

Numerical Optimization

Unconstrained Optimization

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Coordinate Descent Method

Consider the problem,

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$$

where $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f \in \mathcal{C}^1$.

Idea :

- 1 For every coordinate variable $x_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, minimize $f(\mathbf{x})$ w.r.t. x_i , keeping the other coordinate variables $x_j, j \neq i$ constant.
- 2 Repeat the procedure in step 1 until some stopping condition is satisfied.

Coordinate Descent Method

- (1) Initialize \mathbf{x}^0 , ϵ , set $k := 0$.
- (2) **while** $\|\mathbf{g}^k\| > \epsilon$
 - for** $i = 1, \dots, n$
 - $x_i^{new} = \arg \min_{x_i} f(\mathbf{x})$
 - $x_i = x_i^{new}$
 - endfor**
- endwhile**

Output : $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}^k$, a stationary point of $f(\mathbf{x})$.

- Globally convergent method if a search along any coordinate direction yields a unique minimum point

Example: Consider the problem,

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq 4x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

We use coordinate descent method with *exact line search* to solve this problem.

- $\mathbf{x}^0 = (-1, -1)^T$
- Let $\mathbf{d}^0 = (1, 0)^T$
- $\mathbf{x}^1 = \mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha^0 \mathbf{d}^0$ where

$$\alpha^0 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_0(\alpha) \triangleq f(\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha \mathbf{d}^0)$$

- $\phi_0(\alpha) = f \begin{pmatrix} x_1^0 + \alpha d_1^0 \\ x_2^0 + \alpha d_2^0 \end{pmatrix} = 4(\alpha - 1)^2 + 1$
- $\phi_0'(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^0 = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^1 = (0, -1)^T$
- $\mathbf{d}^1 = (0, 1)^T$, $\mathbf{x}^2 = \mathbf{x}^1 + \alpha^1 \mathbf{d}^1$, $\alpha^1 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_1(\alpha) \triangleq f \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha - 1 \end{pmatrix} = (\alpha - 1)^2 \Rightarrow \alpha^1 = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^2 = (0, 0)^T = \mathbf{x}^*$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq 4x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

For the above problem,

- Moving along coordinate directions and using exact lines search gives the solution in **at most two** steps.
- Same result is obtained even if \mathbf{d}^0 and \mathbf{d}^1 are interchanged.

Example: Consider the problem,

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$

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- Let $\mathbf{d}^0 = (1, 0)^T$
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$$\alpha^0 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_0(\alpha) \triangleq f(\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha \mathbf{d}^0)$$

- $\phi_0(\alpha) = f \begin{pmatrix} x_1^0 + \alpha d_1^0 \\ x_2^0 + \alpha d_2^0 \end{pmatrix} = 4(\alpha - 1)^2 + 1 + 2(\alpha - 1)$
- $\phi'_0(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^0 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^1 = (-\frac{1}{4}, -1)^T$
- $\mathbf{d}^1 = (0, 1)^T$, $\mathbf{x}^2 = \mathbf{x}^1 + \alpha^1 \mathbf{d}^1$, $\alpha^1 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_1(\alpha) \triangleq f \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} \\ \alpha - 1 \end{pmatrix} = (\alpha - 1)^2 + \frac{\alpha - 1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \alpha^1 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^2 = (-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4})^T \neq \mathbf{x}^*$

- Example 1:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f_1(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq 4x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

- $\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.
 - \mathbf{x}^* , attained in *at most two steps* using coordinate descent method
- Example 2:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f_2(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$

- $\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.
- \mathbf{x}^* , could not be attained in two steps using coordinate descent method (if \mathbf{x}^0 is not on one of the principal axes of the elliptical contours)

Consider the problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$$

where \mathbf{H} is a symmetric positive definite matrix.

- Let $\{\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}\}$ be a set of linearly independent directions and $\mathbf{x}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be represented as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i$$

- Given $\{\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}\}$ and $\mathbf{x}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the given problem is to minimize $\Psi(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$ defined as,

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i \right)^T \mathbf{H} \left(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i \right) + \mathbf{c}^T \left(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i \right)$$

Define $\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{d}^0 | \mathbf{d}^1 | \dots | \mathbf{d}^{n-1})$ and $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^{n-1})$.

$$\Psi(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \underbrace{\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D}}_{\mathbf{Q}} \boldsymbol{\alpha} + (\mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}^0 + \mathbf{c})^T \mathbf{D} \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^{0T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}^0 + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}^0}_{\text{constant}}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}^{0T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^0 & \mathbf{d}^{0T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^1 & \dots & \mathbf{d}^{0T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^{n-1} \\ \mathbf{d}^{1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^0 & \mathbf{d}^{1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^1 & \dots & \mathbf{d}^{1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{d}^{n-1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^0 & \mathbf{d}^{n-1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^1 & \dots & \mathbf{d}^{n-1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

\mathbf{Q} will be **diagonal** matrix if $\mathbf{d}^{iT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j = 0, \forall i \neq j$.

