

在開始正題之前我們複習泰勒定理。首先是單變數函數的泰勒定理：

Theorem 1.1. Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be $(n+1)$ -times differentiable. Then for all $c, x \in (a, b)$ satisfying $x \neq c$, there exists ξ between c and x such that

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x-c)^{n+1}.$$

接下來是多變數函數的泰勒定理：

Theorem 1.2. Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set, and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be $(n+1)$ -times differentiable. Then for all $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n), x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Omega$ satisfying $x \neq c$ and $\overline{cx} \subseteq \Omega$, there exists $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in \overline{cx}$ such that

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{(D^\alpha f)(c)}{\alpha!} (x-c)^\alpha + \sum_{|\alpha|=n+1} \frac{(D^\alpha f)(\xi)}{\alpha!} (x-c)^\alpha,$$

where for a given multi-index $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$,

$$\alpha! = \alpha_1! \cdots \alpha_n!, \quad |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n,$$

$$D^\alpha f = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} f}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots \partial x_n^{\alpha_n}}, \quad (x-c)^\alpha = (x_1 - c_1)^{\alpha_1} \cdots (x_n - c_n)^{\alpha_n}.$$

接下來我們用泰勒定理證明一個我們上學期學過的 second derivative test 的另一個（條件給得比較嚴格的）版本。

Theorem 1.3. Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice differentiable function, $c \in (a, b)$, and $f'(c) = 0$. Suppose that f'' is continuous at c .

1. If $f''(c) > 0$, then f attains its relative minimum at c .
2. If $f''(c) < 0$, then f attains its relative maximum at c .

Proof. 1. Since $f'(c) > 0$ and f'' is continuous at c , there exists $h > 0$ such that

$$f''(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in (c-h, c+h).$$

Let $x \in (c-h, c+h)$ and $x \neq c$. By Taylor's Theorem, there exists ξ between c and x such that

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2}(x-c)^2.$$

Since $\xi \in (c-h, c+h)$ if $x \in (c-h, c+h)$, we have $f''(\xi) > 0$; thus the fact that $f'(c) = 0$ shows that

$$f(x) = f(c) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2}(x-c)^2 > f(c).$$

Therefore, f attains its relative minimum at c .

2. By changing $>$ to $<$, we obtain the proof for the second case. □

上述定理與其證明可以幫助我們理解接下來要敘述的多變數函數的 second derivative test。

Theorem 1.4. Let $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open region, $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice differentiable, $(a, b) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$. Suppose that f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yx} and f_{yy} are continuous at (a, b) .

1. If the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(a, b) & f_{xy}(a, b) \\ f_{yx}(a, b) & f_{yy}(a, b) \end{bmatrix}$ is positive definite; that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} u & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(a, b) & f_{xy}(a, b) \\ f_{yx}(a, b) & f_{yy}(a, b) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad \forall (u, v) \neq (0, 0),$$

then f attains its relative minimum at (a, b) .

2. If the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(a, b) & f_{xy}(a, b) \\ f_{yx}(a, b) & f_{yy}(a, b) \end{bmatrix}$ is negative definite; that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} u & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(a, b) & f_{xy}(a, b) \\ f_{yx}(a, b) & f_{yy}(a, b) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad \forall (u, v) \neq (0, 0),$$

then f attains its relative maximum at (a, b) .

Proof. We mimic the proof of the previous theorem.

1. First, the continuity of f_{xy} and f_{yx} at (a, b) implies that $f_{xy}(a, b) = f_{yx}(a, b)$. Note that the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(a, b) & f_{xy}(a, b) \\ f_{yx}(a, b) & f_{yy}(a, b) \end{bmatrix}$ is positive definite if and only if

$$f_{xx}(a, b) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx}(a, b) & f_{xy}(a, b) \\ f_{yx}(a, b) & f_{yy}(a, b) \end{vmatrix} = f_{xx}(a, b)f_{yy}(a, b) - f_{xy}(a, b)^2 > 0.$$

By the continuity of f_{xx} , f_{xy} , f_{yx} and f_{yy} at (a, b) , we find that there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$f_{xx}(x, y) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_{xx}(x, y)f_{yy}(x, y) - f_{xy}(x, y)^2 > 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \in D((a, b), \delta);$$

thus we obtain $\delta > 0$ that

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(x, y) & f_{xy}(x, y) \\ f_{yx}(x, y) & f_{yy}(x, y) \end{bmatrix} \text{ is positive definite for all } (x, y) \in D((a, b), \delta).$$

