

① Vector valued functions.

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\text{Eg: } f(x, y) = [x^2, 2y]^T$$

$$f(t) = [\cos(t), \sin(t), t]^T \text{ (helix in 3d space)}$$

Why are these important?

- Because there are situations in robotics where we take an input as a vector of numbers (eg joint angles) and output a vector too (3D coordinates)

② Jacobians & Hessians.

- First order partial derivatives of a vector valued function.

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Eg: } f(x, y) = [x^2 + y, xy]^T$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ y & x \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Hessians

Second order partial derivatives of a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_2 = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \quad ?$$

only if $f \in C^2$.

- Necessary and Sufficient conditions.

* $J(x^*) = 0$ if x^* is a local minima (necessary condition)

* $v^T H(x^*) v \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the local minima (sufficient condition)

- Importance of Jacobian & Hessian.

① Gradient based optimization.

② Tests for convexity.

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④ Vector derivatives.

Given a $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, how to find $\nabla_x f(x)$? Eg: $f(x) = x^T x, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$f(x) = x^T A x, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+dx) - f(x)}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int f'(x) dx = f(x+dx) - f(x)$$

$$\nabla f(x) = [f'(x)]^T$$

Eg: $f(x) = x^T A x$

$$f(x+dx) - f(x) = (x+dx)^T A (x+dx) - x^T A x$$

$$= dx^T A x + dx^T A x + x^T A x + x^T A dx - x^T A x$$

$$= x^T A dx + x^T A^T dx$$

$$= (x^T A + x^T A^T) dx$$

$$= x^T (A + A^T) dx$$

$$\therefore f(x+dx) - f(x) = f'(x) dx$$

$$\boxed{\nabla f(x) = (A + A^T)x}$$

Eg: $f(x) = x^T x$

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$$f(x+dx) - f(x) = (x+dx)^T (x+dx)$$

$$= x^T x + x^T dx + dx^T x + dx^T dx$$

$$= x^T dx + x^T dx$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(x) = (2x)^T = 2x$$

$$\boxed{\nabla f(x) = 2x}$$

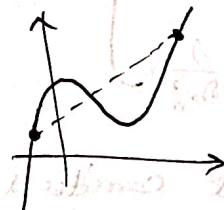
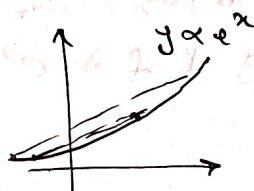
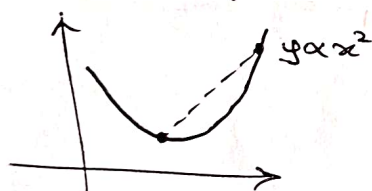
* Convexity and convex functions

- Convex sets: A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex iff, $\forall x, y \in S \exists \lambda \in [0, 1]$ st. $\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y \in S$.

Geometric intuition: all points on the line joining two points (x, y) also belong to the set S .

- Convex functions: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex (i) its domain is convex.

(ii) $\forall x, y \in \text{dom}(f), \exists \lambda \in [0, 1]$ st. $f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$



- The line joining the two points is always above the function.

- Why do we care about convex functions?

For a convex function on a convex set, any local minima is a global minima. For strict convex function, there is at most one global minimum.

- Tests for convexity

(i) $f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$

(ii) First order test: $\forall x, y \in \text{dom}(f), f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x)$

(iii) H is posd: $v^T H v \geq 0 \forall v$ and $\forall x \in \text{dom}(f)$.

→ eigenvalues are non-negative.

Eg: $f(x,y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$

$\text{Tr}(H) = 4 \geq 0$

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$|H| = 3 \geq 0$

$H = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore f(x,y)$ is convex.

How to check if eigenvalues are ≥ 0 .

$\text{Tr}(H) \geq 0$ and $|H| \geq 0$ then eigenvalues are ≥ 0 .

* Linear & Non-linear functions.

$f(x) = a^T x$

① Additivity: $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$ if $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

② Homogeneity: $f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x)$, $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Anything that is not linear is non-linear.

* Error Modelling.

Objective function most of time in our case would be a loss function.

* Constrained optimization.

Somehow quantify the difference between model's predictions and the actual observations.

min $f(x)$

st. $h_i(x) \leq 0$, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$

$g_j(x) = 0$, $j=1, 2, \dots, m$

feasible region, $F = \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}^n, h_i(x) \leq 0 \text{ and } g_j(x) = 0\}$

we look into the case of,

min $f(x)$

st. $g_j(x) = 0$, $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ (~~should be~~)

$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i g_i(x) \rightarrow \nabla \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \nabla f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \nabla g_i(x) = 0$

(Lagrangian)

Lagrangian multipliers.

x^* (candidate for optimum)

- x^* can be minima, maxima or saddle points we don't know?

