

Chapter 5 Project: Apply Nelder-Mead to the Rheology Problem

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Nelder-Mead Algorithm

Given $f : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ and the vertices of an initial simplex $Y^0 = \{y^0, y^1, \dots, y^n\}$

0. Initialize:

$\delta^e, \delta^{oc}, \delta^{ic}, \gamma$	parameters
$k \leftarrow 0$	iteration counter

1. Order and create centroid:

reorder Y^k so $f(y^0) \leq f(y^1) \leq \dots \leq f(y^n)$	
set $x^c = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} y^i$, the centroid of all except the worst point	

2. Reflect:

test reflection point $x^r = x^c + (x^c - y^n)$	
if $f(y^0) \leq f(x^r) < f(y^{n-1})$, then accept x^r and goto 1	

3. Expand:

if $f(x^r) < f(y^0)$, then test expansion point $x^e = x^c + \delta^e(x^c - y^n)$	
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4a). Outside Contraction:

if $f(y^{n-1}) \leq f(x^r) < f(y^n)$, then test outside contraction $x^{oc} = x^c + \delta^{oc}(x^c - y^n)$	
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4b). Inside Contraction:

if $f(x^r) \geq f(y^n)$, then test inside contraction point $x^{ic} = x^c + \delta^{ic}(x^c - y^n)$	
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5. Shrink:

