### **Iterative Methods for Sparse Linear Systems**

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# **Summary**

- Nonlinear systems of equations. A few examples
- Newton's method for f(x) = 0.
- Newton's method for systems.
- Local convergence. Exit tests.
- Global convergence.Backtracking. Line search algorithms
- Two computationally useful variants: the Inexact Newton method and the Quasi Newton method.

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Unconstrained optimization

$$\min G(\boldsymbol{x}) \implies \text{solve } \boldsymbol{G}'(\boldsymbol{x}) = 0$$

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

Given a function  $f \in C^1$ , we aim at finding one solution of the equation

$$f(x) = 0$$

Given  $x_k$ , an approximation to the solution  $\xi$ , we correct it to find  $x_{k+1} = x_k + s$ 

We impose the condition  $f(x_{k+1}) = 0$  and expand  $f(x_{k+1})$  in Taylor series neglecting the terms of order greater or equal than 2.

$$0 = f(x_{k+1}) = f(x_k) + sf'(x_k)$$

from which

$$s = -\frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}.$$

The Newton's method can therefore be written as

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

### Newton's method for system of nonlinear equations

Let us now solve the following nonlinear system

$$\begin{cases}
F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\
F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\
\dots &= 0 \\
F_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= 0
\end{cases} \tag{1}$$

more sinthetically

$$F(x) = 0$$

where

$$m{F} = \left(egin{array}{c} F_1 \ F_2 \ \dots \ F_n \end{array}
ight) \qquad m{x} = \left(egin{array}{c} x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n \end{array}
ight)$$

Let us assume that F be differentiable in an open subset  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Newton's method for system of nonlinear equations

As in the scalar case, we try to correct an approximation  $x_k$  as  $x_{k+1} = x_k + s$ .

Let us impose  $F(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) = 0$  and as before expand in Taylor series the function  $F(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})$ .

$$0 = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_k) + F'(\mathbf{x}_k)\mathbf{s}$$

where  $F'(\mathbf{x}_k)$  is the Jacobian of system (7) evaluated in  $\mathbf{x}_k$  i. e.

$$(F'(\boldsymbol{x}))_{ij} = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

As before the problem is to compute the increment  ${\bf s}$  which is now a vector of n components.

$$\mathbf{s} = -\left(F'(\mathbf{x}_k)\right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

The *k*th iteration of the Newton's method is thus written as

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{x}_k - \left(F'(\boldsymbol{x}_k)\right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}_k)$$

## Newton's method for system of nonlinear equations

#### Some observations:

- The Jacobian matrix  $F'(\mathbf{x}_k)$  must be invertible.
- Local convergence of the Newton's method can be proved provided that the initial approximation  $x_0$  is sufficiently close to the solution.
- Computation of  $x_{k+1}$  starting from  $x_k$  requires inversion of (possibly large and sparse) Jacobian matrix. This operation is inefficient as known. In practice vector  $\mathbf{s}$  is evaluated by solving the following linear system

$$F'(\boldsymbol{x}_k)\mathbf{s} = -\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}_k)$$

 $\blacksquare$  F' is often non symmetric, so GMRES iterative method is suggested for the solution of the Newton system

# **Algorithm**

Let us write a first version of the Algorithm, by taking into account previous comments.

#### Algorithm Newton 1

Given an initial approximation  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , k := 0.

#### repeat until convergence

- solve:  $F'(\boldsymbol{x}_k)\mathbf{s} = -\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}_k)$
- $\mathbf{z}_{k+1} := \mathbf{z}_k + \mathbf{s}$
- k := k + 1

#### **Standard Assumptions**

- **Equation** F(x) = 0 has one solution which we call  $x^*$ .
- Function F' is Lipschitz continuous: there exists a real number  $\gamma$  such that

$$||F'(y) - F'(x)|| \le \gamma ||y - x||$$

 $\blacksquare F'(\mathbf{x}^*)$  is invertible.