Let $\mathbf{d}^{iT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j = 0, \forall i \neq j$.

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}^{0T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{d}^{1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{d}^{n-1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{Q}_{ij}^{-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mathbf{d}^{iT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^i} & \text{if } j = i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_i \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i)^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_i \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i) + \mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_i \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left[(\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i)^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i) + 2\mathbf{c}^T(\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i) \right] + \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

- $\Psi(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$ is **separable** in terms of $\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}$

$$\Psi(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left[(\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i)^T \mathbf{H} (\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i) + 2\mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \alpha^i} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^{i*} = -\frac{\mathbf{d}^{iT} (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^0 + \mathbf{c})}{\mathbf{d}^{iT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^i}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{i*} \mathbf{d}^i$$

Definition

Let $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric matrix. The vectors $\{\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}\}$ are said to be *\mathbf{H} -conjugate* if they are linearly independent and $\mathbf{d}^{iT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j = 0 \forall i \neq j$.

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- $\mathbf{x}^0 = (-1, -1)^T$
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$$\alpha^0 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_0(\alpha) \triangleq f(\mathbf{x}^0 + \alpha \mathbf{d}^0)$$

- $\phi_0(\alpha) = f \begin{pmatrix} x_1^0 + \alpha d_1^0 \\ x_2^0 + \alpha d_2^0 \end{pmatrix} = 4(\alpha - 1)^2 + 1 + 2(\alpha - 1)$
- $\phi_0'(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^0 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^1 = (-\frac{1}{4}, -1)^T$
- Choose a non-zero direction \mathbf{d}^1 such that $\mathbf{d}^{1T} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^0 = 0$
- Let $\mathbf{d}^1 = (a, b)^T$. Therefore,
 $(a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 8a - 2b = 0$

- Let $\mathbf{d}^1 = (1, 4)^T$,
- $\mathbf{x}^2 = \mathbf{x}^1 + \alpha^1 \mathbf{d}^1$ where

$$\alpha^1 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_1(\alpha) \triangleq f \left(\begin{matrix} \alpha - \frac{1}{4} \\ 4\alpha - 1 \end{matrix} \right) = \frac{3}{4}(4\alpha - 1)^2$$

- $\phi_1'(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^1 = \frac{1}{4}$
- $\mathbf{x}^2 = \mathbf{x}^1 + \alpha^1 \mathbf{d}^1 = (0, 0)^T = \mathbf{x}^*$

A convex quadratic function can be minimized in, *at most*, n steps, provided we search along conjugate directions of the Hessian matrix.

Given \mathbf{H} , does a set of \mathbf{H} -conjugate vectors exist? If yes, how to get a set of such vectors?

Conjugate Directions

Let $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric matrix.

- Do there exist n conjugate directions w.r.t \mathbf{H} ?
 \mathbf{H} is symmetric $\Rightarrow \mathbf{H}$ has n mutually orthogonal eigenvectors.

Let \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 be two orthogonal eigenvectors of \mathbf{H} .

$$\therefore \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 &\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{v}_1 \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}_1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_2 \text{ are } \mathbf{H}\text{-conjugate} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore n$ orthogonal eigenvectors of \mathbf{H} are \mathbf{H} -conjugate.

Conjugate Directions

- Let \mathbf{H} be a symmetric positive definite matrix and $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$ be nonzero directions such that

$$\mathbf{d}^i \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j = 0, \quad i \neq j.$$

Are $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$ linearly independent?

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu^i \mathbf{d}^i = 0 &\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu^i \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^i = 0 \text{ for every } j = 0, \dots, n-1 \\ &\Rightarrow \mu^j \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \mu^j = 0 \text{ for every } j = 0, \dots, n-1 \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1} \text{ are linearly independent} \end{aligned}$$

Conjugate Directions

Geometric Interpretation:

Consider the problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{H} \text{ symmetric positive definite matrix.}$$

Let \mathbf{x}^* be the solution. $\therefore \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^* = -\mathbf{c}$.

