

Comparison of Steepest-Descent and Conjugate-Gradient Methods

Question

Example: Solve the following unconstrained optimization problem via CG Method by determining the initial condition as $\mathbf{x}_0 = [-4.5 \quad -3.5]^T$.

check the validity of CG method in accordance with Golden Section method.

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(x_1, x_2) = 3 + (x_1 - 1.5x_2)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 \quad 0$$


$$-5 \leq \mathbf{x} \leq 5$$

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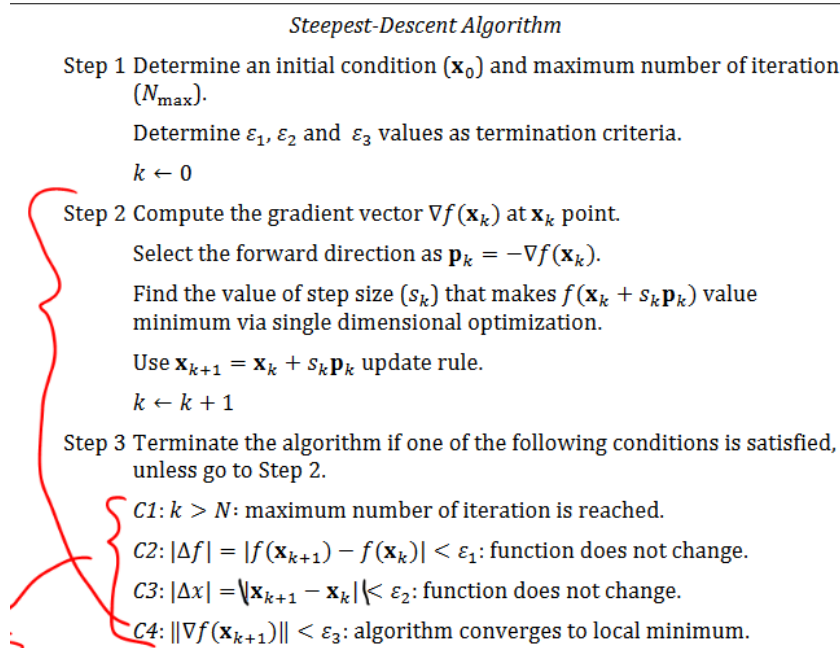


Fig 1. Define of Steepest-Descent Method

Listing 1: Steepest-Descent Method

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1 % Steepest Descent
2
3 % define the function and variables
4 syms x y % x -> x1 , y -> x2 for given function
5 f = 3 + (x - 1.5*y)^2 + (y - 2)^2;
6 fi = inline(f); % use inline function for give a numerical
   value back
7
8 iter = 20; k = 0; % define maximum number of iteration and step
9
10 % define sk and pk for next point -> x(k+1) = x(k) + s(k)*p(k)
11 syms sk pk;
12 pk = -gradient(f); pki = inline(pk); % use inline function for
   give a numerical value back
13
14 x0 = [-4.5; -3.5]; % start point
15
16 pk_value = pki(x0(1),x0(2)); % find pk value for start point
17 sk = vpasolve(diff(fi(x0(1) + sk*pk_value(1),x0(2) + sk*
   pk_value(2)))));

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18
19 tol = 1e-4; % set the tolerans
20
21 x1 = [x0(1) + sk*pk_value(1);x0(2) + sk*pk_value(2)]; % next
    point
22
23 % draw the function 3d using meshgrid and mesh matlab functions
    — define all points
24 a = linspace(5,-5); b = linspace(5,-5); [a,b] = meshgrid(a,b);
    c = 3 + (a - 1.5.*b).^2 + (b - 2).^2;
25 mesh(a,b,c); hold on;
26
27 % draw first point — fi(x0(1),x0(2)) → value of f(-4.5, -3.5)
28 plot3(x0(1),x0(2),fi(x0(1),x0(2)),'.','Color', [0, 0, 0],'
    MarkerSize',15)
29 % draw line for connecting the points
30 plot3([x0(1),x1(1)],[x0(2),x1(2)],[fi(x0(1),x0(2)),fi(x1(1),x1
    (2))],'r','linewidth',3)
31
32 % define a loop for finding a minimum point and use some
    criterias
33 while x1(1) - x0(1) > tol || norm(fi(x1(1),x1(2)) - fi(x0(1),x0
    (2))) > tol || k < iter
34     % if the condition is true, continue with next point x0 →
        x1 x1 → x2
35     x0 = x1;
36     % draw the next point
37     plot3(x0(1),x0(2),fi(x0(1),x0(2)),'.','Color', [0, 0, 0],'
        MarkerSize',15)
38     % calculate again sk pk value for next point
39     pki_solution = pki(x0(1),x0(2));
40     syms sk; sk = vpasolve(diff(fi(x0(1) + sk*pki_solution(1),
        x0(2) + sk*pki_solution(2))));
41     x1 = [x0(1) + sk*pki_solution(1);x0(2) + sk*pki_solution(2)
        ]; % find next point
42     plot3([x0(1),x1(1)],[x0(2),x1(2)],[fi(x0(1),x0(2)),fi(x1(1)
        ,x1(2))],'r','linewidth',3)
43     % continue next step
44     k = k + 1;
45 end
46

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47 % display end point (minimum point)
48 disp(x1);
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>> steepestdescentmethod
2.9850046903039538071566739905194
1.992926350460623726962182765183
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Fig 2. End point

