# Line Search Methods for Multi-variable Problems

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# ✓Univariate search method ✓Steepest descent direction method ✓Newton's method ✓Conjugate direction method

#### Univariate method



$$
f(x, y) = (x2 + y2) + 4
$$
  

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



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

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

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

Putting in equation (1)

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

Taking first derivative

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

$$
\alpha^* = -1 \qquad X^1 = {1 + \alpha \choose 1} = {0 \choose 1}
$$

$$
X^{2} = X^{1} + \alpha d
$$
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$$
X^{2} = {0 \choose 1} + \alpha {0 \choose 1} = {0 \choose 1 + \alpha}
$$
\nPutting in equation (1)\n
$$
f(\alpha) = (0 + (1 + \alpha)^{2}) + 4
$$
\nTaking first derivative\n
$$
f'(\alpha) = 2(1 + \alpha) = 0
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$$
\alpha^{*} = -1
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$$
X^{2} = {0 \choose 1 + \alpha} = {0 \choose 0}
$$
\nSOLUTION

**OPTIMAL** 



#### 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  $x^t$ 

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

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

Steepest descent direction method

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

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

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

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$$

$$
\nabla f(X^{0}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}
$$

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

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

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

#### **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  $|f'(x_i)| \leq \epsilon$ 

#### Newton's method

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

$$
\frac{\partial (X^T A X)}{\partial X} = AX + A^T X
$$
  
In this case  

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

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

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

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

Newton's method

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

A quadratic function can be written as

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

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  $H = A$ 

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

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

 $TAX$  $\partial X$  $= AX + A^T X$ In this case  $A = A^T$  $\partial (X^T A X$  $\partial X$  $= 2AX$  $\partial (AX$  $\partial X$  $= A^T$  $\partial (X^T A$  $\partial X$  $= A$  $\partial (A^TX)$  $\partial X$  $= A$ 

**Steepest descent method** 

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

Newton's method

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

Now we can combine these two method

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

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

Quasi Newton's method

#### **Newton's method**

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

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

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

 $cz =$ 

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

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

 $\Delta B_i$ ] =  $czz^T$   $[B_{i+1}] = [B_i] + czz^T$ We have  $d_i = [B_{i+1}]g_i$   $\qquad \qquad \Rightarrow d_i = \bigl[[B_i] + czz^T\bigr]g_i = [B_i]g_i + cz(z^Tg_i)$ 

The simple choice for z and c would be  $c =$ 

 $z^T g_i$ 1  $z^T g_i$ 

 $d_i - [B_i]g_i$ 

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

Thus, the rank 1 update will be

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

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

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

#### Quasi Newton's method

#### **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 1  $z_1{}^T g_i$  $c_2 = -$ 1  $z_2{}^T g_i$  $z_1 = d_i$   $z_2 = [B_i]g_i$  $B_{i+1}$ ] = [ $B_i$ ] +  $z_1z_1^T$  $z_1{}^T g_i$ −  $z_2z_2^T$  $z_2{}^T g_i$  $= [B_i] +$  $d_i d_i^T$  $d_i^T g_i$ −  $B_i]g_i]$ [ $B_i]g_i$  $\overline{T}$  $B_i$ ] $g_i$  $\overline{T}$  $g_i$ 

#### Powell's conjugate direction method

Parallel subspace property

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





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