

Numerical Optimization with applications: Homework 03

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Exercise 6. The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality states that for any vectors u and v , we have

$$|u^T v|^2 \leq (u^T u)(v^T v),$$

with equality only when u and v are parallel. When B is positive definite, use this inequality to show that

$$\gamma := \frac{\|g\|^4}{(g^T B g)(g^T B^{-1} g)} \leq 1,$$

with equality only if g and Bg (and $B^{-1}g$) are parallel.

Proof. B is a positive definite matrix, so there exists an orthonormal matrix Q and a diagonal matrix

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ s.t. } B = Q\Lambda Q^T.$$

Define the matrix $\sqrt{B} = Q\sqrt{\Lambda}Q^T$ where $\sqrt{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & & \\ & \sqrt{\lambda_2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix}$

Obviously, \sqrt{B} is also symmetric.

Claim: $(\sqrt{B})^{-1} = \sqrt{B^{-1}}$

proof of claim:

$$(\sqrt{B})^{-1} = Q(\sqrt{\Lambda})^{-1}Q^T = Q\sqrt{\Lambda^{-1}}Q^T = \sqrt{B^{-1}}$$

We proved the claim.

Now we use the claim above, the symmetricity of \sqrt{B} and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. We have the following statement:

$$\begin{aligned} \|g\|^4 &= (g^T g)^2 = (g^T \sqrt{B}(\sqrt{B})^{-1}g)^2 = ((\sqrt{B}g)^T(\sqrt{B^{-1}}g))^2 \\ &\leq (\sqrt{B}g)^T(\sqrt{B}g)(\sqrt{B^{-1}}g)^T(\sqrt{B^{-1}}g) \\ &= (g^T \sqrt{B} \sqrt{B} g)(g^T \sqrt{B^{-1}} \sqrt{B^{-1}} g) \\ &= (g^T B g)(g^T B^{-1} g) \end{aligned}$$

When the equality holds only if $\sqrt{B}g$ and $\sqrt{B^{-1}}g$ are parallel.

i.e. $\sqrt{B}g = k\sqrt{B^{-1}}g$ for some constant k .

1. Multiplying both side by \sqrt{B} .

$$Bg = kg \implies Bg \text{ and } g \text{ are parallel.}$$

2. Multiplying both side by $\sqrt{B^{-1}}$.

$$g = kB^{-1}g \implies B^{-1}g \text{ and } g \text{ are parallel.}$$

□

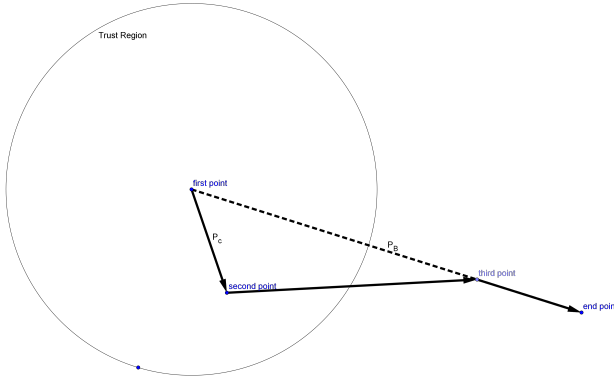
Exercise 7. When B is positive definite, the double-dog leg method constructs a path with three line segments from the origin to the full step. The four points that define the path are

- the origin;
- the unconstrained Cauchy step $p^c = -(g^T g)/(g^T B g)g$;
- a fraction of the full step $\bar{\gamma}p^B = -\bar{\gamma}B^{-1}g$, for some $\bar{\gamma} \in (\gamma, 1]$, where γ is defined in the previous question; and
- the full step $p^B = -B^{-1}g$

Show that $\|p\|$ increases monotonically along this path.

(Note: The double-dogleg method, as discussed in Dennis and Schnabel [92, Section 6.4.2], was for some time thought to be superior to the standard dogleg method, but later testing has not shown much difference in performance.)

