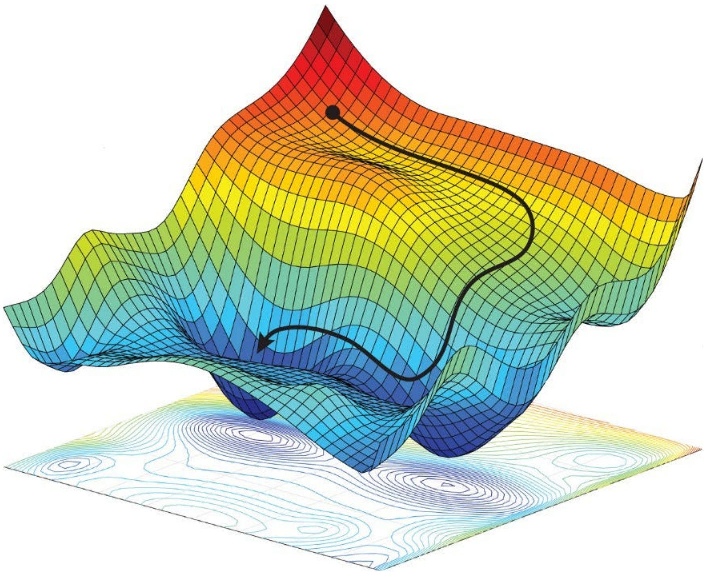

LINMA2460 Nonlinear Programming

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Definitions, notations and random properties

- The Taylor expansion of order p of the function f around x_k and evaluated at y is:
$$T_p(y; x_k) = f(x_k) + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{i!} D^i f(x_k)(y - x_k)^i \tag{1.1}$$

- We can thus define the gradient w.r.t. y of the Taylor expansion of order p of f around x_k and evaluated at x_{k+1}:
$$\nabla_y T_p(x_{k+1}; x_k) = \nabla_y T_p(y; x_k)\big|_{y=x_{k+1}} \tag{1.2}$$

- An oracle is a "black box" that gives information about the derivatives based on x. The general form of an oracle is:
$$\text{p-order oracle:} \quad x \mapsto \{D^i f(x)\}_{i=0}^{p} \tag{1.3}$$
And so we have the following simple oracles examples:
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Zero}^{th}\text{-order oracle:} &\quad x \mapsto \{f(x)\} \\ \text{First-order oracle:} &\quad x \mapsto \{f(x), \nabla f(x)\} \\ \text{Second-order oracle:} &\quad x \mapsto \{f(x), \nabla f(x), \nabla^2 f(x)\} \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

- $\mathcal{C}_L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$: Class of functions p-times continuously differentiable with L-Lipschitz continuous p-order derivative, i.e. $\|D^p f(x) - D^p f(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. And so we have the following simple classes of problems:
  - $\mathcal{C}_L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$: Class of continuously differentiable functions with L-Lipschitz gradient;
  - $\mathcal{C}_L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$: Class of continuously differentiable functions with L-Lipschitz hessian.

- pth-order method (generalization of GM):
$$x_{k+1} = \arg\min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \Omega_{x_k, y, p}(y) \equiv T_{x_k, p}(y) + \frac{M}{(p+1)!}\|y - x_k\|^{p+1} \tag{1.5}$$
where M is an approximation of the Lipschitz constant L for the pth-order derivative of f.

- Convergence rate:
  - Linear:
$$\|x_{k+1} - x^*\| \leq \alpha \|x_k - x^*\| \quad \forall k \geq 0, \alpha \in (0,1) \tag{1.6}$$
  - Super Linear:
$$\lim_{k \to +\infty} \frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|} = 0 \tag{1.7}$$
  - Quadratic:
$$\|x_{k+1} - x^*\| \leq \beta \|x_k - x^*\|^2 \quad \forall k \geq 0, \beta > 0 \tag{1.8}$$

1.1 Properties

- For a function $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(\Omega)$ and Ω is bounded, the following holds: $\|\nabla f(x)\| \leq L$ for all $x \in \Omega$ for some $L \geq 0$.
- By the mean value theorem, for a continuously differentiable function f, $\forall x, y \in \Omega$, $\exists\, z \in \Omega : f(y) - f(x) = \langle \nabla f(z), y - x \rangle$.
- For a matrix A and a scalar b, $\|A\| \leq b \implies |\lambda(A)| \leq b \implies |A| \preceq bI_n$, where the absolute value of the matrix is taken component wise.

1.2 Complexity table

Method	Lipschitz	∇f	$\nabla^2 f$	$\dots$	$\nabla^p f$
Zero order		$O(n\varepsilon^{-2})$			
First order	$p = 1$	$O(\varepsilon^{-2})$			
Second order	$p = 2$	X	$O(\varepsilon^{-3/2})$		
$\vdots$		X	X	$\ddots$	
p order		X	X	X	$O(\varepsilon^{-\frac{p+1}{p}})$

1.3 GM VS Newton

	cost per iteration	cost of memory	Local rate
GM	$\mathcal{O}(n)$	$\mathcal{O}(n)$	Linear
Quasi-Newton	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$	Super Linear
Newton	$\mathcal{O}(n^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$	Quadratic

$\rightarrow$ For the GM, we assume that we don't need to compute the gradient at each iteration.

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We can generalise the property of a L-Lipschitz function to $f \in \mathcal{C}_L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. For $p = 1$, we had

$$f(y) \leq f(x_k) + \langle \nabla f(x_k), y - x_k \rangle + \frac{L}{2}\|y - x_k\|^2 \qquad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{2.1}$$

For a general value of p, it becomes

$$f(y) \leq T_p(y; x_k) + \frac{L}{(p+1)!}\|y - x_k\|^{p+1} \qquad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{2.2}$$

Using this, we need a p-th order oracle for the method to work.
To solve $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$, we can use the iteration

$$x_{k+1} = \arg\min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} T_p(y; x_k) + \frac{M}{(p+1)!}\|y - x_k\|^{p+1} \tag{2.3}$$

where the constant M is an approximation of the Lipschitz constant L. Assuming $f \in \mathcal{C}_L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{k+1}) &\leq T_p(x_{k+1}; x_k) + \frac{L}{(p+1)!}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^{p+1} \\ &= \underbrace{T_p(x_{k+1}; x_k) + \frac{M}{(p+1)!}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^{p+1}}_{\leq f(x_k)} + \frac{(L-M)}{(p+1)!}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^{p+1} \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

where the inequality $\leq f(x_k)$ is due to the decrease of f and equation (2.3). Suppose that $M > 2L$. After some algebraic manipulations, we get

$$f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}) \geq \frac{L}{(p+1)!}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^{p+1} \tag{2.5}$$

On the other hand, using the triangular inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\| &\leq \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla_y T_p(x_{k+1}; x_k)\| \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\left\| \nabla_y T_p(x_{k+1}; x_k) + \nabla \left(\frac{M}{(p+1)!}\|\cdot - x_k\|^{p+1} \right) \Big|_{y = x_{k+1}} \right\|}_{=0} \\ &\quad + \left\| \nabla \left(\frac{M}{(p+1)!}\|\cdot - x_k\|^{p+1} \right) \Big|_{y = x_{k+1}} \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{L}{p!}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^p + \frac{M}{p!}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^p \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

$$\implies \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| \geq \left(\frac{p!}{L+M}\right)^{1/p} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^{1/p} \tag{2.7}$$

Combining equations (2.5) and (2.7),

$$f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}) \geq \underbrace{\frac{L}{(p+1)!}\left(\frac{p!}{L+M}\right)^{\frac{p+1}{p}}}_{=:C(L)} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \tag{2.8}$$

Let $T(\varepsilon) = \inf\{k \in \mathbb{N} : \|\nabla f(x_k)\| \leq \varepsilon\}$. Assume that $T(\varepsilon) \geq 2$ and $f(x) \geq f_{low}$ $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Summing up (2.8) for $k = 0, \ldots, T(\varepsilon) - 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_0) - f_{low} \geq f(x_0) - f(x_{T(\varepsilon)-1}) &= \sum_{k=0}^{T(\varepsilon)-2} f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}) \\ &\geq (T(\varepsilon) - 1)C(L)\varepsilon^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \\ \implies T(\varepsilon) \leq 1 + \frac{f(x_0) - f_{low}}{C(L)}\varepsilon^{-\frac{p+1}{p}} &\equiv \mathcal{O}\left(\varepsilon^{-\frac{p+1}{p}}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Gradient descent without gradient

For this problem, consider an adversarial attack on block-based image classifier. We have a machine learning model that given an image $a \in \mathbb{R}^p$ it returns $c(a) \in \mathbb{R}^m$, where $c_j(a) \in [0,1]$ is the probability of image a to be in class j. The classifier prediction is: $j(a) = \arg\max_{j\in[1,\ldots,m]} c_j(a)$.
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Given x_k, let us decide:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{\sigma} g_{h_k}(x_k) \qquad h_k > 0,\, \sigma > 0 \tag{3.1}$$

where $g_{h_k}(x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by:

$$[g_{h_k}(x_k)]_j = \frac{f(x_k + he_j) - f(x_k)}{h_k} \qquad \forall j \in [1, \ldots, m] \tag{3.2}$$

Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{C}^1_L(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then,

$$\|\nabla f(x_k) - g_{h_k}(x_k)\| \leq \frac{L\sqrt{n}}{2} h_k \tag{3.3}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x_{k+1}) \leq f(x_k) &\quad + \langle \nabla f(x_k), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle + \frac{L}{2}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \\
= f(x_k) &\quad + \langle g_{h_k}(x_k), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \\
&\quad + \langle \nabla f(x_k) - g_{h_k}(x_k), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle + \frac{(L-\sigma)}{2}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \\
\leq f(x_k) &\quad - \frac{1}{\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 \\
&\quad + \|\nabla f(x_k) - g_{h_k}(x_k)\| \frac{1}{\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\| + \frac{(L-\sigma)}{2\sigma^2}\|g_{h_k}\|^2 \\
\leq f(x_k) &\quad - \frac{1}{2\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 + \frac{L\sqrt{n}}{2} h_k \frac{1}{\sigma}\|g_{h_k}\| + \frac{(L-\sigma)}{2\sigma^2}\|g_{h_k}\|^2 \\
\leq f(x_k) &\quad - \frac{1}{2\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 + \frac{L}{2}\left(\frac{nh_k^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2\right) + \frac{(L-\sigma)}{2\sigma^2}\|g_{h_k}\|^2 \\
= f(x_k) &\quad - \left(\frac{2\sigma - L - 2(L-\sigma)}{4\sigma^2}\right)\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 + \frac{Ln}{4} h_k^2 \\
= f(x_k) &\quad - \frac{(4\sigma - 3L)}{4\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 + \frac{Ln}{4} h_k^2
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

$$\implies \frac{(4\sigma - 3L)}{4\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 \leq f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}) + \frac{Ln}{4}h_k^2 \tag{3.5}$$

If $\sigma \gg L$, then

$$\frac{1}{4\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 \leq f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}) + \frac{\sigma n}{4}h_k^2 \tag{3.6}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla f(x_k)\| &\leq \|\nabla f(x_k) - g_{h_k}(x_k)\| + \|g_{h_k}(x_k)\| \\ &\leq \frac{L\sqrt{n}}{2}h_k + \|g_{h_k}(x_k)\| \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Using trick (8.4) in chapter 8,

$$\implies \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \leq \frac{L^2 n}{2}h_k^2 + 2\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 \tag{3.8}$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{8\sigma}\|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \leq \frac{L^2 n}{16\sigma}h_k^2 + \frac{1}{4\sigma}\|g_{h_k}(x_k)\|^2 \tag{3.9}$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{8\sigma}\|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \leq f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}) + \frac{\sigma n}{4}h_k^2 + \frac{\sigma n}{16}h_k^2 \tag{3.10}$$

Let $T(\varepsilon) = \inf\{k \in \mathbb{N} : \|\nabla f(x_k)\| \leq \varepsilon\}$, with $f(x)$ bounded from below by f_{low}. Summing up (3.10) for $k = 0, \dots, T(\varepsilon) - 1$:

$$\frac{T(\varepsilon)}{8\sigma}\varepsilon^2 \leq f(x_0) - f_{low} + \frac{5\sigma n}{16}\sum_{k=0}^{T(\varepsilon)-1} h_k^2 \tag{3.11}$$

If $\{h_k^2\}_{k\geq 0}$ is summable

$$\implies T(\varepsilon) \leq 8\sigma\left(f(x_0) - f_{low} + \frac{5\sigma n}{16}\sum_{k=0}^{T(\varepsilon)-1} h_k^2\right)\varepsilon^2 = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \tag{3.12}$$

In terms of call to the oracle, we have a complexity bound of $\mathcal{O}(n\varepsilon^2)$.

Local rates of convergence

4.1 Linear rate of GM

Let $f \in \mathcal{C}_M^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Assume f has a local minimizer x^* such that

$$\mu I_n \preceq \nabla^2 f(x^*) \preceq M I_n \tag{4.1}$$

Let $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{L}\nabla f(x_k)$ for a given $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla f(x_k) &= \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla f(x^*) \\
&= \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*))(x_k - x^*)d\tau \\
&= \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*))d\tau(x_k - x^*) \\
&= G_k(x_k - x^*)
\end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_{k+1} - x^*\| &= \|x_k - \frac{1}{L}\nabla f(x_k) - x^*\| \\
&= \|(I_n - \frac{1}{L}G_k)(x_k - x^*)\| \\
&\leq \|I_n - \frac{1}{L}G_k\|\|x_k - x^*\|
\end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Since $f \in C_M^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we have $\|\nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) - \nabla^2 f(x^*)\| \leq \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|$ and using this we get:

$$|\langle \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) - \nabla^2 f(x^*)v, v\rangle| \leq \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|\|v\|^2 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{4.4}$$

Using the bound (4.1) and the previous inequality, we get:

$$-\tau M\|x_k - x^*\|\|v\|^2 \leq \left\langle \left(\nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) - \nabla^2 f(x^*)\right) v, v\right\rangle \leq \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|\|v\|^2$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x^*) - \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|I_n \preceq \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) \preceq \nabla^2 f(x^*) + \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|I_n$$
$$(\mu - \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|)I_n \preceq \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) \preceq (L + \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|)I_n$$

By the properties of the semi-definite matrices, and the trick (8.5), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^1 (\mu - \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|)\|v\|^2 d\tau &\leq \int_0^1 \langle \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*))v, v\rangle d\tau \\
&\leq \int_0^1 (L + \tau M\|x_k - x^*\|)\|v\|^2 d\tau \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n
\end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

By using G_k and some constants, we get:

$$-\frac{1}{L}(L+\frac{M}{2}\|x_k-x^*\|)I_n \preceq -\frac{1}{L}G_k \preceq -\frac{1}{L}(\mu-\frac{M}{2}\|x_k-x^*\|)I_n \tag{4.6}$$

$$\left(1-\frac{1}{L}(L+\frac{M}{2}\|x_k-x^*\|)\right) I_n \preceq I_n-\frac{1}{L}G_k \preceq \left(1-\frac{1}{L}(\mu-\frac{M}{2}\|x_k-x^*\|)\right) I_n \tag{4.7}$$

And finally,

$$\begin{aligned}\|I_n-\frac{1}{L}G_k\| &\leq \max\left\{\left|1-\frac{1}{L}(L+\frac{M}{2}\|x_k-x^*\|)\right|, \left|1-\frac{1}{L}(\mu-\frac{M}{2}\|x_k-x^*\|)\right|\right\}\\ &= \max\left\{\frac{M}{2L}\|x_k-x^*\|, 1-\frac{\mu}{L}+\frac{M}{2L}\|x_k-x^*\|\right\}\\ &= 1-\frac{\mu}{L}+\frac{M}{2L}\|x_k-x^*\|\end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

Suppose that $\frac{M}{2L}\|x_k-x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{2L} \iff \|x_k-x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{M}$
Then, in (4.8), we get:

$$\|I_n-\frac{1}{L}G_k\| \leq 1-\frac{\mu}{2L} < 1 \tag{4.9}$$

And so, by (4.2)

$$\|x_{k+1}-x^*\| \leq \|I_n-\frac{1}{L}G_k\|\|x_k-x^*\| < \|x_k-x^*\| \tag{4.10}$$

If $\|x_0-x^*\| < \frac{\mu}{M}$, it follows from the previous reasoning that:

$$\|x_2-x^*\| \leq (1-\frac{\mu}{2L})\|x_1-x^*\| \leq (1-\frac{\mu}{2L})^2\|x_0-x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{M} \tag{4.11}$$

And so by induction, we can conclude that:

$$\|x_k-x^*\| \leq \left(1-\frac{\mu}{2L}\right)^k \|x_0-x^*\| \quad \forall k \geq 0 \tag{4.12}$$

$$\boxed{\Rightarrow \text{Linear rate of convergence}}$$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, let $T(\varepsilon) = \inf\{k \in \mathbb{N} : \|x_k-x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$. Then, if $T(\varepsilon) \geq 1$ and using (4.12), we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon < \|x_{T(\varepsilon)-1}-x^*\| &\leq \left(1-\frac{\mu}{2L}\right)^{T(\varepsilon)-1}\|x_0-x^*\|\\ \log\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\|x_0-x^*\|}\right) &\leq (T(\varepsilon)-1)\log\left(1-\frac{\mu}{2L}\right)\\ T(\varepsilon)-1 &\leq \frac{\log\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\|x_0-x^*\|}\right)}{\log\left(1-\frac{\mu}{2L}\right)} = \frac{\log\left(\|x_0-x^*\|\varepsilon^{-1}\right)}{|\log\left(1-\frac{\mu}{2L}\right)|}\end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

$$\boxed{T(\varepsilon) \leq \mathcal{O}(\log(\varepsilon^{-1}))}$$

$\rightarrow$ Note: convexity was never assumed!

4.2 Local quadratic convergence of Newton's method

Let $f \in \mathcal{C}_M^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Assume f has a local minimizer x^* such that

$$\mu I_n \preceq \nabla^2 f(x^*) \quad \mu > 0 \tag{4.14}$$

Given $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \nabla^{-2} f(x_k) \nabla f(x_k) \tag{4.15}$$

We have, by the previous equation and the definition of G_k (4.2):

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_{k+1} - x^*\| &= \|x_k - \nabla^{-2} f(x_k) \nabla f(x_k) - x^*\| \\
&= \|(x_k - x^*) - \nabla^{-2} f(x_k) G_k (x_k - x^*)\| \\
&= \|\nabla^{-2} f(x_k) \left(\nabla^2 f(x_k) - \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) d\tau \right) (x_k - x^*)\| \\
&= \|\nabla^{-2} f(x_k) \left(\int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) d\tau \right) (x_k - x^*)\| \\
&\leq \|\nabla^{-2} f(x_k)\| \left(\int_0^1 \left\| \nabla^2 f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) \right\| d\tau \right) \|x_k - x^*\| \\
&\leq \|\nabla^{-2} f(x_k)\| \left(\int_0^1 M(1-\tau) \|x_k - x^*\| d\tau \right) \|x_k - x^*\| \\
&\leq \|\nabla^{-2} f(x_k)\| \|x_k - x^*\|^2 \frac{M}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

