

Numerical Optimization

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Problems

- ▶ AI
- ▶ Fitting of simulation parameters
- ▶ Linear and non-linear systems
- ▶ Simulation

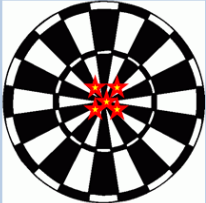
—→ any domain where there are measurements and uncertainty!

Errors, Machine Numbers, Iterative methods

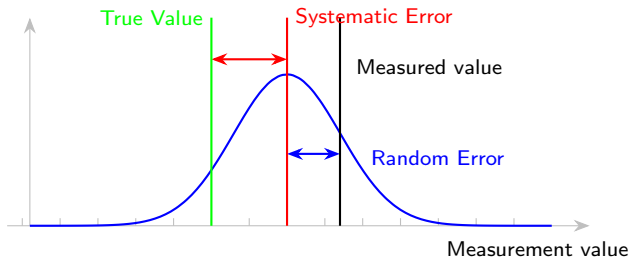
Error sources

- ▶ measurement
- ▶ method / approximation
- ▶ representation

Accuracy vs Precision

	Accurate	Not Accurate (Inaccurate)
Precise		
Not Precise (Imprecise)		

Measurement Error



Approximation / method errors

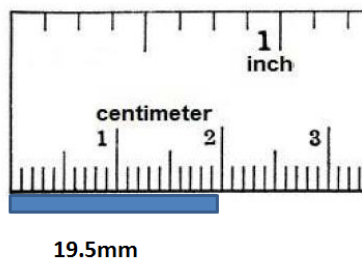
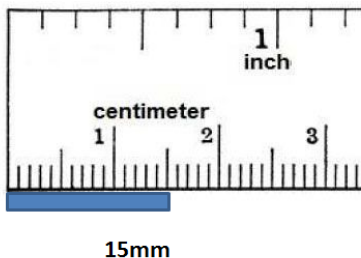
Taylor's approximation:

$$f(a+h) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} h^n \approx \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} h^n + O(h^{k+1})$$

Newton's method:

$$x \text{ such that } f(x) = 0 \implies x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Representation Error



Absolute - Relative

Absolute:

$$\Delta x \equiv x - \tilde{x}$$

Relative:

$$\epsilon_x \equiv \frac{\Delta x}{x} = \frac{x - \tilde{x}}{x}$$

Think of an error of 1 on $x = 10^{-9}$ or $x = 10^9$

Error analysis

$$y = f(x)$$

$$|\epsilon_y| \approx \kappa |\epsilon_x|$$

- ▶ well conditioned: $\kappa \approx 1$
- ▶ ill conditioned: $\kappa \gg 1$

Finite Arithmetic

Positional representation

$$n_k \dots n_0 . d_1 \dots d_l$$

- ▶ base 10: $n, d \in \{0, \dots, 9\} \rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k n_i 10^i + \sum_{j=1}^l d_j 10^{-j}$
- ▶ base 2: $n, d \in \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k n_i 2^i + \sum_{j=1}^l d_j 2^{-j}$

Integers

► base 10: $n, d \in \{0, \dots, 9\} \rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k n_i 10^i$

► base 2: $n, d \in \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k n_i 2^i$

16 bit integer:

► Unsigned: 0 to $\sum_{i=0}^{15} 2^i = 2^{16} - 1 = 65535$

► Signed: $-\sum_{i=0}^{15} 2^i = -2^{16} + 1 = -65535$ to
 $\sum_{i=0}^{15} 2^i = 2^{16} - 1 = 65535$

Signed integers

Zero is represented twice! Using the 2-complement:

$$n = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N n_i 2^{N-i}, & \text{if } n_N = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^N n_i 2^{N-i} - b^N, & \text{if } n_N = 1 \end{cases}$$

we can store one number more so that the interval becomes $[-2^N, 2^N - 1]$

Floating point representation

Much like scientific notation $\pm nEk = n10^k$

- ▶ sign s (1 bit)
- ▶ exponent $e = e_1, \dots, e_m$ (8 bit in float32)
- ▶ fractional part $f = f_1, \dots, f_s$ (23 bit in float32)
- ▶ exponent bias ν

$$x = se_1 \dots e_m f_1 \dots f_s$$

Floating point representation (2)

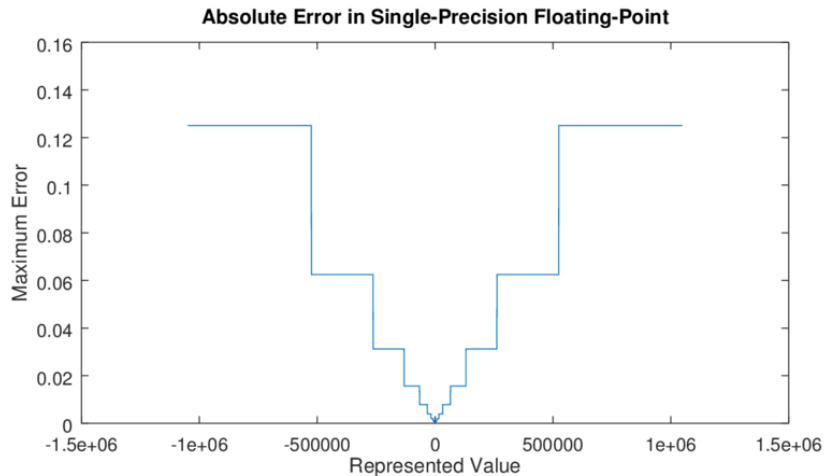
$$x = se_1 \dots e_m f_1 \dots f_s = (-1)^s \left(\sum_{i=1}^s f_i 2^{s-i} \right) 2^{r-\nu}, \quad r = \sum_{j=1}^m e_j 2^{m-j}$$

- ▶ finite set 2^n elements
- ▶ smallest representable number $N_m \approx 2^{-m+1}$
- ▶ biggest representable number $N_M \approx 2^{m+s}$
- ▶ $[N_m, N_M]$ not sampled uniformly: $|[0, 1]| \approx |[1, N_M]|$
- ▶ real implementation has ± 0 , plus combinations reserved for special $\pm\infty$, NaN etc.
- ▶ normalization gives one extra bit

FP limits

- ▶ **Overflow** $|x| > N_M; \pm \text{inf}$
- ▶ **Underflow** $|x| < N_m$

FP error



Implicit base conversions!

Watch out as this always happens! The problem:

$$1|_{10} = 2^0 = 1|_2$$

$$10|_{10} = 10^1 = 2^3 + 2^1 = 1010|_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0.1|_{10} &= 2^{-4} + 2^{-5} + 2^{-8} + \dots \\ &= 0.0001|_2 (=0.0625|_{10}) + 0.0000100110\dots|_2 \end{aligned}$$

FP tests

Float16:

- ▶ sign,
- ▶ 5 bit exponent $\approx 2^6 - 1 = 31$, $\nu = 16 \rightarrow$
max exponent $2^6 - 1 - 16 = 15$
- ▶ 10 bit fraction $1.111111111|_2 \approx 1.999|_{10}$
- ▶ expected max $\approx 2 \cdot 2^{15} = 65536$
- ▶ expected normalized min $\approx 2^{-16} \approx 1.52 \cdot 10^{-5}$
- ▶ expected denormalized min $\approx 2^{-10} 2^{-15} \approx 5.96 \cdot 10^{-8}$

Implementation

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import pandas as pd
3 from numpy import float16 as f, float32 as f32
4
5 %precision 100
6 np.set_printoptions(precision=100)
7 pd.options.display.float_format = '{:.100f}'.format
```

```
1 # Expected max: 2^16 = 65536
2 print(2**15*2)
3 print(f(65536))
```

```
1 65536
2 inf
```

```
1 /tmp/ipykernel_2478194/3921099518.py:3: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in cast
2 print(f(65536))
```

```
1 x = 1.999*2**15
2 print(x)
3 print(f(x))
```

```
1 65503.232
2 65500.0
```

```
1 #(1).11111 11111 |2 = (2^0) + 2^(-x) x=1,...,10
2 x = sum([2**~x for x in range(0,11)])
3 print(x)
4 print(x*2**15)
```

```
1 1.9990234375
2 65504.0
```

```
1 # 65500?  
2 print(f(65504))  
3 print(f(65505))  
4  
5 print(f(65519))  
6 print(f(65520))
```

```
1 65500.0  
2 65500.0  
3 65500.0  
4 inf
```

```
1 /tmp/ipykernel_2478194/3696056160.py:6: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in cast  
2 print(f(65520))
```

```
1 # There is some approximation done by the display function, different for f32!  
2 print(f32(f(65504)))  
3 print(f32(f(65505)))  
4  
5 print(f32(f(65519)))  
6 print(f32(f(65520)))
```

```
1 65504.0  
2 65504.0  
3 65504.0  
4 inf
```

```
1 /tmp/ipykernel_2478194/3422968668.py:6: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in cast  
2 print(f32(f(65520)))
```

```
1 # when the exponent is maximum, the resolution is 32
2 print(2**15 * 2**-10)
3 print(2**16 - 32)
```

```
1 32.0
2 65504
```

```
1 #1.11111 11110 2**-10 * 2**15 = 2**5 = 32 --> approx @ [0-15][16-32]
2 x = sum([2**~x for x in range(0,10)])
3 print(x)
4 print(x*2**15)
```

```
1 1.998046875
2 65472.0
```

```
1 #1.11111 11110 2**-10 * 2**15 = 2**5 = 32 --> approx @ [0-15][16-32]
2 print(f32(f(65472)))
3 print(f32(f(65473)))
4 print()
5 #472+16 = 488, 472+32=504
6 print(f32(f(65488)))
7 print(f32(f(65489)))
8 print(f32(f(65490)))
```

```
1 65472.0
2 65472.0
3
4 65472.0
5 65504.0
6 65504.0
```

```
1 #1.11111 11111 + [0-16] -> 65504 + 16 = inf
2 print(f32(f(65504)))
3 #504+16 = 520
4 print(f32(f(65519)))
5 print(f32(f(65520)))
```

```
1 65504.0
2 65504.0
3 inf
```

```
1 /tmp/ipykernel_2478194/1849818127.py:5: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in cast
2 print(f32(f(65520)))
```

```

1  b = [0]
2  s = lambda b: sum([b[j]*2**-j for j in range(len(b))])
3
4  for i in range(1,200):
5      if (s(b)+2**-i) < 0.1:
6          b.append(1)
7      else:
8          b.append(0)
9
10 print(b)

```

```

1  [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1,
↪ 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
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↪ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
↪ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
↪ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]

```

$s(b)$

```
1 0.1000000000000000005551115123125782702118158340454101562500000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

0.1

0.10000000000000000055511151231257827021181583404541015625000

$0.1 + 0.1$

```
1 0.2000000000000000001110223024625156540423631668090820312500000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
1 # Attention for stopping conditions!  
2 print(f(0.1)+f(0.1) == 0.2)  
3 print(f(0.1)+f(0.1) == f(0.2))  
4 print(f32(0.1)+f32(0.1) == 0.2)  
5 print(0.1+0.1 == 0.2)
```

```
1 False  
2 True  
3 False  
4 True
```

```
1 #1.00000 00000 * 2^-16 = 1.52 10^-5
2 print(f32(2**-16))
3 print(f(2**-16)) #significant digits
4 print(f32(f(2**-16)))
5 print(1/65536)
```

```
1 1.5258789e-05
2 1.526e-05
3 1.5258789e-05
4 1.52587890625e-05
```

```
1 #0. 00000 001 = 2-16 = 2-24 = 5.9 10-8
2 print(f32(f(2**-24)))
3 print(f32(f(2**-25)))
4 print(f32(2**-25))
```

```
1 5.9604645e-08
2 0.0
3 2.9802322e-08
```

Pay attention to conversions!

- ▶ Integer to FP: always possible within FP precision
- ▶ FP to Integer: may not be representable, or change sign unexpectedly!
- ▶ Some conversions happen without you even knowing! Beware of print functions!

Finding Roots

Bisection method

$$y = f(x) : \quad \bar{x} \in [a, b] \text{ such that } f(\bar{x}) = 0?$$

- ▶ f continuous on $[a, b]$
- ▶ $f(a)f(b) < 0 \Rightarrow \exists \bar{x} | f(\bar{x}) = 0$

Bisection method (2)

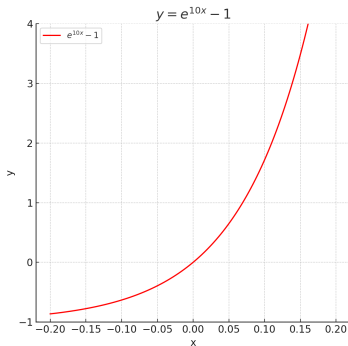
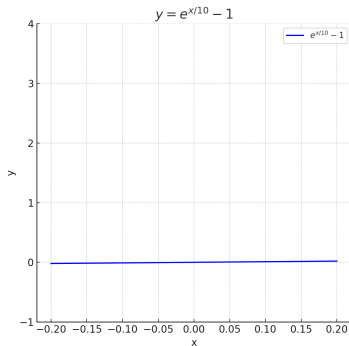
1. let $k = 0$; $[a_0, b_0] = [a, b]$;
2. iteration step: $c_{k+1} = a_k + \frac{1}{2}(b_k - a_k) \implies [a_k, c_{k+1}], [c_{k+1}, b_k]$
3. iteration check: stop if $f(c_{k+1}) = 0$; return c_{k+1}
4. $[a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}] = [a_k, c_{k+1}]$ if $f(a_k)f(c_{k+1}) < 0$ else $[c_{k+1}, b_k]$
5. $k = k + 1$, restart from 2

Bisection method (3)

1. let $k = 0$; $[a_0, b_0] = [a, b]$; let $tolx$; $toly$
2. iteration step: $c_{k+1} = a_k + \frac{1}{2}(b_k - a_k) \implies [a_k, c_{k+1}], [c_{k+1}, b_k]$
3. iteration check: stop if $|b_k - a_k| \leq tolx$; return c_{k+1}
4. iteration check: stop if $f(c_{k+1}) \leq toly$; return c_{k+1}
5. $[a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}] = [a_k, c_{k+1}]$ if $f(a_k)f(c_{k+1}) < 0$ else $[c_{k+1}, b_k]$
6. $k = k + 1$, restart from 2

How to determine *tol_y*?

think $e^{x/10} - 1$ vs $e^{10x} - 1$



$$\text{tol}_y \approx f'(\bar{x})\text{tol}_x$$

$$f'(\bar{x}) \approx \frac{f(b_k) - f(a_k)}{b_k - a_k} \implies \text{tol}_y = \frac{f(b_k) - f(a_k)}{b_k - a_k} \text{tol}_x$$

Conditioning

$f(x)$ can be seen as error on $\bar{x}$:

$$f(x) = f'(\bar{x})(x - \bar{x}) + \underbrace{f(\bar{x})}_{=0} \implies (x - \bar{x}) \approx \frac{f(x)}{f'(\bar{x})}$$

The factor

$$\kappa \approx \frac{1}{|f'(\bar{x})|}$$

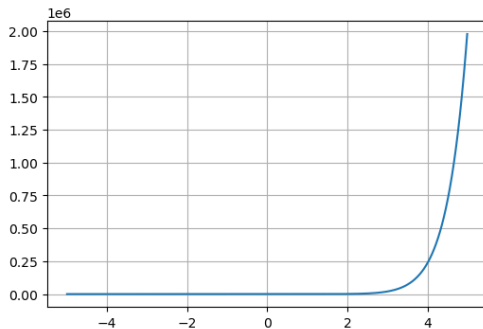
can be seen as an amplification factor of the error on x over f .

When $f'(\bar{x}) \approx 0$, very small changes of f have dramatic effects on the error on x .
*tol*y could become too small to be useful!

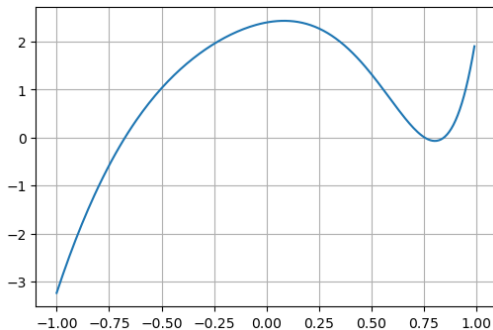
Implementation

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import math
3 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
4 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

```
1 def f(x):  
2     return 0.8*np.exp(x) * (6*x**5 - 3*x**4 + 2*x**3 - 5*x**2 - 2*x + 3)  
3  
4 x = np.arange(-5,5,0.01)  
5 plt.plot(x, f(x));
```



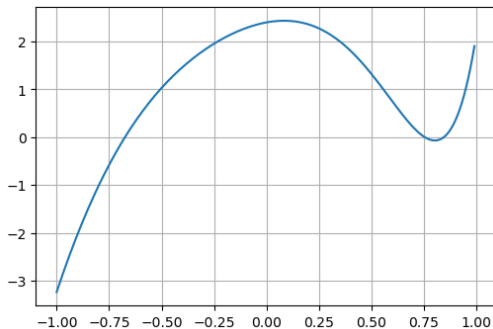
```
1 x = np.arange(-1,1,0.01)
2 plt.plot(x, f(x));
```



```
1 def bisect(a, b, f, counter=0, maxiters=1000):
2     c = a + (b-a)/2
3
4     if counter>maxiters:
5         return c
6
7     if f(c) == 0:
8         return c
9
10    if f(a)*f(c) < 0:
11        return bisect(a,c,f, counter=counter+1, maxiters=maxiters)
12    else:
13        return bisect(c,b,f, counter=counter+1, maxiters=maxiters)
```

```
1 a, b = -1, 1
2 x = bisect(a,b,f)
3 print(x)
4 print(f(x))
5
6 x = np.arange(-1,1,0.01)
7 plt.plot(x, f(x));
```

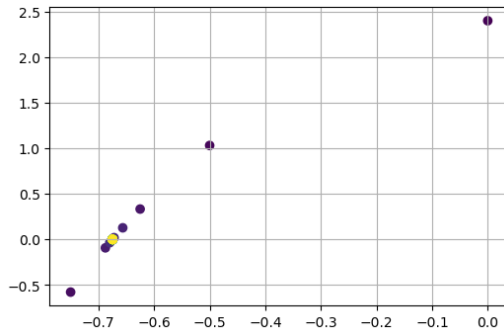
```
1 -0.6746113792482088
2 0.0
```



```
1 def bisect_trace(a, b, f, counter=0, maxiters=1000, trace=None):
2     if trace is None:
3         trace = list()
4
5     c = a + (b-a)/2
6
7     trace.append([counter, a, b, c, f(c)])
8
9     if counter>maxiters:
10         return c, trace
11
12     if f(c) == 0:
13         return c, trace
14     if f(a)*f(c) < 0:
15         return bisect_trace(a,c,f, counter=counter+1, maxiters=maxiters, trace=trace)
16     else:
17         return bisect_trace(c,b,f, counter=counter+1, maxiters=maxiters, trace=trace)
```

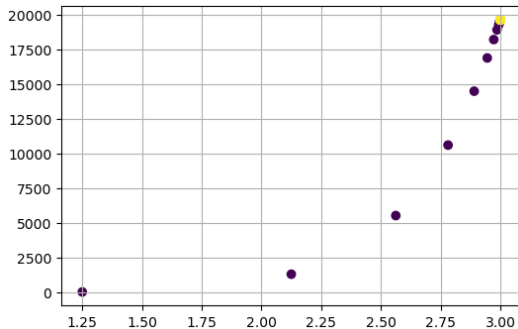
```
1 a, b = -1, 1
2 x, trace = bisect_trace(a,b,f)
3 print(x)
4 print(f(x))
5 print(trace[-1])
6
7 colors = np.linspace(0,1,len(trace))
8 plt.scatter([x[3] for x in trace], [x[4] for x in trace], c=colors, cmap='viridis');
```

```
1 -0.6746113792482088
2 0.0
3 [53, -0.6746113792482089, -0.6746113792482087, -0.6746113792482088, 0.0]
```

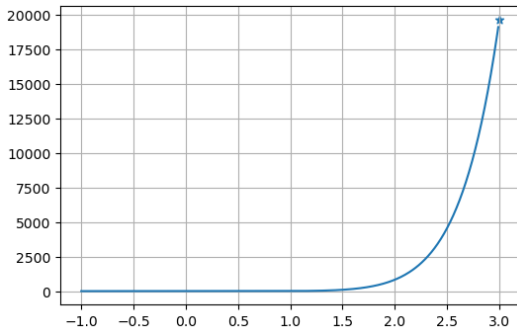


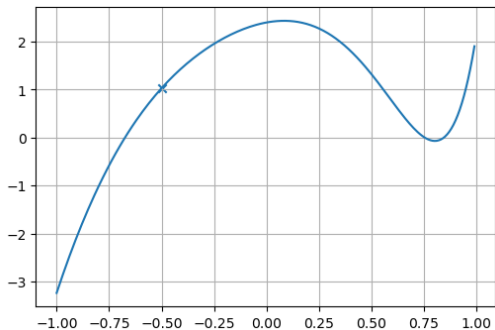
```
1 a, b = -0.5, 3
2 x, trace = bisect_trace(a,b,f)
3 print(x)
4 print(f(x))
5 print(trace[-1])
6
7 colors = np.linspace(0,1,len(trace))
8 plt.scatter([x[3] for x in trace], [x[4] for x in trace], c=colors, cmap='viridis');
```

```
1 3.0
2 19619.552466569716
3 [1001, 3.0, 3, 3.0, 19619.552466569716]
```

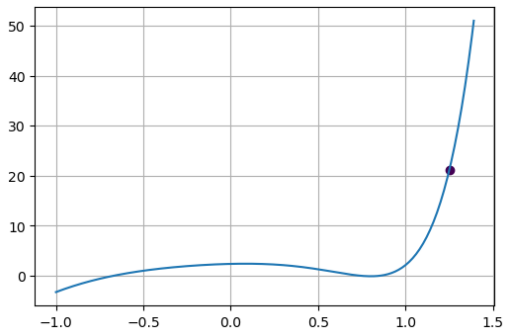


```
1 x = np.arange(-1,3,0.01)
2 plt.plot(x, f(x));
3 plt.scatter(b, f(b), marker='*');
4
5 plt.figure()
6 x = np.arange(-1,1,0.01)
7 plt.plot(x, f(x));
8 plt.scatter(a, f(a), marker='x');
```



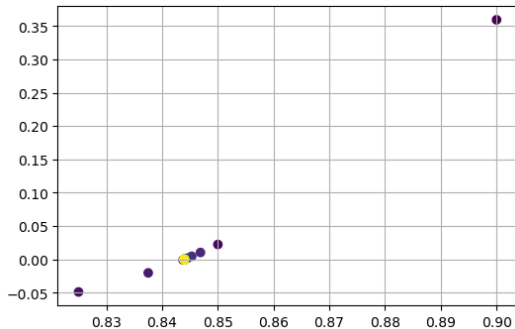


```
1 x = np.arange(-1,1.4,0.01)
2 m = 1
3 plt.plot(x, f(x));
4 colors = np.linspace(0,1,len(trace[:m]))
5 plt.scatter([x[3] for x in trace[:m]], [x[4] for x in trace[:m]], c=colors, cmap='viridis');
```

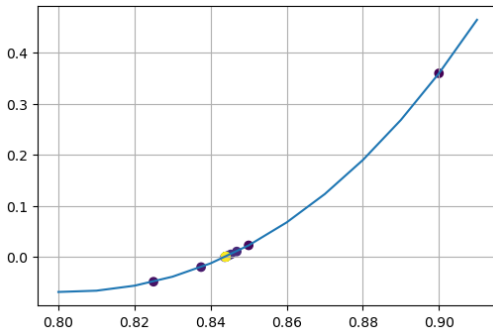


```
1 a, b = 0.8, 1
2 x, trace = bisect_trace(a,b,f)
3 print(x)
4 print(f(x))
5 print(trace[-1])
6
7 colors = np.linspace(0,1,len(trace))
8 plt.scatter([x[3] for x in trace], [x[4] for x in trace], c=colors, cmap='viridis');
```

```
1 0.8439655868551936
2 0.0
3 [44, 0.843965586855188, 0.8439655868551994, 0.8439655868551936, 0.0]
```



```
1 x = np.arange(0.8,0.92,0.01)
2 plt.plot(x, f(x));
3 colors = np.linspace(0,1,len(trace))
4 plt.scatter([x[3] for x in trace], [x[4] for x in trace], c=colors, cmap='viridis');
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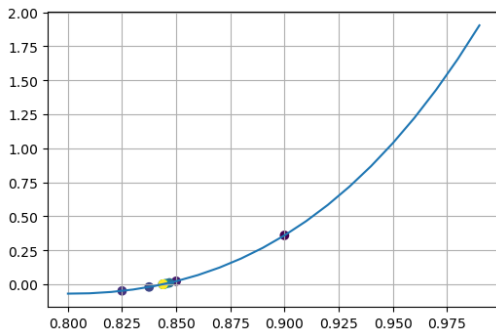