Let \mathbf{x}^0 be any initial point. $\mathbf{g}^0 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^0 + \mathbf{c}$

Let \mathbf{d}^0 be some direction ($\mathbf{d}^0 \neq \mathbf{0}$).

\mathbf{x}^1 is found by doing exact line search along \mathbf{d}^0 . $\therefore \mathbf{g}^{1T} \mathbf{d}^0 = 0$.

$$\mathbf{g}^1 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^1 + \mathbf{c}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}^1)^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^0 &= (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^1)^T \mathbf{d}^0 \\ &= -\mathbf{g}^{1T} \mathbf{d}^0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the direction $(\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}^1)$ is \mathbf{H} conjugate to \mathbf{d}^0 .

Consider the problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{H} \text{ symmetric positive definite matrix.}$$

Let $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$ be \mathbf{H} -conjugate. $\therefore \mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$ are linearly independent.

Let \mathcal{B}^k denote the subspace spanned by $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{k-1}$.

Clearly, $\mathcal{B}^k \subset \mathcal{B}^{k+1}$.

Let $\mathbf{x}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be any arbitrary point.

Let $\mathbf{x}^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}^k + \alpha^k \mathbf{d}^k$ where α^k is obtained by doing exact line search:

$$\alpha^k = \arg \min_{\alpha} f(\mathbf{x}^k + \alpha \mathbf{d}^k)$$

Claim:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^k &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t. } &\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{x}^0 + \mathcal{B}^k \end{aligned}$$

Exact line search:

$$\alpha^k = \arg \min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}} f(\mathbf{x}^k + \alpha \mathbf{d}^k)$$

Therefore,

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^k + \alpha^k \mathbf{d}^k)^T \mathbf{d}^k = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{g}^{k+1^T} \mathbf{d}^k = 0 \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, n-1$$
$$\mathbf{x}^k = \mathbf{x}^{k-1} + \alpha^{k-1} \mathbf{d}^{k-1} = \mathbf{x}^j + \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i \quad (j = 0, \dots, k-1)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^k + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^j + \mathbf{c} + \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{H}\mathbf{d}^i$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{g}^k = \mathbf{g}^j + \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{H}\mathbf{d}^i$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{g}^{k^T} \mathbf{d}^{j-1} = \mathbf{g}^{j^T} \mathbf{d}^{j-1} + \sum_{i=j}^{k-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^{i^T} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{d}^{j-1} = 0$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{g}^{k^T} \mathbf{d}^j = 0 \quad \forall j = 0, \dots, k-1$ or $\mathbf{g}^k \perp \mathcal{B}^k$

Note that for every $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$,

$$\alpha^j = \arg \min_{\alpha} f(\mathbf{x}^j + \alpha \mathbf{d}^j)$$

$$\therefore f(\mathbf{x}^j + \alpha^j \mathbf{d}^j) \leq f(\mathbf{x}^j + \mu^j \mathbf{d}^j), \quad \mu^j \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore f(\mathbf{x}^j) + \alpha^j \mathbf{g}^{jT} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j \leq f(\mathbf{x}^j) + \mu^j \mathbf{g}^{jT} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j$$

We need to show that $f(\mathbf{x}^k) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{x}^0 + \mathcal{B}^k$ or

$$f(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha^j \mathbf{d}^j) \leq f(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \mu^j \mathbf{d}^j), \quad \mu^j \in \mathbb{R} \forall j.$$

That is,

$$f(\mathbf{x}^0) + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (\alpha^j \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j) \leq f(\mathbf{x}^0) + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (\mu^j \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j)$$

where $\mu^j \in \mathbb{R} \forall j$.

