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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + x^T b + a$$

as quadratic objective

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$: symmetric matrix

$$A = U \Lambda U^T \quad U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

orthogonal matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ | & | & | \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

↑
i-th column vector $U_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$

as eigen vector.

[7.] compute grad of $f(x)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x) = Ax + b \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

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[2.] $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = Ax + b$

Stationally point x

such that $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = -A^{-1}b$$

because $\lambda d > 0$, so A^{-1} can be calculated.

[3.] Which of those stationally points are minima maxima and saddle-points? Give a mathematically rigorous explanation why.

Hessian H is defined as follows

$$H = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (Ax + b)^T = A \\ = U \Lambda U^T$$

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$$H = A \\ = U \Lambda U^T \succeq 0 \quad \text{positive definite}$$

So $x = -A^{-1}b$ is minima of $f(x)$

[4] Find the location x^* and value $f(x^*)$ of the global minimum.

$f(x)$ is quadratic function, so it is convex,

$x = -A^{-1}b$ is global minima

$$f(x^*) = f(-A^{-1}b) \quad (-A^{-1}b) \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (-A^{-1}b)^T A (-A^{-1}b) + (-A^{-1}b)^T b + a$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} b^T (A^{-1})^T \underbrace{A A^{-1}} b - b^T (A^{-1})^T b + a$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} b^T (A^{-1})^T b - b^T (A^{-1}) b + a$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} b^T (A^{-1})^T b + a$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} b^T A^{-1} b + a$$

$\left(\begin{array}{l} A \text{ is symmetric} \\ A^{-1} \text{ is also symmetric} \\ \text{so } (A^{-1})^T = A^{-1} \end{array} \right)$

[5] Show how the k -step of gradient descent, with step-size $\tau > 0$, looks like in this case by substituting $f(x)$ with its quadratic form above

Assume

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T A x \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + x^T b + a$$

$$\nabla f(x) = Ax \quad ? \quad \leftarrow Ax + b \quad ?$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \tau \nabla f(x_k)$$

$$x_k = x_{k-1} - \tau \nabla f(x_{k-1})$$

$$= x_{k-1} - \tau A x_{k-1}$$

$$= (I - \tau A) x_{k-1}$$

$$\hookrightarrow (I - \tau A) x_{k-2}$$

$$= (I - \tau A)^k x_0$$

Assume

$$x_k = x_{k-1} - \tau \nabla f(x_{k-1})$$

$$= x_{k-1} - \tau (A x_{k-1} + b)$$

$$= (I - \tau A) x_{k-1} - \tau b$$

$$\hookrightarrow (I - \tau A) x_{k-2} - \tau b$$

$$\rightarrow (I - \tau A)^2 x_{k-2}$$

$$- (I - \tau A) \tau b - \tau b$$

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$$x_k = (I - rA)^2 x_{k-2} - (I - rA)rb - rb$$

$$= (I - rA)^3 x_{k-3} - (I - rA)^2 rb - (I - rA)rb - rb$$

$$= (I - rA)^k x_0 - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (I - rA)^j rb$$

$$\left(\text{then, } x^* = -A^{-1}b \Leftrightarrow b = -Ax^* \right)$$

$$x_k = (I - rA)^k x_0 + rAx^* \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (I - rA)^j$$

$$x_k - x^* = (I - rA)^k x_0 + rAx^* \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (I - rA)^j - x^*$$

[6] Give condition for choice of step $\alpha > 0$ that is sufficient to get converge to the min x^*

from [Q5]

$$x_k - x^* = (I - \alpha A)^k x_0 + \alpha A x^* \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (I - \alpha A)^j - x^*$$

Intuition

curvature $\lambda_1 > \dots > \lambda_n$

is

lower bound

of L (for

Lipschitz continuity)

$$\|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 \leq L^2$$

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\| \Leftrightarrow \underline{\nabla^2 f(x) \preceq LI}$$

Strong convexity : α -strong convex

$$-f(x) - \frac{\alpha}{2} \|x\|^2 \text{ is convex}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) \preceq \alpha I$$

