Matrix calculus. Line search.

Seminar

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- Useful differentiation rules and standard derivatives:

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$d(\alpha X) = \alpha(dX)$	$d(\langle Ax,\, x\rangle) = \langle (A + A^T)x,\, dx\rangle$
$d(AXB) = A(dX)B$	$d(Det(X)) = Det(X)\langle X^{-T},\, dX\rangle$
$d(X + Y) = dX + dY$	$d(X^{-1}) = -X^{-1}(dX)X^{-1}$
$d(X^T) = (dX)^T$	
$d(XY) = (dX)Y + X(dY)$	
$d(\langle X,\, Y\rangle) = \langle dX,\, Y\rangle + \langle X,\, dY\rangle$	
$d\left(\frac{X}{\phi}\right) = \frac{\phi dX - (d\phi)X}{\phi^2}$	

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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

Example

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

Matrix Calculus. Problem 3

Example

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. $f_1^* = 0.09$
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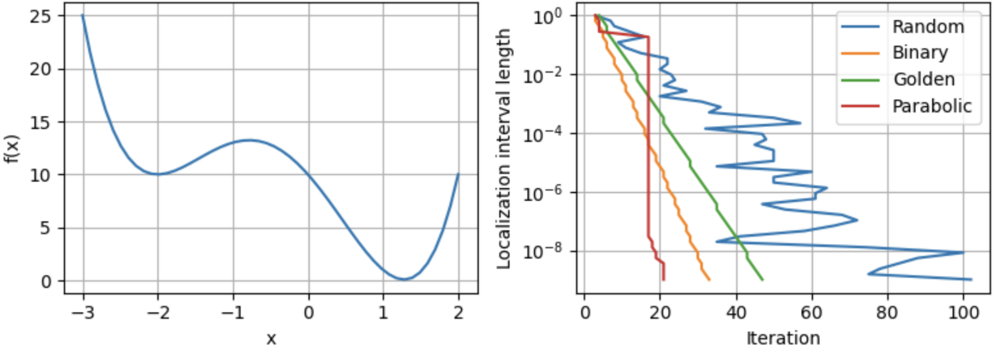

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$$f_2(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\frac{x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{8}}}{8}$$

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

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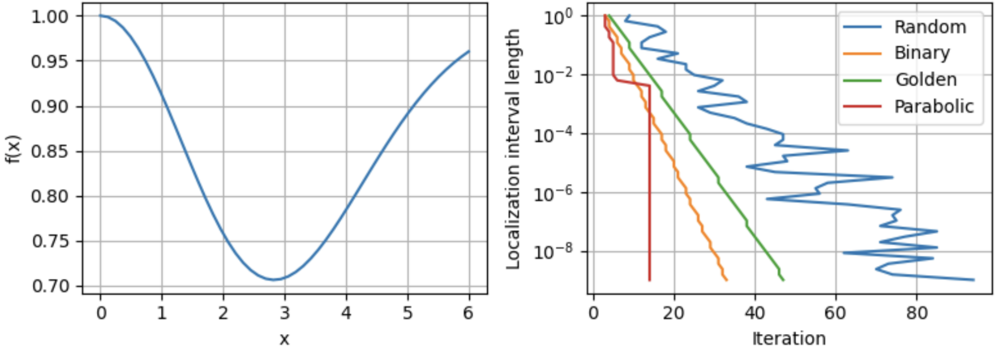

Figure 2: Comparison of different line search algorithms with f_2

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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. $f_3^* = 0.25$
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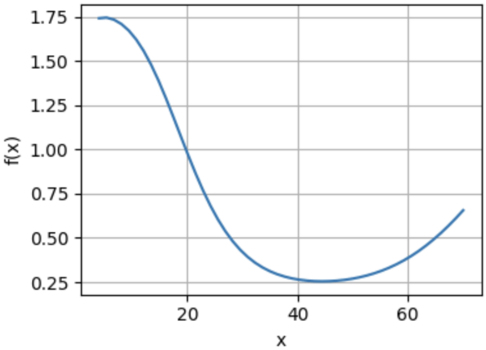

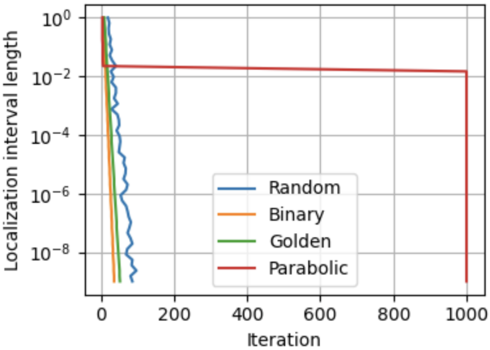

Figure 3: Comparison of different line search algorithms with f_3

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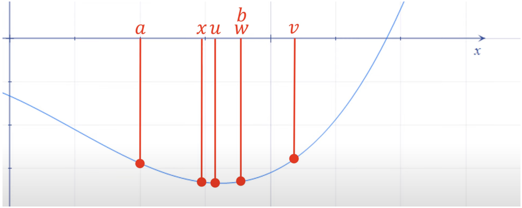