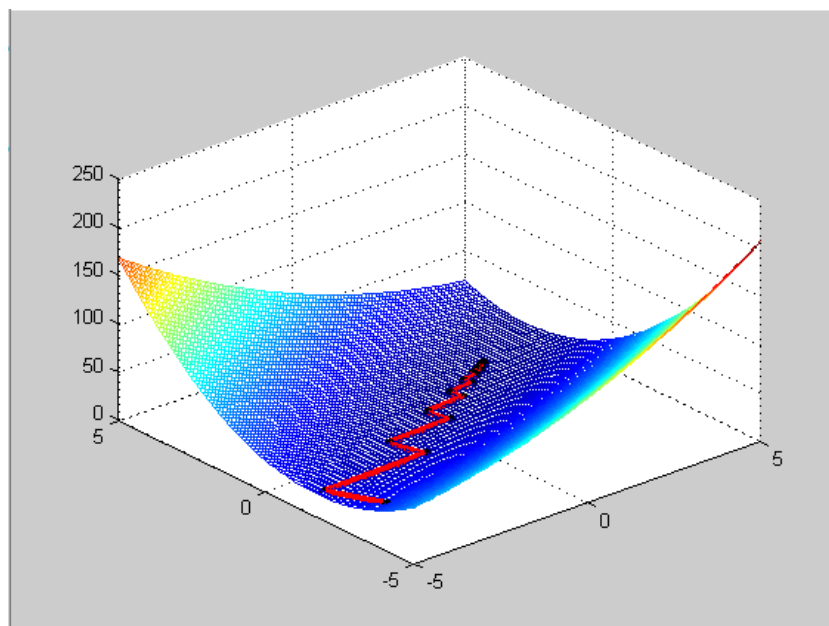


Fig 3. Result0

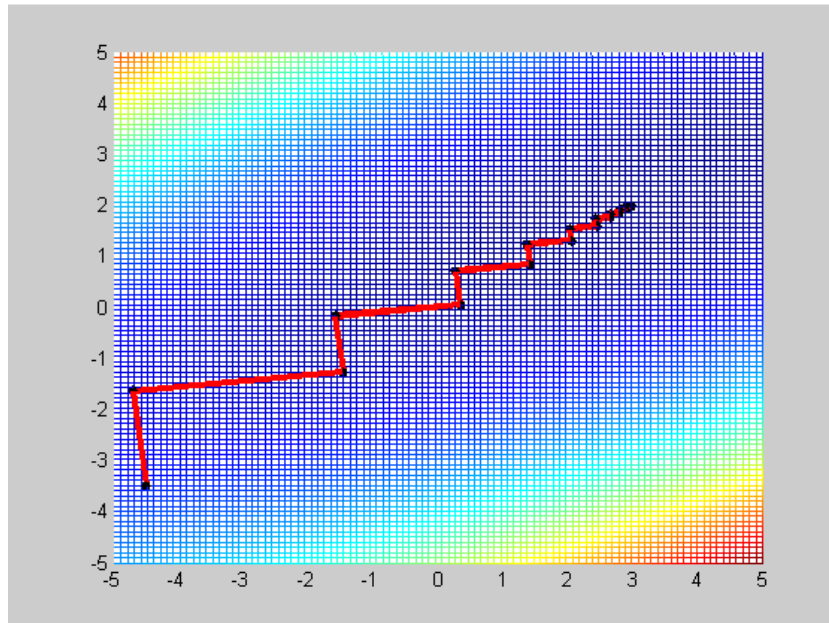


Fig 4. Result1

Conjugate-Gradient Algorithm

Step 1 Determine the initial condition (\mathbf{x}_0) and maximum number of iteration (N_{\max}).

Determine ε_1 , ε_2 and ε_3 as ending criteria.

$k \leftarrow 0$

Step 2 Compute the gradient vector $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$ at \mathbf{x}_k point.

Cond. state mkt $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{If } k = 0 \text{ determine the forward direction as } \mathbf{p}_k = -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k). \\ \text{If } k \neq 0 \text{ determine the forward direction as } \mathbf{p}_k = -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \beta \mathbf{p}_{k-1} \\ \text{where } \beta = \frac{\nabla^T f(\mathbf{x}_k) \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)}{\nabla^T f(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}) \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k-1})}. \end{array} \right.$

Determine step-size (s_k) that makes $f(\mathbf{x}_k + s_k \mathbf{p}_k)$ value minimum.

Use the update rule $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + s_k \mathbf{p}_k$.

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

Step 3 If one of the following conditions is satisfied terminate the algorithm, unless go to Step 2.

C1: $k > N$

C2: $|\Delta f| = |f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) - f(\mathbf{x}_k)| < \varepsilon_1$

C3: $|\Delta x| = |\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_k| < \varepsilon_2$

C4: $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})\| < \varepsilon_3$

Fig 5. Define of Conjugate-Gradient Method

Listing 2: Conjugate-Gradient Method

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1 % Conjugate Gradient
2
3 % define the function and variables
4 syms x y % x → x1 , y → x2
5 f = 3 + (x - 1.5*y)^2 + (y - 2)^2;
6 fi = inline(f); % use inline function for give a numerical
   value back
7
8 % define maximum number of iteration and step
9 iter = 20; k = 0;
10
11 % define sk and pk for next point →  $x(k+1) = x(k) + s(k)*p(k)$ 
12 syms sk pk;
13 pk = -gradient(f);
14 pki = inline(pk); % use inline function for give a numerical
   value back
15
16 % start point
17 x0 = [-4.5; -3.5];
18 % previous pk
19 pki_p = pki(x0(1),x0(2));
20 % find pk value
21 pk_value = pki(x0(1),x0(2));
22 sk = vpasolve(diff(fi(x0(1) + sk*pk_value(1),x0(2) + sk*
   pk_value(2))));
23
24 % set the tolerans
25 tol = 1e-5;
26
27 % next point
28 x1 = [x0(1) + sk*pk_value(1);x0(2) + sk*pk_value(2)];
29 % draw the function 3d using meshgrid – define all points
30
31 a = linspace(5,-5);
32 b = linspace(5,-5);
33 [a,b] = meshgrid(a,b);
34 c = 3 + (a - 1.5.*b).^2 + (b - 2).^2;
35 mesh(a,b,c);
36 hold on;
37
38 % draw first point

