

Gradient Descent in Hilbert Space

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Let X_1, \dots, X_n and Y be normed vector spaces and

$T : \prod_{j=1}^n X_j \rightarrow Y$ a multilinear linear map. Then T is said to be

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$$L^n(X_1, \dots, X_n; Y) = \{T : X \rightarrow Y : T \text{ is multilinear and bounded}\}$$

If $X_1, \dots, X_n = X$, we write $L^n(X, Y)$ in place of $L^n(X, \dots, X; Y)$.

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Let X be a normed vector space over \mathbb{R} . We define the **dual space of X** , denoted X^* , by $X^* = L(X, \mathbb{R})$. Let $T : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then T is said to be a **bounded linear functional on X** if $T \in X^*$.

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Let X, Y be Banach spaces, $A \subset X$ open, $f : A \rightarrow Y$ and $x_0 \in A$. Then f is said to be **(1-st order) Frechet differentiable at x_0** if there exists $Df(x_0) \in L(X, Y)$ such that,

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + Df(x_0)(h) + o(\|h\|) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0$$

If f is Frechet differentiable at x_0 , we define the **Frechet derivative of f at x_0** to be $Df(x_0)$. We say that f is **(1-st order) Frechet differentiable** if for each $x_0 \in A$, f is Frechet differentiable at x_0 .

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Remark

In the context of Hilbert spaces, the gradient allows us generalize the gradient descent method for minimization.

The idea is as follows. If $f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Frechet differentiable. Then

$$f(x_0 + h) \approx f(x_0) + \langle \nabla f(x_0), h \rangle$$

for h near 0. Taking $h = -\eta \nabla f(x_0)$ for some small $\eta > 0$ insures that h is close to 0 and h is in the direction of steepest descent of $Df(x_0)(v)$ which causes $f(x_0 + h) < f(x_0)$.

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By positive definite, we mean $D^2f(x_0)(h, h) > 0$ for $h \neq 0$.

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$$K_H(s, t) = \langle K_s, K_t \rangle$$

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Let T be a set and $K : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If K is symmetric and positive definite, then there exists a unique reproducing kernel Hilbert space $H \subset \mathbb{R}^T$ such that $K_H = K$.

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where $L_t \in L(H, \mathbb{R}^n)$ is given by

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Equating terms from Taylors theorem, we see that

$D^2Q(f_0)(h, h) = 2\|L_t(h)\|_2^2$, which is p.s.d. So Q is convex. Since norms are convex and $\lambda \geq 0$, L is convex.

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