

# Numerical Solutions of Nonlinear Systems of Equations (I)

- ▶ OPTIMIZATION is the foundation of MACHINE LEARNING.
  - ▶ SETUP: global search for optimal strategy:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x}).$$

- ▶ APPROACH: Optimal strategy satisfies non-linear equation

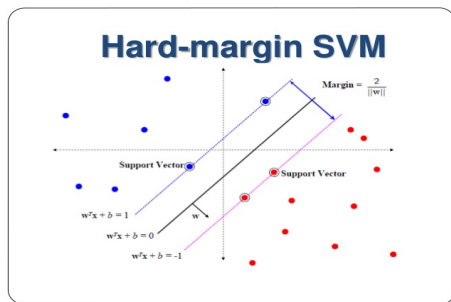
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \quad \in \mathcal{R}^n.$$

- ▶ Focus of Ch. 10, practical problems far harder

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- ▶ **Ex:** SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE (SVM) for classification:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{R}^n, b \in \mathcal{R}} \left( \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \max \left( 0, 1 - y_i \left( \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i - b \right) \right) \right) + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 \right),$$



- ▶ Labels:  $y_i = 1$  for blue,  $y_i = -1$  for red.
- ▶ Solution requires more than nonlinear equations.

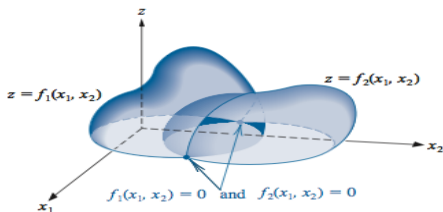
## §10.1 Fixed Points for Functions of Several Variables

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# Solution Methods

- ▶ FIXED POINT METHOD
- ▶ NEWTON'S METHOD
- ▶ QUASI-NEWTON METHODS
- ▶ STEEPEST DESCENT METHODS

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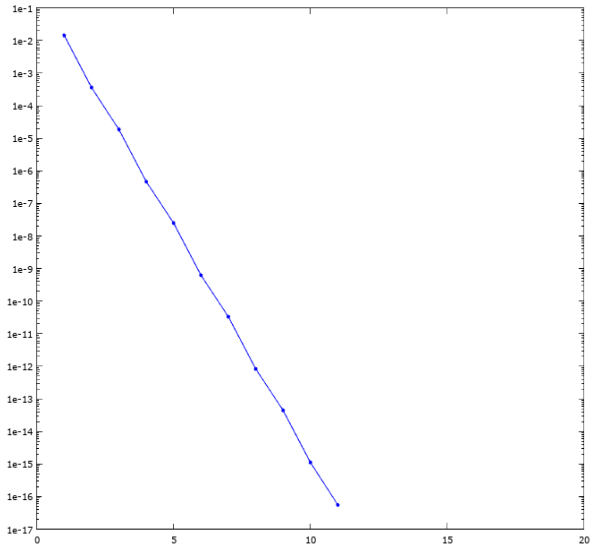
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Fixed Point Iteration,  $x_0 = (0,0,0)^T$ , FT =  $(0.5, 0, -n/6)^T$



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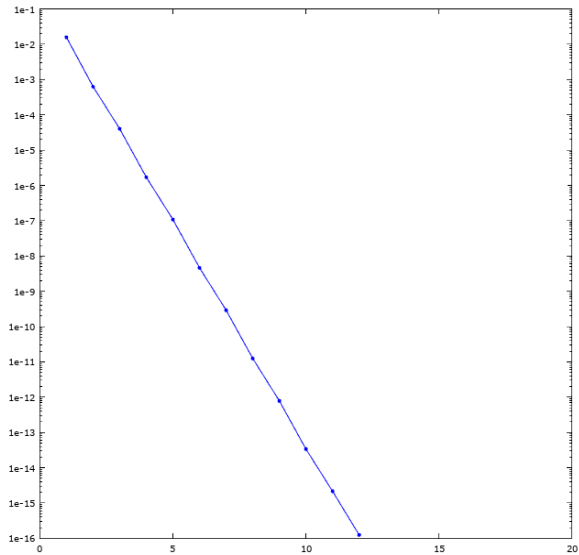
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**Thm:** If  $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{p}) = 0$  and  $\left| \frac{\partial^2 g_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j \partial x_t} \right| \leq M$  for all  $1 \leq i, j, t \leq n$ . Then for sufficiently large  $k$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{p}\|_\infty \leq \frac{n^2 M}{2} \|\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} - \mathbf{p}\|_\infty^2.$$

## §10.2 Newton's Method: one-dimensional case review

To solve  $f(x) = 0$ , consider fixed point function for some function  $\phi(x)$ :

$$g(x) = x - \phi(x) f(x).$$

- ▶ Let  $p$  be a root for  $f(x)$ :  $f(p) = 0$ .
- ▶ Then  $p$  is fixed point for  $g(x)$ :  $p = g(p)$ .
- ▶ At fixed point  $p$ :  $g'(p) = 1 - \phi(p) f'(p)$ .
- ▶ For quadratic convergence, need to choose  $\phi(x)$  so  $g'(p) = 0$ , or  $\phi(p) = \frac{1}{f'(p)}$ .
- ▶ Newton's method

$$x^{(k+1)} = g\left(x^{(k)}\right), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

with  $g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$ .

