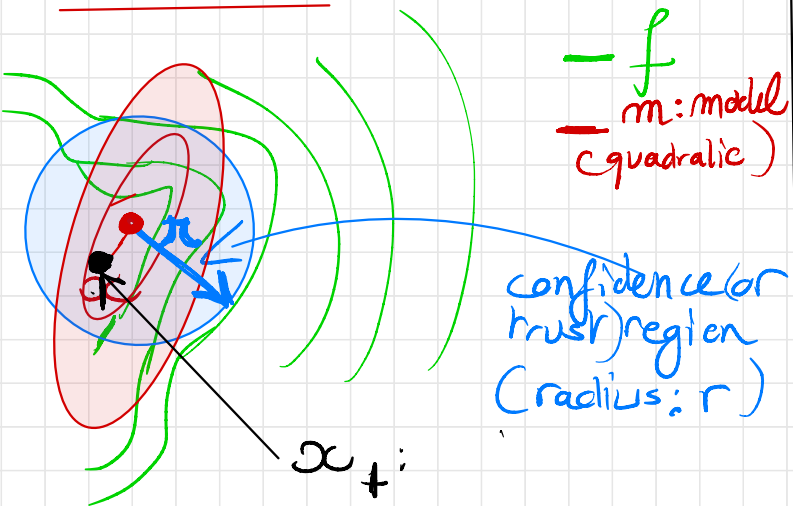


2.4) Trust region methods

The idea is to locally replace the function to minimize, f , by a quadratic (or polynomial) model and locally minimize this model.



At each step, the model is minimized²¹ on the trust region, (result is called x^+). The algorithm iterates in the following way:

- * If $f(x_+)$ is sufficiently decreasing compared to $f(x)$, replace x by x_+ and increase the trust region.
 - * Else, x is kept and the confidence region is reduced.
- Q1 → Which model to choose?
- Q2 → Which criteria for a successful step?

Answer to question 1:

* In a gradient / Hessian context for f , the best choice for a quadratic model is given by a 2nd order Taylor

expansion around x :

$$m(x+h) = f(x) + \langle h, \nabla f(x) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle h, Hf(x)h \rangle$$

When no gradient information is available for f , a Lagrange interpolation model is built (see below).

Answer to question 2: 22

* We say that a step is successful: if:

$$\frac{\underbrace{f(x) - f(x_+)}_{\text{function decrease}}}{\underbrace{m(x) - m(x_+)}_{\text{model decrease}}} \geq \eta$$

where $\eta < 1$ ($\eta \approx 0.1$).

In this case, the trust region radius is increased by a factor $\sigma_1 > 1$ (else it is reduced by $\sigma_2 < 1$).

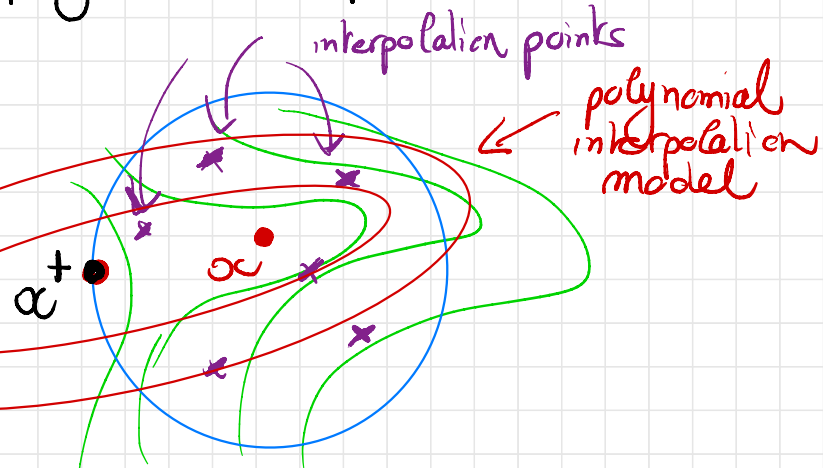
Example of implementation of this method with SciLab

$$f(x, y) = (x-1)^4 + (y-2)^4$$

(and a Taylor expansion).

In a gradient / Hessian context, there exists a convergence result of $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ to a critical point of f .
(see lecture notes Gould & Leyffer)

In a DFO context, the Taylor expansion is replaced by a Lagrange polynomial interpolation: 23



After initialization, a new point α^+ enters in the set of interpolation points.

(\rightsquigarrow NEWUOA, Powell, 2004)

Ex 5

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $g \in (\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $H \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$.