Since $f \in \mathcal{C}_M^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we have

$$\nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) - \nabla^2 f(x^*) \succeq \tau M \|x_k - x^*\| I_n \tag{4.17}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla^2 f(x_k) &\succeq \nabla^2 f(x^*) - M\|x_k - x^*\| I_n \\
&\succeq (\mu - M\|x_k - x^*\|) I_n \\
\lambda_{\min}(\nabla^2 f(x_k)) &\geq \mu - M\|x_k - x^*\|
\end{aligned} \tag{4.18}$$

Suppose that $-M\|x_k - x^*\| \geq -\frac{\mu}{2} \Leftrightarrow \|x_k - x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{2M}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\min}(\nabla^2 f(x_k)) &\geq \frac{\mu}{2} \\
\lambda_{\max}(\nabla^{-2} f(x_k)) &\leq \frac{2}{\mu} \\
\Rightarrow \|\nabla^{-2} f(x_k)\| &\leq \frac{2}{\mu}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

Therefore, by (4.16), we conclude that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_{k+1} - x^*\| &\leq \frac{M}{2} \|\nabla^{-2} f(x_k)\| \|x_k - x^*\|^2 \\
&\leq \frac{M}{\mu} \|x_k - x^*\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.20}$$

If $\|x_k - x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{2M}$ then,

$$\|x_{k+1} - x^*\| \leq \frac{M}{\mu}\|x_k - x^*\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}\|x_k - x^*\| \tag{4.21}$$

If $\|x_0 - x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{2M}$ then $\{x_k\}_{k\geq 0} \subset B[x^*, \frac{\mu}{2M}]$.
Denote $\delta_k = \frac{M}{\mu}\|x_k - x^*\|$, then we have $\delta_0 = \frac{M}{\mu}\|x_0 - x^*\| \leq \frac{1}{2}$, and if we combine this with (4.21), we get:

$$\delta_{k+1} \leq \delta_k^2 \quad \forall k \geq 0 \tag{4.22}$$

And if we proceed by recurrence, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &\leq \delta_0^2 \leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\ \delta_2 &\leq \delta_1^2 \leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \\ &\vdots \\ \delta_k &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2^k} \qquad \forall k \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x_k - x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{M}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2^k} \tag{4.24}$$

Let $T(\varepsilon) = \inf\{k \in \mathbb{N} : \|x_k - x^*\| \leq \varepsilon\}$ and suppose that $T(\varepsilon) \geq 1$. Then using the convergence rate (4.24), we can state the maximal number of iterations:

$$\varepsilon \leq \|x_{T(\varepsilon)-1} - x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{M}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2^{T(\varepsilon)-1}} \tag{4.25}$$

$$2^{2^{T(\varepsilon)-1}} \leq \frac{\mu}{M}\varepsilon^{-1} \tag{4.26}$$

$$\boxed{\Rightarrow T(\varepsilon) \leq \log_2(\log_2(\frac{\mu}{M}\varepsilon^{-1}))}$$

4.3 Quasi Newton methods

4.3.1 SR1 Update

One step of a Quasi-Newton method is given by:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - B_k \nabla f(x_k) \tag{4.27}$$

With $B_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$, symmetric and non-singular.
Suppose that $x_k \to x^*$ when $k \to \infty$, and that $\nabla^2 f(x_k) \succeq \mu I_n$ with $\mu \geq 0$.
We want the condition on B_k to have a Super Linear convergence (1.7) of the Quasi-Newton method. So let us assume that $f \in \mathcal{C}_M^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
Then,

$$\|\nabla^2 f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla^2 f(x_k)\| \leq M\|x_{k+1} - x_k\| \tag{4.28}$$

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$$\|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k)\| \leq \frac{M}{2}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \tag{4.29}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(x_{k+1}) = \nabla f(x_{k+1}) &- \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \\ &+ \nabla f(x_k) + \nabla^2 f(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \end{aligned} \tag{4.30}$$

Using the relation (4.27) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(x_{k+1}) = \nabla f(x_{k+1}) \quad & - \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \\ & - B_k^{-1}(x_{k+1} - x_k) \\ & + \nabla^2 f(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \\ = \nabla f(x_{k+1}) \quad & - \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \\ & - \left(B_k^{-1} - \nabla^2 f(x^*)\right)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \\ & + \left(\nabla^2 f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x^*)\right)(x_{k+1} - x_k) \\ \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\| \leq \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) \quad & - \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k)\| \\ & + \|\left(B_k^{-1} - \nabla^2 f(x^*)\right)(x_{k+1} - x_k)\| \\ & + \|\left(\nabla^2 f(x_k) - \nabla^2 f(x^*)\right)\|\|(x_{k+1} - x_k)\| \\ \leq \frac{M}{2}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \quad & + M\|x_k - x^*\|\|x_{k+1} - x_k\| \\ & + \|\left(B_k^{-1} - \nabla^2 f(x_k)\right)(x_{k+1} - x_k)\| \end{aligned} \tag{4.31}$$

On the line before we used (4.28) and (4.29). And so we can write:

$$\frac{\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|}{\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|} \leq \frac{M}{2}\|x_{k+1} - x_k\| + M\|x_k - x^*\| + \frac{\|\left(B_k^{-1} - \nabla^2 f(x_k)\right)(x_{k+1} - x_k)\|}{\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|} \tag{4.32}$$

From now on , suppose that this condition (Dimis-Mori condition) is true:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{\|\left(B_k^{-1} - \nabla^2 f(x_k)\right)(x_{k+1} - x_k)\|}{\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|} = 0 \tag{4.33}$$

Under this condition and by (4.32), we have:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|}{\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|} = 0 \tag{4.34}$$

As $\|x_{k+1} - x_k\| \to 0$, we conclude that $\lim_{x\to\infty} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\| = 0$ and so $\|\nabla f(x^*)\| = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla f(x^*) = 0$, meaning that x^* is a stationary point of $f(\cdot)$.
We have $\nabla^2 f(x^*) \succeq \mu I_n$ and given $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 f(y) - \nabla^2 f(x^*) &\succeq -M\|y - x^*\| I_n \\ \nabla^2 f(y) &\succeq (\mu - M\|y - x^*\|) I_n \end{aligned} \tag{4.35}$$

Thus, if $-M\|y-x^*\| \geq -\frac{\mu}{2}$ then $\nabla^2 f(y) \succeq \frac{\mu}{2} I_n$.
Since $x_k \to x^*$, there exists $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|x_{k+1}-x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{2M}$ $\forall k \geq k_0$. Thus for any $\tau \in [0,1]$:

$$\|x^* + \tau(x_{k+1}-x^*) - x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{2M}, \quad \forall k \geq k_0 \tag{4.36}$$

and so $\nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_{k+1}-x^*)) \succeq \frac{\mu}{2} I_n$ $\forall k \geq k_0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_{k+1}-x^*\|\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\| &\geq (x_{k+1}-x^*)^T \nabla f(x_{k+1}) \\
&= (x_{k+1}-x^*)^T \left(\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x^*)\right) \\
&= (x_{k+1}-x^*)^T \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_{k+1}-x^*))(x_{k+1}-x^*) d\tau \\
&\geq \int_0^1 (x_{k+1}-x^*)^T \frac{\mu}{2} I_n (x_{k+1}-x^*) d\tau \\
&= \frac{\mu}{2}\|x_{k+1}-x^*\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.37}$$

$$\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\| \geq \frac{\mu}{2}\|x_{k+1}-x^*\| \tag{4.38}$$

Let $\rho_k = \frac{\|x_{k+1}-x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|}$ then, using (8.6), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|}{\|x_{k+1}-x_k\|} &\geq \frac{(\frac{\mu}{2})\|x_{k+1}-x^*\|}{\|x_{k+1}-x_k\|} \\
&\geq \frac{(\frac{\mu}{2})\|x_{k+1}-x^*\|}{\|x_{k+1}-x^*\| + \|x_k - x^*\|} \\
&= \frac{(\frac{\mu}{2})\rho_k}{\rho_k + 1}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.39}$$

Combining (4.39) and (4.32), we get:

$$\frac{\mu}{2}\frac{\rho_k}{\rho_k+1} \leq \frac{M}{2}\|x_{k+1}-x_k\| + M\|x_k - x^*\| + \frac{\|\left(B_k^{-1} - \nabla^2 f(x^*)\right)(x_{k+1}-x_k)\|}{\|x_{k+1}-x_k\|} \tag{4.40}$$

Since the right hand side goes to zero when $k \to +\infty$, then we have: IDK how to write that

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{\rho_k}{1+\rho_k} &= 0 \\
\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\rho_k}+1} &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow \lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{\|x_{k+1}-x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|} &\Rightarrow \lim_{k\to\infty} \rho_k = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{4.41}$$

For $n = 1$, the Quasi-Newton update is written:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - b_k f'(x_k), \quad k \geq 0 \tag{4.42}$$

with $b_k \in \mathbb{R}$. We want $b_k \approx f''(x_k)^{-1}$ and by finite difference we can express it like that $b_k^{-1} \approx \frac{f'(x_{k-1}+h) - f'(x_{k-1})}{h}$. And with $h = x_h - x_{k-1}$, we can define:

$$b_k^{-1} = \frac{f'(x_k) - f'(x_{k-1})}{x_k - x_{k-1}} \tag{4.43}$$

Thus if $x_k \to x^*$ then:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{|(b_k^{-1} - f''(x^*))(x_k - x_{k-1})|}{|x_k - x_{k-1}|} = 0 \tag{4.44}$$

Because we can notice that:

$$\frac{|(b_k^{-1} - f''(x^*))(x_k - x_{k-1})|}{|x_k - x_{k-1}|} = |b_k^{-1} - f''(x_{k-1})| + |f''(x_{k-1}) - f''(x^*)| \tag{4.45}$$

