

# Optimization 1 - 098311

## Winter 2021 - HW 4

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**Problem 1:****a)****solution 1:**

since  $f(x)$  has a  $L$  Lipschitz continuous gradient, it is twice continuously differentiable and from the equivalence we saw in the lecture:

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

in addition from the linear approximation theorem we know that, there exists  $\xi \in [x, y]$  such that:

$$f(y) = f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y - x) + \frac{1}{2} (y - x)^T \nabla^2 f(\xi) (y - x)$$

from the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality:

$$\left| (y - x)^T \nabla^2 f(\xi) (y - x) \right| \leq \| (y - x) \| \left\| \nabla^2 f(\xi) (y - x) \right\|$$

and from the induced norm inequality:

$$\| (y - x) \| \left\| \nabla^2 f(\xi) (y - x) \right\| \leq \| (y - x) \| \left\| \nabla^2 f(\xi) \right\| \| (y - x) \| = \| (y - x) \|^2 \left\| \nabla^2 f(\xi) \right\| \leq L \| (y - x) \|^2$$

thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (y - x)^T \nabla^2 f(\xi) (y - x) \right| &\leq L \| (y - x) \|^2 \\ (y - x)^T \nabla^2 f(\xi) (y - x) &\leq L \| (y - x) \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

putting it back in the linear approximation theorem:

$$f(y) = f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y - x) + \frac{1}{2} (y - x)^T \nabla^2 f(\xi) (y - x) \leq f(y) = f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y - x) + \frac{1}{2} L \| (y - x) \|^2$$

$$f(y) \leq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y - x) + \frac{1}{2} L \| (y - x) \|^2$$

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**solution 2:**

we know that  $f(x)$  has a  $L$  Lipschitz continuous gradient, thus:

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

multiply both sides by the positive constant  $\|x - y\|$  :

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

using the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality:

$$\left| (\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (x - y) \right| \leq \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \|x - y\|$$

thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (x - y) \right| &\leq L \|x - y\|^2 \\ (\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (x - y) &\leq L \|x - y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

define the function:

$$g(t) = f(x + t(y - x))$$

and notice the next properties:

$$g(0) = f(x)$$

$$g(1) = f(y)$$

$$g'(t) = \nabla f(x + t(y - x))^T (y - x)$$

$$g'(0) = \nabla f(x)^T (y - x)$$

$$g(1) - g(0) = \int_0^1 g'(t) dt \longrightarrow g(1) = g(0) + \int_0^1 g'(t) dt$$

because of the inequality we proved, than:

$$\begin{aligned} g'(t) - g'(0) &= \nabla f(x + t(y - x))^T (y - x) - \nabla f(x)^T (y - x) = \\ &= (\nabla f(x + t(y - x)) - \nabla f(x))^T (y - x) = \\ &= \frac{1}{t} (\nabla f(x + t(y - x)) - \nabla f(x))^T (x + t(y - x) - x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t} L \|x + t(y - x) - x\|^2 = \frac{1}{t} L \|t(y - x)\|^2 = tL \|(y - x)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

thus:

$$g'(t) \leq g'(0) + tL \|(y - x)\|^2$$

putting it all together:

$$\begin{aligned} g(1) &= g(0) + \int_0^1 g'(t) dt \leq g(0) + \int_0^1 g'(0) + tL \|(y - x)\|^2 dt = \\ &= g(0) + g'(0) + L \|(y - x)\|^2 \left[ \frac{t^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = g(0) + g'(0) + \frac{1}{2} L \|(y - x)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

now going back from  $g$  to  $f$ :

$$f(y) = f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y - x) + \frac{1}{2} L \|(y - x)\|^2$$

