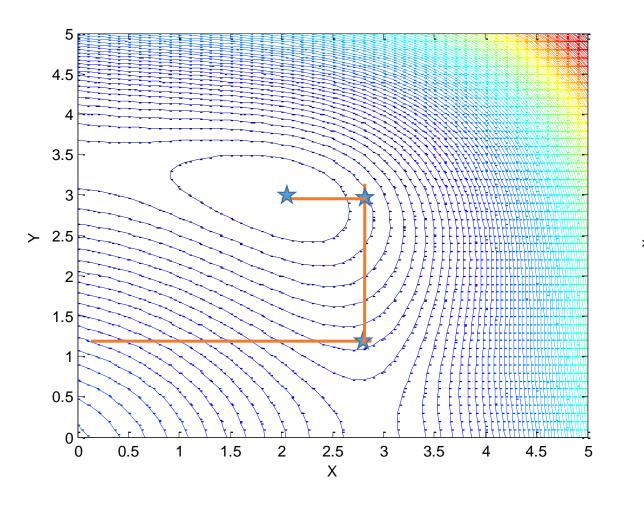
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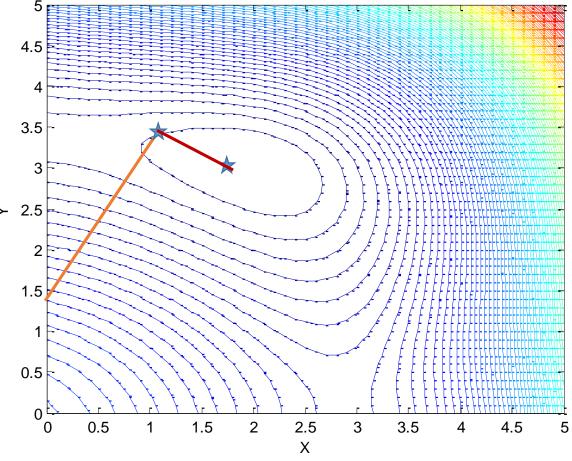






