

Newton line search algorithm

Finding the minimizer(s) of f is resemble to finding the root(s) of f' . From

$$f(x) = 10(x-1)^4 - 4\sin(3x)$$

Then, a derivative of this function w.r.t. x is given here:

$$f'(x) = 40(x-1)^3 - 12\cos(3x)$$

Let $g(x) = f'(x)$. Now, we will use the Newton-Raphson method to find the root of $g(x)$. Then, the formula will be:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= x_k + g(x_k)/g'(x_k) \\ &= x_k + \frac{40(x-1)^3 - 12\cos(3x)}{120(x-1)^2 + 36\sin(3x)} \end{aligned}$$

MATLAB can be very useful for this. The code used to solve this problem is adapted from the last homework. The FunctionName.m is modified to

```
1 function [f,J] = FunctionName(xin)
2
3 % Declare the functions.
4 f_fun = @(x) 40*(x-1)^3 - 12*cos(3*x);
5 J_fun = @(x) 120*(x-1)^2 + 36*sin(3*x);
6
7 % Evaluate numerical values.
8 f = f_fun(xin);
9 J = J_fun(xin);
10
11 end
```

The newton.m, however, do not need to be modified at all.

```
1 function [xsolution, Xk, Fk, Jk, IFLAG, IterationsUsed] = newton_1var(FunctionName, x0,
    epsilon, IterationMax)
2
3 Xk = x0; % list to store x_k.
4 Fk = []; % list to store f_k.
5 Jk = []; % list to store J_k.
6 IFLAG = 0; % Flag to indicate whether x_k converge.
7
8 for i = 1:IterationMax
9     [f, J] = FunctionName(x0); % generate f and J matrix at x0.
10    s = J\(-f); % solve for step value s.
11    x1 = x0 + s; % find next x_k.
12
13    Xk(:,i+1) = x1; % store new x_k.
14    Fk(:,i) = f; % store new f_k.
15    Jk(:,i) = J; % store new J_k.
16
17    if norm(x1-x0) <= epsilon % stop if the step is small enough.
18        IterationsUsed = i; % return a number of iterations.
19        xsolution = x1; % return the root of function.
20        [f, J] = FunctionName(x1); % finding new f, J final value.
21        Fk(:,i+1) = f; % store last f_k.
22        Jk(:,i+1) = J; % store last J_k.
23        break
24    end
25
26    x0 = x1; % set next x_k to be x_(k+1).
27 end
28
29 if IterationsUsed == IterationMax % to indicate x_k is not converge.
30     IFLAG = 1;
31 end
32
33 end
```

The result is printed by this script.

```
1 [xsolution, Xk, Fk, Jk, IFLAG, IterationsUsed] = newton_1var(@FunctionName, 1, 1e-10, 100);
2
3 % report the values as a table.
4 fprintf('% 5s % 20s % 10s \n', 'Iter', 'x_k', 'f_k');
5 for i = 1:IterationsUsed+1
6     fprintf('% 5.2d % 20.10f % 10.3f \n', i, Xk(i), Fk(i));
7 end
```

And the printed result is written below:

Iter	x_k	f_k
01	1.0000000000	11.880
02	-1.3384175171	-503.773
03	-0.6016751899	-161.570
04	-0.0094674957	-53.142
05	0.4287791259	-10.823
06	0.5756154046	-1.192
07	0.5964689434	-0.026
08	0.5969428628	-0.000
09	0.5969431100	-0.000
10	0.5969431100	-0.000

So, the value of a minimizer of f is 0.5969431100.

To determine whether f has only one minimizer, let's analyze from the function derivative:

$$f'(x) = 40(x-1)^3 - 12\cos(3x)$$

Plot the graph of $40(x-1)^3$ and $12\cos(3x)$ in the same area.

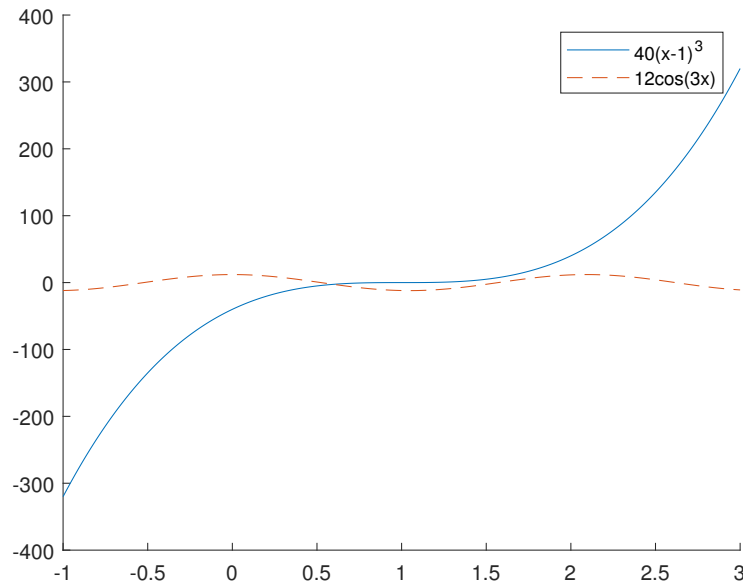


Figure 1: The graph of $40(x-1)^3$ and $12\cos(3x)$.

From the graph, for $x < 0.597$, $40(x-1)^3 < 12\cos(3x)$ so $f'(x)$ is always negative. For $x \geq 0.597$, $40(x-1)^3 \geq 12\cos(3x)$ so $f'(x)$ is always positive. Therefore $f'(x)$ has only one root, then $f(x)$ has only one minimizer.