# **Chapter 4: Unconstrained Optimization**

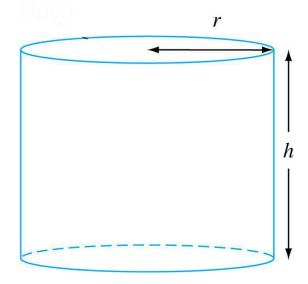
- Unconstrained optimization problem  $\min_x F(x)$  or  $\max_x F(x)$
- Constrained optimization problem

$$\min_{x} F(x) \text{ or } \max_{x} F(x)$$
  
subject to  $g(x) = 0$   
and/or  $h(x) < 0 \text{ or } h(x) > 0$ 

**Example**: minimize the outer area of a cylinder subject to a fixed volume. Objective function

$$F(x) = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh, \ x = \begin{bmatrix} r\\h \end{bmatrix}$$

Constraint:  $2\pi r^2 h = V$ 



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## 1 Analytical approach (1-D)

 $\min_x F(x)$  or  $\max_x F(x)$ 

- Let F'(x) = 0 and find  $x = x^*$ .
- If  $F''(x^*) > 0$ ,  $F(x^*) = \min_x F(x)$ ,  $x^*$  is a local minimum of F(x);
- If  $F''(x^*) < 0$ ,  $F(x^*) = \max_x F(x)$ ,  $x^*$  is a local maximum of F(x);
- If  $F''(x^*) = 0$ ,  $x^*$  is a critical point of F(x)

**Example 1:**  $F(x) = x^2$ , F'(x) = 2x = 0,  $x^* = 0$ .  $F''(x^*) = 2 > 0$ . Therefore,  $F(0) = \min_x F(x)$ 

**Example 2:**  $F(x) = x^3$ ,  $F'(x) = 3x^2 = 0$ ,  $x^* = 0$ .  $F''(x^*) = 0$ .  $x^*$  is not a local minimum nor a local maximum.

**Example 3:**  $F(x) = x^4$ ,  $F'(x) = 4x^3 = 0$ ,  $x^* = 0$ .  $F''(x^*) = 0$ . In example 2, F'(x) > 0 when  $x < x^*$  and F'(x) > 0 when  $x > x^*$ . In example 3,  $x^*$  is a local minimum of F(x). F'(x) < 0 when  $x < x^*$  and F'(x) > 0 when  $x > x^*$ .

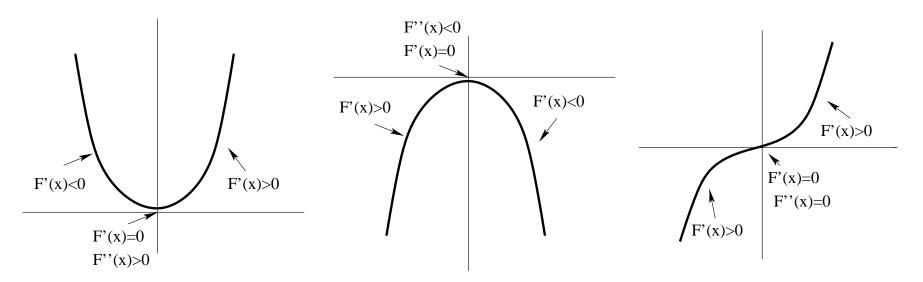


Figure 1: Example of constrained optimization problem

### 2 Newton's Method

 $\min_x F(x)$  or  $\max_x F(x)$ Use  $x_k$  to denote the current solution.

$$F(x_k + p) = F(x_k) + pF'(x_k) + \frac{p^2}{2}F''(x_k) + \dots$$
  

$$\approx F(x_k) + pF'(x_k) + \frac{p^2}{2}F''(x_k)$$

$$F(x^*) = \min_{x} F(x) \approx \min_{p} F(x_k + p)$$
$$\approx \min_{p} \left[ F(x_k) + pF'(x_k) + \frac{p^2}{2}F''(x_k) \right]$$

Let

$$\frac{\partial F(x)}{\partial p} = F'(x_k) + pF''(x_k) = 0$$

we have

$$p = -\frac{F'(x_k)}{F''(x_k)}$$

Newton's iteration

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + p = x_k - \frac{F'(x_k)}{F''(x_k)}$$

