

## ① Solutions to non linear equations

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Solve  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \in [a, b]$

- Bisection

- Functional iteration

- Newton's method

## Stat Model

Data

Technique  
+  
principle

Statistic

Algorithm

Program

We Statisticians  $\Rightarrow$ :

- ① Probability
- ② Linear Algebra
- ③ Optimization  $\Leftarrow$

We look at ③.

Generally, we want to maximize or minimize something.

$\Rightarrow$  Max! Likelihood

$\Rightarrow$  min! sum of squares

$\Rightarrow$  ~~max~~  $\Rightarrow$  max  $f = \min -f$   
So don't worry about it.

This course is about

- ① maximizing a function
- ② integrating a function

# ~~Deterministic Algorithms~~

General idea:

- ① It's difficult to ~~optimize~~ <sup>maximize</sup>  $f$ .
- ② We can compute an approximation to  $f$  called  $g$ .
- ③ "Transfer" optimization to  $g$  and maximize  $g$ .
- ④ Iterate ②, ③

⇒ Instead of direct max, "Transfer" to simpler function and iterate

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b-a)$$

$$f(x_n) - f(x_0) = f'(c)(x_n - x_0)$$

$$f(x_{n+1}) = f'(c)(x_{n+1} - x_0)$$

~~Course outline~~

Entire  
Class/course

Course outline

Maximizing

\* Solving non linear equations (root finding)

$$f(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } f: \mathbb{R}^K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$K = 2, 3, \dots, N \quad (\text{not } \infty)$$

\* General optimization routines

$$\text{Given } f: \mathbb{R}^K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \max_x f(x)$$

$$\text{or } \min_x f(x)$$

Line search methods

↳ Newton

↳ Quasi-Newton

Taylor's Theorem

① Pick a direction

② Go a certain distance in that direction

related: Simulated annealing

A random optimizer - still general purpose

\* Statistics!

EM algorithm for maximum likelihood

minimization / majorization

Monte Carlo EM

Course outline

Integration  
"How to compute  
an integral"

Miscellaneous

$$\text{densities } p(x) = C f(x)$$

↑  
integral

## \* Integration

Analytic approximation - Laplace approx.  
Quadrature

## \* Monte Carlo (integration)

(EM algorithm = "avoiding integrals")  
Random numbers, rejection sampling  
Importance sampling

## \* Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

draw samples from a posterior distribution  
Metropolis-Hastings  
Gibbs sampling  
Variants / ~~tricks~~ tricks

## \* Smoothing

↳ Splines, Kernel smoothing, P-splines  
linear smoothers  
(gams)

## \* Bootstrap

## Solving non linear equations

$$f(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \in [a, b]$$

Bisection method.

~~Q. If~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~

$$\text{If } \text{sgn}(f(a)) \neq \text{sgn}(f(b))$$

$\Rightarrow$  Intermediate value thm

$$\text{Let } f(a) < \gamma < f(b) . \exists c \in [a, b] \\ \text{s.t. } f(c) = \gamma.$$

$\Rightarrow$  i.o.w. If  $f$  is cont. on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f^{-1}([a, b])$  is closed

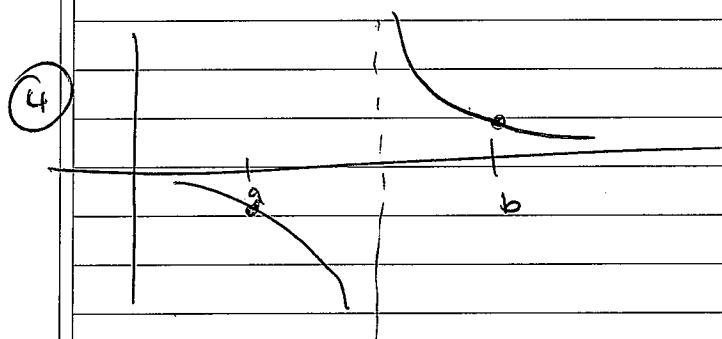
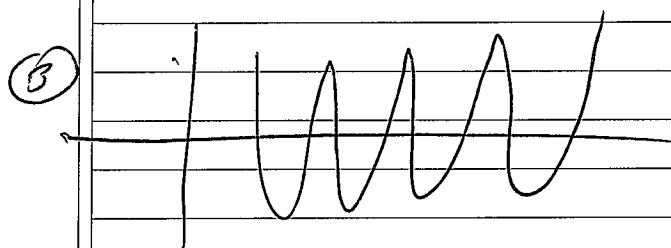
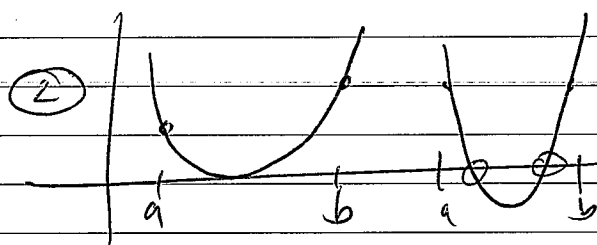
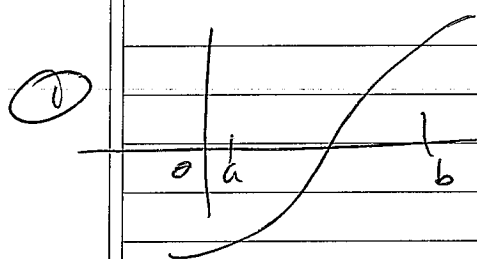
$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Let } c = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ If } f(c) = 0, \text{ stop}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \text{ Else if } \text{sgn}(f(a)) \neq \text{sgn}(f(c)), b \leftarrow c. \\ \text{else if } \text{sgn}(f(b)) \neq \text{sgn}(f(c)), a \leftarrow c.$$