(8.5, 4.63)



(12.16, -9.46)

Proof. It is obviously that $\|p\|$ increases monotonically along the first segment and the last segment because $\alpha\|v\|$ increases as α increases, where $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Now we consider the second segment. Let $P^A = -\bar{\gamma}B^{-1}g$, and $P^U = -(g^T g)/(g^T B g)g$, then the parametrization of the second segment is

$$P(\alpha) = \alpha(P^A - P^U) + P^U.$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} h(\alpha) &= (1/2)\|P(\alpha)\|^2 \\ &= (1/2)\|\alpha(P^A - P^U) + P^U\|^2 \\ &= (1/2)\|P^U\|^2 + \alpha(P^U)^T(P^A - P^U) + (1/2)\alpha^2\|P^A - P^U\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h'(\alpha) &= -(P^U)^T(P^U - P^B) + \alpha\|P^U - P^B\|^2 \\ &\geq -(P^U)^T(P^U - P^A) \\ &= \frac{g^T g}{g^T B g} g^T \left(-\frac{g^T g}{g^T B g} g + \bar{\gamma}B^{-1}g \right) \\ &= g^T g \frac{gB^{-1}g}{gBg} \left(\bar{\gamma} - \frac{(g^T g)^2}{(g^T B g)(g^T B^{-1}g)} \right) \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $h'(\alpha) > 0$ for all $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $h(\alpha)$ is increasing monotonically on $(0, 1)$, that is, $\|p(\alpha)\|$ is increasing monotonically on $(0, 1)$. Therefore, the $\|p\|$ increases monotonically along this segment. □

Exercise 8. Show that

$$\lambda^{(l+1)} = \lambda^{(l)} - \frac{\phi_2(\lambda^{(l)})}{\phi_2'(\lambda^{(l)})}, \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda^{(l+1)} = \lambda^{(l)} + \left(\frac{\|p_l\|}{\|q_l\|} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\|p_l\| - \Delta}{\Delta} \right)$$

are equivalents.

Proof. First, we calculate

$$\phi_2'(\lambda) = \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{\|p(\lambda)\|} \right) = \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left(\|p(\lambda)\|^2 \right)^{-1/2} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\|p(\lambda)\|^2 \right)^{-3/2} \frac{d}{d\lambda} \|p(\lambda)\|^2$$

Since B is symmetric, there is an orthonormal matrix U and a diagonal matrix Λ such that $B = U\Lambda U^T$, where

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

Then, $B + \lambda I = U(\Lambda + \lambda I)U^T$. We have,

$$p(\lambda) = -U(\Lambda + \lambda I)U^T g = -\sum_{j=1}^n -\frac{u_j^T g}{\lambda_j + \lambda} u_j$$

where u_j denotes the j th column of U . Therefore, by orthonormality of u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n , we have

$$\|p(\lambda)\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(u_j^T g)^2}{(\lambda_j + \lambda)^2}$$

Hence, we can calculate

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \|p(\lambda)\|^2 = -2 \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(u_j^T g)^2}{(\lambda_j + \lambda)^3}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|q_l\|^2 &= \|R^{-T} p_l\|^2 = p_l^T R^{-1} R^{-T} p_l = [-(R^T R)^{-1} g]^T (R^T R)^{-1} [-(R^T R)^{-1} g] = g^T [(R^T R)^{-1}]^3 g \\ &= g^T [(B + \lambda^{(l)} I)^{-1}]^3 g = g^T U(\Lambda + \lambda^{(l)} I)^{-3} U^T g = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(u_j^T g)^2}{(\lambda_j + \lambda^{(l)})^3} \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$\phi_2'(\lambda^{(l)}) = -\frac{1}{2} \|p(\lambda^{(l)})\|^{-3} \left(-2 \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(u_j^T g)^2}{(\lambda_j + \lambda^{(l)})^3} \right) = \|p_l\|^{-3} \|q_l\|^2$$

Finally, we get

$$-\frac{\phi_2(\lambda^{(l)})}{\phi_2'(\lambda^{(l)})} = \left(\frac{1}{\Delta} - \frac{1}{\|p(\lambda^{(l)})\|} \right) \left(\frac{\|p_l\|^3}{\|q_l\|^2} \right) = \left(\frac{\|p_l\| - \Delta}{\Delta \|p_l\|} \right) \left(\frac{\|p_l\|^3}{\|q_l\|^2} \right) = \left(\frac{\|p_l\|}{\|q_l\|} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\|p_l\| - \Delta}{\Delta} \right)$$

Therefore, the two equations above are equivalent. □