**Example:** find the maximum value of  $f(x) = 2 \sin x - \frac{x^2}{10}$  with an initial guess of  $x_0 = 2.5$ . Solution:

$$f'(x) = 2\cos x - \frac{2x}{10} = 2\cos x - \frac{x}{5}$$

$$f''(x) = -2\sin x - \frac{1}{5}$$
$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{2\cos x_i - \frac{x_i}{5}}{-2\sin x_i - \frac{1}{5}}$$

 $x_0 = 2.5, x_1 = 0.995, x_2 = 1.469.$ 

Comments:

- Same as N.-R. method for solving F'(x) = 0.
- Quadratic convergence,  $|x_{k+1} x^*| \le \beta |x_k x^*|^2$
- May diverge
- Requires both first and second derivatives
- Solution can be either local minimum or maximum

### **3** Golden-section search for optimization in 1-D

 $\max_x F(x) (\min_x F(x) \text{ is equivalent to } \max_x -F(x))$ Assume: only 1 peak value  $(x^*)$  in  $(x_l, x_u)$ Steps:

- 1. Select  $x_l < x_u$
- 2. Select 2 intermediate values,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  so that  $x_1 = x_l + d$ ,  $x_2 = x_u d$ , and  $x_1 > x_2$ .
- 3. Evaluate  $F(x_1)$  and  $F(x_2)$  and update the search range

- If 
$$F(x_1) < F(x_2)$$
, then  $x^* < x_1$ . Update  $x_l = x_l$  and  $x_u = x_1$ .  
- If  $F(x_1) > F(x_2)$ , then  $x^* > x_2$ . Update  $x_l = x_2$  and  $x_u = x_u$ .  
- If  $F(x_1) = F(x_2)$ , then  $x_2 < x^* < x_1$ . Update  $x_l = x_2$  and  $x_u = x_1$ .

## 4. Estimate

 $x^* = x_1$  if  $F(x_1) > F(x_2)$ , and  $x^* = x_2$  if  $F(x_1) < F(x_2)$ 

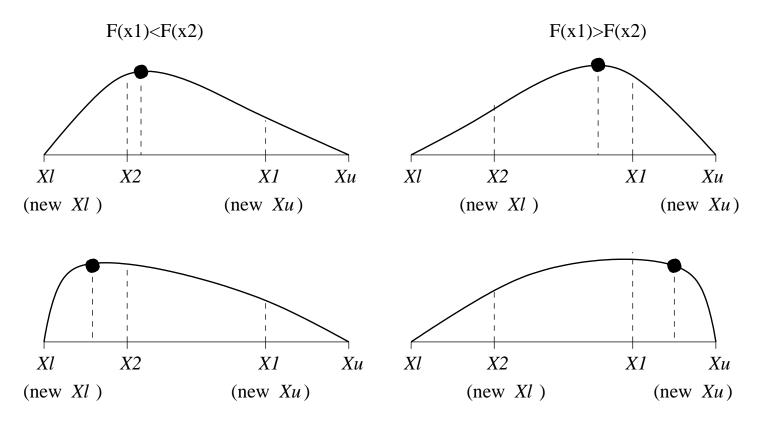


Figure 2: Golden search: updating search range

• Calculate  $\epsilon_a$ . If  $\epsilon_a < \epsilon_{threshold}$ , end.

$$\epsilon_a = \left| \frac{x_{\text{new}} - x_{\text{old}}}{x_{\text{new}}} \right| \times 100\%$$

## <u>The choice of d</u>

- Any values can be used as long as  $x_1 > x_2$ .
- If d is selected appropriately, the number of function evaluations can be minimized.