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39 % fi(x0(1),x0(2)) -> value of f(-4.5, -3.5)
40 plot3(x0(1),x0(2),fi(x0(1),x0(2)),'.','Color',[0, 0, 0],'
    MarkerSize',15)
41 plot3([x0(1),x1(1)],[x0(2),x1(2)],[fi(x0(1),x0(2)),fi(x1(1),x1
    (2))],'r','linewidth',3)
42
43 % define a loop for finding a minimum point and use some
    criterias
44 while norm(fi(x1(1),x1(2)) - fi(x0(1),x0(2))) > tol && k < iter
45     % if the condition is true, continue with next point x0 ->
        x1 x1 -> x2
46     x0 = x1;
47     % draw the next point
48     plot3(x0(1),x0(2),fi(x0(1),x0(2)),'.','Color',[0, 0, 0],'
        MarkerSize',15)
49     % calculate again sk pk value for next point
50     syms beta
51     beta = (pki(x0(1),x0(2))*pki(x0(1),x0(2)))/(pki_p'*pki_p);
52     pki_solution = pki(x0(1),x0(2)) + beta*pki_p;
53     pki_p = pki(x0(1),x0(2));
54     syms sk;
55     sk = vpasolve(diff(fi(x0(1) + sk*pki_solution(1),x0(2) + sk
        *pki_solution(2))));
56     % find next point
57     x1 = [x0(1) + sk*pki_solution(1);x0(2) + sk*pki_solution(2)
        ];
58     plot3([x0(1),x1(1)],[x0(2),x1(2)],[fi(x0(1),x0(2)),fi(x1(1)
        ,x1(2))],'r','linewidth',3)
59     % continue next step
60     k = k + 1;
61 end
62
63 % minimum point
64 disp(x1);

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>> conjugategradient
    3.0
    2.0

