

Prelab 3

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1) a) $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x \Rightarrow f''(x) = 12x^2 - 12$

when $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0, x_2 = \sqrt{3}, x_3 = -\sqrt{3}$

$\Rightarrow f''(0) = -12 < 0$ local maximum.

$f''(\sqrt{3}) = 12 \cdot 3 - 12 = 24 > 0$ local minimum.

$f''(-\sqrt{3}) = 12 \cdot 3 - 12 = 24 > 0$ local minimum.

\Rightarrow when $x = \pm\sqrt{3}$, \Rightarrow local minimum.

\Rightarrow corresponding minimal: $f(\sqrt{3}) = 3^2 - 6 \times 3 = -9$

$f(-\sqrt{3}) = 3^2 - 6 \times 3 = -9.$

b) using gradient descent function in a loop function.

1. set up the x_0 , and iteration counter $i=0$

2. calculate the gradient let $g_i = f'(x_i)$

3. set the next one, $x_{i+1} = x_i - g_i \times \text{learning rate}.$

4. using the loop function $i = i + 1$

c) set the maximum iteration, the gradient magnitude.
set up a difference range.

b)

a) we can gaussian elimination on matrix $[A|0]$

And use back-sub to find solution to $Ax = 0$

if there're non-zero solution in null space, $Ax = b$

can be written as $x = x_0 + \text{null space of } A \times \text{arbitrary vector within null space}.$

b) $c = (a \cdot b / \|a\|^2) \times a.$