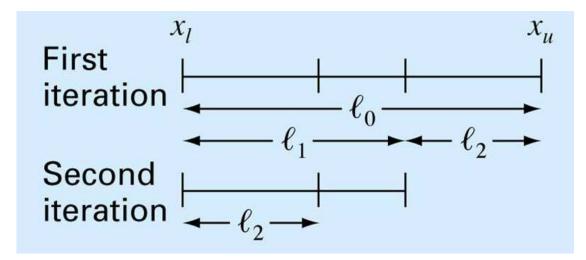


Figure 3: Golden search: the choice of d

$$d_0 = l_1, d_1 = l_2 = l_0 - d_0 = l_0 - l_1$$
. Therefore,  $l_0 = l_1 + l_2$ .  
 $\frac{l_0}{d_0} = \frac{l_1}{d_1}$ . Then  $\frac{l_0}{l_1} = \frac{l_1}{l_2}$ .  
 $l_1^2 = l_0 l_2 = (l_1 + l_2) l_2$ . Then  $1 = \left(\frac{l_2}{l_1}\right)^2 + \frac{l_2}{l_1}$ .

Define  $r = \frac{d_0}{l_0} = \frac{d_1}{l_1} = \frac{l_2}{l_1}$ . Then  $r^2 + r - 1 = 0$ , and  $r = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \approx 0.618$  $d = r(x_u - x_l) \approx 0.618(x_u - x_l)$  is referred to as the golden value. <u>Relative error</u>

$$\epsilon_a = \left| \frac{x_{\text{new}} - x_{\text{old}}}{x_{\text{new}}} \right| \times 100\%$$

Consider  $F(x_2) < F(x_1)$ . That is,  $x_l = x_2$ , and  $x_u = x_u$ . For case (a),  $x^* > x_2$  and  $x^*$  closer to  $x_2$ .

$$\Delta x \leq x_1 - x_2 = (x_l + d) - (x_u - d)$$
  
=  $(x_l - x_u) + 2d = (x_l - x_u) + 2r(x_u - x_l)$   
=  $(2r - 1)(x_u - x_l) \approx 0.236(x_u - x_l)$ 

For case (b),  $x^* > x_2$  and  $x^*$  closer to  $x_u$ .

$$\Delta x \leq x_u - x_1 = x_u - (x_l + d) = x_u - x_l - d = (x_u - x_l) - r(x_u - x_l) = (1 - r)(x_u - x_l) \approx 0.382(x_u - x_l)$$

Therefore, the maximum absolute error is  $(1 - r)(x_u - x_l) \approx 0.382(x_u - x_l)$ .

$$\epsilon_a \leq \left| \frac{\Delta x}{x^*} \right| \times 100\%$$
  
$$\leq \frac{(1-r)(x_u - x_l)}{|x^*|} \times 100\%$$
  
$$= \frac{0.382(x_u - x_l)}{|x^*|} \times 100\%$$

**Example:** Find the maximum of  $f(x) = 2 \sin x - \frac{x^2}{10}$  with  $x_l = 0$  and  $x_u = 4$  as the starting search range.

Solution:

Iteration 1:  $x_l = 0$ ,  $x_u = 4$ ,  $d = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}(x_u - x_l) = 2.472$ ,  $x_1 = x_l + d = 2.472$ ,  $x_2 = x_u - d = 1.528$ .  $f(x_1) = 0.63$ ,  $f(x_2) = 1.765$ . Since  $f(x_2) > f(x_1)$ ,  $x^* = x_2 = 1.528$ ,  $x_l = x_l = 0$  and  $x_u = x_1 = 2.472$ . Iteration 2:  $x_l = 0$ ,  $x_u = 2.472$ ,  $d = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}(x_u - x_l) = 1.528$ ,  $x_1 = x_l + d = 1.528$ ,  $x_2 = x_u - d = 0.944$ .  $f(x_1) = 1.765$ ,  $f(x_2) = 1.531$ . Since  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$ ,  $x^* = x_1 = 1.528$ ,  $x_l = x_2 = 0.944$  and  $x_u = x_u = 2.472$ . Multidimensional Unconstrained Optimization

## 4 Analytical Method

## • Definitions:

- If f(x, y) < f(a, b) for all (x, y) near (a, b), f(a, b) is a local maximum; - If f(x, y) > f(a, b) for all (x, y) near (a, b), f(a, b) is a local minimum.

• If f(x, y) has a local maximum or minimum at (a, b), and the first order partial derivatives of f(x, y) exist at (a, b), then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(a,b)} = 0$$
, and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(a,b)} = 0$ 

## • If

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(a,b)} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(a,b)} = 0,$$

then (a, b) is a critical point or stationary point of f(x, y).

