

# Numerical Analysis

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1. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $n$ -by- $n$  symmetric matrix. Let  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $R^n$ . Vectors  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and  $\mathbf{p}_j$  are conjugate if  $\langle \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j \rangle_A \equiv \mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}_j = 0$ . Suppose  $\{\mathbf{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$  is a sequence of  $n$  mutually conjugate directions.

(a) (10 points) Show that  $\{\mathbf{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$  forms a basis of  $R^n$ .

(b) (10 points) We can expand the solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$  to  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  in this basis, such as

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{p}_i.$$

Show that  $\alpha_i = \frac{\langle \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{b} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_i \rangle_A}$ .

(c) (10 points) Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}$  denote a sequence of solutions derived by the conjugate gradient method. Let  $\mathbf{r}_k$  be the residual at the  $k$ th iteration. Then  $\mathbf{r}_k = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_k$ .

Show the relation between  $\mathbf{r}_k$  and the gradient of a quadratic function  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}$ .

(d) (20 points) Let  $\mathbf{x}_0$  be an initial random guess,  $\mathbf{r}_0 = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_0 = -\mathbf{r}_0$ . By the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization,

$$\mathbf{p}_{k+1} = -\mathbf{r}_k + \sum_{i \leq k} \frac{\langle \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{r}_k \rangle_A}{\langle \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_i \rangle_A} \mathbf{p}_i.$$

Show all  $\mathbf{p}_i$  pairwise conjugate.

(e) Let  $\{\mathbf{p}_j\}_{j=0}^k$  be conjugate vectors obtained in (d). Show

i. (10 points)  $\mathbf{W}_k = \text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_0, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{k-1}\} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{p}_0, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{k-1}\}$

ii. (10 points)  $\mathbf{p}_k^T \mathbf{r}_j = -\mathbf{r}_k^T \mathbf{r}_k$  for all  $0 \leq j < k$

iii. (10 points)  $\mathbf{p}_k = -\mathbf{r}_k + \beta_{k-1}\mathbf{p}_{k-1}$ , where  $\beta_{k-1} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_k^T \mathbf{r}_k}{\mathbf{r}_{k-1}^T \mathbf{r}_{k-1}}$ .

2. (15 points) Draw a flow chart to illustrate applying the conjugate gradient method for minimizing

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x},$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite.

3. Let

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{m=1}^M r_m \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}_m\|^2}{s_m^2}\right) + r_{M+1},$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \in R^d$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{a}_2^T \dots \mathbf{a}_M^T s_1 s_2 \dots s_M r_1 \dots r_M r_{M+1})^T$  denotes collection of hyper parameters in  $f$ . The length of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is  $dM + 2M + 1$ .

- (a) (10 points) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $M \times d$  matrix,  $\mathbf{a}_m^T$  denote the  $m$ th row of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{s} = [s_1, \dots, s_M]$ ,  $\mathbf{r} = [r_1, \dots, r_M, r_0]$ . Write a matlab function to extract  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  from given  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .
- (b) (5 points) Write a matlab function to form  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  for given  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$ .
- (c) (5 points) Write a matlab function to evaluate the output of  $f$  for given  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .
- (d) (10 points) Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be an  $N \times d$  matrix and  $\mathbf{Y}$  be an  $N \times 1$  vector. Write a matlab function to calculate the following mean square error for given  $X, Y$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ ,

$$E(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}))^2, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_i^T$  denotes the  $i$ th row of  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $y_i$  denotes the  $i$ th element of  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

(e) Calculation of the gradient of  $E(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .

- i. (15 points) Derive  $\frac{df(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{d\mathbf{a}_m}$ ,  $\frac{df(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{ds_m}$  and  $\frac{df(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{dr_m}$  respectively.

