

22M174/22C174: Optimization techniques.

Homework 5. Due 03/13/13.

1. Apply Algorithm I.4.2.5 (BFGS on quadratics with exact line-search, p. I.25) by hand to the quadratic

$$q(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - \frac{3}{4}x_2 + \frac{4}{9}x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2$$

starting with

$$x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute the updates x_k and B_k and stop when the algorithm has found the minimizer or $k = 4$. Modify Algorithm I.4.2.5 for the DFP update and repeat the calculations for this case. Are the updates B_k for BFGS and DFP close to each other and to the exact Hessian? If yes, at which iteration?

2. Given a set of $m + 1$ linearly independent vectors $\{d_0, \dots, d_m\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n ($m + 1 \leq n$) and a symmetric positive definite matrix H , show that the following (*generalized*) *Gram-Schmidt procedure*

$$p_0 := d_0, \quad p_j := d_j - \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \frac{d_j^T H p_i}{p_i^T H p_i} p_i \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, m$$

produces a set of vectors $\{p_0, \dots, p_m\}$ conjugate with respect to matrix H . Hint: prove this result by induction on j .

3. For conjugate direction methods (Algorithm I.4.3.2 on p. I.28 with H replaced by A or Algorithm 3.5.1 on p.72 of the typed notes) show that the "quasi-Newton" condition

$$As_k = y_k$$

holds where $s_k := x_{k+1} - x_k, y_k := g_{k+1} - g_k, g_k := Ax_k - b$. Then show that the conjugacy condition $p_i^T A p_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ is equivalent to the orthogonality condition $y_i^T p_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ as long as $\alpha_i \neq 0$. Hint: use the relation $g_{k+1} = g_k + \alpha_k A p_k$.

