

Quiz # 2: Optimization in Neural Networks and Newton's Method

Question 1

Using Newton's method, find an approximation recursive formula for $\sqrt{2}$. To help you, remember that $\sqrt{2}$ is the positive solution for $x^2 - 2$, so you can use

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2.$$

Options :-

- ☐ $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{2x_k}{x_k^2 - 2}$
- ☐ $x_{k+1} = \frac{x_k^2 - 2}{2x_k}$
- ☐ $x_{k+1} = \frac{2x_k}{x_k^2 - 2}$
- ☒ $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{x_k^2 - 2}{2x_k}$

Handwritten solution for Newton's method applied to $f(x) = x^2 - 2$:

$f(x) = x^2 - 2$

Newton formula is:-

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} \rightarrow (1)$$

$f(x_k) = x_k^2 - 2$

$f'(x_k) = 2x_k$

$\therefore (1)$ becomes:-

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{x_k^2 - 2}{2x_k}$$

Question 2

Regarding the previous question, suppose you don't know any approximation for $\sqrt{2}$ and only that it is a positive real number such that $x^2 = 2$. Which value from the list below will result in the fastest convergence?

a):- 4

b):- 3

c):- 2

d):- The initial value does not impact in the Newton's method convergence.

Answer:- c

We know that $\sqrt{2}$ is a number between 1 and 2, so 2 is the closest value in this list of options, therefore is the value that will converge faster!

Question 3

Let's continue investigating the method we are developing to compute the $\sqrt{2}$. Remember that we used the fact that $\sqrt{2}$ is one of the roots of $x^2 - 2$. What would happen if we have chosen a negative value as initial point?

a):- The algorithm would not converge.

b):- The algorithm would converge to $\sqrt{2}$

c):- The algorithm would converge to the negative root of $x^2 - 2$

d):- The algorithm would converge to 0.

Answer:- d

Question 4

Did you know that it is possible to calculate the *reciprocal* of any number *without performing division*? (The reciprocal of a non-zero real number a is $1/a$).

Setting a non-zero real number a , use the function $f(x) = a - \frac{1}{x} = a - x^{-1}$ to find such formula. This method was in fact used in older IBM computers to implement division in hardware! So, the iteration formula to find the reciprocal of a , in this case, is:

Options:-

☒ $x_{k+1} = 2x_k - ax_k^2$

☐ $x_{k+1} = 2x_k + ax_k^2$

☐ $x_{k+1} = 2x_k - x_k^2$

☐ $x_{k+1} = x_k - ax_k^2$

Handwritten solution for finding the Newton-Raphson iteration formula for $f(x) = a - x^{-1}$.

Given $f(x) = a - x^{-1}$

The Newton-Raphson iteration formula is:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

First, find the derivative $f'(x)$:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(a - x^{-1}) = 0 + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

Then, substitute $f(x_k)$ and $f'(x_k)$ into the iteration formula:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{(a - x_k^{-1})}{\frac{1}{x_k^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{k+1} &= x_k - \left(\frac{ax_k - 1}{\frac{1}{x_k}} \right) \\
 &= x_k - x_k(ax_k - 1) \\
 &= x_k - ax_k^2 + x_k \\
 \boxed{x_{k+1} &= 2x_k - ax_k^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 5

Suppose we want to find the minimum value (suppose we already know that the minimum exists and is unique) of $f(x) = x \log x$, where $x \in (0, +\infty)$. Using Newton's method, what recursion formula we must use?

Hint :- $f(x) = x \log x$, $f'(x) = \log x + 1$, $f''(x) = 1/x$

Options:-

- ☐ $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{x_k \log(x_k)}{\log(x_k) + 1}$
- ☐ $x_{k+1} = x_k - x_k^2 \log(x_k)$
- ☐ $x_{k+1} = x_k - \log(x_k)$
- ☒ $x_{k+1} = x_k - x_k (\log(x_k) + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b(n) &= n \log n \\
 n_{k+1} &= n_k - \frac{b(n_k)}{b'(n_k)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\
 b'(n) &= n \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \log n \quad (1) \\
 b'(n) &= 1 + \log n \Rightarrow b''(n) = \frac{1}{n} \\
 \text{For minimum value:} \\
 n_{k+1} &= n_k - \frac{b'(n)}{b''(n)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\
 n_{k+1} &= n_k - \left(\frac{1 + \log n_k}{1/n_k} \right) \\
 n_{k+1} &= n_k - n_k - n_k \log n_k \\
 n_{k+1} &= n_k - n_k [\log n_k + 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 6

Regarding the *Second Derivative Test* to decide whether a point with $f'(x)=0$ is a local minimum or local maximum, check all that apply.