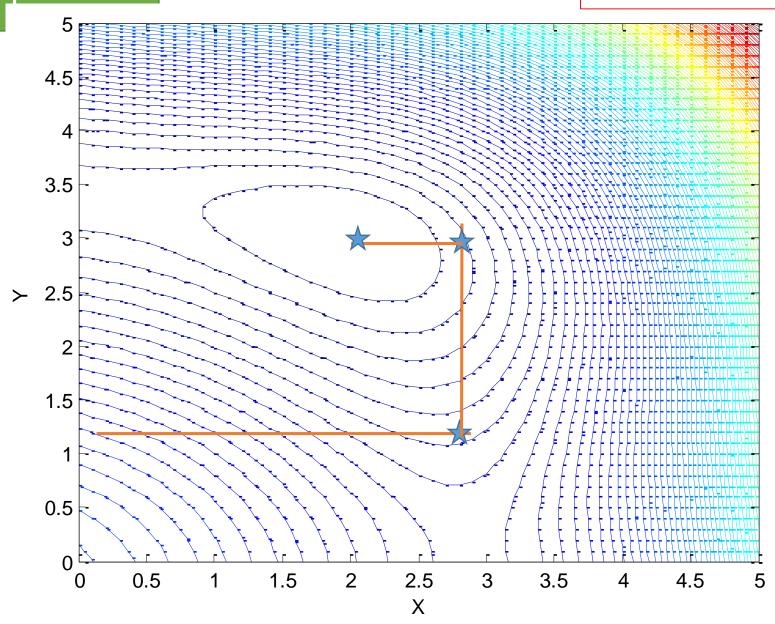






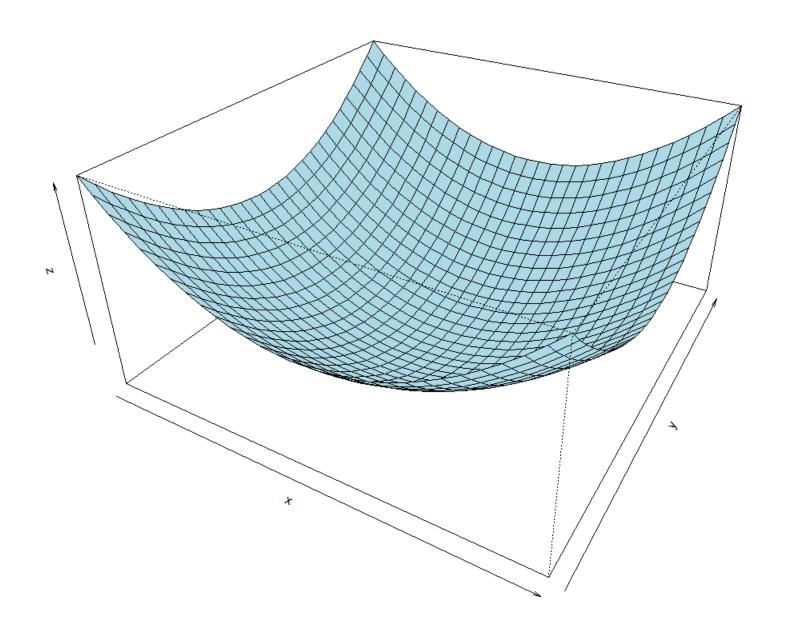
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- ✓ Newton's method
- ✓ Conjugate direction method

Univariate method



$$f(x,y) = (x^2 + y^2) + 4$$

$$x^* = 0$$
, $y^* = 0$



Univariate method

A multivariable problem can be converted to a single variable problem using the following equation $X^{t+1} = X^t + \alpha d^t$

Eq. No. 1
$$f(x,y) = (x^2 + y^2) + 4$$

$$X^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad d = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad X^1 = X^0 + \alpha d$$

$$X^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \alpha \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Putting in equation (1)

$$f(\alpha) = ((1+\alpha)^2 + 1^2) + 4$$

Taking first derivative

$$f'(\alpha) = 2(1+\alpha) = 0$$

$$\alpha^* = -1 \qquad X^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1+\alpha \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X^2 = X^1 + \alpha d$$

$$X^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 + \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Putting in equation (1)

$$f(\alpha) = (0 + (1 + \alpha)^2) + 4$$

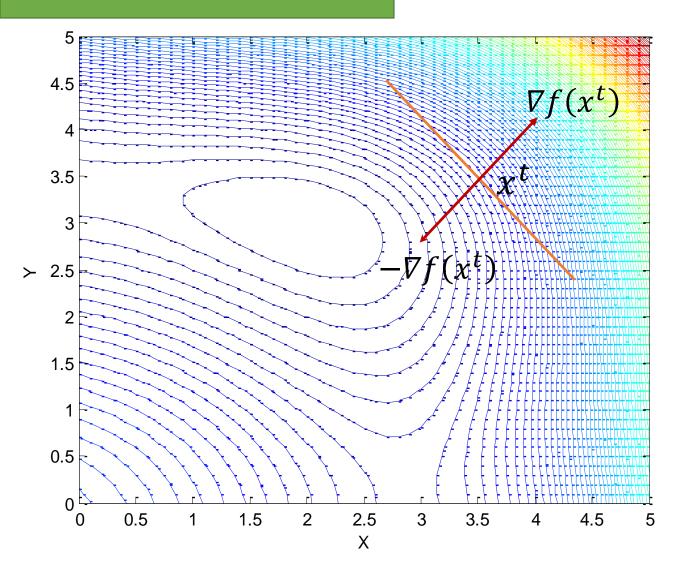
Taking first derivative

$$f'(\alpha) = 2(1+\alpha) = 0$$

$$\alpha^* = -1$$

$$X^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 + \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 SOLUTION





