

# → Newton + Quasi-Newton

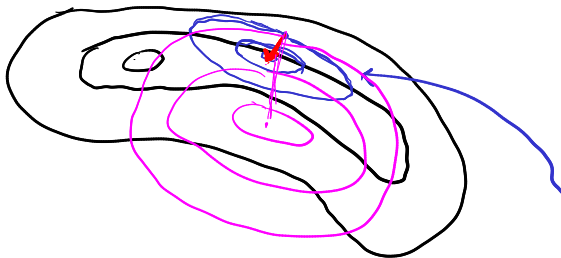
Last time:

- Grad. Descent w/ fixed step size is slow
- Line Search + Wolfe Cond  $\Rightarrow$  convergence to a fixed pt.  
for a wide range of descent directions
- Backtracking

## Newton's Method



$$x^{k+1} \leftarrow x^k - \frac{f'(x^k)}{f''(x^k)}$$



$$f^k \equiv f(\vec{x}^k)$$

$$\vec{g}^k \equiv \nabla f(\vec{x}^k)$$

$$H^k = \nabla^2 f(\vec{x}^k)$$

$$q(\vec{x}) = f^k + (\vec{g}^k)^T (\vec{x} - \vec{x}^k) + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}^k)^T H^k (\vec{x} - \vec{x}^k)$$

$$\nabla q(\vec{x}) = \vec{g}^k + H^k (\vec{x}^* - \vec{x}^k) = 0$$

$$H^k \vec{x}^* = -\vec{g}^k + H^k \vec{x}^k$$

$$\vec{x}^{k+1} = \vec{x}^* = \vec{x}^k - (H^k)^{-1} \vec{g}^k$$

Newton Step

$$\vec{d}^k = -(H^k)^{-1} \vec{g}^k$$

Newton Direction

~~$\vec{x}^0$~~

loop

$$\vec{d}^k \leftarrow -(H^k)^{-1} \vec{g}^k$$

$$\alpha^k \leftarrow \arg\min_{\alpha} (f(\vec{x} + \alpha \vec{d}^k)) \leftarrow \text{backtracking}$$

$$\vec{x}^{k+1} = \vec{x} + \alpha^k \vec{d}^k$$

## Advantages

	Gradient	Newton
Ease of Implementation	✓	(auto-diff makes easier)
Practical Efficiency (#steps)	✓	✓
" " (computation)	✓	Evaluating + Inverting expensive
Natural Step Size		✓ (=1)
Theory		✓

Thm 3.3

Thm 3.5

# Rates of Convergence

↖ "quotient"  
Q-linear

$\exists r \in (0,1)$  such that

$$\frac{\|\vec{x}^{k+1} - \vec{x}^*\|}{\|\vec{x}^k - \vec{x}^*\|} \leq r \quad \text{for all } k \text{ sufficiently large}$$

Grad

Q-superlinear

Quasi  
Newton

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|\vec{x}^{k+1} - \vec{x}^*\|}{\|\vec{x}^k - \vec{x}^*\|} = 0$$

Q-quadratic

$\exists M > 0$  such that

Newton

$$\frac{\|\vec{x}^{k+1} - \vec{x}^*\|}{\|\vec{x}^k - \vec{x}^*\|^2} \leq M \quad \text{for all } k \text{ sufficiently large}$$

## Theorem 3.3.

grad desc.

When the steepest descent method with exact line searches (3.26) is applied to the strongly convex quadratic function (3.24), the error norm (3.27) satisfies

$$\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|_Q^2 \leq \left( \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_1}{\lambda_n + \lambda_1} \right)^2 \|x_k - x^*\|_Q^2, \quad (3.29)$$

where  $0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $Q$ .

Linear

$\vec{x}^T Q \vec{x}$

$$\|\vec{x}\|_Q = \sqrt{\vec{x}^T Q \vec{x}}$$



## Theorem 3.5.

Suppose that  $f$  is twice differentiable and that the Hessian  $\nabla^2 f(x)$  is Lipschitz continuous (see (A.42)) in a neighborhood of a solution  $x^*$  at which the sufficient conditions (Theorem 2.4) are satisfied. Consider the iteration  $x_{k+1} = x_k + p_k$ , where  $p_k$  is given by (3.30). Then

Newton  
Step

- (i) if the starting point  $x_0$  is sufficiently close to  $x^*$ , the sequence of iterates converges to  $x^*$ ;
- (ii) the rate of convergence of  $\{x_k\}$  is quadratic; and
- (iii) the sequence of gradient norms  $\{\|\nabla f_k\|\}$  converges quadratically to zero.

Want: Newton-like convergence  
Only gradient evaluations

Break: In 1-D case how do we approximate Newton's method with only  $f, f'$  evaluations?

