

Line Search Algorithm for Optimization

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• using PlutoUI, Calculus, Gadfly, LinearAlgebra

Define Objective

$$f(x) = x^2$$

f = #1 (generic function with 1 method)

• f = (x -> x[1]^2)

Line Search

1. Given $x^{(0)}$
2. For $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ do
 1. Update: $x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} + \alpha_k d^{(k)}$
3. End

line_search (generic function with 1 method)

```
• function line_search(f, x0, α, d, kmax)
•   x = x0
•   hist = []
•   push!(hist, x)
•   for k=1:kmax
•     x = x + α(x) * d(x)
•     push!(hist, x)
•   end
•   return x, hist
• end
```

Check Line Search

- Observe that different step sizes change the result!

```
(0, Any[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0])
```

```
• line_search(f, 1, (x->1), (x->-sign(x)), 10)
```

```
(1, Any[1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1])
```

```
• line_search(f, 1, (x->2), (x->-sign(x)), 10)
```

Gradient Descent

- Is basically line search with $d^{(k)} = -\nabla f(x^{(k)})$

hessian (generic function with 9 methods)

```
• begin
  • # some notation
  • ∇ = derivative
  • ∇² = hessian
• end
```

gradient_descent (generic function with 1 method)

```
• function gradient_descent(f, x0, α, kmax)
•   return line_search(f, x0, α, (x->-∇(f, x)), kmax)
• end
```

Check Gradient Descent

```
(2.03704e-10, Any[1, 0.8, 0.64, 0.512, 0.4096, 0.32768, 0.262144, 0.209715, 0.167
```

```
• gradient_descent(f, 1, (x->0.1), 100)
```

```
(2.03704e-10, Any[1, -0.8, 0.64, -0.512, 0.4096, -0.32768, 0.262144, -0.209715, 0
```

```
• gradient_descent(f, 1, (x->0.9), 100) # slower, oscillating but converging
```

Newton's Method for Optimization

- Is line search with $d^{(k)} = -[\nabla^2 f(x^{(k)})]^{-1} \nabla f(x^{(k)})$

newton (generic function with 1 method)

```
• function newton(f, x0, α, kmax)
•   return line_search(f, x0, α, (x->-inv(∇²(f, x))*∇(f, x)), kmax)
• end
```

Check Newton's Method

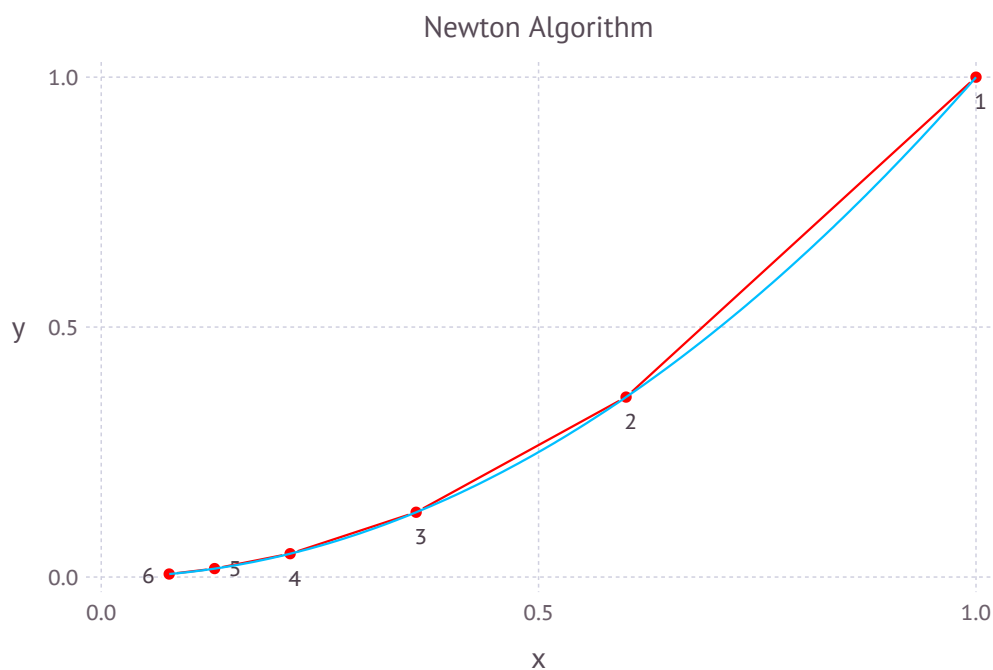
```
(1.05879e-22, Any[1.0, -7.28306e-7, 1.05879e-22, 1.05879e-22, 1.05879e-22, 1.05879e
```

```
• newton(f, 1., (x->1.0), 100) # works well 😎
```

