

Numerical Optimisation:
Trust Region Methods

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Recall the constraint minimisation problem for the trust region method with quadratic approximation of the function:

$$\min m(p) = f(x_k) + g^T p + \frac{1}{2} p^T B p \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|p\| \leq \Delta$$

Let us choose

We can take an orthonormal basis V in the subspace and write p as a linear combination of this basis via:

$$p = V a$$

Now consider the minimisation problem in terms of this basis:

$$\min m_v(a) = f(x_k) + g_v^T a + \frac{1}{2} a^T B_v a \quad \text{s.t. } \|a\| \leq \Delta,$$

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where we have used the fact that $V^T V = I$. As long as V has a full rank (g and $B^{-1}g$ are not collinear), if B is s.p.d. so is B_v .

Note that

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To solve

of Theorem 4.1 Nocedal Wiricht. From this theorem

have that a minimizes m_v s.t. $\|a\| \leq$

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$$\begin{cases} (B_v + \lambda I) a = -g & \lambda \\ \lambda(\Delta - \|a\|) = 0, \\ (B_v + \lambda I) \text{ is s.p.d.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

This gives two cases:

- $\lambda = 0$ and $\|a\| < \Delta$. The unconstrained solution is inside the trust region. Then the first equation becomes:

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- $\lambda = 0$ and $\|a\| = \Delta$. The constraint is active. Then we can

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The additional equation is provided by the c

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To solve this system we make use of eigendecomposition of B_V :

$$B_V = Q^T D Q \quad \text{with } Q \text{ orthonormal}$$

Then we have:

$$Qa = -(D + \lambda I)^{-1} Qg_v$$

and realise that $(Qa)^T(Qa) = a^T Q^T Q a = a^T a$. We denote

$Q_1 = Qa$ and $Q_2 = Qg_v$. For i -th element on Q_1 :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2}}$$

with

$$Q_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2}} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{Q_{g,1}^2}{(d_1 + \lambda)^2} + \frac{Q_{g,2}^2}{(d_2 + \lambda)^2}$$

which we can transform to a 4th degree polynomial in λ assuming that $d_i + \lambda > 0$.