

## Exercise sheet 10

Let  $f \in C^1$ ,  $\gamma \in (0, 1/2)$  and  $\eta \in (\gamma, 1)$ . Then  $\sigma > 0$  satisfies the Powell-Wolfe condition, if

$$f(x + \sigma s) - f(x) \leq \sigma \gamma \nabla f(x)^\top s, \quad (\text{PW1})$$

$$\nabla f(x + \sigma s)^\top s \geq \eta \nabla f(x)^\top s. \quad (\text{PW2})$$

**Exercise 1** [Existence and admissibility of the Powell-Wolfe step size]

- a) Visualize (PW1) and (PW2) with a sketch in dimension 1.
- b) Prove Lemma 2.88 from the lecture.
- c) Prove Lemma 2.90.

Implementation of the Powell-Wolfe step size rule:

1. If  $\sigma = 1$  satisfies (PW1) go to step 3
2. Find the biggest number  $\sigma_- \in \{2^{-1}, 2^{-2}, \dots\}$ , such that  $\sigma = \sigma_-$  satisfies (PW1). Set  $\sigma_+ = 2\sigma_-$  and go to step 5.
3. If  $\sigma = 1$  satisfies (PW2), Stop with  $\sigma = 1$ .
4. Find the smallest number  $\sigma_+ \in \{2, 2^2, 2^3, \dots\}$ , such that (PW1) for  $\sigma = \sigma_+$  is not satisfied. Set  $\sigma_- = \frac{\sigma_+}{2}$ .
5. As long as  $\sigma = \sigma_-$  does not satisfy (PW2) do the following:
  - 5.1 Set  $\sigma = \frac{\sigma_- + \sigma_+}{2}$ .
  - 5.2 If  $\sigma$  satisfies (PW1), set  $\sigma_- = \sigma$ , otherwise set  $\sigma_+ = \sigma$ .
6. Stop with  $\sigma = \sigma_-$ .

**Exercise 2** [Powell-Wolfe step size algorithm]

Prove that under the assumptions of Lemma 2.88 the above algorithm terminates after finitely many steps with a step size  $\sigma > 0$  satisfying (PW1) and (PW2).

**Exercise 3** [Global Newton method for strongly convex  $f$ ]

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be in  $C^2$  and strongly convex. We apply the global Newton method for optimization problems Algorithm 2.9.1 to  $f$ . Though we do not use gradient steps, i.e. we always use the Newton step. We choose  $\gamma \in (0, 1/2)$ . Prove the following:

- a) The described algorithm is well-defined.
- b) The sequence  $(x^k)$  generated by the algorithm converges to the unique minimum  $x^*$  of  $f$ .
- c) For all sufficiently large  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there holds  $\sigma_k = 1$ .
- d) The sequence  $(x^k)$  converges q-superlinearly to  $x^*$ .
- e) If  $\nabla^2 f(x)$  is Lipschitz continuous in a neighbourhood of  $x^*$ , the convergence rate is q-quadratic.

**Exercise 4** [Programming exercise: Globalized Newton and inverse BFGS-Method]

Repeat Exercise 4 a) from exercise sheet 4 using the globalized Newton method (Algorithm 2.9.1) for  $\text{tol} = 10^{-3}, 10^{-4}, \dots, 10^{-12}$ . Implement the following function

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function[x] = gnewt(fct,gradfct,hessfct,x0,tol,maxsteps)
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where **hessfct** is a function handle for the evaluation of  $\nabla^2 f(x)$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 10^{-6}$  and  $p = 0.1$ . Use your function for the calculation of the Armijo stepsize from Sheet 4. Moreover implement the globalized, inverse BFGS method (Algorithm 2.11.1) and apply it for solving Exercise 4 a) from exercise sheet 4 with  $\text{tol} = 10^{-3}, 10^{-4}, \dots, 10^{-12}$ . Implement the following function

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function[x] = bfgs(fct,gradfct,x0,tol,maxsteps)
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with  $\eta = 0.9$ . Moreover write a function which calculates the Powell-Wolfe step size similar to your function which calculates the Armijo step size. Create a table for each method which contains  $\|x^k - (1, 1)^\top\|_2$ ,  $f(x^k)$ ,  $\|\nabla f(x^k)\|_2$ ,  $\sigma_k$  and the number of function and gradient evaluations in the line search in step  $k$  for all  $k$  in the case  $\text{tol} = 10^{-9}$ . Describe your results. What convergence rate do you observe?

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