

# Homework 1

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## Problem 1

$$f(x) = 9x - 4 \ln(x - 7) \text{ for } x > 7$$

### 1. Exact Formula for the Newton Iterate

The Newton iterate formula is:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f'(x_n)}{f''(x_n)}$$

where:

- $x_{n+1}$  is the next iterate,
- $x_n$  is the current iterate,
- $f'(x_n)$  is the first derivative of the function at  $x_n$ ,
- $f''(x_n)$  is the second derivative of the function at  $x_n$ .

### 2. First and Second Derivatives of $f$

The first derivative of  $f$  is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (9x - 4 \ln(x - 7)) = 9 - \frac{4}{x - 7}$$

The second derivative of  $f$  is:

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( 9 - \frac{4}{x - 7} \right) = \frac{4}{(x - 7)^2}$$

### 3. Compute Five Iterations of Newton's Method Starting from $x_0 = 7.80$

Iteration 1:

$$f'(7.8) = 9 - \frac{4}{7.8 - 7} = 9 - \frac{4}{0.8} = 4$$

$$f''(7.8) = \frac{4}{(7.8 - 7)^2} = 6.25$$

$$x_1 = 7.8 - \frac{4}{6.25} = 7.16$$

Iteration 2:

$$f'(7.16) = 9 - \frac{4}{7.16 - 7} = -16$$

$$f''(7.16) = \frac{4}{(7.16 - 7)^2} = 156.25$$

$$x_2 = 7.16 - \frac{-16}{156.25} = 7.2624$$

Iteration 3:

$$f'(7.2624) = 9 - \frac{4}{7.2624 - 7} = -6.2243902439$$

$$f''(7.2624) = \frac{4}{(7.2624 - 7)^2} = 58.09414039$$

$$x_3 = 7.2624 - \frac{-6.2243902439}{58.09414039} = 7.36987904$$

Iteration 4:

$$f'(7.36987904) = 9 - \frac{4}{7.36987904 - 7} = -1.824175215$$

$$f''(7.36987904) = \frac{4}{(7.36987904 - 7)^2} = 29.29069227$$

$$x_4 = 7.36987904 - \frac{-1.824175215}{29.29069227} = 7.4319344$$

Iteration 5:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(7.4319344) &= 9 - \frac{4}{7.4319344 - 7} = -0.2606655085 \\f''(7.4319344) &= \frac{4}{(7.4319344 - 7)^2} = 21.43998141 \\x_5 &= 7.4319344 - \frac{-0.2606655085}{21.43998141} = 7.4444444\end{aligned}$$

#### 4. Verify Empirically that Newton's Method Will Converge to the Optimal Solution for All Starting Values of $x$ in the Range $(7, 7.8888)$ .

This code implements and tests Newton's method for finding the optimal solution (root or minimum) of a function. Here's a breakdown of its functionality:

Function Definitions:

First derivative:

$$f'(x) = 9 - \frac{4}{x - 7} \quad \text{for } x > 7 \quad (1)$$

Second derivative:

$$f''(x) = \frac{4}{(x - 7)^2} \quad \text{for } x > 7 \quad (2)$$

Newton's Method Implementation:

The iteration formula:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f'(x_n)}{f''(x_n)}$$

Convergence criterion:

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| < \text{tolerance}$$

Testing Convergence:

Starting points are generated in the range:

$$x_0 \in [7.01, 7.8888]$$

Choose 10 equally spaced starting values between the given range of (7,7.8888)

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (9x - 4 \ln(x - 7)) = 9 - \frac{4}{x - 7}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( 9 - \frac{4}{x - 7} \right) = \frac{4}{(x - 7)^2}$$

Example:  $x_0 = 7.0100$

$$f'(7.0100) = 9 - \frac{4}{7.0100 - 7} = -391$$

$$f''(7.0100) = \frac{4}{(7.0100 - 7)^2} = 40000$$

$$x_1 = 7.0100 - \frac{-391}{40000} = 7.019775$$

Continue the above process until convergence is reached

$x_0 = 7.0100$  converges in 11 iterations

$x_0 = 7.1076$  converges in 7 iterations

$x_0 = 7.2053$  converges in 6 iterations

$x_0 = 7.3029$  converges in 5 iterations

$x_0 = 7.4006$  converges in 4 iterations

$x_0 = 7.4982$  converges in 4 iterations

$x_0 = 7.5959$  converges in 5 iterations

$x_0 = 7.6935$  converges in 6 iterations

$x_0 = 7.7912$  converges in 7 iterations

$x_0 = 7.8888$  converges in 17 iterations

- If the point of convergence is the same for each  $x_0$ , then our function has converged to the optimal solution. Here our values of  $x_0$  all converge to the same point of 7.4444.
- If the points of convergence are not the same for each  $x_0$ , then not all of our starting values within the range (7, 7.8888) converge to the same solution.

## 5. What behavior does Newton's method exhibit outside of this range?

For our given function of  $f, x > 7$  for all values ranged  $x \leq 7$  would return an error.