$$\textcircled{4} \text{ goto } \textcircled{1}$$

For  $n$  iterations, size of interval is  $2^{-n}(b-a)$



Converge when  $|b-a| < \varepsilon$  or  
 $|f(b) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$ . Depends on situation.

Ex.

$$l(\theta) = \text{likelihood}$$

$$l'(\theta) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\theta} \text{ is MLE}$$

Often want  $|l(b) - l(a)| < \varepsilon$  even if  $l$  is flat.

Ex. Quantiles

Given cdf  $F(x)$ , ~~want to find x s.t.~~

and prob  $p \in (0, 1)$ , find  $x$  s.t.  $F(x) = p$ .

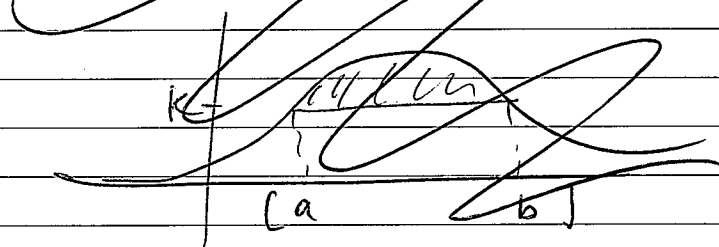
Let  $g(x) = F(x) - p$ .

Solve  $g(x) = 0$

~~Ex. Likelihood~~ ~~Bayesian Credible Interval~~

Given  $K$ ,

$$S_K \triangleq \{\theta: f(\theta|y) \geq K\}$$

Ex. Likelihood Intervals

~~Let~~ Let  $f(\theta) = L(\theta)/L(\theta)$

find  $\theta$ .  $LI = \{\theta: f(\theta) \geq 1/2\}$

Solve  $f(\theta) - 1/2 = 0$

Ex. Bayesian credible interval

$$\text{Let } S_K = \{\theta : f(\theta | y) \geq K\}$$

Bayesian credible interval of level  $\alpha$  finds  $K$  s.t.

$$\mathbb{P}(\theta \in S_K | y) = \alpha$$

$$\mu([a, b]_K) = \alpha$$

$$\mu([a, b]_K) - \alpha = 0$$

Solve for  $K$

$$[a, b]_K$$

Solve for  $a, b$ .

For  $f: \mathbb{R}^K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $K=2, 3, \dots, N$

Interval "box" area =  $\prod_{i=1}^K (b_i - a_i)$

At iteration  $n$ , area =  $\prod_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{2} (b_i - a_i)$

$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2^K} \prod_{i=1}^K (b_i - a_i)$$

Greedy algorithm: interval length  $\propto \frac{1}{2^n}$

At iteration 1, area =  $\prod_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{2} (b_i - a_i) = \frac{1}{2^K} \prod_{i=1}^K (b_i - a_i)$

2 area =  $\prod_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} (b_i - a_i) = \frac{1}{2^{2K}} \prod_{i=1}^K (b_i - a_i)$

$\vdots$

$n$  area =  $\frac{1}{2^{nK}} \prod_{i=1}^K (b_i - a_i)$



## Rates of convergence

①

Suppose  $X_n \rightarrow X_\infty$  in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . ~~Q-linear~~

Say the convergence is Q-linear ("linear") if  $\exists r \in (0,1)$

$$\frac{\|X_{n+1} - X_\infty\|}{\|X_n - X_\infty\|} \leq r \text{ for all } n \text{ sufficiently large.}$$

Ex.  ~~$X_n = 1 + 2^{-n}$~~   $X_n = 1 + 2^{-n}$  is Q-linear.  
 $X_\infty = 1$

②

~~Q-Quadratic~~  
Q-superlinear if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|X_{n+1} - X_\infty\|}{\|X_n - X_\infty\|} = 0$$

