

APM 462

Lecture 01 Jan 6th

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Text:

Nonlinear
Opt.

Linear and nonlinear Programming 3rd ed, by D. Luenberger & Y. Ye.

- unconstrained optimization

(Ch 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15)

- constrained

got it

Online lecture notes: L.C. Evans (Ch 1-5)

optimal control theory

(pdf) got it.

marking scheme					①	②
	1	midterm	March 3rd	2h.	32%	10%
	1	final		3h	48%	70%
		assignments	every 2 weeks		20%	20%

Review of some calculus ~~and~~ with maybe new notations.
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(depending on h)

~~2.5.5~~

"little oh " notation

If h is a variable,

$o(h)$ denotes a quantity that

~~is~~

is negligible compared to h as $h \rightarrow 0$.

This means

$$\left| \frac{\text{quantity}}{h} \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

E.g.

Sps g is a C^1 function of a single variable.

Definition of derivative: $g(x+h) - g(x) = hg'(x) + o(h)$

(*)

rewrite
To see this, divide by h :

$$\frac{g(x+h)-g(x)}{h} - g'(x) = \frac{o(h)}{h}$$

$$g(x+h) - g(x) - hg'(x) = o(h)$$

This means

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{o(h)}{h} \right| = 0$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{g(x+h)-g(x)}{h} - g'(x) \right| = 0$$

Can also write (*) as

$$g(x+h) = \underbrace{g(x) + hg'(x)}_{\text{linear function of } h} + o(h)$$

"negligible compared with h "

Another true statement:

"Taylor's Theorem"

"2nd order Taylor Series"

If g is C^2 then

$$g(x+h) = g(x) + hg'(x) + \frac{1}{2}h^2 g''(x) + o(h^2)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - [g(x) + hg'(x) + \frac{1}{2}h^2 g''(x)]}{h^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{h^2}{2} (g''(x) - g''(x+\theta h))$$

some $\theta \in (0,1)$

Notation in Textbook:

$E^n =$ column vector w/ n components
 $E_n =$ row vector w/ n components

$E^n =$ n -dim Euclidean space

(v_1, \dots, v_n) column vector \rightarrow i.e. $= \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$
 $[v_1, \dots, v_n]$ row vector.

Multivariable Taylor expansions (1st order and 2nd order)

Sps f is a C^1 function on E^n , x is a point in E^n , and $v \in E^n$

Claim:

$$f(x+v) = f(x) + \nabla f(x) v + o(|v|) \quad (**)$$

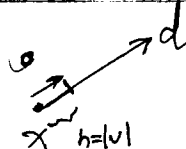
Notation: ∇f is always a row vector $\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right]$

Idea of

$$|v| = (v^T \cdot v)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Idea of $(**)$. Since I'm interested in small v , let's ~~make~~ write $v = hd$, h is a number, d is a vector, $|d| = 1$

i.e. $h = |v|$



~~define~~ define

$$g(h) = f(x + hd)$$

g is a function of a single variable, so we can use earlier Taylor expansion

$$g(h) = g(0) = h \cdot g'(0) + o(h)$$

I want to rewrite this to get $(**)$

$$g(h) = f(x + hd) = f(x + v)$$

$$g(0) = f(x)$$

$$\text{since } h = |v|, \quad o(h) = o(|v|)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } g'(0) &= \frac{d}{dh} f(x + hd) \Big|_{h=0} = \frac{d}{dh} f(x_1 + h d_1, \dots, x_n + h d_n) \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x + hd) d_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(x + hd) d_n \end{aligned}$$

set $h=0$, then

$$g'(0) = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right] \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} = \nabla f(x) v$$

Reading week: Feb. 17-21

2nd order Taylor expansion in E^n .

x fixed, v small.

$$f(x+v) = f(x) + \nabla f(x) v + \frac{1}{2} v^T \nabla^2 f(x) v + o(|v|^2)$$

where $\nabla^2 f$ = matrix of 2nd derivatives.

~~(*)~~ i, j entry is $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x)$

Compare, for g function of a single variable.

$$g(x+h) = g(x) + hg'(x) + \frac{1}{2} h^2 g''(x) + o(h^2)$$

idea: as before, $v = h \cdot d$, d = unit vector
 $h = |v|$

$$g(h) = f(x+hd)$$

write down 2nd order expansion for g and then translate to f .