```
1 def bisect_tol_trace(a, b, f, tolx=10**-3, toly=None, counter=0, maxiters=1000, trace=None):
2     if trace is None:
3         trace = list()
4
5     if toly is None:
6         toly = abs(tolx*(f(b)-f(a))/(b-a))
7
8     c = a + (b-a)/2
9
10    trace.append([counter, a, b, c, f(c)])
11
12    if counter>maxiters:
13        return c, trace
14
15    if abs(c-a) <= tolx or abs(b-c) <= tolx:
16        return c, trace
17
18    if abs(f(c)) <= toly:
19        return c, trace
20
21    if f(a)*f(c) < 0:
22        return bisect_tol_trace(a,c,f, tolx=tolx, toly=toly, counter=counter+1, maxiters=maxiters, trace=trace)
23    else:
24        return bisect_tol_trace(c,b,f, tolx=tolx, toly=toly, counter=counter+1, maxiters=maxiters, trace=trace)
```

```
1 a, b = 0.8, 1
2 x, trace = bisect_tol_trace(a,b,f, tolx=10**-6)
3 print(x)
4 print(f(x))
5 print(trace[-1])
6
7 colors = np.linspace(0,1,len(trace))
8 plt.scatter([x[3] for x in trace], [x[4] for x in trace], c=colors, cmap='viridis');
9 x = np.arange(0.8,1,0.01)
10 plt.plot(x, f(x));
```

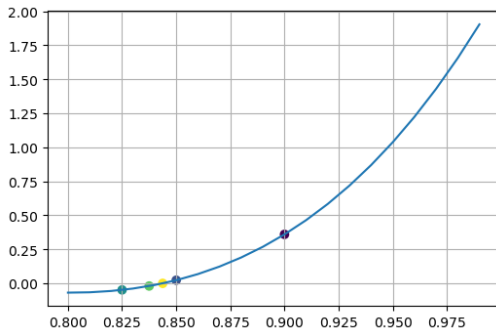


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2 -6.724416240101983e-06
3 [14, 0.8439575195312501, 0.8439697265625, 0.843963623046875, -6.724416240101983e-06]
```



```
1 a, b = 0.8, 1
2 x, trace = bisect_tol_trace(a,b,f, tol=10**-3)
3 print(x)
4 print(f(x))
5 print(trace[-1])
6
7 colors = np.linspace(0,1,len(trace))
8 plt.scatter([x[3] for x in trace], [x[4] for x in trace], c=colors, cmap='viridis');
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10 plt.plot(x, f(x));
```

```
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2 -0.0007360523926994878
3 [4, 0.8375000000000001, 0.8500000000000001, 0.8437500000000001, -0.0007360523926994878]
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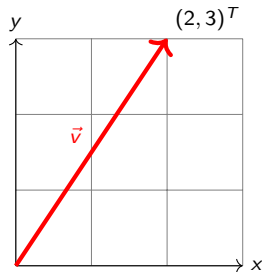
Linear Algebra Recap

Scalar, Vector, Matrix

► scalar: one-dimensional number

► vector: $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$

► matrix: $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$



Norm

Length or magnitude of a vector (euclidean norm):

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i |x_i|^2}$$

In general, a function that holds:

- ▶ Triangle inequality: $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$
- ▶ Linearity: $f(kx) = kf(x)$
- ▶ Positive definite: $f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

Other norms example:

- ▶ manhattan norm $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_i |x_i|$
- ▶ p-norm $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = (\sum_i |x_i|^p)^{1/p}$
- ▶ ∞ -norm: $\max_i (|x_i|)$

Vector Operations

Scale, Sum, Hadamard Product, Scalar Product

$$c\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} cx_1 \\ \vdots \\ cx_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} \circ \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 y_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n y_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \sum_i (x_i y_i)$$

Cross Product (only defined in $\mathbb{R}^3$):

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \sin(\theta) \mathbf{n} = (x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2) \mathbf{e}_1 + (x_3 y_1 - x_1 y_3) \mathbf{e}_2 + (x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1) \mathbf{e}_3$$

where $\mathbf{n}$ is the unit vector perpendicular to the plane containing $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$, with direction such that $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{n})$ is positively oriented (right hand rule)

Matrix Product

$$A \in M^{n \times m}, B \in M^{m \times p} \rightarrow AB \in M^{n \times p}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & \cdots & b_{mp} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_p \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{b}_p \end{pmatrix}$$

Not commutative!

Watch out for bad notation! $\mathbf{a}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times m}$, $\mathbf{b}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$

Linear (in)dependency

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\rightarrow \exists A^{-1}A = \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

Function Approximation

Function approximation

Given $f : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ define $g : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that: $g([a, b]) \approx f([a, b])$

- ▶ f too expensive to compute
- ▶ f unknown, but can be measured on a grid like $a < x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n < b$
- ▶ f is noisy or has random components

Polynomial interpolation

Given (x_i, f_i) , $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, $f_i \equiv x_i$:
find a polynomial $p(x) \in \Pi$ such that $p(x_i) = f_i$

Canonical Base

Theorem ($\exists! p(x) \in \Pi_n$ such that $p(x_i) = f_i, i = 0, \dots, n$)

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k \implies V\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{f}$$

where:

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} x_0^0 & x_0^1 & \cdots & x_0^n \\ x_1^0 & x_1^1 & \cdots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_n^0 & x_n^1 & \cdots & x_n^n \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix}$$

V is a Vandermonde matrix: $\det(V) = \prod_{i>j} (x_i - x_j) \neq 0 \iff x_i \neq x_j \forall i, j$

$$\mathbf{a} = V^{-1}\mathbf{f}$$

Conditioning

Vandermonde matrices $\in M^{n \times n}$ have bad conditioning already for small n !

$$|p(x) - \tilde{p}(x)| = \kappa \max_i |f_i - \tilde{f}_i|, \quad \kappa \gg 1$$

It's complicated, see <http://arxiv.org/abs/1504.02118v3> and

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://osnadocs.ub.uni-osnabrueck.de/bitstream/urn:nbn:de:gbv:700-202103194121/1/thesis_nagel.pdf&ved=2ahUKEwjItvWk1M2JAxXB3QIHHQgnD_MQFnoECBUQAQ&usg=A0vVaw30Fier08PagrHVx9c8XiKj to get an idea!

Lagrange form

$$L_{kn}(x) = \prod_{j=0, j \neq k}^{n-1} \frac{x - x_j}{x_k - x_j}, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

Observation

$$L_{kn}(x_i) = \delta_{ki} : \quad 1 \iff k = i, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$L_{kn} \equiv \Pi_n, \quad \text{linearly independent}$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f_k L_{kn}(x)$$

Problem Conditioning

Assumptions:

- ▶ $\{x_i\}$ can be usually chosen arbitrarily
- ▶ error on $\{x_i\}$ usually small
- ▶ $\{x_i\}$ usually common to many functions in real world (quantities measured at regular intervals)
- ▶ error on $\{f_i\}$ usually bigger

Consider:

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f_k L_{kn}(x), \quad \tilde{p}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \tilde{f}_k L_{kn}(x)$$

Problem Conditioning (2)

$$\begin{aligned} |p(x) - \tilde{p}(x)| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n f_k L_{kn}(x) - \sum_{k=0}^n \tilde{f}_k L_{kn}(x) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n (f_k - \tilde{f}_k) L_{kn}(x) \right| \leq \sum_{k=0}^n |(f_k - \tilde{f}_k)| \cdot |L_{kn}(x)| \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{k=0}^n |L_{kn}(x)| \right) \max_k |f_k - \tilde{f}_k| = \Lambda_n \max_k |f_k - \tilde{f}_k| \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Λ_n depends only on $[a, b]$ and $\{x_i\}$
- ▶ $\max_k |f_k - \tilde{f}_k|$ is an input error

Problem Conditioning (3)

- ▶ if $[a, b]$ can be mapped in $[c, d]$ with a linear transformation, Λ_n does not change for the two spaces
- ▶ $\Lambda_n \geq O(\log n) \rightarrow \infty$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶ Equidistant $\{x_i\}$ generate an approximately exponential sequence $\{\Lambda_n\}$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$

Piecewise interpolation

Define $q : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$q(x_i) = f(x_i) \tag{1}$$

$$q(x) = q_i(x) \in \Pi_k, \quad x_i \leq x \leq x_{i+1}, \quad i = 0, \dots, n$$

We also impose:

$$q_i^{(s)}(x_{i+1}) = q_{i+1}^{(s)}(x_{i+1}), \quad s = 0, \dots, k-1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n-1$$

- ▶ $q(x) \in \Pi_k$ over $[a, b]$ is called *spline* of degree k , interpolating f when subject to (1)
- ▶ $q(x) \in \mathcal{C}^k$
- ▶ $q'(x) \in \mathcal{C}^{k-1}$

Spline

Observation

$q_i(x) \in \Pi_k$ has $k + 1$ degrees of freedom

Given a partition with $n + 1$ points $x_0, \dots, x_n$, the spline $q(x)$ has $k + n$ degrees of freedom

Each of the n polynomials q_i has $k + 1$ degrees of freedom, for a total of $n(k + 1)$ free coefficients. The k derivative continuity condition impose $k(n - 1)$ parameters on the $n - 1$ internal points $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$, for a total of $k + n$ free parameters left.

- ▶ A spline of degree 1 (joint line) has $n + 1$ free parameters: exactly the interpolation points!
- ▶ For degree > 1 , one has to impose $k - 1$ additional conditions.

Cubic splines

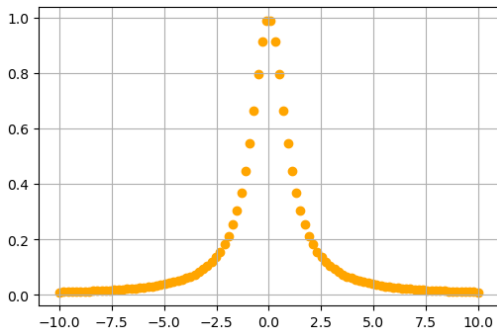
$q_i(x) \in \Pi_3$: $3 - 1 = 2$ additional conditions to impose, on $[a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b]$

- ▶ Natural spline: $q''(a) = q''(b) = 0$
- ▶ Complete spline: $q'(a) = f'(a)$, $q'(b) = f'(b)$
- ▶ Periodic spline: $q'(a) = q'(b)$, $q''(a) = q''(b)$
- ▶ Not-a-knot: $q_0'''(x_1) = q_1'''(x_1)$, $q_{n-1}'''(x_{n-1}) = q_n'''(x_{n-1})$

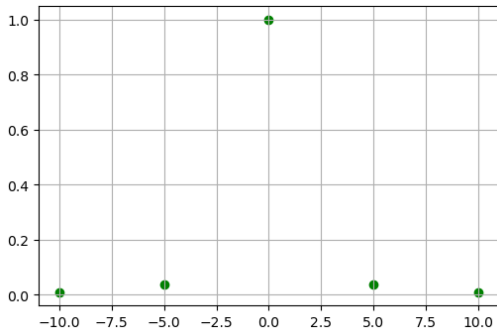
Implementation

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import math
3 from scipy import interpolate
4 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
5 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

```
1 def f(x):  
2     return 1/(1+x**2)  
3  
4 X = np.linspace(-10,10,100 )  
5 Y = f(X)  
6  
7 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='orange');
```



```
1 X = np.linspace(-10,10,5 )  
2 Y = f(X)  
3  
4 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='green');
```



```
1 def p(x, a):  
2     return sum([a[k]*x**k for k in range(len(a))])
```

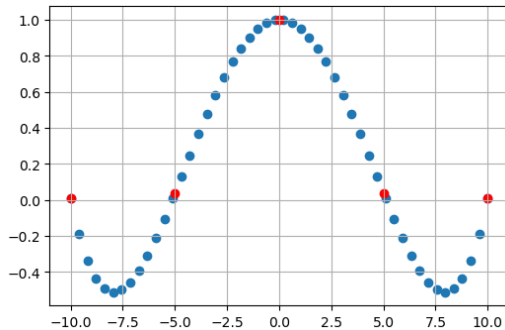
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1 print(X)
2 V = np.array([X**i for i in range(len(X))] ).transpose()
3 print(V)
```

```
1 [-10. -5.  0.  5. 10.]
2 [[ 1.00e+00 -1.00e+01  1.00e+02 -1.00e+03  1.00e+04]
3  [ 1.00e+00 -5.00e+00  2.50e+01 -1.25e+02  6.25e+02]
4  [ 1.00e+00  0.00e+00  0.00e+00  0.00e+00  0.00e+00]
5  [ 1.00e+00  5.00e+00  2.50e+01  1.25e+02  6.25e+02]
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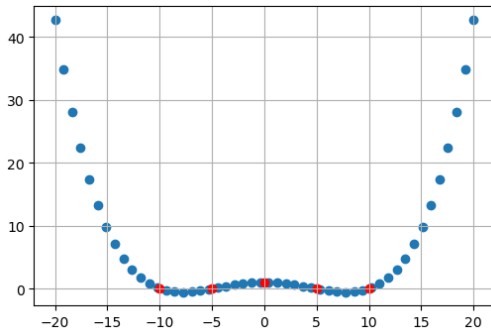
```
1 a = np.linalg.inv(V).dot(Y)
2 print(a)
```

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1 [ 1.00000000e+00  9.53596960e-21 -4.79817212e-02 -3.55943931e-22
2  3.80807312e-04]
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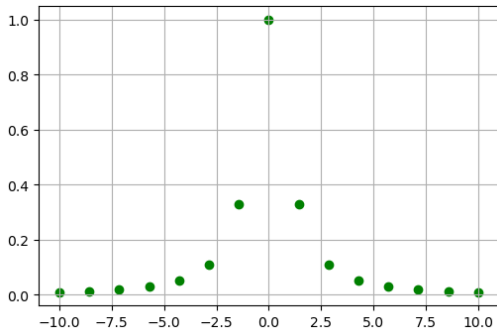
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1 x = np.linspace(-10,10,50)
2 y = p(x, a)
3 plt.scatter(x,y);
4 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
```



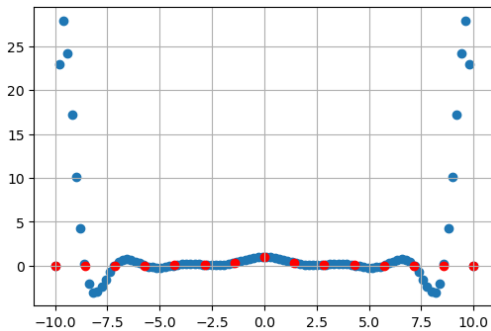
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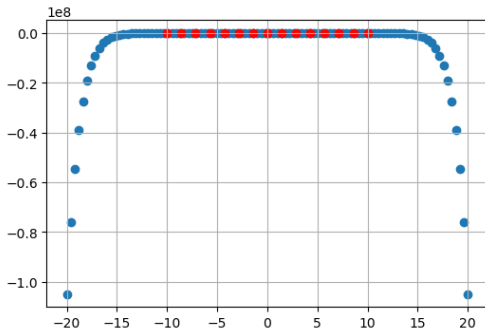
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1 X = np.linspace(-10,10,15)
2 Y = f(X)
3
4 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='green');
```



```
1 V = np.array([X**i for i in range(len(X))]).transpose()
2 a = np.linalg.inv(V).dot(Y)
3 x = np.linspace(-10,10,100)
4 y = p(x, a)
5 plt.scatter(x,y);
6 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
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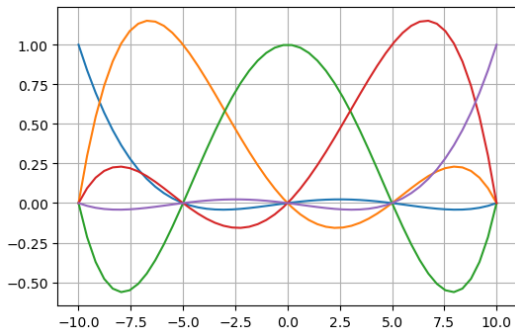


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2 y = p(x, a)
3 plt.scatter(x,y);
4 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
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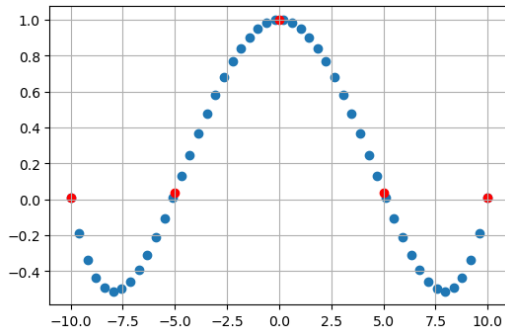
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1 def Lkn(Xi,k,x):  
2     x_k = Xi[k]  
3     X = list(Xi[:k])+list(Xi[k+1:])  
4     res = 1.  
5     for x_j in X:  
6         res *= (x-x_j)/(x_k-x_j)  
7     return res  
8
```

```
1 X = np.linspace(-10, 10, 5)
2 x = np.linspace(-10,10, 50)
3
4 for k in range(0,5):
5     Y = Lkn(X,k,x)
6     plt.plot(x,Y);
```



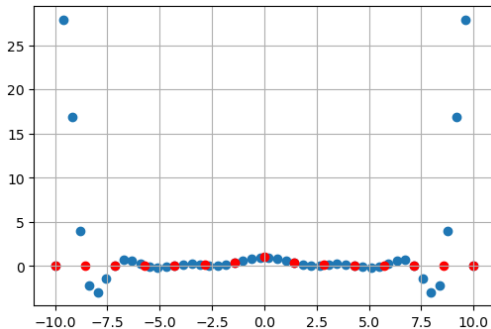
```
1 def pl(x,Xi,f):  
2     return sum([f[k]*Lkn(Xi,k,x) for k in range(len(f))])
```

```
1 X = np.linspace(-10, 10, 5)
2 Y = f(X)
3
4 x = np.linspace(-10,10,50)
5 y = pl(x, X, Y)
6 plt.scatter(x,y);
7 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
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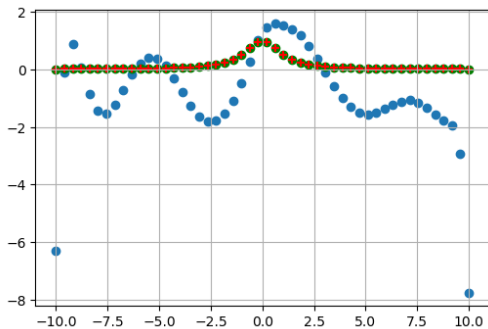


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1 X = np.linspace(-10, 10, 15)
2 Y = f(X)
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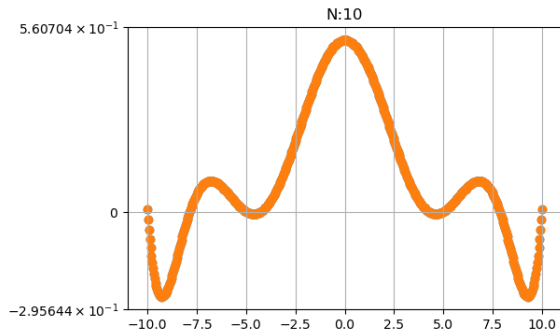
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2 y = pl(x, X, Y)
3 plt.scatter(x,y);
4 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
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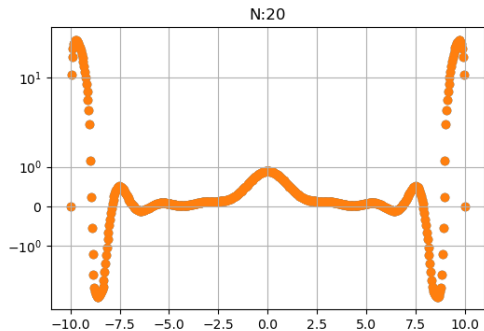


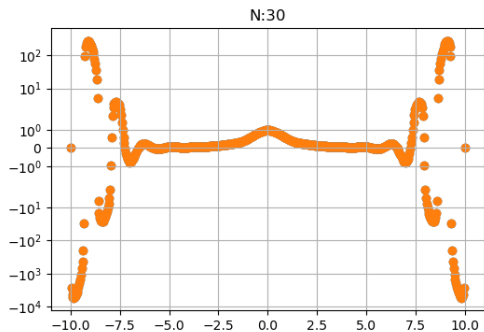
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2 Y = f(X)
3
4 x = np.linspace(-10,10,50)
5
6 V = np.array([X**i for i in range(len(X))] ).transpose()
7 a = np.linalg.inv(V).dot(Y)
8 yp = p(x, a)
9
10 yl = pl(x, X, Y)
11
12 plt.scatter(x,yp);
13 plt.scatter(x,yl, color='green');
14 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red', marker='+');
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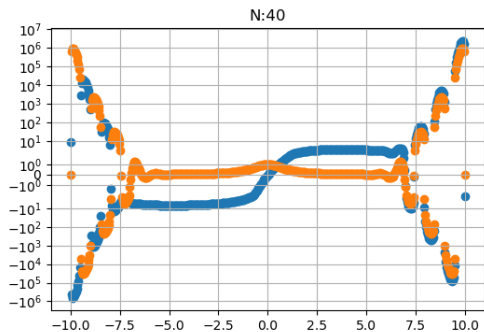


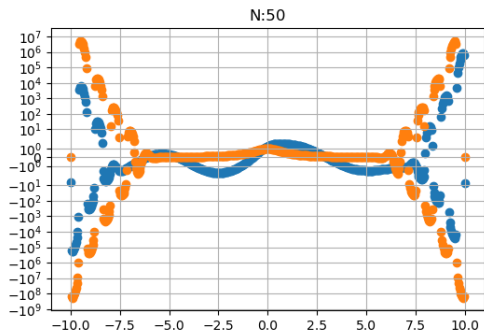
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1  for n in range(10,100, 10):
2      X = np.linspace(-10, 10, n)
3      Y = f(X)
4
5      x = np.linspace(-10,10,500)
6
7      V = np.array([X**i for i in range(len(X))]).transpose()
8      a = np.linalg.inv(V).dot(Y)
9      yp = p(x, a)
10
11     yl = pl(x, X, Y)
12     plt.figure()
13
14     plt.scatter(x,yp);
15     plt.scatter(x,yl);
16     plt.yscale('symlog')
17     plt.title('N:'+str(n))
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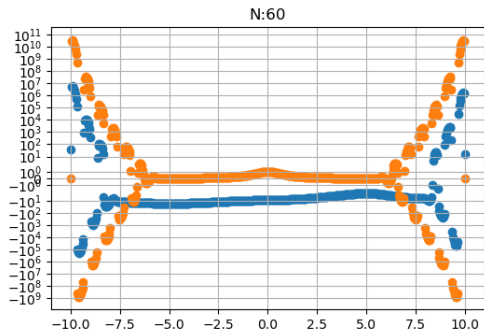