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**b)**

let's look at:

$$\begin{aligned} g_k(x) &= f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (x - x_k) + \frac{1}{t_k} \|x - x_k\|_2^2 = \\ &= f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T x - \nabla f(x_k)^T x_k + \frac{1}{t_k} (x^T x - 2x_k^T x + x_k^T x_k) = \\ &= x^T \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{t_k} I \right)}_A x + 2 \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{2} \nabla f(x_k) - \frac{1}{t_k} x_k \right)^T}_b x + \underbrace{f(x_k) - \nabla f(x_k)^T x_k + \frac{1}{t_k} x_k^T x_k}_c \end{aligned}$$

this is a quadratic function of  $x$ , and in addition  $A = \frac{1}{t_k} I$  is positive definite ( $t_k > 0$ ), hence:

$$x = -A^{-1}b = -t_k I \left( \frac{1}{2} \nabla f(x_k) - \frac{1}{t_k} x_k \right) = x_k - \frac{1}{2} t_k \nabla f(x_k)$$

is a strict global minimum of  $g_k(x)$

therefore:

$$x_{k+1} = \arg \min_{x \in R^n} \{g_k(x)\} = x_k - \frac{1}{2} t_k \nabla f(x_k)$$

**c)**

for:

$$0 < t_k \leq \frac{2}{L}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$0 > \frac{1}{t_k} \geq \frac{L}{2}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} g_k(x) &= f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (x - x_k) + \frac{1}{t_k} \|x - x_k\|_2^2 \\ &\geq f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (x - x_k) + \frac{L}{2} \|x_k - x\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

using the inequality we proved in section a:

$$f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (x - x_k) + \frac{L}{2} \|x_k - x\|_2^2 \geq f(x)$$

hence for the interval  $I = (0, \frac{2}{L}] \subset R_{++}$ , for  $t_k \in I$  we have:

$$f(x) \leq g_k(x), \quad \forall x \in R^n$$

d)

using the inequality from section c in the point  $x_{k+1}$  we get:

$$g_k(x_{k+1}) \geq f(x_{k+1})$$

$$f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (x_{k+1} - x_k) + \frac{1}{t_k} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|_2^2 \geq f(x_{k+1})$$

plugging  $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{2}t_k \nabla f(x_k)$ :

$$f(x_k) - \frac{1}{2}t_k \|\nabla f(x_k)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}t_k \|\nabla f(x_k)\|_2^2 \geq f(x_{k+1})$$

$$f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}) \geq \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}t_k}_{M>0} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|_2^2$$

thus for  $\nabla f(x_k) \neq 0$ :

$$f(x_k) \geq \underbrace{M}_{>0} \underbrace{\|\nabla f(x_k)\|_2^2}_{>0} + f(x_{k+1}) > f(x_{k+1})$$

$$f(x_k) > f(x_{k+1})$$

## Problem 2:

a)

Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the initial guess for the newton method.

We know:

$$x_1 = x_0 + d_0$$

such that:

$$\nabla^2 f(x_0) d_0 = -\nabla f(x_0)$$

in our case:

$$\nabla f(x_0) = 2Ax_0 + 2b$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x_0) = 2A$$

hence  $d_0$  holds:

$$2Ad_0 = -2Ax_0 - 2b$$

$A \succ 0$  thus invertible. By multiplying both side in  $A^{-1}$  we get:

$$2d_0 = -2x_0 - 2A^{-1}b$$

$$d_0 = -x_0 - A^{-1}b$$

hence:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_0 + d_0 = x_0 - x_0 - A^{-1}b \\ &= -A^{-1}b \underbrace{=}_{*} \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

The minimum is attained after one iteration.

(\*) Since  $A \succ 0$  we know that the minimum of the quadratic form is attained exactly at the resulted point.

b)

We assume  $t$  can be any **constant** in  $\mathbb{R}_{++}$ :

Let's find a condition on  $x_0$  in which the optimum point is attained after only one step:

The update rule of the gradient descend algorithm is given by:

$$x_{min} = x_0 - t \nabla f(x_0)$$

$$-A^{-1}b = x_0 - t(2Ax_0 + 2b)$$

$$= (I - 2tA)x_0 - 2tb$$

$$(I - 2tA)x_0 = (2tI - A^{-1})b$$

$$-(2tI - A^{-1})Ax_0 = (2tI - A^{-1})b$$

$$\underbrace{(2tI - A^{-1})}_{B}(Ax_0 + b) = 0$$

First, we see that if  $B$  is invertible  $\boxed{x_0 = A^{-1}b = x_{min}}$  is the only point that will achieve optimality after one iteration (by multiplying by the inverse in both sides).

