

Tutorial-3

Q-1 [Q-1/page 403/Gates] Consider the steepest-descent method to compute a minimizer of the function $f(x, y) = x^4 + y^2 - 8y$ starting at the point $(x^0, y^0) = (0, 1)$. Determine the next iteration (x_1, y_1) using several of the step-size selection rules.

Solution: According to the Steepest-Descent method, the next iteration will be

$$x^{k+1} = x^k + t^k d^k, \quad t^k > 0,$$

where t^k is a suitable chosen quantity, and $d^k = -\nabla f(x^k)$ is steepest descent direction of f at x^k .

Here, $(x^0, y^0) = (0, 1)$

$$d^0 = (d_1^0, d_2^0) = -\nabla f(x^0, y^0) = -(0, 6) = (0, 6), \quad \text{where } \nabla f(x, y) = (4x^3, 2y - 8)$$

Exact Minimization Rule: Find t^0 such that

$$f((x^0, y^0) + t^0 (d_1^0, d_2^0)) \leq f((x^0, y^0) + t (d_1^0, d_2^0)), \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \min_{t \geq 0} f((x^0, y^0) + t (d_1^0, d_2^0))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, let } g(t) = f((x^0, y^0) + t (d_1^0, d_2^0)) &= f(0, 1+6t) = (1+6t)^2 - 8(1+6t) = 1 + 36t^2 + 12t - 8 - 48t \\ &= 36t^2 - 36t - 7. \end{aligned}$$

$$g'(t) = 72t - 36 = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2} \geq 0$$

$$g''(t) = 7.2 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{min of } g \text{ is attained at } t^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x', y') = (x^0, y^0) + t^*(d_1^0, d_2^0) = (0, 1) + \frac{1}{2}(0, 6) = (0, 4)$$

Limited Minimization Rule: choose $s = \frac{1}{2}$. Find t^* which minimizes gives

$$\min_{0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}} f(x, y) + t^*(d_1^0, d_2^0)$$

$g'(t) = 0$ at $t = \frac{1}{2} \notin [0, \frac{1}{2}]$, so choose $t^* = \frac{1}{3}$ (as g is decreasing f'')

$$(x', y') = (x^0, y^0) + t^*(d_1^0, d_2^0) = (0, 1) + \frac{1}{3}(0, 6) = (0, 3)$$

Constant step length Rule: Let $s = \frac{1}{2}$. Then

$$(x', y') = (x^0, y^0) + \frac{1}{2}(d_1^0, d_2^0) = (0, 3)$$

Armijo's Rule: Let $s = \frac{1}{3}$, $\beta = \sigma = \frac{1}{2}$. Then, test the inequality

$f(x^i, y^i) - f((x^i, y^i) + \beta^i s(d_1^i, d_2^i)) \geq -\sigma(\beta^i s) \langle \nabla f(x^i, y^i), (d_1^i, d_2^i) \rangle$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
iteratively, starting with $i = 0$. and find the smallest i satisfying the inequality

let $\bar{i} = 0$.

$$f(0,1) - f\left(\left(0,1\right) + \frac{1}{3}(0,6)\right) + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} \langle (0,-6), (0,6) \rangle = -7 - f(0,3) + \frac{1}{6}(-36)$$

$$= -7 + 15 - 6 \geq 0$$

$$\therefore (x', y') = (x^0, y^0) + \frac{1}{3}(d^0, d^0) = (0,1) + \frac{1}{3}(0,6) = (0,3)$$