

1 ► Higher-order derivatives

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad f(x+h) &= \|x+h\|^2 = f(x) + 2\langle x, h \rangle + \|h\|^2 \\ &\Rightarrow f'(x)h = 2\langle x, h \rangle \quad (Df(x) = 2x) \\ f''(x)[h, h] &= 2\|h\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b)} \quad f(A+H) &= (A+H)^3 = A^3 + A^2H + AHA + HA^2 + AH^2 + HAH + H^2A + H^3 \\ &\Rightarrow f'(A)[H] = A^2H + AHA + HA^2 \\ f''(A)[H, H] &= 2(AH^2 + HAH + H^2A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c)} \quad f(x+h) &= \|x+h\|^{-2} (x+h) = (\|x\|^2 + 2\langle x, h \rangle + \|h\|^2)^{-1} (x+h) \\ \text{Hint} \quad &= (\|x\|^{-2} + \|x\|^{-4}(2\langle x, h \rangle + \|h\|^2) + \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^{-6}(2\langle x, h \rangle + \|h\|^2)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\|h\|^3)) (x+h) \\ &= f(x) + \underbrace{\|x\|^{-2}(h - 2\|x\|^{-2}\langle x, h \rangle x)}_{\text{order } h} + \underbrace{\|x\|^{-4}(-2\langle x, h \rangle h - \|h\|^2 x + 2\|x\|^2 \langle x, h \rangle \frac{x}{\|x\|})}_{\text{Order } h^2} + \mathcal{O}(\|h\|^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f'(x)[h] &= \|x\|^{-2} (h - 2\langle \frac{x}{\|x\|}, h \rangle \frac{x}{\|x\|}) = \|x\|^{-2} (I - 2P_x)h, \quad \text{where } P_x \text{ is the orthogonal projection on } \text{span}\{x\}. \\ f''(x)[h, h] &= \|x\|^{-3} (4|\langle \frac{x}{\|x\|}, h \rangle|^2 \frac{x}{\|x\|} - 4\langle \frac{x}{\|x\|}, h \rangle h - 2\|h\|^2 \frac{x}{\|x\|}) \end{aligned}$$

2 ► Validating derivatives calculated by hand

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1 function ex2problem2
3 f = @(A) inv(A);
5 % correct derivatives
df = @(A,H) -inv(A)*H*inv(A);
7 d2f = @(A,H) 2*inv(A)*H*inv(A)*H*inv(A);
9 % make the test for some random matrix 5x5 (almost surely invertible)
A = random('Normal',0,1,5,5);
11 close all;
check_derivatives(f,df,A,100,d2f);
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% Test some wrong candidates
15 % Candidates could have been
dfwrong = @(A,H) -inv(A)^2*H;
17 d2fwrong = @(A,H) -2*inv(A)^3*H^2
19 % Scenario 1: df correct, d2f incorrect
figure
21 check_derivatives(f,df,A,100,d2fwrong);
    
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23 % Scenario 2: df incorrect, d2f correct
    figure
25 check_derivatives(f,dfwrong,A,100,d2f);
27 end
29 % Check derivatives for  $f : \mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .
31 function check_derivatives(f,df,x,N,d2f)
33 dim = size(x);
35 err1 = ones(1,N);
    err1rand = ones(1,N);
37 err2 = ones(1,N);
    err2rand = ones(1,N);
39 h = random('Normal',0,1,dim); % choose a directional derivative
41 for i=1:N
    % fixed direction
43     h = h/(norm(h)*i); %norm i^-1
45     % varying hs
    hrand = random('Normal',0,1,dim); hrand = hrand/(norm(hrand)*i);
47     %Taylor polynomial
49     T = f(x+h) - f(x) - df(x,h);
    Trand = f(x + hrand) - f(x) - df(x,hrand);
51     % errors
53     err1(i) = norm(T);
    err1rand(i) = norm(Trand);
55     if nargin == 5 %if second derivative present
57         err2(i) = norm(T - d2f(x,h)/2);
        err2rand(i) = norm(Trand - d2f(x,hrand)/2);
59     end
61 end
63 % plots
    % -----
65 %first order
    subplot(1,2,1);
67 loglog(err1,'red'); hold on
69 loglog(err1rand);
71 %control curve for first order error should decay faster than  $N^{(-2)}$ 
    comp = [1:N].^(-2) * max(get(gca,'ylim')) * 10;
73 loglog(comp,'black');
    grid on;
75 %same for second order
77 if nargin == 5
    subplot(1,2,2);
79     loglog(err2,'red'); hold on
81     loglog(err2rand,'blue');
83     %control curve for first order error should decay faster than  $N^{(-3)}$ 
    comp = [1:N].^(-3) * max(get(gca,'ylim')) * 10;
85     loglog(comp,'black');
    grid on;
87 end
    end

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