

Implementing the Levenberg-Marquardt method

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Problem description

This is a **nonlinear least squares** problem

$$\theta = \arg \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \|f(\theta)\|_2^2$$

Mathematica test

Preamble

Gradient computation can be done as follow

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Function to fit

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(* Parameter value *)  
thetaTrueValue = {1, 2, -1};
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Data

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nSample = 10;  
xSample = Table[i/nSample, {i, 0, nSample-1}];  
ySample = Table[f[xSample[[i]]] /. Thread[theta -> thetaTrueValue], {i, 1, nSample}];
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\[Theta] = ySample

1  119/100  34/25  151/100  41/25  7/4  46/25  191/100  49/25  199/100

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  Table[f[xSample[[i]]] /. Thread[theta -> thetaTrueValue], {i, 1,
    nSample}];

(* Define objective function *)

evalObjectiveGradHessian[f_] :=
  Module[{F, dF},

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F = Table[ySample[[i]] - f[xSample[[i]]], {i, 1, nSample}];
dF = grad[F, theta]; Return[{F.F/2, dF.F, dF.Transpose[dF]}]];

evalObjectiveGradHessian[f]

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$$((1 - a_0)^2 + (199/100 - a_0 - (9*a_1)/10 - (81*a_2)/100)^2 + (49/25 - a_0 - (4*a_1)/5 - (16*a_2)/25)$$