

Exercise 5: Line Search Method1) Exact line search:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + q^T x + c$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, Q symmetric positive definite matrix $\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $q \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Given a search direction Δx , compute t for an arbitrary $x \in \text{dom} f$

$$t := \underset{s \geq 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(x + s \Delta x)$$

Be x arbitrary, then

$$\begin{aligned} g(s) &= f(x + s \Delta x) = \frac{1}{2} (x + s \Delta x)^T Q (x + s \Delta x) + q^T (x + s \Delta x) + c \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + \frac{1}{2} x^T Q s \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} s \Delta x^T Q x + \frac{1}{2} s^2 \Delta x^T Q \Delta x \\ &\quad + q^T x + s q^T \Delta x + c \end{aligned}$$

To minimize, we need $\frac{\partial g}{\partial s} = 0$

$$\nabla f = \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} = Qx + q.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} = \frac{1}{2} x^T Q \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^T Q x + s \Delta x^T Q \Delta x + q^T \Delta x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -s(\Delta x^T Q \Delta x) = x^T Q \Delta x + q^T \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow -s(\Delta x^T Q \Delta x) = (x^T Q + q^T)^T \Delta x = \nabla f(x)^T \Delta x$$

$$t = \frac{-\nabla f(x)^T \Delta x}{\Delta x^T Q \Delta x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x^T Q x &= (x^T Q^T \Delta x)^T \\ &= (x^T Q \Delta x)^T \\ &= x^T Q \Delta x \end{aligned}$$

2) Gradient Descent:

$$\text{minimize } \frac{1}{4} x^2 + y^2$$

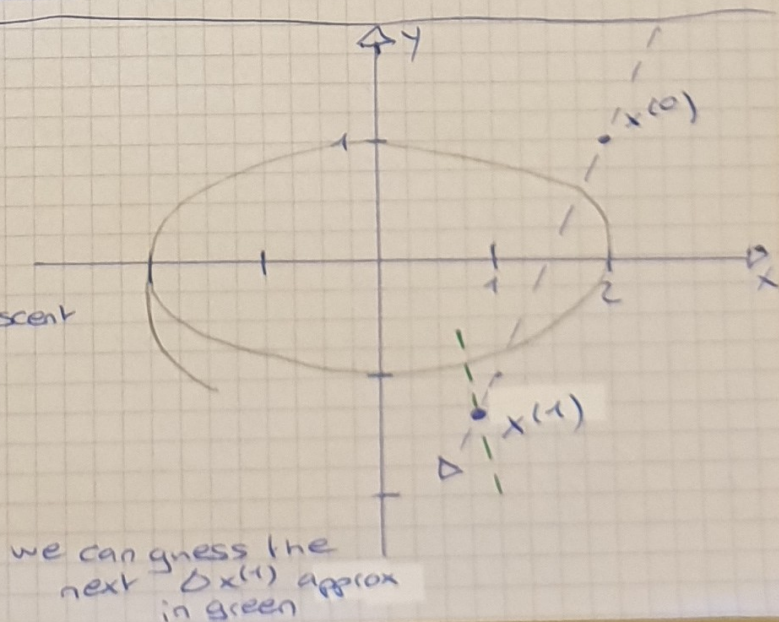
starting from $x^{(0)} = (2, 1)$

perform one iteration of gradient descent

find the value of $\|\nabla f(x)\|^2$

before and after the update

$$x^{(1)} = x^{(0)} + t^{(0)} \Delta x^{(0)}$$



• find the search direction:

$$\Delta x = -\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} -x/2 \\ -2y \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with } x^{(0)} = (2, 1) \Rightarrow \Delta x^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f(x, y) = (x \ y) \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so we have } Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can use the formula from ex 1 to find $r^{(0)}$:

$$r^{(0)} = \frac{-\nabla f(x)^T \Delta x}{\Delta x^T Q \Delta x} = \frac{-(1 \ 2) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}}{(-1 \ -2) \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{5}{(-1/4 - 2) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{5}{\frac{-17}{4}} = \frac{20}{17}$$

$$x^{(1)} = x^{(0)} + r^{(0)} \Delta x^{(0)}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{20}{17} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14/17 \\ -23/17 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0,82 \\ -1,35 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{(1)} = \left(\frac{14}{17}, \frac{-23}{17} \right)$$

Now calculate:

$$\|\nabla f(x^{(0)})\|^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = 1 + 4 = 5$$

$$\|\nabla f(x^{(1)})\|^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 14/34 \\ -46/17 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \approx 0,17 + 7,32 \approx 7,5$$