

18.8 Fitting an ellipse to points in a plane. An ellipse in a plane can be described as the set of points

$$\hat{f}(t; \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + r \cos(\alpha + t) + \delta \cos(\alpha - t) \\ c_2 + r \sin(\alpha + t) + \delta \sin(\alpha - t) \end{bmatrix}$$

where t ranges from 0 to 2π . The vector $\theta = (c_1, c_2, r, \delta, \alpha)$ contains five parameters, with geometrical meanings illustrated in figure 18.27. We consider the problem of fitting an ellipse to N points $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}$ in a plane, as shown in figure 18.28. The circles show the N points. The short lines connect each point to the nearest point on the ellipse. We will fit the ellipse by minimizing the sum of the squared distances of the N points to the ellipse.

- (a) The squared distance of a data point $x^{(i)}$ to the ellipse is the minimum of $\|\hat{f}(t^{(i)}; \theta) - x^{(i)}\|^2$ over the scalar $t^{(i)}$. Minimizing the sum of the squared distances of the data points $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}$ to the ellipse is therefore equivalent to minimizing

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \|\hat{f}(t^{(i)}; \theta) - x^{(i)}\|^2$$

over $t^{(1)}, \dots, t^{(N)}$ and θ . Formulate this as a nonlinear least squares problem. Give expressions for the derivatives of the residuals.

- (b) Use the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm to fit an ellipse to the 10 points:

(0.5, 1.5), (-0.3, 0.6), (1.0, 1.8), (-0.4, 0.2), (0.2, 1.3)

(0.7, 0.1), (2.3, 0.8), (1.4, 0.5), (0.0, 0.2), (2.4, 1.7).

To select a starting point, you can choose parameters θ that describe a circle with radius one and center at the average of the data points, and initial values of $t^{(i)}$ that minimize the objective function for those initial values of θ .

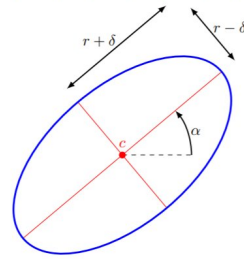


Figure 18.27 Ellipse with center (c_1, c_2) , and radii $r + \delta$ and $r - \delta$. The largest semi-axis makes an angle α with respect to horizontal.

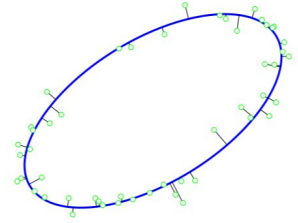


Figure 18.28 Ellipse fit to 50 points in a plane.

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$$\hat{f}(t; \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + r \cos(\alpha + t) + \delta \cos(\alpha - t) \\ c_2 + r \sin(\alpha + t) + \delta \sin(\alpha - t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial c_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial c_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial r} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha + t) \\ \sin(\alpha + t) \end{bmatrix}, \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \delta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha - t) \\ \sin(\alpha - t) \end{bmatrix}, \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin(\alpha + t) - \delta \sin(\alpha - t) \\ r \cos(\alpha + t) + \delta \cos(\alpha - t) \end{bmatrix}, \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial t} = \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin(\alpha + t) + \delta \sin(\alpha - t) \\ r \cos(\alpha + t) - \delta \cos(\alpha - t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore Df(x^{(k)}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_2} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \delta} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cos(\alpha + t) & \cos(\alpha - t) & -r \sin(\alpha + t) - \delta \sin(\alpha - t) & -r \sin(\alpha + t) + \delta \sin(\alpha - t) \\ 0 & 1 & \sin(\alpha + t) & \sin(\alpha - t) & r \cos(\alpha + t) + \delta \cos(\alpha - t) & r \cos(\alpha + t) - \delta \cos(\alpha - t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{x} = x^{(k)} - (Df^T Df + \lambda^{(k)} I)^{-1} Df^T \cdot f$$

$Df(x^{(k)})$ is 20×15 matrix

diagonals?

$$\text{minimize } \|\hat{f}(x; x^{(k)})\|^2 + Df(x^{(k)})(x - x^{(k)})$$

$$\|\hat{f}(x; \theta^k) - \theta^{(k)}\|$$

$$I \text{ couldn't finish this problem. } \left\| \begin{bmatrix} Df(x^{(k)}) \\ \sqrt{\lambda^{(k)}} I \end{bmatrix} x - \begin{bmatrix} Df(x^{(k)}) x^{(k)} - f(x^{(k)}) \\ \sqrt{\lambda^{(k)}} x^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$

the algorithm is on page 392 of the book

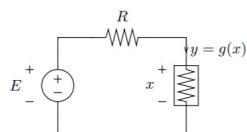
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so I couldn't fix this

12.1 The nonlinear resistive circuit shown below is described by the nonlinear equation

$$f(x) = g(x) - (E - x)/R = 0.$$

The function $g(x)$ gives the current through the nonlinear resistor as a function of the voltage x across its terminals.



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Use Newton's method to find all the solutions of this nonlinear equation, assuming that $g(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 10x$. Consider three cases:

- (a) $E = 5, R = 1$.
- (b) $E = 15, R = 3$.
- (c) $E = 4, R = 0.5$.