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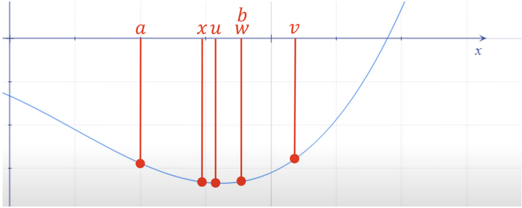

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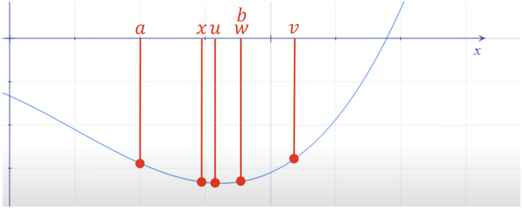

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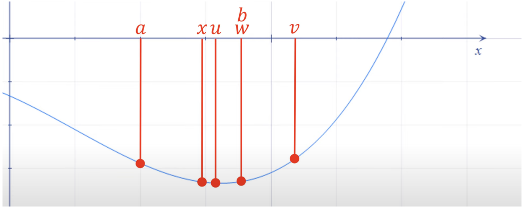

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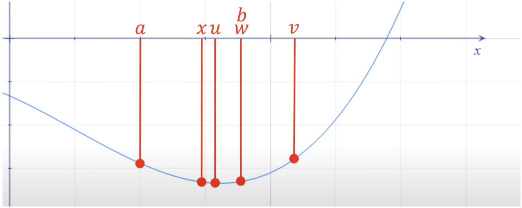

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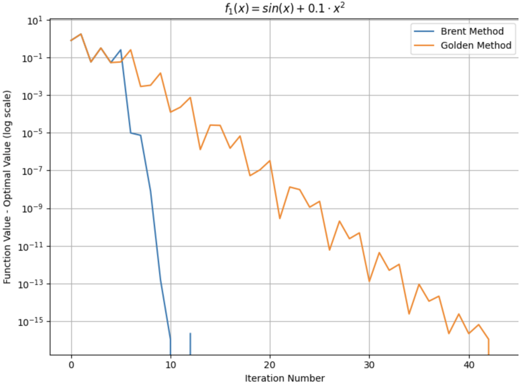

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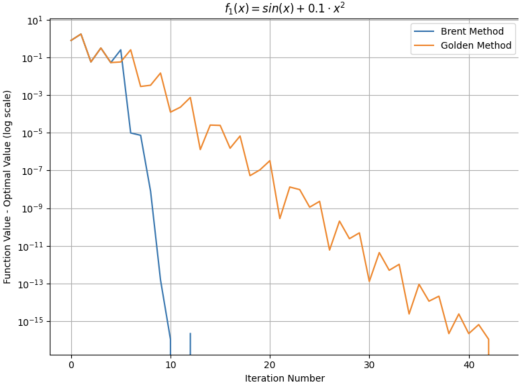

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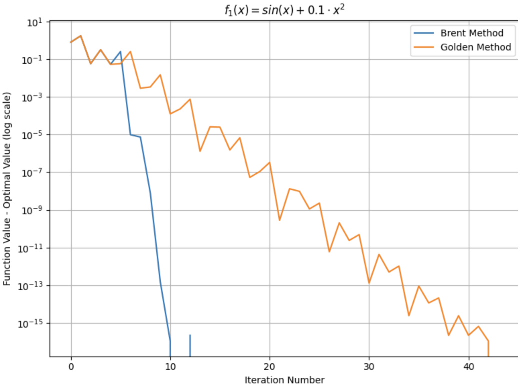

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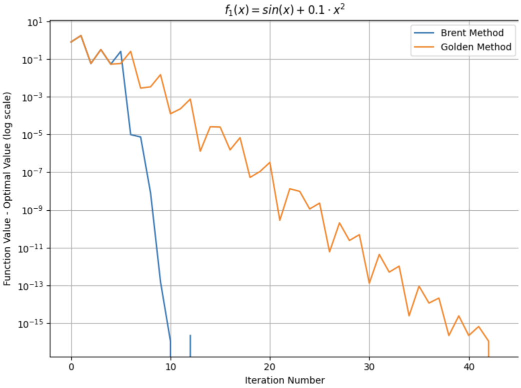

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