Ex.  $X_n = 1 + 10^{-n}$  is Q-superlinear

③

Q-Quadratic if

$$\frac{\|X_{n+1} - X_\infty\|}{\|X_n - X_\infty\|^2} \leq M \text{ for all } n \text{ suff. large}$$

Ex.  $X_n = 1 + 2^{-2n}$

- test vectors
- homework/ready
- office hours
- no TA

$$(1) X_n = 4 + 2^{-n}$$

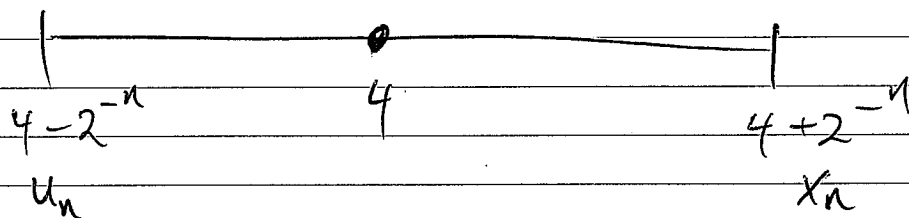
$$\frac{\|X_{n+1}\|}{\|X_n\|} = \frac{4 + 2^{-(n+1)}}{4 + 2^{-n}} = \frac{4}{4 + 2^{-n}} + \frac{2^{-(n+1)}}{4 + 2^{-n}} < 1$$

$$(2) X_n = 10000 + 2^{-n}$$

$$\frac{X_{n+1}}{X_n} = \frac{10000}{10000 + 2^{-n}} + \frac{2^{-(n+1)}}{10000 + 2^{-n}}$$

$$\approx 1 + 2^{-n} - 0$$

Want to know ratio of errors, not  
ratio of sequence elements



$U_n$  and  $X_n \rightarrow 4$  at same rate, but

$$\frac{X_{n+1}}{X_n} < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\|U_{n+1}\|}{\|U_n\|} > 1$$

$$\frac{4 - 2^{-(n+1)}}{4 - 2^{-n}}$$

Ex. n bisection algorithm:

Let  $X_n = |b_n - a_n|$ , i.e. size of interval at iteration n. Then

$$\frac{|X_{n+1} - X_\infty|}{|X_n - X_\infty|} = \frac{X_{n+1}}{X_n} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}^{-(n+1)} (b_0 - a_0)}{2^{-n} (b_0 - a_0)} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \leq r \in (0, 1)$$

Bisection achieves linear convergence

~~Quest~~ ~~Newton~~

Newton's Method — quadratic  
 Quest — Newton — superlinear  
 steepest descent — linear  
~~Bisection~~ —

### Functional Iteration

We want to solve  $f(x) = 0$  for  $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 and  $x \in S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$

Any root of  $f$  is a fixed point of

$g(x) = f(x) + x$ . (There are other functions)

$g(x) = x(f(x) + 1)$ ,  $x \neq 0$

Solutions to  $f(x) = 0$  are fixed points of other functions.

When does  
functional  
iteration  
work?

Sometimes we can take a function  $f$  and create a sequence  $X_n = f(X_{n-1})$ . Depending on  $f$ , we can have  $X_n \rightarrow X_\infty$  where  $f(X_\infty) = X_\infty$  (i.e. a fixed point).

<< Shrinking lemma >>

Newton's Method

Solve  $f(x) = 0$ . Get solution  $x_\infty$  and let  $X_n$  be our current estimate. By MVT,

$$f(X_n) = f'(z)(X_n - X_\infty) \text{ where}$$

$z$  is b/w  $X_n$  and  $X_\infty$ .

$$\Rightarrow X_\infty = X_n - \frac{f(X_n)}{f'(z)}$$

Since  $X_\infty$  and  $z$  unknown, ~~let~~ do

$$X_{n+1} = X_n - \frac{f(X_n)}{f'(X_n)}$$



Newton update

<< Proof of Newton's Method >>

## Shrinking Lemma

Let  $M$  be a closed subset of a c.n.v.s. let  $f: M \rightarrow M$  be a map, and assume  $\exists K, 0 < K < 1$  s.t.  $\forall x, y \in M$ , we have

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq K|x - y|.$$

Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point. There is a unique pt.  $x_0 \in M$  s.t.  $f(x_0) = x_0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  If  $x \in M$ , the sequence  $\{f^n(x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence which converges to  $x_0$ .