Only new part: $h^2 g''(x)$.

can check that in fact: $h^2 g''(x) = v^T \nabla^2 f(x) v$

Final calculus fact:

we saw that for C^1 for f on E^n .

$$f(x+v) = f(x) + \nabla f(x) v + o(|v|)$$

Conversely, x is any point in E^n , and $p \in E_n$

(*) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{s.t.} \\ p = \nabla f(x) \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{if} \\ f(x+v) = f(x) + \frac{pv}{|v|} + o(|v|) \end{array} \text{ then in fact}$

True because:

we want to show (*) $\Rightarrow p = \nabla f(x)$

equivalent to show $p \neq \nabla f(x) \Rightarrow (*)$ not true

Let's try to do this: if $p \neq \nabla f(x)$, then $f(x+v) - [f(x) + pv] =$
 $= f(x) + \nabla f(x)v + o(|v|) - [f(x) + pv]$
 $= (\nabla f(x) - p)v + o(|v|)$

Is it true that this ~~expression~~ expression is $o(|v|)$?

No, because

$$\lim_{|v| \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\nabla f(x) - p)v + o(|v|)}{|v|} = \lim_{|v| \rightarrow 0} \left[(\nabla f(x) - p) \frac{v}{|v|} \right], \text{ depends only on direction of } v, \text{ not on its size.}$$

i.e. if we write $v = hd$, with $|d| = 1$, & $h = |v|$,
 this is $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\nabla f(x) - p)d$, ind. of h .

If $\nabla f(x) - p \neq 0$, then there is a d such that
 column vector

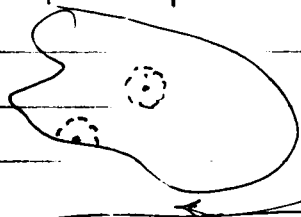
$$(\nabla f(x) - p)d \neq 0.$$

Unconstrained optimization.

Basic problem

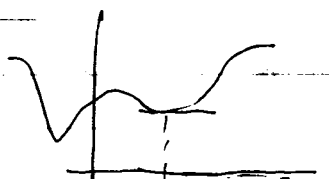
given function f on E^n & $\Omega \subseteq E^n$
 minimize f in Ω .

Definition: x^* is a local ~~min~~ or relative minimum ~~point~~
~~point~~ for f over Ω if there exists some number
 $\epsilon > 0$, such that $f(x^*) \leq f(x)$ for all $x \in \Omega$ such that
 $|x - x^*| < \epsilon$.



If x^* in interior

Strict local minimum if strict inequality where $x \neq x^*$



x^* (strict local min)



x^* local min,
 but not strict

x^* is global min of f over Ω if $f(x^*) \leq f(x) \forall x \in \Omega$.

strict global min if $f(x^*) < f(x)$ for $\forall x \in \Omega, x \neq x^*$.

Basic problem, rewrite it:

find x^* , a global minimum of f over Ω .

We will usually consider $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$.

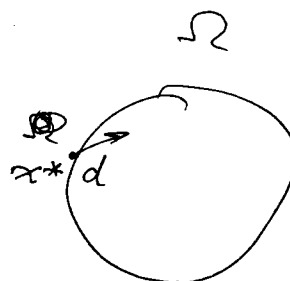
Goal: necessary conditions for minima:

Definition:

If $x^* \in \Omega$, a vector d is a feasible direction at x^* if \exists some number $\bar{\alpha} > 0$ such that

$$x^* + \alpha d \in \Omega \text{ whenever } 0 < \alpha < \bar{\alpha}$$

Note: if $x^* \in \text{interior}$, every direction is feasible.



Proposition (1st order necessary conditions)

If x^* is a relative minimum point for f over Ω and if f is C^1 , then $\nabla f(x^*) \cdot d \geq 0$ for every ~~for~~ all feasible direction d .