Select suitable starting points by plotting f over the interval $[0, 4]$, and visually selecting a good starting point. You can terminate the Newton iteration when $|f(x^{(k)})| < 10^{-8}$. Compare the speed of convergence for the three problems, by plotting $|f(x^{(k)})|$ versus k , or by printing out $|f(x^{(k)})|$ at each iteration.

$$f(x) = g(x) - \frac{(E-x)}{R} = 0 \quad y = g(x) \rightarrow g(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 10x$$

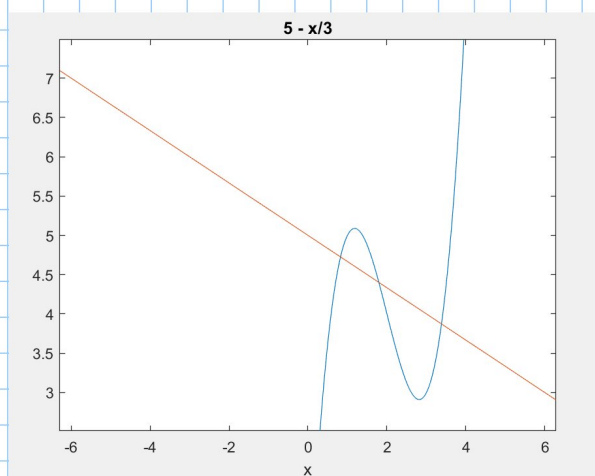
$$\hookrightarrow f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 10x - \frac{(E-x)}{R} = x^3 - 6x^2 + 10x + \frac{x}{R} - \frac{E}{R}$$

From additional lecture notes,

Compute $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 10 + \frac{1}{R}, \quad E = 10^{-8}$$

$$x^+ = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} = x - \frac{x^3 - 6x^2 + 10x + \frac{x}{R} - \frac{E}{R}}{3x^2 - 12x + 10 + \frac{1}{R}}$$

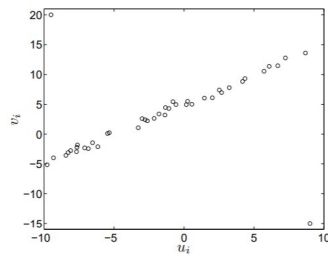


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1 % Homework 8, Problem 2
2 clear all;
3 syms x;
4 E = 15;
5 R = 3;
6 %f = x - (x^3 - 6*x^2 + 10*x - (E-x)/R)/(3*x^2 - 12*x + 10 + 1/R);
7 g = x^3 - 6*x^2 + 10*x;
8 %fo = g - (E-x)/R;
9 %xhat = x - (x^3 - 6*x^2 + 10*x + x/R - E/R)/(3*x^2 - 12*x + 10 + 1/R);
10 go = (E-x)/R;
11 ezplot(g);
12 hold on;
13 ezplot(go);

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13.2 The figure shows 42 data points (u_i, v_i) . The points are approximately on a straight line, except for the first and the last point.



The data are available in the file `robappr.m` as `[u,v] = robappr;`.

(a) Fit a straight line $v = \alpha + \beta u$ to the points by solving a least squares problem

$$\text{minimize } g(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{42} (\alpha + \beta u_i - v_i)^2,$$

with variables α, β .

(b) Fit a straight line $v = \alpha + \beta u$ to the points by solving the unconstrained minimization problem

$$\text{minimize } g(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{42} \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta u_i - v_i)^2 + 25}$$

using Newton's method. Use as initial points the values of α and β computed in part (a). (With this starting point, no line search should be necessary; for other starting points, a line search may be needed.) Terminate the iteration when $\|\nabla g(\alpha, \beta)\| \leq 10^{-6}$.

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad v &= \alpha + \beta u \\ b &= Ax \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} \\ g(\alpha, \beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^{42} (\alpha + \beta u_i - v_i)^2 = \|Ax - b\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore b = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_{42} \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_1 \\ 1 & u_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & u_{42} \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = A \backslash b.$$

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1 % HW8Pro3
2 clear all;
3 [u, v] = robappr;
4 m = length(u); %rows for A
5 A = [ones(m,1), u]; %Block matrix A [1_i u]
6 x = A\b;
7 disp(x);
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x =
    4.1841
    0.5755
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$$b) \text{ minimize } g(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{42} \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta u_i - v_i)^2 + 25} \quad \text{from discussion (14-23)}$$

$$g(x) = h(Cx + d)$$

$$\nabla g(x) = C^T \nabla h(Cx + d)$$

$$h(z) = \sum_{i=1}^{42} \sqrt{z_i^2 + 25}$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial z_i} = \frac{2z_i}{2(z_i^2 + 25)^{3/2}} = \frac{z_i}{(z_i^2 + 25)^{3/2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial z_i \partial z_j} \leftarrow 2 \text{ cases, } i=j \text{ and } i \neq j$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial h}{\partial z_i \partial z_j} = \begin{cases} \frac{25}{(z_i^2 + 25)^{3/2}} & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (\text{all constant})$$

$\therefore \nabla^2 h$ is a diagonal matrix

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>> HW8Pro3
    4.1841
    0.5755
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    4.8164
    0.8975
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1 % HW8Pro3
2 %part a
3 clear all;
4 [u, v] = robappr;
5 m = length(u); %rows for A
6 A = [ones(m,1), u]; %Block matrix A [1_i u]
7 x = A\b; %had to change variables
8 disp(x);
9 %part b
10 xls = x;
11 for i = 1:50
12     z = A*xls - v;
13     tot = sum(sqrt(z.^2+25));
14     grad = A'*(z./sqrt(z.^2+25));
15     if (norm(grad) < 1e-6)
16         break;
17     end;
18     hess = A'*diag((25)./(z.^2+25).^(3/2))*A;
19     xls = xls - hess \ grad;
20 end;
21 disp(xls);
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