Since $x_k \to x^*$, we have $h = x_k - x_{k-1}$ and so:

$$b_k^{-1} = \frac{f'(x_k) - f'(x_{k-1})}{x_k - x_{k-1}} \to f''(x_{k-1}) \tag{4.46}$$

Thus, $\lim_{k\to\infty} |b_k^{-1} - f''(x_k)| = 0$.
Assuming that f'' is continuous, we have $\lim_{k\to\infty} |f''(x_k) - f''(x^*)| = 0$.
If we define $s_{k-1} = x_k - x_{k-1}$ and $y_{k-1} = f'(x_k) - f'(x_{k-1})$ and knowing (4.43), we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} b_k(f'(x_k) - f'(x_{k-1})) &= x_k - x_{k-1} \\ b_k y_{k-1} &= s_{k-1} \end{aligned} \tag{4.47}$$

This suggests that for $n > 1$, we should define the secant condition, B_k such that:

$$B_k y_{k-1} = s_{k-1} \tag{4.48}$$

Let us define $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|Ax - b\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^T A^T Ax - (A^T b)^T x + \frac{1}{2}b^T b$. If A is full rank then f is a strongly convex quadratic function. And we have $\nabla f(x_k) = A^T A x_k - A^T b$. Then,

$$y_{k-1} = \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla f(x_{k-1}) = A^T A(x_k - x_{k-1}) = \nabla^2 f(x_k) s_{k-1} \tag{4.49}$$

And so

$$\nabla^2 f(x_k) y_{k-1} = s_{k-1} \tag{4.50}$$

Therefore, $\nabla^{-2} f$ satisfies the secant condition (4.48), when f is a strongly convex quadratic function. Thus it is reasonnable to require the secant for any approximation to $\nabla^{-2} f(x_k)$.

Now, how can we compute B_k such that it satisfies the secant condition (4.48)?
Given a matrix B_{k-1}, our goal is to find a perturbation matrix $P_{k-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ such that:

$$(B_{k-1} + P_{k-1})\, y_{k-1} = s_{k-1} \tag{4.51}$$

If we get such P_{k-1}, we can define $B_k = B_{k-1} + P_{k-1}$, which would satisfy the secant condition (4.48).
For that we need at least n degrees of freedom and a symmetric matrix, so it is natural to try:

$$P_{k-1} = v_{k-1} v_{k-1}^T, \quad v_{k-1} \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{4.52}$$

So we get:

$$\left(B_{k-1} + v_{k-1} v_{k-1}^T\right) y_{k-1} = s_{k-1} \tag{4.53}$$

By algebraic manipulations, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(v_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}\right) v_{k-1} &= s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1} \\ v_{k-1} &= \frac{s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}}{\beta} \quad \text{for } \beta = v_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}\end{aligned} \tag{4.54}$$

Combining the two previous equations, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\left(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}\right)^T y_{k-1}\right)\frac{1}{\beta}\left(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}\right) &= s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1} \\ \frac{1}{\beta^2}\left(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}\right)^T y_{k-1} &= 1\end{aligned} \tag{4.55}$$

We can isolate β:

$$\beta = \sqrt{\left(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}\right)^T y_{k-1}} \tag{4.56}$$

Combining (4.54) and (4.56), we get:

$$v_{k-1} = \frac{s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}}{\sqrt{\left(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}\right)^T y_{k-1}}} \tag{4.57}$$

This leads us to the following update for B_k:

$$\begin{aligned}B_k &= B_{k-1} + v_{k-1}v_{k-1}^T \\ &= B_{k-1} + \frac{\left(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}\right)\left(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}\right)^T}{\left(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1}y_{k-1}\right)^T y_{k-1}}\end{aligned} \tag{4.58}$$

This is called the **SR1 update** (symmetric rank 1 update).

4.3.2 BFGS Update

Let's take back $B_{k+1}y_k = s_k$ and defining $H_{k+1} = B_{k+1}^{-1} \approx \nabla^2 f(x_{k+1})$, we get $H_{k+1}s_k = y_k$.
The idea is to find a rank 2 update that consists in finding $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $v, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that:

$$\left(H_k + auu^T + bvv^T\right) s_k = y_k \tag{4.59}$$

Noticing that $u^T s_k$ and $v^T s_k$ are scalars, we can impose that:

$$\begin{cases} a(u^T s_k)u = -H_k s_k \\ b(v^T s_k)v = y_k \end{cases} \tag{4.60}$$

It suggests that we should take $a = \frac{1}{u^T s_k}$ and $b = \frac{1}{v^T s_k}$. Which gives us:

$$\begin{cases} u = -H_k s_k \\ v = y_k \end{cases} \tag{4.61}$$

Combining the two equations, we get:

$$H_{k+1} = H_k - \frac{H_k s_k s_k^T H_k}{s_k^T H_k s_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \tag{4.62}$$

Using linear algebra, we can compute:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} B_{k+1} &= H_{k+1}^{-1} \\ &= \left(I - \rho_k s_k y_k^T\right) B_k \left(I - \rho_k y_k s_k^T\right) + \rho_k s_k s_k^T \text{ with } \rho_k = \frac{1}{y_k^T s_k} \end{aligned}} \tag{4.63}$$

Remarks:

- If $B_k \succ 0$ and $s_k^T y_k > 0$ then $B_{k+1} \succ 0$.
- If $B_k \succ 0$ and $d_k = -B_k \nabla f(x_k)$, then

$$\langle \nabla f(x_k), d_k \rangle = -\langle \nabla f(x_k), B_k \nabla f(x_k) \rangle < 0 \tag{4.64}$$

  and so d_k is a descent direction for f at x_k.
- The LBFGS is a low memory of BFGS, that does not require the storage of the matrices B_k. Given a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, it computes $B_k v$, which is all that we need to implement QN method.

Constrained nonlinear programming problems

Consider the constrained problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \quad \text{subject to} \quad c_i(x) = 0, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \tag{5.1}$$

where $f, c_i : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ are $\mathcal{C}^1$ and there exists at least a $\hat{x}$ such that $c_i(\hat{x}) = 0$.
A natural approach to solve this problem is to consider the related unconstrained problem in which we try to minimize $f(x)$ plus a term that penalizes the violation of the constraints (quadratic penalty function).

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} Q_\sigma(x) \equiv f(x) + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|c(x)\|_2^2 \tag{5.2}$$

For the problem (5.1), we would like to find a KKT point x^* for which there exists $\lambda^* \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x^*) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i^* \nabla c_i(x^*) = 0 & \text{(stationarity)} \\ c(x^*) = 0 & \text{(feasibility)} \end{cases} \tag{5.3}$$

In practice, we are happy if we can find an $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$-KKT point for (5.1), i.e. a point x^+ such that there exists λ^+ with:

$$\begin{cases} \|\nabla f(x^+) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i^+ \nabla c_i(x^+)\| \le \varepsilon_1 \\ \|c(x^+)\| \le \varepsilon_2 \end{cases} \tag{5.4}$$

Let us relate (5.2) and (5.1). Notice that[1]:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla Q_\sigma(x)\| &= \|\nabla f(x) + \sigma \mathbf{J}_c(x)^T c(x)\| \\ &= \|\nabla f(x) + \sigma \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i(x) \nabla c_i(x)\| \\ &= \|\nabla f(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i^+ \nabla c_i(x)\| \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_i^+ = -\sigma c_i(x^+) \end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

[1] $J_c(\cdot)$ is the Jacobian of $c(\cdot)$.

Therefore, if $\|\nabla Q_\sigma(x^+)\| \leq \varepsilon_1$, then there exists $\lambda^+ \in \mathbb{R}^m, \lambda^+ = -\sigma c(x^+)$ such that $\|\nabla f(x^+) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i^+ \nabla c_i(x^+)\| \leq \varepsilon_1$.
Given $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, suppose that we compute x^+ such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q_\sigma(x^+) &\leq Q_\sigma(\bar{x}) \\
f(x^+) + \frac{\sigma}{2}\|c(x^+)\|^2 &\leq f(\bar{x}) + \frac{\sigma}{2}\|c(\bar{x})\|^2 \\
\frac{\sigma}{2}\|c(x^+)\|^2 &\leq f(\bar{x}) - f(x^+) + \frac{\sigma}{2}\|c(\bar{x})\|^2 \\
\|c(x^+)\|^2 &\leq \frac{2}{\sigma}\left(f(\bar{x}) - f(x^+)\right) + \|c(\bar{x})\|^2
\end{aligned}
\tag{5.6}
$$

If $f(x) \geq f_{low} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we get $\|c(x^+)\|^2 \leq \frac{2}{\sigma}(f(\bar{x}) - f_{low}) + \|c(\bar{x})\|^2$.
If $\|c(\bar{x})\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $\sigma \geq \frac{4}{\varepsilon_2^2}(f(\bar{x}) - f_{low})$, then $\|c(x^+)\|^2 \leq \varepsilon_2^2$ and so $\|c(x^+)\| \leq \varepsilon_2$.
In summary, if we have $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\|c(\bar{x})\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{\sqrt{2}}$, and using a method for unconstrained optimization (e.g. GM), we compute x^+ with

$$
Q_\sigma(x^+) \leq Q_\sigma(\bar{x}) \quad \text{and} \quad \|\nabla Q_\sigma(x^+)\| \leq \varepsilon_1 \tag{5.7}
$$

for $\sigma \geq \frac{4}{\varepsilon_2^2}(f(\bar{x}) - f_{low})$, then x^+ is a $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$-KKT point for the unconstrained problem (5.1).