Corollary: if $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$, and x^* is a local min. pt for f , then $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$

Proof of proposition: for any feasible d ,
 $f(x^* + h d) \geq f(x^*)$ if $0 < h < \bar{\alpha}$, and $h < \frac{\epsilon}{\|d\|}$
where ϵ comes from def of local minimum.

$$\text{But } f(x^* + h d) = f(x^*) + \nabla f(x^*) \cdot h d + o(\|h d\|)$$

$$\text{rewrite } f(x^* + h d) - f(x^*) = \nabla f(x^*) \cdot h d + \|d\| o(h)$$

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$$\text{so } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\text{left hand side}}{h} \right) = \nabla f(x^*)d \geq 0$$

$$\text{Point is } f(x^* + hd) = f(x^*) + \underbrace{h(\nabla f(x^*) \cdot d)}_{\downarrow} + o(h)|d|$$

if negative then near x^* ,
f decreases as h increases
IMPOSSIBLE

Proof of ~~the~~ corollary:

If $\Omega \in E^n$, then every d is feasible, so

$$\nabla f(x^*)d \geq 0 \text{ for all } d.$$

Also for every d, -d is feasible direction.

$$\nabla f(x^*)d \leq 0 \text{ for all } d.$$

$$\text{Thus } \nabla f(x^*)d = 0 \text{ for all } d.$$

$$\text{so } \nabla f(x^*) = 0.$$

Proposition 2nd order necessary conditions

Sps f is a C^2 function on E^n , and x^* is a local min point for f, then $d^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) d \geq 0$ for all $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$

of the form $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Pf. } f(x^* + hd) = f(x^*) + h[\nabla f(x^*)d] + \frac{1}{2}h^2 d^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) d + o(h^2)$$

= 0 by the 1st
order conditions

This $\frac{1}{2}h^2 d^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) d + o(h^2) \geq 0$ for all sufficiently small h.
divide by h^2 & let $h \rightarrow 0$ to find

$$d^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) d \geq 0$$

Recall 1st year calculus.

$$\text{local min} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} f'(x^*) &= 0 \\ f''(x^*) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

② converse is false: can happen that
 $f'(x^*)=0, f''(x^*)\geq 0$ but
 x^* not a local min.

However, $\left. \begin{aligned} f'(x^*) &= 0 \\ f''(x^*) &> 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow x^*$ is a local min.

For ②, e.g. $f(x) = x^3$
 $f'(0) = f''(0) = 0$, but not a local min.

We have shown, for f function on E^n , x^* local min \Rightarrow
 $\nabla f(x^*) = 0, \nabla^2 f(x^*)$ positive semi-definite

↳ by definition, this means
 $d^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) d \geq 0$ for all d .

Also true that converse is false,

can happen that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla f(x^*) &= 0 \\ \nabla^2 f(x^*) &\text{ pos. semi-definite} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ but } x^* \text{ not a local min.}$$

e.g. $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1^3 + \dots + x_n^3$
 $\nabla f(0) = 0, \nabla^2 f(0) = 0, \dots, \nabla^n f(0) = 0$.
but 0 not a local min.

Analog of 3rd fact also holds:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla f(x^*) &= 0 \\ \nabla^2 f(x^*) &\text{ positive definite} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow x^* \text{ is a local min for } f.$$

(i.e. $d^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) d > 0$ whenever d nonzero vector)

Why true?

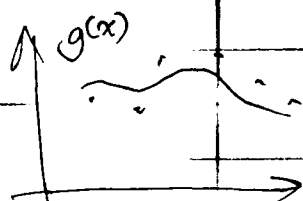
$$f(x^* + hd) = f(x^*) + \underbrace{h \nabla f(x^*)^T d}_0 + \underbrace{\frac{h^2}{2} d^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) d}_{>0} + o(h^2)$$

↓
negligible
compared to h^2
for h small

~~for h small~~

Example: Sps g is an unknown function of a single variable and suppose we measure g at points x_1, \dots, x_m

Goal: find polynomial ~~at~~ function $p(x)$ of degree n which is a good fit for g .



What is a "good fit"?

Let's say we want to minimize

$$\sum_{k=1}^m (p(x_k) - g(x_k))^2$$

Here the polynomial p has the form $p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n$

We must make best choice of coefficients a_0, \dots, a_n .
So we minimize: $f(a_0, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{k=1}^m (p(x_k) - g(x_k))^2$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m [(a_0 + a_1 x_k + \dots + a_n x_k^n) - g(x_k)]^2$$

Let's rewrite f :

introduce notation: $a \in \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

For $k=1, m$, let $w_k = (1, x_k, \dots, x_k^n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$$\text{Then } f = \sum_{k=1}^m [a^T w_k - g(x_k)]^2$$

column vector

where

$$Q = \sum_k w_k w_k^T$$

continue to rewrite:

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^n (a^T w_k)^2 - 2a^T w_k g(x_k) + g(x_k)^2$$

Note: $\sum_{k=1}^n (a^T w_k)^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n (a^T w_k)(w_k^T a) = \sum a^T w_k w_k^T a = a^T Q a$

~~Proceed~~ Proceeding in this way:

$$f = a^T Q a - 2b^T a + c$$

$$Q \text{ as above, } b = 2 \sum_k w_k g(x_k), c = \sum_k g(x_k)^2$$

So finally we want to minimize f .