## §10.2 Newton's Method: $n$ -dimensional case

To solve  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{R}^n$ , consider fixed point function for some matrix function  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$ :

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}).$$

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- ▶ At fixed point  $\mathbf{p}$ :  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{p})) = I - \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{p})^{-1} \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}))$ .
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Newton's method with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0.1, 0.1, -0.1)^T$

$k$	$x_1^{(k)}$	$x_2^{(k)}$	$x_3^{(k)}$	$\ \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\ _{\infty}$
0	0.1000000000	0.1000000000	-0.1000000000	
1	0.4998696728	0.0194668485	-0.5215204718	0.4215204718
2	0.5000142403	0.0015885914	-0.5235569638	$1.788 \times 10^{-2}$
3	0.5000000113	0.0000124448	-0.5235984500	$1.576 \times 10^{-3}$
4	0.5000000000	$8.516 \times 10^{-10}$	-0.5235987755	$1.244 \times 10^{-5}$
5	0.5000000000	$-1.375 \times 10^{-11}$	-0.5235987756	$8.654 \times 10^{-10}$

## §10.2 Quasi-Newton Method: Broyden Method

MOTIVATION: Newton's method costs too much for large  $n$ .

Quasi-Newton Method: poor man's alternative.

- ▶ Newton's method:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}), \quad \text{where } \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \left( \frac{\partial f_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

- ▶ PROBLEM I WITH NEWTON: Requires  $n^2$  partial derivatives.
- ▶ PROBLEM II WITH NEWTON: Needs to factorize  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$  for each  $k$ .

Something cheaper, for slower convergence but less overall computation

# Broyden Method: Motivation

- ▶ Broyden Method:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathcal{A}_k^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}), \quad \text{where } \mathcal{A}_k \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}.$$

- ▶ DESIRED PROPERTY I: "Mimics"  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$  in some sense.
- ▶ DESIRED PROPERTY II: "Easy" to compute  $\mathcal{A}_{k+1}^{-1}$  from  $\mathcal{A}_k^{-1}$ .

## Broyden Method: Derivation

- ▶ Assume for some step  $k \geq 0$ , we have available  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} \in \mathcal{R}^n$  and  $\mathcal{A}_k \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$ . By Broyden Method:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathcal{A}_k^{-1} \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right).$$

- ▶ Secant equation

$$\mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} \right) - \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right) \approx \mathcal{A} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right) \left( \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right).$$

- ▶ Broyden ideas:

- ▶ Approximate secant equation:  $\mathcal{A}_{k+1} \mathbf{s}_{k+1} = \mathbf{y}_{k+1}$ , where

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} \right) - \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right), \quad \mathbf{s}_{k+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}.$$

- ▶ Choose a special  $\mathcal{A}_{k+1}$  that does not differ much from  $\mathcal{A}_k$

$$\mathcal{A}_{k+1} = \mathcal{A}_k + \frac{\mathbf{y}_{k+1} - \mathcal{A}_k \mathbf{s}_{k+1}}{\|\mathbf{s}_{k+1}\|_2^2} \mathbf{s}_{k+1}^T$$



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Practical details:

- ▶  $\mathcal{A}_k^{-1}$  may not exist. (Broyden method fails)
- ▶ Does an LU factorization of  $\mathcal{A}_k$  help when we compute LU factorization of  $\mathcal{A}_{k+1}$ ? (Yes, but another story)
- ▶ If  $\mathcal{A}_k^{-1}$  does exist and is available,

$$\mathcal{A}_{k+1}^{-1} = \mathcal{A}_k^{-1} + \frac{\mathbf{s}_{k+1} - \mathcal{A}_k^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{k+1}}{\mathbf{s}_{k+1}^T \mathcal{A}_k^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{k+1}} \mathbf{s}_{k+1}^T \mathcal{A}_k^{-1}.$$

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4	0.5000003	$6.083352 \times 10^{-5}$	-0.5235954	$8.12 \times 10^{-4}$
5	0.5000000	$-1.448889 \times 10^{-6}$	-0.5235989	$6.24 \times 10^{-5}$
6	0.5000000	$6.059030 \times 10^{-9}$	-0.5235988	$1.50 \times 10^{-6}$

## §10.4 Steepest Descent Techniques (I)

System of nonlinear equations has the form

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**Def:**  $g(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j^2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . Then

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \iff \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n} g(\mathbf{x}) = 0.$$

## Steepest Descent Techniques (II)

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### Algorithm 1 Generic Descent Algorithm

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Evaluate  $g(\mathbf{x})$  at an initial approximation vector  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \in \mathcal{R}^n$ .

