

Find the minimum of  $f(x) = x^4 - 14x^3 + 60x^2 - 70x$ ,  $x \in [0,2]$ .

1. Use Newton method to find  $x^*$  s.t.  $f'(x^*) = 0$ .

by Taylor expansion at  $a$ ,

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x - a)^2$$

$$0 = f'(x) = f'(a) + f''(a)(x - a)$$

That is ,  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f'(x_n)}{f''(x_n)}, n = 0,1,2, \dots$

So, Step 1. Choose initial value  $x_0$

Step 2.  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f'(x_n)}{f''(x_n)}, n = 0,1,2, \dots$

Step 3. repeat step2. until  $|x_{n+1} - x_n| < 10^{-5}$

Case 1:

The initial value  $x_0 = 0.1$ .

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the 1 -th step, x is 0.1 , f(x) is -6.4139
the 2 -th step, x is 0.6228762 , f(x) is -23.55557
the 3 -th step, x is 0.7691724 , f(x) is -24.36535
the 4 -th step, x is 0.7808111 , f(x) is -24.3696
the 5 -th step, x is 0.7808835 , f(x) is -24.3696
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and  $f'(0.7808835) = -2.09610107 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(2) = 4$ .

Hence, the minimum is  $-24.3696$ ,  $x$  is  $0.7808835$ .

Case 2:

The initial value  $x_0 = 1.9$ .

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the 1 -th step, x is 1.9 , f(x) is 0.6061
the 2 -th step, x is -7.252268 , f(x) is 11769.76
the 3 -th step, x is -3.816278 , f(x) is 2131.211
the 4 -th step, x is -1.602691 , f(x) is 330.537
the 5 -th step, x is -0.2476316 , f(x) is 21.22985
the 6 -th step, x is 0.4755351 , f(x) is -21.17379
the 7 -th step, x is 0.7413672 , f(x) is -24.32074
the 8 -th step, x is 0.7800808 , f(x) is -24.36958
the 9 -th step, x is 0.7808831 , f(x) is -24.3696
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and  $f'(0.7808830) = -2.882316607 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(2) = 4$ .

Hence, the minimum is  $-24.3696$ ,  $x$  is  $0.7808830$ .

And, I have tried different initial value ,  $x_0 = 0,0.1,0.2,0.3, \dots,1.9,2$ ,

All these value except  $x_0 = 2$  will converge (i.e  $x_0 = 2$  diverge).

2. Use golden-section method:

To find minimum of  $f(x) \Leftrightarrow$  find maximum of  $-f(x)$

Let  $g(x) = -f(x)$ ,

Step 1. choose  $x_l < x_m < x_r$  s.t.  $g(x_l) \leq g(x_m)$  and  $g(x_r) \leq g(x_m)$ .

Step 2. choose  $y \in \max\{(x_l, x_m), (x_m, x_r)\}$ .

Step 3.

In  $(x_l, x_m)$ , If  $g(y) > g(x_m)$  then  $x_r = x_m, x_m = y$ . Else  $x_l = y$ .

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Step 4. repeat step 3. until  $|x_r - x_l| < 10^{-5}$

Simulation:

$$x_l = 0, x_m = 1, x_r = 2 \text{ with } g(x_l) = 0, g(x_m) = 23, g(x_r) = -4,$$

$y$  is the mean point.

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Hence, the minimum of  $f(x) = -24.3696$ , and  $x$  is 0.7808838.

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#newton method
f<-function(x){ x^4-14*x^3+60*x^2-70*x }
seed<-1.9
for(i in 1:20){
  epsilon<-10^-5 ;h<-10^-6
  x1<-0;x2<-seed ;loop<-1

  while(abs(x2-x1)>=epsilon &&loop<500){
    cat("the ",loop,"-th step","x is ",x2," f(x) is ",f(x2),"\\n")
    loop<-loop+1
    x1<-x2
    firdif<-(f(x1+h)-f(x1))/h
    secdif<-(f(x1+2*h)-2*f(x1+h)+f(x1)) / h^2
    x2<-x1-firdif/secdif
  }
  seed<-seed+0.1
}

#golden-section
g<-function(x){ -(x^4-14*x^3+60*x^2-70*x) }
g(seq(0,100,1))
xl<-0 ;g(xl)
xm<-1 ;g(xm)
xr<-2 ;g(xr)
loop<-1
while((xr-xl)>=epsilon){#f(xm)-f(xl)>=epsilon && f(xm)-f(xr)>=epsilon
  if(abs(xl-xm)>=abs(xr-xm)){ #choose large interval
    x4<-(xl+xm)/2
    if(g(x4)>g(xm)){ xr<-xm ;xm<-x4 }else{ xl<-x4 }
  }
}

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}else{  
  x4<-(xr+xm)/2  
  if(g(x4)>g(xm)){ xl<-xm ;xm<-x4 }else{ xr<-x4 }  
}  
loop<-loop+1  
cat("left g(x):",g(xl),"", middle g(x):",g(xm),"", right g(x):",g(xr),"\\n")  
};cat("left point:",xl,"", middle point:",xm,"", right point:",xr,"\\n")
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