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Fig 6. End point

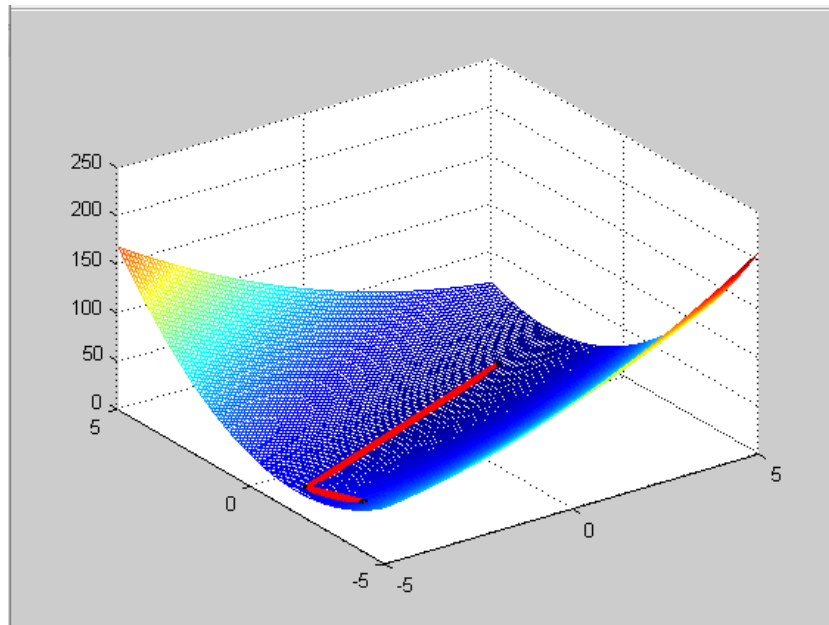


Fig 7. Result0

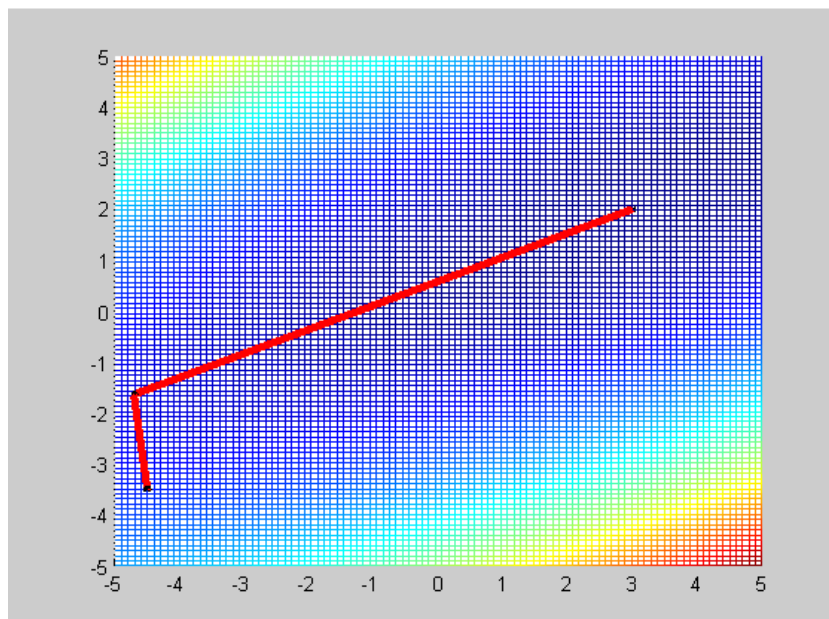


Fig 8. Result1

**Combined Steepest-Descent Method
and
Conjugate-Gradient Method**

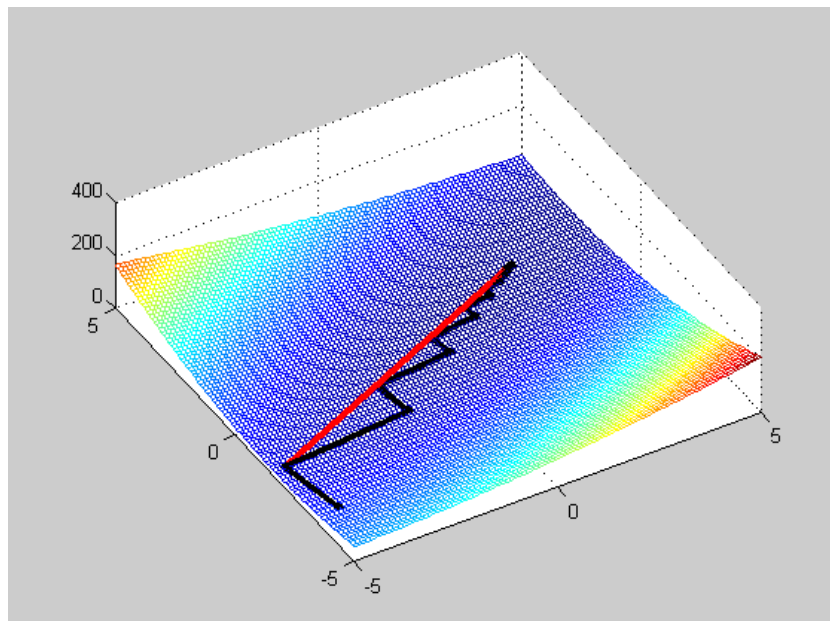


Fig 9. Red-Conjugate Descent Black-Steepest Descent

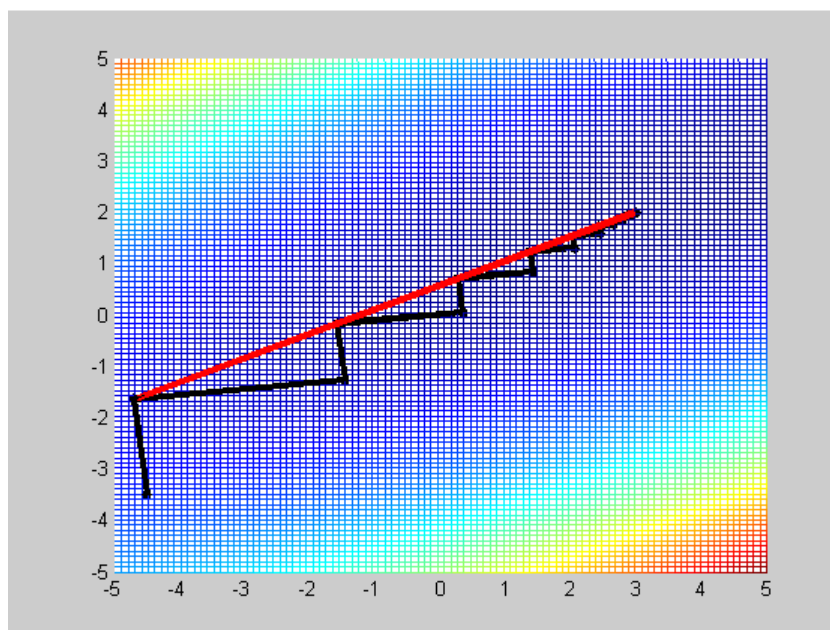
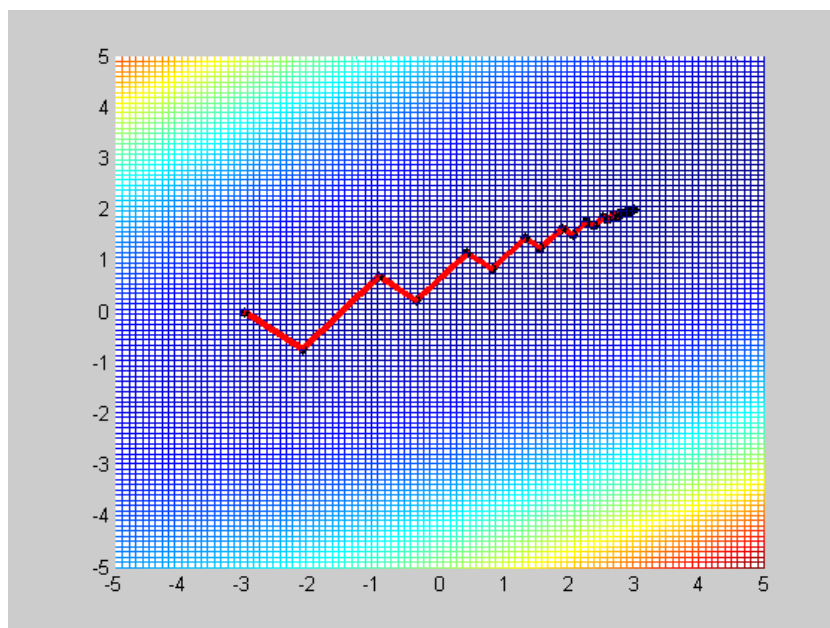
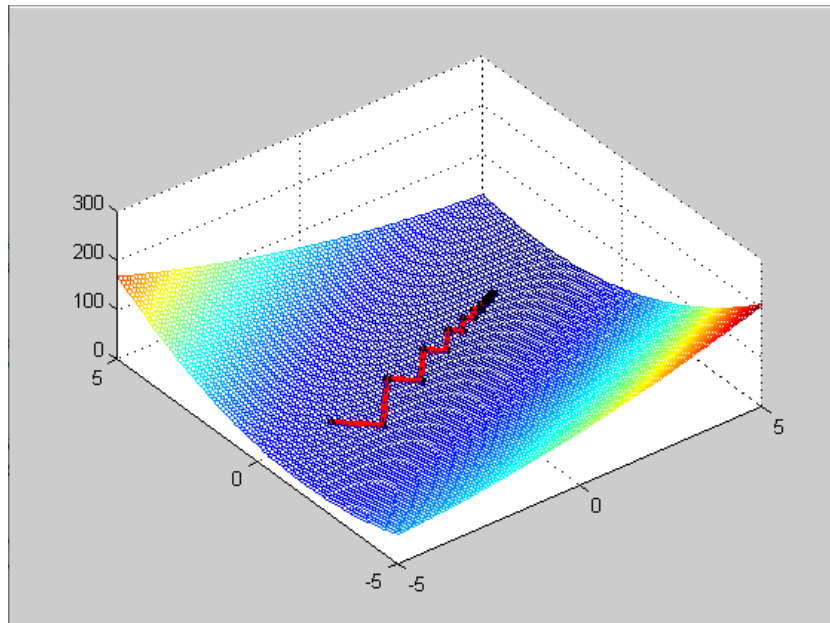