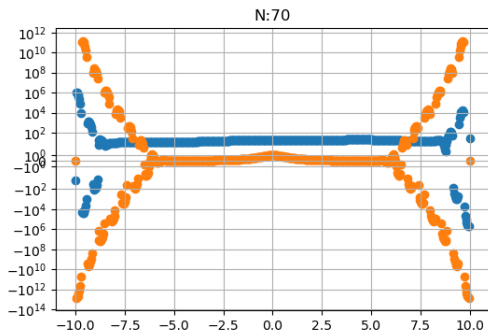


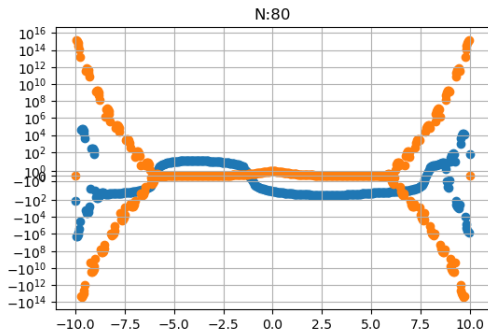


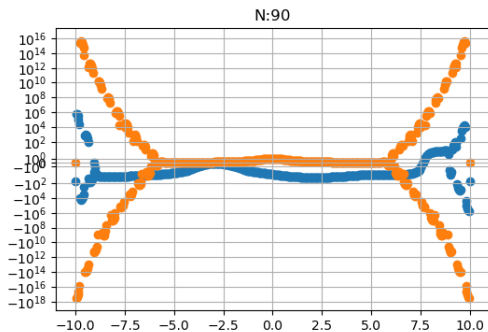




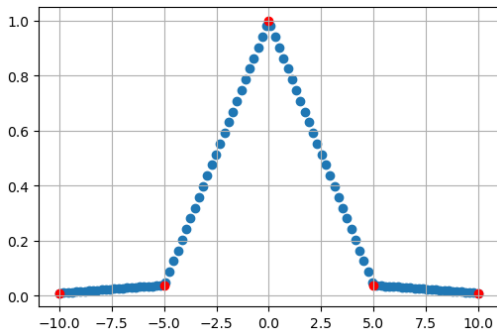




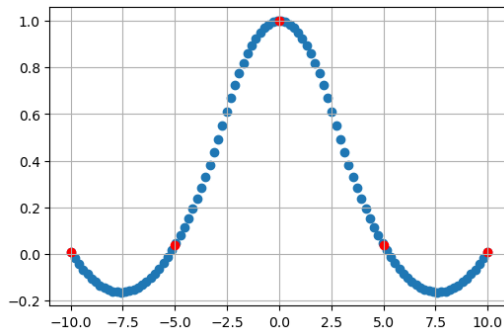




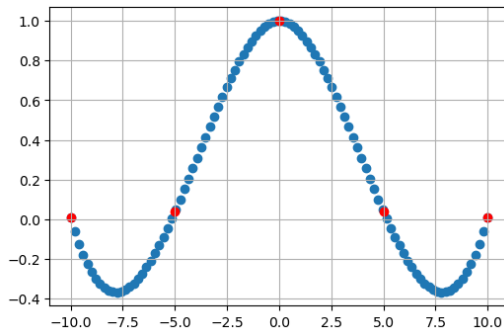
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1 X = np.linspace(-10, 10, 5)
2 Y = f(X)
3
4 x = np.linspace(-10,10,100)
5 spline = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='linear')
6 y = spline(x)
7 plt.scatter(x,y);
8 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
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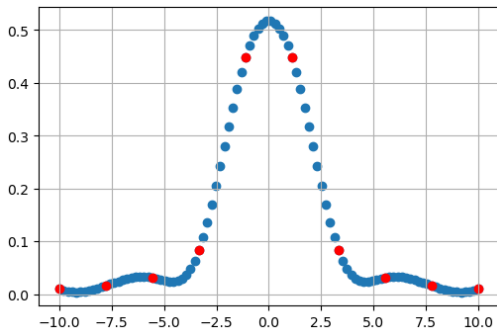
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1 x = np.linspace(-10,10,100)
2 spline = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='quadratic')
3 y = spline(x)
4 plt.scatter(x,y);
5 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
```



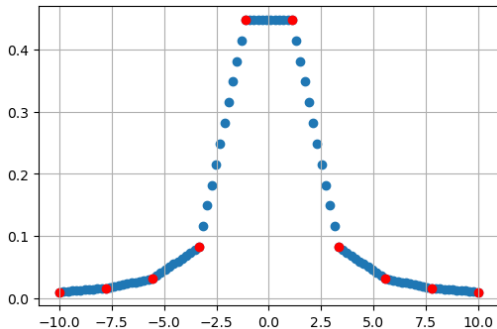
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1 x = np.linspace(-10,10,100)
2 spline = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='cubic')
3 y = spline(x)
4 plt.scatter(x,y);
5 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
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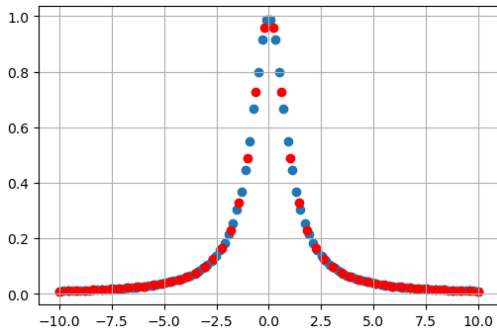
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1 X = np.linspace(-10, 10, 10)
2 Y = f(X)
3 x = np.linspace(-10,10,100)
4 spline = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='cubic')
5 y = spline(x)
6 plt.scatter(x,y);
7 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
```



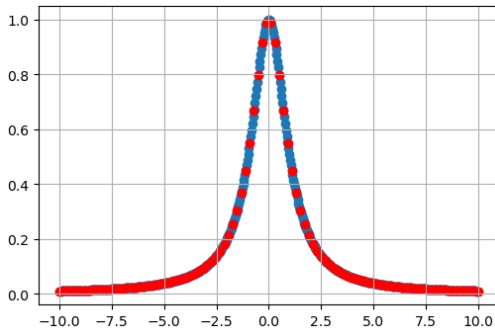
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1 spline = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='linear')
2 y = spline(x)
3 plt.scatter(x,y);
4 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
```



```
1 X = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
2 Y = f(X)
3 x = np.linspace(-10,10,100)
4 spline = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='cubic')
5 y = spline(x)
6 plt.scatter(x,y);
7 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
```



```
1 X = np.linspace(-10, 10, 100)
2 Y = f(X)
3 x = np.linspace(-10,10,500)
4 spline = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='cubic')
5 y = spline(x)
6 plt.scatter(x,y);
7 plt.scatter(X,Y, color='red');
```



Least squares approximation

Least square approximation

Data in the form of noisy measurements:

$$(x_i, y_i), \quad i = 0, \dots, n$$

Let:

$$\mathbf{y} = (y_0, \dots, y_n)^T, \quad \mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_n)^T, \quad \mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}) = (z_0, \dots, z_n)^T$$

where f is the approximating function (be it polynomial, spline, etc.). We want to minimize:

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n |y_i - z_i|^2$$

Repeated measurements

Multiple measurements of the same point (example: $R = V/I$ multiple measures of I for each V)

$$(x_i^{[k]}, y_i^{[k]})$$

define:

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_n)^T,$$

where $x_i \neq x_j$, and:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=0}^k y_0^{[j]} / k \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=0}^k y_n^{[j]} / k \end{pmatrix}$$

Overdetermined Polynomial Approximation

Given $\mathbf{y} = (y_0, \dots, y_n)^T$, $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_n)^T$

$$p(x) \in \Pi_d = \sum_{k=0}^d a_k x^k \implies V\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{y}$$

where:

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} x_0^0 & x_0^1 & \cdots & x_0^d \\ x_1^0 & x_1^1 & \cdots & x_1^d \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_n^0 & x_n^1 & \cdots & x_n^d \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_d \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

with $n \gg d$. $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ is **singular** and not invertible!

$$V\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{y} \quad ?$$

Observation

V has maximum rank $(m+1)$: the first $m+1$ rows is a Vandermonde matrix, which is non-singular.

QR Decomposition

$$V\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{r}$$

such that $\|\mathbf{r}\|_2^2 = \|V\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$ is minimized (least squares).

$$V = QR = Q \begin{pmatrix} \hat{R} \\ O \end{pmatrix}, \quad V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$

where Q orthogonal ($Q^T Q = QQ^T = I$), $\hat{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ upper triangular and nonsingular.

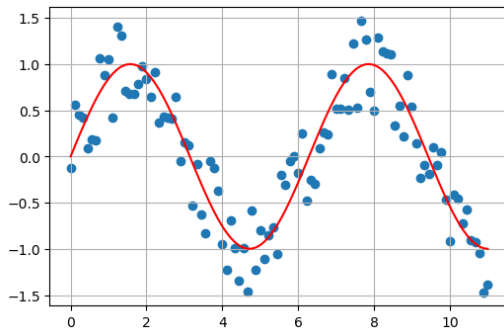
$$\|\mathbf{r}\|_2^2 = \|V\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{y}\| = \|QR\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{y}\| = \|Q(R\mathbf{a} - Q^T \mathbf{y})\| = \|Q(R\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{g})\| = \left\| Q \begin{pmatrix} \hat{R} \\ O \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g}_u \\ \mathbf{g}_l \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \hat{R}^{-1} \mathbf{g}_u$$

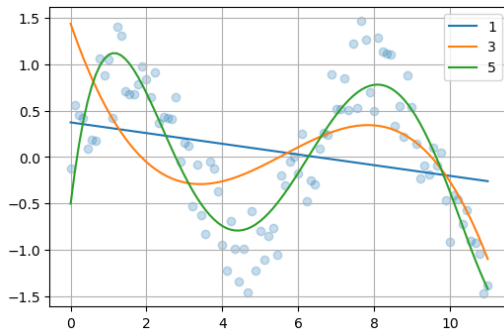
Implementation

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import math
3 from scipy import interpolate, optimize
4 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
5 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

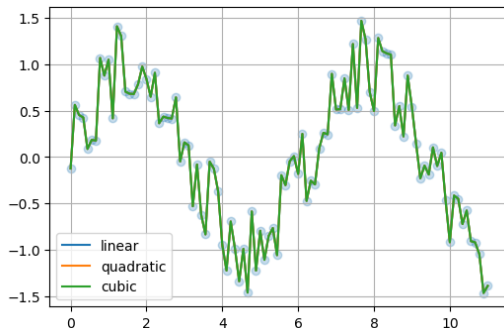
```
1 np.random.seed(42)
2 Xmin, Xmax = 0, 3.5*np.pi
3 X = np.linspace(Xmin, Xmax, 100)
4 Y = np.sin(X) + np.random.random(len(X))-0.5
5 plt.scatter(X,Y);
6 plt.plot(X, np.sin(X), color='red');
```



```
1 f1 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(X,Y,1)
2 f3 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(X,Y,3)
3 f5 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(X,Y,5)
4 plt.scatter(X,Y, alpha=0.25)
5 plt.plot(X,f1(X), label='1')
6 plt.plot(X,f3(X), label='3')
7 plt.plot(X,f5(X), label='5')
8 plt.legend();
```

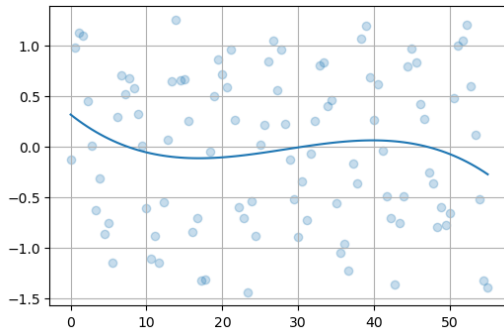


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1 flin = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='linear')
2 fquad = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='quadratic')
3 fcub = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='cubic')
4
5 plt.scatter(X,Y, alpha=0.25)
6 plt.plot(X,flin(X), label='linear')
7 plt.plot(X,fquad(X), label='quadratic')
8 plt.plot(X,fcub(X), label='cubic')
9 plt.legend();
```



```
1 def curve(x, a,b,c,d):
2     return a*x**3+b*x**2+c*x+d
3 popt, pcov = optimize.curve_fit(curve, X,Y)
4 print(popt)
5 print(pcov)
6
7 plt.scatter(X,Y, alpha=0.25)
8 plt.plot(X, curve(X, *popt));
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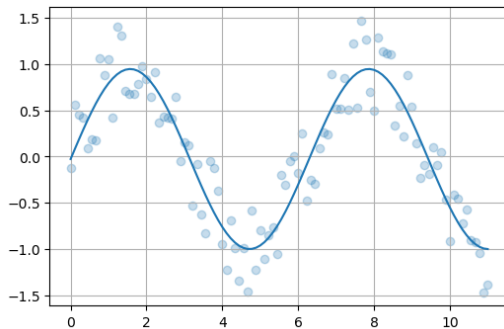
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2 [[ 5.60069341e-10 -4.61871304e-08  1.01061274e-06 -4.51339126e-06]
3  [-4.61871304e-08  3.91984072e-06 -8.94410056e-05  4.27525473e-04]
4  [ 1.01061274e-06 -8.94410056e-05  2.18170101e-03 -1.18122707e-02]
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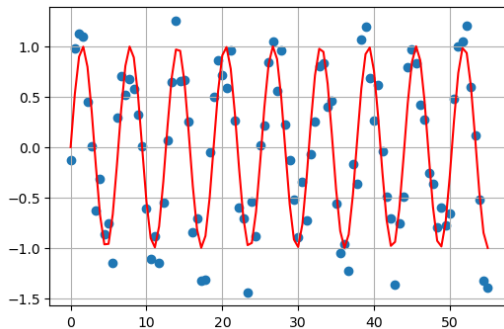
```
1 import inspect
2 inspect.signature(curve).parameters
```

```
1 mappingproxy({'x': <Parameter "x">,
2              'a': <Parameter "a">,
3              'b': <Parameter "b">,
4              'c': <Parameter "c">,
5              'd': <Parameter "d">})
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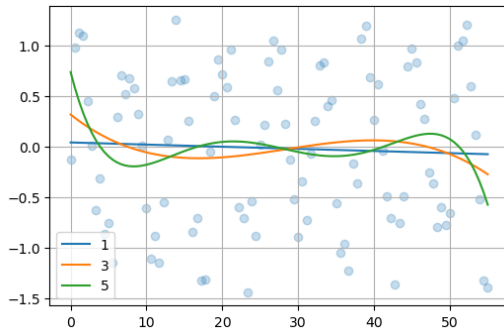
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1 def curve(x, a,b,c):  
2     return a*np.sin(b*x)+c  
3 popt, pcov = optimize.curve_fit(curve, X,Y)  
4  
5 plt.scatter(X,Y, alpha=0.25)  
6 plt.plot(X, curve(X, *popt));
```



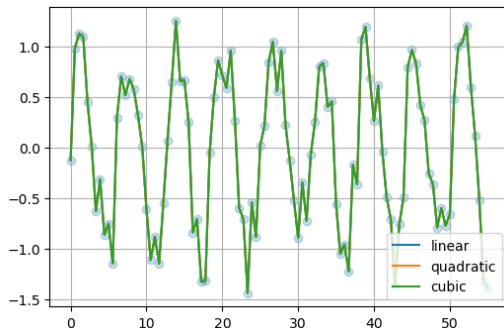
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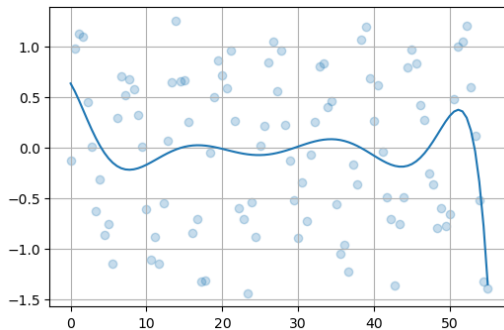
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8 plt.legend();
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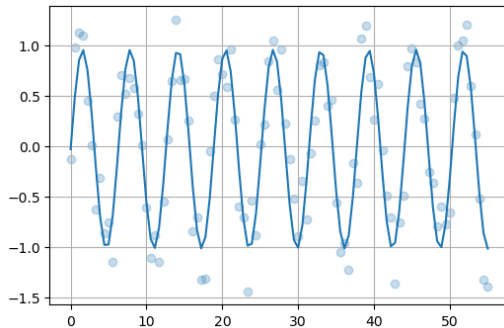
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3 fcub = interpolate.interp1d(X,Y, kind='cubic')
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5 plt.scatter(X,Y, alpha=0.25)
6 plt.plot(X,flin(X), label='linear')
7 plt.plot(X,fquad(X), label='quadratic')
8 plt.plot(X,fcub(X), label='cubic')
9 plt.legend();
```



```
1 def curve(x, a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i):
2     params = [a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i]
3     terms = [params[i]*x**i for i in range(len(params))]
4     return sum(terms)
5 popt, pcov = optimize.curve_fit(curve, X,Y)
6
7 plt.scatter(X,Y, alpha=0.25)
8 plt.plot(X, curve(X, *popt));
```



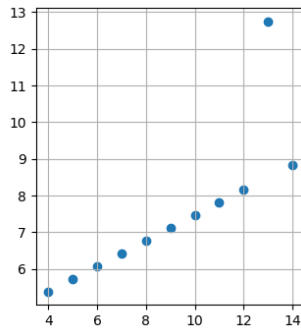
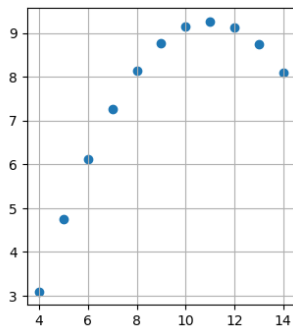
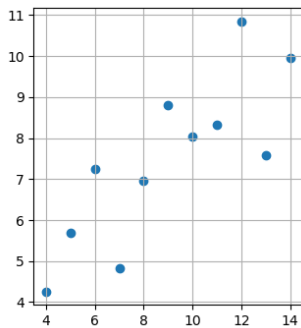
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2     return a*np.sin(b*x)+c  
3 popt, pcov = optimize.curve_fit(curve, X,Y)  
4  
5 plt.scatter(X,Y, alpha=0.25)  
6 plt.plot(X, curve(X, *popt));
```



```

1  x = [10, 8, 13, 9, 11, 14, 6, 4, 12, 7, 5]
2  y1 = [8.04, 6.95, 7.58, 8.81, 8.33, 9.96, 7.24, 4.26, 10.84, 4.82, 5.68]
3  y2 = [9.14, 8.14, 8.74, 8.77, 9.26, 8.10, 6.13, 3.10, 9.13, 7.26, 4.74]
4  y3 = [7.46, 6.77, 12.74, 7.11, 7.81, 8.84, 6.08, 5.39, 8.15, 6.42, 5.73]
5
6  fbases = np.linspace(min(x), max(x), 1000)
7  fig, (ax1, ax2, ax3) = plt.subplots(1, 3)
8  fig.set_size_inches(12, 4)
9  for ax, y in [(ax1, y1), (ax2, y2), (ax3, y3)]:
10     ax.scatter(x, y)

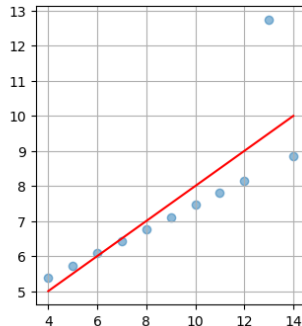
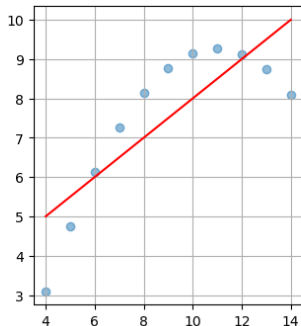
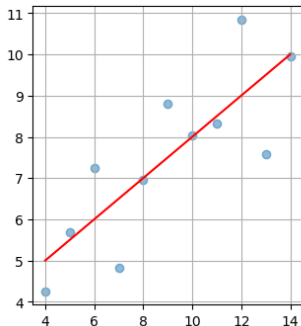
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```

1 f1 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(x,y1,1)
2 f2 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(x,y2,1)
3 f3 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(x,y3,1)
4 fbase = np.linspace(min(x), max(x), 1000)
5 fig, (ax1,ax2,ax3) = plt.subplots(1,3)
6 fig.set_size_inches(12,4)
7 for ax,f,y in [(ax1,f1,y1),(ax2,f2,y2),(ax3,f3,y3)]:
8     ax.scatter(x,y, alpha=0.5, label='Data')
9     ax.plot(fbase,f(fbase), color='r')

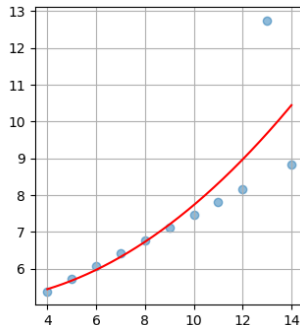
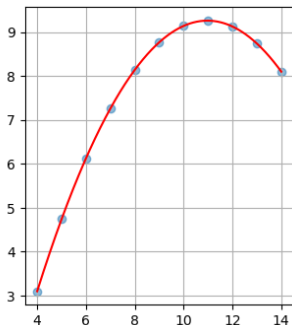
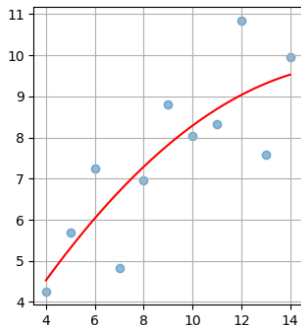
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```

