MIE 1621 Computational Project Part 1

Due March 10, 2020 by 5PM. Bring your report to MC 320 and slide under the door if I am not in. E-mail a softcopy of your report and code(and script) to Paz at pazinski.hong@mail.utoronto.ca.

Write a program in MATLAB or PYTHON for minimizing a multivariate function $f(x)$ using gradient-based method with backtracking. You must code your gradient method from scratch and not use any existing function for gradient methods. You need to write a brief report that summarizes your results as required below. Also, in your report you need to have a print out of your code (use good programming practice such as commenting your code.) Finally, send a soft copy of your code to the TA along with a script so that the TA can easily execute your code to see the results in your report.

(a) Use backtracking as described in class to compute step-lengths (so you need to set the parameters $s, \gamma,$ and β).

(b) Use as a stopping condition $\|\nabla f(x)\| / (1 + |f(x)|) \leq \epsilon$ with $\epsilon = 10^{-5}$ or stop if the number of iterations hits 1000.

(c) Print the initial point and for each iteration print the search direction, the step length, and the new iterate $x^{(k+1)}$. If the number of itrerations is more than 15 then printout the details of the just the first 10 iterations as well as the details of the last 5 iterations before the stopping condition is met. Indicate if the iteration maximum is reached.

(d) Test your algorithms on the following test problems
$f_1(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$ with $x^{(0)} = (1, 1, 1)^T$
$f_2(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2$ with $x^{(0)} = (0, 0)^T$
$f_3(x) = 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2$ with $x^{(0)} = (-1.2, 1)^T$
$f_4(x) = (x_1 + x_2)^4 + x_2^2$ with $x^{(0)} = (2, -2)^T$
$f_5(x) = (x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 + c(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 0.25)^2$ with $x^{(0)} = (1, -1)^T$
For $f_5(x)$, test the following three different settings of the parameter $c = 1, c = 10$, and $c = 100$. Comment on how larger c affects the performance of the algorithm.

(e) Are your computational results consistent with the theory of the gradient-based methods?