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Linear Algebra — n-Dim Taylor Series

$$E(\vec{w}) = E(\vec{w}_0 + \vec{\epsilon}) = \frac{E(\vec{w}_0)}{0!} + \frac{\nabla_{\vec{w}} E(\vec{w}) \Big|_{\vec{w}=\vec{w}_0}}{1!} \cdot \vec{\epsilon} + \frac{\vec{\epsilon}^T H \vec{\epsilon}}{2!} + \dots$$

where $\nabla_{\vec{w}} E(\vec{w}) \Big|_{\vec{w}=\vec{w}_0} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_1} \Big|_{\vec{w}=\vec{w}_0} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_n} \Big|_{\vec{w}=\vec{w}_0} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \text{gradient}$

and $H \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_1 \partial w_1} \Big|_{\vec{w}=\vec{w}_0} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_n \partial w_1} \Big|_{\vec{w}=\vec{w}_0} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_1 \partial w_n} \Big|_{\vec{w}=\vec{w}_0} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_n \partial w_n} \Big|_{\vec{w}=\vec{w}_0} \end{bmatrix}$
 \equiv Hessian matrix

ex: $E(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 1)^2 + w_2^2 + 1$ has min at $\vec{w}_0 = (1, 0)$

$$\therefore E(1 + \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = E(\vec{w}_0) + \nabla_{\vec{w}} E(\vec{w}) \Big|_{\vec{w}_0} \cdot \vec{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{\epsilon}^T H \vec{\epsilon} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \begin{bmatrix} 2(w_1 - 1) \Big|_{(w_1, w_2) = (1, 0)} \\ 2w_2 \Big|_{(w_1, w_2) = (1, 0)} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 & \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \Big|_{(w_1, w_2) = (1, 0)} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \Big|_{(w_1, w_2) = (1, 0)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} + \dots$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E(\vec{\omega}_0 + \vec{\epsilon}) &= E(1 + \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = 1 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{[\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &= 1 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} [\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2] \begin{bmatrix} 2\epsilon_1 \\ 2\epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{2\epsilon_1^2}{2} + \frac{2\epsilon_2^2}{2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Check this against 1-Dim slice through $E(\vec{\omega})$:

$$E(1 + \epsilon, 0) = (\omega, -1)^2 + 1 = (1 + \epsilon, -1)^2 + 1 = 1 + \epsilon^2 \quad \checkmark$$

Note that when we choose $\vec{\omega}_0$ to a minimum of $E(\vec{\omega})$ then the $\nabla E(\vec{\omega})$ is zero. This is because $E(\vec{\omega})$ is flat at a minimum. Near a minimum we always have a quadratic bowl, as we do in the above example.