1 f1 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(x,y1,2)
2 f2 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(x,y2,2)
3 f3 = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(x,y3,2)
4 fbase = np.linspace(min(x), max(x), 1000)
5 fig, (ax1,ax2,ax3) = plt.subplots(1,3)
6 fig.set_size_inches(12,4)
7 for ax,f,y in [(ax1,f1,y1),(ax2,f2,y2),(ax3,f3,y3)]:
8     ax.scatter(x,y, alpha=0.5, label='Data')
9     ax.plot(fbase,f(fbase), color='r')

```



Optimization

Definition

Given $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$, $f : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $c_i : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$

Definition

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n} f(\mathbf{x}), \quad \text{subject to } c_i(x_i) = T$$

Example

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \left[\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{2/3}, \quad \text{subject to } c(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ c_k(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 + x_2^2 \geq 0 \\ \vdots \\ \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 < 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example: Distribution problem

- ▶ k factories F_i produce each p_i tons of product
- ▶ n users (receivers) R_j need each b_j tons of product
- ▶ the cost of the product from F_i to R_j is c_{ij}
- ▶ the amount of product moved from F_i to R_j is x_{ij}

$$\min \sum_{ij} (c_{ij} x_{ij}) \text{ subject to } \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \leq p_i, & i = 1, \dots, k \\ \sum_{i=1}^k x_{ij} \geq b_j, & j = 1, \dots, n \\ x_{ij} \geq 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \left(\text{or } \min \sum_{ij} (c_{ij} \sqrt{\delta + x_{ij}}), \delta > 0 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{kn} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{1,1} \\ x_{1,2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{1,n} \\ x_{2,1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k,n} \end{pmatrix}, \quad c(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{1j} \leq p_1 \\ \sum_{j=1}^n x_{2j} \leq p_2 \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^k x_{i1} \geq b_1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^k x_{i2} \geq b_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{1,1} \geq 0 \\ x_{1,2} \geq 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Other Examples

Portfolio optimization:

- ▶ variables: amounts invested in different assets
- ▶ constraints: budget, investment limits per assets, minimum return
- ▶ objectives: overall risk, return variance...

Electronic circuits component placement:

- ▶ variables: components size, routing
- ▶ constraints: manufacturing limits, board size, assembly time, manual labor requirements
- ▶ objectives: uniform heat dissipation, reliability, cost...

Machine Learning:

- ▶ variables: model parameters
- ▶ constraints: parameter limits, data, computational cost, time...
- ▶ objectives: prediction accuracy, classification accuracy, generalization...

Continuous vs Discrete optimization

- ▶ Distribution problem (could be both)
- ▶ ML tasks (usually continuous)
- ▶ Number of power plants to build
- ▶ In which city to place a factory
- ▶ Mixed problems (some integer variables, some continuous)
- ▶ Discrete problems are generally more difficult to solve, there are special techniques
 - When to approximate? During optimization or after? Depends on the problem...

Constrained vs Unconstrained optimization

- ▶ There are *a/ways* constraints!
- ▶ ... but they are costly to check!
- ▶ ... but sometimes they don't affect the solution, so they can be "safely" ignored
- ▶ ... but sometimes they can be reformulated as part of the cost function!
- ▶ linear cost and constraint much easier to deal with
- ▶ nonlinear constraints typical of physical world, costly
- ▶ usually worth understanding which constraints can be dropped or represented in the cost function

Global vs Local optimization

Definition (Global optimization)

$\min f(\mathbf{x})$ where $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Domain}$

Definition (Local optimization)

$\min f(\mathbf{x})$ where $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Neighborhood of starting point within the Domain}$

- ▶ Generally, global optimization requires infinite checks (depending on properties of f)
- ▶ Global optimization is approximated with multiple local optimizations
- ▶ Convex problems surely admit a global minimum

Stochastic vs Deterministic optimization

Method:

- ▶ Deterministic methods always obtain the same exact result given the same conditions
- ▶ Stochastic methods use a (pseudo)random component (Genetic algorithm, montecarlo etc.) (seed!)

Problem:

- ▶ Some problems have stochastic components (economic model depending on future demand)
- ▶ Instead of “best guess”, model probability into the model!
 - ▶ know scenarios with associated probabilities
 - ▶ produce expected performance with associated probability

Convexity

Definition (Convex set)

$$S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in S, \alpha \mathbf{x} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{y} \in S, \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

- ▶ A convex set is such that a straight line segment between any two points in S are also in S .
- ▶ Example: the unit sphere $\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \leq 1\}$
- ▶ Example: a polyhedron $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, C\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{d}\}$

Definition (Convex function)

$f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex if S is convex and

$$f(\alpha \mathbf{x} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{y}) \leq \alpha f(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - \alpha) f(\mathbf{y}), \quad \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

- ▶ Example: $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + k$
- ▶ Example: $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T H \mathbf{x}$ with H symmetric positive semidefinite

Multivariate Calculus Recap

Partial Derivatives

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f = f_{x_k}(\mathbf{x}) = D_{x_k} f = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_k) - f(\mathbf{x})}{h}$$

when $\exists f_{x_k}(\mathbf{x}) \neq \pm\infty$, and where $\mathbf{e}_k$ is the k -th unit vector.

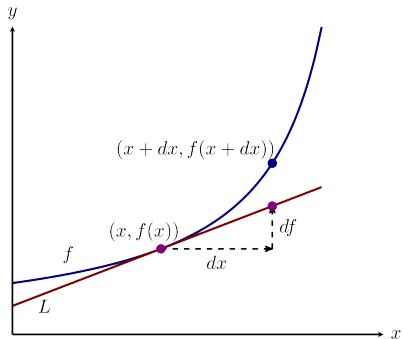
Gradient:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

First order approximation

$$f(x + h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + O(h^2)$$

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y} + O(\|\mathbf{y}\|)$$



Second Derivative

If $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ are still all derivable with respect to all components of $\mathbf{x}$:

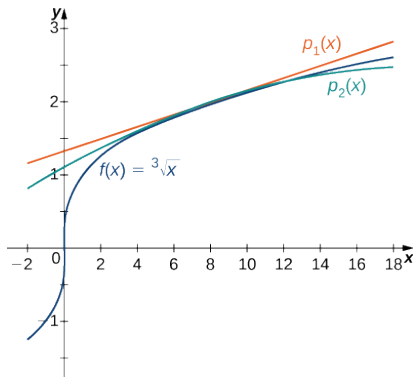
$$\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla(\nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T) = \nabla \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1 \partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n \partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$ is called *Hessian*, and is a symmetric matrix

Second order approximation

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + \frac{1}{2}f''(x)h^2 + O(h^3)$$

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{y} + O(\|\mathbf{y}\|^2)$$

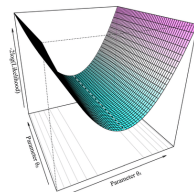
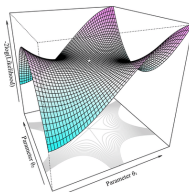
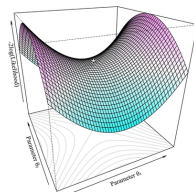
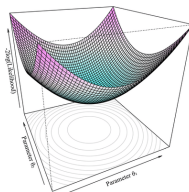
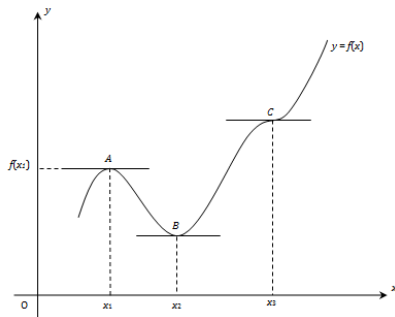


Stationary points

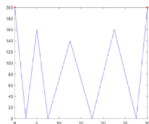
Stationary point $\bar{x}$ of $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is such that:

$$\nabla f(\bar{x}) = 0$$

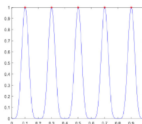
- candidates for local/global max/min!



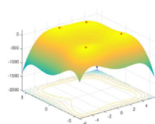
Function Examples, local and global maxima



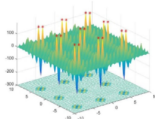
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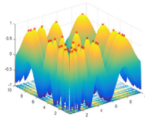
(b) F2



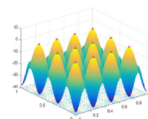
(c) F4



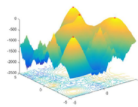
(d) F6



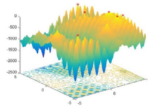
(e) F7



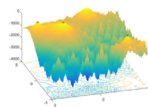
(f) F10



(g) F11



(h) F12



(i) F13

Definitions

$$f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Definition (Global Minimizer)

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} \text{ for which } f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in S$$

Definition (Local Minimizer)

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} \text{ for which } \exists \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \mid f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

Definition (Strict Local Minimizer)

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} \text{ for which } \exists \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \mid f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) < f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \text{ with } \mathbf{x} \neq \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

Recognizing local minimum

Theorem (First order necessary conditions)

If $\bar{x}$ is a local minimizer and f is continuously differentiable in an open neighbour $\mathcal{N}(\bar{x})$, then $\nabla f(\bar{x}) = 0$

Theorem (Second order necessary condition)

If $\bar{x}$ is a local minimizer and $\nabla^2 f$ exists and is continuously differentiable in an open neighbourhood $\mathcal{N}(\bar{x})$, then $\nabla f(\bar{x}) = 0$ and $\nabla^2 f(\bar{x})$ is positive semidefinite

Theorem (Second order sufficient condition)

Suppose $\nabla^2 f$ continuous in an open Neighborhood $\mathcal{N}(\bar{x})$ and that $\nabla f(\bar{x}) = 0$ and $\nabla^2 f(\bar{x})$ is positive definite. Then $\bar{x}$ is a strict local minimizer of f .

Theorem (Convexity)

If f is convex, any local minimizer $\bar{x}$ is also a global minimizer for f .

If f is convex and differentiable, any stationary point $\bar{x}$ is also a global minimizer of f .

Examples of convex/concave functions

On $\mathbb{R}$:

$$ax + b, e^{ax}, |x|^\alpha, x \log x, \log x$$

On $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}, \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$$

Examples of operations that preserve convexity:

- ▶ nonnegative weighted sum: $\sum \alpha_i f_i$ is convex if f_i are all convex and $\alpha_i > 0$
- ▶ composition: $f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$ is convex if f is convex
- ▶ ...

The study of convexity can greatly improve optimization performance!

Optimization strategies overview

Line Search vs Trust Region

Line Search:

- Choose a direction $\mathbf{p}_k$ and look for a point with lower value:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \min_{\alpha > 0} f(\mathbf{x}_k + \alpha \mathbf{p}_k)$$

- exact solution for $\mathbf{p}$ usually too expensive/impossible
- use a loose approximation of $\mathbf{p}$ after a few trials and try again

Trust Region:

- build a model function m_k to approximate/simplify f over trust-region $\mathcal{N}_k = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_k)$
- solve (approximate):

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{p} \text{ where } \min_{\mathbf{p}} m_k(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{p})$$

- if f does not decrease enough ($f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) - f(\mathbf{x}_k) > -\delta$) shrink the trust region and try again
- usually the trust region is a sphere of given radius
- usually the model m is a polynomial approximation of low (2, 3) degree

Derivative-free optimization

And what if the f is not differentiable? Or has stochastic components, noise etc.?

Nelder-Mead simplex-reflection method:

- ▶ Define a simplex trust region where to search for a minimum
- ▶ At each iteration, replace the vertex with the worst f value with a better one
- ▶ If impossible, replace all vertices but the best ones with some closer to the best one
- ▶ Stopping conditions on simplex size

Genetic algorithms:

- ▶ Completely stochastic approach
- ▶ Consider each dimension of $\mathbf{R}^n$ as a “gene”
- ▶ Generate a population of vectors in the search space
- ▶ Combine vectors of the population, choosing the best individuals in each generation
- ▶ Stopping condition on lack of improvement after some generations

Gradient Descent

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k - \eta \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \quad (2)$$

- ▶ Use derivative (gradient) to move in the correct direction
- ▶ Only works on differentiable and convex functions!

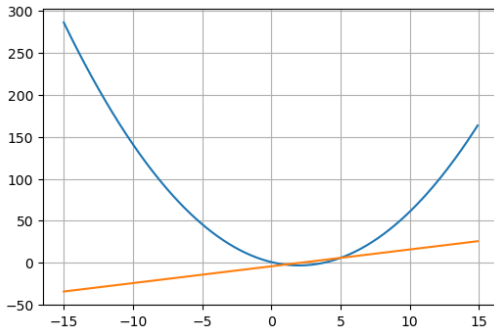
Steps:

1. Check for differentiability and convexity
2. Iterate (2) until:
 - ▶ maximum iterations reached
 - ▶ tol_x (and/or tol_f) reached

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
3 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

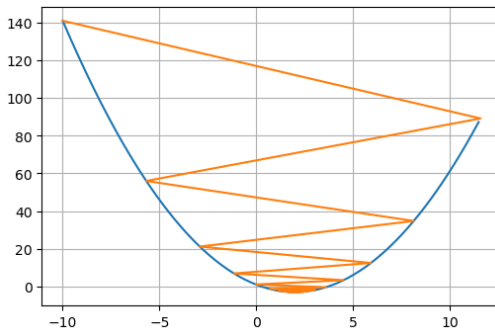
```
1 def gradient_descent(f, f_grad, x_0, maxiter=1000, eta=0.9, tolx=10**-10):
2     counter = 0
3     x_history = [x_0]
4
5     while counter < maxiter:
6         counter += 1
7         x = x_history[-1]
8         new_x = x - eta * f_grad(x)
9         x_history.append(new_x)
10        if abs(np.min(new_x-x)) < tolx:
11            break
12
13    return new_x, np.array(x_history)
```

```
1 def f(x):  
2     return x**2 - 4*x + 1  
3  
4 def f_grad(x):  
5     return 2*x - 4  
6  
7 x_base = np.arange(-15, 15, 0.1)  
8 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));  
9 plt.plot(x_base, f_grad(x_base));
```



```
1 x_min, x_history = gradient_descent(f, f_grad, -10, eta=0.9)
2 print(x_min)
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.1)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

```
1 1.9999999999559648
2 119
```



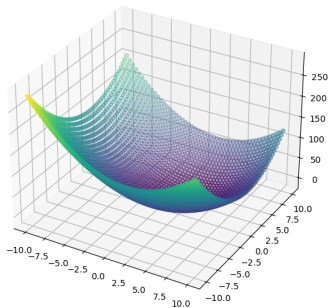
```
1 x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 print(X.shape)
5 print(X.ravel().shape)
6 x_base = np.vstack([X.ravel(), Y.ravel()]).T
7 print(x_base.shape)
```

```
1 (50, 50)
2 (2500,)
3 (2500, 2)
```

```
1 # m points (rows) times n dimensions (columns), same polynomial on all dimensions
2 def f(x):
3     return np.sum(x**2 - 4*x + 1, axis=1)
4
5 # gradient is a column vector! A row per dimension, a column per point
6 def f_grad(x):
7     return (2*x - 4).T
8
```

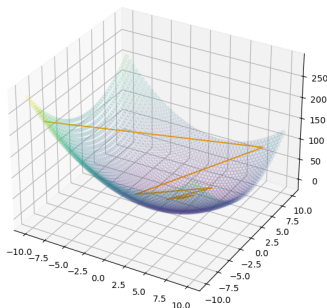
```
1 Z = f(x_base)
2 print(Z.shape)
3
4 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
5 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
6 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```

```
1 (2500,)
```

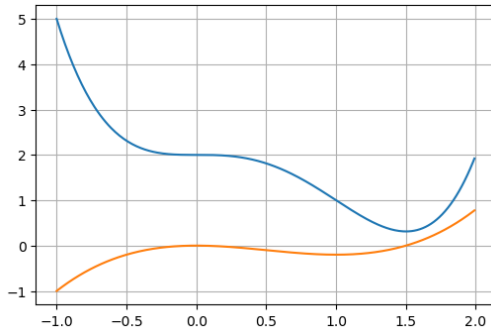


```
1 x_min, x_history = gradient_descent(f, f_grad, np.array([-8,-10]) , eta=0.8)
2 print(x_min)
3 print(len(x_history))
4
5 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
6 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
7 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
8 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
9 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

```
1 [2. 2.]
2 53
```

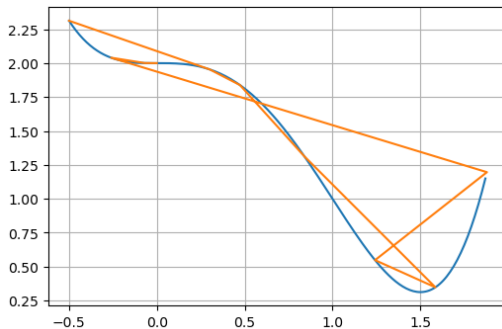


```
1 def f(x):  
2     return x**4 - 2*x**3 + 2  
3  
4 def f_grad(x):  
5     return 4*x**3 - 6*x**2  
6  
7 x_base = np.arange(-1, 2, 0.01)  
8 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));  
9 plt.plot(x_base, 0.1*f_grad(x_base));
```



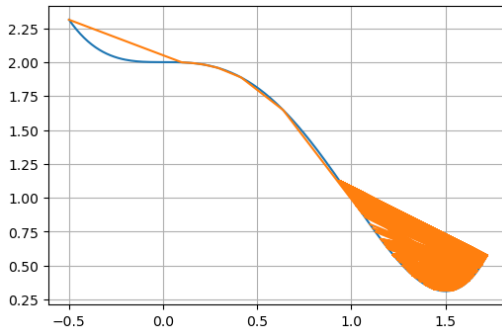
```
1 x_min, x_history = gradient_descent(f, f_grad, -0.5, eta=0.4)
2 print(x_min)
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.01)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

```
1 -0.00041472877781818996
2 1001
```



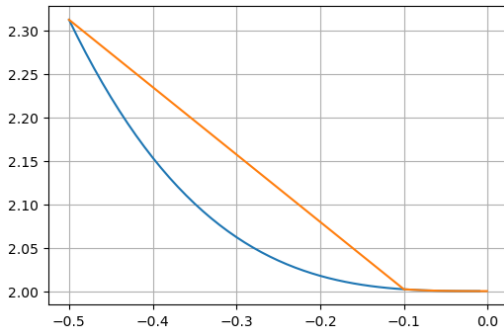
```
1 x_min, x_history = gradient_descent(f, f_grad, -0.5, eta=0.3)
2 print(x_min)
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.01)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

```
1 1.7202062388426052
2 1001
```



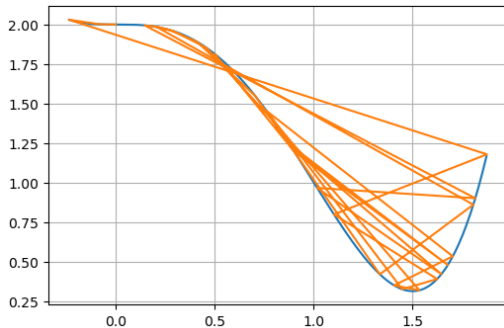
```
1 x_min, x_history = gradient_descent(f, f_grad, -0.5, eta=0.2)
2 print(x_min)
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.01)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

```
1 -0.0008211225683724356
2 1001
```



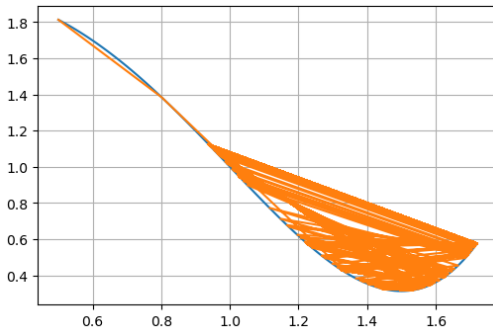
```
1 x_min, x_history = gradient_descent(f, f_grad, 0.5, eta=0.4)
2 print(x_min)
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.01)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

```
1 -0.0004230136377711251
2 1001
```



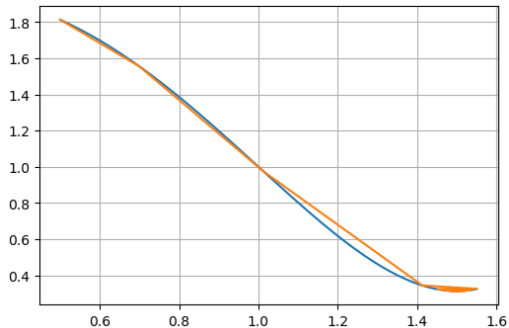
```
1 x_min, x_history = gradient_descent(f, f_grad, 0.5, eta=0.3)
2 print(x_min)
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.01)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

```
1 0.9382490585492951
2 1001
```



```
1 x_min, x_history = gradient_descent(f, f_grad, 0.5, eta=0.2)
2 print(x_min)
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.01)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

```
1 1.5000000000412663
2 99
```



Newton's method

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_n - \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \quad (3)$$

- ▶ Also only works on differentiable and convex functions!
- ▶ Additionally uses curvature information
- ▶ For convex function can converge to the global optimum with quadratic rate
- ▶ hessian (especially the inverse!) very expensive to compute

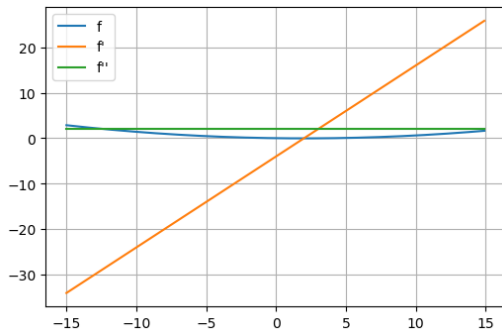
Steps:

1. Check for double differentiability and convexity
2. Iterate (3) until:
 - ▶ maximum iterations reached
 - ▶ tol_x (and/or tol_f) reached

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from scipy import optimize
3 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
4 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

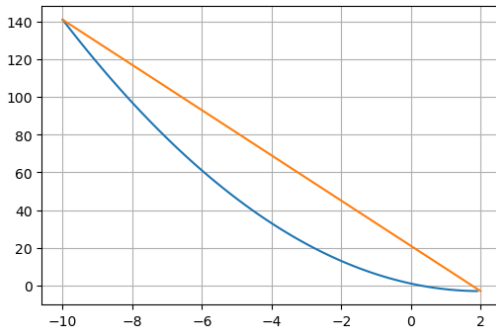
```
1 # 1-dimensional example
2 def newton(f, f_grad, f_hessian, x_0, maxiter=1000, eta=0.9, tolx=10**-10):
3     counter = 0
4     x_history = [x_0]
5
6     while counter < maxiter:
7         counter += 1
8         x = x_history[-1]
9         new_x = x - f_grad(x)/f_hessian(x)
10        x_history.append(new_x)
11        if abs(np.min(new_x-x)) < tolx:
12            break
13
14    return new_x, np.array(x_history)
```

```
1 def f(x):
2     return x**2 - 4*x + 1
3
4 def f_grad(x):
5     return 2*x - 4
6
7 def f_hessian(x):
8     return 2 + 0*x
9
10 x_base = np.arange(-15, 15, 0.1)
11 plt.plot(x_base, 0.01*f(x_base), label='f');
12 plt.plot(x_base, f_grad(x_base), label='f\');
13 plt.plot(x_base, f_hessian(x_base), label='f\\\'');
14 plt.legend();
```

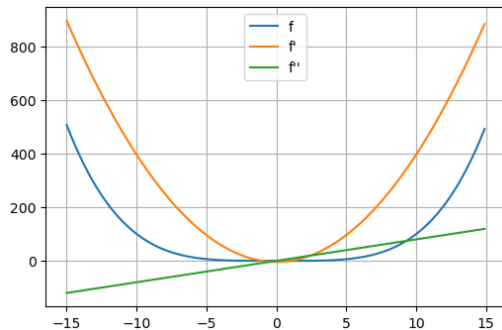


```
1 x_min, x_history = newton(f, f_grad, f_hessian, -10)
2 print(x_min, f(x_min))
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.1)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

```
1 2.0 -3.0
2 3
```

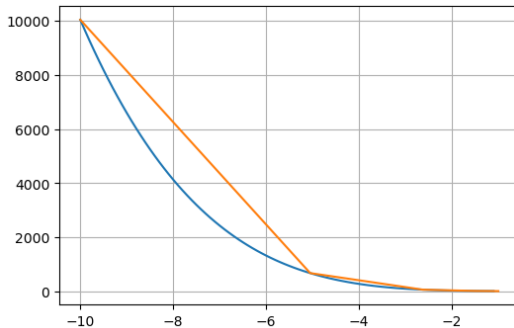


```
1 def f(x):
2     return x**4 - 4*x + 1
3
4 def f_grad(x):
5     return 4*x**3 - 4
6
7 def f_hessian(x):
8     return 12*x**2
9
10 x_base = np.arange(-15, 15, 0.1)
11 plt.plot(x_base, 0.01*f(x_base), label='f');
12 plt.plot(x_base, f_grad(x_base), label='f\''');
13 plt.plot(x_base, f_hessian(x_base), label='f\\\'\'');
14 plt.legend();
```



```
1 x_min, x_history = newton(f, f_grad, f_hessian, -10)
2 print(x_min, f(x_min))
3 print(len(x_history))
4 x_base = np.arange(min(x_history), max(x_history), 0.1)
5 plt.plot(x_base, f(x_base));
6 plt.plot(x_history, f(np.array(x_history)));
```

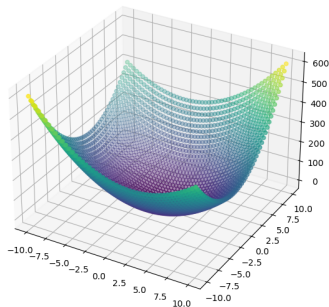
```
1 -1.0 6.0
2 9
```



```
1 # vectorial implementation
2 def newton(f, f_grad, f_hessian, x_0, maxiter=1000, eta=0.9, tolx=10**-10):
3     counter = 0
4     x_history = [x_0]
5
6     while counter < maxiter:
7         counter += 1
8         x = x_history[-1]
9         new_x = x - np.linalg.inv(f_hessian(x)).dot(f_grad(x))
10        x_history.append(new_x)
11        if abs(np.min(new_x-x)) < tolx:
12            break
13
14    return new_x, np.array(x_history)
```

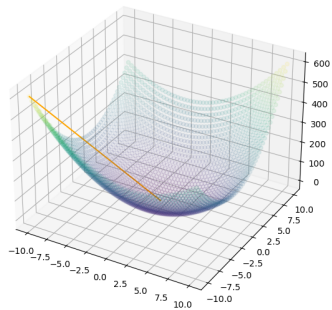
```
1 # m points (rows) times n dimensions (columns)
2 # f = 2 x^2 + xy + 3y^2
3 def f(x: np.array):
4     assert x.shape[1] == 2
5     return 2*x[:,0]**2 + x[:,0]*x[:,1] + 3*x[:,1]**2
6
7 # gradient is a column vector! A row per dimension, a column per point
8 def f_grad(x: np.array):
9     assert x.shape == (2,)
10    return np.array([ 4*x[0] + x[1] , 6*x[1] + x[0] ]).T
11
12
13 # not-vectorized implementation for simplicity
14 # assumes x is a vector size n (dimension)
15 def f_hessian(x):
16     assert x.shape == (2,)
17     gt = f_grad(x).T
18     h = np.array( [[ 4 , 1],
19                   [ 1 , 6] ] )
20     return h
```

```
1 x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 x_base = np.vstack([X.ravel(), Y.ravel()]).T
5
6 Z = f(x_base)
7
8 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
9 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
10 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



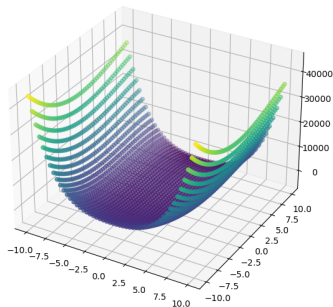
```
1 x_min, x_history = newton(f, f_grad, f_hessian, np.array([-10,-10]))
2 print(x_min, f(np.array([x_min]).reshape((1,2))))
3 print(len(x_history))
4 print(x_history)
5
6 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

```
1 [0. 0.] [0.]
2 3
3 [[-1.00000000e+01 -1.00000000e+01]
4  [ 0.00000000e+00 -1.77635684e-15]
5  [ 0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00]]
```



```
1 # f = 3x^4 - 4y**3 + x**2y**2
2 def f(x: np.array):
3     assert x.shape[1] == 2 # m points (rows) times n dimensions (columns)
4     return 3*x[:,0]**4 - 4*x[:,1]**3 + x[:,0]**2 * x[:,1]**2
5
6 # gradient is a column vector! A row per dimension, a column per point
7 def f_grad(x: np.array):
8     assert x.shape == (2,) # one point at a time!
9     return np.array([ 12*x[0]**3 + 2*x[0]*x[1]**2 , -12*x[1]**2 + 2*x[0]**2*x[1] ]).T
10
11
12 # not-vectorized implementation for simplicity
13 # assumes x is a vector size n (dimension)
14 def f_hessian(x):
15     assert x.shape == (2,) # one point at a time!
16     h = np.array( [[ 36*x[0]**2 + 2*x[1]**2 , 4*x[0]*x[1] ],
17                   [ 4*x[1]*x[0] , -24*x[1] + 2*x[0]**2] ] )
18     return h
```

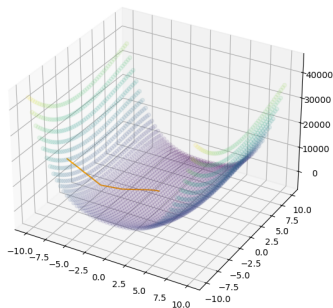
```
1 x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 x_base = np.vstack([X.ravel(), Y.ravel()]).T
5
6 Z = f(x_base)
7
8 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
9 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
10 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



```
1 x_min, x_history = newton(f, f_grad, f_hessian, np.array([-8,-6]), tol=10**-12)
2 print(x_min, f(np.array([x_min]).reshape((1,2))))
3 print(len(x_history))
4 print(x_history[0::5])
```

```
1 [-9.84218546e-08 -5.29568876e-13] [2.81505855e-28]
2 46
3 [[-8.00000000e+00 -6.00000000e+00]
4  [-1.08231914e+00 -3.23864028e-01]
5  [-1.43234065e-01 -1.34383219e-02]
6  [-1.88717096e-02 -4.84817559e-04]
7  [-2.48526003e-03 -1.63310003e-05]
8  [-3.27277880e-04 -5.31284851e-07]
9  [-4.30983284e-05 -1.69700479e-08]
10 [-5.67550009e-06 -5.36724698e-10]
11 [-7.47390958e-07 -1.68841912e-11]
12 [-9.84218546e-08 -5.29568876e-13]]
```

```
1 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
2 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
3 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
4 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
5 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history), color='orange', alpha=1)
```



```
1 x_min, x_history = newton(f, f_grad, f_hessian, np.array([-8,-6]), tolx=10**-32)
2 print(x_min, f(np.array([x_min]).reshape((1,2))))
3 print(len(x_history))
4 print(x_history[0::5])
```

```
1 [-2.35000316e-19 -7.20977671e-33] [9.14945112e-75]
2 112
3 [[-8.00000000e+00 -6.00000000e+00]
4  [-1.08231914e+00 -3.23864028e-01]
5  [-1.43234065e-01 -1.34383219e-02]
6  [-1.88717096e-02 -4.84817559e-04]
7  [-2.48526003e-03 -1.63310003e-05]
8  [-3.27277880e-04 -5.31284851e-07]
9  [-4.30983284e-05 -1.69700479e-08]
10 [-5.67550009e-06 -5.36724698e-10]
11 [-7.47390958e-07 -1.68841912e-11]
12 [-9.84218546e-08 -5.29568876e-13]
13 [-1.29609027e-08 -1.65826676e-14]
14 [-1.70678554e-09 -5.18792059e-16]
15 [-2.24761881e-10 -1.62223772e-17]
16 [-2.95982724e-11 -5.07124907e-19]
17 [-3.89771489e-12 -1.58506991e-20]
18 [-5.13279327e-13 -4.95387170e-22]
19 [-6.75923393e-14 -1.54817651e-23]
20 [-8.90104880e-15 -4.83821044e-25]
21 [-1.17215457e-15 -1.51196831e-26]
22 [-1.54357804e-16 -4.72494875e-28]
23 [-2.03269536e-17 -1.47655477e-29]
24 [-2.67680048e-18 -4.61424802e-31]
25 [-3.52500474e-19 -1.44195500e-32]]
```

```
1 # This is as proof-test for the next section!
2 def f(x: np.array):
3     assert x.shape == (2,) # one point at a time!
4     return 3*x[0]**4 - 4*x[1]**3 + x[0]**2 * x[1]**2
5
6 x_min, x_history = newton(f, f_grad, f_hessian, np.array([-8,-6]), tolx=10**-12)
7 print(x_min, f(x_min))
8 print(len(x_history))
9 print(x_history[0::5])
10
11 [-9.84218546e-08 -5.29568876e-13] 2.815058553998554e-28
12 46
13 [[-8.00000000e+00 -6.00000000e+00]
14  [-1.08231914e+00 -3.23864028e-01]
15  [-1.43234065e-01 -1.34383219e-02]
16  [-1.88717096e-02 -4.84817559e-04]
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18  [-3.27277880e-04 -5.31284851e-07]
19  [-4.30983284e-05 -1.69700479e-08]
20  [-5.67550009e-06 -5.36724698e-10]
21  [-7.47390958e-07 -1.68841912e-11]
22  [-9.84218546e-08 -5.29568876e-13]]
```

Newton Method with approximate derivatives

What if f is unknown? If not noisy/stochastic:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}, \quad f''(x) \approx \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h} = \frac{f(x+2h) + f(x)}{h^2}$$

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{h} \begin{pmatrix} f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_1) - f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_n) - f(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{h^2} (f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i + h\mathbf{e}_j) - f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_j) - f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i) + f(\mathbf{x}))_{ij}$$

- ▶ That's a *lot* of function evaluations at each step! ($2 \times n$ for ∇ , $4 \times n^2$ for ∇^2 minus change)
- ▶ How to choose h ? Watch for numerical issues!
- ▶ What if $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$ is singular or not defined?

