





## 2 Gauss-Newton method

The Gauss-Newton method is a simplification or approximation of the Newton method that applies to functions f of the form (1). Differentiating (1) with respect to  $x_i$  gives 5 -> r2

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j} r_i,$$

and so the gradient of f is

$$\nabla f = J_r^T \mathbf{r},$$

where  $\mathbf{r} = [r_1, \dots, r_m]^T$  and  $J_r \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$  is the Jacobian of  $\mathbf{r}$ ,

$$J_r = \left[\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j}\right]_{i=1,\dots,m,j=1,\dots,n}.$$

Differentiating again, with respect to  $x_k$ , gives

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} = \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_k} + r_i \frac{\partial^2 r_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} \right),$$

and so the Hessian of f is

$$\nabla^2 f = J_r^T J_r + Q,$$

where

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_i \nabla^2 r_i.$$

The Gauss-Newton method is the result of neglecting the term Q, i.e., making the approximation

$$\nabla^2 f \approx J_r^T J_r. \tag{3}$$

= JrTr(x)

Thus the Gauss-Newton iteration is

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - (J_r(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})^T J_r(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}))^{-1} J_r(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}).$$

In general the Gauss-Newton method will not converge quadratically but if the elements of Q are small as we approach a minimum, we can expect fast convergence. This will be the case if either the  $r_i$  or their second order partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^{2} r_{i}}{\partial x_{j} \partial x_{k}}$$

$$\times_{k+1} = \times_{k} + \Delta \times_{k}^{4}$$

$$\Delta \times = - \left[ J(X_{k})^{T} J(X_{k}) \right]^{-1} J(X_{k})^{T} r(X_{k})$$

$$\left[ J(X_{k})^{T} J(X_{k}) \right] \Delta \times = J(X_{k})^{T} \cdot r(X_{k})$$

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