Algorithm 1 Quadratic Penalty Method

1: **Input:** $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \in (0,1)$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\|c(x_0)\|_2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{\sqrt{2}}$, $\sigma_0 > 0$
2: $k = 0$
3: **while** $\|c(x_{k+1})\| > \varepsilon_1$ **do**
4: Compute $x_{k+1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ as an approximate solution to

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} Q_{\sigma_k}(x) \\
\text{such that} \quad & Q_{\sigma_k}(x_{k+1}) \leq Q_{\sigma_k}(x_0) \\
\text{and} \quad & \|\nabla Q_{\sigma_k}(x_{k+1})\| \leq \varepsilon_2
\end{aligned}
\tag{5.8}
$$

5: $\sigma_{k+1} \leftarrow 2\sigma_k$
6: $k \leftarrow k+1$
7: **end while**

→ Note: We can compute x_{k+1} satisfying (5.8) by using any monotone optimization method starting from:

$$
x_k^* = \arg\min\{Q_{\sigma_k}(x_0), Q_{\sigma_k}(x_k)\} \tag{5.9}
$$

- For a constrained problem of the form $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \quad$ s.t. $c_i \leq 0 \quad i = 0, \ldots, m$, we can add slack variables to obtain an equivalent equality constrained problem:

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, s \in \mathbb{R}^m} f(x) \\
&\text{s.t. } c_i(x) + s_i^2 = 0 \quad i = 1, \ldots, m
\end{aligned}
\tag{5.10}
$$

Accelerated Gradient Method

6.1 Derivation of the algorithm

$$\min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \tag{6.1}$$

where $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is convex, ∇f is L-Lipschitz and has a minimizer x^*. The Accelerated Gradient Method combines present and past information to obtain a point y_k (prediction) and then perform a gradient step using this point as reference point.

$$\begin{cases} y_k = (1-\gamma_k)x_k + \gamma_k v_k, & \gamma_k \in (0,1) \\ x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{L}\nabla f(y_k) \end{cases} \tag{6.2}$$

We will identify ways to define v_k and γ_k based on the following guiding inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} & v_k = \arg\min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_k(x) \\ & \Psi_k(x) \leq A_k f(x) + \frac{1}{2}\|x-x_0\|^2 \\ & A_k f(x_k) \leq \min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_k(x) \equiv \Psi_k^*, \quad A_k \geq 0 \\ & A_k \geq c(k-1)^2 \quad \forall k \geq 2 \end{aligned} \tag{6.3}$$

Assuming the 3 last guiding inequalities (6.3) hold, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} A_k f(x_k) &\leq \min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_k(x) \\ &\leq \Psi_k(x^*) \\ &\leq A_k f(x^*) + \frac{1}{2}\|x^* - x_0\|^2 \\ (f(x_k) - f(x^*)) &\leq \frac{\|x_k - x^*\|^2}{2A_k} \quad \forall k \geq 2 \\ &\leq \frac{\|x_k - x^*\|^2}{2C(k-1)^2} = \mathcal{O}(k^{-2}) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-1/2}) \quad \forall k \geq 2 \end{aligned} \tag{6.4}$$

If we take $A_0 = 0$ and $\Psi_0(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2$, then the second inequality from (6.3) is true for $k = 0$. Let us assume the inequality is true for some $k \geq 0$. Looking at the case $k = 1$, it appears that we can define:

$$\Psi_{k+1}(x) = \Psi_k(x) + b_k\left(f(y_k) + \langle \nabla f(y_k), x - y_k \rangle\right) \tag{6.5}$$

with $b_k > 0$ (to be determined).
Suppose that the inequality holds for $k \geq 0$. Then, by the convexity of f and doing an induction assumption:

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{k+1}(x) &\leq \Psi_k(x) + b_k f(x) \\ &\leq A_k f(x) + \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2 + b_k f(x) \\ &= (A_k + b_k) f(x) + \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2\end{aligned} \tag{6.6}$$

Therefore, if we define $A_{k+1} = A_k + b_k$, then the second inequality of (6.3) will also hold for $k+1$. Regarding of the third inequality of (6.3), notice that:

$$\begin{aligned}A_0 f(x_0) = 0 &= \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2 \\ &= \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_0(x)\end{aligned} \tag{6.7}$$

It holds for $k = 0$, suppose that it still holds for $k \geq 0$. We want to show that it is also true for $k+1$. Notice that:

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_1 &= \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2 + b_0\left(f(y_0) + \langle \nabla f(y_0), x - y_0\rangle\right) \\ \Psi_2 &= \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2 + \sum_{i=0}^{1} b_0\left(f(y_i) + \langle \nabla f(y_i), x - y_i\rangle\right) \\ &\vdots \\ \Psi_k &= \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} b_0\left(f(y_i) + \langle \nabla f(y_i), x - y_i\rangle\right)\end{aligned} \tag{6.8}$$

Thus, $\Psi_k(x)$ is a μ-strongly convex function with $\mu = 1$. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_k(x) &\geq \Psi_k(v_k) + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x_0\|^2 \\ &= \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_k(x) + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x_0\|^2 \\ &\geq A_k f(x_k) + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x_0\|^2\end{aligned} \tag{6.9}$$

And so:

$$\begin{aligned}\min_x \Psi_{k+1}(x) &= \min_x \Psi_k + b_k\left(f(y_k) + \langle \nabla, x - y_k\rangle\right) \\ &\geq \min_x A_k f(x_k) + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x_0\|^2 + b_k\left(f(y_k) + \langle \nabla, x - y_k\rangle\right) \\ &\geq \min_x A_k\left(f(x_k) + \langle \nabla, x_k - y_k\rangle\right) + b_k\left(f(y_k) + \langle \nabla, x - y_k\rangle\right) \\ &\geq (A_k + b_k) f(y_k) + \langle \nabla f(y_k), A_k x_k + b_k x - A_{k+1} y_k\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x_0\|^2 \\ &\geq (A_{k+1}) f(y_k) + \langle \nabla f(y_k), A_k x_k + b_k x - A_{k+1} y_k\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x_0\|^2\end{aligned} \tag{6.10}$$

To make things consistent, let us impose

$$A_k x_k - A_{k+1} y_k + b_k x = b_k(x - v_k) \iff y_k = \frac{A_k}{A_{k+1}} x_k + \frac{b_k}{A_{k+1}} v_k \tag{6.11}$$

And so we can continue equation (6.10):

$$\min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_{k+1}(x) A_{k+1} \min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} \geq f(y_k) + \langle \nabla f(y_k), \gamma_k(x - v_k)\rangle + \frac{1}{2A_{k+1}\gamma_k^2}\|\gamma_k(v_k - x)\|^2 \tag{6.12}$$

To verify the Lipschitz condition, we impose

$$\frac{1}{2A_{k+1}\gamma_k^2} = \frac{L}{2} \iff b_k^2 - \frac{1}{L} b_k - \frac{A_k}{L} = 0 \implies b_k = \frac{1+\sqrt{1+4A_k L}}{2L} \tag{6.13}$$

From all that have been computed previously, we can find a bound in terms of iterations needed. If $x^* = \arg\min f(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_k f(x_k) \leq \min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_k(x) \qquad & \leq \Psi_k(x^*) \leq A_k f(x^*) + \frac{1}{2}\|x^* - x_k\|^2 \\ \Rightarrow A_k(f(x_k) - f(x^*)) \leq \frac{1}{2}\|x^* - x_k\|^2 & \\ \Rightarrow f(x_k) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{2A_k}\|x^* - x_k\|^2 & \end{aligned} \tag{6.14}$$

From the relation $A_{k+1} = A_k + b_k$ and the definition of b_k, we can show that $A_k \geq C(k-1)^2$ with $C > 0$ and $k \geq 2$. Thus, we get

$$f(x_k) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{\|x_0 - x^*\|^2}{2C(k-1)^2} = \mathcal{O}(1/k^2) \qquad \forall k \geq 1 \tag{6.15}$$

A recap is given in algorithm 2.

Algorithm 2 Accelerated Gradient Method

1: **Input:** Given $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, define $\Psi_0(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2$, $A_0 = 0$, $b_0 = 0$, $k = 0$;

2: Compute

$$b_k = \frac{1+\sqrt{1+4A_k L}}{2L} > 0; \tag{6.16}$$

3: Set $\gamma_k = \frac{b_k}{A_{k+1}} \in (0,1]$ and compute $y_k = (1-\gamma_k)x_k + \gamma_k v_k$;

4: Set

$$x_{k+1} = \arg\min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} f(y_k) + \langle \nabla f(y_k), x - y_k\rangle + \frac{L}{2}\|x - y_k\|^2 \tag{6.17}$$

and $A_{k+1} = A_k + b_k$;

5: Define

$$\Psi_{k+1}(x) = \Psi_k(x) + b_k\left(f(y_k) + \langle \nabla f(y_k), x - y_k\rangle\right) \qquad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{6.18}$$

and set

$$v_{k+1} = \arg\min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_{k+1}(x) \tag{6.19}$$

6: $k \leftarrow k+1$ and go back to Step 1;

6.2 Accelerated Proximal Gradient Method

In this section, we consider the minimisation of a function over a nonempty, closed and convex set Ω. We decompose the objective function F into a smooth and a possibly non smooth part:

$$\min_{x \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n} F(x) \equiv f(x) + \varphi(x) \tag{6.20}$$

The accelerated proximal gradient method consists in using the proximal operator of the non smooth part φ to define x_{k+1}:

Algorithm 3 Accelerated Proximal Gradient Method

1: **Input:** Given $x_0 \in domF$, define $\Psi_0(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2$, $A_0 = 0$, $b_0 = 0$, $k = 0$;

2: Compute

$$b_k = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4A_k L}}{2L} > 0; \tag{6.21}$$

3: Set $\gamma_k = \frac{b_k}{A_{k+1}} \in (0, 1]$ and compute $y_k = (1 - \gamma_k)x_k + \gamma_k v_k$;

4: Set

$$x_{k+1} = Prox_{\frac{1}{L}\varphi}(y_k - \frac{1}{L}\nabla f(y_k)) \tag{6.22}$$

and $A_{k+1} = A_k + b_k$;

5: Define

$$\Psi_{k+1}(x) = \Psi_k(x) + b_k \left(f(y_k) + \langle \nabla f(y_k), x - y_k \rangle \right) \qquad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{6.23}$$

and set

$$v_{k+1} = \arg\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_{k+1}(x) \tag{6.24}$$

6: $k \leftarrow k + 1$ and go back to Step 1;

Theorem 6.1. If $\{x_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ is generated by the accelerated proximal gradient method, then

$$F(x_k) - F(x^*) \leq \frac{8L\|x_0 - x^*\|^2}{(k-1)^2} \qquad \forall k \geq 2 \tag{6.25}$$

Path following Interior Point Method

7.1 Self concordant functions

7.1.1 Definition

Definition 7.1. Given a convex function $f \in \mathcal{C}^3(domf)$, with $domf \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open and convex, $f(\cdot)$ is said to be self-concordant with constant M_f when

$$\left|D^3 f(x)[u,u,u]\right| \leq 2M_f \|u\|_x^3 \qquad \forall x \in domf \qquad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{7.1}$$

where $\|u\|_x := \sqrt{\langle \nabla^2 f(x)u, u\rangle}$.