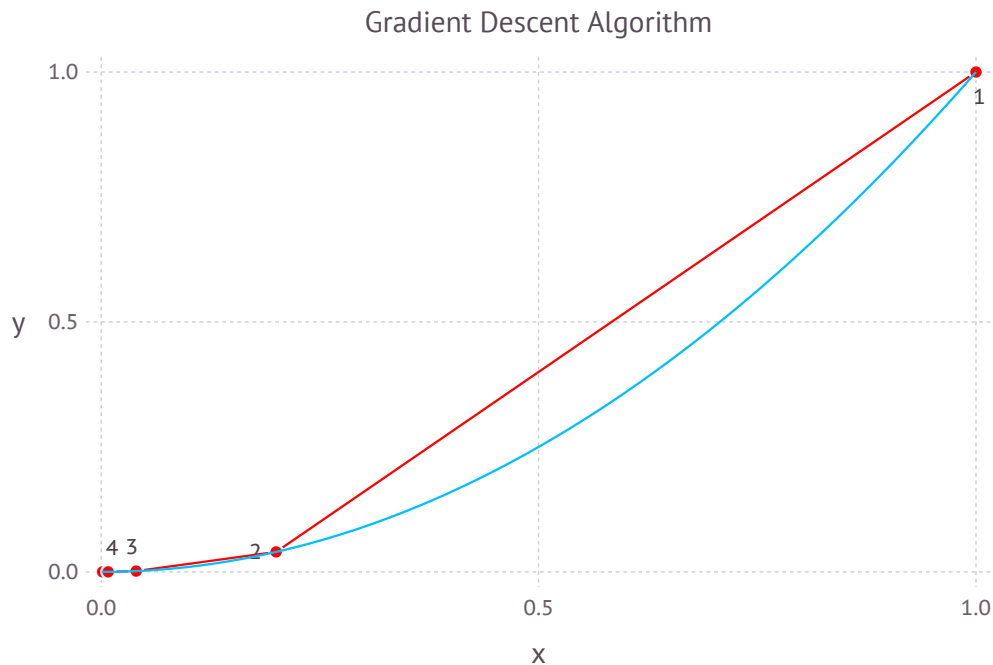
```
(1.26764e30, Any[1.0, -2.0, 4.00001, -7.99999, 16.0, -31.9999, 63.9998, -128.0, 2
```

```
• newton(f, 1., (x->3.0), 100) # diverged 🤔
```

Visualize Results



```
• begin
•   res_n = newton(f, 1., (x->0.4), 5)
•   Gadfly.plot(
•     Guide.title("Newton Algorithm"),
•     layer(f, minimum(res_n[2]), maximum(res_n[2])),
•     layer(x=res_n[2], y=f.(res_n[2]), label=string.(1:length(res_n[2])),
•     Geom.point, Geom.path, Geom.label, Theme(default_color=color("red")))
•   )
• end
```



```

• begin
•   res_gd = gradient_descent(f, 1., (x->0.4), 5)
•   Gadfly.plot(
•     Guide.title("Gradient Descent Algorithm"),
•     layer(f, minimum(res_gd[2]), maximum(res_gd[2])),
•     layer(x=res_gd[2], y=f.(res_gd[2]), label=string.(1:length(res_gd[2])),
•     Geom.point, Geom.path, Geom.label, Theme(default_color=color("red")))
•   )
• end

```

Two-Dimensional Optimization

Define Objective

$$g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

`g = #23 (generic function with 1 method)`

```
• g = (x->x[1]^2+x[2]^2)
```

Check Methods

- both work

`res_gd_2d =`

`(Float64[4.18545e-22, 4.18545e-22], Any[Float64[1.0, 1.0], Float64[0.2, 0.2], Float`

```
• res_gd_2d = gradient_descent(g, [1.,1.], (x->0.4), 100)
```

```

res_n_2d =
  (Float64[2.33348e-22, 3.04878e-22], Any[Float64[1.0, 1.0], Float64[0.6, 0.6], Float
    • res_n_2d = newton(g, [1.,1.], (x->0.4), 100)

Float64[2.33348e-22, 3.04878e-22]
    • res_n_2d[2][end]

true
    • norm(res_n_2d[2][end] - [0,0]) < eps(Float64) # is converged to machine-precision?