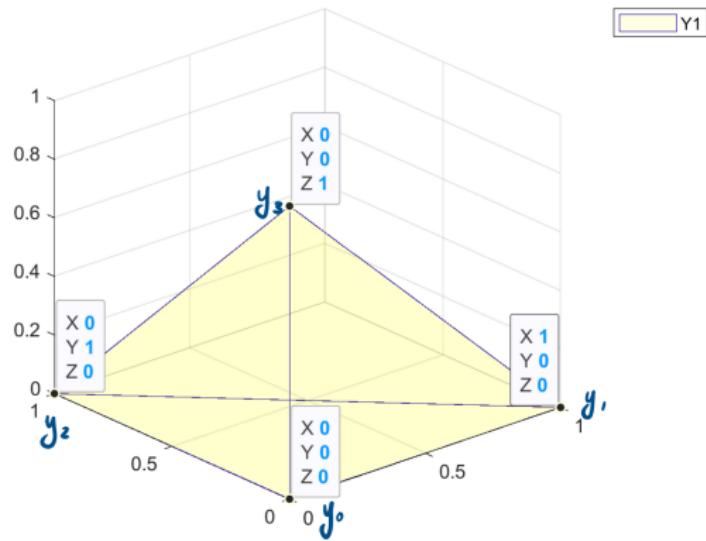
if all tests fail, then shrink	$Y^{k+1} = \{y^0, y^0 + \gamma(y^1 - y^0), y^0 + \gamma(y^2 - y^0), \dots, y^0 + \gamma(y^n - y^0)\}$
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0. Initialize

```
Y0a = [0 1 0 0;  
       0 0 1 0;  
       0 0 0 1];
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del_e_s = 2;  
del_oc_s = 1/2;  
del_ic_s = -1/2;  
gamma_s = 1/2;
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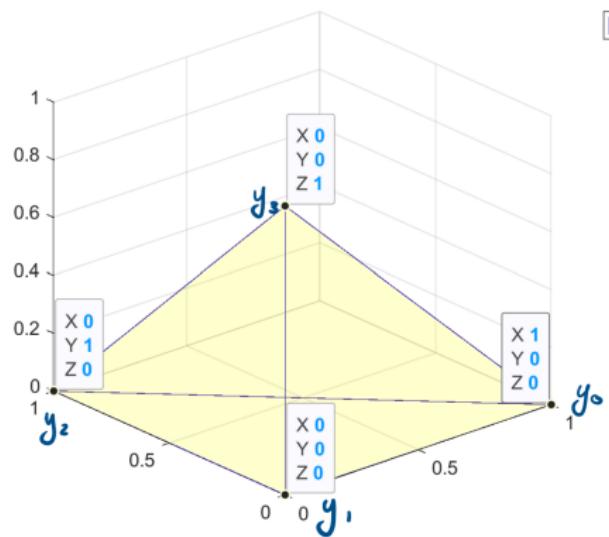
1. Order

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%ORDER THE initial simplex SIMPLEX
if iteration == 2
    for i = 1:k
        function_at_simplex(i) = f(current_Simplex(:,i));
        feval = feval +1;
    end
    feval_total(iteration-1) = feval;
    [current_Simplex,function_at_simplex] = sortSimplex(current_Simplex,function_at_simplex,stepComputed);
end

case 'fullSort'
    %Do Insertion Sort to sort the simplex
    for i = 2:k
        key = Yi(:,i);
        fkey = fYi(i);
        j = i-1;
        while ((j >= 1) && (fkey < fYi(j)))
            Yi(:,j+1) = Yi(:,j);
            fYi(j+1) = fYi(j);
            j = j -1;
        end
        Yi(:,j+1) = key;
        fYi(j+1) = fkey;
    end

case 'partialSort'
    %Sort the added vector Yn in the simplex
    k = length(Yi(1,:));
    for i = k:-1:2
        if fYi(i) < fYi(i-1)
            temp = Yi(:,i-1);
            Yi(:,i-1) = Yi(:,i);
            Yi(:,i) = temp;