Proof:

Given  $x \in M$ , we have

$$|f^2(x) - f(x)| = |f(f(x)) - f(x)| \leq K|f(x) - x|.$$

By induction:

$$|f^{n+1}(x) - f^n(x)| \leq K|f^n(x) - f^{n-1}(x)| \leq K^n|f(x) - x|$$

And the set of elements  $\{f^n(x)\}$  is bounded because

$$|f^n(x) - x| \leq |f^n(x) - f^{n-1}(x)| + |f^{n-1}(x) - f^{n-2}(x)| + \dots + |f(x) - x|$$

$$\leq \underbrace{(K^{n-1} + K^{n-2} + \dots + K)}_{\text{geometric series}} |f(x) - x|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{1-K} |f(x) - x|$$

$$S = 1 + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} + \dots$$

$$rS = r + 1 + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} + \dots$$

$$rS = r + S$$

$$rS - S = r$$

$$rS - S = r$$

$$S(r-1) = r$$

$$S = \frac{r}{r-1} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{r}}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{r}}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^k} = 1 + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} + \dots$$

$$a = 1 + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} + \dots$$

$$a = r + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} + \dots$$

$$|f^{m+k}(x) - f^m(x)| < \varepsilon$$

By induction, Given  $m \geq 1, k \geq 1$ , we have

$$|f^{m+k}(x) - f^m(x)| \leq K^m |f^k(x) - x|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{1-K} |f(x) - x|$$

$\Rightarrow \exists N$  s.t. if  $m, n \geq N$ . (say  $n = m + k$ ),

$$|f^{m+k}(x) - f^m(x)| < \varepsilon$$

because  $K^m \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\Rightarrow \{f^n(x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $x_0$  be its limit

Let  $N$  be s.t.  $\forall n \geq N, |f^n(x) - x_0| < \varepsilon$ .

Then

$$|f(x_0) - f^{n+1}(x)| \leq K |x_0 - f^n(x)| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \{f^n(x)\} \rightarrow f(x_0), \{f^n(x)\} \rightarrow x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_0) = x_0, \text{ a fixed point}$$

Let  $x_1$  be another fixed point. Then

$$|x_1 - x_0| = |f(x_1) - f(x_0)| \leq K |x_1 - x_0|.$$

Since  $0 < K < 1$ ,  $x_1 = x_0$ , hence Unique  $\square$

Thm:

Let  $f \in C^2$  and suppose  $\exists x_\infty$  s.t.  $f(x_\infty) = 0$  and  $f'(x_\infty) \neq 0$ . Then  $\exists \delta$  s.t. for any  $x_0 \in [x_\infty - \delta, x_\infty + \delta]$ , the sequence

$$x_n = g(x_{n-1}) = x_{n-1} - \frac{f(x_{n-1})}{f'(x_{n-1})}$$

converges to  $x_\infty$ .

Proof:

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= 1 - \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2} = \frac{f'(x)f'(x) - f(x)f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2} \\ &= \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x_\infty) = 0$$

Since  $f \in C^2$ ,  $g'$  is continuous. Therefore  $g$  is

Given  $K < 1$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t.  $\forall x \in [x_\infty - \delta, x_\infty + \delta] = A$

$$|g'(x)| < K.$$

Also,

Given  $a, b \in A$ ,

$$|g(a) - g(b)| \leq |g'(c)| |a - b|$$

$$\leq K |a - b| \quad (0 < K < 1)$$

$\Rightarrow g$  is a shrinking map. on  $A$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists$  unique  $x_\infty$  s.t.  $g(x_\infty) = x_\infty$

Max  $f$  = classical / frequentist  
 $\int f d\mu$  = Bayesian

Convergence rates for shrinking maps.

Suppose  $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and

Suppose  $g$  satisfies

$$|g(x) - g(y)| \leq K |x - y|$$

for some  $K \in (0, 1)$  and any  $x, y \in I$ , a closed interval.

Also, assume  $0 < |g'(x_0)| < 1$ , where

$x_0$  is the fixed point. Then  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  at a

linear rate.

$$\text{PF: } \frac{|x_{n+1} - x_0|}{|x_n - x_0|} = \frac{|g(x_n) - g(x_0)|}{|x_n - x_0|}$$

Taking limits

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|g(x_n) - g(x_0)|}{|x_n - x_0|} = \underbrace{|g'(x_0)|}_{\text{constant} \in (0, 1)} > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  linear convergence



What about Newton's method?

Suppose  $f \in C^2$ , and  $\exists x_\infty$  s.t.  
 $f(x_\infty) = 0$ .