Fig 10. Red-Conjugate Descent Black-Steepest Descent

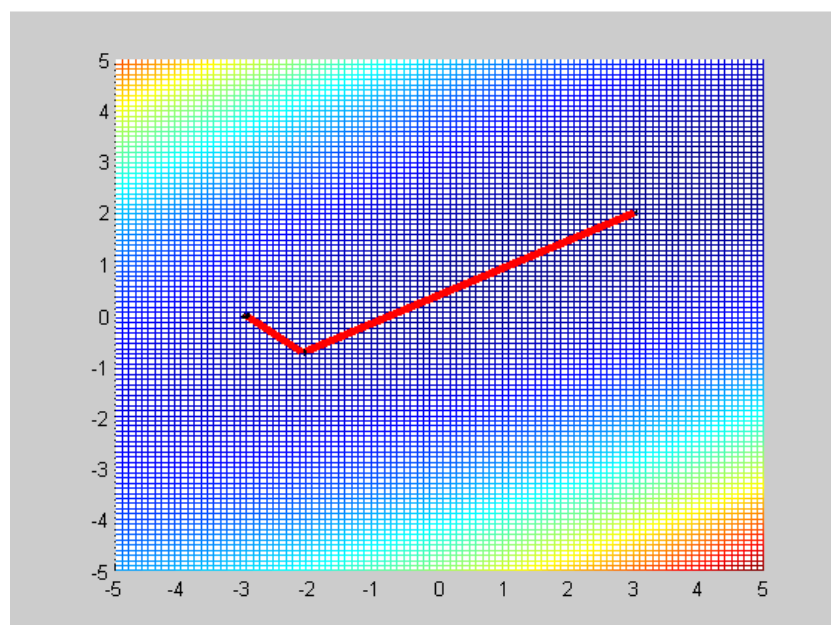
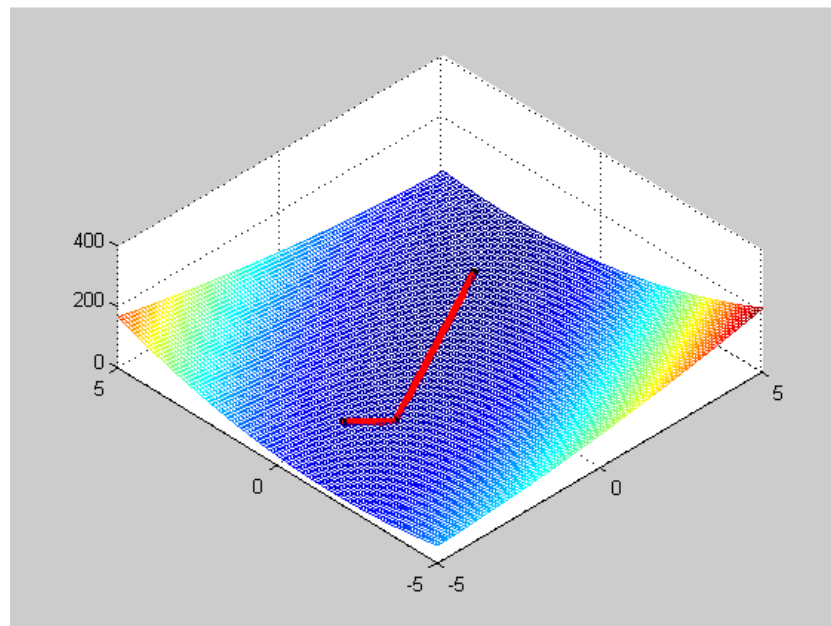
Select Different Three Point from $-5 < x_1 < 5$ and $-5 < x_2 < 5$

