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The "Second Derivative" of a Non-Differentiable Function and its Use in Interval Optimization Methods

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Abstract—The paper presents an idea to use weak derivatives in interval global optimization. It allows using the Newton operator to narrow domains of non-differentiable functions. Preliminary computational experiments are also presented.

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1. Introduction

Optimization algorithms for differentiable problems are well established and sophisticated. Also for non-smooth, but Lipschitz-continuous objective functions there are well-known methods. Replacing gradients with so-called subgradients allows to create analogs of several gradient-based methods for non-differentiable problems. For interval algorithms virtually no changes are needed [1].

In this paper it is proposed to extend this approach to using an analog of the second derivative.

2. Interval methods

Interval methods are a robust approach to global optimization. Here, we shall recall some basic notions of intervals and their arithmetic. We follow a widely acknowledged standards (cf., e.g., [2], [3], [11]).

We define the (closed) interval $[a, b]$ as a set $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$.

Following [4], we use boldface lowercase letters to denote interval variables, e.g., x, y, z , and \mathbb{R} denotes the set of all real intervals.

We design arithmetic operations on intervals so that the following condition is fulfilled: if we have $0 \in \{+, -, \cdot, /, \sqrt{\cdot}\}$, $a \in \mathbb{A}$, $b \in \mathbb{B}$, then $a \odot b \in \mathbb{A} \odot \mathbb{B}$. The actual formulae for arithmetic operations (see, e.g., [11], [12]) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b] + [c, d] &= [a+c, b+d], \\ [a, b] - [c, d] &= [a-d, b-c], \\ [a, b] \cdot [c, d] &= [\min\{ac, ad, bc, bd\}, \max\{ac, ad, bc, bd\}], \\ [a, b] / [c, d] &= [a, b] \cdot [1/d, 1/c], \quad 0 \notin [c, d]. \end{aligned}$$

The so-called *extended interval arithmetic* allows division by an interval containing zero, not covered by the above

formulae. The basic idea is that the result of such a division should be the set of all possible results of the division operation, executed on numbers from the argument intervals. We give here the formulae of Kahan–Novoa–Ratz arithmetic, following [1]:

$$\mathbf{a/b} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{a} \cdot [1/\sqrt{b}, 1/b] & \text{for } 0 \notin \mathbf{b} \\ [-\infty, +\infty] & \text{for } 0 \in \mathbf{a} \text{ and } 0 \in \mathbf{b} \\ [\sqrt{b}/b, +\infty] & \text{for } \sqrt{b} < 0 \text{ and } b < 0 < \overline{b} = 0 \\ [-\infty, \sqrt{b}/b] \cup [\sqrt{b}/b, +\infty] & \text{for } \sqrt{b} < 0 \text{ and } b < 0 < \overline{b} \\ [-\infty, \sqrt{b}/b] & \text{for } \sqrt{b} < 0 \text{ and } 0 < b < \overline{b} \\ [-\infty, a/b] & \text{for } 0 < a \text{ and } b < \overline{b} = 0 \\ [-\infty, a/b] \cup [a/b, +\infty] & \text{for } 0 < a \text{ and } b < 0 < \overline{b} \\ [a/b, +\infty] & \text{for } a < 0 \text{ and } 0 < b < \overline{b} \\ \emptyset & \text{for } 0 \notin \mathbf{a} \text{ and } 0 = \mathbf{b} \end{cases}$$

The definition of interval vector \mathbf{x} , a subset of \mathbb{R}^n is straightforward: $\mathbb{R}^n \supset \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 \times \dots \times \mathbf{x}_n$. Traditionally interval vectors are called *boxes*.

Links between real and interval functions are set by the notion of an *inclusion function*, see, e.g., [3]; also called an *interval extension*, e.g., [1].

Definition 1: A function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an *inclusion function* of $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, if for every interval \mathbf{x} within the domain of f the following condition is satisfied:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{x} \subseteq f(\mathbf{x}).$$

The definition is analogous for functions $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

When computing interval operations, we can round the lower bound downward and the upper bound upward. This will result in an interval that will be a bit overestimated, but will be guaranteed to contain the true result of the real-number operation.

Using these notions we can formulate the interval branch-and-bound (b&b) optimization algorithm, in the following way:

Branch-and-bound method ($\mathbf{x}^{(0)}, f$):

// $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ is the initial box
// $f(\dots)$ is the interval extension of the objective function
// L_{best} is the list of solutions

$\{\mathbf{x}^{(0)}, \mathbf{y}^{(0)}\} = f(\mathbf{x}^{(0)})$;
compute f_{min} as the upper bound on the global minimum
(e.g. objective value in a feasible point);
 $L = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}, \mathbf{y}^{(0)})\}$;

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(respectively the Weil restriction from a totally real number field of $GL(2)$, and the symplectic group). Vector space calculus is treated in two chapters, the differential calculus in sary purely algebraic theory of vector spaces, Chapter 4 presents the material mapping fixed-point theorem as our basic approach to the inlplicit-function . sentences occurring in mathematics contain variables and are therefore not true or false. In mathematics, the total variation identifies several slightly different concepts, related to the (local or global) structure of the codomain of a function or a measure. For a real-valued continuous function f , defined on an interval $[a, b]$? ?, The extension of the concept to functions of more than one variable however is not.

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