By Taylor's Theorem: for some small  $\varepsilon$ ,

$$\textcircled{1} f(x_\infty + \varepsilon) = f(x_\infty) + \varepsilon f'(x_\infty) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} f''(x_\infty) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\textcircled{2} f(x_\infty) = 0 + \varepsilon f'(x_\infty) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} f''(x_\infty) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\textcircled{2} f'(x_\infty + \varepsilon) = f'(x_\infty) + \varepsilon f''(x_\infty) + O(\varepsilon)$$

Newton's method generates the sequence

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} - x_\infty = x_n - x_\infty - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

$$\text{let } \varepsilon_{n+1} = x_{n+1} - x_\infty, \quad \varepsilon_n = x_n - x_\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_{n+1} = \varepsilon_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

$$\text{By +/-, } \varepsilon_{n+1} = \varepsilon_n - \frac{f(x_\infty + \varepsilon_n)}{f'(x_\infty + \varepsilon_n)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_{n+1} = \varepsilon_n - \frac{\varepsilon_n f'(x_\infty) + \frac{\varepsilon_n^2}{2} f''(x_\infty)}{f'(x_\infty) + \varepsilon_n f''(x_\infty)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{\varepsilon_n f'} + \varepsilon_n^2 f'' - \cancel{\varepsilon_n f'} - \varepsilon_n^2 f''/2}{f' + \varepsilon_n f''}$$

$$= \varepsilon_n^2 \left( \frac{f''/2}{f' + \varepsilon_n f''} \right)$$

$$\frac{\varepsilon_{n+1}}{\varepsilon_n^2} \approx \frac{f''(x_\infty)/2}{f'(x_\infty) + \varepsilon_n f''(x_\infty)}$$

$$\approx \frac{f''(x_\infty)/2}{f'(x_\infty)}$$

$$\varepsilon_n \downarrow 0$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  some  $M < \infty$  s.t.

$$\left| \frac{\varepsilon_{n+1}}{\varepsilon_n^2} \right| \leq M, \quad \forall n \text{ s.t. } \text{large.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Quadratic convergence.

Of course we need  $f''(x_\infty)$  exists and  $f'(x_\infty) \neq 0$ .

In practice, we ignore assumptions/conditions.  
Use Newton's method as a "black box". Caution Employer.

Pro: Very fast in neighborhood of truth  
Direct multivariate generalization

Con: Need to evaluate  $f'$   
Can be unstable.

We want  $\hat{\theta}$ , the value of  $\theta$  that maximizes  $l(\theta)$ . Assume that  $\hat{\theta}$  is the unique root of  $l'(\theta)$ . Solve  $l'(\theta) = 0$  (likelihood equations)

Newton's method

$$\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n - \underbrace{[l''(\theta_n)]^{-1}}_{K \times K} \underbrace{l'(\theta_n)}_{K \times 1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  May be easier/better to solve

$$\underbrace{[l''(\theta_n)]}_{A} \underbrace{\theta_{n+1}}_x = \underbrace{[l''(\theta_n)] \theta_n - l'(\theta_n)}_b$$

Then try to invert  $l''(\theta_n)$ .

At convergence we have, in addition to mle  $\hat{\theta}$ ,

$l'(\hat{\theta})$  : score statistic

$-l''(\hat{\theta})$  : observed information

The obs. information is related to the ~~cov~~ covariance matrix of limiting normal dist. of  $\hat{\theta}$ , i.e.

$$\sqrt{n} \left( -l''(\hat{\theta})^{-1/2} \right) (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \rightarrow N(0, I)$$

for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Binary logistic regression

$$\log p_i - \log(1-p_i) = x_i^T \beta$$

$$\log p_i = x_i^T \beta$$

$$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\log\left(\frac{p_i}{1-p_i}\right) = \log \frac{p_i}{1-p_i} = x_i^T \beta$$

$$p_i = \frac{e^{x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{x_i^T \beta}}$$

$$L(\beta) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{y_i} (1-p_i)^{1-y_i}$$

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i) \log(1-p_i)\right)$$

~~$$= \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i) \log(1-p_i)\right)$$~~

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i (x_i^T \beta - \log(1 + e^{x_i^T \beta}))\right)$$

$$+ (1-y_i) (-\log(1 + e^{x_i^T \beta}))$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta} = \sum y_i \left[ x_i - \frac{x_i e^{x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{x_i^T \beta}} \right] + (1-y_i) \left( \frac{-x_i e^{x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{x_i^T \beta}} \right)$$

$$= \sum y_i [x_i - x_i p_i] + (1-y_i) (-x_i p_i)$$

$$= \sum y_i [x_i - x_i p_i + x_i p_i] - x_i p_i$$

$$l''(\beta) = -X^T W X$$

$$W = \text{diag}[p_i(1-p_i)] = \sum y_i x_i - x_i p_i$$

$$= \sum x_i (y_i - p_i) = X^T (Y - P)$$

$$l'(\beta) = X^T (y - p)$$

$$l''(\beta) = -X^T W X$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{diag}[p_i (1 - p_i)]$$

$$\beta_{n+1} = \beta_n + [-X^T W_n X]^{-1} [X^T (y - p_n)]$$

Newton update

For exp. families  
w/ canonical link,  
 $\mathbb{E} l''(\theta) = l''(\theta)$   
So Newton and  
Fisher scoring are same

## General Purpose Minimization

Given a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we want to

find  $\min_{x \in S} f(x)$  where  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ .

usually  $\Leftrightarrow f'(x) = 0$

## Line search methods

Given  $f$  and a current estimate of the location of the minimum  $x_n$ , we want to

① Choose a direction  $p_n$  (vector)

② Solve  $\min_{\alpha > 0} f(x_n + \alpha p_n)$

↳ don't need exact min. Rather compute some candidates and choose the best one.