From this definition, we can derive two lemmas:

- Let f_1, f_2 be self-concordant functions with constants M_1 and M_2 respectively. Then, given constants $\alpha, \beta > 0$, the function $f = \alpha f_1 + \beta f_2$ is self-concordant with constant $M_f = \max\left\{\frac{M_1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}, \frac{M_2}{\sqrt{\beta}}\right\}$.
- Let $f(\cdot)$ be a self-concordant function with constant $M_f \geq 0$. Given $x, y \in domf$, we have
$$\|y-x\|_y \geq \frac{\|y-x\|_x}{1+M_f\|y-x\|_x} \tag{7.2}$$

7.1.2 With μ-strongly convex

As a reminder, a function f is said to be μ-strongly convex if

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), y-x\rangle + \frac{\mu}{2}\|y-x\|^2 \qquad \forall x,y \in domf \\ \Rightarrow \langle \nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y), x-y\rangle \geq \mu \|x-y\|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{7.3}$$

Taking $y = x^* = \arg\min f(x)$, we find

$$\|\nabla f(x)\| \geq \mu \|x - x^*\| \qquad \forall x \in domf \tag{7.4}$$

after using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. This implies that the norm of the gradient tends to 0 as x approaches the minimizer x^*.
We can show that, for a self concordant function f with constant M_f, given $x, y \in domf$, we have

$$\langle \nabla f(y) - \nabla f(x), y-x\rangle \geq \frac{\|y-x\|_x^2}{1+M_f\|y-x\|_x} \tag{7.5}$$

Theorem 7.2. Let $f(\cdot)$ be a self-concordant function with constant M_f. Consider $x_f^* = \arg\min_{x \in domf} f(x)$. Given $x \in domf$, with $\nabla^2 f(x)$ is nonsingular, we have

$$\|x - x^*\|_x \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(x)\|_x^*}{1 - M_f \|\nabla f(x)\|_x^*} \tag{7.6}$$

whenever $M_f \|\nabla f(x)\|_x^* < 1$, with $\|\nabla f(x)\|_x^* = \sqrt{\langle h, \nabla^{-2} f(x) h \rangle}$.

→ Note: $|\langle h, u \rangle| \leq \|h\|_x^* \|u\|_x$ if $\nabla^2 f(x)$ is nonsingular.

7.1.3 Self-concordant barrier

Definition 7.3. Let $F(\cdot)$ be a self-concordant function with constant $M_f = 1$. We say that $F(\cdot)$ is a ν-self-concordant barrier for the set $\overline{domF}$ when

$$\langle \nabla F(x), u \rangle^2 \leq \nu \langle \nabla^2 F(x) u, u \rangle \qquad x \in domF \qquad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{7.7}$$

The typical example is $F(x) = -\log(x)$.

→ Note: If $F(\cdot)$ is a ν-self-concordant barrier for the set $\overline{domF}$, then $\langle \nabla F(x), y - x \rangle < \nu \; \forall x, y \in domF$.

→ If, in addition, $\nabla^2 F(x)$ is nonsingular, then $\|\nabla F(x)\|_x^* \leq \sqrt{\nu}$.

7.2 Path-following Interior-point Method

Consider the optimization problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f_0(x) \equiv \langle c, x \rangle \quad x \in \Omega \tag{7.8}$$

where $\Omega = \overline{domF}$ for some ν-self-concordant barrier F and it is bounded. From these assumptions, it follows from the Weierstraß theorem that it has a solution x^*.

The barrier strategy consists in solving the problem iteratively by solving unconstrained optimization problems of the form

$$\boxed{\min_{x \in domF} t f_0(x) + F(x) \qquad t > 0} \tag{7.9}$$

Let us denote $f(t; x) \equiv t\langle c, x \rangle + F(x)$, and $x^*(t) = \arg\min_{x \in domF} f(t; x)$, which we call the central path function. Then,

$$\nabla_x f(t; x^*(t)) = tc + \nabla F(x^*(t)) = 0 \Longrightarrow c = -\frac{1}{t} \nabla F(x^*(t)) \tag{7.10}$$

Consequently,

$$f_0(x^*(t)) - f_0(x) = \langle c, x^*(t) - x \rangle = \frac{1}{t} \langle \nabla F(x^*(t)), x^* - x^*(t) \rangle < \frac{\nu}{t} \tag{7.11}$$

The last inequality following equation (7.5). This means that

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} f_0(x^*(t)) = f_0(x^*) \tag{7.12}$$

And in particular, for $\epsilon > 0$, if $t \geq \nu\epsilon^{-1}$, then

$$f_0(x^*(t)) - f_0(x^*) < \epsilon \tag{7.13}$$

But, since $x^*(t)$ is not computable, one way to get an implementable method is to compute $\bar{x}(t)$ such that

$$\|\nabla_x f(t;\bar{x}(t))\|_x^* \leq \beta \qquad \beta \in (0,1) \tag{7.14}$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(\bar{x}(t)) - f_0(x^*) &= f_0(\bar{x}(t)) - f_0(x^*(t)) - (f_0(x^*) - f_0(x^*(t))) \\ &< \frac{\nu}{t} + f_0(\bar{x}(t)) - f_0(x^*(t)) \\ &= \frac{\nu}{t} + \frac{1}{t}\langle tc, \bar{x}(t) - x^*(t)\rangle \\ &= \frac{\nu}{t} + \frac{1}{t}\langle \nabla_x f(t;\bar{x}(t)) - \nabla F(\bar{x}(t)), \bar{x}(t) - x^*(t)\rangle \end{aligned} \tag{7.15}$$

To get to the next line, we use the Cauchy-Schwarz and triangular inequalities:

$$\leq \frac{\nu}{t} + \frac{1}{t}\left[\|\nabla_x f(t;\bar{x}(t))\|_x^* + \|\nabla F(\bar{x}(t))\|_x^*\right] \|\bar{x}(t) - x^*(t)\|_x \tag{7.16}$$

From equations (7.14) and (7.6), and a property of self-concordant barriers, this means that

$$f_0(\bar{x}(t)) - f_0(x^*) < \frac{\nu}{t} + \frac{1}{t}(\beta + \sqrt{\nu}) \underbrace{\frac{\|\nabla_x f(t;\bar{x}(t))\|_x^*}{1 - \|\nabla_x f(t;\bar{x}(t))\|_x^*}}_{=:\omega(\|\nabla_x f(t;\bar{x}(t))\|_x^*)} \tag{7.17}$$

where $\omega(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$ is a monotone increasing function, meaning that

$$\omega(\beta) > \omega(\|\nabla_x f(t;\bar{x}(t))\|_x^*) \tag{7.18}$$

and thus

$$f_0(\bar{x}(t)) - f_0(x^*) < \frac{1}{t}\left(\nu + (\beta + \sqrt{\nu})\frac{\beta}{1-\beta}\right) \tag{7.19}$$

7.3 Intermediate Newton method

Let us consider the problem (7.8), and let $\hat{f}(\cdot)$ be a self-concordant function with constant $M_{\hat{f}} = 1$. Consider $x \in dom\hat{f}$ with $\nabla^2\hat{f}(x)$ nonsingular. Assume that $\|\nabla\hat{f}(x)\|_x^* \leq \tau$ with $\tau + \tau^2 + \tau^3 \leq 1$. The iterate of the intermediate Newton method is given by

$$x^+ = x - \frac{1}{1+\xi}\nabla^{-2}\hat{f}(x)\nabla\hat{f}(x) \qquad \xi = \frac{(\|\nabla\hat{f}(x)\|_x^*)^2}{1 + \|\nabla\hat{f}(x)\|_x^*} \tag{7.20}$$

Then, $x^+ \in dom \hat{f}$ and

$$\|\nabla \hat{f}(x^+)\|^*_{x^+} \leq \tau^2 \left(1 + \tau + \frac{\tau}{1+\tau+\tau^2}\right) \tag{7.21}$$

Consider now the function $f(t;x) \equiv t\langle c, x\rangle + F(x)$, a self-concordant function with constant $M_f = 1$. The gradient and hessian are

$$\nabla_x f(t;x) = tc + \nabla F(x) \qquad \nabla^2_x f(t;x) = \nabla^2 F(x) \tag{7.22}$$

Let us define the iterate $t^+ = t + \frac{\gamma}{\|c\|^*_x}$ with $\gamma > 0$. The iterate of the intermediate Newton method becomes

$$x^+ = x - \frac{1}{1-\xi}\nabla_x^{-2} f(t^+;x)\nabla_x f(t^+;x) = x - \frac{1}{1+\xi}\nabla^{-2}F(x)(t^+c + \nabla F(x)) \tag{7.23}$$

As previously, suppose that $\|\nabla_x f(t;x)\|^*_x \leq \beta$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_x f(t^+;x)\|^*_x &= \|t^+c + \nabla F(x)\|^*_x = \|t^+c - tc + tc + \nabla F(x)\|^*_x \\ &\leq (t^+ - t)\|c\|^*_x + \|\nabla_x f(t;x)\|^*_x = \gamma + \beta \end{aligned} \tag{7.24}$$

This inequality is derived using the hypothesis and the definition of t^+. This means that, choosing $\gamma \leq \tau - \beta$ for $\tau + \tau^2 + \tau^3 \leq 1$, we get

$$\|\nabla_x f(t^+;x)\|^*_x \leq \tau \tag{7.25}$$

By equation (7.21), we have

$$\|\nabla_x f(t^+;x^+)\|^*_{x^+} \leq \tau^2 \left(1 + \tau + \frac{\tau}{1+\tau+\tau^2}\right) = \frac{\tau^2(1+\tau)}{1-\tau^3} \tag{7.26}$$

And so taking $\beta = \tau^2 \left(1 + \tau + \frac{\tau}{1+\tau+\tau^2}\right)$ seems reasonable.

