

1 Floating and error

*	-Inf	-0	0	Inf	NaN
-Inf	Inf	NaN	NaN	-Inf	NaN
-0	NaN	0	-0	NaN	NaN
0	NaN	-0	0	NaN	NaN
Inf	-Inf	NaN	NaN	Inf	NaN
NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

Inf :> any other FP value & overflow "flag"

NaN : indeterminate/invalid computation, propagates

IEEE754 valid : $x + y = y + x, x + x = 2 \cdot x, x - \hat{b} = A\hat{x} \approx b$

$x = 0, \frac{x}{2} \cdot 2 = x, (2x) \cdot \frac{y}{2} = x \cdot y, -x = -1 \cdot x$

IEEE754 invalid : $x + 2 \cdot y = (x + y) + y =$

$x + (y + y), x < x + y (x, y > 0), \text{NaN} =$

$\text{NaN}, \sqrt{x^2} = |x|, x + y - y = x$

IEEE : guarantees elementary but not distribution

Demoralized numbers : fill gap btw. numbers,

very small values at best possible FP

discretion instead of flushing to 0, leading 0

as exp., slower

1.1 Error

Absolute (forward) : $y - \hat{y}$

Relative : $\frac{|y - \hat{y}|}{y}$

Backward : $x - f^{-1}(\hat{y})$

Condition number : $\frac{\text{forward}}{\text{backward}}$

Truncation : diff. btw. actual value and value with digits chapped off

Rounding : loss of prec. after ULP (space btw. 2 consec. FP val.)

Cancellation : loss of significance when subtracting 2 close FP numb., tiny residual can move to leading position, happens even when res. is exactly representable

Over/underflow : value too big/small for numb. of bits allocated

2 Linear Systems

$f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$

$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik}B_{kj}$

Linear transformations : (combinations of) scale, shear, rotate, flip

Over;Under-determined : $m > n$ (tall), no solution in general; $m < n$ (wide), none or infinite nb. solutions

Gaussian elimination : $O(n^3)$, select pivot in row, scale pivot to 1, sub-mult of row to create 0 in col below

Back-substitution : $O(n^2)$, zero out col entries above

2.1 LU decomposition

Poor accuracy if ill-conditioned

$$A = [L \quad U] \quad [U \quad L]$$

Store in single matrice (L's diagonal = 1).

$U = E_n \dots E_1 A, L = E_1^{-1} \dots E_n^{-1}$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = U^{-1}(L^{-1}\vec{b})$

Partial/full-pivoting : $PA = LU, P_1 L U P_2$

Solve : apply P to b , solve using L , solve using U

1 lu, piv = scipy.linalg.lu_factor(A)
2 x=scipy.linalg.lu_solve((lu,piv),b)

$$\text{Cholesky decomposition: } A = LL^T, \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{A_{11}} & 0 \\ \frac{A_{21}}{L_{11}} & \sqrt{A_{22}-L_{21}^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve : solve with L , solve with L^T

3 Conditioning

Residual : $\vec{r}(\hat{x}) := A\hat{x} - \vec{b}$

$$\text{Norm: } \|\vec{x}\|_p = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |\vec{x}_i|^p}, \|\vec{x}\|_\infty = \max_{i=1}^n |\vec{x}_i|, \|\alpha\vec{x}\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|, \|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \leq \|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\|$$

Matrix norm : $\|A\| = \max\{\|A\vec{x}\| : \|\vec{x}\| = 1\}$

$\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|, \|A\vec{x}\| \leq \|A\| \|\vec{x}\|$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow \|A\|\|\vec{x}\| \geq \|\vec{b}\|$

3.1 Condition number

Ill-conditioned : sensitive to input noise, exploding problem

$$\text{cond}(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$$

np.linalg.cond(A, p=2)

cond(A) = $\infty \iff A$ is singular

$A = I_n \iff \text{cond}(A) = 1 \iff A$ scaled

orthogonal matrix ($A = \sigma U V^T$)

$\text{cond}(\alpha A) = \text{cond}(A), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$\text{cond}(AA^T) \approx \text{cond}(A)^2$

Perturbed system : $A(\vec{x} + \Delta \vec{x}) = \vec{b} + \Delta \vec{b}$

$$\frac{\|\Delta \vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\Delta \vec{b}\| \cdot \frac{\|A\|}{\|\vec{b}\|}$$

$$\frac{\|\Delta \vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \lesssim \text{cond}(A) \text{ulp}(1)$$

ulp(1) $\approx 2^{-23}; 2^{-52}$ (double)