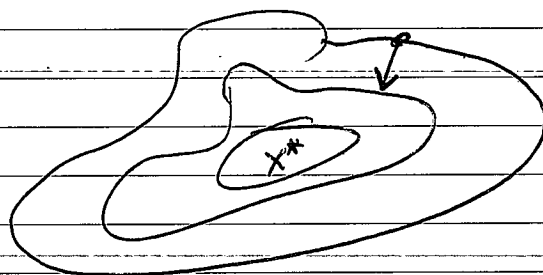
③  $x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha p_n$

## Choosing Direction

Most obvious is steepest-descent:  ~~$\nabla f(x_n)$~~

$-f'(x_n)$  direction along which  $f$  decreases most rapidly

↳ orthogonal to contours of  $f$



## Newton direction:

By Taylor's Theorem:

$$f(x_n + p) \approx f(x_n) + p^T f'(x_n) + \frac{1}{2} p^T f''(x_n) p$$

~~②~~

$\Downarrow$

$m_n(p)$

$$\text{Minimize } m_n(p) \rightarrow p_n = [-f''(x_n)]^{-1} f'(x_n)$$

over  $p$

{ Newton direction has "natural" step length of 1 }  
but that can be modified

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n + [-f''(x_n)^{-1}] f'(x_n)$$

That's familiar!

Similarly, Quasi-Newton

$$f'(x_n) - f'(x_{n-1}) = B_n(x_n - x_{n-1})$$

$$p_n = B_n^{-1} f'(x_n)$$

$\downarrow$

$B_n$  satisfies a "secant condition"

## Coordinate descent

If  $f$  is  $k$ -dimensional, we ~~can~~ minimize along individual dimensions in a cyclic fashion.  
coordinate

- $\Rightarrow$  method of alternating variables
- $\Rightarrow$  cyclic coordinate descent
- $\Rightarrow$  "deterministic Gibbs sampling"
- $\Rightarrow$  backfitting

## Variations of Newton's method

Again, solve  $l'(\theta) = 0$

Newton's method:  $\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n - l''(\theta_n)^{-1} l'(\theta_n)$

In general:  $\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n - B_n^{-1} l'(\theta_n)$

(Fisher) scoring  $\rightarrow$  replace  $l''$ , the observed information  
 $\downarrow$  with the expected information matrix.  
 (sometimes easier to compute)

Used to fit GLMs where it is equiv. to IRLS (with canonical link fun)

Quasi-Newton: Replace  $l''$  with a "secant-like" approximation

$$(*) \quad l'(\theta_n) - l'(\theta_{n-1}) = \frac{y_n}{S_n} B_n (\theta_n - \theta_{n-1})$$

Solve  $(*)$  for  $B_n$  (not unique, many ways).

Popular method due to Broyden, Fletcher, Goldfarb, and Shanno (BFGS). Also DFP (Davidon, Fletcher, Powell)

$\Rightarrow$  In 1-D case, there is a unique solution

~~$A_{S_n}$~~  "secant equation"

unlike  $-l''(\hat{\theta})$ ,  
 $B_n$  is not a  
 valid estimate  
 of  $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})!!$



$$\underbrace{l'(\theta_n) - l'(\theta_{n-1})}_{Y_n} = B_n \underbrace{(\theta_n - \theta_{n-1})}_{S_n}$$

$$B_n S_n = Y_n \quad \text{"secant equation"}$$

~~DFP~~  $\rightarrow$  infinite solutions

$$B_n = (I - Y_n Y_n^T)$$

Add 1 constraint: Find  $B$  closest to previous one, and symmetric.

