

3805ICT - Assignment 2 - Gradient

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1 Model Molecular Structure

To implement the BFGS local optimiser (for an N atom model) we require $V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_{N-2}}$, where α_i is as defined in Figure 1.

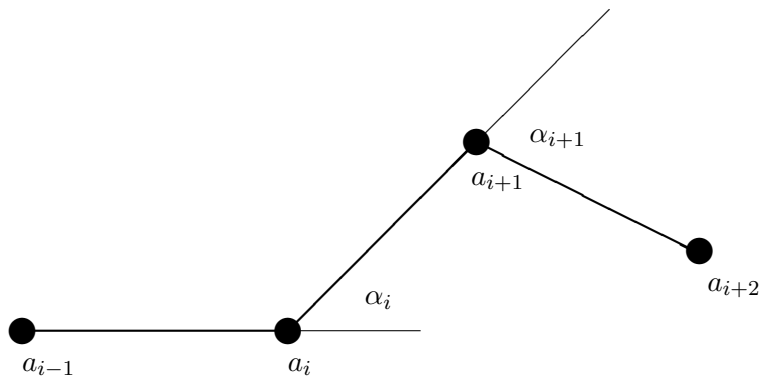


Figure 1: Bond angles (α) used to encode the model molecular structure.

The total potential energy of the system is given by

$$V = \sum_{i < j}^N (1/r_{ij}^{12} - 2/r_{ij}^6)$$

where

$$r_{ij}^2 = x_{ij}^2 + y_{ij}^2$$

Let

$$\Psi_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i$$

and $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$ and $\Psi_0 = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \cos(\Psi_k) \\ y_i &= \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \sin(\Psi_k) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$V_{\alpha_m} = -12 \sum_{i < j} (1/r_{ij}^{13} - 1/r_{ij}^7) r_{ij\alpha_m}$$

and

$$(r_{ij})_{\alpha_m} = ((x_i - x_j)(x_i - x_j)_{\alpha_m} + (y_i - y_j)(y_i - y_j)_{\alpha_m})/r_{ij}$$

Assuming that $j > i$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x_i - x_j)_{\alpha_m} &= - \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} (\cos(\Psi_k))_{\alpha_m} = - \sum_{k=\max(i,m)}^{j-1} \sin(\Psi_k) \\ (y_i - y_j)_{\alpha_m} &= - \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} (\sin(\Psi_k))_{\alpha_m} = - \sum_{k=\max(i,m)}^{j-1} \cos(\Psi_k) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(r_{ij})_{\alpha_m} = ((x_i - x_j) \left(- \sum_{k=\max(i,m)}^{j-1} \sin(\Psi_k) \right) + (y_i - y_j) \left(- \sum_{k=\max(i,m)}^{j-1} \cos(\Psi_k) \right)) / r_{ij}$$

which is zero when $m \leq i$. Assuming that $m > i$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} - \sum_{k=m}^{j-1} \cos(\Psi_k) &= x_j - x_m \\ \sum_{k=m}^{j-1} \sin(\Psi_k) &= y_m - y_j \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(r_{ij})_{\alpha_m} = ((x_i - x_j)(y_m - y_j) + (y_i - y_j)(x_j - x_m))/r_{ij}$$

Combining terms we have

$$V_{\alpha_m} = -12 \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=m+1}^n (1/r_{ij}^{14} - 1/r_{ij}^8) ((x_i - x_j)(y_m - y_j) + (y_i - y_j)(x_j - x_m))$$