

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

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# 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  $\eta_0$ ,  $\lambda$ , and  $\beta$ .

TABLE 1.1. Observed data in rheology of polymeric systems

Observation $i$	Strain rate $\dot{\gamma}_i$ ( $s^{-1}$ )	Viscosity $\eta_i$ ( $Pa \cdot s$ )
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)

# 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  $x^e = x^c + \delta^e(x^c - y^n)$

4a). Outside Contraction:

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

4b). Inside Contraction:

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

5. Shrink:

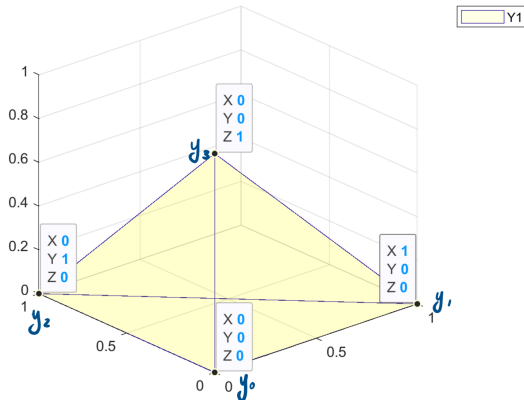
if all tests fail, then shrink  
 $Y^{k+1} = \{y^0, y^0 + \gamma(y^1 - y^0), y^0 + \gamma(y^2 - y^0), \dots, y^0 + \gamma(y^n - y^0)\}$

(Math 462, UBCO, 2020)

# 0. Initialize

```
% Question 1a)
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 = 0.1;
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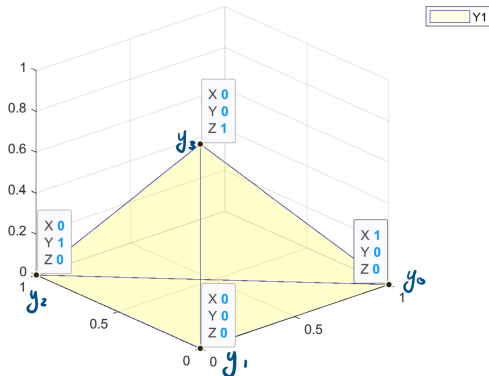
# 1. Order

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case 'nonshrink'
    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
case 'shrink'
    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
end

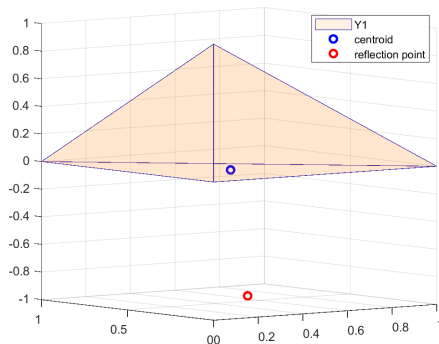
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# 1 and 2. Calculate centroid and $x^r$

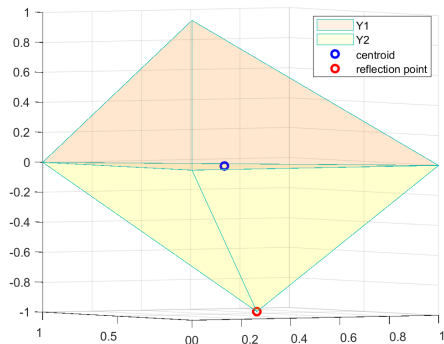
```
%CALCULATE CENTROID%
xc = zeros(k - 1,1);
for i = 1:k-1
    xc = xc + Yk(:,i);
end
xc = (1/(k-1)).*xc;

%CALCULATE REFLECTION POINT%
xr = xc + (xc - Yk(:,k));
fr = f(xr);
feval = feval + 1;
```



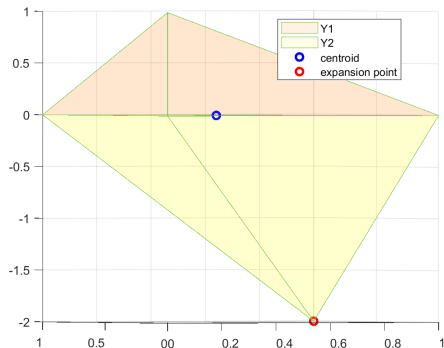
## 2. Reflect