$$B_n = \arg \min_B \|B - B_{n-1}\| \quad \text{subj. to.}$$

$$B = B^T \quad \text{and} \quad B S_n = Y_n$$

$\Rightarrow$  solution is DFP method

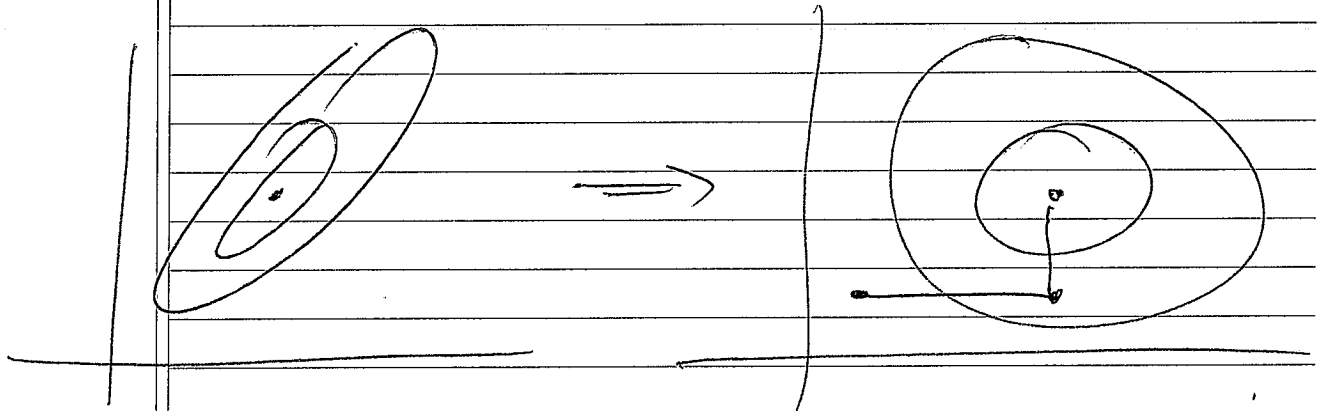
$$\text{Let } H_n = B_n^{-1}$$

$$\text{Solve } \min_H \|H - H_{n-1}\|$$

$$\text{subj. to } H = H^T \quad \text{and} \quad H Y_n = S_n$$

$\Rightarrow$  solution is BFGS method

## Conjugate Gradient



Evaluate  $f_0 = f(x_0)$ ,  $f'_0 = f'(x_0)$

Let  $p_0 = -f'_0$

① Find  $\min_{\alpha > 0} f(x_n + \alpha p_n) \Rightarrow \alpha_n$

Set  $x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha_n p_n$

② Eval  $f'(x_{n+1}) = f'_{n+1}$

③ Let 
$$\beta_{n+1} = \frac{f'^T_{n+1} f'_{n+1}}{f'^T_n f'_n}$$

[Fletcher  
-Reeves]

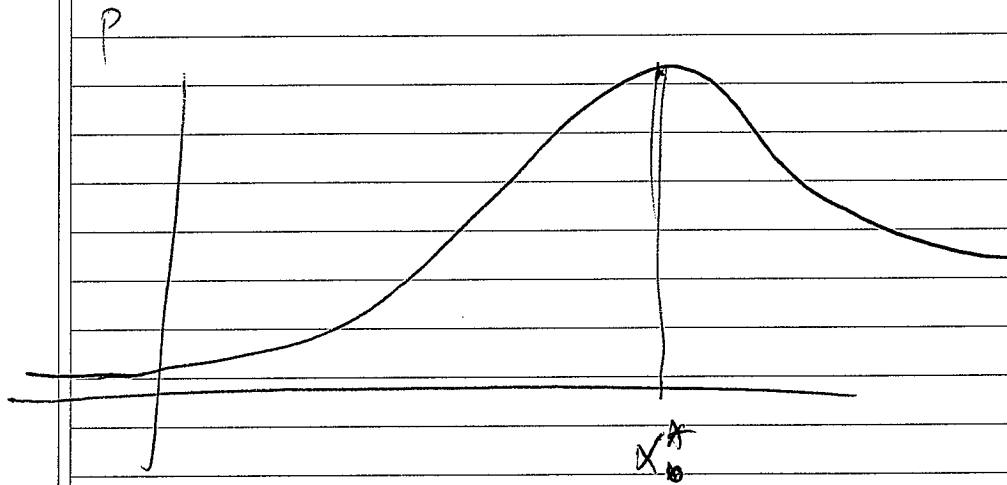
④  $p_{n+1} = -f'_{n+1} + \beta_{n+1} p_n$

Polak - Ribiere :

$$\beta_{k+1} = \frac{f_n'^T (f_{k+1}' - f_n')}{f_n'^T f_n'}$$

$$p_0 = -f'(x_0) = f'_0$$

$$p_1 = -f'_1 + \frac{f_1'^T f_1'}{f_0'^T f_0'} (-f'_0)$$



$$f(x) = x^2 + 4x^2 - 4x^2$$

$$f'(x) = 2x \quad f'_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+4 \\ 2x+x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_0 = -2x_0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_0 + \alpha(-2x_0)$$