- ii. (10 points) Let  $ga$  be an  $N \times Md$  matrix and  $ga(i, (m-1)d+1 : md)$  denote a vector obtained by substituting  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and current  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  to  $\frac{df(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta})}{d\mathbf{a}_m}$ . Draw a flow chart to illustrate how to determine matrix  $ga$ .
- iii. (10 points) Let  $gs$  be an  $N \times M$  matrix and  $gs(i, m)$  denote a vector obtained by substituting  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and current  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  to  $\frac{df(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta})}{ds_m}$ . Draw a flow chart to illustrate how to determine matrix  $gs$ .
- iv. (10 points) Let  $gr$  be an  $N \times (M+1)$  matrix and  $gr(i, m)$  denote a vector obtained by substituting  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and current  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  to  $\frac{df(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta})}{dr_m}$ . Draw a flow chart to illustrate how to determine matrix  $gr$ .
- v. Let  $g\boldsymbol{\theta} = [ga \ gs \ gr]$  be an  $N \times L$  matrix, where  $L = Md + 2M + 1$ . The  $i$ th row of  $g\boldsymbol{\theta}$  represents the result of substituting  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and current  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  to  $\frac{df(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta})}{d\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ . Substituting current  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  to  $\frac{dE(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{d\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  is a vector of length  $L$  which represents the gradient of  $E(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  at current  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .
- A. (10 points) State how to determine the gradient of  $E(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  at current  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  for given  $g\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .
- B. (10 points) Write a matlab function for determining  $\frac{dE(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{d\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  at current  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .
4.  $\{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k\}_k$  denotes a sequence of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  obtained by an iterative approach for minimizing  $E(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  in equation (1) with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . Typically it is represented by

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k + \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}_k.$$

The gradient method sets  $\Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}_k$  proportional to the negative gradient  $E(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  with respect

to  $\theta$  at  $\theta = \theta_k$ , mathematically expressed by

$$\Delta\theta_k \propto -\nabla(\theta_k),$$

where

$$\nabla(\theta_k) = \left. \frac{dE(\theta)}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=\theta_k}.$$

5. (10 points) Draw a flow chart to illustrate applying the gradient method for minimizing  $E(\theta)$  in equation (1) with respect to  $\theta$ .

6. (10 points) The gradient method can be improved by the technique of line minimization.

The step size  $\eta$  is optimized such that

$$\eta_{opt} = \min_{\{\eta\}} E(\theta_k - \eta\nabla(\theta_k)).$$

(a) (10 points) Write a matlab function to evaluate  $E(\theta_k - \eta\nabla(\theta_k))$  for given  $\theta_k, \eta$  and  $\nabla(\theta_k)$ .

(b) (10 points) Let  $E(\eta)$  the output of function  $E$  for fixed  $\theta_k$  and  $\nabla(\theta_k)$ . The matlab function `mnbrek.m` is a function that is able to adjust given  $a, b$  and  $c$  to form a bracket that satisfies the following condition

$$a < b < c,$$

$$E(b) < E(a) \text{ and } E(b) < E(c).$$

Draw a flow chart to illustrate how to adjust given  $a, b$  and  $c$  to form a bracket.

(c) Golden section search for given bracket  $a, b$  and  $c$ .

i. (10 points) Let  $a < b < c$ . The golden search sets  $x$  to  $b + W * (c - b)$  if

$$|b - c| > |b - a| \text{ and } b - W * (b - a). \text{ State two criteria for deriving } W = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

- ii. (10 points) Draw a flow chart to illustrate golden section search of minimizing  $E(\eta)$  for given  $a, b$  and  $c$ .
- (d) Parabolic interpolation for given bracket  $a, b$  and  $c$ :
- i. (10 points) Express a quadratic polynomial that interpolates  $(a, E(a)), (b, E(b))$  and  $(c, E(c))$  and find  $x_{opt}$  that minimizes  $E(\eta)$ , where  $\eta$  is within the given bracket.
- ii. (10 points) Draw a flow chart to illustrate minimizing  $E(\eta)$  by iteratively finding the minimum of quadratic interpolating polynomials.
7. The nonlinear conjugate gradient method combines the conjugate gradient method with the line minimization method.
- (a) (10 points) Draw a flow chart to illustrate minimizing  $E(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  by the nonlinear conjugate gradient method.
- (b) (100 points) Write matlab programs to implement the nonlinear conjugate gradient method for minimizing  $E(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ .
8. (30 points) Let  $\mathbf{z} = \{z[t]\}_t$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \{x[t]\}_t$ . Series  $\mathbf{x}$  is regarded as linear convolution of series  $z$  through a kernel  $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{L-1})$ , if

$$x[t] = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} a_i z[t-i] + n_t \text{ for } L \leq t \leq N,$$

where  $\{n_t\}_t$  denotes noises.

- (a) (10 points) Design an objective function  $E(\mathbf{a})$  whose minimization with respect to  $\mathbf{a}$  leads to an optimal  $\mathbf{a}$  for given  $\mathbf{z}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ .

(b) (10 points) Derive  $\mathbf{a}_{opt}$  such that

$$\mathbf{a}_{opt} = \min_{\{\mathbf{a}\}} E(\mathbf{a}).$$

(c) (10 points) Write a matlab function to calculate  $\mathbf{a}_{opt}$  for given  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$ .