3.2 Least squares

$$\text{Minimise } \|\vec{r}(\vec{x})\|_2 = \|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|_2$$

Least squares :

$$\arg_{a,b} \min \sum_{i=1}^n ((ax_i + b) - y_i)^2$$

Weighted least squares :

$$\arg_{a,b} \min \sum_{i=1}^n (\vec{w}_i(ax_i + b) - y_i)^2, \quad \vec{w}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i}, \sigma_i \text{ std. deviation}$$

Normal equations : $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$

Regularization : improve the condition number (decreased accuracy, bias, ...)

Tikhonov Regularization :

$$\vec{x}_{\text{sol}} = \arg \min \left[\|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\vec{x}\|_2^2 \right]$$

λ : parameter controlling the degree to which we prefer smaller solutions

LU : add λI to $A^T A$ via normal equation

$$\text{QR: factorize extended } \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \sqrt{\lambda} I \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.3 QR factorization

Good accuracy if system ill-conditioned, slower than LU

$$\vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x} = \langle A\vec{x}, A\vec{x} \rangle = \|A\vec{x}\|^2$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a}^T \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

Orthogonal transformations : preserve distances and angles, do not amplify error

Householder reflection : excellent numerical properties, hard to parallelize

find Q such that $Q\vec{x} = (\tilde{x}_1 \ 0 \ \dots)^T$, $\tilde{x} = \vec{x} - 2(\vec{v}^T \vec{x})\vec{v}$, $\|\vec{v}\| = 1$, $\tilde{x} = Q\vec{x}, Q = I - 2\frac{\vec{v}\vec{v}^T}{\|\vec{v}\|^2}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \boxed{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \left(\boxed{\mathbf{Q}}^T \boxed{\mathbf{b}} \right)$$

$$A = QR, R = Q_n \dots Q_1 A, \vec{x} = R^{-1}(\vec{Q}^T \vec{b}), Q_i \perp$$

Well defined even for singular (or zero-valued) matrices (relies on isometries), more expensive than LU, solve tall linear system giving least squares solution without using normal equations

2x more expensive than LU but extremely well-behaved

Solve : mult. by Q^T , solve with R

1 Q, R = scipy.linalg.qr(A,
2 x = scipy.linalg.solve_triangular(R,
3 diag st. $\Sigma_{ii} = \sigma_i, \sigma_i$ are positive and sorted in decreasing order
4 U, V are orthogonal matrices ($P^T = P^{-1}$)
5 A : $m \times n, U : m \times m, \Sigma : m \times n, V^T : n \times n$
6 $A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \vec{u}_i \vec{v}_i^T, A^{-1} = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T$
7 U, Σ , V = scipy.linalg.svd(A)

Solve : mult. by U^T , mult. Σ^{-1} , mult. V^T

$$\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1, \text{cond}(A) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n}$$

$$\|A^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{\sigma_n}$$

Outer product (rank 1 matrix) : $\vec{u} \vec{v}^T$

SVD Row vector : $\vec{x} : \| \vec{x} \| \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|}$

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4 Nonlinear problems

Root-finding : x such that $f(x) = 0$

Intermediate value : f continuous, $f(x_0) = y_0, f(x_1) = y_1$ then $\forall y \in [y_0, y_1] \exists x \in [x_0, x_1] : f(x) = y$

smallest eigenvalue λ_n , $\frac{1}{\lambda_n}$ dominates as $k \rightarrow \infty$, compute eigenvector associated with eigenvalue λ by running inverse iteration on the matrix $A' = A - \lambda I$

Dimensionality reduction : maximize

$$\vec{v}^T X X^T \vec{v}$$

Solving ODEs: $\vec{x}'(t) = A\vec{x}(t), \vec{x}(t) = e^{At}\vec{x}(0), e^{At} = Ve^{\Lambda t}V^{-1}$, where e^Λ diag.

$$\text{s.t. } (e^\Lambda)_{ii} = e^{\lambda_i}$$

Problems : complex arithmetic required, methods can be unstable if eigenvalues not well separated, only for square A

3.5 Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Good accuracy if system ill-conditioned, slower than LU & QR