Set  $k = 0$ .

**while** NOT YET CONVERGED **do**

Determine a direction  $\mathbf{d}^{(k)}$  from  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  that results in a decrease in the value of  $g(\mathbf{x})$  (DESCENT DIRECTION.)

Move an appropriate amount  $\alpha$  (STEP-SIZE) in this direction:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha \mathbf{d}^{(k)}.$$

$k = k + 1$

**end while**

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## Gradient and descent directions

**Gradient:**  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}g(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}.$

### Directional deriv:

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}g(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{v}) - g(\mathbf{x})}{h} = \mathbf{v}^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}g(\mathbf{x}).$$

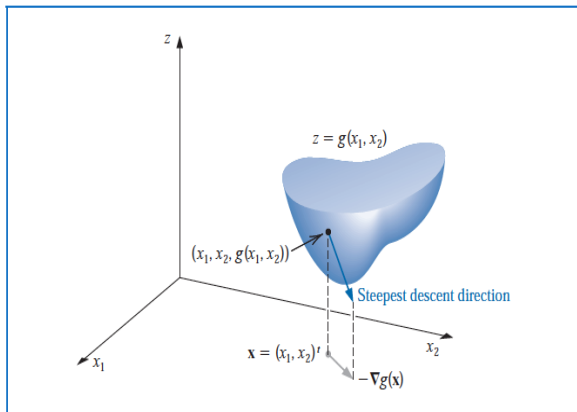
**Steepest descent:** For any  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_2 = 1$  and tiny  $\alpha > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{x} - \alpha\mathbf{v}) &= g(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \mathbf{v}^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}g(\mathbf{x}) + O(\alpha^2) \\ &\geq g(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}g(\mathbf{x})\|_2 + O(\alpha^2). \end{aligned}$$

$g(\mathbf{x} - \alpha\mathbf{v})$  decreases asymptotically the most with  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}g(\mathbf{x})}{\|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}g(\mathbf{x})\|_2}$

# Steepest descent

$$g(\mathbf{x} - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} g(\mathbf{x})) \approx g(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} g(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2.$$



# Steepest Descent Algorithm for solving $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ (I)

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## Algorithm 2 Steepest Descent Algorithm

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Evaluate  $g(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$  at initial vector  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \in \mathcal{R}^n$ . Set  $k = 0$ .

**while** NOT YET CONVERGED **do**

    Set  $\mathbf{d}^{(k)} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}g(\mathbf{x}) = -2(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})))^T \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ .

    Move an appropriate amount  $\alpha$  (STEP-SIZE) in this direction:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha \mathbf{d}^{(k)}.$$

$k = k + 1$

**end while**

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Algorithm 2 allows many different choices for  $\alpha_k$

- ▶  $\alpha$  should be "cheap" to compute.
- ▶  $\alpha$  should ensure "sufficient" reduction in  $g(\mathbf{x})$ .



## Step-size Selection

- ▶ Ensure reduction in  $g(\mathbf{x})$ : Algorithm 3 will halt with an  $\alpha_3 > 0$  so that  $g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha_3 \mathbf{d}^{(k)}) < g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$ .

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### Algorithm 3 $g(\mathbf{x})$ Reduction

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Set  $\alpha_3 = 1$ .

**while**  $g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha_3 \mathbf{d}^{(k)}) \geq g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$  **do**

    Set  $\alpha_3 = \frac{\alpha_3}{2}$ .

**end while**

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## Step-size Selection

- ▶ Ensure reduction in  $g(\mathbf{x})$ : Algorithm 3 will halt with an  $\alpha_3 > 0$  so that  $g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha_3 \mathbf{d}^{(k)}) < g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$ .

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### Algorithm 3 $g(\mathbf{x})$ Reduction

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Set  $\alpha_3 = 1$ .

**while**  $g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha_3 \mathbf{d}^{(k)}) \geq g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$  **do**

    Set  $\alpha_3 = \frac{\alpha_3}{2}$ .