• If

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(a,b)} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(a,b)} = 0$$

and the second order partial derivatives of f(x, y) are continuous, then

- When |H| > 0 and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}|_{(a,b)} < 0$ , f(a,b) is a local maximum of f(x,y).
- When |H| > 0 and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}|_{(a,b)} > 0$ , f(a,b) is a local minimum of f(x,y).
- When |H| < 0, f(a, b) is a saddle point.

Hessian of f(x, y):

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

• 
$$|H| = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$
  
• When  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  is continuous,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .  
• When  $|H| > 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} > 0$ .  
Example (saddle point):  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ .  
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2y$ .  
Let  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$ , then  $x^* = 0$ . Let  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$ , then  $y^* = 0$ .

Therefore, (0,0) is a critical point.

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2x) = 2, \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-2y) = -2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-2y) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2x) = 0 \\ |H| &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = -4 < 0 \\ \end{split}$$
Therefore,  $(x^*, y^*) = (0, 0)$  is a saddle maximum.

**Example:** 
$$f(x, y) = 2xy + 2x - x^2 - 2y^2$$
, find the optimum of  $f(x, y)$ .

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2y + 2 - 2x, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x - 4y.$$
  
Let  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, -2x + 2y = -2.$   
Let  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0, 2x - 4y = 0.$   
Then  $x^* = 2$  and  $y^* = 1$ , i.e.,  $(2, 1)$  is a critical point.  
 $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2y + 2 - 2x) = -2$   
 $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2x - 4y) = -4$   
 $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x - 4y) = 2$ , or

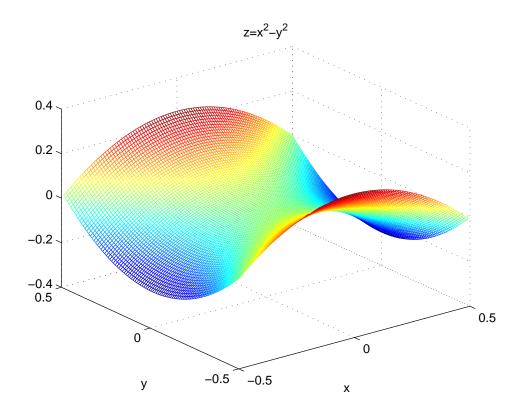


Figure 4: Saddle point

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2y + 2 - 2x) = 2 \\ &|H| = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = (-2) \times (-4) - 2^2 = 4 > 0 \\ &\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} < 0. \ (x^*, y^*) = (2, 1) \text{ is a local maximum.} \end{split}$$

### **5** Steepest Ascent (Descent) Method

Idea: starting from an initial point, find the function maximum (minimum) along the steepest direction so that shortest searching time is required.

Steepest direction: directional derivative is maximum in that direction — gradient direction.

**Directional derivative** 

$$D_h f(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \cos \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \sin \theta = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}' \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}' \right\rangle$$
  
  $\left\langle \cdot \right\rangle$ : inner product

Gradient

When  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}'$  is in the same direction as  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}'$ , the directional derivative is maximized. This direction is called gradient of f(x, y). The gradient of a 2-D function is represented as  $\nabla f(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\vec{j}$ , or  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}'$ .

The gradient of an *n*-D function is represented as  $\nabla f(\vec{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}'$ , where  $\vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix}'$ 

**Example:**  $f(x, y) = xy^2$ . Use the gradient to evaluate the path of steepest ascent at (2,2).

#### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= y^2, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2xy. \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(2,2)} &= 2^2 = 4, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(2,2)} = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8 \\ \text{Gradient: } \nabla f(x,y) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\vec{j} = 4\vec{i} + 8\vec{j} \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1}\frac{8}{4} = 1.107, \text{ or } 63.4^o. \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{4^2 + 8^2}}, \sin \theta = \frac{8}{\sqrt{4^2 + 8^2}}. \end{aligned}$$
  
Directional derivative at (2,2):  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \cos \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \sin \theta = 4\cos \theta + 8\sin \theta = 8.944 \end{aligned}$ 

If 
$$\theta' \neq \theta$$
, for example,  $\theta' = 0.5325$ , then  
 $D_{h'}f|_{(2,2)} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \cos \theta' + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \sin \theta' = 4\cos \theta' + 8\sin \theta' = 7.608 < 8.944$ 

Steepest ascent method

Ideally:

- Start from  $(x_0, y_0)$ . Evaluate gradient at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .
- Walk for a tiny distance along the gradient direction till  $(x_1, y_1)$ .
- Reevaluate gradient at  $(x_1, y_1)$  and repeat the process.