Expensive to compute but : stable computation, for any matrix, results in orthogonal and diagonal matrices, impeccable numerical properties, no complex arithmetic

$$A = U \sum V^T$$

$V = (\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_3), U = (\vec{u}_1 \dots \vec{u}_n)$

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4.4 Broyden's method

Faster Newton-like for multivar. roots, don't compute Jacobian, start with a guess and improve over time: $J_k = J_{k+1} + \Delta J$

$$\Delta J = \frac{\Delta \vec{f} - J_{k-1} \Delta \vec{x}}{\|\Delta \vec{x}\|} \Delta \vec{x}^T$$

Fast Jacobian approximation, invert Jacobian still slow (n^3): Sherman-Morrison formula for fast Jacobian inverse

$$(A + \vec{u} \vec{v}^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1} \vec{u} \vec{v}^T A^{-1}}{1 + \vec{v}^T A^{-1} \vec{u}}$$

Evaluate $\vec{f}(\vec{x}_k)$, set J_{k+1} using J_k , $\vec{f}(\vec{x}_{k+1})$, $\vec{f}(\vec{x}_k)$, update J_k^{-1} using Sherman-Morrison, approximate newton step

5 Automatic differentiation

5.1 1 dimension

Unimodal function: $\exists m$ such that f monotonically decreasing (increasing) for $x \geq m$ ($x \leq m$)

Golden section search: (like bisection) using optimal sampling

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1 p = 2 / (sqrt(5) + 1) # ϕ^-1
2 x1 = r - (r - l) * p
3 x2 = l + (r - l) * p
4 if f(x1) < f(x2): r = x2
5 else: l = x1
6 # return (l + r) / 2

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5.2 N dimensions

Gradient descent: $\vec{x}_{k+1} = \vec{x}_k - \alpha \nabla f(\vec{x}_k)$ α : step size (chosen in each iteration by solving 1D problem)

Taylor approximation: $f(\vec{x} + \vec{h}) \approx f(\vec{x}) + \nabla f(\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{h} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{h}^T H_f(\vec{x}) \vec{h}$

Newton's method: min as root finding using $\nabla f(\vec{x}) = 0$ (could converge to any other local extremum), $\vec{x}_k = \vec{x}_{k-1} - H_f^{-1}(\vec{x}_{k-1}) \nabla f(\vec{x}_{k-1})$

5.3 Automatic differentiation

Store value and derivate at same time (forward mode):

$$\text{Addition: } [v_1, \partial_x v_1] + [v_2, \partial_x v_2] = [v_1 + v_2, \partial_x v_1 + \partial_x v_2]$$

$$\text{Multiplication: } [v_1, \partial_x v_1] \cdot [v_2, \partial_x v_2] = [v_1 \cdot v_2, v_1 \partial_x v_2 + v_2 \partial_x v_1]$$

Reverse mode: evaluate chain rule in reverse Finite diff.: forward $f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$, centered $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$

6 Neural networks

\vec{x} : input, \vec{w} weight, b : neuron bias, h : activation function, n : number of layers (excluding input), D : dataset

$$\text{Activation functions: sigmoid}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$

$\text{relu}(x) = \max 0, x$

Computation:

$$\text{neuron: } h(\sum_i \vec{w}_i \vec{x}_i + b)$$

$$\text{fully connected: } \vec{a} = h(W\vec{x} + \vec{b})$$

$$\text{layered: } a^{(1 \leq i \leq n)} = h(W^{(i)} \vec{a}^{(i-1)} + \vec{b}^{(i)})$$

$$\text{output: } a^{(n)} = W^{(n)} \vec{a}^{(n-1)} + \vec{b}^{(n)}$$

$$W\vec{x} + \vec{b} = \widetilde{W}\vec{x}, \widetilde{W} = [W \parallel \vec{b}], \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$nn = h(\widetilde{W}^{(n)} \dots h(\widetilde{W}^{(1)} \vec{x} + \vec{b}^{(1)}) \dots + \vec{b}^{(n)})$$

$$\text{Training: } \arg \min_W E(D, \theta), E(D, \theta) = \sum_{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \in D} (nn(x^{(i)}, \theta) - y^{(i)})^2$$

$$\text{Loss function: } \arg \min_\theta E(D, \theta)$$

$$E(D, \theta) = \sum_{(\vec{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) \in D} l(nn(\vec{x}^{(i)}, \theta), y^{(i)})$$

$$\text{quadratic loss: } l_2(y, l) = (y - l)^2$$

$$\text{absolute loss: } l_1(y, l) = |y - l|$$

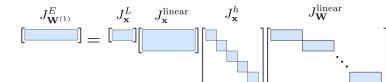
Stochastic gradient descent: α : learning rate, \mathbb{B} : minibatch (training subsets), start normal uniform random $W_{i,j}$ around 0 of variance $\sigma^2(N(0, \sigma^2))$, $\nabla_\theta E(B, \theta)$, update weights $\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} - \alpha \nabla_\theta E(\mathbb{B}, \theta)$

