

V.2.1 Newton method

Idea: apply Newton's method directly to

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

Linearize $\vec{\nabla} \phi$ around some given $\vec{x}^{(k)}$:

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi(\vec{x}^{(k)}) \approx \vec{\nabla} \phi(\vec{x}^{(k)}) + (\text{Hess } \phi)(\vec{x}^{(k)}) (\vec{x} - \vec{x}^{(k)})$$

Define $\vec{x}^{(k+1)}$ as

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi(\vec{x}^{(k)}) + (\text{Hess } \phi)(\vec{x}^{(k)}) \underbrace{(\vec{x}^{(k+1)} - \vec{x}^{(k)})}_{\vec{s} \text{ (call it } \vec{s} \text{!)}} = 0$$

Then

$$\vec{x}^{(k+1)} = \vec{x}^{(k)} + \vec{s}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \text{ convergence}$$

$$\text{solve } (\text{Hess } \phi)(\vec{x}^{(k)}) \vec{s} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi(\vec{x}^{(k)})$$

Rem.: (i) if close enough to a minimum, it

converges quadratically $p=2$ { existence & uniqueness

(ii) needs the Hessian matrix

discussion in
chapter II!