

- The "big O" notation

$f(h) = O(h^p)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$ if

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h)}{h^p} = C \neq 0$$

- $f(h)$ is usually an error that depends on h .

- Examples: $f(h) = h^3 + h^4 = O(h^3)$

ignore higher order terms

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^3 + h^4}{h^3} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 + h = 1$$

- h^3 could be multiplied by any constant, it would still be $O(h^3)$
- There are several variants of this definition.
- Instead of h^p we could have some other function of h .

- there is a "little o" notation

$$f(h) = o(h^p) \text{ if } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h)}{h^p} = 0$$

- There is also a notion of big O as the variable goes to infinity.

- In that case the variable is often an integer and denoted by n

- $f(n) = O(n^k)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^k} = C \neq 0$$

- In that case we ignore lower order terms

- Example

$$\frac{n^3}{3} + n^2 + n + 5 = O(n^3) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

- The effort to solve linear systems by standard techniques is $O(n^3)$

- Taylor Series $f(x+h) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} h^j + O(h^{n+1})$

- Let's review some parts of multivariate Calculus.

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

- \mathbb{R}^n space of vectors with n components

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

- The Jacobian of f is the matrix

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} = J$$

- This is a linear function from

$$\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$L(x) = Jx$$

$$x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$L(x) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^m$$

- if $m=1$ we have a scalar valued function. The Jacobian is then the gradient, the vector of partial derivatives.
- It should be a row, a $1 \times n$ matrix
- Confusingly the gradient is usually written as a column.
- The matrix of second order partial derivatives of a scalar valued function ($m=1$)

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right] \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n$$

is the Hessian of f .

- It's a square symmetric matrix (since mixed partials commute.)
- All of this is relevant for minimization
- Taylor Series

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(x) + O(h^3)$$

- when is $f(x)$ a local minimum?
- we must have $f'(x) = 0$
- if in addition we also have $f''(x) > 0$ then locally we can only increase f , and so we have a minimum.
- The same idea works in several variables.

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x, h \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

Taylor series

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + h^T \nabla f(x) + \frac{1}{2} h^T \nabla^2 f(x) h + O(\|h\|^2)$$

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\sum x_i^2}$$

- clearly, to have a minimum we must have $\nabla f(x) = 0$

- Let $J = \nabla^2 f(x)$

- if in addition

$$h^T J h > 0 \quad \text{for all } h \neq 0$$

then we can be sure to have a minimum.

- A symmetric matrix A is positive definite if

$$x^T A x > 0 \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0$$

- Positive Definiteness of Matrices is the natural generalization of positiveness of numbers.
- $\nabla f(x) = 0$ is a nonlinear system
- Newton's Method from calculus
- start with a single equation

$$f(x) = c \quad f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- we want a sequence

$$x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$$

that converges to a solution

- suppose we are given x_k . What's x_{k+1}

$$f(x_{k+1}) = f(x_k) + (x_{k+1} - x_k) f'(x_k) + O((x_{k+1} - x_k)^2)$$

$$f(x_k) + (x_{k+1} - x_k) f'(x_k) = 0$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

x_0 given

Newton's Method

Example

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

$$x_0 = 1 \quad x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{x_k^2 - 2}{2x_k}$$

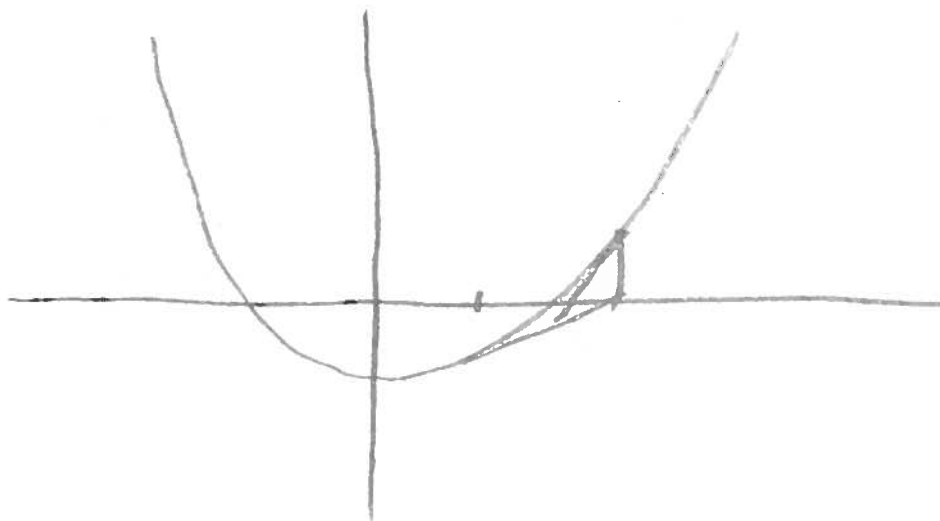
$$x_0 = 1$$

$$x_1 = 1.5$$

$$x_2 = 1.417$$

$$x_3 = 1.4142 \dots$$

converges
very quickly.



- How does this work in several variables?

$$F(x) = 0 \quad F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

- subscripts denote components, superscripts exponents
- use superscripts in parentheses

$$x^{(0)}, x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots$$

$$F(x^{(k+1)}) \approx F(x^{(k)}) + J(x^{(k)}) (x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}) = 0$$

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - (J(x^{(k)}))^{-1} F(x^{(k)})$$

- we don't usually compute the inverse

$$x^{(0)} \text{ given}$$

For $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ until satisfied

$$\begin{cases} \text{solve } J(x^{(k)}) s^{(k)} = -F(x^{(k)}) \\ x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} + s^{(k)} \end{cases}$$

- stop when $\|x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}\| \leq \epsilon$
for ϵ sufficiently small

- Things get more complicated when we have an overdetermined system.

- $F: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ $n > m$

can't solve $F(x) = 0$
since we have more equations than unknowns.

- solve $\|F(x)\|^2 = \min$

instead

$$\nabla \|F(x)\|^2 = 0$$

- nonlinear system, apply Newton's Method.