

Exercise 2Secant Equation:

The secant equation is

$$B_{k+1} s_k = y_k$$

where $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$, $y_k = \nabla f_{k+1} - \nabla f_k$, and B_{k+1} is an approximation of the Hessian $\nabla^2 f_{k+1}$.

Prove that the secant equation is valid to find the next hessian approximation B_{k+1} .

We need to prove that it satisfies two conditions:

• $\nabla m_{k+1}(0) \stackrel{!}{=} \nabla f_{k+1}$:

We have $m_k(v) = f_k + \nabla f_k^T v + \frac{1}{2} v^T B_k v$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla m_k(v) = \nabla f_k + B_k v$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla m_{k+1}(0) = \nabla f_{k+1} + B_{k+1} \cdot 0 = \nabla f_{k+1} \quad \checkmark$$

• $\nabla m_{k+1}(-r_k v_k) \stackrel{!}{=} \nabla f_k$:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla m_{k+1}(-r_k v_k) &= \nabla m_{k+1}(-(x_{k+1} - x_k)) = \nabla m_{k+1}(-s_k) \\ &= \nabla f_{k+1} + B_{k+1}(-s_k) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{k+1} s_k = y_k$$

$$\Rightarrow -B_{k+1} s_k = \nabla f_k - \nabla f_{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f_{k+1} + B_{k+1}(-s_k) = \nabla f_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla m_{k+1}(-r_k v_k) = \nabla f_k \quad \checkmark$$

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Curvature Condition:

• Show that the curvature condition $s_k^T y_k > 0$ is required for the Quasi-Newton method

• Prove that the curvature condition is satisfied when the line search algorithm for the Wolfe conditions is used

• To ensure a descent direction, we need $B \in \Sigma_{++}^n$, positive definite

$$\Rightarrow B_{k+1} s_k = y_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{s_k^T B_{k+1} s_k}_{> 0} = s_k^T y_k$$

$$> 0 \text{ because } B_{k+1} \text{ positive definite} \Rightarrow s_k^T y_k > 0 \quad \#$$

• Usefull equalities:

$$v_k = -B_k^{-1} \nabla f_k$$

$$s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k = x_k - \tau_k B_k^{-1} \nabla f_k - x_k = -\tau_k B_k^{-1} \nabla f_k$$

$$\Rightarrow s_k = \tau_k v_k \quad \Rightarrow v_k = \frac{s_k}{\tau_k}$$

To satisfy the strong Wolfe conditions with $\beta \in (\alpha, 1)$, it must satisfy the curvature condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(x_k + \tau_k v_k)^T v_k &\geq \beta \nabla f(x_k)^T v_k \\ \Rightarrow \nabla f_{k+1}^T v_k &\geq \beta \nabla f_k^T v_k \\ \nabla f_{k+1}^T v_k - \nabla f_k^T v_k &\geq \beta \nabla f_k^T v_k - \nabla f_k^T v_k \\ (\nabla f_{k+1} - \nabla f_k)^T v_k &\geq (\beta - 1) \nabla f_k^T v_k \\ y_k^T v_k &\geq (\beta - 1) \nabla f_k^T v_k \\ y_k^T \cdot \frac{s_k}{\tau_k} &\geq (\beta - 1) \nabla f_k^T v_k \\ y_k^T s_k &\geq \tau_k (\beta - 1) \nabla f_k^T v_k > 0 \\ &\quad \underbrace{\quad}_{>0} \underbrace{\quad}_{<0} \underbrace{\quad}_{<0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_k^T s_k > 0 \quad \#$$