**end while**

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- ▶ Ensure SUFFICIENT reduction in  $g(\mathbf{x})$  with  $\alpha^{(k)}$ :

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### Algorithm 4 $g(\mathbf{x})$ Sufficient Reduction

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Set  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3/2$ . Compute coefficients  $h_0, h_1, h_2$

so  $\mathbf{P}(\alpha) = h_0 + h_1 \alpha + h_2 \alpha (\alpha - \alpha_2)$  interpolates

$g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha \mathbf{d}^{(k)})$  at  $\alpha = 0, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ . Set  $\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_2 - h_1/h_2)$

$$\alpha^{(k)} = \mathbf{argmin}_{\alpha \in [\alpha_0, \alpha_2, \alpha_3]} g(\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha \mathbf{d}^{(k)}).$$

# Steepest Descent Algorithm for solving $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ (II)

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## Algorithm 5 Steepest Descent Algorithm

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Evaluate  $g(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$  at initial vector  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \in \mathcal{R}^n$ . Set  $k = 0$ .

**while** NOT YET CONVERGED **do**

Set  $\mathbf{d}^{(k)} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} g(\mathbf{x}) = -2(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})))^T \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ ,

$\mathbf{d}^{(k)} = \mathbf{d}^{(k)} / \|\mathbf{d}^{(k)}\|_2$ , (bad move)

Compute  $\alpha^{(k)}$  with Algorithms 3 and 4.

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha \mathbf{d}^{(k)}.$$

$k = k + 1$

**end while**

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**Ex:** Nonlinear equations with  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T$ ,

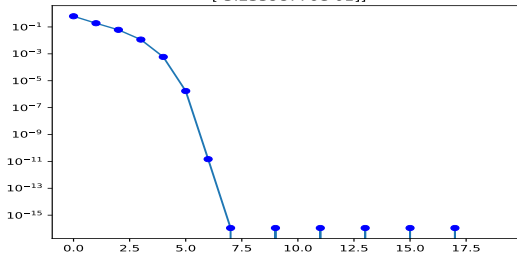
$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 3x_1 - \mathbf{cos}(x_2x_3) - \frac{1}{2} \\ x_1^2 - 81(x_2 + 0.1)^2 + \mathbf{sin}x_3 + 1.06 \\ e^{-x_1x_2} + 20x_3 + \frac{10\pi-3}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Jacobian matrix has analytic form:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & x_3 \mathbf{sin}(x_2x_3) & x_2 \mathbf{sin}(x_2x_3) \\ 2x_1 & -162(x_2 + 0.1) & \mathbf{cos}x_3 \\ -x_2 e^{-x_1x_2} & -x_1 e^{-x_1x_2} & 20 \end{pmatrix}.$$

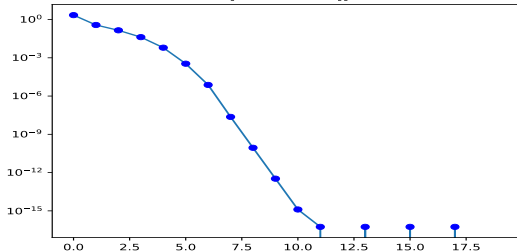
► Newton's method with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0, 0, 0)^T$

Newton Iteration Errors, Solution = [[ 5.00000000e-01]  
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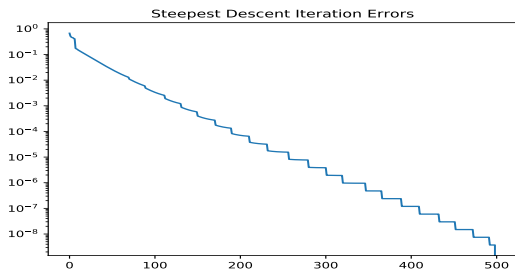


► Newton's method with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = -(2, 2, 2)^T$

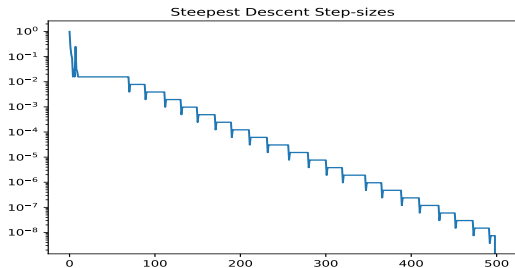
Newton Iteration Errors, Solution = [[ 0.49814468]  
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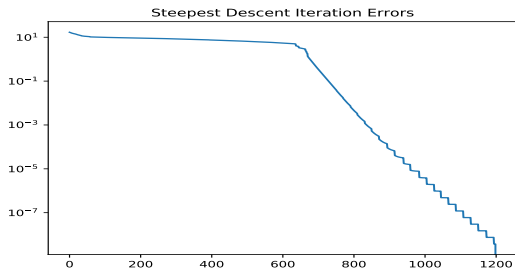
► Steepest Descent with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0, 0, 0)^T$



► Step-sizes



- ▶ Steepest Descent with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = -(10, 10, 10)^T$   
(Newton's method diverges.)



- ▶ Step-sizes

