

# Matrix calculus. Line search.

## Seminar

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$$dA = 0$$

$$d(\alpha X) = \alpha(dX)$$

$$d(AXB) = A(dX)B$$

$$d(X + Y) = dX + dY$$

$$d(X^T) = (dX)^T$$

$$d(XY) = (dX)Y + X(dY)$$

$$d(\langle X, Y \rangle) = \langle dX, Y \rangle + \langle X, dY \rangle$$

$$d\left(\frac{X}{\phi}\right) = \frac{\phi dX - (d\phi)X}{\phi^2}$$

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## Standard Derivatives

$$d(\langle A, X \rangle) = \langle A, dX \rangle$$

$$d(\langle Ax, x \rangle) = \langle (A + A^T)x, dx \rangle$$

$$d(\text{Det}(X)) = \text{Det}(X) \langle X^{-T}, dX \rangle$$

$$d(X^{-1}) = -X^{-1}(dX)X^{-1}$$

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# Matrix Calculus. Problem 1

## Example

Find  $\nabla f(x)$ , if  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax + b^T x + c$ .



## Matrix Calculus. Problem 2

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Find  $\nabla f(X)$ , if  $f(X) = \text{tr}(AX^{-1}B)$

## Matrix Calculus. Problem 3

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Find the gradient  $\nabla f(x)$  and hessian  $\nabla^2 f(x)$ , if  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}\|x\|_2^3$

## Line Search. Example 1: Comparison of Methods (Colab ♣)

$$f_1(x) = x(x-2)(x+2)^2 + 10$$

$$[a, b] = [-3, 2]$$

Random search: 72 function calls. 36 iterations.  $f_1^* = 0.09$

Binary search: 23 function calls. 13 iterations.  $f_1^* = 10.00$

Golden search: 19 function calls. 18 iterations.  $f_1^* = 10.00$

Parabolic search: 20 function calls. 17 iterations.  $f_1^* = 10.00$

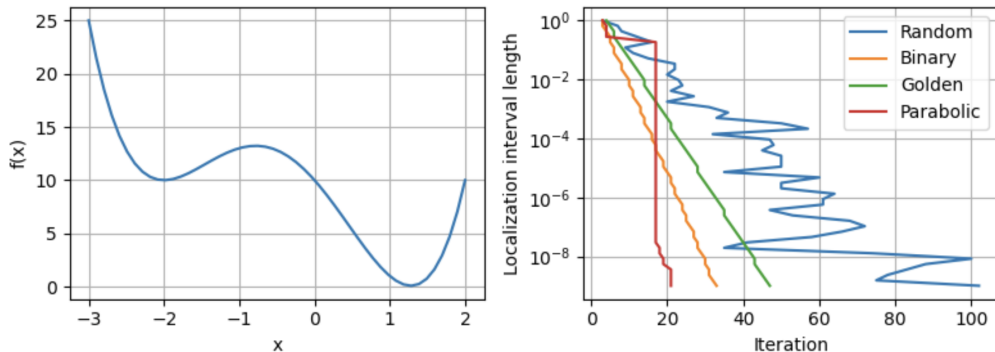


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$$f_2(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{8}}}{8}$$

$$[a, b] = [0, 6]$$

Random search: 68 function calls. 34 iterations.  $f_2^* = 0.71$

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Golden search: 20 function calls. 19 iterations.  $f_2^* = 0.71$

Parabolic search: 17 function calls. 14 iterations.  $f_2^* = 0.71$



Figure 2: Comparison of different line search algorithms with  $f_2$

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$$f_3(x) = \sin \left( \sin \left( \sin \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} \right) \right) \right)$$

$$[a, b] = [5, 70]$$

Random search: 66 function calls. 33 iterations.  $f_3^* = 0.25$

Binary search: 32 function calls. 17 iterations.  $f_3^* = 0.25$

Golden search: 25 function calls. 24 iterations.  $f_3^* = 0.25$

Parabolic search: 103 function calls. 100 iterations.  $f_3^* = 0.25$

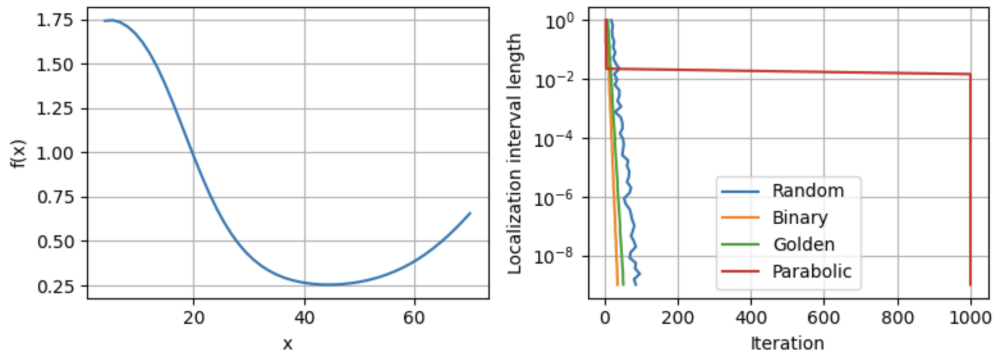


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- $u$  – minimum of a parabola built on points  $x, w$  and  $v$  or the point of the golden section of the largest of the intervals  $[a, x]$   $[x, b]$ .



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