

## Algorithms for optimisation

### Problem Set # 2

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1. Compare Newton's method and the secant method on  $f(x) = x^2 + x^4$  with  $x^{(1)} = -3$  and  $x^{(0)} = -4$ . Run each method for 10 iterations. Make the two following plots:
  - I. Plot  $f$  vs. The iteration for each method
  - II. Plot  $f'$  vs.  $x$ . Overlay the progression of each method, drawing lines from  $(x^{(i)}, f'(x^{(i)}))$  to  $(x^{(i+1)}, 0)$  to  $(x^{(i+1)}, f'(x^{(i+1)}))$  for each transition.

What can you conclude about this comparison?

2. Take the Rosenbrock function :  $f = (1-x_1)^2 + 5(x_2 - x_1^2)^2$  **of Problem Set 1**, with an initial guess of  $(x_1, x_2) = (-1.5, -1.5)$ . Find the optimum of this function using
  - (a) Newton's method
  - (b) Quasi-Newton method (Optional)

Compare the performance to the first order methods of the previous problem set.

**Note:** Compare the performance of the methods, by reporting

- the number of steps (iteration) taken by your code to reach the optimal point within a certain error (change the error and see how this number changes)
- time to solution
- Plot the steps and compare the paths taken by each method

3. Consider the problem of a (steady) N-dimensional linear system subject to a (steady) forcing :  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$ , where we look for the  $\mathbf{f}$  that maximises the energy amplification  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} / \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{f}$ .

In this problem, the control variable is the forcing while the state of the system is the response, i.e.,  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{u}$ . The dimension of the control is therefore equal to the dimension of the state. One can transform the maximisation problem into a minimisation problem by minimising the inverse of  $\mathbf{R}$ , i.e., the ratio of the norm of the forcing to the norm of the response. The problem is formalised in the following way:

Optimise  $J(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{g}) = \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{g} / \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q}$  subject to  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{g}) = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0}$ .

The goal is to reach a local minimum of  $J$  acting on  $\mathbf{g}$ . For the present problem ,

$$\partial F/\partial q = L$$

$$\partial F/\partial g = I$$

$$\partial J/\partial q = -2q(g.g)/(q.q)^2$$

$$\partial J/\partial g = 2g/(q.q)$$

so that the explicit optimality system is:

$$[\partial F/\partial q]^T a = \partial J/\partial q \rightarrow L^T a = -2q(g.g)/(q.q)^2$$

$$[\partial F/\partial g]^T a = \partial J/\partial g \rightarrow g = a(q.q)/2$$

$$F = 0 \rightarrow Lq + g = 0$$

Solve the optimisation problem sequentially, following:

The method is initialised by giving an initial guess on **g**, then the loop is:

1. Given the  $p$ -th guess for the optimal forcing **g**<sup>(p)</sup>, compute the corresponding response **q**<sup>(p)</sup> solving the state equation **Lq**<sup>(p)</sup> = -**g**<sup>(p)</sup>.
2. Compute **J** and its relative increment w.r.t the previous iteration. If convergence is reached stop, if not continue.
3. Compute the adjoint state **a**<sup>(p)</sup> solving the adjoint equation.
4. Finally update the control vector and get **g**<sup>(p+1)</sup> using the optimality condition and go to No. 1.

As an application, we use this iterative method to compute the optimal forcing energy amplification, **R**, supported by the system defined by the linear operator

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1/Re & 0 \\ 0 & -3/Re \end{bmatrix}$$

for a Reynolds number Re = 40.