#### Notazioni. Let us define:

 $\blacksquare$  the error at iteration k:  $e_k = x_k - x^*$ 

#### Theorem 1

Let the standard assumption hold, then for every  $\boldsymbol{x} \in \Omega$ 

$$F(\mathbf{x}) - F(\mathbf{x}^*) = \int_0^1 F'(\mathbf{x}^* + t(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*))(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)dt$$

#### **Proof**

It is the fundamental theorem of calculus

#### Lemma 1 (Banach Lemma)

If A, B are matrices such that ||I - BA|| < 1 then

$$||A^{-1}|| \le \frac{||B||}{1 - ||I - BA||}$$

#### Lemma 2

Let the standard assumption hold. Then there is  $\delta$  such that for all x satisfying  $||x - x^*|| < \delta$ :

$$||F'(\boldsymbol{x})^{-1}|| \le 2||F'(\boldsymbol{x}^*)^{-1}||$$

#### **Proof**

$$||I - F'(\mathbf{x}^*)^{-1}F'(\mathbf{x})|| = ||F'(\mathbf{x}^*)^{-1}(F'(\mathbf{x}^*) - F'(\mathbf{x})) \le \gamma ||F'(\mathbf{x}^*)^{-1}|| ||\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}^*||$$

$$\le \gamma \delta ||F'(\mathbf{x}^*)^{-1}||$$

Choose  $\delta < \frac{1}{2\gamma \|F'(\boldsymbol{x}^*)^{-1}\|}$  so that  $\|I - F'(\boldsymbol{x}^*)^{-1}F'(\boldsymbol{x})\| < 1/2$  and apply the Banach

Lemma with  $A = F'(\mathbf{x})$  and  $B = F'(\mathbf{x}^*)^{-1}$ .

#### Theorem 2

There exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $\|\mathbf{e}_0\| < \delta$  then

$$\|\mathbf{e}_{k+1}\| \le K \|\mathbf{e}_k\|^2$$
 with  $K = \gamma \|(F'(\mathbf{x}^*))^{-1}\|$ 

#### **Proof**

By Theorem 1

$$\boldsymbol{e}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{e}_k - F'(\boldsymbol{x}_k)^{-1} \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}_k) = F'(\boldsymbol{x}_k)^{-1} \int_0^1 \left( F'(\boldsymbol{x}_k) - F'(\boldsymbol{x}^* + t\boldsymbol{e}_k) \right) \boldsymbol{e}_k dt$$

Now by the standard assumptions

$$\|e_{k+1}\|$$
  $\leq \|F'(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1}\| \int_0^1 \gamma(1-t) \|e_k\|^2 dt$   $\leq \frac{1}{2} \gamma \|F'(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1}\| \|e_k\|^2$   $\leq \text{(by Lemma 2)} \quad \gamma \|F'(\mathbf{x}^*)^{-1}\| \|e_k\|^2 = K \|e_k\|^2$ 

- Convergence is only local ( $\|e_0\| < \delta$ ).
- As in the scalar case convergence is quadratic

#### Exit test

When to stop the algorithm?

Theoretically we should stop when  $\|e_{k+1}\| < \varepsilon$  (absolute error) or when  $\|e_{k+1}\| < \varepsilon \|e_0\|$  (relative error); where  $\varepsilon$  is a fixed tolerance. As usual the error vector is not known as the exact solution  $x^*$  is not known.

Exit test on the (relative) residual. Stop when

$$\frac{\|oldsymbol{F}(oldsymbol{x}_k)\|}{\|oldsymbol{F}(oldsymbol{x}_0)\|} < arepsilon$$

Test on the difference. Stop when

$$\|\mathbf{s}\| = \|\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} - \boldsymbol{x}_k\| < \varepsilon$$

#### **Exit test**

#### **Motivations**

■ Test on the residual. It can be shown that for  $\delta$  sufficiently small holds:

$$\frac{1}{4\kappa} \frac{\|\mathbf{e}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{e}_0\|} \le \frac{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_k)\|}{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)\|} \le 4\kappa \frac{\|\mathbf{e}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{e}_0\|}$$

where  $\kappa = \|F'(\mathbf{x}^*)\| \|(F'(\mathbf{x}^*))^{-1}\|$  is the condition number of  $F'(\mathbf{x}^*)$ . If  $F'(\mathbf{x}^*)$  is well conditioned ( $\kappa \approx 1$ ), the test on the residual is similar to the test on the relative error.