Gradient descent with approximation (very simplified BFGS)

Idea is still:

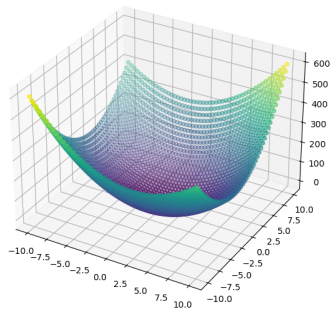
$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k - \eta \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

But:

- ▶ the gradient ∇f is an approximation
- ▶ the step η is computed instead of fixed
- ▶ the search for η is done on a polynomial approximation of f

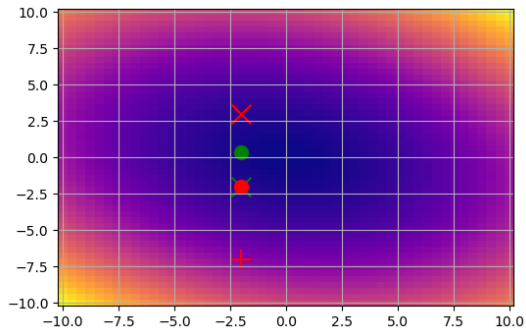
```
1 import numpy as np
2 from scipy import optimize
3 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
4 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

```
1 def f(x):
2     return 2*x[0]**2 + x[0]*x[1] + 3*x[1]**2
3
4 x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
5 y = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
6 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
7 x_base = np.vstack([X.ravel(), Y.ravel()])
8
9 Z = f(x_base)
10
11 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
12 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
13 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```

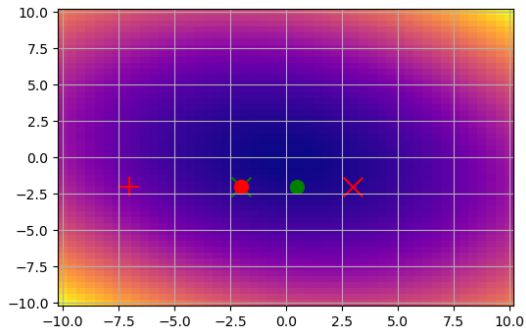


```
1 def find_eta(f, p, x, min_eta=-1, max_eta=1):
2     etas = np.array([min_eta, (max_eta+min_eta)/2 , max_eta])
3     x_0 = x + etas[0]*p
4     x_1 = x + etas[1]*p
5     x_2 = x + etas[2]*p
6
7     X = np.vstack([x_0, x_1, x_2]).T
8     Y = f(X)
9
10    coeffs = np.polyfit(etas, Y, 2) # ax^2+bx+c
11    #np.polyval(coeffs, x)
12    # p = ax^2+bx+c
13    # p' = 2ax + b
14    # p'' = 2a
15    if coeffs[0] > 0: #convex parabola
16        eta = -coeffs[1]/(2*coeffs[0]) #-b/2a
17        return max(min_eta, min(max_eta, eta))
18    else: #concave parabola
19        if Y[0] < Y[2]:
20            return min_eta
21        else:
22            return max_eta
```

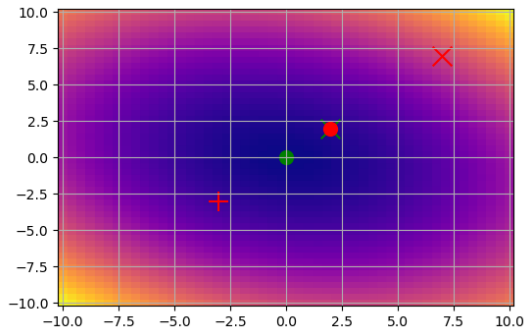
```
1 x0 = np.array([-2,-2])
2 p = np.array([0,1])
3 min_eta, max_eta = -5, 5
4 eta = find_eta(f, p, x0, min_eta=min_eta, max_eta=max_eta)
5 x = x0 + eta*p
6
7 z = Z.reshape((50,50))
8 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
9 plt.scatter(*x0, marker='x', color='green', s=200);
10 plt.scatter(*(x0+min_eta*p), marker='+', color='red', s=200);
11 plt.scatter(*(x0+max_eta*p), marker='x', color='red', s=200);
12 plt.scatter(*(x0+((max_eta+min_eta)/2)*p), marker='o', color='red', s=100);
13 plt.scatter(*x, marker='o', color='green', s=100);
```



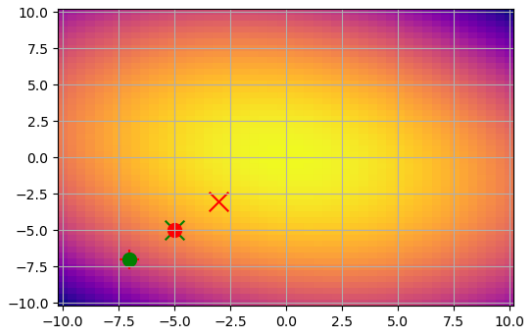
```
1 x0 = np.array([-2,-2])
2 p = np.array([1,0])
3 min_eta, max_eta = -5, 5
4 eta = find_eta(f, p, x0, min_eta=min_eta, max_eta=max_eta)
5 x = x0 + eta*p
6
7 z = Z.reshape((50,50))
8 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
9 plt.scatter(*x0, marker='x', color='green', s=200);
10 plt.scatter(*(x0+min_eta*p), marker='+', color='red', s=200);
11 plt.scatter(*(x0+max_eta*p), marker='x', color='red', s=200);
12 plt.scatter(*(x0+((max_eta+min_eta)/2)*p), marker='o', color='red', s=100);
13 plt.scatter(*x, marker='o', color='green', s=100);
```



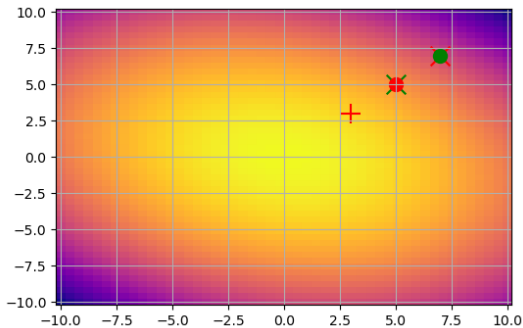
```
1 x0 = np.array([2,2])
2 p = np.array([1,1])
3 min_eta, max_eta = -5,5
4 eta = find_eta(f, p, x0, min_eta=min_eta, max_eta=max_eta)
5 x = x0 + eta*p
6
7 z = Z.reshape((50,50))
8 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
9 plt.scatter(*x0, marker='x', color='green', s=200);
10 plt.scatter(*(x0+min_eta*p), marker='+', color='red', s=200);
11 plt.scatter(*(x0+max_eta*p), marker='x', color='red', s=200);
12 plt.scatter(*(x0+((max_eta+min_eta)/2)*p), marker='o', color='red', s=100);
13 plt.scatter(*x, marker='o', color='green', s=100);
```



```
1 g = lambda x: -f(x)
2 x0 = np.array([-5,-5])
3 p = np.array([1,1])
4 min_eta, max_eta = -2,2
5 eta = find_eta(g, p, x0, min_eta=min_eta, max_eta=max_eta)
6 x = x0 + eta*p
7
8 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, -z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
9 plt.scatter(*x0, marker='x', color='green', s=200);
10 plt.scatter(*(x0+min_eta*p), marker='+', color='red', s=200);
11 plt.scatter(*(x0+max_eta*p), marker='x', color='red', s=200);
12 plt.scatter(*(x0+((max_eta+min_eta)/2)*p), marker='o', color='red', s=100);
13 plt.scatter(*x, marker='o', color='green', s=100);
```



```
1 x0 = np.array([5,5])
2 eta = find_eta(g, p, x0, min_eta=min_eta, max_eta=max_eta)
3 x = x0 + eta*p
4
5 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, -z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
6 plt.scatter(*x0, marker='x', color='green', s=200);
7 plt.scatter(*(x0+min_eta*p), marker='+', color='red', s=200);
8 plt.scatter(*(x0+max_eta*p), marker='x', color='red', s=200);
9 plt.scatter(*(x0+((max_eta+min_eta)/2)*p), marker='o', color='red', s=100);
10 plt.scatter(*x, marker='o', color='green', s=100);
```



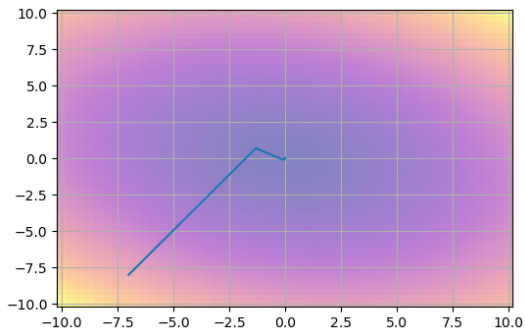
```
1 def f_grad_approx(f, x_0, h=1e-1):
2     n = len(x_0)
3     grad = np.zeros(n)
4
5     for i in range(n):
6         h_i = np.eye(1,n,i).flatten() * h
7         x_l, x_r = x_0-h_i, x_0+h_i
8         grad[i] = (f(x_r)-f(x_l))/(2*h)
9
10    return grad
```

```
1 def simplified_BFGS(f, x_0, maxiter=1000, tolx=1e-10, eta=1):
2     counter = 0
3     x_history = [x_0]
4     f_grad = f_grad_approx(f, x_0)
5
6     while counter < maxiter:
7         counter += 1
8         x = x_history[-1]
9         p = f_grad_approx(f, x)
10        neta = find_eta(f, p, x, -eta, eta)
11        new_x = x + neta*p
12        x_history.append(new_x)
13        if abs(np.min(new_x-x)) < tolx:
14            break
15
16    return new_x, np.array(x_history)
```

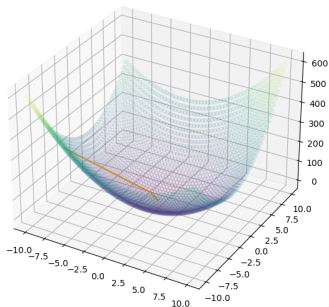
```
1 x_0 = np.array([-7, -8])
2 sol, x_history = simplified_BFGS(f, x_0)
3 print(sol, len(x_history))
```

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1 [-2.94289276e-12  1.60009673e-12] 14
```

```
1 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.5);  
2 plt.plot(x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]);
```

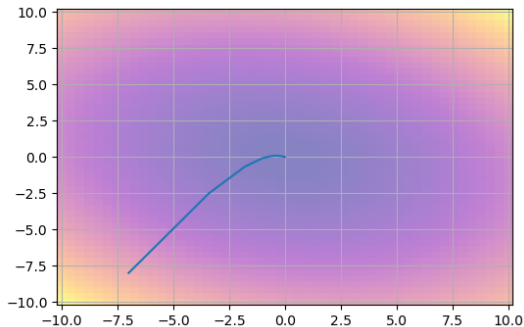


```
1 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
2 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
3 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
4 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
5 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

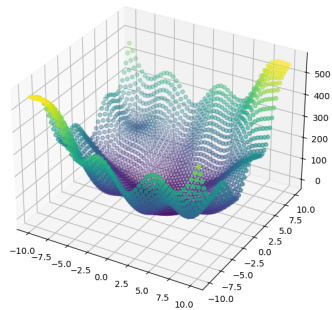


```
1 x_0 = np.array([-7, -8])
2 sol, x_history = simplified_BFGS(f, x_0, eta=0.1)
3 print(sol, len(x_history))
4 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.5);
5 plt.plot(x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]);
```

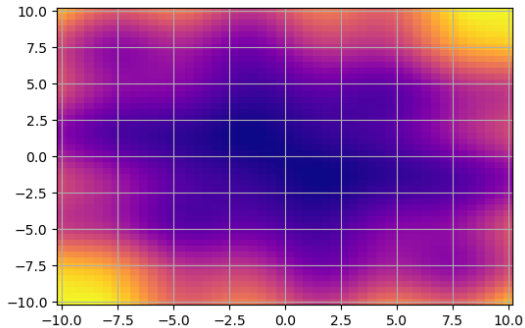
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1 [-2.94630697e-10  1.22040026e-10] 53
```



```
1 def f(x):
2     return 2*x[0]**2 + x[0]*x[1] + 3*x[1]**2 + 5*x[0]*np.sin(x[1]) + 5*x[1]*np.sin(x[0])
3
4 x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
5 y = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
6 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
7 x_base = np.vstack([X.ravel(), Y.ravel()])
8
9 Z = f(x_base)
10
11 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
12 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
13 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
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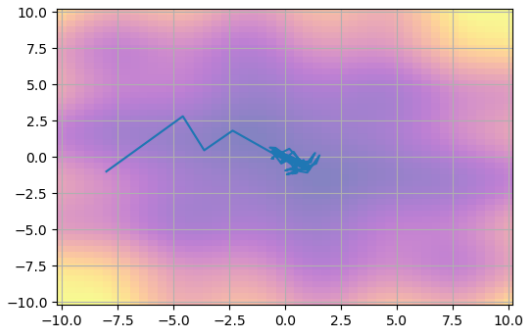


```
1 z = Z.reshape((50,50))  
2 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
```

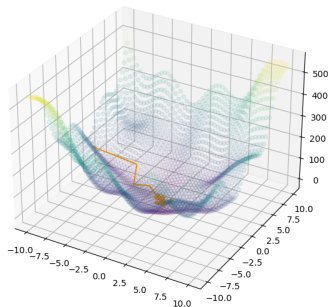


```
1 x_0 = np.array([-8, -1])
2 sol, x_history = simplified_BFGS(f, x_0, eta=1)
3 print(sol, len(x_history))
4
5 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.5);
6 plt.plot(x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]);
```

```
1 [-0.53012055 -0.10230653] 1001
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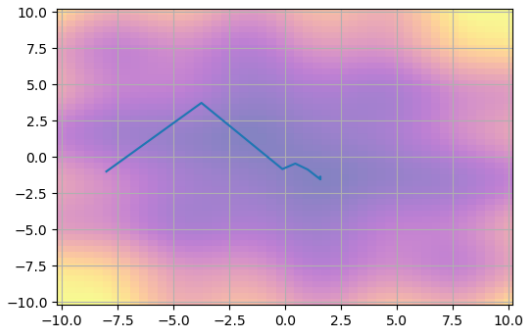


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1 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
2 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
3 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
4 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
5 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

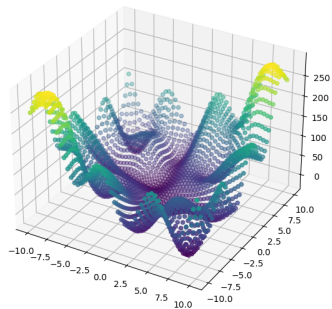


```
1 x_0 = np.array([-8, -1])
2 sol, x_history = simplified_BFGS(f, x_0, eta=0.2)
3 print(sol, len(x_history))
4
5 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.5);
6 plt.plot(x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]);
```

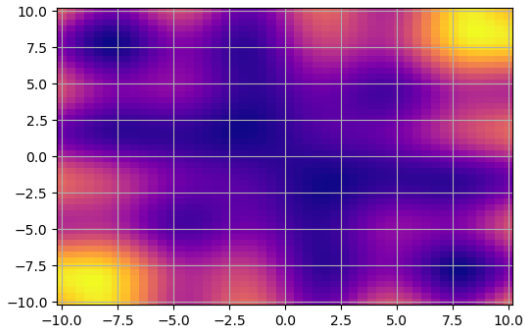
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1 [ 1.56843658 -1.3635669 ] 18
```



```
1 def f(x):
2     return x[0]**2 + x[0]*x[1] + x[1]**2 + 5*x[0]*np.sin(x[1]) + 5*x[1]*np.sin(x[0])
3
4 x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
5 y = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
6 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
7 x_base = np.vstack([X.ravel(), Y.ravel()])
8
9 Z = f(x_base)
10
11 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
12 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
13 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```

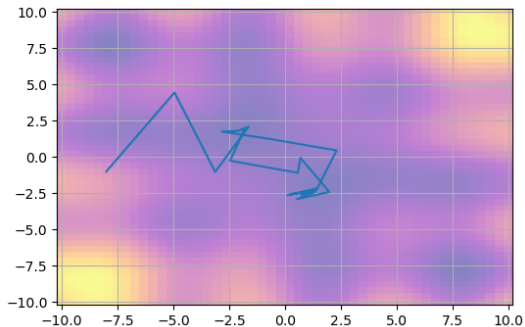


```
1 z = Z.reshape((50,50))  
2 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
```

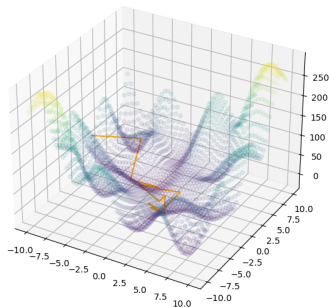


```
1 x_0 = np.array([-8, -1])
2 sol, x_history = simplified_BFGS(f, x_0, eta=1)
3 print(sol, len(x_history))
4
5 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.5);
6 plt.plot(x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]);
```

```
1 [-1.88211303  1.88159848] 37
```

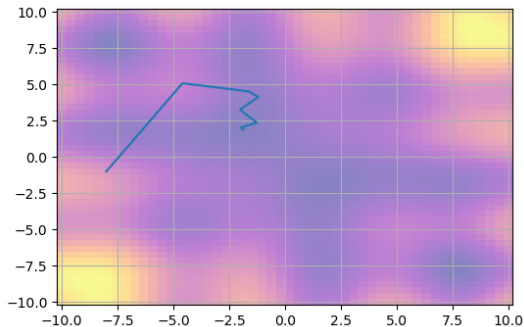


```
1 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
2 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
3 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
4 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
5 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```



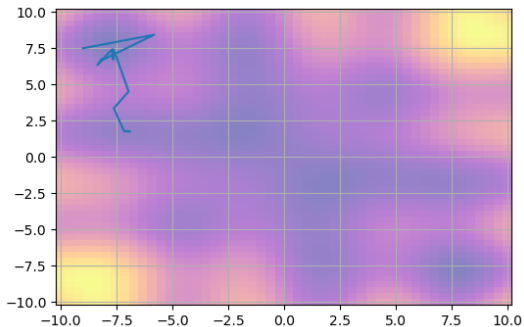
```
1 x_0 = np.array([-8, -1])
2 sol, x_history = simplified_BFGS(f, x_0, eta=0.2)
3 print(sol, len(x_history))
4
5 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.5);
6 plt.plot(x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]);
```

```
1 [-1.88162442  1.88186874] 16
```



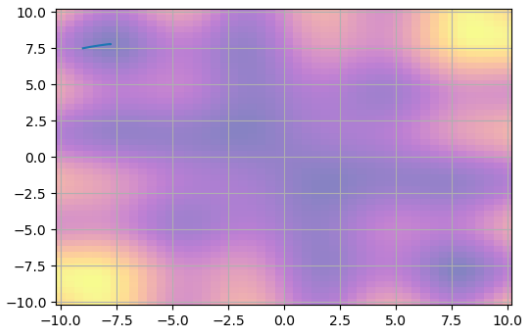
```
1 x_0 = np.array([-9, 7.5])
2 sol, x_history = simplified_BFGS(f, x_0, eta=0.2)
3 print(sol, len(x_history))
4
5 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.5);
6 plt.plot(x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]);
```

```
1 [-6.90361457  1.75472133] 35
```



```
1 x_0 = np.array([-9, 7.5])
2 sol, x_history = simplified_BFGS(f, x_0, eta=0.1)
3 print(sol, len(x_history))
4
5 plt.pcolormesh(X, Y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.5);
6 plt.plot(x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]);
```

```
1 [-7.78210924  7.78203928] 10
```



Check existing implementations!



BFGS: quasi-Newton method of Broyden, Fletcher, Goldfarb, and Shanno

- Only uses first derivative if available, otherwise approximates also hessian

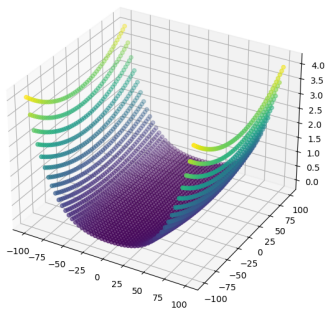
```
scipy.optimize.minimize(method='BFGS')
```

Newton-CG, trust-constr (previous slide)...