## Secant Method

$$f''(x^k) \approx \frac{f'(x^k) - f'(x^{k-1})}{x^k - x^{k-1}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$x^{k+1} \leftarrow x^k - \frac{x^k - x^{k-1}}{f'(x^k) - f'(x^{k-1})} f'(x^k)$$

## Quasi-Newton methods

$$\vec{x}^{k+1} \leftarrow \vec{x}^k - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{backtracking}}}{\alpha^k} Q^k \vec{g}^k$$

$Q^k$  approximates  $(f'')^{-1}$

Typically  $Q^{(1)} = I$

$$\vec{y}^{k+1} \equiv \vec{g}^{k+1} - \vec{g}^k$$

$$\vec{\delta}^{k+1} \equiv \vec{x}^{k+1} - \vec{x}^k$$

DFP (Davidon - Fletcher - Powell)

$$Q \leftarrow Q - \frac{Q \vec{y} \vec{y}^T Q}{\vec{y}^T Q \vec{y}} + \frac{\vec{\delta} \vec{\delta}^T}{\vec{\delta}^T \vec{y}}$$

Argonne Natl. Lab  
Tech Rep. 1959

1991 - first article  
in SIAM journal

BFGS (Broyden - Fletcher - Goldfarb - Shanno)

$$Q \leftarrow Q - \left( \frac{\vec{\delta} \vec{y}^T Q + Q \vec{y} \vec{\delta}^T}{\vec{\delta}^T \vec{y}} \right) + \left( 1 + \frac{\vec{y}^T Q \vec{y}}{\vec{\delta}^T \vec{y}} \right) \left( \frac{\vec{\delta} \vec{\delta}^T}{\vec{\delta}^T \vec{y}} \right)$$

### Theorem 6.6.

Suppose that  $f$  is twice continuously differentiable and that the iterates generated by the BFGS algorithm converge to a minimizer  $x^*$  at which Assumption 6.2 holds. Suppose also that (6.52) holds. Then  $x_k$  converges to  $x^*$  at a superlinear rate.

$$(6.52) \rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|\vec{x}^k - \vec{x}^*\| < \infty$$

BFGS (+ other Quasi-Newton converge superlinearly)

Problem: Maintains large, dense  $Q$

L-BFGS : store  $m$  values of  $\vec{\delta}, \vec{\gamma}$

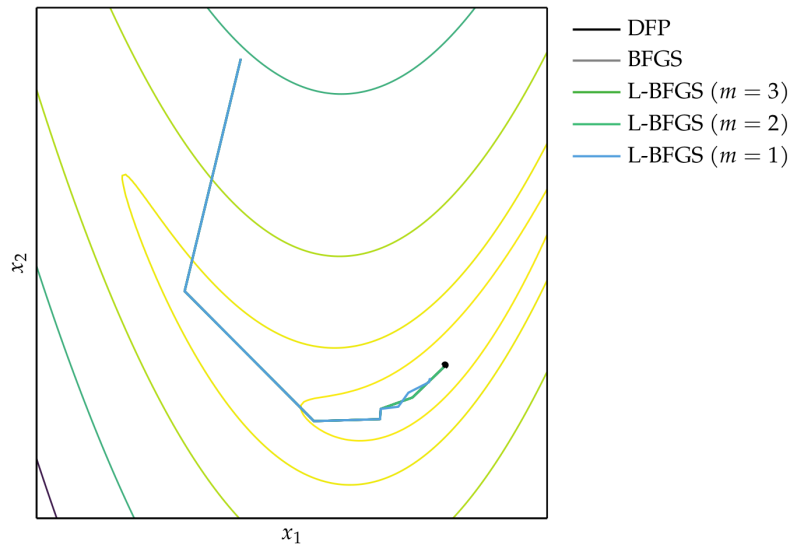
$\vec{q}^{(m)} = \nabla f(\vec{x}^k)$  then

$$\vec{q}^{(i)} = \vec{q}^{(i-1)} - \frac{(\vec{\delta}^{(i-1)})^T \vec{q}^{(i-1)}}{(\vec{\gamma}^{(i-1)})^T \vec{\delta}^{(i-1)}} \vec{\gamma}^{(i-1)}$$

$$\vec{z}^{(0)} = \frac{\vec{\gamma}^{(m)} \odot \vec{\delta}^{(m)} \odot \vec{q}^{(m)}}{(\vec{\gamma}^{(m)})^T \vec{\gamma}^{(m)}}$$

$$\vec{z}^{(i)} = \vec{z}^{(i-1)} + \vec{\delta}^{(i-1)} \left( \frac{(\vec{\delta}^{(i-1)})^T \vec{q}^{(i-1)}}{(\vec{\gamma}^{(i-1)})^T \vec{\delta}^{(i-1)}} \right) - \frac{(\vec{\gamma}^{(i-1)})^T \vec{z}^{(i-1)}}{(\vec{\gamma}^{(i-1)})^T \vec{\delta}^{(i-1)}} \vec{\delta}^{(i-1)}$$

$\vec{d} = -\vec{z}^{(m)}$



Gradient	Q-N	Newton
Linearly	Super Linearly	Quad
	estimating Q or keeping history	inverting Hessian