Test on the difference

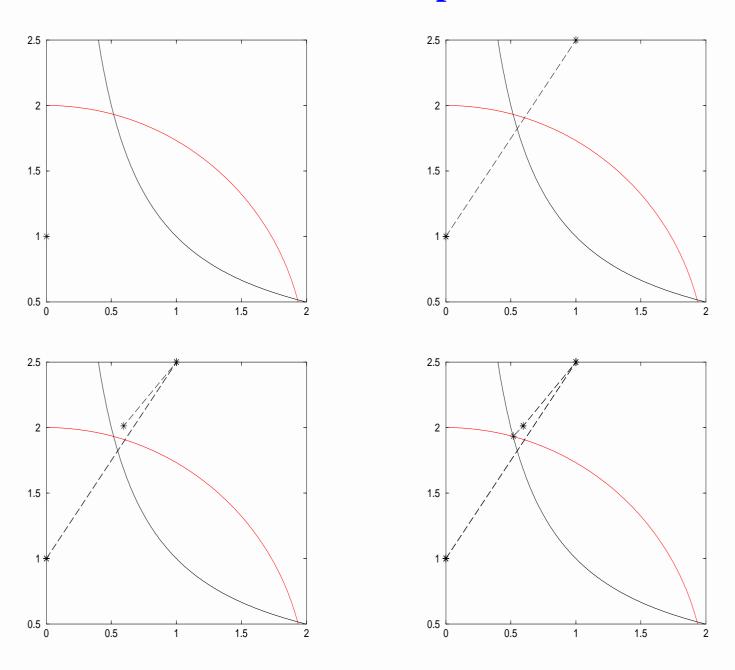
$$||x_{k+1} - x_k|| = ||x_{k+1} - x^* + x^* - x_k|| = ||e_k|| + O(||e_k||^2)$$

The difference at step k+1 has the same order of magnitude as the error at previous step k. (Exit on the difference is a pessimistic test).

### Example

$$\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(0)})\| = 3.16 \qquad \|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(1)})\| = 3.58$$

# **Example**



# **Global Convergence**

- Convergence of Newton's method not guaranteed. Frequently Newton's step moves away from the solution
- To avoid divergence we accept Newton's step if the following condition holds:  $\|F(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})\| < \|F(\mathbf{x}_k)\|$
- If the above condition is not satisfied, then the Newton step is reduced ⇒ "backtracking" or "linesearch".

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Algorithm: Newton 2. Given an initial approximation \mathbf{x}_0, k := 0. repeat until convergence solve: F'(\mathbf{x}_k)\mathbf{s} = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_k)

• \mathbf{x}_t := \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s}

if ||F(\mathbf{x}_t)|| < ||F(\mathbf{x}_k)|| then \mathbf{x}_{k+1} := \mathbf{x}_t

else \mathbf{s} := \mathbf{s}/2, go to (•)
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# **Example**

#### Newton con backtracking

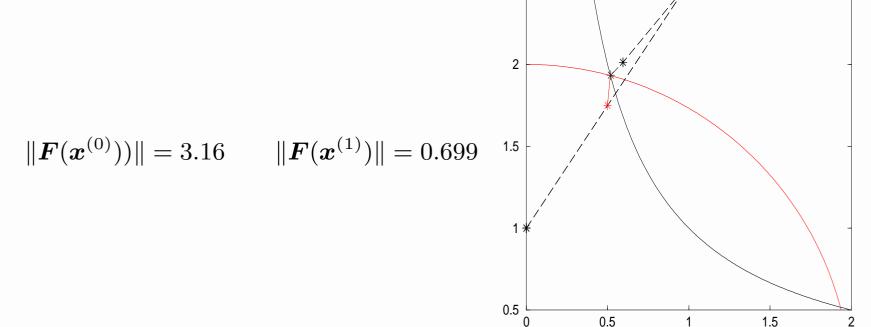
$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 - 4 = 0 \\ xy - 1 = 0 \end{cases} \qquad \boldsymbol{x}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$k x_1^{(k)} x_2^{(k)} \|e^{(k)}\| x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)} \frac{\|e^{(k+1)}\|}{\|e^{(k)}\|^2}$$