Otherwise, we know that  $\text{Ker}(B) \neq \{0\}$  and the resulted equality hold if and only if:

$$Ax_0 + b \in \text{Ker}(B)$$

Let  $v$  be any eigen vector (not necessarily normalized) with a zero eigen value of  $B$ :

$$Ax_0 + b = v$$

$$x_0 = A^{-1}(v - b)$$

**Problem 3:**

a)

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x, y)^2 + f_2(x, y)^2$$

$$f_1(x, y) = -13 + x + ((5 - y)y - 2)y$$

$$f_2(x, y) = -29 + x + ((y + 1)y - 14)y$$

First, for convenient, let's find the first and second derivative of  $f_1, f_2$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1 = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_1 = y(5 - 2y) + ((5 - y)y - 2)$$

$$= -2y^2 + 5y + 5y - y^2 - 2$$

$$= -3y^2 + 10y - 2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f_1 = -6y + 10$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial xy} f_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2 = (2y + 1)y + ((y + 1)y - 14)$$

$$= 2y^2 + y + y^2 + y - 14$$

$$= 3y^2 + 2y - 14$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f_2 = 6y + 2$$



$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial xy} f_2 = 0$$

Now, let's find the stationary point by checking when the gradient is equal to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) &= 2 \cdot f_1(x, y) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1(x, y) + 2 \cdot f_2(x, y) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_2(x, y) \\ &= 2(f_1(x, y) + f_2(x, y)) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow f_2(x, y) &= -f_1(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\boxed{f_2(x, y) = -f_1(x, y)} \\ \iff &-29 + x + ((y + 1)y - 14)y = 13 - x - ((5 - y)y - 2)y \\ \iff &-42 + 2x + y((y + 1)y - 14 + (5 - y)y - 2) = 0 \\ \iff &-42 + 2x + y(6y - 16) = 0 \\ \iff &6y^2 - 16y + 2x - 42 = 0 \\ \iff &\boxed{x = -3y^2 + 8y + 21} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) &= 2 \cdot f_1(x, y) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_1(x, y) + 2 \cdot f_2(x, y) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2(x, y) \\ &= 2[f_1(x, y) \cdot (-3y^2 + 10y - 2) + f_2(x, y) \cdot (3y^2 + 2y - 14)] \end{aligned}$$

By using the condition we got on  $f_2$  and in  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 [f_1(x, y) \cdot (-3y^2 + 10y - 2) - f_1(x, y) \cdot (3y^2 + 2y - 14)] \\
 &= 2f_1(x, y) [-6y^2 + 8y + 12] \\
 &= -4f_1(x, y) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= -4f_1(x, y) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= -4(-13 + x + ((5 - y)y - 2)y) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= -4(-13 + x + (5y - y^2 - 2)y) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= -4(-13 + x + 5y^2 - y^3 - 2y) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= -4(-13 - 3y^2 + 8y + 21 + 5y^2 - y^3 - 2y) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= -4(-y^3 + 2y^2 + 6y + 8) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= 4(y^3 - 2y^2 - 6y - 8) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= 4(y^3 - 4y^2 + 2y^2 - 8y + 2y - 8) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= 4(y^2(y - 4) + 2y(y - 4) + 2(y - 4)) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= 4(y - 4)(y^2 + 2y + 2) (3y^2 - 4y - 6) \\
 &= 4(y - 4)(y^2 + 2y + 2) \left[ y - \left( \frac{2 + \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) \right] \left[ y - \left( \frac{2 - \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$p(y) = y^2 + 2y + 2 > 0$ ,  $\forall y \in R$  because:

$$\Delta = 4 - 8 = -4 < 0$$

hence there are exactly three stationery points:

$$y_1 = 4, \quad y_2 = \frac{2 + \sqrt{22}}{3}, \quad y_3 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{22}}{3}$$

using:

$$x = -3y^2 + 8y + 21$$

$$x_1 = 5$$

$$x_2 = \frac{53 + 4\sqrt{22}}{3}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{53 - 4\sqrt{22}}{3}$$

hence the stationery points are:

$$(5, 4), \quad \left( \frac{53 + 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 + \sqrt{22}}{3} \right), \quad \left( \frac{53 - 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 - \sqrt{22}}{3} \right)$$

