

Homework 13 in Optimization in Engineering

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Exercise 1. (Newton method with equality constraint) Let

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && f(\mathbf{x}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

be an optimization problem with

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 \exp(x_3) + \frac{x_1^3}{3} - \frac{1}{2}(x_2 + 1)^2 + 3x_1x_3 + a(x_2 + x_3 + 1), \\ \mathbf{x}^T &= (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3, a \in \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

- Reformulate the problem such that it is an unconstrained optimization problem.
- When is the reformulated problem convex?
- Solve the problem applying a pure Newton method with step size $t = 1$, $a = 2$ and $(\mathbf{x}^{(0)})^T = (1, -2, 0)$. What problem is solved for arbitrary parameter a ?
- Now utilize exact line search in the Newton method for solving the problem. How many iterations do you need for $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$.

Exercise 2. (Adding a quadratic term in Newton method with equality constraint) Let \mathbf{Q} be a matrix, then the problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && f(\mathbf{x}) + (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{Q} (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && f(\mathbf{x}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

- Show that the Newton steps for both problems are equal.