2.5

- $0 \quad 0.000000000 \quad 1.000000000 \quad 0.106597 \times 10^{+01}$
- 1 0.500000000 1.750000000 0.106397 $\times$ 10 $^{+0}$ 
  - $0.182705 \times 10^{+00}$  0.901388E+01

0.160790



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#### **Inexact Newton Methods**

- Idea: try to avoid oversolving the linear systems at every Newton iteration.
- **Example.** Discretized Richards' equation (steady state)

$$A(\psi)\psi = \boldsymbol{b}(\psi), \qquad \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}) = A(\boldsymbol{x})\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{b}(\boldsymbol{x}), \qquad F' = A + \frac{\partial(A)}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}}\boldsymbol{x}$$

- $\blacksquare$  F' has the same size and sparsity pattern as A.
- A single iteration with the Newton's method:
  - solve:  $F'(\boldsymbol{x}_k)\mathbf{s} = -\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}_k)$
  - $oldsymbol{x}_{k+1} := oldsymbol{x}_k + \mathbf{s}$
  - k := k + 1
- Solve the linear system with an iterative method of choice with variable tolerance. Formally:

$$||F'(\mathbf{x}_k)\mathbf{s} + F(\mathbf{x}_k)|| \le \eta_k ||F(\mathbf{x}_k)||$$

#### **Inexact Newton Methods**

#### Convergence results:

- If  $\eta_k \to 0$  then convergence of the Inexact Newton Methods is superlinear.
- If in addition  $\eta_k = O(\|F(\mathbf{x}_k)\|)$  then again we obtain quadratic convergence.

Practical choices for  $\eta_k$ . Fix a maximum tolerance  $\eta_{\text{max}}$ .

$$\eta_k = \left\{egin{array}{l} \min(\eta_{ ext{max}}, \|oldsymbol{F}(oldsymbol{x}_k)\|) \ \min(\eta_{ ext{max}}, \gamma rac{\|oldsymbol{F}(oldsymbol{x}_k)\|^2}{\|oldsymbol{F}(oldsymbol{x}_{k-1})\|^2}) \end{array}
ight.$$

- Convergence of Newton iterations still very rapid
- Linear system solution very cheap especially at the first Newton steps.

### **Quasi-Newton Methods**

#### Motivation: Jacobian matrix

■ Not always explicitly available (sometimes function *F* is known as a set of data)

or

 $\blacksquare$  Differentiation of F may be too costly to be afforded at every Newton iteration

A possible answer to this problem is given by the quasi-Newton methods which compute a sequence of approximate Jacobians possibly starting from the 'true' initial Jacobian.

Instead of solving

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

we solve

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{x}_k - B_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}_k)$$

#### **Quasi-Newton Methods**

Sequence of  $B_k$  can be constructed in many ways. The simplest approach is due to Broyden:

$$B_{k+1} = B_k + rac{(oldsymbol{y} - B_k oldsymbol{s}) oldsymbol{s}}{oldsymbol{s}^T oldsymbol{s}}$$

$$B_k + rac{oldsymbol{F}(oldsymbol{x}_{k+1})oldsymbol{s}}{oldsymbol{s}^Toldsymbol{s}}$$

where  $y = F(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) - F(\mathbf{x}_k)$ . the Broyden upate formula satisfies:

- 1. the secant condition, namely  $B_{k+1}s = y$ .
- 2.  $B_{k+1}$  is the closest matrix to  $B_k$  in the Frobenius norm among all the matrices satisfying the secant condition.

$$B_{k+1} = \begin{array}{c} \operatorname{argmin} \\ B: Bs = y \end{array} \|B - B_k\|$$

#### **Convergence Results**

Definition . A sequence  $x_n$  converges superlinearly to  $x^*$  if there are  $\alpha > 1$  and K > 0 such that

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} - \boldsymbol{x}^*\| \le K \|\boldsymbol{x}_k - \boldsymbol{x}^*\|^{\alpha}$$

Let us now define the error in jacobian approximations:

$$E_k = \mathbf{B}_k - F'(\mathbf{x}^*)$$

The first Theorem states that the difference between the exact and the approximate Jacobian does not grow with the Newton iteration. This property is also called *bounded deterioration*.

