

# 1 Steepest Descent Method in 2D

To solve the following minimization problem,

$$\min_x f(x) \quad (1)$$

in this section, we study steepest descent method(or gradient descent method) expressed as for given  $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}^2$ , do iteration for  $k = 0, \dots, M - 1$

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha \nabla f(x^{(k)}) \quad (2)$$

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```
1 import numpy as np
2 def steepest_descent_2d(func, gradx, grady, x0, MaxIter=10, learning_rate=0.25):
3     for i in range(MaxIter):
4         grad = np.array([gradx(*x0), grady(*x0)])
5         x1 = x0 - learning_rate * grad
6         x0 = x1
7     return x0
```

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1. Start with an initial  $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}^2$ . For example,

```
import numpy as np
x0 = np.array([-2.0, -2.0])
```

2. Do  $k = 0, 1, \dots, \text{MaxIter}-1$

```
for i in range(MaxIter):
```

- (a) Calculate its gradient,  $\nabla f(x^{(k)})$

```
grad = np.array([gradx(*x0), grady(*x0)])
```

- `gradx()` : function for  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$
- `grady()` : function for  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$
- `x0` : current position  $x^{(k)}$
- `grad` : gradient vector at current position  $\nabla f(x^{(k)}) \in \mathbf{R}^2$

- (b) Calculate next position  $x^{(k+1)}$  with learning rate  $\alpha$  as follows

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha \nabla f(x^{(k)}) \quad (3)$$

```
x1 = x0 - learning_rate * grad
```

- `x1` : next position  $x^{(k+1)}$
- `learning_rate` :  $\alpha$

- (c) Update old one to new one

```
x0 = x1
```

**Example 1.**

$$\min_{x,y} [3(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2] \quad (4)$$

1. Define  $f(x, y) = 3(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2$

```
f = lambda x,y : 3 * (x - 2)**2 + (y - 2)**2
```

2. Define  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6(x-2)$

```
grad_x = lambda x,y : 6 * (x - 2)
```

3. Define  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2(y-2)$

```
grad_y = lambda x,y : 2 * (y - 2)
```

4. Tune parameters such as `x0`, `learning_rate`, `MaxIter`

## 5. Run steepest descent scheme!

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3     for i in range(MaxIter):
4         grad = np.array([gradx(*x0), grady(*x0)])
5         x1 = x0 - learning_rate * grad
6         x0 = x1
7     return x0
8
9 # Define functions for the problem
10 f = lambda x,y : 3 * (x - 2)**2 + (y - 2)**2
11 grad_x = lambda x,y : 6 * (x - 2)
12 grad_y = lambda x,y : 2 * (y - 2)
13
14 # Tune parameters
15 x0 = np.array([-2.0, -2.0])
16 learning_rate = 0.1
17 MaxIter = 100
18 xopt = steepest_descent_2d(f, grad_x, grad_y, x0,
19                             MaxIter=MaxIter, learning_rate=learning_rate)
20 # Result will be [ 2.  2.]
21 print(xopt)
```

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## 2 Newton method in 2D

To solve the following minimization problem,

$$\min_x f(x) \quad (5)$$

in this section, we study Newton method expressed as for given  $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}^2$ , do iteration for  $k = 0, \dots, M - 1$

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \left[ \nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}) \right]^{-1} \nabla f(x^{(k)}) \quad (6)$$

where

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

1. Start with an initial  $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}^2$ . For example,

```
import numpy as np
x0 = np.array([-2.0, -2.0])
```

2. Do  $k = 0, 1, \dots, \text{MaxIter}-1$

```
for i in range(MaxIter):
```

- (a) Calculate its gradient,  $\nabla f(x^{(k)})$ , of  $f(x^{(k)})$  at  $x^{(k)}$

```
grad = np.array([gradx(*x0), grady(*x0)])
```

- `gradx()` : function for  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$
- `grady()` : function for  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$
- `x0` : current position  $x^{(k)}$
- `grad` : gradient vector at current position  $\nabla f(x^{(k)}) \in \mathbf{R}^2$

- (b) Calculate its Hessian,  $\nabla^2 f(x^{(k)})$

```
hess = hessian(*x0)
```

- `hessian()` : function for  $\nabla^2 f(x)$
- `hess` : Hessian matrix  $\nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}) \in \mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$

- (c) Solve linear system :  $\left[ \nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}) \right] \Delta x^{(k)} = \nabla f(x^{(k)})$

```
delx = np.linalg.solve(hess, grad)
```

- `np.linalg.solve(A, b)` : method for solving linear system,  $Ax = b$
- `delx` :  $\Delta x^{(k)}$

- (d) Calculate next position  $x^{(k+1)}$  with learning rate  $\alpha$  as follows

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha \left[ \nabla^2 f(x^{(k)}) \right]^{-1} \nabla f(x^{(k)}) \quad (8)$$

$$= x^{(k)} - \alpha \Delta x^{(k)} \quad (9)$$

```
x1 = x0 - learning_rate * delx
```

- `x1` : next position  $x^{(k+1)}$
- `learning_rate` :  $\alpha$

- (e) Update old one to new one

```
x0 = x1
```

**Example 2.**

$$\min_{x,y} [3(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2] \quad (10)$$

1. Define  $f(x, y) = 3(x-2)^2 + (y-2)^2$

```
f = lambda x,y : 3 * (x - 2)**2 + (y - 2)**2
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2. Define  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6(x - 2)$

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grad_x = lambda x,y : 6 * (x - 2)
```

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grad_y = lambda x,y : 2 * (y - 2)
```

4. Define  $\nabla^2 f$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial yx} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial xy} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

```
hessian = lambda x,y : np.array([[6., 0.],[0., 2.]])
```

5. Tune parameters such as `x0`, `learning_rate`, `MaxIter`

6. Run Newton method!

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```
1 import numpy as np
2 def newton_descent_2d(func, gradx, grady, hessian, x0, MaxIter=10, learning_rate=1):
3     for i in range(MaxIter):
4         grad = np.array([gradx(*x0), grady(*x0)])
5         hess = hessian(*x0)
6         delx = np.linalg.solve(hess, grad)
7         x1 = x0 - learning_rate * delx
8         x0 = x1
9     return x0
10
11 # Define functions for the problem
12 f = lambda x,y : 3 * (x - 2)**2 + (y - 2)**2
13 grad_x = lambda x,y : 6 * (x - 2)
14 grad_y = lambda x,y : 2 * (y - 2)
15 hessian = lambda x,y : np.array([[6., 0.],[0., 2.]])
16
17 # Tune parameters(Use default values for MaxIter, learning_rate)
18 x0 = np.array([-2.0, -2.0])
19 xopt = newton_descent_2d(f, grad_x, grad_y, hessian, x0)
20
21 # Result will be [ 2.  2.]
22 print(xopt)
```

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