

## 2018/19 Semester 2

**Object Oriented Programming with Applications****Problem Sheet 4 - Wednesday 24th October 2018<sup>1</sup>**

**Exercise 4.1.** Get a working implementation of the `CompositeIntegrator` class. Use the lecture material.

You will notice that the class, as presented in lectures is not *robust*. Consider and modify your code according for the following situations (i.e. throw appropriate exceptions).

1. What if `newtonCotesOrder` in the is a number other than 1, 2, 3, 4?
2. What if `N` in the `Integrate` method is less than or equal to 0?
3. Does the code work if `a > b` in the `Integrate` method?

**Exercise 4.2.** The Newton's method for approximating solutions  $x$  to  $f(x) = 0$ , where  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is assumed to be differentiable is an iterative method where, given an initial guess for the solution  $x_0$  the next entry in the sequence of approximations is calculated as:

$$x_n := x_{n-1} - \frac{f(x_{n-1})}{f'(x_{n-1})}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Do the following:

1. To see that you understand how this works calculate the first three approximations to  $0 = x^2 - 2 =: f(x)$  with  $x_0 = 2$  (this is a nice way of approximating  $\sqrt{2}$  if you ever have to do this by hand).
2. Create a method with the following “signature”:

```
static double NewtonSolver(Func<double, double> f,
                           Func<double, double> fPrime,
                           double x0,
                           double maxError, int maxIter)
```

It should have the following properties: the return value should be the approximation  $x_n$  of solution to  $f(x) = 0$  such that  $|f(x)| < \text{maxError}$ . If the number of iterations has reached or exceeded `maxIter` then an exception should be thrown. If `fPrime != null` then it should be used, otherwise the derivative should be approximated using symmetric finite differences. That is, for a given  $\delta > 0$  we say that

$$f'(x_0) \text{ is approximately } \frac{1}{2\delta} (f(x_0 + \delta) - f(x_0 - \delta)).$$

3. Test it by approximating the solution to  $0 = x^2 - 2$  with  $x_0 = 2$ .

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**Exercise 4.3.** Newton's method generalises to higher dimensions. Indeed consider a differentiable  $F : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $J_F(x)$  denote the Jacobian matrix of this function evaluated at  $x$ . That is:

$$J_F(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_d}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_d}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_d}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Given an initial guess  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we obtain successive approximations to  $x$  such that  $F(x) = 0$  by solving

$$J_F(x_{n-1})(x_n - x_{n-1}) = -F(x_{n-1}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Your task is to complete the class below:

```
public class NewtonSolver
{
    private const double delta = 1e-8; // for approximating partial derivatives

    private double tol;
    private int maxIt;

    public NewtonSolver(double tolerance, int maximumIterations)
    {
        tol = tolerance;
        maxIt = maximumIterations;
    }

    public Matrix<double> ApproximateJacobian(Func<Vector<double>,
                                              Vector<double>> F, Vector<double> x)
    {
        /* ... write the code ... */
    }

    public Vector<double> Solve(Func<Vector<double>, Vector<double>> F,
                               Func<Vector<double>, Matrix<double>> J_F, Vector<double> x_0)
    {
        /* ... write the code ... */
    }
}
```

The Newton Method should stop if either `maxIt` is reached or if the  $l^2$  norm (i.e. the usual Euclidean norm) of  $F(x_n)$  is smaller than `tol`.

Now test it by approximating the solution to  $F(x, y) = 0$  where

$$F(x, y) := \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + y^2 - 2xy - 1 \\ x^2 - y^2 - 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $x_0 = (1, -1)^T$ . Note that it is easy to see that at least one solution is  $x = 4, y = 3$ .

*Hints.*

- To define something like  $F : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  in C# use:

```
Func<Vector<double>, Vector<double>> F = (x) =>
{
    Vector<double> y = Vector<double>.Build.Dense(x.Count);
    y[0] = x[0]*x[0] + x[1]*x[1] - 2*x[0]*x[1] - 1;
    y[1] = x[0]*x[0] - x[1]*x[1] - 7;
    return y;
};
```

- To define something like the Jacobian Matrix use:

```

Func<Vector<double>,Matrix<double>> J_F = (x) => {
    int d = x.Count;
    Matrix<double> J_F_vals = Matrix<double>.Build.Dense (d, d);
    J_F_vals[0,0] = 2*x[0] -2*x[1];
    J_F_vals[0,1] = 2*x[1]-2*x[0];
    J_F_vals[1,0] = 2*x[0];
    J_F_vals[1,1] = -2*x[1];
    return J_F_vals;
};