Pros: always keep steepest direction and walk shortest distance Cons: not practical due to continuous reevaluation of the gradient.

Practically:

- Start from  $(x_0, y_0)$ .
- Evaluate gradient (*h*) at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

- Evaluate f(x, y) in direction h.
- Find the maximum function value in this direction at  $(x_1, y_1)$ .
- Repeat the process until  $(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})$  is close enough to  $(x_i, y_i)$ .

 $\underline{\text{Find } \vec{X_{i+1}} \text{ from } \vec{X_i}}$ 

For a 2-D function, evaluate f(x, y) in direction h:

$$g(\alpha) = f(x_i + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(x_i, y_i)} \cdot \alpha, y_i + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(x_i, y_i)} \cdot \alpha)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the coordinate in *h*-axis.

For an *n*-D function  $f(\vec{X})$ ,

$$g(\alpha) = f(\vec{X} + \nabla f|_{(\vec{X_i})} \cdot \alpha)$$

Let  $g'(\alpha) = 0$  and find the solution  $\alpha = \alpha^*$ .

Update 
$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(x_i, y_i)} \cdot \alpha^*, y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(x_i, y_i)} \cdot \alpha^*.$$

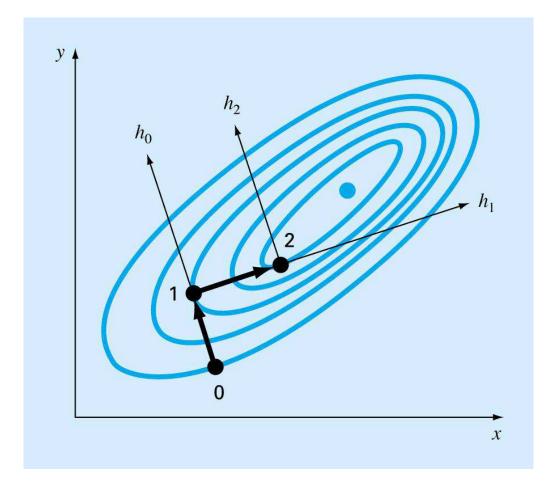


Figure 5: Illustration of steepest ascent

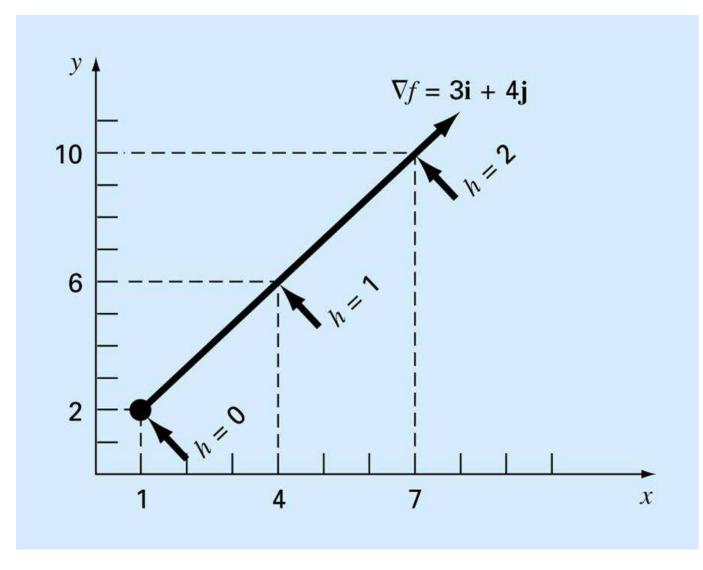


Figure 6: Relationship between an arbitrary direction h and x and y coordinates

**Example:** 
$$f(x, y) = 2xy + 2x - x^2 - 2y^2$$
,  $(x_0, y_0) = (-1, 1)$ .

First iteration:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= -1, y_0 = 1. \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(-1,1)} &= 2y + 2 - 2x|_{(-1,1)} = 6, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(-1,1)} = 2x - 4y|_{(-1,1)} = -6 \\ \nabla f &= 6\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$g(\alpha) = f(x_0 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(x_0,y_0)} \cdot \alpha, y_0 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(x_0,y_0)} \cdot \alpha) = f(-1 + 6\alpha, 1 - 6\alpha) \\ &= 2 \times (-1 + 6\alpha) \cdot (1 - 6\alpha) + 2(-1 + 6\alpha) - (-1 + 6\alpha)^2 - 2(1 - 6\alpha)^2 \\ &= -180\alpha^2 + 72\alpha - 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$g'(\alpha) = -360\alpha + 72 = 0, \ \alpha^* = 0.2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_0 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(x_0, y_0)} \cdot \alpha^* = -1 + 6 \times 0.2 = 0.2, \\ y_1 &= y_0 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(x_0, y_0)} \cdot \alpha^* = 1 - 6 \times 0.2 = -0.2 \\ -0.2 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(0.2, -0.2)} &= 2y + 2 - 2x|_{(0.2, -0.2)} = 2 \times (-0.2) + 2 - 2 \times 0.2 = 1.2, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(0.2, -0.2)} &= 2x - 4y|_{(0.2, -0.2)} = 2 \times 0.2 - 4 \times (-0.2) = 1.