Let $(x, y) \in D((a, b), \delta)$ and $(x, y) \neq (a, b)$. Then the segment joining (a, b) and (x, y) is a subset of $D((a, b), \delta)$ (since $D((a, b), \delta)$ is convex); thus by Taylor's Theorem there exists (ξ, η) on the segment joining (a, b) and (x, y) such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \sum_{k=0}^1 \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{(D^\alpha f)(a, b)}{\alpha!} ((x, y) - (a, b))^\alpha + \sum_{|\alpha|=2} \frac{(D^\alpha f)(\xi, \eta)}{\alpha!} ((x, y) - (a, b))^\alpha \\ &= f(a, b) + \sum_{|(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)|=1} \frac{(D^{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} f)(a, b)}{\alpha_1! \alpha_2!} (x - a, y - b)^{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} \\ &\quad + \sum_{|(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)|=2} \frac{(D^{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} f)(\xi, \eta)}{\alpha!} (x - a, y - b)^{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} \\ &= f(a, b) + \frac{(D^{(1,0)} f)(a, b)}{1!0!} ((x - a, y - b))^{(1,0)} + \frac{(D^{(0,1)} f)(a, b)}{0!1!} ((x, y) - (a, b))^{(0,1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(D^{(2,0)} f)(\xi, \eta)}{2!0!} ((x - a, y - b))^{(2,0)} + \frac{(D^{(1,1)} f)(\xi, \eta)}{1!1!} ((x, y) - (a, b))^{(1,1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(D^{(0,2)} f)(\xi, \eta)}{0!2!} ((x, y) - (a, b))^{(0,2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$D^{(1,0)} f = f_x, \quad D^{(0,1)} f = f_y, \quad D^{(2,0)} f = f_{xx}, \quad D^{(1,1)} f = f_{xy}, \quad D^{(0,2)} f = f_{yy},$$

the fact that $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$ shows that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}f_{xx}(\xi, \eta)(x - a)^2 + f_{xy}(\xi, \eta)(x - a)(y - b) + \frac{1}{2}f_{yy}(\xi, \eta)(y - b)^2 \\ &= f(a, b) + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x - a & y - b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(\xi, \eta) & f_{xy}(\xi, \eta) \\ f_{yx}(\xi, \eta) & f_{yy}(\xi, \eta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - a \\ y - b \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $(x, y) \neq (a, b)$, $(x - a, y - b) \neq (0, 0)$; thus the fact that $(\xi, \eta) \in D((a, b), \delta)$ shows that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x - a & y - b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(\xi, \eta) & f_{xy}(\xi, \eta) \\ f_{yx}(\xi, \eta) & f_{yy}(\xi, \eta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - a \\ y - b \end{bmatrix} > 0;$$

thus $f(x, y) > f(a, b)$ for all $(x, y) \in D((a, b), \delta)$ satisfying $(x, y) \neq (a, b)$. Therefore, f attains its relative minimum at (a, b) .

2. Again by changing $>$ to $<$ (and positive to negative), we obtain the proof for the second case. \square

Remark 1.5. 我們如何判斷一個 2×2 對稱矩陣 $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix}$ 是正定的呢？由定義可知 $M \equiv \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix}$ 是正定的若且唯若

$$Au^2 + 2Buv + Cv^2 = \begin{bmatrix} u & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad \forall (u, v) \neq (0, 0).$$

注意到 $(u, v) \neq (0, 0)$ 表示 u, v 至少其一非零。

1. 若 $u \neq 0$ ，我們定義 $x = v/u$ 並得到 M 為正定若且唯若對所有 $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 我們有 $A + 2Bx + Cx^2 > 0$ 。這個觀察證明了 $C > 0$ 且判別式 $B^2 - AC < 0$ 兩條件同時滿足等價於 M 為正定矩陣。
2. 若 $v \neq 0$ ，我們定義 $x = u/v$ 並得到 M 為正定若且唯若對所有 $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 我們有 $Ax^2 + 2Bx + C > 0$ 。這個觀察證明了 $A > 0$ 且判別式 $B^2 - AC < 0$ 兩條件同時滿足等價於 M 為正定矩陣。

上述兩條件幫助我們如何判斷一個 2×2 矩陣是否正定。判斷負定的方法，唯一的區別是係數 A 或 C 得小於零（但是判別式 $B^2 - AC$ 一樣要小於零）。

In general, (by almost the same proof of the theorem above) for a twice differentiable function f of n -variables defined on an open set Ω with

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k}(c_1, \dots, c_n) = 0 \quad \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\},$$

where $c \equiv (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \Omega$ at which $f_{x_j x_k} \equiv \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_k \partial x_j}$ is continuous for all $1 \leq j, k \leq n$, we have

1. f attains its relative minimum at c if the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} f_{x_1 x_1}(c) & \cdots & f_{x_1 x_n}(c) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_{x_n x_1}(c) & \cdots & f_{x_n x_n}(c) \end{bmatrix}$ is positive definite.
2. f attains its relative maximum at c if the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} f_{x_1 x_1}(c) & \cdots & f_{x_1 x_n}(c) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_{x_n x_1}(c) & \cdots & f_{x_n x_n}(c) \end{bmatrix}$ is negative definite.

一般而言用來判斷一個對稱矩陣正負定的方法可參考 Sylvester's criterion (請同學自行查 wiki)。