

Newton's Method.

$$\Delta x \text{ is solution of } \nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}) \Delta x = \underbrace{-g}_{-g},$$

Motivation: minimize "quadratic model"

$$\varphi(v) = \underbrace{\nabla f(x^{(k)})^T}_{[f(x^{(k)})']} v + \frac{1}{2} v^T \nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}) v.$$

To solve equation, use CHOLESKY FACTORIZATION

$$\nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}) = \begin{matrix} L & L^T \\ \Delta & \Delta \end{matrix}$$

$$\underbrace{L L^T}_{y} \Delta x = \cancel{\Delta f(x^{(k)})} - g.$$

- 1) forward solve for y
- 2) back solve for Δx .

Cost: $\frac{1}{6} n^3$ adds + mults.

Use same backtracking line search.

(Newton used this for finding zeros of polynomial, not minimization; particularly root of $p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - a$ i.e. square roots).

Convergence Analysis of Newton's Method.

As before, suppose that $S = \{x: f(x) \leq f(x_0)\}$ is compact and $M I \geq \nabla^2 f(x) \geq m I$ on S , $m > 0$.
Now also need

$$\|\nabla^2 f(x) - \nabla^2 f(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in S$$

i.e. $\nabla^2 f$ is Lipschitz.

Turns out (BV §9.5) that $\exists \eta > 0, \gamma > 0$ s.t.

If $\|\nabla f(x^{(k)})\| \geq \eta$, the backtracking line search returns $t_k \geq \frac{\beta m}{M}$ with

$$f(x^{(k+1)}) - f(x^{(k)}) \leq -\gamma \quad (+)$$

while if $\|\nabla f(x^{(k)})\| < \eta$, B.T.L.S. returns $t_k = 1$ with

$$\frac{L}{2m^2} \|\nabla f(x^{(k+1)})\| \leq \left(\frac{L}{2m^2} \|\nabla f(x^{(k)})\| \right)^2 \quad (*)$$

NOTE

"QUADRATIC CONVERGENCE".

Consequences If $\eta \leq \frac{m^2}{L}$ and, for some K , $\|\nabla f(x^{(K)})\|$

$< \eta$

then

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$$\|\nabla f(x^{(K+1)})\| \leq \frac{L}{2m^2} \eta^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \eta$$

so this applies recursively and hence (*) holds for all $l \geq K$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{L}{2m^2} \|\nabla f(x^{(l)})\| &\leq \left(\frac{L}{2m^2} \|\nabla f(x^{(K)})\| \right)^{2^{l-K}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{2^{l-K}} \quad (\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

	$l=K$	$l=K+1$	$l=K+2$	$l=K+3$	
RHS	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{256}$	quad. conv.

But what are η, γ ? Turns out (BV p. 489-491) that using BTL5 with Newton step, we always have

$$t_k \geq \frac{\beta m}{M}$$

and that consequently

$$f(x^{(k+1)}) - f(x^{(k)}) \leq -\alpha \underbrace{\beta \eta^2 \frac{m}{M^2}}_{\gamma}$$

so (\dagger) holds if we set γ .

It also turns out that if $\eta \leq 3(1-2\alpha) \frac{m}{L}$

then $t_k = 1$, i.e. $f(x^{(k)} + \underbrace{\Delta x_{NT}}_{\text{Newton step}})$ satisfies the

"sufficient decrease" condition in the BTL5.

We will now show that (*) holds as a consequence.
(QUAD. CONTR.)

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Proof of (*) (quadratic contraction) assuming $t_k = 1$.

$$\|\nabla f(x^{(k)} + \Delta x_{NT})\| = \left\| \underbrace{\nabla f(x^{(k)} + \Delta x_{NT}) - \nabla f(x^{(k)}) - \nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}) \Delta x_{NT}}_{\text{ZERO BY DEF.}} \right\|$$

$$\int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x^{(k)} + s \Delta x_{NT}) \Delta x_{NT} ds$$

fund thm calc.

$$= \left\| \int_0^1 (\nabla^2 f(x^{(k)} + s \Delta x_{NT}) - \nabla^2 f(x^{(k)})) \Delta x_{NT} ds \right\|$$

$$\leq \int_0^1 L \|s \Delta x_{NT}\| \|\Delta x_{NT}\| ds$$

$$= \frac{L}{2} \|\Delta x_{NT}\|^2$$

$$= \frac{L}{2} \|(\nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}))^{-1} \nabla f(x^{(k)})\|^2$$

$$\leq \frac{L}{2m} \|\nabla f(x^{(k)})\|^2 \equiv (*).$$

Note: for this to apply recursively, also need $\eta \leq \frac{m}{L}$ as explained on NM2 (bottom). So, need

$$\eta = \min(1, 3(1-2\alpha)) \frac{m}{L}.$$

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Total # iterations

Initial Phase with $\|\nabla f(x)\| \geq \eta$

$$\# \text{ steps} \leq \frac{f(x_{(0)}) - p^*}{\gamma} \text{ immediately from (1).}$$

Quadratically convergent phase with $\|\nabla f(x)\| < \eta$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{(k)}) - p^* &\leq \frac{1}{2m} \|\nabla f(x_{(k)})\|^2 && \leftarrow \text{(from (2) in gradient note, (BV p467, line 5))} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2m} \frac{4m^4}{L^2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2^{l-k+1}} && \text{(square both sides of (7))} \\ &= \frac{2m^3}{L^2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2^{l-k+1}} \end{aligned}$$

If want RHS $\leq \epsilon$, or LHS $\leq \epsilon$, need

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2^{l-k+1}} &\leq \frac{\epsilon L^2}{2m^3} \\ 2^{2^{l-k+1}} &\geq \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon} \quad \text{where } \epsilon_0 = \frac{2m^3}{L^2} \\ 2^{l-k+1} &\geq \log_2 \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

$$\# \text{ steps} = l - k + 1 \geq \log_2 \log_2 \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon}$$

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon} = 10^{25}$$

$$\log_2 10^{25} \approx \log_2 2^{50} = 50$$

$$\log_2 50 \leq 6.$$

#ACCURATE DIGITS
DOUBLES EVERY
ITERATION.

Very few steps once quadratic convergence starts.