β -smooth

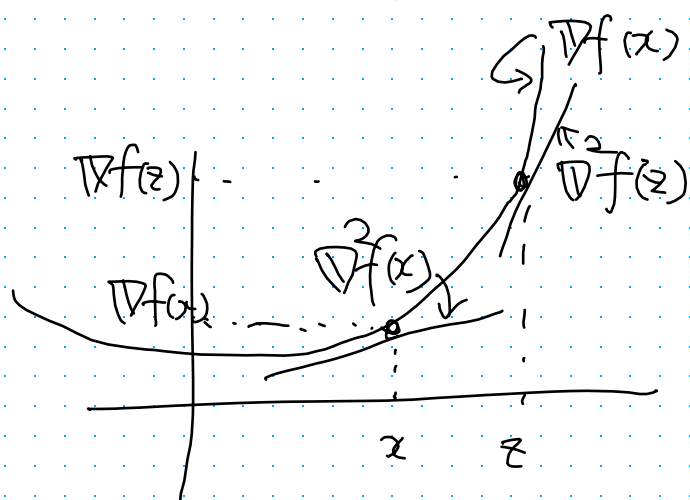
$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq \beta \|x - y\|$$

L -Lipschitz continuous

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\|$$

$$\| \nabla^2 f(x) \|_2 < L \iff \lambda_1 < L$$

$$\iff \frac{1}{L} < \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$$



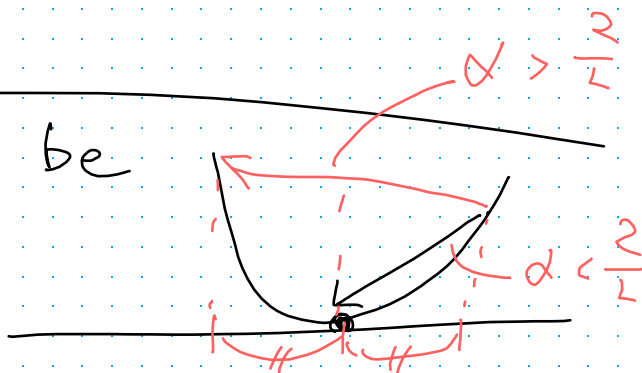
$$\| \nabla f(x) - \nabla f(z) \|_2 = \left\| \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x + \tau(z-x)) d\tau (x-z) \right\|_2$$

$$\leq \left\| \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(x + \tau(z-x)) d\tau \right\|_2 \|x-z\|_2$$

$$\leq \left(\int_0^1 L d\tau \right) \|x-z\|_2 = L \|x-z\|_2$$

step size α should be

$$0 < \alpha < \frac{2}{L} < \frac{2}{\lambda_1}$$



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$$Df(x) = Ax + b$$

$$f(x_{k+1}) = f(x_k - \alpha Df(x_k))$$

$$= f(\underbrace{x_k - \alpha(Ax_k + b)}_{(\cdot)})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\cdot)^T A (\cdot) + (\cdot)^T b + a \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$f(\alpha) = m\alpha^2 + n\alpha + l = m \left\{ \alpha^2 + 2\left(\frac{n}{2m}\right)\alpha + \left(\frac{n}{2m}\right)^2 \right\} + l - \frac{n^2}{4m^2}$$

$$\alpha^* = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(\alpha)$$

$$(\text{since } f(\alpha) \text{ is quadratic func}) = m \left\{ \left(\alpha + \frac{n}{2m}\right)^2 + l - \frac{n^2}{4m^2} \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2m}$$

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where $m = \frac{1}{2} Df(x)^T A Df(x)$

$$n = -x^T A Df(x) + Df(x)^T b = -Df(x) \underbrace{(Ax - b)^T}_{Df(x)}$$

$$\text{so } \alpha_k = \frac{Df(x) Df(x)^T}{Df(x)^T A Df(x)}$$

$$x \leftarrow x_k$$

$$f(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} (x - \alpha Ax - \alpha b)^T A (x - \alpha Ax - \alpha b) + (x - \alpha Ax - \alpha b)^T b + a$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &x^T x - \alpha x^T A x - \alpha x^T b \\ &- \alpha x^T A x + \alpha^2 x^T A A x + \alpha^2 x^T A^T b \\ &- \alpha b^T x + \alpha^2 A x b + \alpha^2 b^T b \end{aligned} \right\} A$$

$$+ x^T b - \alpha x^T A^T b - \alpha b^T x + a$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \alpha^2 (x^T A A x + x^T A^T b + b^T b) \right\}$$

$$f(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} (x - \alpha \nabla f(x))^T A (x - \alpha \nabla f(x)) + (x - \alpha \nabla f(x))^T b + a$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &x^T A x - 2 x^T A \alpha \nabla f(x) + \alpha^2 \nabla f(x)^T A \nabla f(x) \\ &+ x^T b - \alpha \nabla f(x)^T b + a \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$= \alpha^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \nabla f(x)^T A \nabla f(x) \right\} + \alpha (-1) \left\{ x^T A \nabla f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T b \right\}$$

