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Chapter Two

Line Search

Lecture 2

3: Convergence Theory for Exact Line Search

The general form of an unconstrained optimization algorithm is as follows.

Algorithm (2): (General Form of Unconstrained Optimization Algorithm)

First: Initial step

Given $X_0 \in R^n$, $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 1$.

Second: k^{th} – Step

1: *Compute the descent direction d_k .*

2: *Compute the step size α_k such that*

$$f(X_k + \alpha_k d_k) = \min_{\alpha \geq 0} f(X_k + \alpha d_k) \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

3: *Set $X_{k+1} = X_k + \alpha_k d_k$ * (7)

4: *If $\|g(X_{k+1})\| \leq \varepsilon$ stop, where $g(X_{k+1})$ is the gradient vector at X_{k+1} . Otherwise repeated the above steps.*

Note (8):

We denote $\Phi(\alpha) = f(X_k + \alpha d_k) \dots \dots \dots (8)$

Obviously, we have from Algorithm (2) that

$$\Phi(0) = f(X_k), \Phi(\alpha) \leq \Phi(0).$$

Note (9):

The equation (6) in Algorithm (2) is to find the global minimizer of $\Phi(\alpha)$ which is rather difficult. Instead, we take α_k such that

$$\alpha_k = \min \{ \alpha \geq 0 : g_k^T d_k = 0 \} \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

where g is the gradient vector of $\Phi(\alpha)$ which is given in (8).

Since by (6) and (9), we find the exact minimizer of $\Phi(\alpha)$ respectively. We say that (6) and (9) are exact line searches.

Note (10):

Let θ_k be the angle between d_k and $-g_k$, then

$$\cos \theta_k = -\frac{d_k^T g_k}{\|d_k\| \|g_k\|} \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

Theorem (2):

Let $\alpha_k > 0$ be the solution of the equation

$f(X_k + \alpha_k d_k) = \min_{\alpha \geq 0} f(X_k + \alpha d_k)$, and $\|G(X_k + \alpha d_k)\| \leq M$, where M is some positive number and G is the Hessian matrix. Then

$$f(X_k) - f(X_k + \alpha_k d_k) \geq \frac{(d_k^T g(X_k))^2}{2M\|d_k\|^2} \dots \dots \dots \quad (11)$$

Note (11):

Theorem (2) means that $f(X_k + \alpha_k d_k) < f(X_k)$.

Definition (7): (Neighborhood)

Given a point $X \in R^n$ and a $\delta > 0$. The **δ – neighborhood** of X is defined as $N_\delta(X) = \{ Y \in R^n: \|Y - X\| < \delta\}$.

Definition (8): (Accumulation Point)

The point $X \in D \subset R^n$ is said to be **an accumulation point** if for each $\delta > 0$, $D \cap N_\delta(X) \neq \emptyset$, where \emptyset is an empty set.

Definition (9): (Index Set)

Let W_a be the set of all words containing *the letter a*, W_b be the set of all words containing the letter *b* and *similarly for W_c to W_z* . The subscripts a, b, c, \dots, z are known as indices. Then the set $I = \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$ is called the **index set**.

Theorem (3):

1: Let $f(X)$ be continuously differentiable function on an *open set $D \subset R^n$* .

2: Assume that the sequence generated by Algorithm (2) satisfies

$$f(X_{k+1}) \leq f(X_k) \text{ and } g(X)^T d_k \leq 0, \text{ where } g \text{ is the gradient vector.}$$

3: Let $\hat{X} \in D$ be an accumulation point of $\{X_k\}$ and K_1 be an index set with

$$K_1 = \left\{ k : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} X_k = \hat{X} \right\}.$$

4: Assume that there exists $M > 0$ such that $\|d_k\| < M$ for all $k \in K_1$.

Then:

1: If \hat{d}_k is any accumulation point of $\{d_k\}$, we have $g(\hat{X})^T \hat{d} = 0$.

2: If $f(X)$ is twice continuously differentiable function on D , we have $\hat{d}^T G(\hat{X}) \hat{d} \geq 0$.

Definition (10): (Continuous Function)

Let $f: D \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Let $X_0 \in D$. We say that f is **continuous function at X_0** if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta = \delta(X_0, \varepsilon)$ such that if $X \in D$ with $\|X - X_0\| < \delta$ implies $\|f(X) - f(X_0)\| < \varepsilon$.

Definition (11): (Uniformly Continuous)

Let $f: D \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We say that f is **uniformly continuous** if for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$ such that if $X, Y \in D$ with $\|X - Y\| < \delta$ implies $\|f(X) - f(Y)\| < \varepsilon$.

In other words, f is uniformly continuous if it is continuous at each point $X_0 \in D$ and the δ corresponding to each ε in the definition of continuity at X_0 can be the same for all $X_0 \in D$.

For example,

$f(x) = x$ is uniformly continuous function on real numbers.

$f(x) = x^2, x \in [-M, M], M > 0$ is uniformly continuous, while

$f(x) = x^2$ is not uniformly continuous on the set of real numbers.

Note (12):

Each uniformly continuous function is continuous.

Definition (12): (Lipschitz Continuity)

Let $f: D \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We say that f is **Lipschitz continuous function if there exists $M > 0$ such that $\|f(X) - f(Y)\| \leq M\|X - Y\|$ for all $X, Y \in D$.**

Note (13):

Every Lipschitz continuous function is uniformly continuous function.

Definition (13): (Level Set)

A set where the function takes a given constant value.

Theorem (4):

1: *Let $g(X)$ be uniformly continuous on the level set*

$$L = \{X \in R^n : f(X) \leq f(X_0)\}.$$

2: *Let the angle θ_k between $-g(X_k)$ and the direction d_k generated*

by Algorithm (2) is uniformly bounded a way from 90°

, i. e. satisfies $\theta_k \leq \frac{\pi}{2} - \mu$ for some $\mu > 0$.

Then $g(X_k) = 0$ for some k ; or $f(X_k) \rightarrow -\infty$; or $g(X_k) \rightarrow 0$. where g is the gradient vector.

Lemma (1):

- 1: *Let $f(X)$ be twice continuously differentiable in the neighborhood of the minimizer X^* .***
- 2: *Assume that there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ and $M > m > 0$, such that $m\|Y\|^2 \leq Y^T G(X)Y \leq M\|Y\|^2$, for all $Y \in R^n$ holds when $\|X - X^*\| < \varepsilon$.***

Then

- 1: $\frac{1}{2}m\|X - X^*\|^2 \leq f(X) - f(X^*) \leq \frac{1}{2}M\|X - X^*\|^2$.**
- 2: $\|g(X)\| \geq m\|X - X^*\|$.**

Where

$g(X)$ and $G(X)$ are the gradient and Hessian matrix of f at X respectively.

Theorem (5):

1: Let the sequence $\{X_k\}$ generated by Algorithm (2) converges to the minimizer X^* of $f(X)$.

2: Let $f(X)$ be twice continuously differentiable in a neighborhood of X^* .

3: If there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ and $M > m > 0$ such that

$$m\|Y\|^2 \leq Y^T G(X)Y \leq M\|Y\|^2, \text{ for all } Y \in R^n \text{ holds when } \|X - X^*\| < \varepsilon.$$

Then the sequence $\{X_k\}$, at least, converges linearly to X^* .

Where $G(X)$ is the Hessian matrix of f at X .