We denote by t_c the Cauchy step in the steepest descent direction, that is :

$$t_c = \operatorname{argmin}\{m(x_0 - tg), t > 0, x_0 - tg \in B(x_0, R)\}$$

The aim is to prove that

$$m(x_0) - m(x_0 - t_c g) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|g\| \min\left(\frac{\|g\|}{\|H\|}, R\right)$$

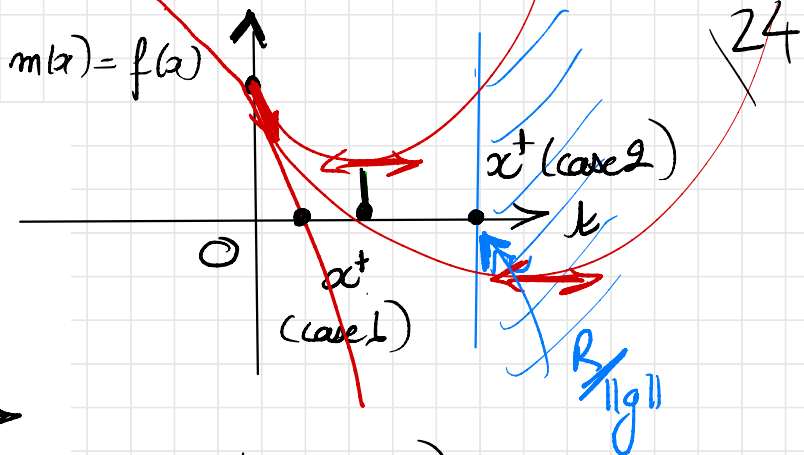
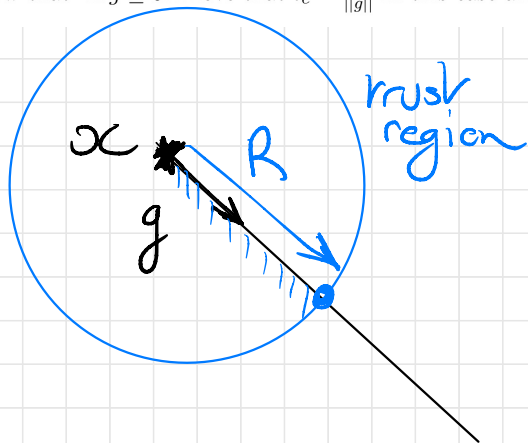
where $\frac{\|g\|}{\|H\|} = +\infty$ if $H = 0$.

1. First, we assume that ${}^t g H g > 0$. Prove that in this case

$$t_c = \min\left(\frac{R}{\|g\|}, \frac{\|g\|^2}{{}^t g H g}\right)$$

and conclude

2. Assume now that ${}^g H g \leq 0$. Prove that $t_c = \frac{R}{\|g\|}$ in this case and conclude.



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$$\varphi(t) = m(x_0 - tg) =$$

$$\varphi'(t) = -\langle g, \nabla m(x_0 - tg) \rangle$$

$$\text{where } \varphi(t) = -t \|g\|^2 + \frac{t^2}{2} {}^t g H g$$

1) If ${}^g H g > 0$ (case 1 or 2)

$$\varphi \text{ is minimal at } t^* = \frac{\|g\|^2}{{}^g H g}$$

* Two cases can occur:

$$\rightarrow \text{if } t^* \leq \frac{R}{\|g\|}$$
$$t_c = t^* = \frac{\|g\|^2}{g^T H g}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{if } t^* \geq \frac{R}{\|g\|}$$
$$t_c = \frac{R}{\|g\|}$$

In any cases

$$t_c = \text{Min} \left(\frac{R}{\|g\|}, \frac{\|g\|^2}{g^T H g} \right)$$

2) If $g^T H g \leq 0$, f goes to $-\infty$
and is minimal at $t_c = \frac{R}{\|g\|}$

The conclusion follows easily: 25

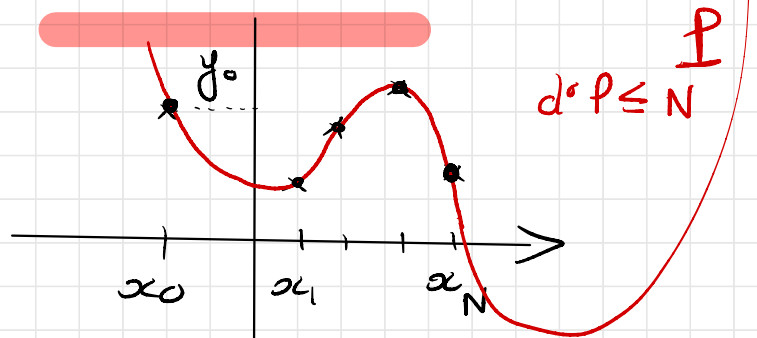
$$m(x_0) - m(x_0 - t_c g) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|g\| \text{Min} \left(\frac{\|g\|}{\|H g\|}, R \right)$$

decrease of the model

Remark: This condition gives a sufficient decrease to prove the convergence of the trust region method in a gradient / Hessian context.