[1] first order condition: need ∇f

$$\text{Claim: } \nabla f(a) = 2a^T Q - 2b^T$$

If the claim is true then every candidate a^* for a minimum must satisfy $0 = \nabla f(a^*) = 2(a^{*T} Q - b^T)$
i.e. $Qa^* = b$

(Q is a symmetric matrix).

Why is claim true?

$$\begin{aligned} f(a+v) &= (a+v)^T Q (a+v) - 2b^T (a+v) + c \\ &= \underbrace{a^T Q a}_{\text{3 terms are } f(a)} + a^T Q v + v^T Q a + v^T Q v - 2b^T a - 2b^T v + c \\ &= f(a) + (a^T Q v + v^T Q a - 2b^T v) + v^T Q v \end{aligned}$$

this can be rewritten $f(a+v) = f(a) + [2a^T Q - 2b^T]v + o(|v|)$

(using $Q^T = Q$, which follows from definition)
so this gives best linear approximation hence
equals $\nabla f(a)$.

Lecture 02 Jan 13th

Tutorial

Office hour: W 5-6 Th 5-6

Today: convex functions.

We are interested b/c for a convex function, every local minimum is a global minimum.

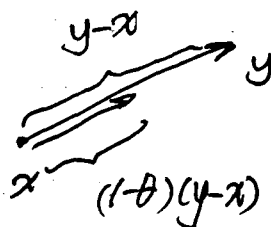
Def: A set $\Omega \subseteq E^n$ is convex if $\forall x, y \in \Omega$ and $\theta \in [0, 1]$.

$$\theta x + (1-\theta)y \in \Omega$$

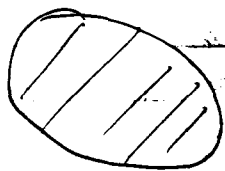
This means that if $x, y \in \Omega$, then the line segment joining x to y is contained in Ω .

$$\theta x + (1-\theta)y = x + (1-\theta)(y-x)$$

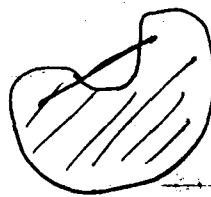
between 0 & 1



Since as picture shows, the set of points $\{\theta x + (1-\theta)y : 0 \leq \theta \leq 1\}$ is exactly the line segment from x to y .



Yes



NOT convex



Yes.

x -axis in x - y coordinate is convex.

A function f on a convex set $\Omega \subseteq E^n$ is convex if for any $x, y \in \Omega$ and $\theta \in [0, 1]$.

$$f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) \leq \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y)$$

Strictly convex if $f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) < \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y)$

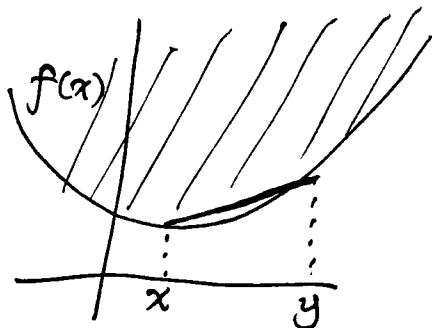
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- f is concave if $-f$ is convex.
strictly concave if $-f$ is strictly convex.

e.g



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~~f(x)~~
 f on the line segment
joining x and y
 \leq linear function on
line segment that
equals f at end pts.

ie.  is below 

~~Remark~~ Remark: f is a convex function iff
 $\{(x, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : z \geq f(x)\}$ is a convex set.

To prove ① Assume the function is convex and show that the set is convex. (using defn of convex set & convex function)

② Assume set is convex, deduce that function is convex.

Properties of convex functions:

- ① If f_1 and f_2 are convex functions
(always understood to be defined on a convex set Ω)
Then $f_1 + f_2$ is convex.