→ Note: notice that $\tau > \beta$ for every $\tau \in (0, 1/2]$ and verifies $\tau + \tau^2 + \tau^3 \leq 1$.

From all those inequalities and properties, we can derive an algorithm.

7.4 Path-following Interior point Algorithm

7.4.1 Algorithm

Algorithm 4 Path-following Interior Point Algorithm

1: **Input:** Given $\tau \in (0, 1/2]$, define $\beta = \tau^2 \left(1 + \tau + \frac{\tau}{1+\tau+\tau^2}\right)$. Choose $0 < \gamma \le \tau - \beta$. Find $x_0 \in domF$ such that $\|\nabla F(x_0)\|_{x_0}^* \le \beta$ and set $t_0 = 0$ and $k := 0$;

2: **Step 1:** Compute

$$
\begin{aligned}
t_{k+1} &= t_k + \frac{\gamma}{\|c\|_x^*} \\
x_{k+1} &= x_k - \frac{1}{1+\xi_k} \nabla^{-2} F(x_k)(t_{k+1} c + \nabla F(x_k)) \\
\xi_k &= \frac{(\|\nabla f(t_k; x_k)\|_{x_k}^*)^2}{1 + \|\nabla f(t_k; x_k)\|_{x_k}^*}
\end{aligned}
\tag{7.27}
$$

3: **Step 2:** $k \leftarrow k + 1$ and go back to Step 1.

7.4.2 Complexity bound

Notice that, by construction, $\|\nabla_x f(t_k; x_k)\|_{x_k}^* \le \beta$, $\forall k \ge 0$, and so

$$
t_k \|c\|_{x_k}^* = \|\nabla_x f(t_k; x_k) - \nabla F(x_k)\|_{x_k}^* \le \beta + \sqrt{\nu} \tag{7.28}
$$

This can be used to bound t_{k+1}:

$$
t_{k+1} - t_k = \frac{\gamma}{\|c\|_{x_k}^*} \ge \frac{\gamma t_k}{\beta + \sqrt{\nu}} \iff \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{\beta + \sqrt{\nu}}\right) t_k \qquad \forall k \ge 0 \tag{7.29}
$$

Thus,

$$
t_k \ge \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{\beta + \sqrt{\nu}}\right)^{k-1} t_1 = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{\beta + \sqrt{\nu}}\right)^{k-1} \frac{\gamma}{\|c\|_{x_0}^*} \tag{7.30}
$$

Combining this to (7.19), it follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
f_0(x_k) - f_0^* &\le \frac{1}{t_k} \left(\nu + \frac{(\beta + \sqrt{\nu})\beta}{1 - \beta}\right) \\
&\le \frac{\|c\|_{x_0}^* \left(\nu + \frac{(\beta+\sqrt{\nu})\beta}{1-\beta}\right)}{\gamma \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{\beta+\sqrt{\nu}}\right)^{k-1}}
\end{aligned}
\tag{7.31}
$$

Thus, to obtain a point x_k with $f_0(x_k) - f_0^* \leq \epsilon$, it is sufficient to have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|c\|_{x_0}^* \left(\nu + \frac{(\beta+\sqrt{\nu})\beta}{1-\beta}\right)}{\gamma\left(1+\frac{\gamma}{\beta+\sqrt{\nu}}\right)^{k-1}} &\leq \epsilon \\ (k-1)\ln\left(1+\frac{\gamma}{\beta+\sqrt{\nu}}\right) &\geq \ln\left(\frac{\|c\|_{x_0}^*\left(\nu+\frac{(\beta+\sqrt{\nu})\beta}{1-\beta}\right)}{\gamma}\epsilon^{-1}\right) \\ &\implies \boxed{k \geq \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1})} \end{aligned} \tag{7.32}$$

Notice that $\ln(1+x) \geq cx$ for $x > 0$ and c a constant TO BE CHECKED. We can apply it to $x = \frac{\gamma}{\beta+\sqrt{\nu}}$ to find a bound on the number of iterations: we will have $f_0(x_k) - f_0^* \leq \epsilon$ whenever

$$(k-1)c\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta+\sqrt{\nu}}\right) \geq \ln\left(\|c\|_{x_0}^*\left(\nu+\frac{(\beta+\sqrt{\nu})\beta}{1-\beta}\right)\gamma^{-1}\epsilon^{-1}\right) \tag{7.33}$$

Therefore, to find a ϵ-approximate solution of problem (7.8), the algorithm 4 takes no more than $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\nu}\ln(\epsilon^{-1}))$ iterations.

7.4.3 Example

Consider the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} q_0(x) &\equiv c_0 + \langle b_0, x\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle A_0 x, x\rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \quad q_i(x) &\equiv c_i + \langle b_i, x\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle A_i x, x\rangle \leq \beta_i \qquad i = 1,\dots,m \end{aligned} \tag{7.34}$$

where $A_i = A_i^T \succeq 0$ for $i = 0,\dots,m$. To be able to used the algorithm derived previously, we need to change the objective function:

$$\min_{(x,\beta)\in\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}} \beta_0 \equiv f_0(x,\beta_0) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad q_i(x) \leq \beta_i \qquad i = 0,\dots,m \tag{7.35}$$

The feasible set of this problem is the closure of the domain of the following self-concordant barrier, with constant $\nu = m+1$:

$$F(x,\beta_0) = -\sum_{i=0}^{m} \ln(\beta_i - q_i(x)) \tag{7.36}$$

From the complexity of algorithm 4, it takes at most $\mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{m+1}\ln(\epsilon^{-1})\right)$ iterations to find x_k such that

$$f_0(x_k, \beta_{0,k}) - f_0^* \leq \epsilon \tag{7.37}$$

and the operation complexity multiplies it by $\mathcal{O}(m^3)$ because it solves a linear system at each iteration.

Tips and Tricks

1. μ-strongly convex function:

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), y - x \rangle + \frac{\mu}{2}\|y - x\|^2 \qquad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{8.1}$$

2. Approximation of the max:

$$\max\{z, 0\} = \frac{z + |z|}{2} = \frac{z + \sqrt{z^2}}{2} \approx \frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 + \delta}}{2} \tag{8.2}$$

3.

$$ab \leq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} \tag{8.3}$$

4.

$$(a + b)^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2 \tag{8.4}$$

5. V-trick:

$$\langle xv, v \rangle \leq \|x\|\|v\|^2 \tag{8.5}$$

6. Triangular inequality by the minimizer:

$$\|x_{k+1} - x_k\| \leq \|x_{k+1} - x^*\| + \|x_k - x^*\| \tag{8.6}$$

7. Mean Value Theorem $\forall x, y \in \Omega, \exists z \in \Omega$ s.t.:

$$f(y) - f(x) = \langle \nabla f(z), y - x \rangle \qquad z \in [x, y] \tag{8.7}$$

8. By definition if a function is C^p_M, then

$$|f(y) - T_p(y; x)| \leq \frac{M}{(p + 1)!}\|y - x\|^{p+1} \tag{8.8}$$

9. Fundamental theorem of calculus:

$$\nabla f(y) - \nabla f(x) = \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x + \tau(y - x))(y - x) d\tau \tag{8.9}$$

10. Cauchy-Schwarz inequality;
11. Triangular inequality;

12. Dimis-Mori condition for Quasi Newton SR1:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{\| \left(B_k^{-1} - \nabla^2 f(x_k)\right)(x_{k+1} - x_k)\|}{\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|} = 0 \tag{8.10}$$

13. KKT conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(x^*) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i^* \nabla c_i(x^*) = 0 & \text{(stationarity)} \\ c(x^*) = 0 & \text{(feasibility)} \end{cases} \tag{8.11}$$

14. For a function $f \in \mathcal{C}_M^{2,2}$,

$$\left| f(y) - f(x) - \nabla f(x)^T (y - x) - \frac{1}{2}(y - x)^T \nabla^2 f(x)(y - x) \right| \leq \frac{M}{6} \|y - x\|^3 \tag{8.12}$$

Final results and important theorems

9.1 TODO

- Generalisation the property of a L-Lipschitz function to $f \in \mathcal{C}_L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. For $p = 1$, we had

$$f(y) \le f(x_k) + \langle \nabla f(x_k), y - x_k \rangle + \frac{L}{2}\|y - x_k\|^2 \qquad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{9.1}$$

  For a general value of p, it becomes

$$f(y) \le T_p(y; x_k) + \frac{L}{(p+1)!}\|y - x_k\|^{p+1} \qquad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{9.2}$$

- Gradient method of order p: To solve $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$, we can use the iteration

$$x_{k+1} = \arg\min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} T_p(y; x_k) + \frac{M}{(p+1)!}\|y - x_k\|^{p+1} \tag{9.3}$$

  where the constant M is an approximation of the Lipschitz constant L.