```

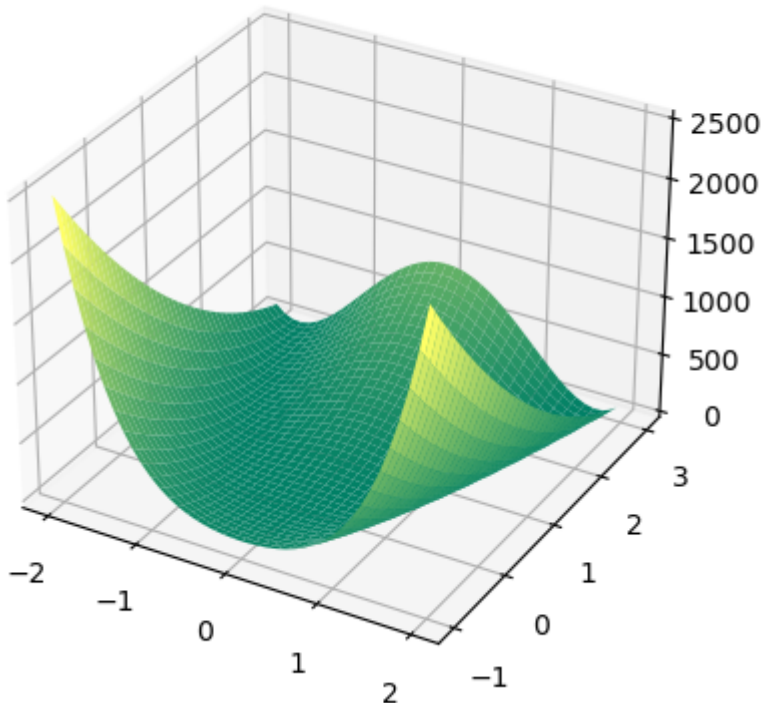
Test Gradient Descent vs Newton for 2D Rosenbrock

```

• begin
•   ENV["MPLBACKEND"]="Agg"
•   using PyPlot
• end

```

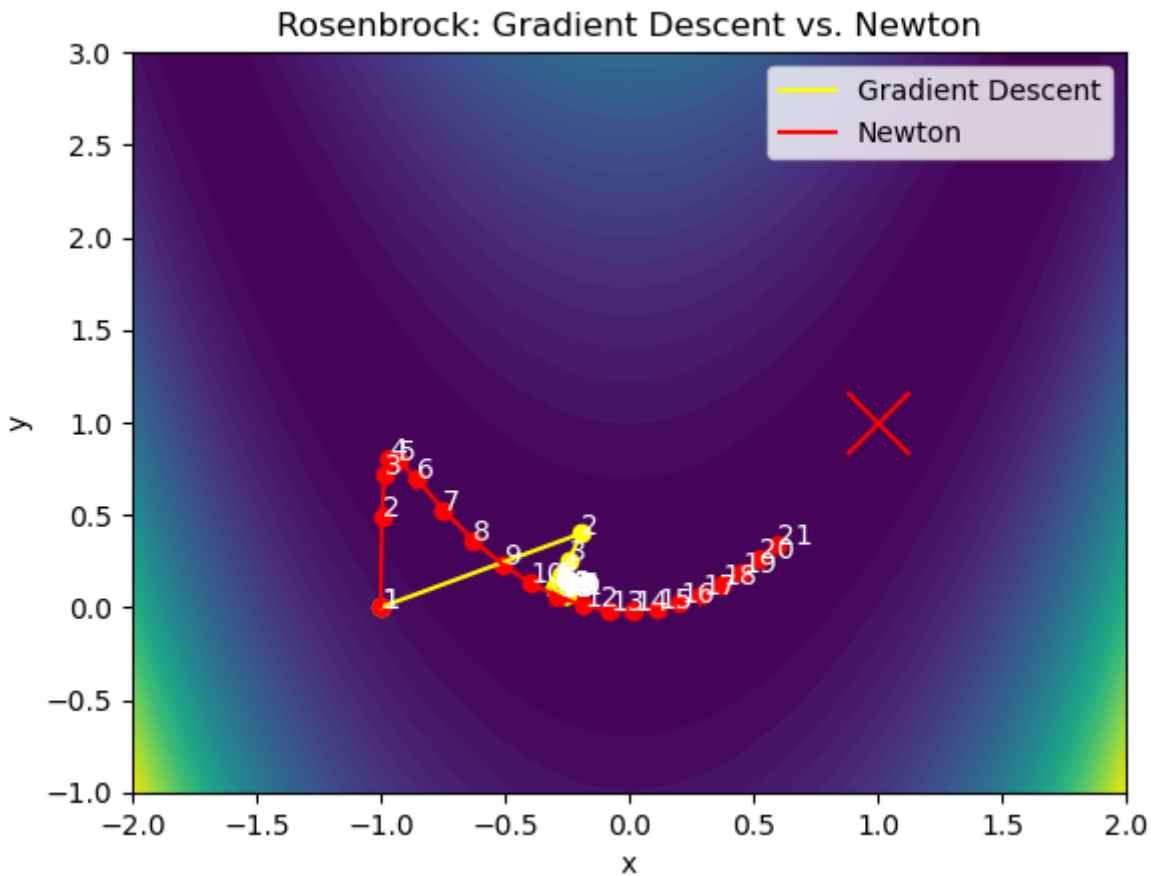
Rosenbrock Function



```

• let
•   X=collect(-2:Δ:2)
•   Y=collect(-1:Δ:3)
•   ff = (x->x[1]^2+x[2]^2)
•   F=[h([X[j],Y[i]]) for i=1:length(X), j=1:length(Y)]
•   clf()
•   surf(X, Y, F, cmap=:summer)
•   PyPlot.title("Rosenbrock Function")
•   gcf()
• end