I must show that for any x, y in Ω , any $\theta \in [0, 1]$
 $(f_1 + f_2)(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \leq \theta(f_1 + f_2)(x) + (1 - \theta)(f_1 + f_2)(y)$

True because:

$$\begin{aligned} (f_1 + f_2)(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) &= f_1(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) + f_2(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \\ &\leq \theta f_1(x) + (1 - \theta)f_1(y) \\ &\quad + \theta f_2(x) + (1 - \theta)f_2(y) \\ &= \theta(f_1 + f_2)(x) + (1 - \theta)(f_1 + f_2)(y) \end{aligned}$$

~~$f_1(x) + f_2(x)$~~
 $\times f_1(x) + f_2(x)$
 $- (f_1 + f_2)(x)$
Why?

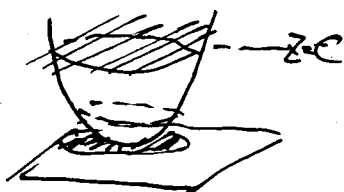
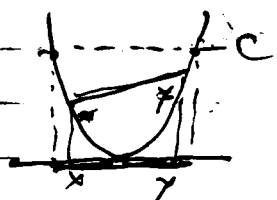
② If f is convex and $a > 0$, then $a \cdot f > 0$ is convex.

Pf: similar but easier.

Note: by combining the above:

if f_1, \dots, f_k are convex and $a_1, \dots, a_k \geq 0$
then $a_1 f_1 + \dots + a_k f_k$ is convex.

③ If f is a convex function on convex set Ω , then for any number C , $\{x \in \Omega : f(x) \leq C\}$ is a convex set.

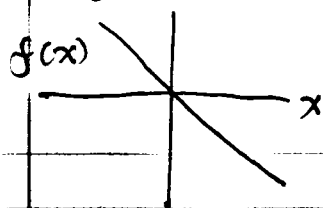
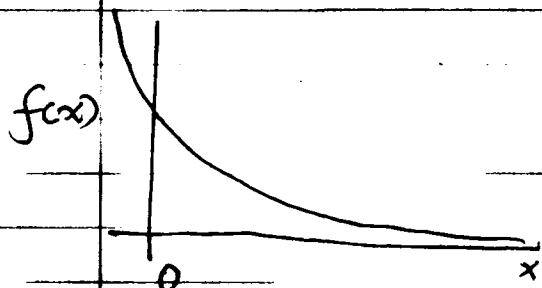


Pf: Sp. $x, y \in \{z \in \Omega : f(z) \leq C\}$
i.e. $f(x) \leq C, f(y) \leq C$
and

Then for any $\theta \in [0, 1]$, by ~~convexity~~ convexity
 $f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) \leq \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y) \leq \theta \cdot C + (1-\theta) \cdot C = C$

So $\theta x + (1-\theta)y \in \{z \in \Omega : f(z) \leq C\}$.

So this set is convex.



Note:

convex functions need not
"curve up" in all directions.

④ If f is C^1 function on a convex set Ω , then f 's ~~convex~~ ^{convex} if $\boxed{f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)(y-x) \quad \forall x, y \in \Omega}$

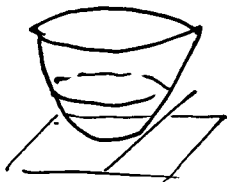
Note: If I write $y = x + v$ then above becomes

⑤ $\boxed{f(x+v) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)v \quad \forall x, v \in \Omega}$



↓ first order Taylor approximation of f near x .

↘ equation for "tangent plane" to f at x (as function of v).



"function \geq every tangent plane"

Proof: of ~~④~~

① Assume f is convex

Fix $x, y \in \Omega$, I have to show ⑤

By convexity,

$$f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) \leq \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y), \quad \forall \theta \in [0,1]$$

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subtract $f(x)$ from both sides:

$$f(x + (1-\theta)(y-x)) - f(x) \leq (1-\theta)(f(y) - f(x))$$

$$\text{So } \frac{f(x + (1-\theta)(y-x)) - f(x)}{(1-\theta)} \leq f(y) - f(x)$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x + (1-\theta)(y-x)) - f(x)}{(1-\theta)} \leq f(y) - f(x)$$

• (directional derivative)

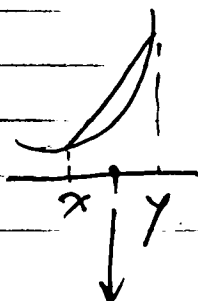
Since not hard to check that

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x + (1-\theta)(y-x)) - f(x)}{1-\theta} = \nabla f(x)(y-x)$$

(check it!)

this proves $\textcircled{4}$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} f(x + (1-\theta)(y-x))$$



$$x_\theta = \theta x + (1-\theta)y$$

Now we assume $\textcircled{4}$ & try to show that f is convex.