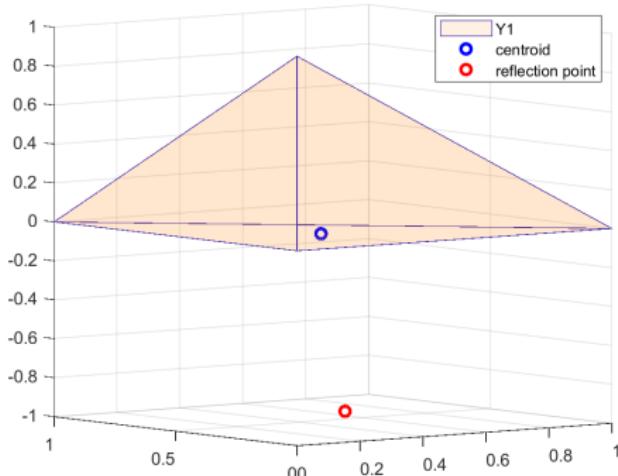
            tempf = fYi(i-1);
            fYi(i-1) = fYi(i);
            fYi(i) = tempf;
        else
            break;
        end
    end
end
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1 and 2. Calculate centroid and x^r

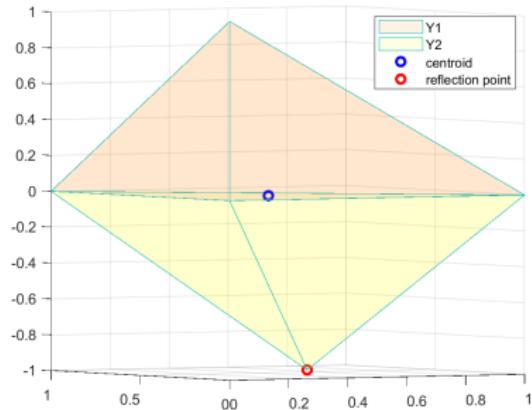
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%CALCULATE CENTROID%
xc = zeros(k - 1,1);
for i = 1:k-1
    xc = xc + current_Simplex(:,i);
end
xc = (1/(k-1)).*xc;

%CALCULATE REFLECTION POINT%
xr = xc + (xc - current_Simplex(:,k));
fr = f(xr);
feval = feval + 1;
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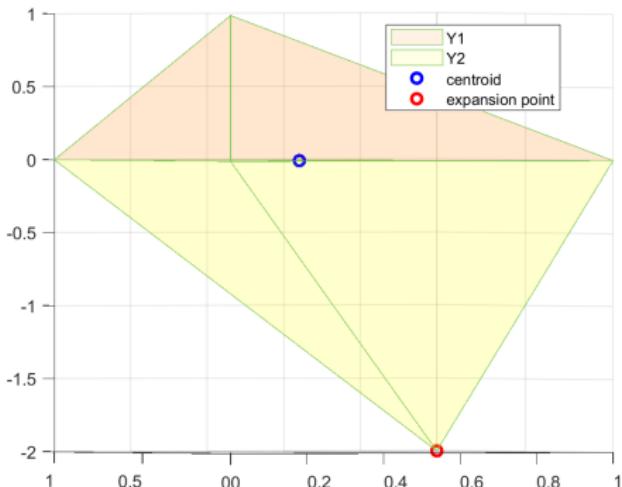
2. Reflect

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%REFLECTION STEP%
if (function_at_simplex(1) <= fr) && (fr < function_at_simplex(k-1))
    current_Simplex(:,k) = xr;
    function_at_simplex(k) = fr;
stepComputed = "partialSort";
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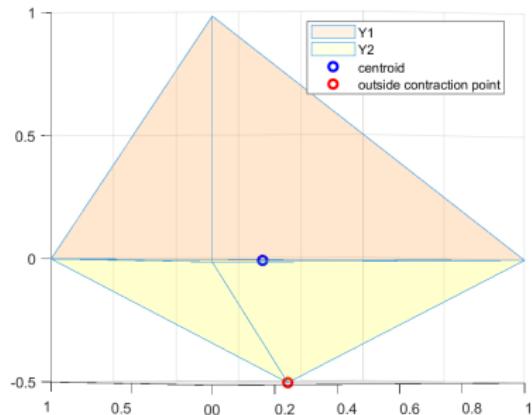
3. Expand

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%EXPANSION%
elseif (fr < function_at_simplex(1))
    xe = xc + del_e*(xc - current_Simplex(:,k));
    fe = f(xe);
    feval = feval + 1;
    if fe < fr
        current_Simplex(:,k) = xe;
        function_at_simplex(k) = fe;
    else
        current_Simplex(:,k) = xr;
        function_at_simplex(k) = fr;
    end
stepComputed = "partialSort";
```