Lagrange interpolation for a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

• Recall in 1D:



$\exists! P \in \mathbb{R}_N[x]$ such that
 $\forall i \in \{0, \dots, N\}, P(x_i) = y_i$

* In dimension $n \geq 1$,
 we seek for interpolation with:

$P \in \mathbb{R}_2[x_1, \dots, x_n]$: set of polynomials
 with n -variables of total degree ≤ 2
 (it contains only monomial $x_1^{a_1} \dots x_n^{a_n}$ with
 $a_1 + \dots + a_n \leq 2$)

In this case,

$\dim(\mathbb{R}_2[x_1, \dots, x_n]) = P_n$ with

$$P_n = \underbrace{1}_{d^o \leq 0} + \underbrace{n}_{d^o \leq 1} + \underbrace{\binom{n}{2}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ x_1^2, \dots, x_n^2}} + \underbrace{n}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ x_1^2, \dots, x_n^2}}$$

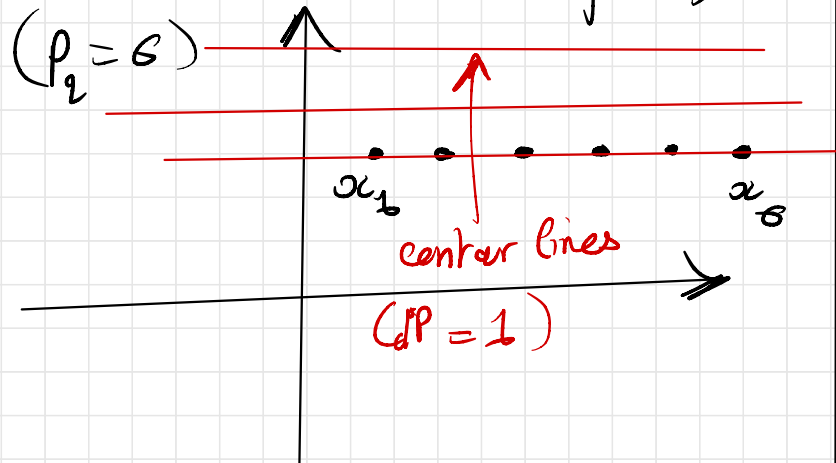
$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \quad (\text{if } n=1, P_n=3)$$

A number of points

$$p_n = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \text{ is needed}$$

to build a quadratic interpolation //

To ensure a unique interpolation quadratic polynomial, there is an additional condition if $n \geq 2$:



Moreover, the number of interpolation points needed is quadratically increasing:

$$n=1, p_1=3$$

$$n=2, p_2=6$$

$$n=3, p_3=10$$

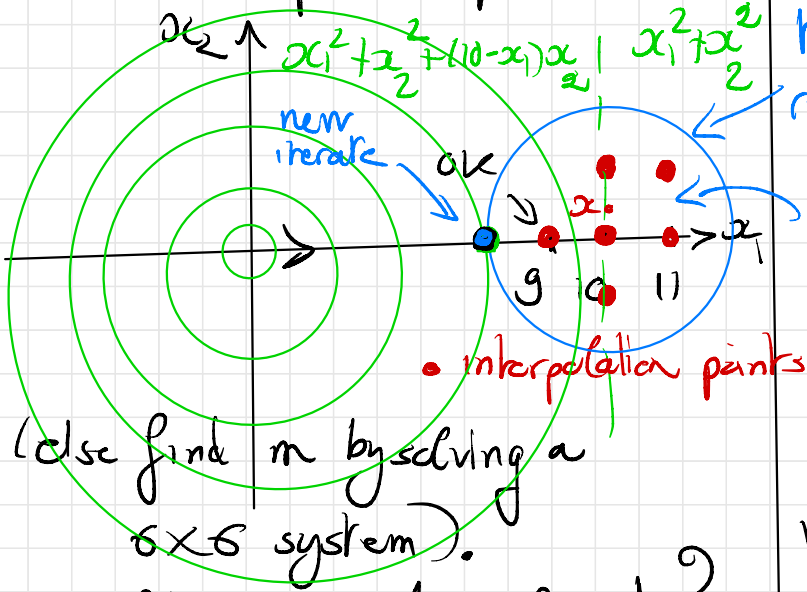
$$n=4, p_4=15 \dots$$

Def: $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$ (with $N = p_n$)

is posed if there exists a unique polynomial interpolation

$\forall (y_i)_{1 \leq i \leq N}, \exists! P \in \mathbb{R}_2[x_1, \dots, x_n]$
such that $P(x_i) = y_i$.

1) It is enough to check that
 $m(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 = f(x_1, x_2)$
 at the interpolation points



$$\rho = \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0^+)}{m(x_0) - m(x_0^+)}$$

$$= 1 \geq \eta$$

$\rightarrow x_0^+$ is accepted:

model: m

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = x_0^+ \\ r_1 = \gamma r_0 \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

At this new iteration, there are 7 possible interpolation points

We take the new set by

- ρ_* including x_1
- ρ_* excluding the farthest point: $(11, 1)$ and we iterate.....

2) What is the value of x_0^+ ?
 $x_0^+ = (8, 0)$ (minimum of m on $B(x_0, 2)$)

- Two problems remain:
- * The cost of the first interpolation model
 - * The possible non paired system that can be obtained