Fix x and $y \in \Omega$ and $\theta \in [0, 1]$

$$\text{let } x_\theta = \theta x + (1-\theta)y$$

By condition $\textcircled{4}$:

$$f(x) \geq f(x_\theta) + \nabla f(x_\theta)(x - x_\theta) \quad (1)$$

and

$$f(y) \geq f(x_\theta) + \nabla f(x_\theta)(y - x_\theta) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Also, } x - x_\theta = (1-\theta)(x - y)$$

$$\text{and } y - x_\theta = \theta(y - x)$$

$$\text{So: } \theta(x - x_\theta) + (1-\theta)(y - x_\theta) = 0$$

$$\theta(\text{eqn 1}) + (1-\theta)(\text{eqn 2}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y) \geq f(x_\theta)} \quad \text{so } f \text{ is convex.}$$

$\textcircled{5}$ If f is a C^2 function on a convex set Ω , then f is convex iff $\boxed{v^T \nabla^2 f(x) v \geq 0, \forall x \in \Omega, \text{ and } v \in E^n}$ $\textcircled{44}$
i.e. $\nabla^2 f$ positive semi-definite.

Proof: $\textcircled{1}$ convexity $\Rightarrow \textcircled{44}$

sufficient to show that

if $\textcircled{44}$ not true $\Rightarrow f$ not convex (contrapositive)

If $\textcircled{44}$ not true then there is $x \in \Omega$ and $v \in E^n$.

such that $v^T \nabla^2 f(x) v < 0$.

By Taylor's Theorem

~~This~~ $f(x+tv) = f(x) + t \nabla f(x) v + \frac{1}{2} t^2 v^T \nabla^2 f(x) v + o(t^2 |v|^2)$

This implies that if h is small enough -

$$\frac{1}{2} h^2 v^T \nabla^2 f(x) v + o(h^2 |v|^2) < 0$$

$$\text{so } f(x+tv) < f(x) + \nabla f(x)(tv)$$

so f is non-convex by property ④

Now assume ~~④~~. We'll show that property ④ holds.

Fix x, y . Goal: $f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)(y-x)$.

$$\text{Let } g(s) = f(x + s(y-x))$$

$$\text{Then } f(y) = g(1)$$

$$f(x) = g(0)$$

$$\text{By MVT, } \frac{g(1) - g(0)}{1-0} = g'(\theta) \text{ for some } \theta \in (0, 1)$$

~~$$g(1) - g(0) = g'(\theta)(1-0)$$~~

$$g(1) - g(0) = g'(\theta) = g'(0) + (g'(\theta) - g'(0))$$

$$= \cancel{g'(0)} + \theta g''(s) \text{ for some } s \in (0, \theta)$$

then one can check that

$$g'(0) = \nabla f(x)(y-x) \text{ and } g'(\theta) = (y-x)^T \nabla^2 f(x + s(y-x))(y-x)$$

has the form \checkmark
 $v^T \nabla^2 f(z) v$ so > 0

Put together to get $f(y) - f(x) \geq \nabla f(x)(y-x)$

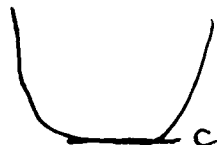
Thm 1: If f is a convex function on a convex set Ω , then

① $\Gamma = \{x \in \Omega : f(x) = \inf_{\Omega} f\}$ is convex, and

② every local min is a global min.

Pf: ① Let $c = \inf_{\Omega} f$

Then $\Gamma = \{x \in \Omega : f(x) \leq c\}$

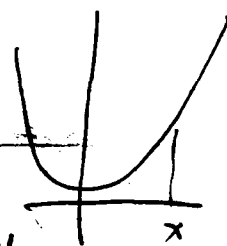


and this is convex by property ③

Next: ② ~~is~~ sufficed to show that

if x is not a global min, then x is not a local min.