For every $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$,

$$f(\mathbf{x}^j) + \alpha^j \mathbf{g}^{jT} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j \leq f(\mathbf{x}^j) + \mu^j \mathbf{g}^{jT} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j$$

Suppose $\mathbf{g}^{jT} \mathbf{d}^j = \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j \forall j$

$$\therefore \alpha^j \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j \leq \mu^j \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j \quad \forall j$$

Therefore,

$$f(\mathbf{x}^0) + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (\alpha^j \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j) \leq f(\mathbf{x}^0) + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (\mu^j \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{j2} \mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j)$$

$$\therefore f(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha^j \mathbf{d}^j) \leq f(\mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \mu^j \mathbf{d}^j), \quad \mu^j \in \mathbb{R} \forall j$$

$$\therefore f(\mathbf{x}^k) \leq f(\mathbf{x}), \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{x}^0 + \mathcal{B}^k$$

We need to show that

$$\mathbf{g}^{jT} \mathbf{d}^j = \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j \quad \forall j$$

Consider, $\mathbf{x}^j = \mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i$.

$$\therefore \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^j + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^0 + \mathbf{c} + \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{H}\mathbf{d}^i$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{g}^j = \mathbf{g}^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{H}\mathbf{d}^i$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{g}^{jT} \mathbf{d}^j = \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j + \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^{iT} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{d}^j$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{g}^{jT} \mathbf{d}^j = \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^j \quad \forall j$$

Expanding Subspace Theorem

Consider the problem to minimize $f(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x}$ where \mathbf{H} is symmetric positive definite matrix. Let $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$ be \mathbf{H} -conjugate and let $\mathbf{x}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be any initial point. Let

$$\alpha^k = \arg \min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}} f(\mathbf{x}^k + \alpha \mathbf{d}^k), \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

and $\mathbf{x}^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}^k + \alpha^k \mathbf{d}^k, \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, n-1.$

Then, for all $k = 0, \dots, n-1,$

① $\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{d}^j = 0, \quad j = 0, \dots, k$

② $\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{d}^k = \mathbf{g}^{0T} \mathbf{d}^k$

③

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{k+1} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{x}^0 + \mathcal{B}^k \end{aligned}$$

Given a set of n directions, $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$ which are \mathbf{H} -conjugate and $\mathbf{x}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, it is easy to determine $\alpha^{i*}, \forall i = 0, \dots, n-1$,

$$\alpha^{i*} = -\frac{\mathbf{d}^{iT}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^0 + \mathbf{c})}{\mathbf{d}^{iT}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{d}^i}$$

and get

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{i*} \mathbf{d}^i$$

- How do we construct the \mathbf{H} -conjugate directions, $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$?
- Given the \mathbf{H} -conjugate directions, $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{k-1}$, how do we determine α^k where

$$\alpha^k = \arg \min_{\alpha} f(\mathbf{x}^k + \alpha \mathbf{d}^k)?$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}^0 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}^0) = \alpha^k \mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^k$$

$$\therefore \alpha^k = \frac{\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}^0)}{\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^k}$$

Suppose that after k iterative steps and obtaining k \mathbf{H} -conjugate directions,

$$\mathbf{x}^k - \mathbf{x}^0 = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \alpha^i \mathbf{d}^i$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^k - \mathbf{x}^0) = 0$$

Given, $\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^k - \mathbf{x}^0) = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \alpha^k &= \frac{\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}^k + \mathbf{x}^k - \mathbf{x}^0)}{\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^k} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{d}^{kT} (\mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}^k)}{\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^k} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{d}^{kT} (-\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}^k)}{\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^k} \\ &= -\frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{d}^k}{\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^k}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\alpha^k = -\frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{d}^k}{\mathbf{d}^{kT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^k}$$

Suppose $\{-\mathbf{g}^0, -\mathbf{g}^1, \dots, -\mathbf{g}^{n-1}\}$ is a *linearly independent* set of vectors.

Use Gram-Schmidt procedure to determine the \mathbf{H} -conjugate vectors, $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$.

- Let $\mathbf{d}^0 = -\mathbf{g}^0$
- In general,

$$\mathbf{d}^k = -\mathbf{g}^k + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \beta^j \mathbf{d}^j, \quad k = 1, \dots, n-1$$

But we want $\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{n-1}$ to be \mathbf{H} -conjugate vectors.

$$\mathbf{d}^i{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^k = -\mathbf{d}^i{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{g}^k + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \beta^j \mathbf{d}^i{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j, \quad i = 0, \dots, k-1$$

$$\therefore 0 = -\mathbf{d}^i{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{g}^k + \beta^i \mathbf{d}^i{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^i, \quad i = 0, \dots, k-1$$

$$\therefore \beta^i = \frac{\mathbf{g}^k{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^i}{\mathbf{d}^i{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^i}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{d}^k = -\mathbf{g}^k + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{g}^k{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j}{\mathbf{d}^j{}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j} \right) \mathbf{d}^j$$

We now need to show that $\{-\mathbf{g}^0, -\mathbf{g}^1, \dots, -\mathbf{g}^{n-1}\}$ is a *linearly independent* set of vectors.