- Bound on the number of iterations of the p-th order gradient method:

$$T(\varepsilon) \le 1 + \frac{f(x_0) - f_{low}}{C(L)}\varepsilon^{-\frac{p+1}{p}} \equiv \mathcal{O}\left(\varepsilon^{-\frac{p+1}{p}}\right) \qquad C(L) = \frac{L}{(p+1)!}\left(\frac{p!}{L+M}\right)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \tag{9.4}$$

9.2 Gradient descent without gradient

We want to minimize a function f without computing its gradient.

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{\sigma} g_{h_k}(x_k) \qquad h_k > 0,\ \sigma > 0 \tag{9.5}$$

where $g_{h_k}(x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by:

$$[g_{h_k}(x_k)]_j = \frac{f(x_k + he_j) - f(x_k)}{h_k} \qquad \forall j \in [1, \dots, m] \tag{9.6}$$

Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{C}_L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then,

$$\|\nabla f(x_k) - g_{h_k}(x_k)\| \le \frac{L\sqrt{n}}{2} h_k \tag{9.7}$$

And the convergence rate is

$$\implies T(\varepsilon) \leq 8\sigma \left(f(x_0) - f_{low} + \frac{5\sigma n}{16} \sum_{k=0}^{T(\varepsilon)-1} h_k^2 \right) \varepsilon^2 = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \tag{9.8}$$

9.3 Local rates of convergence

9.3.1 Linear rate of GM

As a reminder, the gradient method follows the iterate

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{L} \nabla f(x_k) \tag{9.9}$$

We define in some proves the quantity G_k as

$$G_k = \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x^* + \tau(x_k - x^*)) d\tau \tag{9.10}$$

The local convergence rate, i.e. for iterates such that $\|x_k - x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{M}$, of the gradient method is linear:

$$\begin{gathered} \|x_k - x^*\| \leq \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{2L}\right)^k \|x_0 - x^*\| \quad \forall k \geq 0 \\ T(\varepsilon) \leq 1 + \frac{\log\left(\|x_0 - x^*\| \varepsilon^{-1}\right)}{|\log\left(1 - \frac{\mu}{2L}\right)|} \equiv \mathcal{O}(\log(\varepsilon^{-1})) \end{gathered} \tag{9.11}$$

9.3.2 Local quadratic convergence of Newton's method

As a reminder, the Newton's method follows the iterate

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \nabla^{-2} f(x_k) \nabla f(x_k) \tag{9.12}$$

The local convergence rate, i.e. for iterates such that $\|x_k - x^*\| \leq \frac{\mu}{2M}$, of the Newton's method is quadratic:

$$\begin{gathered} \|x_{k+1} - x^*\| \leq \frac{M}{\mu} \|x_k - x^*\|^2 \\ T(\varepsilon) \leq \log_2(\log_2(\frac{\mu}{M} \varepsilon^{-1})) \end{gathered} \tag{9.13}$$

9.3.3 Quasi Newton methods

SR1 Update

As a reminder, the SR1 update is given by

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - B_k \nabla f(x_k) \qquad B_k = B_{k-1} + \frac{(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1} y_{k-1})(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1} y_{k-1})^T}{(s_{k-1} - B_{k-1} y_{k-1})^T y_{k-1}} \tag{9.14}$$

where B_k is found using Dimis-Mori and the secant condition:

$$\begin{gathered} \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\|\left(B_k^{-1} - \nabla^2 f(x_k)\right)(x_{k+1} - x_k)\|}{\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|} = 0 \\ B_k y_{k-1} = s_{k-1} \end{gathered} \tag{9.15}$$

BFGS Update

BFGS uses an approximation of the hessian instead of its inverse:

$$H_k = B_k^{-1} = \nabla^2 f(x_k) \tag{9.16}$$

The secant condition becomes

$$H_{k+1}s_k = y_k \tag{9.17}$$

The idea is to use a rank 2 update:

$$H_{k+1} = H_k + auu^T + bvv^T \qquad a, b \in \mathbb{R} \qquad u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{9.18}$$

The update is equation (4.63).

9.4 Constrained nonlinear programming problems

Consider the constrained problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \quad \text{subject to} \quad c_i(x) = 0, \quad i \in \{1, \ldots, m\} \tag{9.19}$$

where $f, c_i : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ are $\mathcal{C}^1$ and there exists at least a $\hat{x}$ such that $c_i(\hat{x}) = 0$.
To do that, we use a quadratic penalty term:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} Q_\sigma(x) \equiv f(x) + \frac{\sigma}{2}\|c(x)\|_2^2 \tag{9.20}$$

The initial problem is constrained. We suppress those constraints by adding their norm in the objective function, with a parameter σ. We define ε_1 as the tolerance on the norm of the constraints, and ε_2 as the tolerance on the objective function. The concept of the algorithm is to solve the unconstrained problem, and increase σ until the constraints are satisfied with tolerance ε_1.

9.5 Accelerated Gradient Method

9.5.1 Derivation of the algorithm

This algorithm minimizes a convex function f with L-Lipschitz gradient. The method combines past and present information for the step of the gradient method.

$$\begin{cases} y_k = (1-\gamma_k)x_k + \gamma_k v_k, \quad \gamma_k \in (0,1) \\ x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{L}\nabla f(y_k) \end{cases} \tag{9.21}$$

where v_k and γ_k are defined in the algorithm 2. The method is based on the following inequalities, which allow to have the convergence rate that we want:

$$\begin{aligned} & v_k = \arg\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_k(x) \\ & \Psi_k(x) \leq A_k f(x) + \frac{1}{2}\|x - x_0\|^2 \\ & A_k f(x_k) \leq \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \Psi_k(x) \equiv \Psi_k^*, \quad A_k \geq 0 \\ & A_k \geq c(k-1)^2 \quad \forall k \geq 2 \end{aligned} \tag{9.22}$$

This convergence rate is

$$(f(x_k) - f(x^*)) \leq \frac{\|x_k - x^*\|^2}{2C(k-1)^2} = \mathcal{O}(k^{-2}) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-1/2}) \quad \forall k \geq 2 \tag{9.23}$$

9.5.2 Accelerated Proximal Gradient Method

In this algorithm, the function to minimise is defined over a nonempty, closed and convex set Ω. The function has a smooth part $f(\cdot)$ and a possibly nonsmooth part $\phi(\cdot)$.

$$\min_{x \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n} F(x) \equiv f(x) + \varphi(x) \tag{9.24}$$

The APGM consists in changing the iterate x_{k+1} to

$$x_{k+1} = Prox_{\frac{1}{L}\phi}\left(y_k - \frac{1}{L}\nabla f(y_k)\right) \tag{9.25}$$

The convergence rate is

$$F(x_k) - F(x^*) \leq \frac{8L\|x_0 - x^*\|^2}{(k-1)^2} \qquad \forall k \geq 2 \tag{9.26}$$

9.6 Path following Interior Point Method

9.6.1 Self-concordant functions

We have 2 lemmas:

- Let f_1, f_2 be self-concordant functions with constants M_1 and M_2 respectively. Then, given constants $\alpha, \beta > 0$, the function $f = \alpha f_1 + \beta f_2$ is self-concordant with constant $M_f = \max\left\{\frac{M_1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}, \frac{M_2}{\sqrt{\beta}}\right\}$.
- Let $f(\cdot)$ be a self-concordant function with constant $M_f \geq 0$. Given $x, y \in dom f$, we have
$$\|y - x\|_y \geq \frac{\|y - x\|_x}{1 + M_f\|y - x\|_x} \tag{9.27}$$

For a self concordant function f with constant M_f, given $x, y \in dom f$, we have

$$\langle \nabla f(y) - \nabla f(x), y - x \rangle \geq \frac{\|y - x\|_x^2}{1 + M_f\|y - x\|_x} \tag{9.28}$$

Theorem 9.1. Let $f(\cdot)$ be a self-concordant function with constant M_f. Consider $x_f^* = \arg\min_{x \in dom f} f(x)$. Given $x \in dom f$, with $\nabla^2 f(x)$ is nonsingular, we have

$$\|x - x^*\|_x \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(x)\|_x^*}{1 - M_f\|\nabla f(x)\|_x^*} \tag{9.29}$$

whenever $M_f\|\nabla f(x)\|_x^* < 1$, with $\|\nabla f(x)\|_x^* = \sqrt{\langle h, \nabla^{-2} f(x) h \rangle}$.

9.6.2 Path-following Interior Point Method

We consider the optimization problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f_0(x) \equiv \langle c, x \rangle \quad x \in \Omega \tag{9.30}$$

where $\Omega = \overline{domF}$ for some self-concordant barrier F. The method consists in solving

$$\min_{x \in domF} t f_0(x) + F(x) \qquad t > 0 \tag{9.31}$$

With this method,

$$f_0(\bar{x}(t)) - f_0(x^*) < \frac{1}{t}\left(\nu + (\beta + \sqrt{\nu})\frac{\beta}{1-\beta}\right) \tag{9.32}$$

9.6.3 Intermediate Newton method

The iterate of the intermediate Newton method for a self-concordant function $\hat{f}$ with $M_{\hat{f}} = 1$ is

$$x^+ = x - \frac{1}{1+\xi}\nabla^{-2}\hat{f}(x)\nabla\hat{f}(x) \qquad \xi = \frac{(\|\nabla\hat{f}(x)\|_x^*)^2}{1 + \|\nabla\hat{f}(x)\|_x^*} \tag{9.33}$$

This is used in algorithm 4 to solve the problem. The complexity bound is

$$k \geq \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\nu}\ln(\epsilon^{-1})) \tag{9.34}$$