$$p_1 = -2x_0 + \frac{4x_1^2}{4x_0^2} (-2x_0)$$

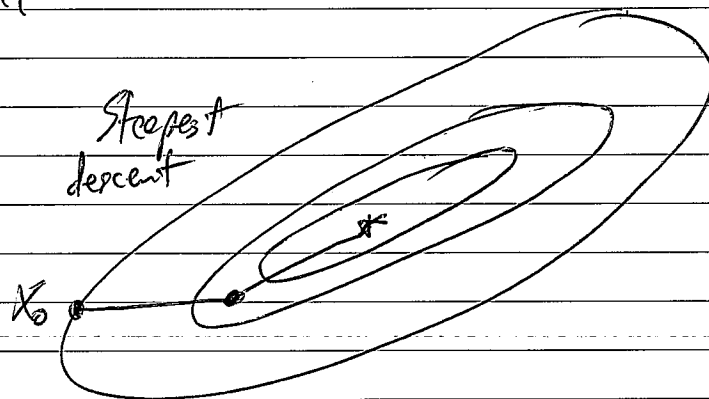
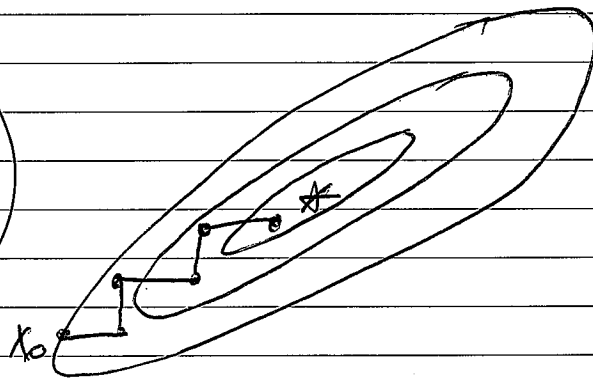
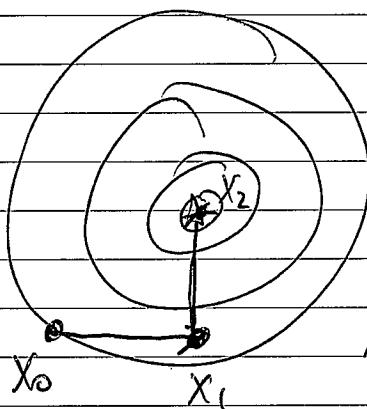
$$= -2x_1 + \frac{x_1^2}{x_0^2} (-2x_0)$$

## Coord. descent

Coordinate descent can be very slow (slower than steepest descent).

But:

- ① Does not require calc. of  $f'$  or  $f''$
- ② Often easier to do many 1-D mins than one K-D min.
- ③ Convergence can be good if coordinates are loosely coupled



## Step-length selection

Given a step direction  $p_n$ , how far to go?

$$\text{Let } \phi(\alpha) = f(x_n + \alpha p_n).$$

$$\text{Find } \min_{\alpha > 0} \phi(\alpha)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Too hard!

Roughly speaking:

① Choose initial  $\alpha_0$ . If

$$(*) \quad \phi(\alpha_0) \leq \phi(0) + c \alpha_0 \phi'(0)$$

sufficient  
decrease  
condition

then stop. ( $c \approx 10^{-4}$ )

② Otherwise, make quadratic approximation to  $\phi(\alpha)$  and let  $\alpha_1$  be the minimizer of  $\phi_q$ .  
called  $\phi_q$

If  $\alpha_1$  satisfies  $(*)$ , stop.

③ Otherwise, make cubic approximation to  $\phi$ , called  $\phi_c$ , and let  $\alpha_2$  minimize  $\phi_c$ .

If  $\alpha_2$  satisfies  $(*)$ , stop

else repeat ③.

Cubic functions are good for approximating fens with much curvature.

`optimize()` in R uses polynomial (cubic) approximation

~~Simulated annealing~~ → more later

## Simplex Method

It's clear that in minimizing  $f$ , there is a tradeoff b/w Knowledge of  $f$  and rate of convergence

|               |                                       |                                |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $f$ only      | <del>partial</del>                    |                                |
| Knowledge     | Method                                |                                |
| $f$ only      | OCD<br>(simulated annealing, simplex) | quilinear (?)<br>(linear) slow |
| $f'$ only     | steepest descent                      | linear                         |
| partial $f''$ | Quasi-Newton<br>Fisher Scoring        | super linear                   |
| Full $f''$    | Newton                                | quadratic fast                 |

## ~~The EM algorithm~~

Fisher Scoring - Poisson regression

$$Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$$

$$Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\exp(X^T \beta))$$

$$\eta_i = \log \mu_i = X_i^T \beta$$

$$\eta = X^T \beta$$

$$V(\eta) = \mu$$

$$\mu = \exp(X^T \beta)$$

① Start with  $\hat{\mu}_0$

② Set  $\hat{\eta} = \hat{\eta} + (Y - \hat{\mu}) / \hat{\mu}$

(adjusted response, working response)

$$\hat{\eta} = \log \mu$$

$$\frac{d \log \mu}{d \mu} = \frac{1}{\mu}$$

$$\frac{d \eta}{d \mu} = \frac{1}{\mu}$$