Options: -

- ☐ If $f''(x) < 0$ then x is a local minimum.
- ☒ If $f''(x) > 0$ then x is a local minimum.
- ☒ **Correct**
Correct! If $f'(x) = 0$ and $f''(x) < 0$ then x is a local maximum!
- ☐ If $f''(x) = 0$ then x is an inflection point.
- ☒ If $f''(x) = 0$ then the test is inconclusive.
- ☒ **Correct**
Correct! If $f'(x) = f''(x) = 0$, then the test is inconclusive!

Question 7

Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^3$, then the Hessian matrix, $H(x, y)$ is:

Options:-

- ☐ $H(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 3y^2 \\ 3y^2 & 2x \end{bmatrix}$
- ☒ $H(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6y \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ $H(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 6y & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ $H(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^3$$

$$H(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

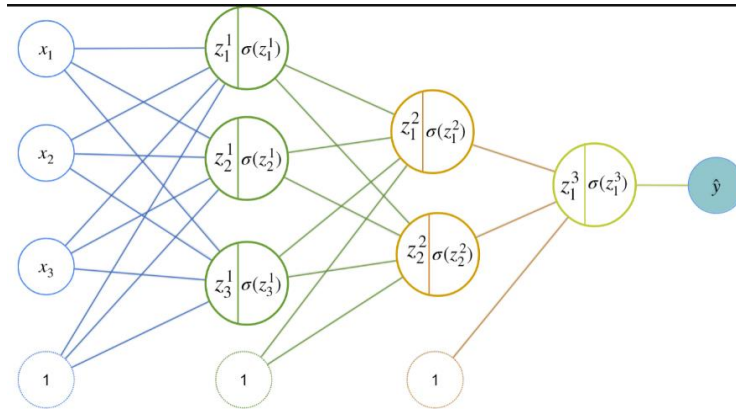
$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= 2x \\ f_{xx} &= 2 \\ f_{xy} &= 0 \\ f_y &= 3y^2 \\ f_{xy} &= 6y \\ f_{yy} &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6y \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 8

How many parameters has a Neural Network with:

- Input layer of size 3
- One hidden layer with 3 neurons
- One hidden layer with 2 neurons
- Output layer with size 1

An image is provided below:



a):- 11

b):- 8

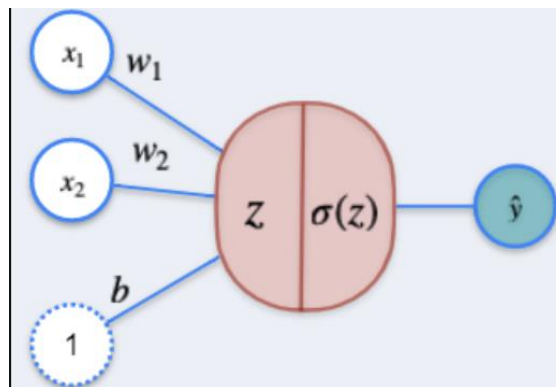
c):- 23

d):- 3

Answer:- c

Question 9

Given the following Single Layer Perceptron with Sigmoid function as activation function, and log-loss as Loss Function (L), the value for $\partial L / \partial w_1$ is:



Options:-

- ☐ $-(y - \hat{y})$
- ☒ $-(y - \hat{y})x_1$
- ☐ $-(y - \hat{y})x_2$
- ☐ **1**

Question 10:-

Suppose you have a function $f(x, y)$ with $\nabla f(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$ and such that

$$H(x_0, y_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the point (x_0, y_0) is a:

- a):- local maximum**
- b):- local minimum**
- c):- saddle point**
- d):- we cant infer anything with given info.**

Answer:- b

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(H - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 10-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(2-\lambda)(10-\lambda) - 0 = 0$$

$$20 - 2\lambda - 10\lambda + \lambda^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 20 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 10\lambda - 2\lambda + 20 = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda - 10) - 2(\lambda - 10) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 10, \lambda = 2$$

as eigen values are +ve so
 $f(x)$ has local minima.