Steepest descent direction method

A search direction d^t is a descent direction at point x^t if the condition $\nabla f(x^t)$. $d^t < 0$ is satisfied in the vicinity of the point x^t

$$f(x^{t+1}) = f(x^t + \alpha d^t)$$

= $f(x^t) + \alpha \nabla^T f(x^t) \cdot d^t$
The $f(x^{t+1}) < f(x^t)$

When
$$\alpha \nabla^T f(x^t)$$
. $d^t < 0$
Or, $\nabla^T f(x^t)$. $d^t < 0$

Steepest descent direction method

Eq. 1
$$f(x,y) = (x^2 + y^2) + 4$$

$$X^1 = X^0 + \alpha d$$

$$X^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad d = -\nabla f(X^o)$$

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$$\nabla f(X^o) = \binom{2}{2}$$

$$d = -\nabla f(X^o) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2\alpha \\ 1 - 2\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Putting in equation (1)

$$f(\alpha) = ((1 - 2\alpha)^2 + (1 - 2\alpha)^2) + 4$$

Taking first derivative

$$f'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$\alpha^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$X^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2\alpha \\ 1 - 2\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Newton's method

Taylor series
$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(x) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}f^{n-1}(x) + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^n(x) + \dots$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + (x_{i+1} - x_i)f'(x_i) + \frac{(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2}{2!}f''(x_i) + \cdots$$

By setting derivative of the equation to zero for minimization of f(x), we have

$$f'(x_{i+1}) = 0 + f'(x_i) + f''(x_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) = 0$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f'(x_i)}{f''(x_i)}$$

Quasi Newton's method

Sometime it is not possible to have the closed form expression of the function or it may be difficult to calculate the derivatives of the objective function. In such a scenarios, the derivative of the function can be calculated

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i + \Delta x) - f(x_i - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x}$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i + \Delta x) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_i - \Delta x)}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{\Delta x [f(x_i + \Delta x) - f(x_i - \Delta x)]}{2[f(x_i + \Delta x) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_i - \Delta x)]}$$

Convergence $|f'(x_i)| \le \epsilon$

Taylor series
$$f(X + h) = f(X) + h^T \nabla f(X) + \frac{1}{2!} h^T H h + \cdots$$

$$f(X_{i+1}) = f(X_i) + \nabla f(X_i)^T (X_{i+1} - X_i) + \frac{1}{2!} (X_{i+1} - X_i)^T H(X_{i+1} - X_i) + \cdots$$

By setting partial derivative of the equation to zero for minimization of f(X), we have

$$\nabla f = 0 + \nabla f(X_i) + H(X_{i+1} - X_i) = 0$$

$$X_{i+1} = X_i - H^{-1} \nabla f$$

Since higher order derivative terms have been neglected, the above equation can be iteratively used to find the value of the optimal solution

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A X)}{\partial X} = A X + A^T X$$

In this case

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A X)}{\partial X} = 2AX$$

$$\frac{\partial (AX)}{\partial X} = A^T$$

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A)}{\partial X} = A$$

$$\frac{\partial (A^T X)}{\partial X} = A$$

Show that the Newton's method finds the minimum of a quadratic function in one iteration

A quadratic function can be written as

$$f(X) = \frac{1}{2}X^T A X + B^T X + C$$

The minimum of the function is given by

$$\nabla f(X) = AX + B = 0$$

$$X = -A^{-1}B$$

Now apply Newton's method. The iterative step gives

$$X_{i+1} = X_i - H^{-1} \nabla f(X_i)$$

In this case H = A

$$X_{i+1} = X_i - A^{-1}(AX_i + B)$$

$$X_{i+1} = -A^{-1}B$$

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A X)}{\partial X} = A X + A^T X$$

In this case $A = A^T$

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A X)}{\partial X} = 2AX$$

$$\frac{\partial (AX)}{\partial X} = A^T$$

$$\frac{\partial (X^T A)}{\partial X} = A$$

$$\frac{\partial (A^T X)}{\partial X} = A$$

Steepest descent method

$$X_{i+1} = X_i + \alpha[-\nabla f_i]$$

Where
$$S_i = -\nabla f$$

Newton's method

$$X_{i+1} = X_i + \alpha \left[-H_i^{-1} \nabla f_i \right]$$

Where
$$S_i = -H_i^{-1} \nabla f_i$$

Now we can combine these two method

$$X_{i+1} = X_i + \alpha [-[H_i + \beta I]^{-1} \nabla f_i]$$

For the large value of β , the effect of hessian matrix will be negligible and the method will be similar to steepest descent method. On the other hand when β is equal to zero, the method is similar to Newton's method.