```

- You can see above how to define an empty vector and matrix respectively.
- To fill in a whole  $j$ th column in a matrix you can use: `M.SetColumn(j,v)` assuming `M` is a matrix and `v` is a vector of appropriate length.
- To solve a linear system  $Ax = b$  (with  $A$  a  $d \times d$  matrix and  $b$  a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $x$  unknown) use: `Vector<double> x = A.Solve(b);`.
- To find a determinant of a matrix  $A$  use `double determinant = A.Determinat();`  
Note that `A.Solve(b)` might also fail when the determinant is very small rather than exactly 0.

**Exercise 4.4.** In fact our interest in the Newton's method is also for minimization problems. A differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  will have a local minimum (or maximum or saddle point) at  $x$  if

$$\nabla f(x) := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_d}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

is equal to zero. If  $f$  is convex then this will be the global minimum.

So we are approximating solutions to  $F(x) = \nabla f(x) = 0$  using Newton's method.

The Jacobian matrix of  $F$  is now

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_d}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_d}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_d}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_d} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_d \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_d \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_d^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

which is the Hessian matrix of  $f$ .

In some cases one would have to approximate the Hessian using finite differences. Let us define  $T_{\delta,i}y : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  as

$$T_{\delta,i}y = (y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}, y_i + \delta, y_{i+1}, \dots, y_d)^T.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x) \\ & \approx \frac{1}{2h} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(T_{i,h}x) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(T_{i,-h}x) \right) \\ & \approx \frac{1}{2h} \left( \frac{1}{2h} (f(T_{j,h}T_{i,h}x) - f(T_{j,-h}T_{i,h}x)) - \frac{1}{2h} (f(T_{j,h}T_{i,-h}x) - f(T_{j,-h}T_{i,-h}x)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Your task is to develop a Newton based minimizer by completing the class below

```

public class NewtonMnimizer
{
    private const double delta = 1e-7; // for approximating grad
    private NewtonSolver solver;

    public NewtonMnimizer(double tol, int maxIt)
    {
        solver= new NewtonSolver(tol, maxIt);
    }
    private Vector<double> ApproximateGrad(Func<Vector<double>, double> f,
                                           Vector<double> x)
    {
        /* ... write the code ... */
    }
    private Matrix<double> ApproximateHessian(Func<Vector<double>, double> f,
                                              Vector<double>> grad_f,
                                              Vector<double> x)
    {
        /* ... write the code, allow for grad_f == null ... */
    }
    public Vector<double> Minimize(Func<Vector<double>, double> f,
                                   Func<Vector<double>, Vector<double>> grad_f,
                                   Func<Vector<double>, Matrix<double>> hessian_f,
                                   Vector<double> x_0)
    {
        /* ... write the code,
        allow for grad_f == null and also hessian_f == null ... */
    }
}

```

**Test it by finding the global minimum of the function  $f$  given by  $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$  by running the following code:**

```

NewtonMnimizer minimizer = new NewtonMnimizer (1e-5, 100);
Func<Vector<double>, double> f = (x) => x [0] * x [0] + x [1] * x [1];

Vector<double> startPt = Vector<double>.Build.Dense (2);
startPt[0] = 1; startPt[1] = -1;

Console.WriteLine ("With approximate grad of f and hessian of f using f.d.");
Console.WriteLine(minimizer.Minimize(f, null, null, startPt));

Console.WriteLine ("With exact grad_f and approximate hessian f using f.d.");
Func<Vector<double>, Vector<double>> grad_f = (x) => {
    Vector<double> grad = Vector<double>.Build.Dense(x.Count);
    grad[0] = 2*x[0]; grad[1] = 2*x[1];
    return grad;
};
Console.WriteLine(minimizer.Minimize(f, grad_f, null, startPt));

Console.WriteLine ("With exact grad of f and hessian of f.");
Func<Vector<double>, Matrix<double>> hessian_f = (x) => {
    Matrix<double> hessian = Matrix<double>.Build.Dense(x.Count,x.Count);
    hessian[0,0] = 2; hessian[0,1] = 0;
    hessian[1,0] = 0; hessian[1,1] = 2;
    return hessian;
};
Console.WriteLine(minimizer.Minimize(f, grad_f, hessian_f, startPt));
Console.ReadKey ();

```