

Exercise sheet n° 1
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Exercise 1.

1. The AMPL solution for Rosenbrock is found in “exercise1/solution.out”.
2. Let $a = 100$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\delta g}{\delta x_1} &= \frac{d}{dx_1} [(1 - x_1)^2 + a(x_2 - x_1^2)^2] \\ &= -2(1 - x_1) - 2ax_1(x_2 - x_1^2);\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\delta g}{\delta x_k} &= \frac{d}{dx_k} [a(x_k - x_{k-1}^2)^2 + (1 - x_k)^2 + a(x_{k+1} - x_k^2)^2] \\ &= 2a(x_k - x_{k-1}^2) - 2(1 - x_k) - 2ax_k(x_{k+1} - x_k^2), \text{ for } 2 \leq k \leq n - 1;\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\delta g}{\delta x_n} &= \frac{d}{dx_n} [a(x_n - x_{n-1}^2)^2] \\ &= 2a(x_n - x_{n-1}^2);\end{aligned}$$

The MATLAB script is found in “exercise1/exercise1.m”.

Exercise 2.

1. The solution is found in “exercise2/solution.out”.
2. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\delta f}{\delta x_1} &= 2(1 - x_2^3)(x_1(1 - x_2^3) - 2.625) - 2(1 - x_2^2)(2.25 - x_1(1 - x_2)^2) - 2(1 - x_2)(1.5 - x_1(1 - x_2)), \\ \frac{\delta f}{\delta x_2} &= -6x_1x_2^2(x_1(1 - x_2^3) - 2.625) + 4x_1x_2(2.25 - x_1(1 - x_2)^2) + 2x_1x_2(1.5 - x_1(1 - x_2)).\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.

1. The script is found in “exercise2/exercise2.m”. The matrix of $(1, t_i, \dots, t_i^p)$ becomes to singular when p is 4 or 5, leading to imprecise results. Meanwhile, using the weights returned by the backslash operator, we can calculate that the residual does not reduce when p get larger. We conclude that the polynomial model is not a good one.

2.

- a. We have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f_x(t) = x_2$, so we can approximate $x_2 \approx \operatorname{argmax} f_x(t) = 300$.
- b. Using $x_2 = 300$ and the average of $f_x(0)$ given by the data, we have $f_x(0) = \frac{300}{1 + 300x_3} = 19.5$. Therefore, $x_3 \approx 0.04795$.

c. We have

$$f'_x(t) = \frac{-x_2(-x_1x_2x_3e^{-x_1t})}{(1+x_2x_3e^{-x_1t})^2} = x_1x_3f_x(t)^2e^{-x_1t}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} f''_x(t) &= x_1x_3 [2f_x(t)f'_x(t)e^{-x_1t} - x_1e^{-x_1t}f_x(t)^2] \\ &= x_1x_3 [2x_1x_3f_x(t)^3e^{-2x_1t} - x_1f_x(t)^2e^{-x_1t}] \\ &= x_1^2x_3f_x(t)^2e^{-x_1t} [2x_3f_x(t)e^{-x_1t} - 1]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, to determine whether $f''_x(t) = 0$, we only have to determine whether $2x_3f_x(t)e^{-x_1t} = 1$, that is

$$\frac{2x_2x_3e^{-x_1t}}{1+x_2x_3e^{-x_1t}} = \frac{2x_2x_3}{e^{x_1t}+x_2x_3} = 1.$$

The estimation of f''_x in the MATLAB script is not a good one, we can approximate $x_1 = \frac{\ln(x_2x_3)}{20} \approx 0.1333$.

The plot appears after running “exercise2/plot_user.m”