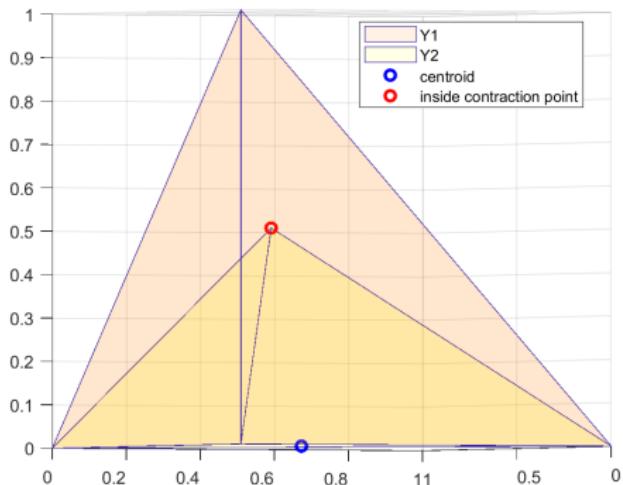
4.a) Outside Contraction

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%OUTSIDE CONTRACTION%
elseif (function_at_simplex(k-1) <= fr)&&(fr < function_at_simplex(k))
    xoc = xc + del_oc*(xc - current_Simplex(:,k));
    foc = f(xoc);
    feval = feval + 1;
    stepComputed = "partialSort";
    if foc < fr
        current_Simplex(:,k) = xoc;
        function_at_simplex(k) = foc;
        stepComputed = "partialSort";
    else
        current_Simplex(:,k) = xri;
        function_at_simplex(k) = fr;
        stepComputed = "partialSort" ;
    end
```



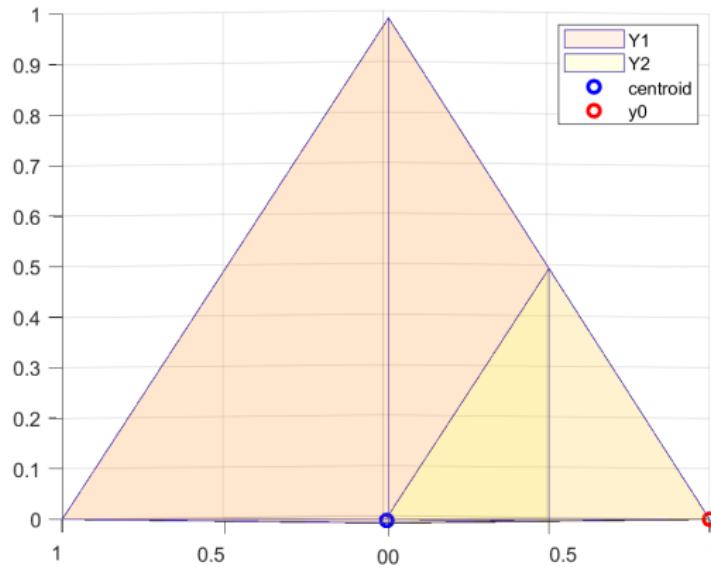
4.b) Inside Contraction

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%INSIDE CONTRACTION%
elseif (fr >= function_at_simplex(k))
    xic = xc + del_ic.* (xc - current_Simplex(:,k));
    fic = f(xic);
    feval = feval + 1;
    if fic < function_at_simplex(k)
        current_Simplex(:,k) = xic;
        function_at_simplex(k) = fic;
        stepComputed = "partialSort";
```



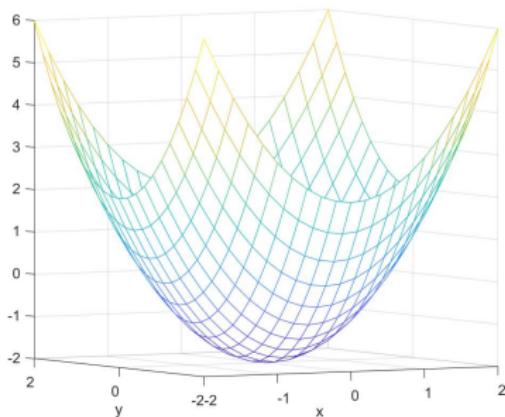
5. Shrink

```
%SHRINK%
for i = 2:k
    current_Simplex(:,i) = (1-gamma).*current_Simplex(:,1) + gamma.*current_Simplex(:,i);
    function_at_simplex(i) = f(current_Simplex(:,i));
    feval = feval + 1;
end
stepComputed = "fullSort";
```