Newton's method

$$X_{i+1} = X_i - [H_i]^{-1} \nabla f(X_i)$$

Considering $[A_i] = [H_i]$ and $[B_i] = [H_i]^{-1}$

$$X_{i+1} = X_i - [B_i] \nabla f(X_i)$$

We have

$$\nabla f(X) = \nabla f(X_0) + H(X - X_0)$$

Now consider two points X_i and X_{i+1}

$$\nabla f_{i+1} = \nabla f(X_0) + [A_i](X_{i+1} - X_0)$$

$$\nabla f_i = \nabla f(X_0) + [A_i](X_i - X_0)$$

Subtracting these two equations, we have

$$[A_i](X_{i+1} - X_i) = \nabla f_{i+1} - \nabla f_i$$

$$[A_i]d_i = g_i \qquad \Rightarrow d_i = [B_i]g_i$$

Now $|B_i|$ needs to be updated in each iteration. It can be updated

$$[B_{i+1}] = [B_i] + [\Delta B_i]$$

Theoretically $[\Delta B_i]$ can have its rank as high as n. However, in practice we only use rank 1 or 2

$$[\Delta B_i] = czz^T \qquad [B_{i+1}] = [B_i] + czz^T$$

We have $d_i = [B_{i+1}]g_i$

$$\Rightarrow d_i = [B_i] + czz^T g_i = [B_i]g_i + cz(z^T g_i)$$

Since $z^T g_i$ is a scalar, we have

$$cz = \frac{d_i - [B_i]g_i}{z^T g_i}$$

The simple choice for z and c would be $c = \frac{1}{z^T a_i}$

$$c = \frac{1}{z^T g_i}$$

$$z = d_i - [B_i]g_i$$

Thus, the rank 1 update will be

$$[B_{i+1}] = [B_i] + \frac{zz^T}{z^T g_i}$$

$$[B_{i+1}] = [B_i] + \frac{zz^T}{z^T g_i} \implies [B_{i+1}] = [B_i] + \frac{[d_i - [B_i]g_i][d_i - [B_i]g_i]^T}{[d_i - [B_i]g_i]^T g_i}$$

Rank 2 update

$$[\Delta B_i] = c_1 z_1 z_1^T + c_2 z_2 z_2^T$$

$$[B_{i+1}] = [B_i] + c_1 z_1 z_1^T + c_2 z_2 z_2^T$$

$$d_i = [B_{i+1}]g_i$$

$$d_i = [[B_i] + c_1 z_1 z_1^T + c_2 z_2 z_2^T] g_i$$

$$d_i = [B_i]g_i + c_1 z_1 (z_1^T g_i) + c_2 z_2 (z_2^T g_i)$$

$$d_i - [B_i]g_i = c_1 z_1 (z_1^T g_i) + c_2 z_2 (z_2^T g_i)$$

The following choices can be made

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{z_1^T g_i}$$

$$c_2 = -\frac{1}{z_2^T g_i}$$

$$z_1 = d_i$$

$$z_2 = [B_i]g_i$$

$$[B_{i+1}] = [B_i] + \frac{z_1 z_1^T}{z_1^T g_i} - \frac{z_2 z_2^T}{z_2^T g_i} = [B_i] + \frac{d_i d_i^T}{d_i^T g_i} - \frac{[[B_i] g_i][[B_i] g_i]^T}{[[B_i] g_i]^T g_i}$$

Parallel subspace property

Given a quadratic function $f(X) = \frac{1}{2}X^TAX + B^TX + C$ of two variables and X^1 and X^2 are the two arbitrary but distinct points.

If Y^1 is the solution of the problem Min $f(X^1 + \lambda d)$

If Y^2 is the solution of the problem Min $f(X^2 + \lambda d)$

Then the direction $(Y^2 - Y^1)$ is conjugate to d, or other words, the quantity

$$(Y^2 - Y^1)^T A d = 0$$

For quadratic function minimum lies on the direction $(Y^2 - Y^1)$

Powell's conjugate direction method