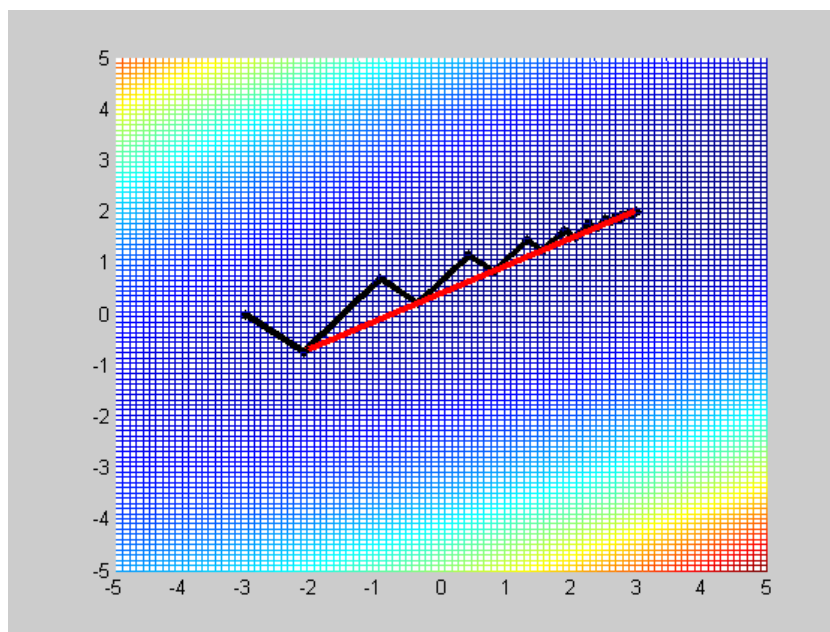
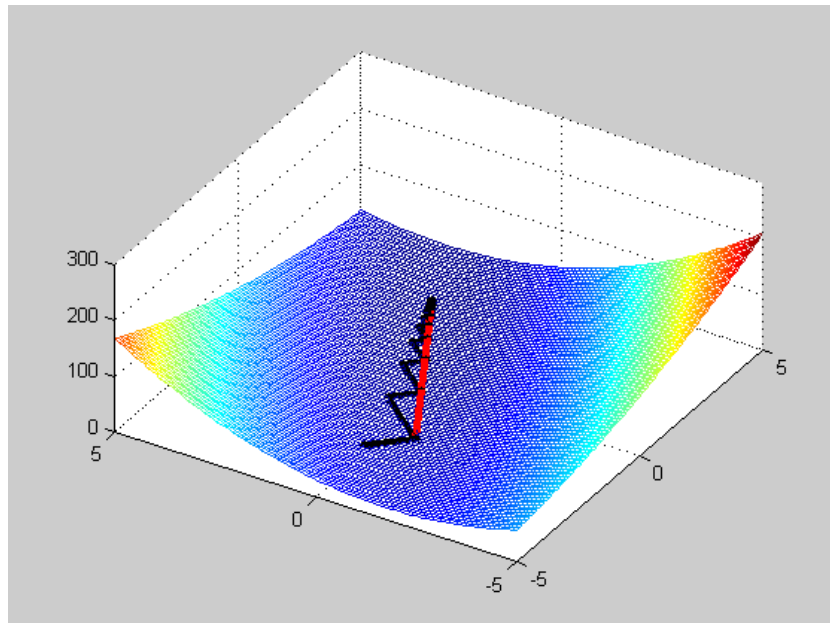
New Point $x_0 = [-3, 0]'$

