Trust region optimisation

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Intro into optimisation

We're looking for something optimal

- Which is an extreme way for a point mass in physics?
- How to build warehouse?
- The shortest (or fastest) path from Brno to Wischau?
- How to be drunk with both minimal time and budget?



Fig. by Nocedal & Wright

Intro into numerical optimisation The model

 $\arg\min f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n + \text{ initial estimate}$



A method due Newton The principle



Taylor in vicinity of the optimum

$$f(x+p) = f(x) + \frac{df(x)}{dx}p + \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2f(x)}{dx^2}p^2 + \dots$$

The condition

$$\left.\frac{\mathrm{d}f(x)}{\mathrm{d}x}\right|_p + \frac{\mathrm{d}^2f(x)}{\mathrm{d}x^2} \cdot p = 0$$

Mathematical foundations

Optimum of *n*-dimensional function $(p \in \mathbb{R}^n)$:

$$f(x + p) = f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T p + \frac{1}{2} p^T \nabla^2 f(x + p) p + \dots$$

Conditions:

Jacobian $\nabla f(x) = 0$ does vanish Hessian $\nabla^2 f(x)$ is positive definite

Traps:

- Non-positive definite Hessian
- Not so good the function approximation
- The initial point overpass

A model function of k-th step valid in trust region Δ_k :

$$m(x + p) = f_k + (\nabla f_k)^T p + \frac{1}{2} p^T B_k p, \quad ||p_k|| < \Delta_k$$

Hessian (approximation): $B_k = \nabla^2 f_k,$ or by a quasi-Newton method (SR1)

The approximation validity

$$\varrho_k = \frac{f_k - f_{k+1}}{m(0) - m(p)}$$

The trust region algorithm

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for k = 1, \ldots
     Obtain new estimate of p_k
     if \rho_k < 1/4
          \Delta_{k+1} = \frac{1}{4}\Delta_k
     else
          if \varrho_k > 3/4 and \|p_k\| = \Delta
               \Delta_{k+1} = \min(2\Delta_k, \widehat{\Delta})
          else
               \Delta_{k+1} = \Delta_k
          end if
     end if
     if \rho_{k} > 1/4
          x_{k+1} = x_k + p_k
     else
          x_{k+1} = x_k
     end if
end for
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Trust region



Graphics inspired by https://optimization.mccormick.northwestern.edu/index.php/Trust-region_methods

Branin function

$$f(x,y) = a(y - bx^{2} + cx - r)^{2} + s(1 - t)\cos(x) + s$$



$$a = 1, b = 5.1/(4\pi^2), c = 5/\pi, r = 6, s = 10, t = 1/(8\pi)$$

Trust region downhill





Marquardt-Levenberg method

- Implemented by Minpack https://en.wikipedia. org/wiki/MINPACK
- Python wrapper curve_fit
- Least-squares

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum r_j^2, \quad J = \nabla r$$

 $(J^T J + \lambda I)p = -J^T r, \quad \|p\| \leq \Delta$



An implementation in Python

scipy.optimize

- large systems,
- general minimisation,
- conjugate-gradient

Optimisation with constrains

$$\operatorname*{arg\,min}_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n}f(x), \qquad \begin{array}{l} c_i(x)=0, i\in\mathcal{E},\\ c_i(x)\geq 0, i\in\mathcal{I}. \end{array}$$

The solution:

- Lagrange multiplicators
- augmented Hessian
- natural continuation of trust region methods



The book

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