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from scipy import optimize
3 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
4 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

```
1 def f(x: np.array):  
2     return 3*x[0]**4 - 4*x[1]**3 + x[0]**2 * x[1]**2
```

```
1 x = np.linspace(-100, 100, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-100, 100, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6
7 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
8
9 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
10 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
11 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



```
1 test = f(np.vstack([X,Y]))  
2 all(test == Z)
```

```
1 True
```

```
1 def callback_generator():  
2     history = list()  
3     def cb(*args, **kwargs):  
4         history.append([args, kwargs])  
5     return cb, history
```

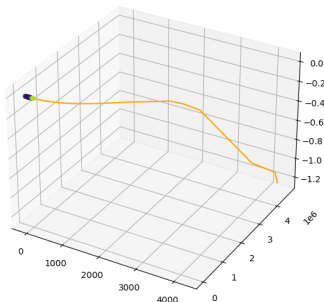
```
1 cb, history = callback_generator()
2 optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='BFGS', tol=10**-10, callback=cb)
```

```
1 message: Desired error not necessarily achieved due to precision loss.
2 success: False
3 status: 2
4 fun: -1.2312628309191098e+19
5 x: [ 4.264e+03  4.686e+06]
6 nit: 90
7 jac: [ 1.873e+17 -9.236e+13]
8 hess_inv: [[ 4.365e-15  1.030e-11]
9            [ 1.030e-11  2.660e-08]]
10 nfev: 479
11 njev: 157
```

```
1 print(history[0])
2
3 def read_history(h):
4     return np.vstack([x[0][0] for x in h])
5
6
7 x_history = read_history(history)
8 print(x_history.shape)
9 print(x_history[:,5])
```

```
1 [(array([-7.00572815, -5.82245146]),), {}]
2 (90, 2)
3 [[-7.00572815e+00 -5.82245146e+00]
4  [-3.83689016e+00 -1.42354575e+00]
5  [-9.66002658e-01 -5.24334772e-02]
6  [ 4.98246331e-01  6.00531775e-01]
7  [ 3.78208333e+00  7.20881908e+00]
8  [ 1.22295746e+01  4.69636169e+01]
9  [ 2.17992812e+01  1.33926259e+02]
10 [ 3.55087499e+01  3.38853261e+02]
11 [ 5.68003645e+01  8.48109193e+02]
12 [ 8.97359251e+01  2.09705773e+03]
13 [ 1.40918828e+02  5.15101363e+03]
14 [ 2.20566369e+02  1.25988544e+04]
15 [ 3.44931966e+02  3.07884602e+04]
16 [ 5.37380333e+02  7.47560833e+04]
17 [ 8.44288255e+02  1.84304594e+05]
18 [ 1.30353260e+03  4.40090200e+05]
19 [ 2.01695604e+03  1.04711598e+06]
20 [ 3.40349872e+03  3.02328899e+06]]
```

```
1 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
2 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
3 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
4 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
5 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```



```

1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='trust-constr', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4  x_history = read_history(history)
5
6  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7  ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8  surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9  x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)

```

```

1  /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_trustregion_constr/qp_subproblem.py:114: RuntimeWarning: overflow
↪ encountered in scalar multiply
2      discriminant = b*b - 4*a*c

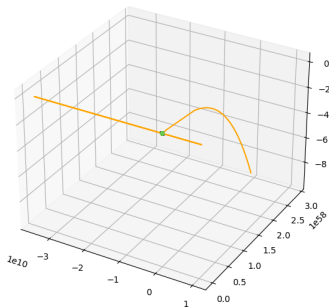
```

```

1  message: The maximum number of function evaluations is exceeded.
2      success: False
3      status: 0
4      fun: -9.518247911038625e+175
5      x: [ 1.054e+06  2.876e+58]
6      nit: 1000
7      nfev: 2256
8      njev: 752
9      nhev: 0
10     cg_niter: 1390
11     cg_stop_cond: 2
12     grad: [ 0.000e+00 -9.928e+117]
13     lagrangian_grad: [ 0.000e+00 -9.928e+117]
14     constr: []
15     jac: []
16     constr_nfev: []
17     constr_njev: []

```

```
18     constr_nhev: []  
19         v: []  
20     method: equality_constrained_sqp  
21     optimality: 9.927637997582089e+117  
22     constr_violation: 0  
23     execution_time: 0.5644679069519043  
24     tr_radius: 9.882283524957568e+54  
25     constr_penalty: 1.0  
26     niter: 1000
```



```
1 cb, history = callback_generator()
2 print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='powell', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4 x_history = read_history(history)
5
6 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

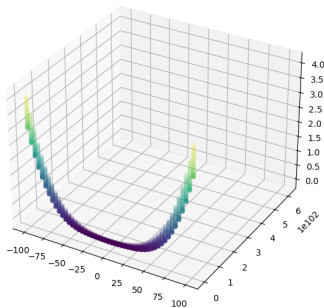
```
1 message: Optimization terminated successfully.
2 success: True
3 status: 0
4 fun: -inf
5 x: [ 5.791e-09  6.156e+102]
6 nit: 1
7 direc: [[ 1.000e+00  0.000e+00]
8         [ 0.000e+00  1.000e+00]]
9 nfev: 552
```

```

1  /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_optimize.py:2973: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in scalar
   ↪ multiply
2  w = xb - ((xb - xc) * tmp2 - (xb - xa) * tmp1) / denom
3  /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_optimize.py:2972: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in scalar
   ↪ multiply
4  denom = 2.0 * val
5  /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_optimize.py:2973: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in
   ↪ scalar divide
6  w = xb - ((xb - xc) * tmp2 - (xb - xa) * tmp1) / denom
7  /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_optimize.py:2966: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in scalar
   ↪ multiply
8  tmp1 = (xb - xa) * (fb - fc)
9  /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_optimize.py:2967: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in scalar
   ↪ multiply
10 tmp2 = (xb - xc) * (fb - fa)
11 /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_optimize.py:2968: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in
   ↪ scalar subtract
12 val = tmp2 - tmp1
13 /tmp/ipykernel_110575/2187872282.py:2: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in scalar multiply
14 return 3*x[0]**4 - 4*x[1]**3 + x[0]**2 * x[1]**2
15 /tmp/ipykernel_110575/2187872282.py:2: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in scalar power
16 return 3*x[0]**4 - 4*x[1]**3 + x[0]**2 * x[1]**2
17 /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_optimize.py:2472: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in
   ↪ scalar subtract
18 tmp1 = (x - w) * (fx - fv)
19 /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/scipy/optimize/_optimize.py:2473: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in
   ↪ scalar subtract
20 tmp2 = (x - v) * (fx - fw)
21 /tmp/ipykernel_110575/2187872282.py:2: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in power
22 return 3*x[0]**4 - 4*x[1]**3 + x[0]**2 * x[1]**2

```

```
23 /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/mpl_toolkits/mplot3d/proj3d.py:177: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in  
→ divide  
24 txs, tys, tzs = vecw[0]/w, vecw[1]/w, vecw[2]/w
```



```

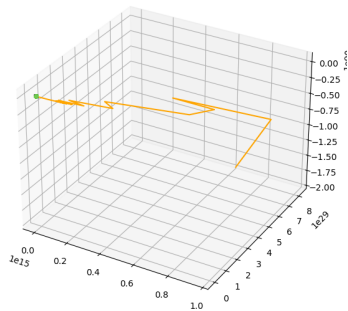
1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='nelder-mead', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4  x_history = read_history(history)
5
6  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7  ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8  surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9  x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)

```

```

1  message: Maximum number of function evaluations has been exceeded.
2      success: False
3      status: 1
4      fun: -1.9143830178334263e+90
5      x: [ 6.344e+14  8.172e+29]
6      nit: 209
7      nfev: 400
8  final_simplex: (array([[ 6.344e+14,  8.172e+29],
9                      [ 9.600e+14,  6.085e+29],
10                     [ 5.592e+14,  3.393e+29]]), array([-1.914e+90, -5.600e+89, -1.203e+89]))

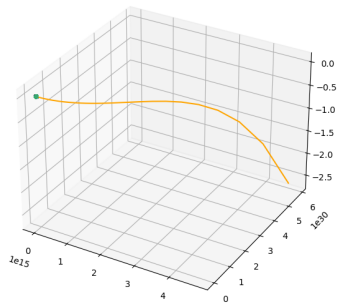
```



```
1 def f_grad(x: np.array):
2     return np.array([ 12*x[0]**3 + 2*x[0]*x[1]**2 , -12*x[1]**2 + 2*x[0]**2*x[1] ]).T
3
4 def f_hessian(x):
5     h = np.array( [[ 36*x[0]**2 + 2*x[1]**2 , 4*x[0]*x[1] ],
6                   [ 4*x[1]*x[0] , -24*x[1] + 2*x[0]**2]] )
7     return h
```

```
1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='BFGS', jac=f_grad, tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4  x_history = read_history(history)
5
6  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7  ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8  surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9  x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

```
1  message: Maximum number of iterations has been exceeded.
2  success: False
3  status: 1
4  fun: -2.6246515245425888e+91
5  x: [ 4.738e+15  5.807e+30]
6  nit: 400
7  jac: [ 3.196e+77 -1.439e+62]
8  hess_inv: [[ 4.890e-62  1.208e-46]
9             [ 1.208e-46  2.997e-31]]
10 nfev: 430
11 njev: 430
```

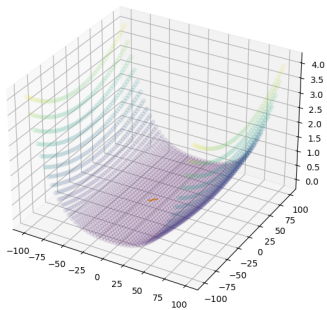


```

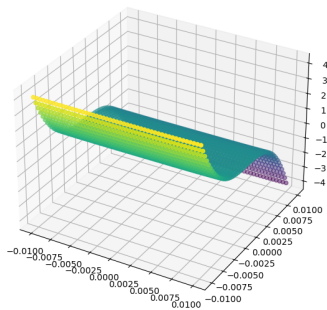
1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='trust-exact', jac=f_grad, hess=f_hessian, tol=10**-10,
   ↪  callback=cb))
3
4  x_history = read_history(history)
5
6  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7  ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8  surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9  x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(np.vstack([x,y])), color='orange', alpha=1)

1  message: Optimization terminated successfully.
2  success: True
3  status: 0
4  fun: 1.3086566627333613e-15
5  x: [-1.445e-04 -1.771e-07]
6  nit: 28
7  jac: [-3.622e-11 -3.838e-13]
8  nfev: 29
9  njev: 29
10 nhev: 29
11 hess: [[ 7.519e-07  1.024e-10]
12         [ 1.024e-10  4.292e-06]]

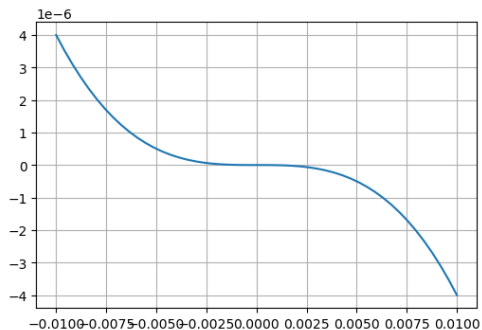
```



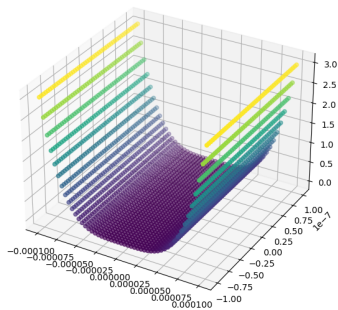
```
1 x = np.linspace(-0.01, 0.01, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-0.01, 0.01, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6
7 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
8
9 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
10 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
11 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



```
1 plt.plot(y, f([y*0,y]));
```

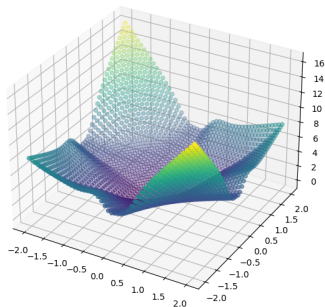


```
1 x = np.linspace(-10**-4, 10**-4, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-10**-7, 10**-7, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6
7 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
8
9 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
10 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
11 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```

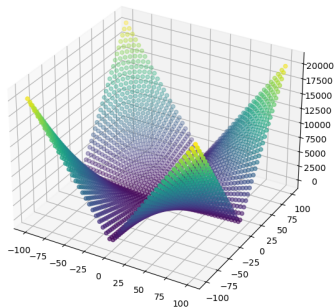


```
1 def f(x: np.array):  
2     return (abs(x[0]*x[1]) + abs(x[0]-x[1])) * (2 + np.sin(x[0]*x[1])/(1+(x[0]*x[1])**4))
```

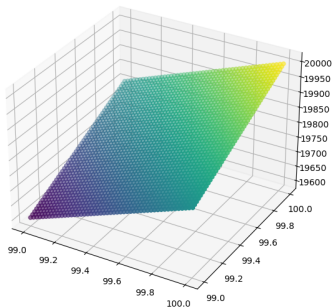
```
1 x = np.linspace(-2, 2, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-2, 2, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
7
8 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
9 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
10 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



```
1 x = np.linspace(-100, 100, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-100, 100, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
7
8 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
9 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
10 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



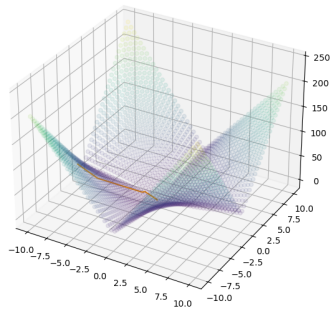
```
1 x = np.linspace(99, 100, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(99, 100, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
7
8 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
9 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
10 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



```
1 x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
```

```
1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='BFGS', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4  x_history = read_history(history)
5
6  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7  ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8  surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9  x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

```
1  message: Desired error not necessarily achieved due to precision loss.
2      success: False
3      status: 2
4      fun: 0.1298088831229093
5      x: [-2.509e-01 -2.509e-01]
6      nit: 6
7      jac: [ 1.263e+00  1.530e+00]
8  hess_inv: [[ 1.629e-01  6.334e-02]
9             [ 6.334e-02  2.462e-02]]
10     nfev: 192
11     njev: 60
```



```

1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='trust-constr', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4  x_history = read_history(history)
5
6  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7  ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8  surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9  x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)

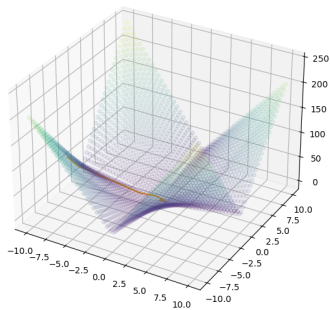
```

```

1  message: The maximum number of function evaluations is exceeded.
2      success: False
3      status: 0
4      fun: 0.00606691171570428
5      x: [ 5.504e-02  5.504e-02]
6      nit: 1000
7      nfev: 2991
8      njev: 997
9      nhev: 0
10     cg_niter: 1011
11     cg_stop_cond: 2
12     grad: [ 2.113e+00  2.113e+00]
13     lagrangian_grad: [ 2.113e+00  2.113e+00]
14     constr: []
15     jac: []
16     constr_nfev: []
17     constr_njev: []
18     constr_nhev: []
19     v: []
20     method: equality_constrained_sq

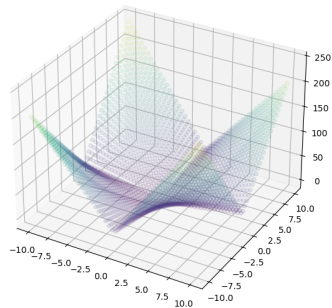
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```
21     optimality: 2.113432572747115
22     constr_violation: 0
23     execution_time: 0.6807045936584473
24     tr_radius: 2.0866498231384016e-08
25     constr_penalty: 1.0
26     niter: 1000
```



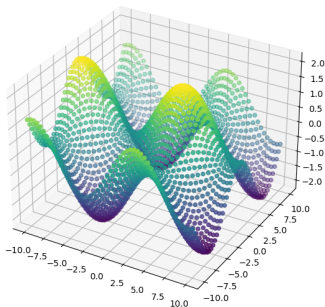
```
1 cb, history = callback_generator()
2 print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='powell', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4 x_history = read_history(history)
5
6 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

```
1 message: Optimization terminated successfully.
2 success: True
3 status: 0
4 fun: 0.16697595553808425
5 x: [-2.833e-01 -2.833e-01]
6 nit: 3
7 direc: [[ 0.000e+00  1.000e+00]
8         [ 2.555e-12  0.000e+00]]
9 nfev: 255
```

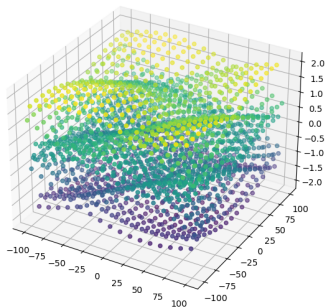


```
1 def f(x: np.array):  
2     return np.sin(x[0]/2)+np.cos(x[1]/2)
```

```
1 x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-10, 10, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
7
8 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
9 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
10 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



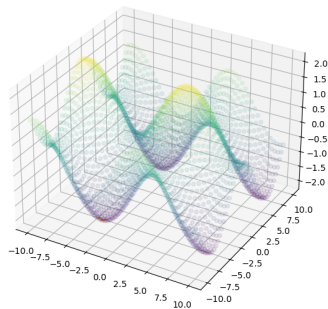
```
1 x = np.linspace(-100, 100, 50)
2 y = np.linspace(-100, 100, 50)
3 X, Y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
4 X = X.ravel()
5 Y = Y.ravel()
6 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
7
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10 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```



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5 Y = Y.ravel()
6 Z = [f([X[i],Y[i]]) for i in range(len(X))]
```

```
1 cb, history = callback_generator()
2 print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='BFGS', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4 x_history = read_history(history)
5
6 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

```
1 message: Optimization terminated successfully.
2   success: True
3   status: 0
4   fun: -2.0
5   x: [-3.142e+00 -6.283e+00]
6   nit: 8
7   jac: [ 0.000e+00  0.000e+00]
8   hess_inv: [[ 4.182e+00  2.863e-01]
9              [ 2.863e-01  3.716e+00]]
10  nfev: 42
11  njev: 14
```



```

1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='trust-constr', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4  x_history = read_history(history)
5
6  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7  ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8  surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9  x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)

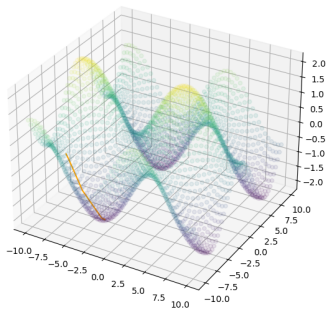
```

```

1  message: `gtol` termination condition is satisfied.
2      success: True
3      status: 1
4      fun: -1.9999999999999996
5      x: [-3.142e+00 -6.283e+00]
6      nit: 8
7      nfev: 24
8      njev: 8
9      nhev: 0
10     cg_niter: 7
11     cg_stop_cond: 4
12     grad: [-0.000e+00 -0.000e+00]
13     lagrangian_grad: [-0.000e+00 -0.000e+00]
14     constr: []
15     jac: []
16     constr_nfev: []
17     constr_njev: []
18     constr_nhev: []
19     v: []
20     method: equality_constrained_sq

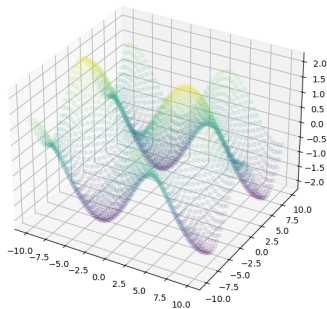
```

```
21     optimality: 0.0  
22     constr_violation: 0  
23     execution_time: 0.0069081783294677734  
24     tr_radius: 16.583940593587347  
25     constr_penalty: 1.0  
26     niter: 8
```



```
1 cb, history = callback_generator()
2 print(optimize.minimize(f, np.array([-8, -6]), method='powell', tol=10**-10, callback=cb))
3
4 x_history = read_history(history)
5
6 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
7 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
8 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.1)
9 x,y = x_history[:,0], x_history[:,1]
10 surf = ax.plot3D(x, y, f(x_history.T), color='orange', alpha=1)
```

```
1 message: Optimization terminated successfully.
2 success: True
3 status: 0
4 fun: -2.0
5 x: [-3.142e+00 -6.283e+00]
6 nit: 2
7 direc: [[ 1.000e+00  0.000e+00]
8         [ 0.000e+00  1.000e+00]]
9 nfev: 73
```



Moral of the story...

Checking for convexity is really important...
... but sometimes really difficult.
Make sure the functions you are optimizing are at least limited!



Nelder-Mead

Derivative-free, constrained, trust-region base approach

- ▶ Define a polyhedron (simplex) as domain ($n + 1$ points in $\mathbb{R}^n$), the volume is the trust region
- ▶ Replace the worst vertex (highest f value) of the polyhedron with a “better” one
- ▶ until the trust region “radius” is within the required $tolx$ tolerance, or $tolf$ condition met

Let the simplex S have vertices $\mathbf{x}_0, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$. S is nondegenerate if:

- ▶ there are never more than 3 coplanar vertices
- ▶ the matrix $V(S) \in \mathcal{M}^{n \times n} = [\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_{n-1} - \mathbf{x}_0, \dots, \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0]$ is nonsingular

Nelder-Mead vertex operations

$S = \mathbf{x}_0, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$, ordered such that $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \leq f(\mathbf{x}_1) \leq \dots f(\mathbf{x}_n)$.

The centroid is :

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{x}_i$$

which is used to define the points along the “worst” direction:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + t(\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

- ▶ REFLECT: $\mathbf{x}_n = \bar{\mathbf{x}}(-1)$
- ▶ EXPAND: $\mathbf{x}_n = \bar{\mathbf{x}}(-2)$
- ▶ CONTRACT (inside): $\mathbf{x}_n = \bar{\mathbf{x}}(-1/2)$
- ▶ CONTRACT (outside): $\mathbf{x}_n = \bar{\mathbf{x}}(1/2)$
- ▶ SHRINK: $\mathbf{x}_i = (1/2)(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_i)$ (in direction of $\mathbf{x}_0$)

Nelder-Mead crawl

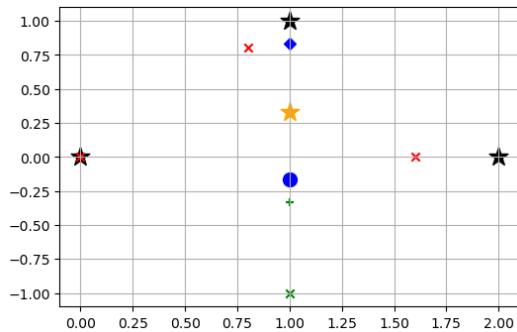
1. Given starting point $\mathbf{x}_0$, generate $S = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}$, $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_0 + \alpha \mathbf{e}_i$
2. Check: if simplex too small or degenerate, end on best point
3. Compute centroid $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{x}_i$
4. Sort vertices $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \leq f(\mathbf{x}_1) \leq \dots f(\mathbf{x}_n)$, select worst $\mathbf{x}_n$
5. Try REFLECT, EXPAND, CONTRACT in, CONTRACT out. If new $\mathbf{x}$ is better than old $\mathbf{x}_n$ and within constraints, restart from (2) (prefer reflect/expand to contract!)
6. SHRINK and restart from (2)

Implementation

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from scipy import optimize
3 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
4 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

```
1 # m vectors of n dimensions, m x n
2 def centroid(X):
3     return 1/(X.shape[0]) * X.sum(axis=0)
4
5 def modify_x(x, centroid, operation):
6     t = {'REFLECT': -1,
7          'EXPAND': -2,
8          'CONTRACT_IN': -0.75,
9          'CONTRACT_OUT': 0.75}
10    return centroid + t[operation]*(x-centroid)
11
12 def shrink_S(sorted_X, centroid):
13    return (sorted_X + sorted_X[0])/1.25
```

```
1 X = np.array([[0 , 0], [2, 0], [1,1]])
2 plt.scatter(X[:,0], X[:,1], marker='*', s=200, color='black')
3
4 C = centroid(X)
5 plt.scatter(C[0], C[1], marker='*', s=200, color='orange')
6
7 RX = modify_x(X[2], C, 'REFLECT')
8 plt.scatter(RX[0], RX[1], marker='+', color='green');
9
10 RX = modify_x(X[2], C, 'EXPAND')
11 plt.scatter(RX[0], RX[1], marker='x', color='green');
12
13 RX = modify_x(X[2], C, 'CONTRACT_IN')
14 plt.scatter(RX[0], RX[1], marker='o', s=100, color='blue');
15
16 RX = modify_x(X[2], C, 'CONTRACT_OUT')
17 plt.scatter(RX[0], RX[1], marker='D', color='blue');
18
19 NX = shrink_S(X, C)
20 plt.scatter(NX[:,0], NX[:,1], marker='x', color='red');
```



```
1 def sort_x(X, f):
2     f_vals = np.apply_along_axis(f, axis=1, arr=X)
3     return X[np.argsort(f_vals)]
4
5 def testf(x):
6     return np.sum(x, axis=0)
7
8 X = np.array([[5,4],[2,2],[3,7],[1,1],[8,4],[0,-1]])
9 sX = sort_x(X, testf)
10
11 print(testf(X.T))
12 print(testf(sX.T))
```



```
1 [ 9  4 10  2 12 -1]
2 [-1  2  4  9 10 12]
```

```
1 def simplex_too_small(X, told):
2     maxdist = 0
3     for x in X:
4         for y in X:
5             d = np.sqrt(np.sum((x-y)**2))
6             maxdist = max(maxdist, d)
7     return maxdist <= told
8
9 X = np.array([[0,0],[2,0],[1,1]])
10 print(simplex_too_small(X, 2))
11 print(simplex_too_small(X, 1.9))
```