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>> steepestdescentmethod  
2.9995404303951213906116769562919  
1.9997542895181837137923817390076
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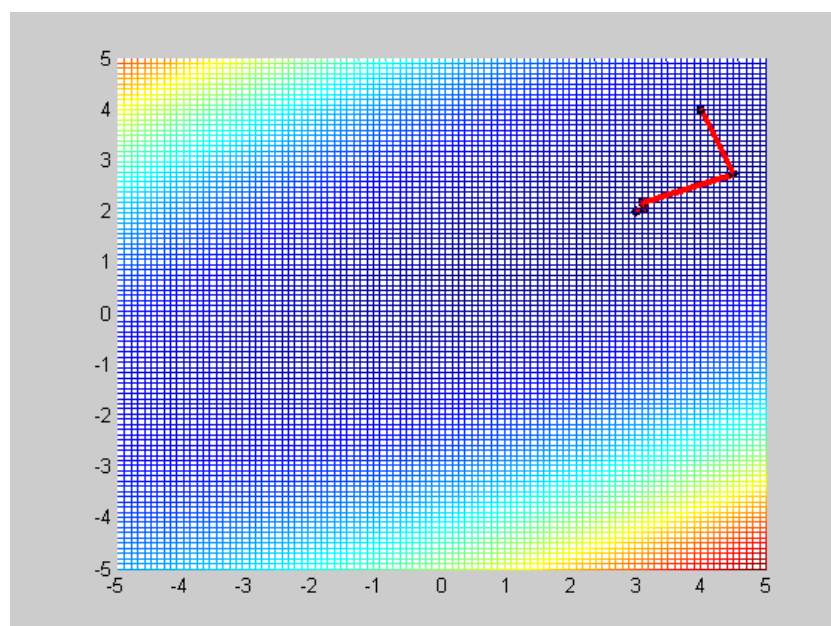
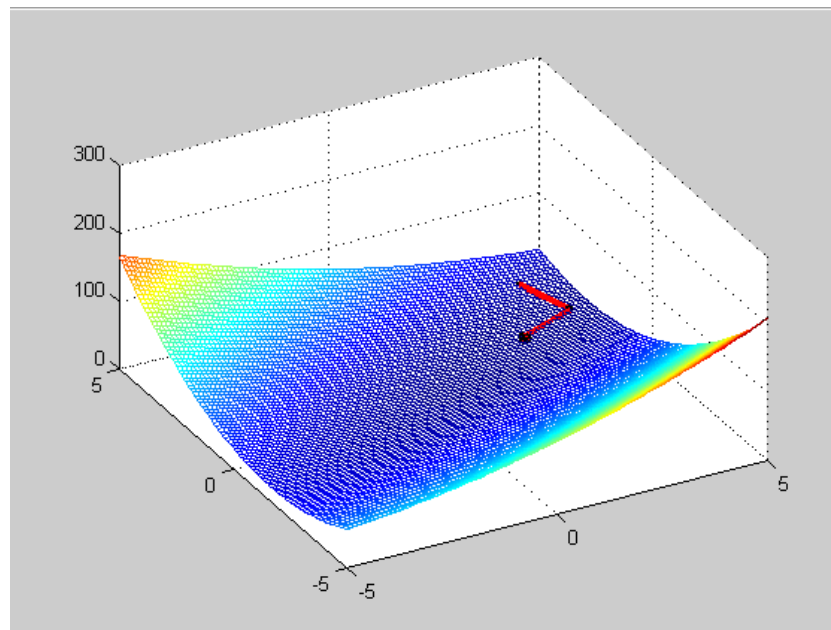
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>> conjugategradient  
3.0  
2.0
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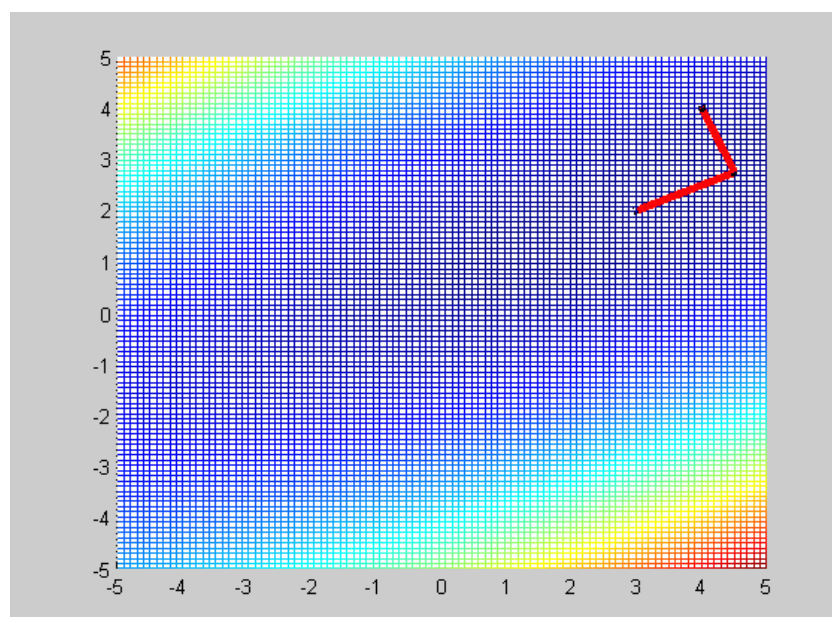
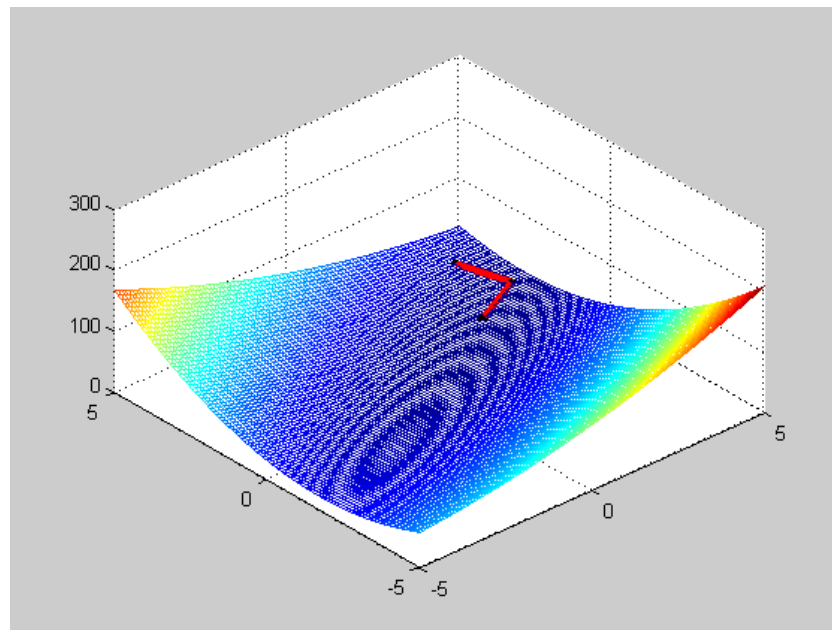