Note that

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{k-1}\} = \text{span}\{-\mathbf{g}^0, -\mathbf{g}^1, \dots, -\mathbf{g}^{k-1}\}$$

We have already shown that

$$\{\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{k-1}\} \text{ are } \mathbf{H}\text{-conjugate} \Rightarrow \mathbf{g}^k \perp \mathcal{B}^k$$

$$\therefore -\mathbf{g}^k \perp \text{span}\{\mathbf{d}^0, \mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^{k-1}\}$$

$$\therefore -\mathbf{g}^k \perp \text{span}\{-\mathbf{g}^0, -\mathbf{g}^1, \dots, -\mathbf{g}^{k-1}\}$$

Therefore, $\{-\mathbf{g}^0, -\mathbf{g}^1, \dots, -\mathbf{g}^{n-1}\}$ is a *linearly independent* set of vectors.

Now, consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}^0 &= -\mathbf{g}^0 \\ \mathbf{d}^k &= -\mathbf{g}^k + \underbrace{\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j}{\mathbf{d}^{jT} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j} \right)}_{\beta^j} \mathbf{d}^j \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, n-1 \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\mathbf{x}^{j+1} = \mathbf{x}^j + \alpha^j \mathbf{d}^j$ and $\mathbf{g}^{j+1} = \mathbf{g}^j + \alpha^j \mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j$.

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{H} \mathbf{d}^j = \frac{1}{\alpha^j} (\mathbf{g}^{j+1} - \mathbf{g}^j)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}^k &= -\mathbf{g}^k + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} (\mathbf{g}^{j+1} - \mathbf{g}^j)}{\mathbf{d}^{jT} (\mathbf{g}^{j+1} - \mathbf{g}^j)} \right) \mathbf{d}^j \\ &= -\mathbf{g}^k + \left(\frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{g}^k}{\mathbf{d}^{k-1T} (\mathbf{g}^k - \mathbf{g}^{k-1})} \right) \mathbf{d}^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{d}^k = -\mathbf{g}^k + \left(\frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{g}^k}{\mathbf{d}^{k-1T} (\mathbf{g}^k - \mathbf{g}^{k-1})} \right) \mathbf{d}^{k-1}$$

Due to exact line search, $\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{d}^{k-1} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}^{k-1} &= -\mathbf{g}^{k-1} + \beta^{k-2} \mathbf{d}^{k-2} \\ -\mathbf{d}^{k-1T} \mathbf{g}^{k-1} &= \mathbf{g}^{k-1T} \mathbf{g}^{k-1} + \beta^{k-2} \mathbf{g}^{k-1T} \mathbf{d}^{k-2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{d}^k = -\mathbf{g}^k + \frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{g}^k}{\mathbf{g}^{k-1T} \mathbf{g}^{k-1}} \mathbf{d}^{k-1}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n-1$$

Fletcher-Reeves method

Conjugate Gradient Algorithm (Fletcher-Reeves)

For Quadratic function, $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x}$, \mathbf{H} symmetric positive definite

(1) Initialize \mathbf{x}^0 , ϵ , $\mathbf{d}^0 = -\mathbf{g}^0$, set $k := 0$.

(2) **while** $\|\mathbf{g}^k\| > \epsilon$

(a) $\alpha^k = -\frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT}\mathbf{d}^k}{\mathbf{d}^{kT}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{d}^k}$

(b) $\mathbf{x}^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}^k + \alpha^k\mathbf{d}^k$

(c) $\mathbf{g}^{k+1} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^{k+1} + \mathbf{c}$

(d) $\beta^k = \frac{\mathbf{g}^{k+1T}\mathbf{g}^{k+1}}{\mathbf{g}^{kT}\mathbf{g}^k}$