Examples of Nelder-Mead at work: A nice example

$$f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2$$

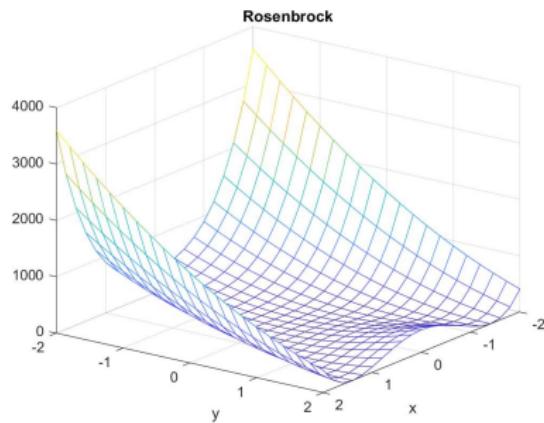


$$\min(f(x)) = -2 \text{ for } x = (0, 0)$$

$$f_{best}^k = -2 \text{ for } x_{best}^k = (0, 0)$$

Examples of Nelder-Mead at work: Rosenbrock function

$$f(x) = (1 - x_1)^2 + 100(x_2 - x_1)^2$$

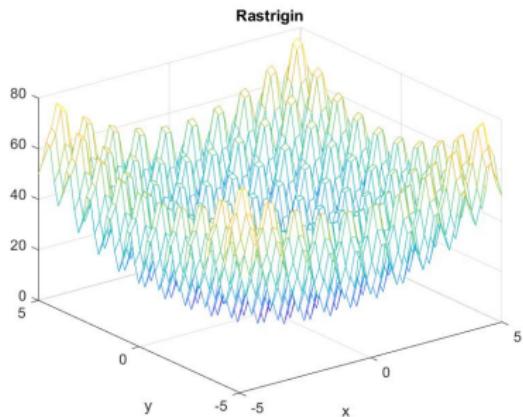


$$\min(f(x)) = 0 \text{ for } x = (1, 1)$$

$$f_{best}^k = 0 \text{ for } x_{best}^k = (1, 1)$$

Examples of Nelder-Mead at work: Rastrigin function

$$f(x) = 20 + x_1^2 - 10\cos(2\pi x_1) + x_2^2 - 10\cos(2\pi x_2)$$



$$\min(f(x)) = 0 \text{ for } x = (0, 0)$$

The Rheology Problem

Viscosity of a system

$$\eta(\dot{\gamma}) = \eta_0(1 + \lambda^2 \dot{\gamma}^2)^{\frac{\beta-1}{2}}$$

A function of the strain rate, $\dot{\gamma}$, with parameters η_0 , λ , and β .

TABLE 1.1. Observed data in rheology of polymeric systems

Observation <i>i</i>	Strain rate $\dot{\gamma}_i$ (s^{-1})	Viscosity η_i ($Pa \cdot s$)
1	0.0137	3220
2	0.0274	2190
3	0.0434	1640
4	0.0866	1050
5	0.137	766
6	0.274	490
7	0.434	348
8	0.866	223
9	1.37	163
10	2.74	104
11	4.34	76.7
12	5.46	68.1
13	6.88	58.2

Absolute Error:

$$\epsilon_i(\eta_0, \lambda, \beta) = |\eta_0(1 + \lambda^2 \dot{\gamma}_i^2)^{\frac{\beta-1}{2}} - \eta_i|$$

Non-smooth optimization problem:

$$\hat{g}(\eta_0, \lambda, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{13} \epsilon_i(\eta_0, \lambda, \beta)$$

(Audet and Hare, 2017)

The Rheology Problem: Solved

1.a) Standard parameters with simplex A

Input:

```
Y0a = [0 1 0 0;  
       0 0 1 0;  
       0 0 0 1];
```

```
del_e_s = 2;  
del_oc_s = 1/2;  
del_ic_s = -1/2;  
gamma_s = 1/2;
```

Output:

9.5062	9.5062	9.5062	9.5062
-8.4167	-8.4167	-8.4167	-8.4167
8.7269	8.7269	8.7269	8.7269

$$f_{best}^k = 32.7239$$

The Rheology Problem: Solved

1.b) Standard parameters with simplex B

Input:

```
Y0b = Y0a + (9.5)*ones(3,4);  
  
del_e_s = 2;  
del_oc_s = 1/2;  
del_ic_s = -1/2;  
gamma_s = 1/2;
```

Output:

9.5062	9.5062	9.5062	9.5062
8.4167	8.4167	8.4167	8.4167
8.7269	8.7269	8.7269	8.7269

$$f_{best}^k = 32.7238$$

The Rheology Problem: Solved

2.a) New parameters with simplex A

Input:

```
Y0a = [0 1 0 0;  
       0 0 1 0;  
       0 0 0 1];  
  
del_e_na = 4.71;  
del_oc_na = 0.65;  
del_ic_na = -0.3;  
gamma_na = 0.94;
```

Output:

9.5062	9.5062	9.5062	9.5062
-8.4167	-8.4167	-8.4167	-8.4167
8.7269	8.7269	8.7269	8.7269

$$f_{best}^k = 32.7238$$

The Rheology Problem: Solved

2.b) New parameters with simplex B

Input:

```
Y0b = Y0a + (9.5)*ones(3,4);
```

```
del_e_nb = 2.3;
del_oc_nb = 0.46;
del_ic_nb = -0.45;
gamma_nb = 0.01;
```

Output:

9.5062	9.5062	9.5062	9.5062
8.4167	8.4167	8.4167	8.4167
8.7269	8.7269	8.7269	8.7269

$$f_{best}^k = 32.7238$$

The Rheology Problem: Solved