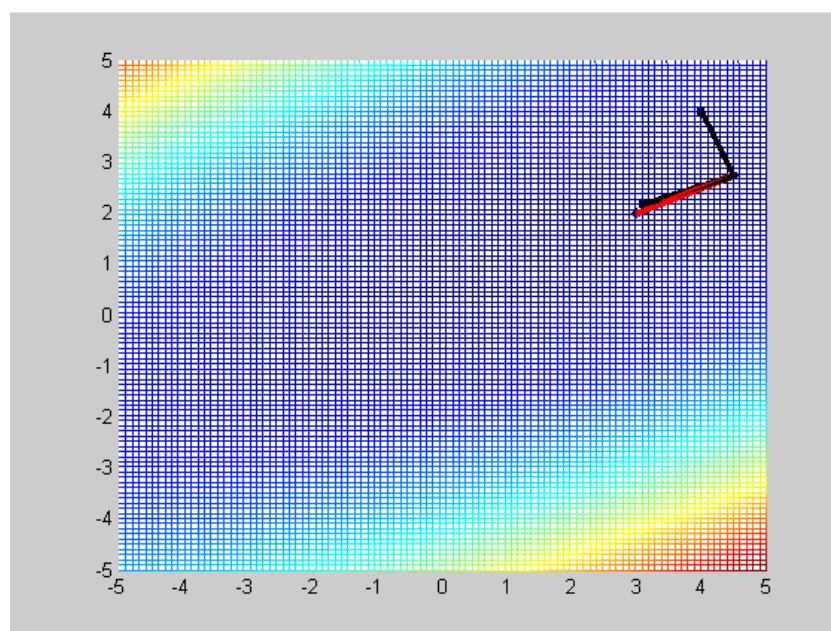
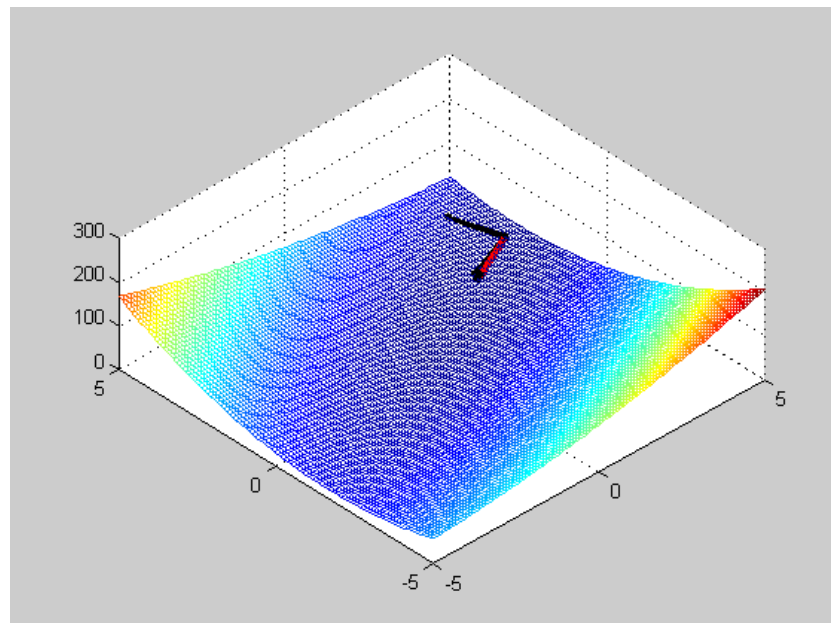
New Point $x_0 = [4, 4]'$

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>> steepestdescentmethod
3.00000000000411692814867806776166
2.00000000000203173077467229318108
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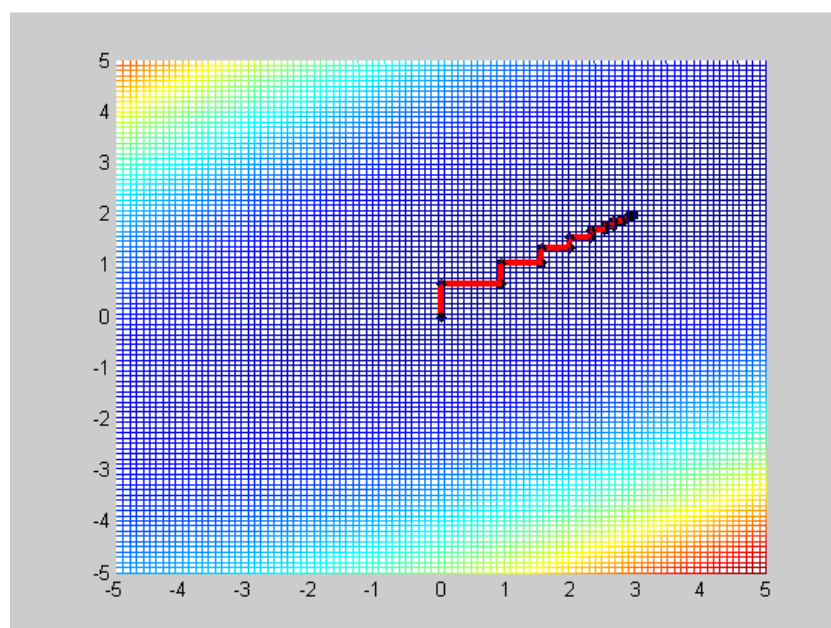
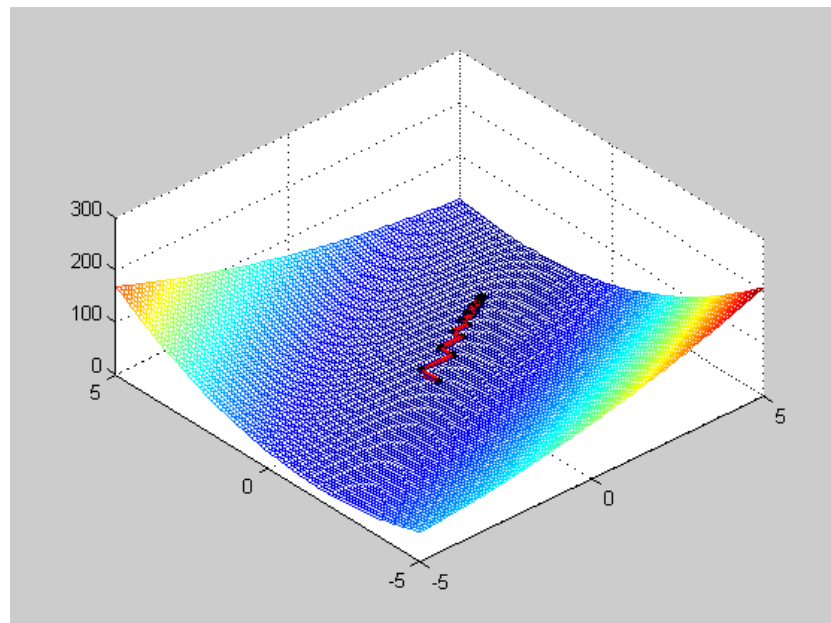
```
>> conjugategradient
3.0
2.0
```



New Point $x_0 = [0, 0]'$

```
>> steepestdescentmethod
2.9748226337555928769211849714212
1.9883796771179659431943930637329
```



```
>> conjugategradient
3.0
2.0
```