Theorem.

$$||E_{k+1}|| \le ||E_k|| + \frac{\gamma}{2}(||\mathbf{e}_k|| + ||\mathbf{e}_{k+1}||)$$

# **Convergence Results and implementation**

#### Theorem.

Let the standard assumption holds. Then there are  $\delta$  and  $\delta_B$  such that if  $\|e_0\| < \delta$  and  $\|E_0\| < \delta_B$  the Broyden sequence exists and  $\mathbf{x}_n \to \mathbf{x}^*$  superlinearly.

This theorem states that we can make  $||E_k||$  as small as we want by properly choosing the initial vector  $\mathbf{x}_0$  and the initial Jacobian approximation  $B_0$ .

If it is the case, the convergence of the iteration remains very fast (superlinear convergence).

#### Problem.

How to implement solution of Newton system with  $B_k^{-1}$  instead of  $J(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1}$ ? Note that even if  $B_0$  is sparse  $B_1$  is not.

Careful implementation should avoid inversion of dense matrices.

Need to compute  $B_k^{-1} F(\mathbf{x}_k)$  without

- 1. Computing  $B_k^{-1}$  since we do not want to invert matrices.
- 2. Computing  $B_k$  since it is dense.

First result we will use: the Sherman Morrison formula: Theorem 1

$$(B + \boldsymbol{u}\boldsymbol{v}^T)^{-1} = \left(I - \frac{(B^{-1}\boldsymbol{u})\boldsymbol{v}^T}{1 + \boldsymbol{v}^T B^{-1}\boldsymbol{u}}\right)B^{-1}$$

In our context we can write  $B_{k+1}^{-1}$  in terms of  $B_k^{-1}$  as

$$B_{k+1} = \underline{B}_k + u_k v_k,$$

where we can define among the others

$$oldsymbol{u}_k = rac{oldsymbol{F}(oldsymbol{x}_{k+1})}{\|oldsymbol{s}_k\|}, \qquad oldsymbol{v}_k = rac{oldsymbol{s}_k}{\|oldsymbol{s}_k\|}, \qquad ext{so that}$$

$$B_{k+1}^{-1} = (B_k + u_k v_k^T)^{-1} = \left(I - \frac{(B_k^{-1} u_k) v_k^T}{1 + v_k^T B_k^{-1} u_k}\right) B_k^{-1}$$
$$= \left(I - w_k v_k^T\right) B_k^{-1}$$

Where we have defined  $m{w}_k = rac{m{B_k}^{-1} m{u}_k}{1 + m{v}_k^T m{B_k}^{-1} m{u}_k}.$ 

Now by induction

$$\mathbf{B}_{k}^{-1} = \left(I - \mathbf{w}_{k-1} \mathbf{v}_{k-1}^{T}\right) \left(I - \mathbf{w}_{k-2} \mathbf{v}_{k-2}^{T}\right) \cdots \left(I - \mathbf{w}_{0} \mathbf{v}_{0}^{T}\right) B_{0}^{-1}$$

Important results:  $s_k = -B_k^{-1} F_k$  is accomplished by

- 1. Solving the system  $B_0 \boldsymbol{z}_0 = -\boldsymbol{F}_k$
- 2. Computing  $\alpha_0 = \boldsymbol{w}_0^T \boldsymbol{z}_0$ , then  $\boldsymbol{z}_1 = \boldsymbol{z}_0 \alpha_0 \boldsymbol{w}_0$ Computing  $\alpha_1 = \boldsymbol{w}_1^T \boldsymbol{z}_1$ , then  $\boldsymbol{z}_2 = \boldsymbol{z}_1 - \alpha_1 \boldsymbol{w}_1$

Computing  $\alpha_{k-1} = \boldsymbol{w}_{k-1}^T \boldsymbol{z}_{k-1}$ , then  $\boldsymbol{z}_k = \boldsymbol{z}_{k-1} - \alpha_{k-1} \boldsymbol{w}_{k-1}$ 

Problem. We do not know how to compute  $w_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k-1$ .

