

Mathematical Modelling Exam

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1. Perform one step of Gauss-Newton method to approximate the least squares solution of the system

$$f(x, y) = (2, 3, 1),$$

where

$$f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad f(x, y) = (x^2 + y^3 + 2, x + e^{y-1}, \sin x + 2y^2 - 3).$$

For the initial approximation take $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 1)$.

Solution. We define a vector function $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by the rule

$$F(x, y) := f(x, y) - (2, 3, 1) = (x^2 + y^3, x + e^{y-1} - 3, \sin x + 2y^2 - 4).$$

After one step of Gauss-Newton method the approximate of the least squares solution of the system $F(x, y) = (0, 0, 0)$ will be

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} - ((JF)(x_0, y_0))^\dagger F(x_0, y_0).$$

We have

$$(JF)(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 3y^2 \\ 1 & e^{y-1} \\ \cos x & 4y \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (JF)(0, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since

$$((JF)(0, 1))^T \cdot (JF)(0, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 5 & 26 \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} ((JF)(0, 1))^\dagger &= \left(((JF)(0, 1))^T \cdot (JF)(0, 1) \right)^{-1} ((JF)(0, 1))^T \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 5 & 26 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \begin{bmatrix} 26 & -5 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \begin{bmatrix} -15 & 21 & 6 \\ 6 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{9} & \frac{7}{9} & \frac{3}{9} \\ \frac{2}{9} & -\frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{9} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{9} & \frac{7}{9} & \frac{3}{9} \\ \frac{2}{9} & -\frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{23}{9} \\ \frac{7}{9} \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. Let S be a surface given by $z = g(x, y)$, where

$$g(x, y) = x^3 - x^2y + y^2 - 2x + 3y - 2$$

is a differentiable function. Determine the tangent plane to S in the point $(-1, 3)$ in the parametric and implicit form.

Hint: Note that the parametric equation $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ of the surface S is

$$f(x, y) = (x, y, g(x, y)).$$

Solution. The parametric form $r : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ of the tangent plane to S in the point $(x, y) = (-1, 3)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} r(u, v) &= f(-1, 3) + uf_x(-1, 3) + vf_y(-1, 3) \\ &= (-1, 3, g(-1, 3)) + u \cdot (1, 0, g_x(-1, 3)) + v \cdot (0, 1, g_y(-1, 3)). \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} g(-1, 3) &= (-1)^3 - (-1)^2 \cdot 3 + 3^2 - 2(-1) + 3 \cdot 3 - 2 = 14, \\ g_x(x, y) &= 3x^2 - 2xy - 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_x(-1, 3) = 3 - 2(-1)3 - 2 = 7, \\ g_y(x, y) &= -x^2 + 2y + 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_y(-1, 3) = -1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 = 8. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$r(u, v) = (-1, 3, 14) + u(1, 0, 7) + v(0, 1, 8) = (-1 + u, 3 + v, 14 + 7u + 8v).$$

For the implicit form of the tangent plane we need its normal

$$\vec{n} := f_x(-1, 3) \times f_y(-1, 3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, the implicit form

$$(x, y, z) \cdot \vec{n} = f(-1, 3) \cdot \vec{n}$$

is

$$-7x - 8y + z = 7 - 24 + 14 = -3.$$

3. Let

$$2xy - 9x^2 + (2y + x^2 + 1) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \tag{1}$$

be a differential equation.

- (a) Rewrite (1) in the form $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ and prove that this DE is exact by checking the necessary and sufficient condition involving partial derivatives of M and N .
- (b) Solve the DE (1) with an initial condition $y(0) = -3$.

Solution.

(a) An equivalent form of the DE (1) is

$$\underbrace{(2xy - 9x^2)}_{M(x,y)} dx + \underbrace{(2y + x^2 + 1)}_{N(x,y)} dy = 0.$$

Since $M(x, y)$ and $N(x, y)$ are differentiable for every $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, the DE (1) is exact if and only if

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y) = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}(x, y).$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y) = 2x = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}(x, y)$$

and hence the DE (1) is exact.

(b) Solutions of the exact DE are level curves $u(x, y) = C$, $C \in \mathbb{R}$, of the potential function $u(x, y)$, i.e., a function which satisfies

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) = M(x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) = N(x, y).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= \int M(x, y) dx = x^2 y - 3x^3 + C(y), \\ u(x, y) &= \int N(x, y) dy = y^2 + x^2 y + y + D(x), \end{aligned}$$

where $C(y)$ and $D(x)$ are functions of y and x , respectively. So,

$$u(x, y) = x^2 y - 3x^3 + y^2 + y + E,$$

where $E \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant. The level curves of $u(x, y)$ are given by the equations

$$x^2 y - 3x^3 + y^2 + y = C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

The solution satisfying $y(0) = -3$ is the level curve (2)

$$0^2 \cdot (-3) - 3 \cdot 0^3 + (-3)^2 + (-3) = 6 = C$$

with $C = 6$.

4. Convert the differential equation

$$y'' + 11y' + 24y = 0 \quad (3)$$

into the system of first order DEs, solve this system and recover the solution of the initial DE (3).

Solution. We introduce functions $x_1(t) := y(t)$ and $x_2(t) := x'_1(t)$. The DE (3) converts into the system

$$\begin{aligned} x'_1(t) &= x_2(t), \\ x'_2(t) &= -24x_1(t) - 11x_2(t). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The matricial form of (4) is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -24 & -11 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of the matrix A are the roots of the following determinant

$$\det \left(A - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = (-\lambda)(-11 - \lambda) + 24 = \lambda^2 + 11\lambda + 24 = (\lambda + 8)(\lambda + 3).$$

So, $\lambda_1 = -8$ and $\lambda_2 = -3$.

The kernel of

$$A - \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 \\ -24 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

contains the vector

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The kernel of

$$A - \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -24 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

contains the vector

$$u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So, the general solution of the system (4) is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = C_1 \cdot e^{-8t} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \cdot e^{-3t} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix},$$

where C_1 and C_2 are constants. Hence, the solution of the initial DE is

$$y(t) = Ce^{-8t} + De^{-3t},$$

where C, D are constants.