```
1 True
2 False
```

```
1 def is_degenerate(X):  
2     return (np.linalg.matrix_rank(X[1:]-X[0]) < (len(X)-1))  
3  
4 X = np.array([[0,0],[2,0],[1,1]])  
5 print(is_degenerate(X))  
6 X = np.array([[0,0],[0.5,0.5],[1,1]])  
7 print(is_degenerate(X))
```

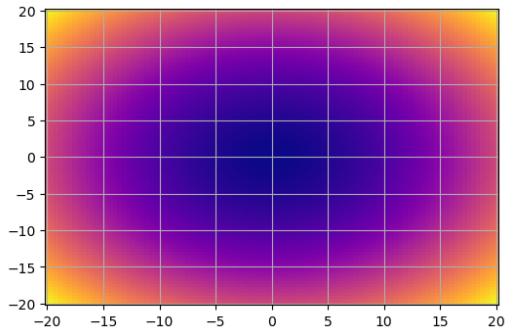
```
1 False  
2 True
```

```
1 def nelder_mead(f, x_0, told=10**-10, maxiters=1000, callback=False):
2     n = x_0.shape[0] # assume x_0 n-dimensional vector
3     X = 5 * np.eye(n) * x_0 + x_0
4     X = np.vstack([X, x_0])
5
6     counter = 0
7     while not simplex_too_small(X,told) and counter < maxiters:
8         counter += 1
9         callback(X)
10        X = sort_x(X, f)
11        C = centroid(X)
12
13        f_worst = f(X[-1])
14
15        x_reflect = modify_x(X[-1], C, 'REFLECT')
16        f_x_reflect = f(x_reflect)
17
18        if f_x_reflect <= f_worst:
19            x_expand = modify_x(X[-1], C, 'EXPAND')
20            f_x_expand = f(x_expand)
21            if f_x_expand <= f_x_reflect:
22                X[-1] = x_expand
23            else:
24                X[-1] = x_reflect
25        else:
26            x_contract_in = modify_x(X[-1], C, 'CONTRACT_IN')
27            f_x_contract_in = f(x_contract_in)
28            x_contract_out = modify_x(X[-1], C, 'CONTRACT_OUT')
29            f_x_contract_out = f(x_contract_out)
30
31            if f_x_contract_in <= f_worst:
```

```
32         X[-1] = x_contract_in
33     elif f_x_contract_out <= f_worst:
34         X[-1] = x_contract_out
35     else:
36         X = shrink_S(X, C)
37
38
39     return sort_x(X, f)[0]
```

```
1 def callback_generator():
2     history = list()
3     def cb(*args, **kwargs):
4         history.append([args, kwargs])
5     return cb, history
6
7 def read_history(h):
8     return np.array([h[0][0] for h in history])
9
```

```
1 def f(x):  
2     return np.sum(x**2, axis=0)  
3  
4 x = np.linspace(-20,20,100)  
5 y = np.linspace(-20,20,100)  
6 X,Y = np.meshgrid(x,y)  
7 z = f(np.vstack([X.ravel(),Y.ravel()])).reshape((100,100))  
8  
9 plt.pcolormesh(x, y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
```



```

1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  sol = nelder_mead(f, np.array([-15,-15]), callback=cb)
3
4  print(sol, f(sol))
5  print(len(history))
6  print(read_history(history))
7

```

```

1  [ 1.28111797e-09 -6.25620062e-10] 2.032663716633584e-18
2  457
3  [[[-9.00000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]
4     [-1.50000000e+01 -9.00000000e+01]
5     [-1.50000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]]
6
7     [[-1.50000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]
8     [-9.00000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]
9     [-6.50000000e+01  1.00000000e+01]]
10
11    [[-1.50000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]
12     [-6.50000000e+01  1.00000000e+01]
13     [ 1.00000000e+01  1.00000000e+01]]
14
15    ...
16
17    [[ 1.28283365e-09 -6.75181284e-10]
18     [ 1.33215250e-09 -5.77558722e-10]
19     [ 1.30663524e-09 -6.01589392e-10]]
20
21    [[ 1.30663524e-09 -6.01589392e-10]
22     [ 1.28283365e-09 -6.75181284e-10]
23     [ 1.25731639e-09 -6.99211954e-10]]

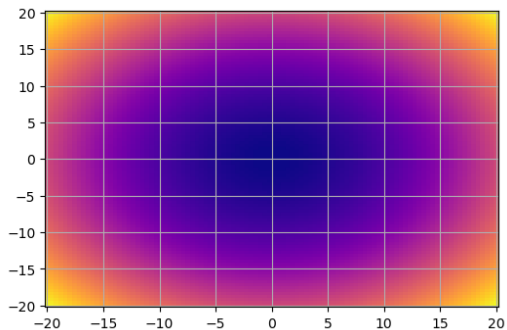
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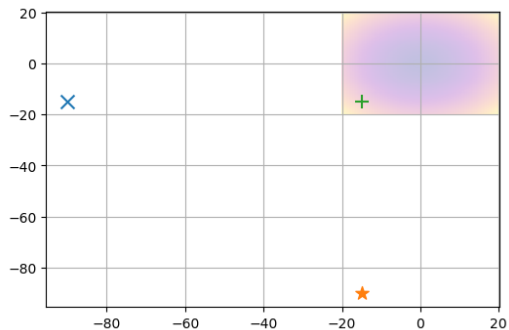
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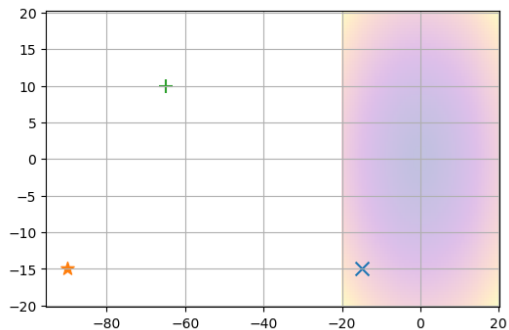
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 [ 1.25731639e-09 -6.99211954e-10]  
 [ 1.28111797e-09 -6.25620062e-10]]]
```

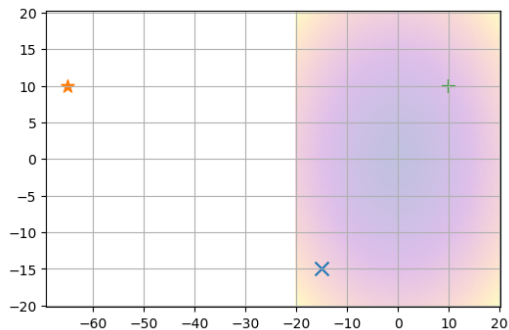
```
1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  sol = nelder_mead(f, np.array([-15,-15]), told=10**-1, callback=cb)
3
4  print(sol, f(sol))
5  print(len(history))
6  plt.pcolormesh(x, y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
7  s = lambda n: 100#/(n+1)
8  for n,points in enumerate(read_history(history)[:10]):
9      plt.figure()
10     plt.pcolormesh(x, y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.25);
11     a,b,c, = points
12     plt.scatter(*a, s=s(n), marker='x');
13     plt.scatter(*b, s=s(n), marker='*');
14     plt.scatter(*c, s=s(n), marker='+');

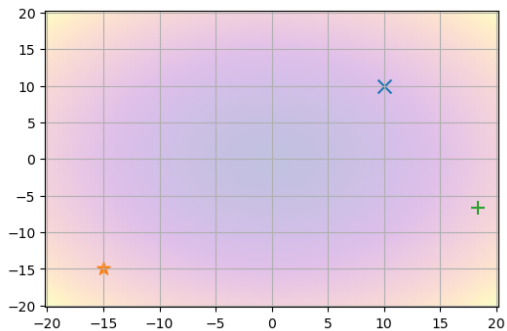
1  [ 0.00812179 -0.02246722] 0.0005707392225003524
2  23
```

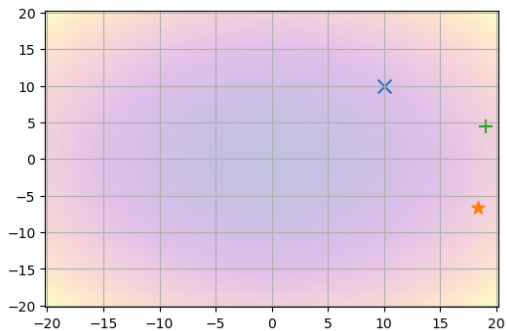


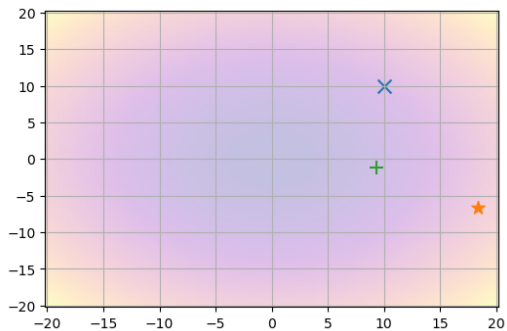


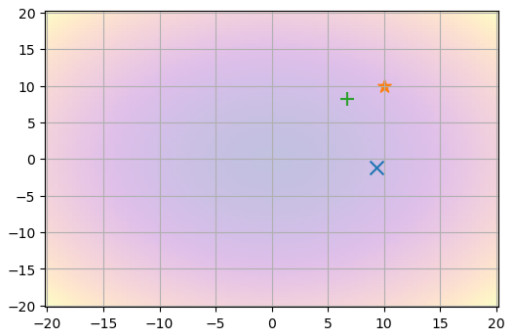


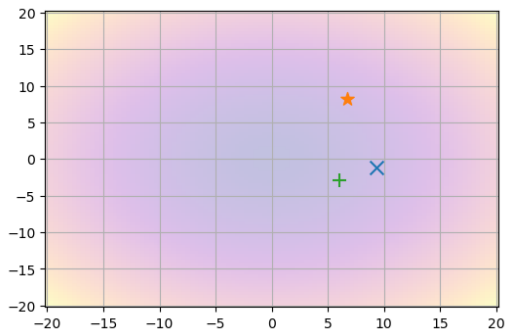


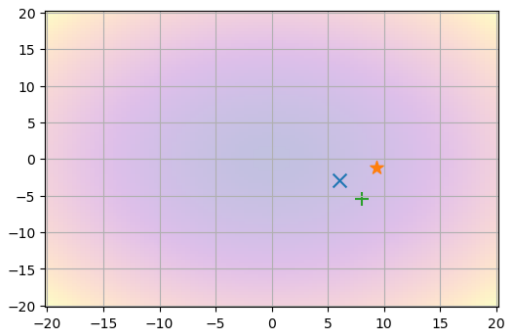


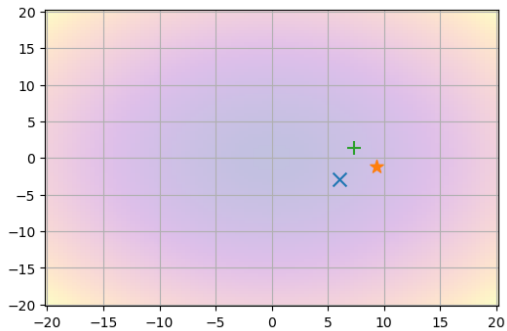






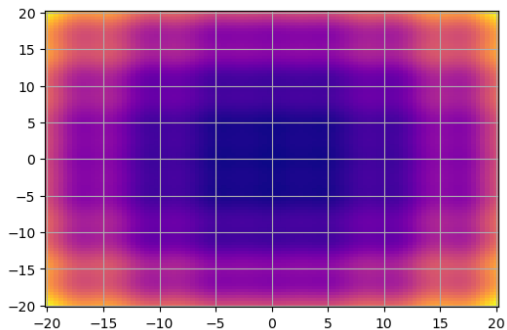


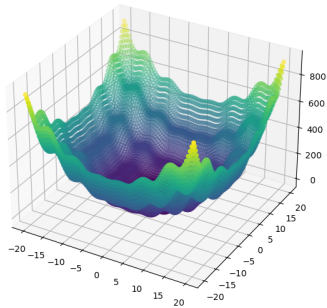




Numerical Optimization

```
1 def f(x):
2     return np.sum(x**2 + 3*x*np.sin(x) , axis=0)
3
4 x = np.linspace(-20,20,100)
5 y = np.linspace(-20,20,100)
6 X,Y = np.meshgrid(x,y)
7 z = f(np.vstack([X.ravel(),Y.ravel()])).reshape((100,100))
8
9 plt.pcolormesh(x, y, z, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
10 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
11 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
12 Z = f(np.vstack([X.ravel(),Y.ravel()]))
13 surf = ax.scatter3D(X, Y, Z, c=Z, cmap='viridis')
```





```

1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  sol = nelder_mead(f, np.array([-15,-15]), callback=cb)
3
4  print(sol, f(sol))
5  print(len(history))
6  print(read_history(history))
7

```

```

1  [6.78086133e+00  2.77454271e-07] 55.691320151649876
2  1000
3  [[-9.00000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]
4   [-1.50000000e+01 -9.00000000e+01]
5   [-1.50000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]]
6
7  [[-1.50000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]
8   [-9.00000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]
9   [-6.50000000e+01  1.00000000e+01]]
10
11 [[-1.50000000e+01 -1.50000000e+01]
12  [-6.50000000e+01  1.00000000e+01]
13  [ 1.00000000e+01  1.00000000e+01]]
14
15  ...
16
17 [[ 6.78086134e+00  2.76096811e-07]
18  [ 6.78086134e+00  2.75794364e-07]
19  [ 6.78086134e+00  2.76473094e-07]]
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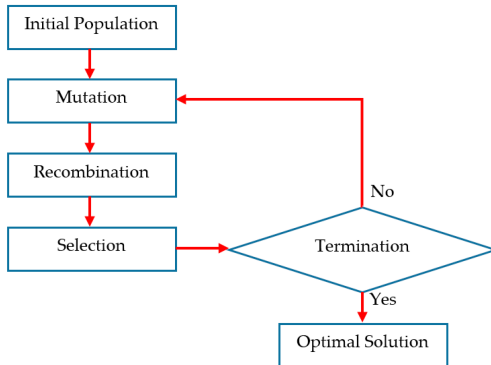
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```

```
1 from scipy.optimize import minimize
2 cb, history = callback_generator()
3 result = minimize(f, np.array([-15,-15]), method='Nelder-Mead', callback=cb)
4
5 print(result)
```

```
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2     success: True
3     status: 0
4     fun: 473.5918048265534
5     x: [-1.661e+01 -1.661e+01]
6     nit: 39
7     nfev: 72
8     final_simplex: (array([[ -1.661e+01,  -1.661e+01],
9                          [ -1.661e+01,  -1.661e+01],
10                         [ -1.661e+01,  -1.661e+01]]), array([ 4.736e+02,  4.736e+02,  4.736e+02]))
```

Genetic Algorithms

- ▶ when function is complex, non-differentiable, multi-modal, vast search-space
- ▶ when dimensionality of search space is really high
- ▶ when there is high sensitivity to starting point
- ▶ when function is noisy or with random components



Differential Evolution

N_p population of vectors

Mutation:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x}_{r1} + F(\mathbf{x}_{r2} - \mathbf{x}_{r3})$$

where F is the mutation *scale factor*

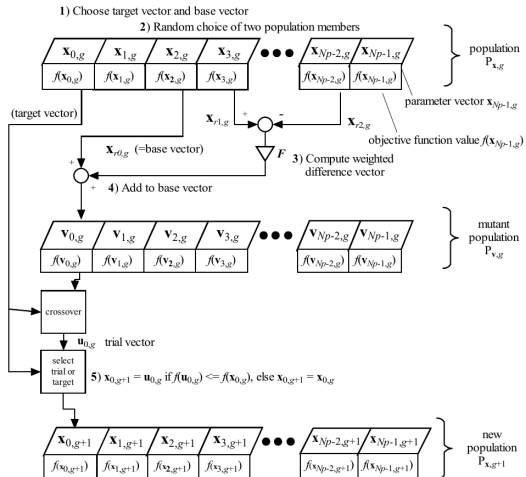
Crossover:

$$(\mathbf{v})_j = \begin{cases} (\mathbf{u}_i)_j, & \text{if } \text{rand}(0, 1) \leq C_r \\ (\mathbf{x}_i)_j, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Differential Evolution (2)

```
1  while (convergence criterion not met):
2      for i in range( $N_p$ ):
3          r1 = random_int(0,  $N_p$ )
4          r2 = random_int(0,  $N_p$ )
5          r3 = random_int(0,  $N_p$ )
6
7           $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x}_{r1} + F * (\mathbf{x}_{r2} - \mathbf{x}_{r3})$ 
8
9          for j in range(len( $\mathbf{u}_i$ )):
10             if rand(0,1) >  $C_r$ :
11                  $\mathbf{u}[j] = \mathbf{x}_{r1}[j]$ 
12
13             if  $f(\mathbf{u}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}_i)$ :
14                  $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{u}$ 
```

Differential Evolution (3)



Differential Evolution: Parameters

- ▶ N_p : population size
- ▶ F : combination scaling factor
- ▶ C_r : crossover threshold
- ▶ mutating vector selection: random-to-random, current-to-best, best,
- ▶ number of difference vectors
- ▶ distribution for crossover test (random, exp, binomial...)

DE/<mutating vector selection>/<mutators number>/<crossover distribution>:

DE/rand/1/bin DE/rand-to-best/2/exp

How to initialize the population? (grid...)

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
3 from scipy.optimize import differential_evolution
4 import random
5 random.seed(69)
6 plt.rcParams['axes.grid'] = True
```

```
1 def sort_x(X, f):
2     f_vals = np.apply_along_axis(f, axis=1, arr=X)
3     return X[np.argsort(f_vals)]
4
5 def simplex_too_small(X, told):
6     maxdist = 0
7     for x in X:
8         for y in X:
9             d = np.sqrt(np.sum((x-y)**2))
10            maxdist = max(maxdist, d)
11     return maxdist <= told
12
13 def grid(bounds, Np): #Bonuds: one row: min/max per dimension
14     d = len(bounds) #dimensions
15     n = int(Np**(1/d)) # grid must have Np^(1/d) points per dimension to have Np ~ n^d
16     G = np.meshgrid(*[np.linspace(m,M,n) for m,M in bounds])
17     return np.vstack([x.ravel() for x in G]).T
```

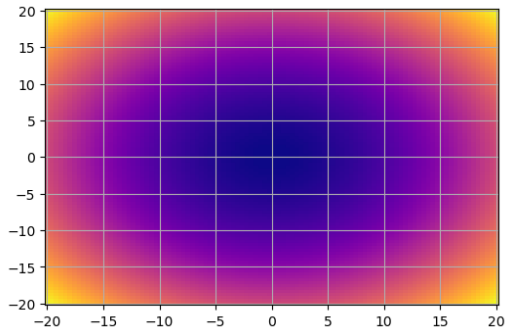
```
1 bounds = np.array([[-20,20],[-20,20]])
2 Np = 10
3 G = grid(bounds, Np)
4 print(G)
5 print(len(G))
```

```
1 [[-20. -20.]
2  [  0. -20.]
3  [ 20. -20.]
4  [-20.  0.]
5  [  0.  0.]
6  [ 20.  0.]
7  [-20. 20.]
8  [  0. 20.]
9  [ 20. 20.]]
10 9
```

```
1 # DE/rand/1/rand
2 def DE_rand_1_rand(f, bounds, Np=10, F=0.9, Cr=0.05, told=1e-6, callback=False):
3     d = len(bounds)
4     P = grid(bounds, Np)
5     Np = len(P)
6     not_assigned_count = 0
7     callback(P.copy())
8
9     while not simplex_too_small(P, told) and not_assigned_count < 10:
10         not_assigned_count += 1
11
12         for i in range(Np):
13             r1, r2, r3 = random.randint(0,Np-1), random.randint(0,Np-1), random.randint(0,Np-1)
14
15             u = P[r1] + F * (P[r2]-P[r3])
16
17             for j in range(d):
18                 if random.random() < Cr:
19                     u[j] = P[r1][j]
20
21             if f(u) < f(P[i]):
22                 P[i] = u
23                 not_assigned_count = 0
24
25         callback(P.copy())
26
27     return sort_x(P, f)[0]
28
```

```
1 def callback_generator():
2     history = list()
3     def cb(*args, **kwargs):
4         history.append([args, kwargs])
5     return cb, history
6
7 def read_history(h):
8     return np.array([h[0][0] for h in history])
```

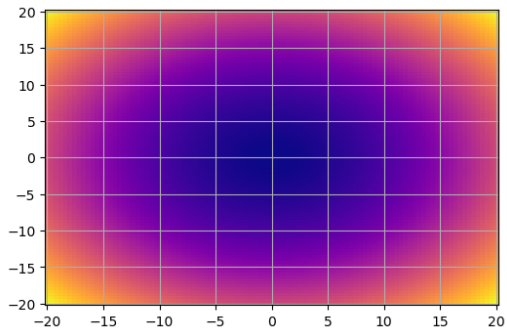
```
1 def f(x):  
2     return np.sum(x**2, axis=0)  
3  
4 x = np.linspace(-20,20,100)  
5 y = np.linspace(-20,20,100)  
6 Xf,Yf = np.meshgrid(x,y)  
7 zf = f(np.vstack([Xf.ravel(),Yf.ravel()])).reshape((100,100))  
8  
9 plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zf, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
```

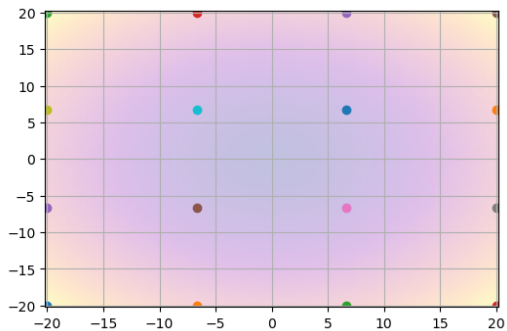


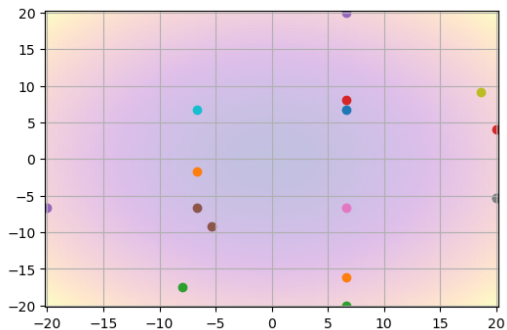
```
1  cb, history = callback_generator()
2  bounds = np.array([[-20,20],[-20,20]])
3  sol = DE_rand_1_rand(f, bounds, Np=20, callback=cb)
4
5  print(sol, f(sol))
6  print(len(history))

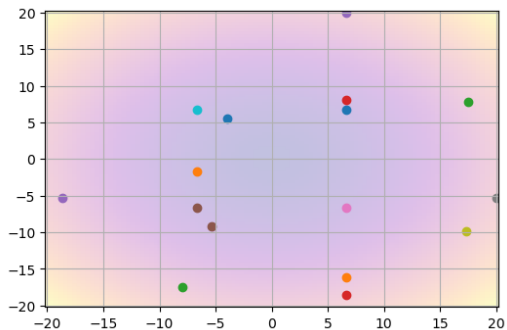
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2  89
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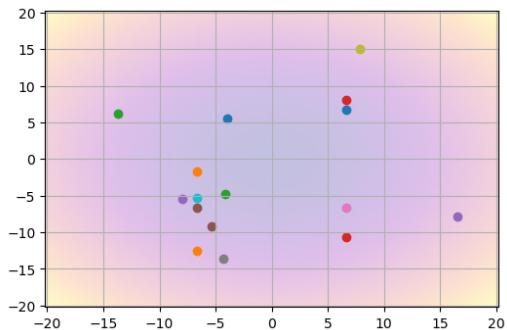
```
1 plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zf, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');  
2 for n,points in enumerate(read_history(history)[:10]):  
3     plt.figure()  
4     plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zf, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.25);  
5     for p in points:  
6         plt.scatter(*p);  
7
```