```
%REFLECTION STEP%  
if (f_store(1) <= fr) && (fr < f_store(k-1))  
    %disp("ref")  
    Yk(:,k) = xr;  
    f_store(k) = fr;  
    stepComputed = "nonshrink";
```



### 3. Expand

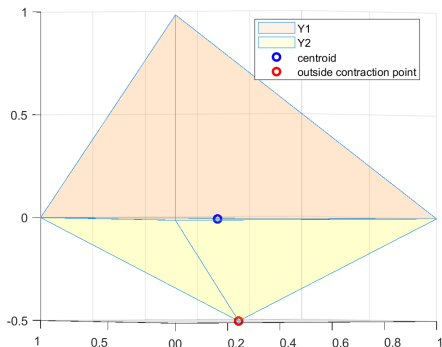
```
%EXPANSION%
elseif (fr < f_store(1))
    %disp("exp")
    xe = xc + del_e*(xc - Yk(:,k));
    fe = f(xe);
    feval = feval + 1;
    if fe < fr
        Yk(:,k) = xe;
        f_store(k) = fe;
    else
        Yk(:,k) = xr;
        f_store(k) = fr;
    end
    stepComputed = "nonshrink";
```





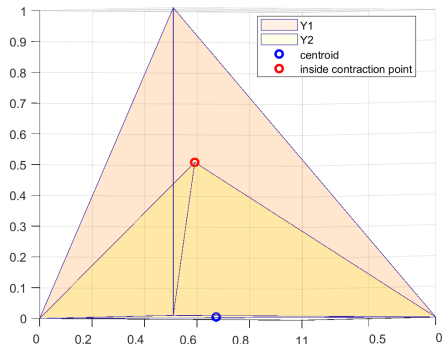
## 4.a) Outside Contraction

```
%OUTSIDE CONTRACTION%
elseif (f_store(k-1) <= fr) && (fr < f_store(k))
    xoc = xc + del_oc*(xc - Yk(:,k));
    foc = f(xoc);
    feval = feval + 1;
    stepComputed = "nonshrink";
    if foc < fr
        % disp("oc")
        Yk(:,k) = xoc;
        f_store(k) = foc;
        stepComputed = "nonshrink";
    else
        % disp("ocref")
        Yk(:,k) = xr;
        f_store(k) = fr;
        stepComputed = "nonshrink";
    end
end
```



## 4.b) Inside Contraction

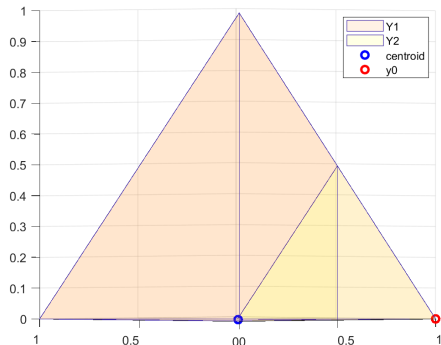
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%INSIDE CONTRACTION%
elseif (fr >= f_store(k))
    xic = xc + del_ic.*(xc - Yk(:,k));
    fic = f(xic);
    feval = feval + 1;
    if fic < f_store(k)
        % disp("ic")
        Yk(:,k) = xic;
        f_store(k) = fic;
        stepComputed = "nonshrink";
```



# 5. Shrink

```
%SHRINK%
else
    % disp("shrink")
    for i = 2:k
        Yk(:,i) = (1-gamma).*Yk(:,1) + gamma.*Yk(:,i);
        f_store(i) = f(Yk(:,i));
        feval = feval + 1;
    end
    stepComputed = "shrink";
    [Yk,f_store] = sortSimplex(Yk,f_store,stepComputed);
end

case 'shrink'
    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
end
```

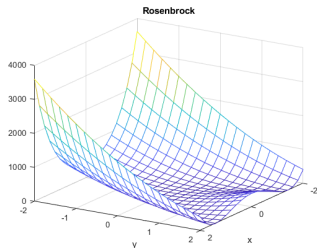


# Examples of Nelder-Mead at work: A nice example

plot of a nice function goes  
here

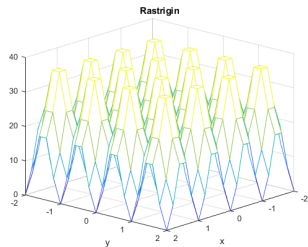
put a convergence plot here and the min  
that we observe vs what our NM code  
takes us to

# Examples of Nelder-Mead at work: Rosenbrock function



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takes us to

# Examples of Nelder-Mead at work: Rastrigin function



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that we observe vs what our NM code  
takes us to

# The Rheology Problem: Revisited

## 1. Standard parameters

Here is the code we gave to NM to run the standard parameters  
Here is the simplex and function values we obtained by running NM on the standard parameters

## 2. New parameters

We proposed new parameters using grid search on the parameter space  
Here is the code we gave to NM to run the new parameters  
Here is the simplex and function values we obtained by running NM on our new parameters

# The Rheology Problem: Revisited

Here is our convergence plot  
code

Here is our convergence plot of all the cases