```



```

• begin
•   # Rosenbrock function with  $x^* = [a, a^2]$ ,  $f(x^*)=0$ 
•   a = 1
•   b = 100
•   h = (x -> (a-x[1])^2 + b*(x[2]-x[1]^2)^2)
•
•   x0 = [-1., 0.]
•
•   # Gradient Descent
•   res_gd_2d_rb = gradient_descent(h, x0, (x->0.002), 20)
•   res_gd_2d_rb_x = [res_gd_2d_rb[2][i][1] for i=1:length(res_gd_2d_rb[2])]
•   res_gd_2d_rb_y = [res_gd_2d_rb[2][i][2] for i=1:length(res_gd_2d_rb[2])]
•
•   # Newton
•   res_n_2d_rb = newton(h, x0, (x->0.5), 20)
•   res_n_2d_rb_x = [res_n_2d_rb[2][i][1] for i=1:length(res_n_2d_rb[2])]
•   res_n_2d_rb_y = [res_n_2d_rb[2][i][2] for i=1:length(res_n_2d_rb[2])]
•
•   clf()
•   Δ = 0.1
•   X=collect(-2:Δ:2)
•   Y=collect(-1:Δ:3)
•   F=[h([X[j],Y[i]]) for i=1:length(X), j=1:length(Y)]
•   contourf(X,Y,F, levels=50)
•   PyPlot.title("Rosenbrock: Gradient Descent vs. Newton")
•
•   # res_gd_2d_rb
•   PyPlot.plot(res_gd_2d_rb_x, res_gd_2d_rb_y, color="yellow")
•   scatter(res_gd_2d_rb_x, res_gd_2d_rb_y, color="yellow")
•   for i=1:length(res_gd_2d_rb_x)
•       annotate(string(i), [res_gd_2d_rb_x[i], res_gd_2d_rb_y[i]], color="w",
•       zorder=2)
•   end
•
•   # res_n_2d_rb
•   PyPlot.plot(res_n_2d_rb_x, res_n_2d_rb_y, color="red")
•   scatter(res_n_2d_rb_x, res_n_2d_rb_y, color="red")
•   for i=1:length(res_n_2d_rb_x)

```

```
•         annotate(string(i), [res_n_2d_rb_x[i], res_n_2d_rb_y[i]], color="w",
zorder=2)
•     end
•
•     legend(["Gradient Descent", "Newton"])
•
•     xlabel("x")
•     ylabel("y")
•
•     # Mark minimum
•     scatter(a, a^2, color="r", s=500, zorder=3, marker="x")
•
•     gcf()
• end
```