

# HW2

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## Exercise 1

Clearly, if the convergence rate is Q-quadratic, then it's Q-superlinear. Since if

$$\frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|^2} \leq \gamma$$

then

$$\frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|} = \frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|^2} \times \|x_k - x^*\| \leq \gamma \|x_k - x^*\| \rightarrow 0$$

**a**

$$x^* = 0$$

$$\frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|} = \frac{\frac{1}{k+1}}{\frac{1}{k}} = \frac{k}{k+1} < 1$$

So the rate is Q-linear.

**b**

$$x^* = 1$$

$$\frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|^2} = \frac{0.5^{2^{k+1}}}{(0.5^{2^k})^2} = 1$$

So the rate is Q-quadratic.

**c**

$$x^* = 1$$

$$\frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|} = \frac{(k+1)^{-(k+1)}}{k^{-k}} \leq \frac{(k+1)^k}{(k+1)^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{k+1} \rightarrow 0$$

The rate is Q-superlinear.

**d**

$$x^* = 0$$

$$\frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|} = \frac{k!}{(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{k+1} \rightarrow 0$$

The rate is Q-superlinear.

**e**

$x^* = 0$ . If  $k$  is even

$$\frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|} = \frac{(1/4)^{2k}}{k(1/4)^{2k}} = 1/k \rightarrow 0$$

If  $k$  is odd,

$$\frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|} = \frac{k(1/4)^{2^{k+1}}}{(1/4)^{2^{k-1}}} = k(1/4)^{2^{k+1}-2^{k-1}} \rightarrow 0$$

The rate is Q-superlinear.

## Exercise 2

**a**

By chain rule:

$$\nabla h(y) = \nabla f(x) \cdot \frac{\partial(Sy)}{\partial y} = S' \nabla f(x)$$

$$\nabla^2 h(y) = \nabla S' \nabla^2 f(x) S$$

**b**

By Newton's method:

$$\begin{aligned}y_{k+1} &= y_k - (\nabla^2 h(y_k))^{-1} \nabla h(y_k) \\&= y_k - S^{-1} \nabla^2 f(x_k) (S')^{-1} S' \nabla f(x_k) \\&= y_k - S^{-1} \nabla^2 f(x_k) \nabla f(x_k)\end{aligned}$$

Let  $y_k = S^{-1}x_k$  and multiply  $S$  to both side:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \nabla^2 f(x_k) \nabla f(x_k)$$

This is the Newton's formula of  $x_k$

## Exercise 3

**a**

The goal is to minimize the negative log likelihood.

$$l(x, y, \theta) = - \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \log p_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - p_i)]$$

where

$$p_i = \frac{e^{\theta^T x}}{1 + e^{\theta^T x}}$$

The Jacobian is

$$J_k = \frac{\partial l(x, y, \theta)}{\partial \theta_k} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i x_{ik} - p_i x_{ik})$$

Therefore, the gradient descent method is

$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k - \alpha J$$

**b**

See codes.

**c&d**