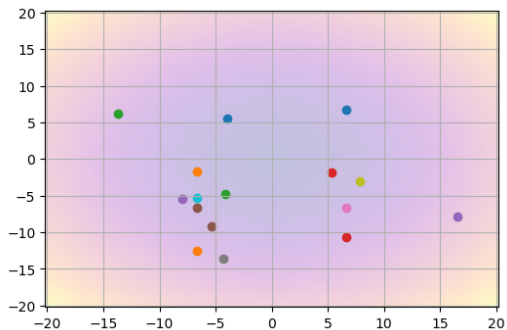


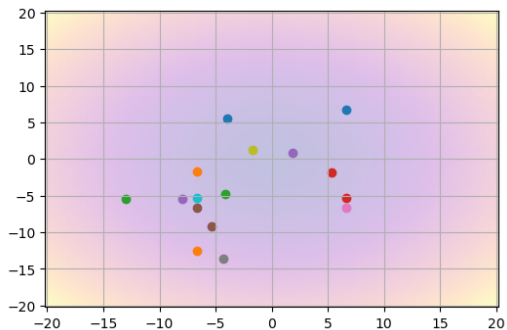


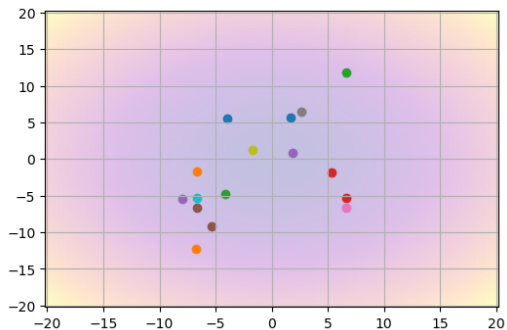


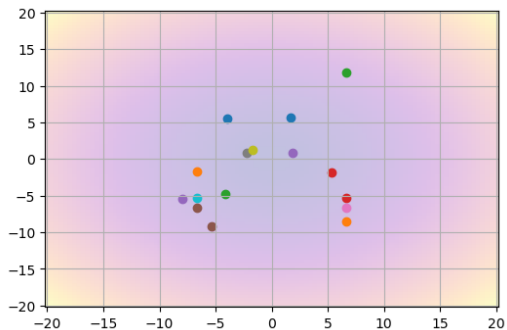


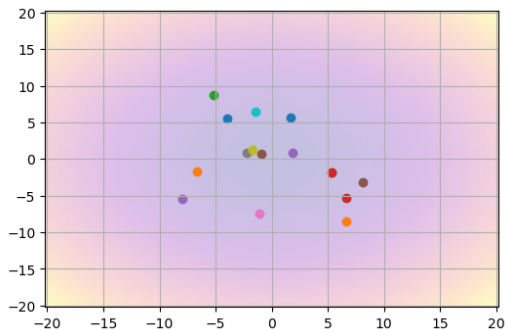


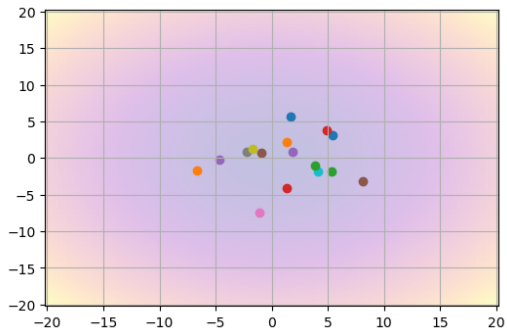




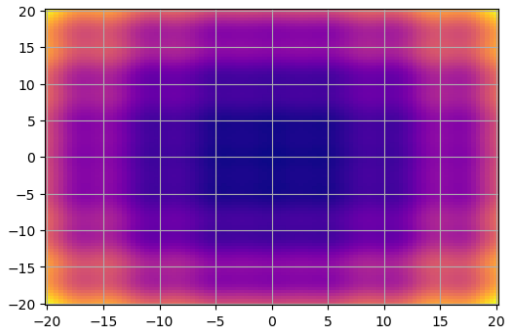








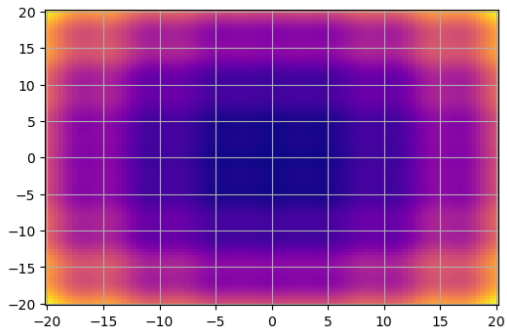
```
1 def g(x):  
2     return np.sum(x**2 + 3*x*np.sin(x) , axis=0)  
3  
4 x = np.linspace(-20,20,100)  
5 y = np.linspace(-20,20,100)  
6 Xg,Yg = np.meshgrid(x,y)  
7 zg = g(np.vstack([Xg.ravel(),Yg.ravel()])).reshape((100,100))  
8  
9 plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zg, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');
```

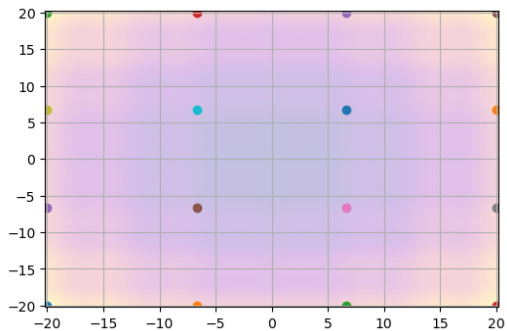


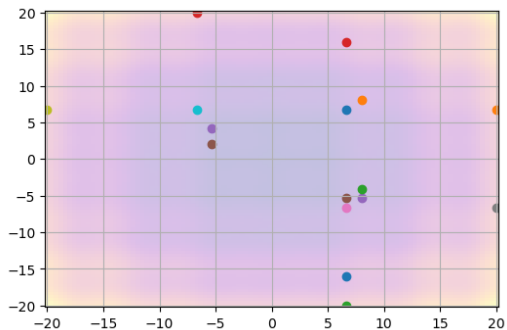
```
1 cb, history = callback_generator()  
2 sol = DE_rand_1_rand(g, bounds, Np=20, callback=cb)  
3  
4 print(sol, f(sol))  
5 print(len(history))
```

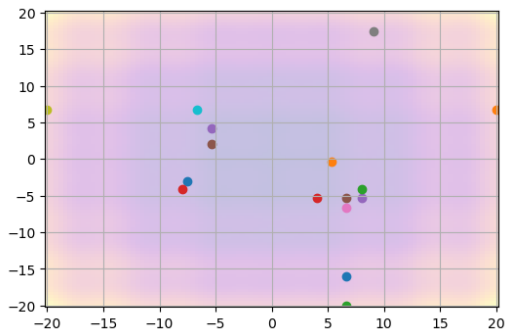
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2 94
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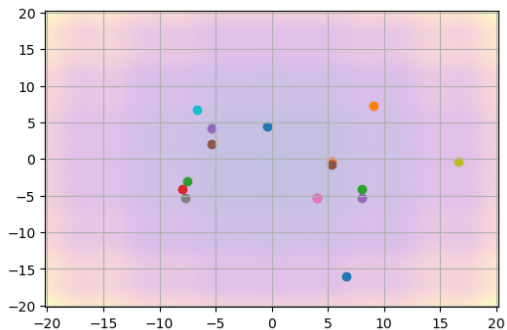
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1 plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zg, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');  
2 for n,points in enumerate(read_history(history)[:10]):  
3     plt.figure()  
4     plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zg, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.25);  
5     for p in points:  
6         plt.scatter(*p);  
7
```

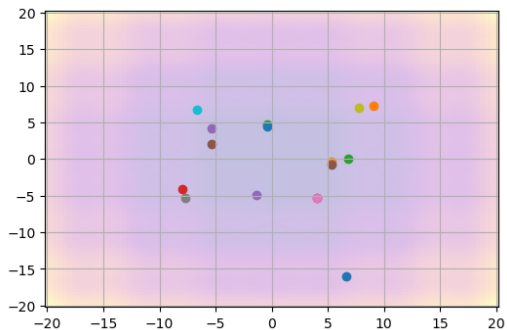


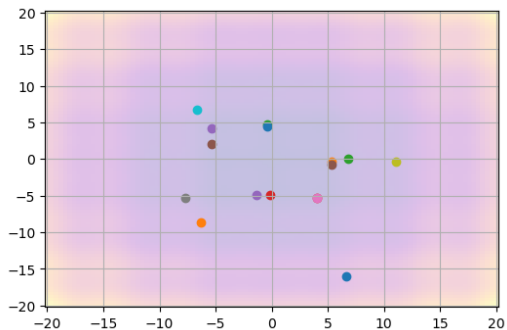


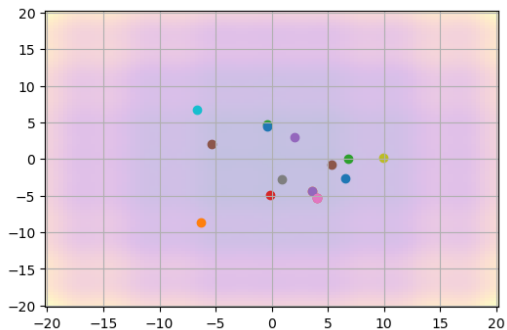


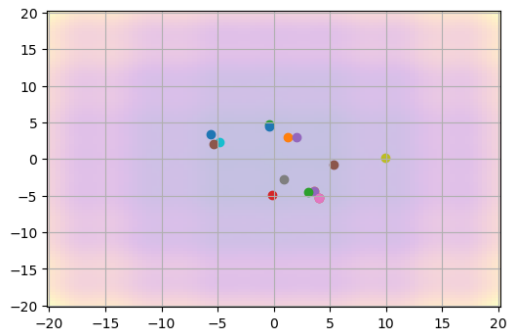


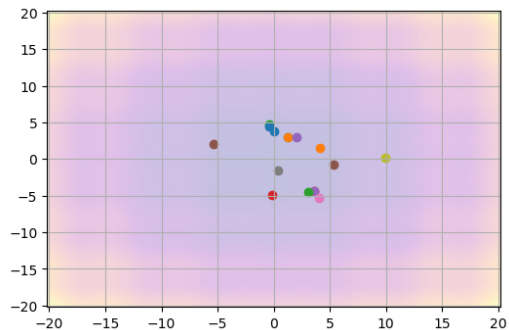


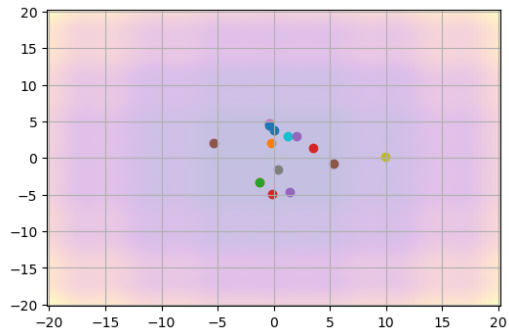










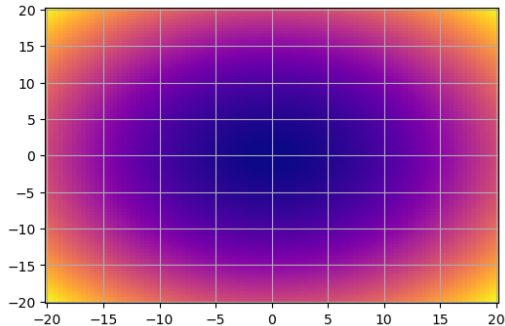


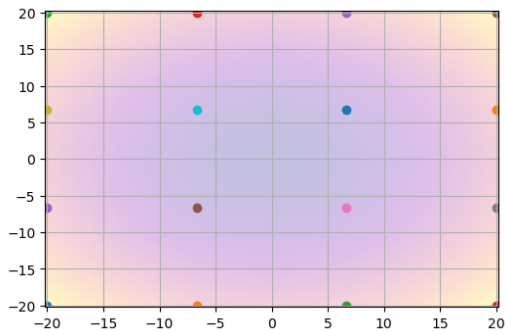
```
1 # DE/best/1/rand
2 def DE_best_1_rand(f, bounds, Np=10, F=0.99, Cr=0.1, told=1e-6, callback=False):
3     d = len(bounds)
4     P = grid(bounds, Np)
5     Np = len(P)
6     not_assigned_count = 0
7     callback(P.copy())
8
9     while not simplex_too_small(P, told) and not_assigned_count < 10:
10         not_assigned_count += 1
11
12         for i in range(Np):
13             P = sort_x(P, f)
14
15             r1, r2, r3 = 0, random.randint(0,Np-1), random.randint(0,Np-1)
16             u = P[r1] + F * (P[r2]-P[r3])
17
18             for j in range(d):
19                 if random.random() < Cr:
20                     u[j] = P[r1][j]
21
22             if f(u) < f(P[i]):
23                 P[i] = u
24                 not_assigned_count = 0
25             callback(P.copy())
26
27     return sort_x(P, f)[0]
28
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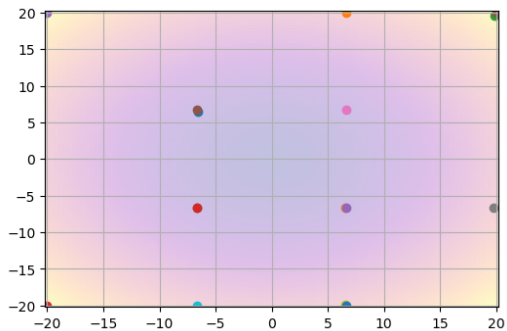
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1 cb, history = callback_generator()  
2 sol = DE_best_1_rand(f, bounds, Np=20, callback=cb)  
3  
4 print(sol, f(sol))  
5 print(len(history))
```

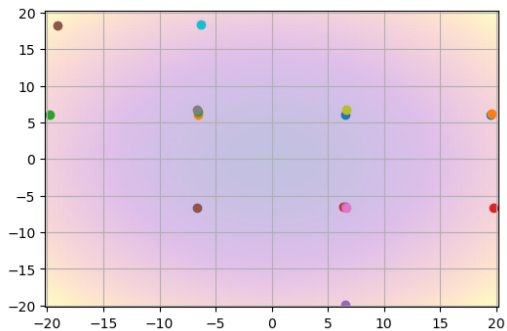
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2 16
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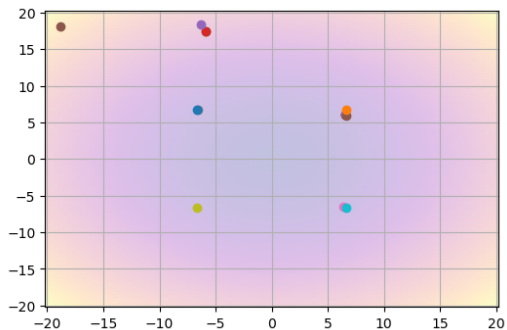
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1 plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zf, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');  
2 for n,points in enumerate(read_history(history)[:10]):  
3     plt.figure()  
4     plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zf, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.25);  
5     for p in points:  
6         plt.scatter(*p);
```

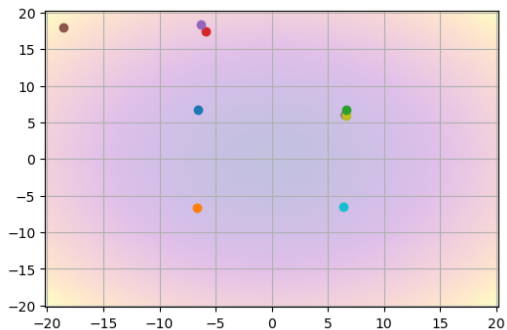


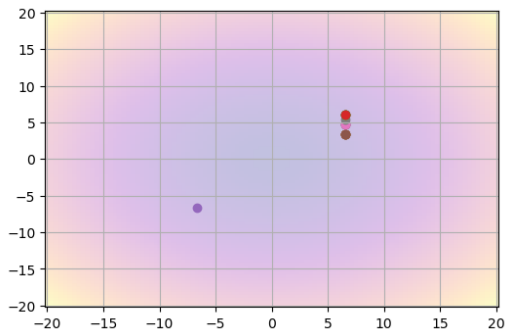


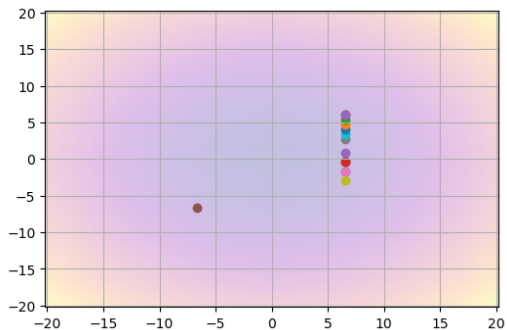


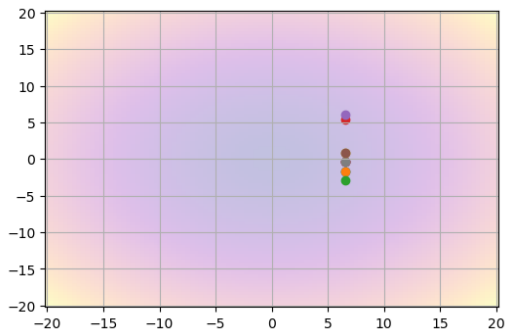


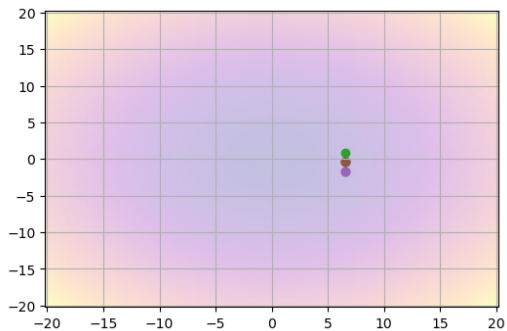


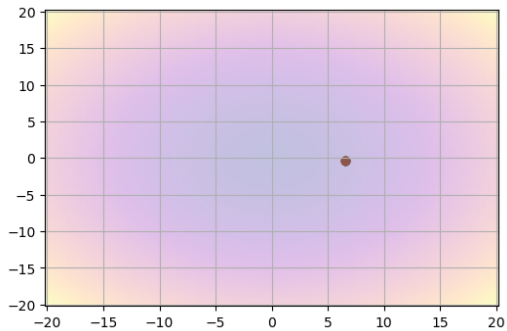








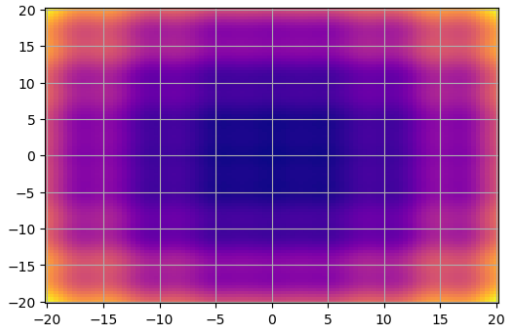


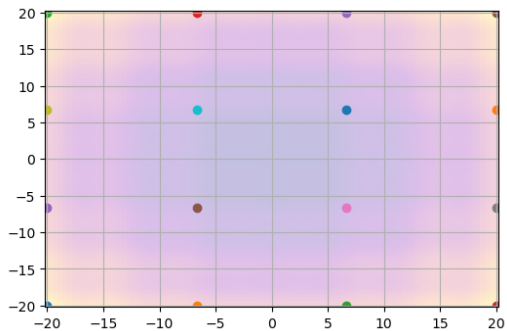


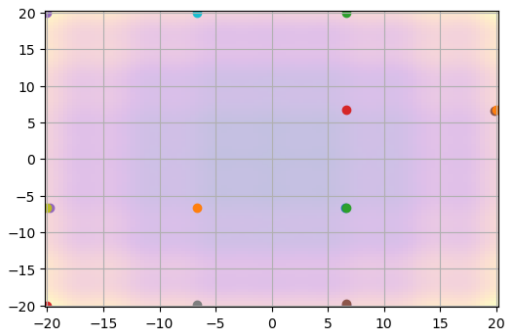
```
1 cb, history = callback_generator()
2 sol = DE_best_1_rand(g, bounds, Np=20, callback=cb)
3
4 print(sol, f(sol))
5 print(len(history))
```

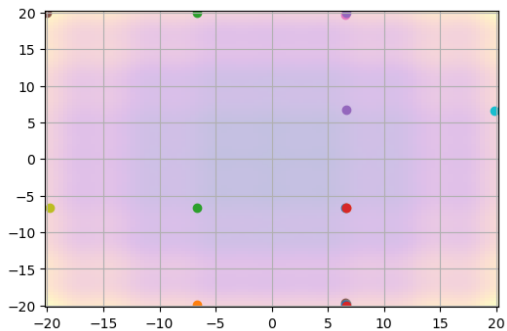
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1 [-4.23869592e+00 -1.33360706e-06] 17.9665431138232
2 35
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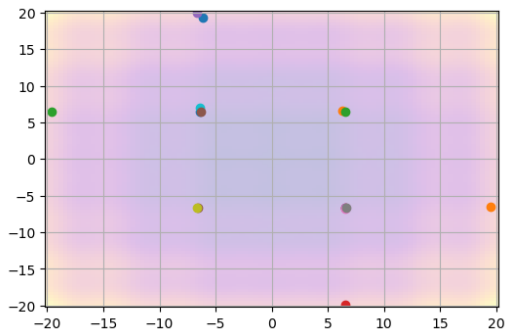
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1 plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zg, cmap='plasma', shading='auto');  
2 for n,points in enumerate(read_history(history)[:10]):  
3     plt.figure()  
4     plt.pcolormesh(x, y, zg, cmap='plasma', shading='auto', alpha=0.25);  
5     for p in points:  
6         plt.scatter(*p);
```

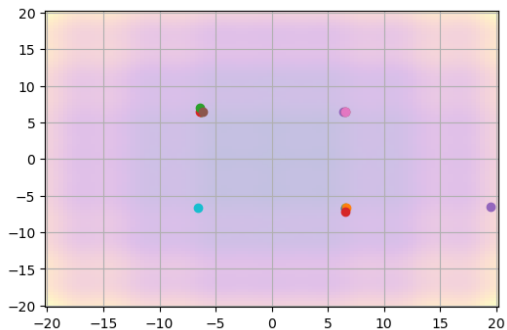


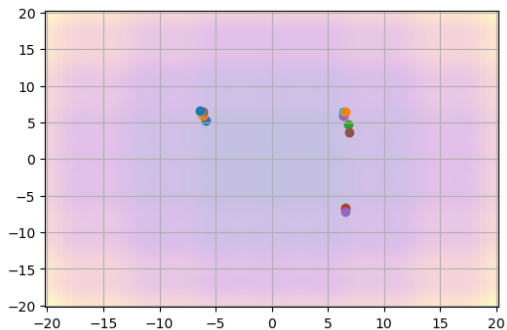


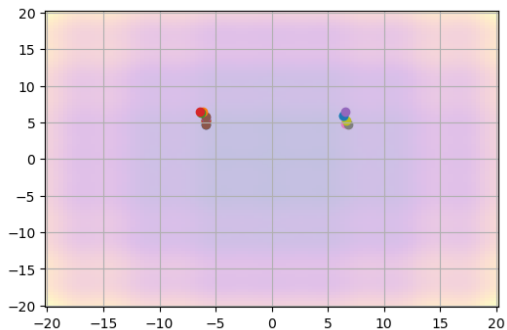


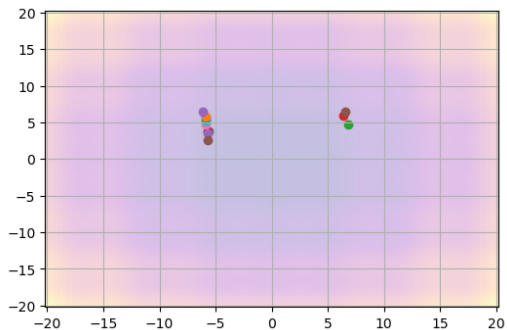


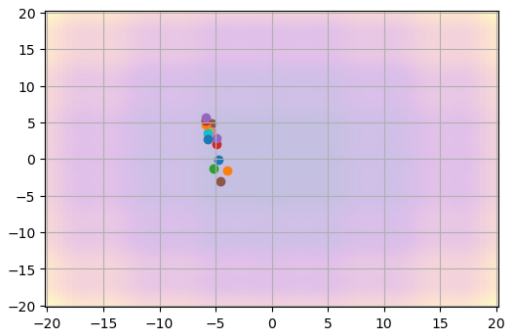


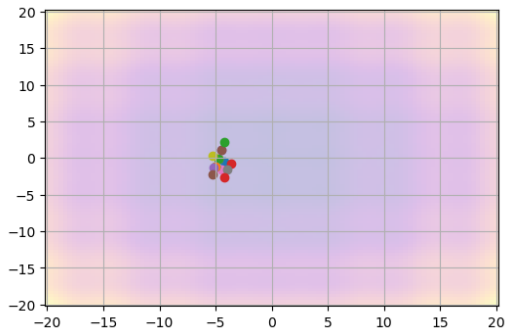












```
1 cb, history = callback_generator()
2 sol = differential_evolution(f, np.array([[-20,20],[-20,20]]), callback=cb)
3
4 print(sol)
5 print(len(history))
```

```
1 message: Optimization terminated successfully.
2     success: True
3     fun: 0.0
4     x: [ 0.000e+00  0.000e+00]
5     nit: 92
6     nfev: 2793
7     population: [[ 0.000e+00  0.000e+00]
8                  [ 0.000e+00  0.000e+00]
9                  ...
10                 [ 0.000e+00  0.000e+00]
11                 [ 0.000e+00  0.000e+00]]
12     population_energies: [ 0.000e+00  0.000e+00...  0.000e+00  0.000e+00]
13 92
```

```
1 print(history[:3])
```

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1 [[(array([-2.08614115,  2.1683338 ]), 0.012852546783936242), {}], [(array([0.86537587, 0.04008659]),  
↪ 0.008914919251420144), {}], [(array([ 0.11947614, -0.82902206]), 0.011033056011863563), {}]]
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