

Minima = SplitMethod( $x_0$ )

Get level curve  
starting at  $x_0$

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Is level curve  
globally convex?

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Yes

Is curve close to  
a minimum?

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Yes

Use Newton's  
method to find  $x^*$

Minima =  $x^*$

Are negative  
spikes close?

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No

Get  $y_0$  inside the  
level curve

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Minima =  
SplitMethod( $y_0$ )

Create bridge  
between negative  
spikes

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Predict  $y_0$  and  $z_0$   
inside level curve  
and separated by  
the bridge

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Minima =  
[SplitMethod( $y_0$ ), SplitMethod( $z_0$ )]