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## Session 28: Optimization Problems 2025.1.11

Critical point:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \underline{f_x = 0 \text{ and } f_y = 0}$

$\Rightarrow$  the tangent plane is horizontal  $\Rightarrow f_x(x_0, y_0) = f_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$

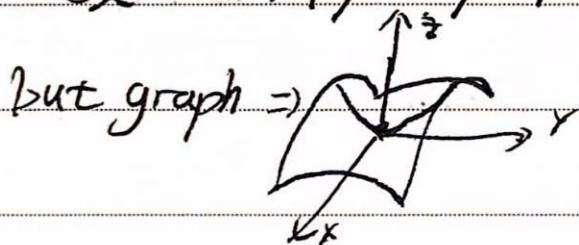
$$z = z_0 + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow z = z_0$$

Not all critical point is maximum or minimum

Ex:  $z = -x^2 + y^2$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -2x, f_y = 2y, \text{ thus critical point } \Rightarrow (0, 0)$$



the point isn't maximum or minimum

ex: ~~box~~

$$w = \frac{12}{x} + \frac{16}{y} + 3xy \Rightarrow w_x = -\frac{12}{x^2} + 3y = 0$$

$$w_y = -\frac{16}{y^2} + 3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0.2 \Rightarrow x = 2, y = 1$$

and if  $x = 0, y = 0$



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Problems:

1. Find all critical points

$$f(x, y) = x^6 + y^3 + 6x - 12y + 7$$

$$f_x = 6x^5 + 6, \quad f_y = 3y^2 - 12$$

$$f_x = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$$

$$f_y = 0 \Rightarrow y = \pm 2 \quad \text{so critical points:}$$

$$(-1, -2), (-1, 2)$$

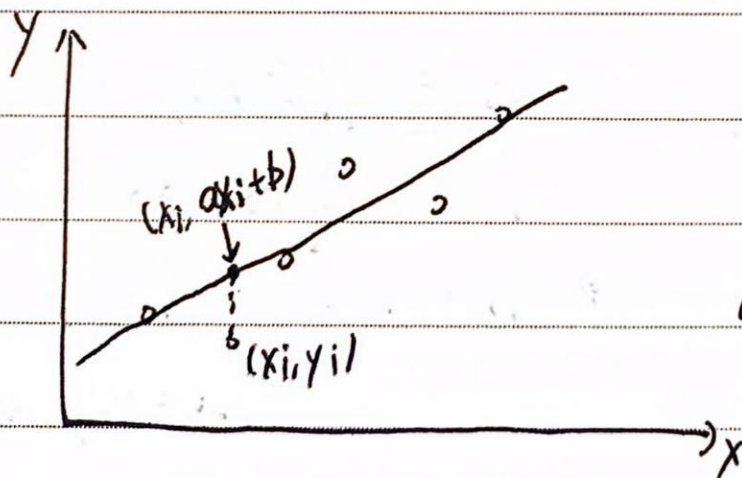
Session 29: Least Squares

 (最小二乘法)

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the lagrange interpolation formula

(拉格朗日插值公式)



we want to find  
a line "best" pass  
through the points





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$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (ax_i + b))^2 \quad (\text{Gaussian error distribution})$$

↑ deviations

↑ only sum positive quantities

method of least squares

$y = ax + b \Rightarrow$  the least squares line or the regression line

how to calculate a and b?  $\Rightarrow$  make D a minimum

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial D}{\partial a} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2(y_i - ax_i - b) \cdot (-x_i) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2(y_i - ax_i - b) \cdot (-1) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) a + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) b &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \\ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) a + n \cdot b &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \text{avg of } x^2 \\ \Rightarrow \text{divided by } n &\quad \bar{S} a + \bar{x} \cdot b = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i y_i \\ &\quad \bar{x} \bar{x} \cdot a + b = \frac{1}{n} \sum y_i = \bar{y} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

2. Fitting curves by least squares. (通过拟合 =

乘法拟合曲线)

if the points seem to a curve rather than a line:

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$$\downarrow \quad y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2))^2$$



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use chain rule to get  $\frac{\partial D}{\partial a_0}$ ,  $\frac{\partial D}{\partial a_1}$ ,  $\frac{\partial D}{\partial a_2}$   
they can be solved by finding the inverse ~~matrix~~  
matrix or using a calculator on MatLab

In general, this method of least squares applies to a trial expression of the form

$$(9) \quad y = a_0 f_0(x) + a_1 f_1(x) + \dots + a_n f_n(x)$$

$f_i(x) \Rightarrow$  simple ones like  $1, x, x^2, \frac{1}{x}, e^{kx} \dots$

such (9) called linear combination of the function  $f_i(x)$

Examples:

Use the method of least squares to fit a line to the three data points.

$(0, 0), (1, 2), (2, 1)$

$$D = \sum (y_i - (ax_i + b))^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} D &= (0 - (a \cdot 0 + b))^2 + (2 - (a + b))^2 + (1 - (a \cdot 2 + b))^2 \\ &= b^2 + (2 - a - b)^2 + (1 - 2a - b)^2 \end{aligned}$$





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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial D}{\partial a} = -2(2-a-b) - 4(1-2a-b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a + 3b = 4$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial b} = 2b - 2(2-a-b) - 2(1-2a-b) = 0 \Rightarrow 6a + 6b = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a + 3b = 3, \text{ so } a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

Problems: Least Squares Interpolation

(0, 0) (1, 2) (2, 1) (3, 4)

$$y = ax + b$$

$$D = \sum (y_i - (ax_i + b))^2$$

$$D = (0 - b)^2 + (2 - (a + b))^2 + (1 - (2a + b))^2 + (4 - (3a + b))^2$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial a} = b^2 + (2 - a - b)^2 + (1 - 2a - b)^2 + (4 - 3a - b)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial a} = 2(2-a-b) \cdot -1 + 2(1-2a-b) \cdot -2 + 2(4-3a-b) \cdot -3$$

$$= -4 + 2a + 2b - 4 + 8a + 4b - 24 + 18a + 6b$$

$$= 28a + 12b - 32 = 0 \Rightarrow 7a + 3b = 8$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial b} = 2b + 2(2-a-b) \cdot -1 + 2(1-2a-b) \cdot -1 + 2(4-3a-b) \cdot -1$$

$$= 2b - 4 + 2a + 2b - 2 + 4a + 2b - 8 + 6a + 2b$$

$$= 12a + 8b - 14 = 0 \Rightarrow 6a + 4b = 7$$

$$b = \frac{9-7a}{3} \quad 6a + 12 - \frac{28a}{3} = 7 \Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{3}, b = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$-\frac{10}{3}a = -5 \quad a = 5 \times \frac{3}{10} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{so } y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = \frac{11}{10}x + \frac{1}{10}$$