Regression: model a continuous function mapping input points to points in the output space

Classification: assigns input points to discrete classes (probabilistic)

Backprop: reverse mode differentiation, Jacobian not computed

Jacobian formulation



Compact backpropagation

$$J_W^E = J_x^L * [W^{(2)}] * [R^T R^T R^T R^T R^T]^\top [x]$$

7 Interpolation

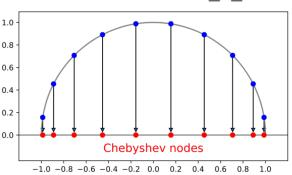
7.1 Chebyshev nodes

Error for polynomial passing through points

$$x_1, \dots, x_n : E(x) = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n (x - x_i)$$

$$\text{Minimize: } \max_{x \in [-1, 1]} |\prod_{i=1}^n (x - x_i)|$$

$$\text{Resulting positions: } x_{1 \leq i \leq n} = \cos\left(\frac{2i-1}{2n}\pi\right)$$

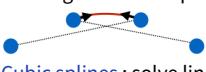


Points resulting in less error, especially on edges

7.2 Splines

Very local point of view, no explosions, split function and find one function for each pair of points

Catmull-Rom: take derivative estimation using straight line from point before/after



Cubic splines: solve linear system using $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$, $(f'(x) = 3ax^2 + bx + c)$,

where $f(x_0), f(x_1), f'(x_0), f'(x_1)$ known
 $f = \text{scipy.interpolate.interp1d}(X, Y, \text{kind}=3)$

7.3 Real basis function

Used to assign distance weighted influence to each data point

Gaussian: $\phi(r) = e^{-(\varepsilon r)^2}$

Inverse quadratic: $\phi(r) = \frac{1}{1+(\varepsilon r)^2}$

Inverse multiquadric: $\phi(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(\varepsilon r)^2}}$

Given n evaluations $f(\vec{x}_i)$ at positions \vec{x}_i :

Interpolant: $g(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \phi(\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i\|) f(\vec{x}_i)$

find w_i such that $g(\vec{x}_i) = f(\vec{x}_i)$ (linear system)

$f = \text{scipy.interpolate.Rbf}(X, Y, Z, \text{epsilon}=2)$

8 Numerical approximations

Given f , design an approximation \hat{f} such that $\|\hat{f} - f\|$ is very small

Remez algorithm: uniform max error, numerical procedure

Find local max/min using golden section search, find new polynomial using equioscillation theorem

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & x_0^3 & \dots & +1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \\ E \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_0) \\ f(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) \\ f(x_{n+1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

where x_i are found extrema

9 Integration

Given function evaluations $f(x_i)$ at nodes $x_i \in [a, b], \Delta x = (b - a)$

$$\text{Riemann: } \int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sum_k f(x_k) \Delta x \approx \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x$$

Composite quadrature midpoint: $\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^k f\left(\frac{x_{i+1} + x_i}{2}\right) \Delta x$, not good if function varies a lot on interval

Trapezoid rule: $\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx (b - a) \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$, good if function close to linear

Composique quadrature trapezoid:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})}{2} \right) \Delta x = \Delta x \left(\frac{1}{2} f(a) + f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{k-1}) + \frac{1}{2} f(b) \right)$$

Simpson rule: $\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{b-a}{6} (f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b))$, exact for quadratic polynomial (n must be odd)

Composite quadrature Simpson: n is odd, $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f(a) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f(x_{2i}) + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} f(x_{2i-1}) + f(b))$

Adaptive quadrature: if absolute difference between trapezoid and Simpson > ϵ -trapezoid then add midpoint (new evaluation point), divide and conquer, else return Simpson

Newton-cotes: n uniformly spaced points, exacte for polynomials of degree n , $Q[f] := \sum_i w_i f(x_i)$ (linear system, solve for w_i)

