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Optimization

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Abstract—This document contains the solution of the question from NCERT 11th standard chapter 10 exercise 10.4 problem 4

1 Exercise 10.4

1) What are the points on y axis whose distance from the line $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{4} = 1$ is 4 units. The given line is,

$$(4 \ 3) \mathbf{x} = 12 \tag{1.0.1}$$

Let the required point on y axis be $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix}$, then the distance of this point from the given line is,

$$d = \frac{\left| (4 \quad 3) \binom{0}{y} - 12 \right|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}} \tag{1.0.2}$$

$$d = \frac{|3y - 12|}{5} \tag{1.0.3}$$

$$d = 4 \implies \frac{|3y - 12|}{5} = 4 \tag{1.0.4}$$

$$|3y - 12| = 20 \tag{1.0.5}$$

$$y = 4 + \frac{20}{3} = \frac{32}{3}$$
 or $y = 4 - \frac{20}{3} = -\frac{8}{3}$ (1.0.6) (1.0.7)

The foot of perpendicular to the line from the point $(0, \frac{32}{3})$ is,

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\| \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{32}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \tag{1.0.8}$$

s.t
$$(4 \ 3) \mathbf{x} = 12$$
 (1.0.9)

This can be coverted into an unconstrained optimization problem,

$$\mathbf{x}_{0} = \min_{\lambda} \left\| \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{32}{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^{2}$$
 (1.0.10) (1.0.11)

$$\left\| \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{32}{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \left\| \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{20}{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2$$

$$= 25\lambda^2 + 2\lambda \left(\frac{80}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{20}{3} \right)^2$$

$$(1.0.13)$$

A numerical solution for this can be obtained with,

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n - \alpha f'(\lambda_n) \tag{1.0.14}$$

Here λ_0 is the initial guess of lambda and α is the step size in gradient descent.

$$f'(\lambda_n) = 50\lambda_n + \frac{160}{3}$$
 (1.0.15)

(1.0.16)

So we get,

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n - \alpha \left(50\lambda + \frac{160}{3} \right) \tag{1.0.17}$$

We get the optimal λ to be,

$$\lambda^* = -1.0667 \tag{1.0.18}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 3\lambda \\ 4(1-\lambda) \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.19}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -3.2\\8.2667 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.20}$$

The foot of perpendicular to the line from the point $(0, -\frac{8}{3})$ is,

Parameter	Value	Description
λ_0	1	Initial guess
α	0.01	step size
N	10000	Number of iterations
ϵ	10^{-7}	Tolerance in λ

TABLE 1

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\| \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2$$
s.t $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 12$ (1.0.22)

This can be coverted into an unconstrained optimization problem,

$$\mathbf{x}_{0} = \min_{\lambda} \left\| \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^{2}$$
 (1.0.23) (1.0.24)

$$\left\| \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \left\| \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{20}{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2$$

$$(1.0.25)$$

$$= 25\lambda^2 - 2\lambda \left(\frac{80}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{20}{3} \right)^2$$

$$(1.0.26)$$

A numerical solution for this can be obtained with,

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n - \alpha f'(\lambda_n) \tag{1.0.27}$$

Here λ_0 is the initial guess of lambda and α is the step size in gradient descent.

$$f'(\lambda_n) = 50\lambda_n - \frac{160}{3}$$
 (1.0.28)
(1.0.29)

So we get,

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n - \alpha \left(50\lambda - \frac{160}{3} \right) \tag{1.0.30}$$

We get the optimal λ to be,

$$\lambda^* = 1.0667 \tag{1.0.31}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3.2 \\ -0.2667 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.32}$$

Parameter	Value	Description
λ_0	2	Initial guess
α	0.01	step size
N	10000	Number of iterations
ϵ	10^{-7}	Tolerance in λ

TABLE 1