(e) $\mathbf{d}^{k+1} = -\mathbf{g}^{k+1} + \beta^k\mathbf{d}^k$

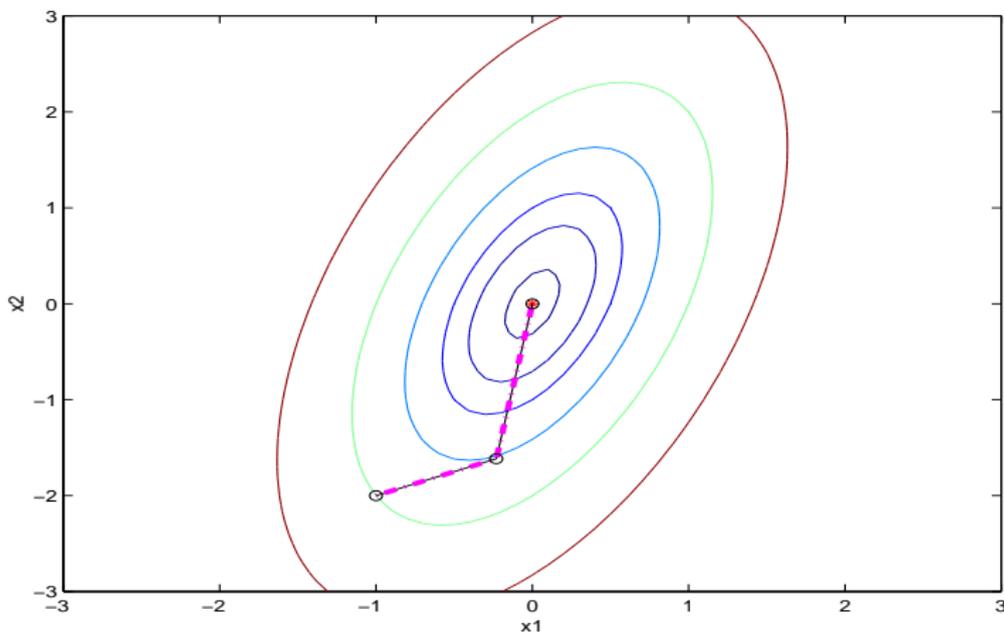
(f) $k := k + 1$

endwhile

Output : $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}^k$, global minimum of $f(\mathbf{x})$.

Example:

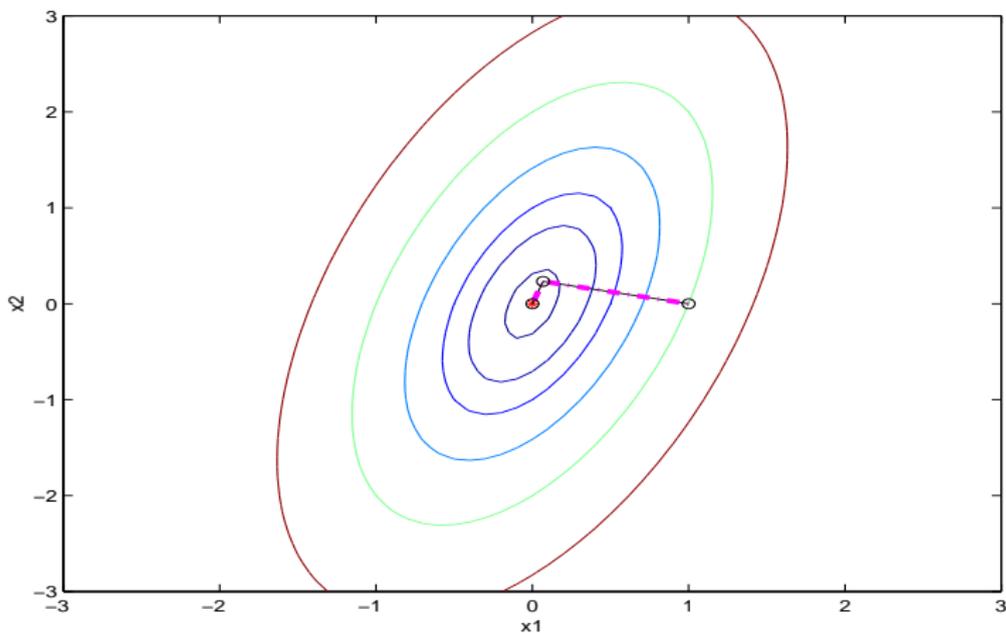
$$\min f(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$



Conjugate Gradient algorithm (Fletcher-Reeves) with exact line search applied to $f(\mathbf{x})$

Example:

$$\min f(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$



Conjugate Gradient algorithm (Fletcher-Reeves) with exact line search applied to $f(\mathbf{x})$

Extension to Nonquadratic function, $f(\mathbf{x})$:

Conjugate Gradient Algorithm (Fletcher-Reeves)

(1) Initialize \mathbf{x}^0 , ϵ , $\mathbf{d}^0 = -\mathbf{g}^0$, set $k := 0$.