- The domain here is restricted to  $x > 7$ .
- Example:  $f(x) = 9x - 4\ln(x - 7) = f(6) = 9(6) - 4\ln(6 - 7) = \text{Undefined}$ .
- The Natural Logarithm of 0 or a negative number is undefined, thus cannot be computed.
- For  $x > 7.8888$  The point do not converge to the same solution, meaning it is not an optional solution of  $f(x) = 9x - 4\ln(x - 7)$ .

## Problem 2

$$f(x_1, x_2) = -\ln(1 - x_1 - x_2) - \ln(x_1) - \ln(x_2)$$

**1. Give an exact formula for the Newton iterate for a given value of  $(x_1, x_2)$  is computed as:**

$$\text{Newton iterate: } (x_1, x_2)_{\text{new}} = (x_1, x_2) - H_f^{-1}(x_1, x_2) \nabla f(x_1, x_2)$$

**2. Write a function for the gradient of  $f, \nabla f(x_1, x_2)$**

The gradient of  $f(x_1, x_2)$  is given by:

$$\nabla f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} f_x(x_1, x_2) \\ f_y(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1-x_1-x_2} - \frac{1}{x_1} \\ \frac{1}{1-x_1-x_2} - \frac{1}{x_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**3. Write a function for the Hessian of  $f, H_f(x_1, x_2)$**

The Hessian matrix of  $f(x_1, x_2)$  is given by:

$$H_f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(x_1, x_2) & f_{xy}(x_1, x_2) \\ f_{yx}(x_1, x_2) & f_{yy}(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{(1-x_1-x_2)^2} + \frac{1}{x_1^2} & \frac{1}{(1-x_1-x_2)^2} \\ \frac{1}{(1-x_1-x_2)^2} & \frac{1}{(1-x_1-x_2)^2} + \frac{1}{x_2^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**4. Find the minimizer of  $f$  with Newton's method using the following starting value  $(0.85, 0.05)$ . How many iterations are needed to converge?**

**Newton Iterate** The Newton iterate for a given value of  $(x_1, x_2) = (0.85, 0.05)$  is computed as:

$$(x_1, x_2)_{\text{new}} = (x_1, x_2) - H_f^{-1}(x_1, x_2) \nabla f(x_1, x_2)$$

$$(x_1, x_2)_{\text{new}} = (0.85, 0.05) - H_f^{-1}(0.85, 0.05) \nabla f(0.85, 0.05)$$

**Gradient**  $\nabla f(x_1, x_2)$  The gradient of  $f(0.85, 0.05)$  is given by:

$$\nabla f(0.85, 0.05) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1-0.85-0.05} - \frac{1}{0.85} \\ \frac{1}{1-0.85-0.05} - \frac{1}{0.05} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8.82352941 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Hessian**  $H_f(x_1, x_2)$  The Hessian matrix of  $f(0.85, 0.05)$  is given by:

$$H_f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 101.38408304 & 100 \\ 100 & 500 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Inverse of the Hessian Matrix**  $H_f^{-1}(x_1, x_2)$  The inverse of the Hessian matrix is calculated as:

$$H_f^{-1}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{(ad - bc)} \times \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

Substituting the values of  $H_f(0.85, 0.05)$ :

$$H_f^{-1}(0.85, 0.05) = \frac{1}{(101.384 \times 500) - (100 \times 100)} \times \begin{bmatrix} 500 & -100 \\ -100 & 101.384 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{40692} \times \begin{bmatrix} 500 & -100 \\ -100 & 101.384 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.012287 & -0.002457 \\ -0.002457 & 0.002491 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Applying Newton's Method** Now, we apply the Newton step:

$$(x_1, x_2)_{\text{new}} = (0.85, 0.05) - \begin{bmatrix} 0.012287 & -0.002457 \\ -0.002457 & 0.002491 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8.82352941 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Performing the matrix multiplication:

$$= (0.85, 0.05) - \begin{bmatrix} 0.13299333 \\ -0.04659866 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the new point is:

$$(x_1, x_2)_{\text{new}} = (0.71700667, 0.09659866) \approx (0.717, 0.097)$$

**Convergence** Utilizing Newton's Method the function will converge to the minimizer of  $f(0.85, 0.05) = (0.33333334361761163, 0.3333333272412798) \approx (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ . The given function will converge after 7 iterations.

**5. Find the minimizer of  $f$  with the method of Steepest Descent using the following starting value  $(0.85, 0.05)$ . How many iterations are needed to converge?**

$$f(x_1, x_2) = -\ln(1 - x_1 - x_2) - \ln(x_1) - \ln(x_2)$$

$$\text{for } x_1 > 0, x_2 > 0, \text{ and } 1 - x_1 - x_2 > 0$$

**Steepest Descent Method** The method of Steepest Descent is given by:

$$(x_1, x_2)_{\text{new}} = (x_1, x_2) - \lambda \nabla f(x_1, x_2)$$

Here, the step size is  $\lambda = 0.01$ , and the tolerance is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ .

