

Basic linear algebra recap. Convergence rates. Line Search

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- In all other cases (i.e., when $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \inf_k \frac{r_{k+1}}{r_k} < 1 \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_k \frac{r_{k+1}}{r_k}$) we cannot claim anything concrete about the convergence rate $\{r_k\}_{k=m}^{\infty}$.

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Typical line search problem is finding the good value α of the stepsize:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \alpha \nabla f(x_k)$$



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Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, and let $q := \min\{m, n\}$. Show that

$$\|A\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^q \sigma_i^2(A),$$

where $\sigma_1(A) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_q(A) \geq 0$ are the singular values of matrix A . Hint: use the connection between Frobenius norm and scalar product and SVD.

Problem 3. Known your inner product.

Simplify the following expression:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \langle S^{-1} a_i, a_i \rangle,$$

where $S = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i a_i^T$, $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\det(S) \neq 0$

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Problem 5. One test is simpler, than another.

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Problem 6. Quadratic convergence.

Show, that the following sequence does not have a quadratic convergence.

$$r_k = \frac{1}{3^{k^2}}$$