(2) **while** $\|\mathbf{g}^k\| > \epsilon$

(a) $\alpha^k = \arg \min_{\alpha > 0} f(\mathbf{x}^k + \alpha \mathbf{d}^k)$

(b) $\mathbf{x}^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}^k + \alpha^k \mathbf{d}^k$

(c) Compute \mathbf{g}^{k+1}

(d) **if** $k < n - 1$

- $\beta^k = \frac{\mathbf{g}^{k+1T} \mathbf{g}^{k+1}}{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{g}^k}$

- $\mathbf{d}^{k+1} = -\mathbf{g}^{k+1} + \beta^k \mathbf{d}^k$

- $k := k + 1$

else

- $\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{x}^{k+1}$

- $\mathbf{d}^0 = -\mathbf{g}^{k+1}$

- $k := 0$

endif

endwhile

Output : $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}^k$, a stationary point of $f(\mathbf{x})$.

β^k Determination

- Fletcher-Reeves method

$$\beta_{FR}^k = \frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{g}^k}{\mathbf{g}^{k-1T} \mathbf{g}^{k-1}}$$

- Polak-Ribiere method

$$\beta_{PR}^k = \frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} (\mathbf{g}^k - \mathbf{g}^{k-1})}{\mathbf{g}^{k-1T} \mathbf{g}^{k-1}}$$

- Hestenes-Steifel method

$$\beta_{HS}^k = \frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} (\mathbf{g}^k - \mathbf{g}^{k-1})}{(\mathbf{g}^k - \mathbf{g}^{k-1})^T \mathbf{d}^{k-1}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{BFGS}^k = \mathbf{B} + \left(1 + \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}^T \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{\gamma}}{\boldsymbol{\delta}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}}\right) \frac{\boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{\delta}^T}{\boldsymbol{\delta}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}} - \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{\gamma}^T \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{\gamma} \boldsymbol{\delta}^T}{\boldsymbol{\delta}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}}\right)$$

Memoryless BFGS iteration

$$\mathbf{B}_{BFGS}^k = \mathbf{I} + \left(1 + \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}}{\boldsymbol{\delta}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}}\right) \frac{\boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{\delta}^T}{\boldsymbol{\delta}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}} - \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{\gamma}^T + \boldsymbol{\gamma} \boldsymbol{\delta}^T}{\boldsymbol{\delta}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}}\right)$$

With exact line search, $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{k-1T} \mathbf{g}^k = \alpha^{k-1} \mathbf{d}^{k-1T} \mathbf{g}^k = 0$. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{d}_{BFGS}^k = -\mathbf{B}_{BFGS}^k \mathbf{g}^k = -\mathbf{g}^k + \frac{\boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{\gamma}^T \mathbf{g}^k}{\boldsymbol{\delta}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}} = -\mathbf{g}^k + \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{g}^{kT} (\mathbf{g}^k - \mathbf{g}^{k-1})}{(\mathbf{g}^k - \mathbf{g}^{k-1})^T \mathbf{d}^{k-1}}}_{\beta_{HS}^k} \mathbf{d}^{k-1}$$

For nonquadratic function, $f(\mathbf{x})$:

Conjugate Gradient Algorithm (Fletcher-Reeves)

(1) Initialize \mathbf{x}^0 , ϵ , $\mathbf{d}^0 = -\mathbf{g}^0$, set $k := 0$.

(2) **while** $\|\mathbf{g}^k\| > \epsilon$

(a) $\alpha^k = \arg \min_{\alpha > 0} f(\mathbf{x}^k + \alpha \mathbf{d}^k)$

(b) $\mathbf{x}^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}^k + \alpha^k \mathbf{d}^k$

(c) Compute \mathbf{g}^{k+1}

(d) **if** $k < n - 1$

- $\beta^k = \frac{\mathbf{g}^{k+1T} \mathbf{g}^{k+1}}{\mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{g}^k}$

- $\mathbf{d}^{k+1} = -\mathbf{g}^{k+1} + \beta^k \mathbf{d}^k$

- $k := k + 1$

else

- $\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{x}^{k+1}$

- $\mathbf{d}^0 = -\mathbf{g}^{k+1}$

- $k := 0$

endif

endwhile

Output : $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}^k$, a stationary point of $f(\mathbf{x})$.