- When is x^* guaranteed to be a minima point?

- When $f(x)$ is convex and $g_i(x)$ are affine.

- Lagrangian becomes sufficient in this case.

- otherwise Lagrangian is just necessary.

Eg: $\min x^2 + y^2$

st: $x + y - 1 = 0$

$L(x, \lambda) = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(x + y - 1)$

$\therefore \nabla_x L(x, y) = 2x + \lambda = 0$
 $\nabla_y L(x, y) = 2y + \lambda = 0$ } $x = y$

and, $x + y - 1 = 0$

$\therefore 2x - 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow [x = y = \frac{1}{2}]$, $\lambda = -1$

$\therefore [x^* = \frac{1}{2}, y^* = \frac{1}{2}]$

H/w: $\begin{cases} \max f(x, y) = x + y \\ \text{st: } x^2 + y^2 = 4 \end{cases}$

$\min x^T A x$ st: $\|x\|_2 = 1$ $A = A^T$ [Pg-4]

$L(x, \lambda) = x^T A x + \lambda(x^T x - 1)$

$\nabla L(x, \lambda) = (A + \lambda I)x = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2Ax + 2\lambda x = 0$

$\Rightarrow Ax = -\lambda x$

$x^T x = 1$ or $[Ax = \lambda x]$

$\therefore x^T A x = x^T \lambda x$

$\Rightarrow x^T A x = \lambda x^T x = \lambda$

$\therefore \lambda = x^T A x$
 eigenvalues.

x^* = eigenvectors(A)
 Corresponding to
 smallest λ .

* Nonlinear optimization (Gradient based).

$\min_x f(x)$

NP hard, can never guarantee the global minima
 be happy with a local minima.

$x_{k+1} = x_k + (\text{something})$ } decide on the direction
 and the magnitude.

- take $-\nabla f(x)$ as the direction.

$\therefore x_{k+1} = x_k + [-\nabla f(x)]$

To control the magnitude, put a user-defined scalar.

$\therefore x_{k+1} = x_k - \alpha \nabla f(x)$ } Gradient Descent.

- All of nonlinear optimization is just changing α and $\nabla f(x)$ to something better.

(u) Newton's Method.

$f(x) \approx f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (x - x_k) + \frac{1}{2} (x - x_k)^T \nabla^2 f(x_k) (x - x_k)$

$\Rightarrow \nabla f(x_k) = \nabla f(x_k)^0 + \nabla f(x_k)^T + \frac{1}{2} \times (2 \nabla^2 f(x_k)^T x - 2 \nabla^2 f(x_k) x_k)$

$= \nabla f(x_k) + \nabla^T f(x_k) (x - x_k) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x - x_k = -[\nabla^2 f(x_k)]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$

$\Rightarrow x = x_k - [\nabla^2 f(x_k)]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$ } Newton's method.

(iii) LM - method

$$\min_x f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i'(x)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|r(x)\|_2^2$$

$r_i'(x)$ are residuals.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} r(x)^T r(x)$$

$$\therefore \nabla f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^M r_i'(x) \nabla r_i(x) = J(x)^T r(x)$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 f(x) = \cancel{J(x)^T J(x)} + J(x)^T J(x)$$

Now, $\nabla^2 f(x) \approx J(x)^T J(x)$

Now, in Newton's method: $x_{k+1} = x_k - [\nabla^2 f(x)]^{-1} \nabla f(x)$

$$\therefore x_{k+1} = x_k - [J(x)^T J(x)]^{-1} \nabla f(x) \rightarrow J(x_k)^T r(x_k)$$

issues is when $J^T J$ is singular, so the inverse doesn't exist.

- GD uses,

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \alpha_k J(x_k)^T r(x_k)$$

Combining both of them,

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - [J(x)^T J(x) + \mu_k I]^{-1} J(x_k)^T r(x_k)$$



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$f(x)$
 ~~$\nabla f(x)$~~

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} r(x)^T r(x)$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 r(x)^T \nabla r(x)$$

$$= r(x)^T \nabla r(x)$$

① if μ_k is small: also becomes ~~Newton's~~ Gauss Newton.

② if μ_k is large: gradient descent.