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f &= 1.2\vec{i} + 1.2\vec{j} \\ g(\alpha) &= f(x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(x_1,y_1)} \cdot \alpha, y_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(x_1,y_1)} \cdot \alpha) \\ &= f(0.2 + 1.2\alpha, -0.2 + 1.2\alpha) \\ &= 2 \times (0.2 + 1.2\alpha) \cdot (-0.2 + 1.2\alpha) + 2(0.2 + 1.2\alpha) \\ &- (0.2 + 1.2\alpha)^2 - 2(-0.2 + 1.2\alpha)^2 \\ &= -1.44\alpha^2 + 2.88\alpha + 0.2 \end{aligned}$$

 $g'(\alpha) = -2.88\alpha + 2.88 = 0, \, \alpha^* = 1.$ 

#### Third iteration:

 $x_2 = x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{(x_1, y_1)} \cdot \alpha^* = 0.2 + 1.2 \times 1 = 1.4, \ y_2 = y_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(x_1, y_1)} \cdot \alpha^* = -0.2 + 1.2 \times 1 = 1$ 

 $(x^*, y^*) = (2, 1)$ 

#### 6 Newton's Method

Extend the Newton's method for 1-D case to multidimensional case. Given  $f(\vec{X})$ , approximate  $f(\vec{X})$  by a second order Taylor series at  $\vec{X} = \vec{X_i}$ :

$$f(\vec{X}) \approx f(\vec{X}_i) + \nabla f'(\vec{X}_i)(\vec{X} - \vec{X}_i) + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{X} - \vec{X}_i)' H_i(\vec{X} - \vec{X}_i)$$

where  $H_i$  is the Hessian matrix

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ & \ddots & & \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

At the maximum (or minimum) point,  $\frac{\partial f(\vec{X})}{\partial x_j} = 0$  for all j = 1, 2, ..., n, or  $\nabla f = \vec{0}$ . Then

$$\nabla f(\vec{X}_i) + H_i(\vec{X} - \vec{X}_i) = 0$$

If  $H_i$  is non-singular,

$$\vec{X} = \vec{X}_i - H_i^{-1} \nabla f(\vec{X}_i)$$

Iteration: 
$$\vec{X}_{i+1} = \vec{X}_i - H_i^{-1} \nabla f(\vec{X}_i)$$

Example: 
$$f(\vec{X}) = 0.5x_1^2 + 2.5x_2^2$$
  
 $\nabla f(\vec{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 5x_2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\vec{X}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{X}_1 = \vec{X}_0 - H^{-1} \nabla f(\vec{X}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Comments: Newton's method

- Converges quadratically near the optimum
- Sensitive to initial point
- Requires matrix inversion
- Requires first and second order derivatives