10 Monte Carlo Methods

Fight curse of dimensionality, extremely general approach, easy to implement, use of randomness to simulate possible realizations of complex process, very slow convergence, very bad method, used only when alternatives are worse, effective for high-dimensional functions

Averaging many samples:

$$E[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\vec{X}_i)] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} f(\vec{x}) p_{\vec{x}_i}(x) dx$$

Integration: $\int_{\Omega} f(\vec{x}) d\vec{x} \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\vec{X}_i)$, \vec{X}_i is random variable, distribution is centered around correct answer, algorithm will give random answer so always some error

Integration error: $\text{Var}[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\vec{X}_i)] = \frac{1}{N} \text{Var}[f(\vec{X}_i)]$, where $\text{Var}[f(\vec{X}_i)]$ is constant, error reduction proportional to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$, error $\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \text{Var}[f(\vec{X}_i)]$

Importance of sampling:

$$E[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f(\vec{X}_i)}{p_{\vec{X}_i}(\vec{X}_i)}] = \int_{\Omega} f(\vec{x}) d\vec{x}, p_{\vec{X}_i}(\vec{X}_i) > 0 \forall i \text{ with } f(\vec{X}_i) \neq 0,$$

non-uniform sampling (according to distribution $p_{\vec{x}}$)

Uniform variates: realization of uniformly distributed variable in $[0.0, 1.0]$, sequence should pass statistical tests of randomness & have long period & efficient to compute & requires little storage & repeatability = always produce same sequence

Rejection sampling: from uniform distribution rejects larger than $p(\vec{x})$

Inversion method: generate samples according to probability density $p_X(x)$, compute CDF (cumulative distribution function)

$$P_X(x) = \int_0^x p_X(x') dx'$$

$P_X^{-1}(y)$, generate uniform variate ξ_i and evaluate $P_X^{-1}(\xi_i)$, result will have desired distribution

General recipe: $x_i := P_X^{-1}(\xi_i)$, ($i = 1, \dots, n$), over N uniform variates ξ_i , average Monte Carlo integrand $\frac{f(x_i)}{p_X(x_i)}$

11 Examples

11.1 Kinds of numerical errors

trunc., cancel | overflow, underflow

4 res += sign*(np.pi*f64(i)**2)

overflow | trunc., cancel., underflow

1 res=f64(<frac. value btw 0 and 1>)

2 for i in range(1000):

3 res+=np.exp(i)/(np.float64(i)**2)

4 res /= 1024

Distributive law: $a \cdot (b + c) \neq a \cdot b + a \cdot c$. If $b + c$ overflows and $a = 0$, LHS is NaN and RHS ∞

11.2 Breaking things

Overflow (*), Underflow (/)

1 a = 1.0#to return

2 for i in range(1000): a *= 10.0#=

NaN: np.array(1.0)/arr(0.0)*arr(0.0)

Non-terminating loop: $N > 0$ finite FP value, i=0.0;while i<N:i+=1

11.3 Performance implications

1 #for j in range(n):for i in rag(n):

2 for i in range(n):for j in rag(n):

3 if x[i]>0:A[i,j]+=1.0

2-nd line have sequential memory access, cache hierarchy, better runtime

Branching predictions in modern processors, stable branches are faster

11.4 Linear systems

Underdetermined SVD: Find $\arg \min_x \|x\|^2$

1 def solve_underdetermined(A, b):

2 m, n = A.shape,

3 x, y = np.zeros(n, [])

4 U, S, Vt = svd(A)

5 for i in range(n):if i<m:

6 x+=(U[:,i]@b)/S[i]*Vt[i,:]

7 else:y.append(Vt[i,:])

Newton's method: Find minima of $\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$: $\text{sinc}' = \frac{\cos x - 1}{x^2}$

1 def newton_sinc(x):#return x

2 for i in range(10):

3 x-=sinc_p(x)/sinc_pp(x)

Diverge when dividing by very small second derivative, converge to other local extremum meth./Eval./conv./deriv./sure : sec./1/2/N/N,

newt./2/1/Y/N,bisc./1/3/N/Y

$A(x+m) = b + n, Am = n, m = A^{-1}n$

11.5 ODE

1 def solve_ode(x0, a0, beta, t):

2 A = np.array([[c1,c2],[c3,c4]])

3 X0 = np.array([x0,a0])

4 L,V = la.eig(A)

5 E = V @ np.diag(np.exp(L * t)) @

6 la.inv(V) #return (E @ X0)[0]