Let us define  $\boldsymbol{p} = \left(I - \boldsymbol{w}_{k-2} \boldsymbol{v}_{k-2}^T\right) \, \cdots \, \left(I - \boldsymbol{w}_0 \boldsymbol{v}_0^T\right) \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}_k)$  It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{s}_{k} &= -\boldsymbol{B}_{k}^{-1} \boldsymbol{F}_{k} = -\left(\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{w}_{k-1} \boldsymbol{v}_{k-1}^{T}\right) \boldsymbol{p} = \boldsymbol{w}_{k-1} (\boldsymbol{v}_{k-1}^{T} \boldsymbol{p}) - \boldsymbol{p} \\ B_{k-1}^{-1} \boldsymbol{u}_{k-1} &= B_{k-1}^{-1} \frac{\boldsymbol{F}_{k}}{\|\boldsymbol{s}_{k-1}\|} = \frac{\boldsymbol{p}}{\|\boldsymbol{s}_{k-1}\|} \\ \boldsymbol{w}_{k-1} &= \frac{B_{k-1}^{-1} \boldsymbol{u}_{k-1}}{1 + \boldsymbol{v}_{k-1}^{T} B_{k-1}^{-1} \boldsymbol{u}_{k-1}} = \frac{\boldsymbol{p}}{\|\boldsymbol{s}_{k-1}\| + \boldsymbol{v}_{k-1}^{T} \boldsymbol{p}} \end{aligned}$$

Now combining  $m{s}_k = m{w}_{k-1}(m{v}_{k-1}^Tm{p}) - m{p}$  with  $m{w}_{k-1} = \frac{m{p}}{\|m{s}_{k-1}\| + m{v}_{k-1}^Tm{p}}$  we obtain

$$\|m{s}_{k-1}\|m{w}_{k-1} = m{p} - m{w}_{k-1}m{v}_{k-1}^Tm{p}$$

hence

$$oldsymbol{w}_{k-1} = rac{oldsymbol{s}_k}{\|oldsymbol{s}_{k-1}\|}$$

Hence  $B_k^{-1}$  can be written in terms of sequence  $\{s_j\}$  only as

$${m B_k}^{-1} = \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \left( I + rac{m s_{j+1} m s_j^T}{\|m s_j\|_2^2} 
ight)$$

**NOTE**: We know  $s_k$  as a function of  $B_k^{-1}$  and  $B_k^{-1}$  as a function of  $s_k$ .

let us write  $s_k$  as

$$\mathbf{s}_{k} = -B_{k}^{-1} \mathbf{F}_{k} = -\left(I + \frac{\mathbf{s}_{k} \mathbf{s}_{k-1}^{T}}{\|\mathbf{s}_{k-1}\|_{2}^{2}}\right) \prod_{j=1}^{k-2} \left(I + \frac{\mathbf{s}_{j+1} \mathbf{s}_{j}^{T}}{\|\mathbf{s}_{j}\|_{2}^{2}}\right) \mathbf{F}_{k}$$

$$= -\left(I + \frac{\mathbf{s}_{k} \mathbf{s}_{k-1}^{T}}{\|\mathbf{s}_{k-1}\|_{2}^{2}}\right) B_{k-1}^{-1} \mathbf{F}_{k}$$
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Finally we solve (4) to obtain

$$m{s}_k = rac{B_{k-1}^{-1} m{F}_k}{1 + m{s}_{k-1}^T B_{k-1}^{-1} m{F}_k / \|m{s}_{k-1}\|_2^2}$$

# **Broyden Algorithm (sketch)**

■ INPUT: 
$$x_0, B_0$$
. Set  $k := 0, x := x_0$ .

First step: Solve 
$$B_0 s_0 = -F(x_0)$$

■ REPEAT until convergence

$$x := x + s_k$$

Solve 
$$B_0 \boldsymbol{z} = -\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

$$k := k + 1$$
.

FOR 
$$j := 1$$
 TO  $k-1$ 

$$lacksquare z := z + rac{oldsymbol{s}_{j+1}oldsymbol{s}_{j}^T}{\|oldsymbol{s}_{j}\|_2^2}$$

$$oldsymbol{s}_k := rac{oldsymbol{z}}{1 + oldsymbol{s}_{k-1}^T oldsymbol{z} / \|oldsymbol{s}_{k-1}\|_2^2}$$

END REPEAT

And this is also THE END of the course.