If x is not a global min, then $\exists y$ s.t. $f(y) < f(x)$.



So $f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) \leq \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y) < f(x)$, $\forall \theta \in [0,1]$ which implies that x is not a local min.

Thm 2: If f is convex on Ω and x^* is a point where $\nabla f(x^*)(y-x^*) \geq 0$ for all $y \in \Omega$, then x^* is a global min.

Pf: If this holds, by property ④

$$f(y) \geq f(x^*) + \nabla f(x^*)(y-x^*) \geq f(x^*), \forall y.$$

Corollary: if $\nabla f(x^*) = 0 \Rightarrow x^*$ global min.

Review of linear algebra.

1) transpose of matrix.

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

2). linear ~~dependent~~/independent basis

3). determinants, eigenvectors, eigenvalues.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

Property:

A not invertible $\Leftrightarrow \det A = 0$

\Leftrightarrow there ~~are~~ is some nonzero vector v s.t. $Av = 0$.

A number λ and vector v are eigenvalue and eigenvector if $Av = \lambda v$.
non-zero

Equivalently $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$ where $I = \text{Identity matrix}$

Combining the above:

λ is an eigenvalue $\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

n th-order polynomial in variable λ .

Strategy for finding e-values/vectors.

① compute polynomial $\det(A - \lambda I)$

② find roots $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ there are eigenvalues

③ For each λ_i , find all solutions of $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$

Def: A matrix S is symmetric if $S^T = S$. as $S = \nabla^2 f(x)$

important fact.

if S symmetric, then all eigenvalues are real.

- there is an orthonormal basis of ~~eigenvectors~~ ^{eigenvectors}.

E.g. $S = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

Find eigenvalues & eigenvectors.

① ~~5~~ eigenvalues. $\det(S - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 5-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$

$$= (5-\lambda)^3 - (5-\lambda) \dots$$

$$= -(\lambda-3)(\lambda-6)^2$$

Find eigenvectors:

i. $\lambda = 3$. must solve $(S - 3I)v = 0$

i.e. $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$v_1 = v_2 = v_3 = 1.$$

$$\text{so } v = c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } c \text{ is a constant.}$$

ii. $\lambda = 6$

$$S - 6I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector if}$$

$$(S - 6I)v = 0 \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 0$$

i.e. v orthogonal to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

So any vector v s.t. $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 0$ is an eigenvector w/ $\lambda = 6$.
But I have to think about a bit to find orthogonal eigenvectors.

e.g. $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ~~are~~ are e.-vectors.

but not orthogonal.

But $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ & $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ are orthogonal.

Orthonormal basis of ~~the~~ eigenvectors

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Def: A symmetric matrix S is positive semidefinite
if $v^T S v \geq 0$ for all $v \in E^n$
positive definite if $v^T S v > 0$ for all nonzero $v \in E^n$.

Fact: S ^{positive} ~~is positive~~ definite \Leftrightarrow all eigenvalues ≥ 0
semi

S positive definite \Leftrightarrow all eigenvalues > 0 .

Why? Fix S symmetric and let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ eigenvalues,
and w_1, \dots, w_n = orthonormal basis of eigenvectors.
i.e. $w_i^T w_k = \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j=k \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$

Any vector v = a linear combination of w_1, \dots, w_n .

e.g. $v = a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_n w_n$.

$$\text{so } v^T v = (a_1 w_1^T + \dots + a_n w_n^T) (a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_n w_n)$$

$$= a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V^T S V &= (a_1 w_1^T + \dots + a_n w_n^T) S (a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_n w_n) \\ &= (\quad \quad \rightarrow (a_1 S w_1 + \dots + a_n S w_n) \\ &= (\quad \quad \rightarrow (a_1 \lambda_1 w_1 + \dots + a_n \lambda_n w_n) \\ \boxed{V^T S V &= \lambda_1 a_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_n a_n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Recall last week:

To find optimal polynomial approximation to a function g , given $g(x_1), \dots, g(x_m)$, we tried to minimize

$$f(a) = \sum_{k=1}^n (a_0 + a_1 x_k + \dots + a_n x_k^n - g(x_k))^2$$

we ~~can~~ rewrite as

$$f(a) = a^T Q a - 2b^T a - c \quad \text{for some matrix } Q$$

vector b
number c

Q is this function convex?