**Initial Conditions** The starting point is:

$$(x_1, x_2) = (0.85, 0.05)$$

**Gradient**  $\nabla f(x_1, x_2)$  The gradient of  $f$  at  $(0.85, 0.05)$  is calculated as follows:

$$\nabla f(0.85, 0.05) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1-x_1-x_2} - \frac{1}{x_1} \\ \frac{1}{1-x_1-x_2} - \frac{1}{x_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1-0.85-0.05} - \frac{1}{0.85} \\ \frac{1}{1-0.85-0.05} - \frac{1}{0.05} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8.82352941 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Iteration Process** To find the local minimum, we repeat the following steps:

1. Compute the gradient  $\nabla f(x_1, x_2)$ . 2. Update the point  $(x_1, x_2)$  using the steepest descent formula:

$$(x_1, x_2)_{\text{new}} = (x_1, x_2) - \lambda \nabla f(x_1, x_2)$$

3. Continue the iterations until the difference between successive points is less than the tolerance  $1 \times 10^{-3}$ , indicating that the algorithm has converged to a point where the function does not change significantly.

**Conclusion** The method of Steepest Descent will converge to the minimizer of  $f(0.85, 0.05) = (0.333357520.33330812) \approx (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ . The number of iterations required to converge depends on the size of the gradient at each step and the chosen step size  $\lambda = 0.01$ . Concerning the given function  $f(x_1, x_2) = -\ln(1 - x_1 - x_2) - \ln(x_1) - \ln(x_2)$  convergence will occur around 6 iterations.

## Problem 3

**1. Select a matrix A with n = 5 and p = 3. Then compute AT A and find its determinant.**

Let A be a matrix defined as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 8 \\ 4 & 6 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The transpose of A is:



$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 7 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 & 9 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, we compute  $A^T A$ :

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 7 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 & 9 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 8 \\ 4 & 6 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  denote the inverse of  $A^T A$ . Then, the matrix  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  is computed as follows:

$$(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

Finally, we find  $(A^T A)^{-1} (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  and compute the determinant of  $A^T A$ :

$$\det(A^T A) = 160871.99999999997$$

**2. Select a matrix A with n = 3 and p = 5. Then compute AT A and find its determinant.**

Let A be a matrix defined as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 15 & 11 & 5 \\ 7 & 13 & 6 & 9 & 3 \\ 10 & 4 & 12 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

The transpose of A is:

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 & 10 \\ 1 & 13 & 4 \\ 15 & 6 & 12 \\ 11 & 9 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, we compute  $A^T A$ :

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 & 10 \\ 1 & 13 & 4 \\ 15 & 6 & 12 \\ 11 & 9 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 15 & 11 & 5 \\ 7 & 13 & 6 & 9 & 3 \\ 10 & 4 & 12 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  denote the inverse of  $A^T A$ . Then, the matrix  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  is computed as follows:

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Finally, we find  $(A^T A)^{-1} (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  and compute the determinant of  $A^T A$ :

$$\det(A^T A) = 0$$

### 3. What conclusion can you reach based on $n$ and $p$ ?

Let matrix  $A$  be of dimensions  $n \times p$ , where  $n$  represents the number of rows and  $p$  represents the number of columns.

### Invertibility Requirements

A matrix is invertible if it satisfies the following conditions:

- **Square Matrix:** The matrix must be  $n \times n$ .
- **Determinant:** The determinant of the matrix,  $\det(A)$ , cannot be zero.
- **Linearly Independent:** The columns of the matrix must be linearly independent.
- **Existence of an Inverse:** There must exist a matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = BA = I$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix.

### Analysis of Specific Cases

**Concerning 3.1:** Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 3$  matrix. Therefore,  $A^T$  is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix and  $A^T A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  square matrix. When the number of rows  $n$  is greater

than or equal to the number of columns  $p$ ,  $A^T A$  becomes a  $p \times p$  matrix, which is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix in this case. Matrix  $A^T A$  meets the requirements for invertibility, as follows:

- The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.
- The determinant of  $A^T A$  is non-zero.

**Concerning 3.2:** Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 5$  matrix. Therefore,  $A^T$  is a  $5 \times 3$  matrix and  $A^T A$  is a  $5 \times 5$  square matrix. When the number of rows  $n$  is less than or equal to the number of columns  $p$ ,  $A^T A$  becomes a  $p \times p$  matrix, which is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix in this case. Matrix  $A^T A$  does not meet the requirements for invertibility, as follows:

- The rank of  $A$  would have to be  $p = 5$  to meet the invertibility condition.
- However, the maximum rank of  $A$  is  $n = 3$ , which is less than  $p$ . This means that  $A^T A$  is not of full rank and is thus not invertible.
- Consequently, matrix  $A$  is singular, and the determinant of  $A^T A$  is zero.