is twice continuous differentiable over  $R^2$ , and  $R^2$  is an open set, therefore, all the optimum points must be stationery points, now we just need to classify the stationery points that we have found using the hessian:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} 2(f_1(x, y) + f_2(x, y)) = 2(1 + 1) = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} f(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} 2(f_1(x, y) + f_2(x, y)) = 2(-3y^2 + 10y - 2 + 3y^2 + 2y - 14) = \\ &= 2(12y - 16) = 8(3y - 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} 2 \left[ f_1(x, y) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_1(x, y) + f_2(x, y) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2(x, y) \right] = \\ &= 2 \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_1(x, y) \right)^2 + f_1(x, y) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f_1(x, y) + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2(x, y) \right)^2 + f_2(x, y) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f_2(x, y) \right) = \\ &= 2 \left( (-3y^2 + 10y - 2)^2 + f_1(x, y)(-6y + 10) + (3y^2 + 2y - 14)^2 + f_2(x, y)(6y + 2) \right) \end{aligned}$$

we saw that at the stationery points  $f_1(x, y) = f_2(x, y) = -(y - 4)(y^2 + 2y + 2)$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f(x, y) = 2 \left( (-3y^2 + 10y - 2)^2 - (y - 4)(y^2 + 2y + 2)(-12y + 8) + (3y^2 + 2y - 14)^2 \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 8(3y - 4) \\ 8(3y - 4) & 2 \left( (-3y^2 + 10y - 2)^2 - (y - 4)(y^2 + 2y + 2)(-12y + 8) + (3y^2 + 2y - 14)^2 \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(5, 4) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 64 \\ 64 & 3728 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Tr}(\nabla^2 f(5, 4)) = 3732 > 0$$

$$\det(\nabla^2 f(5, 4)) = 10.816 > 0$$

it's a 2X2 matrix, hence:

$$\nabla^2 f(5, 4) \succ 0$$

Therefore  $(5, 4)$  is a strict local minimum

$$\nabla^2 f \left( \frac{53 + 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 + \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -16 + 8\sqrt{22} \\ -16 + 8\sqrt{22} & -643.52 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Tr \left( \nabla^2 f \left( \frac{53 + 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 + \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) \right) = -639.52 < 0$$

$$det \left( \nabla^2 f \left( \frac{53 + 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 + \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) \right) = -3037.33 < 0$$

it's a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, hence  $\nabla^2 f \left( \frac{53+4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2+\sqrt{22}}{3} \right)$  is indefinite.

Therefore  $\left( \frac{53+4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2+\sqrt{22}}{3} \right)$  is a saddle.

$$\nabla^2 f \left( \frac{53 - 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 - \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -16 - 8\sqrt{22} \\ -16 - 8\sqrt{22} & 901.89 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Tr \left( \nabla^2 f \left( \frac{53 - 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 - \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) \right) = 905.89 > 0$$

$$det \left( \nabla^2 f \left( \frac{53 - 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 - \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) \right) = 742.81 > 0$$

it's a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, hence:

$$\nabla^2 f \left( \frac{53 - 4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2 - \sqrt{22}}{3} \right) \prec 0$$

Therefore  $\left( \frac{53-4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2-\sqrt{22}}{3} \right)$  is a strict local minimum.

in addition:

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x, y)^2 + f_2(x, y)^2 \geq 0$$

and equality hold if and only if  $f_1(x, y) = f_2(x, y) = 0$ .

we saw that:

$$f_1(5, 4) = f_2(5, 4) = 0$$

hence  $(5, 4)$  is a global minimizer of  $f(x, y)$ .

$f(x, y)$  doesn't have a global maximum since it is not bounded, for example in the direction  $(t, 0)$ :

$$f(t, 0) = f_1(t, 0)^2 + f_2(t, 0)^2 = (-13 + t)^2 + (-29 + t)^2 \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

to summarize:

$$\begin{cases} (5, 4) & \text{global minimizer} \\ \frac{53-4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2-\sqrt{22}}{3} & \text{strict local minimum} \\ \frac{53+4\sqrt{22}}{3}, \frac{2+\sqrt{22}}{3} & \text{saddle} \end{cases}$$

b)

Gradient\_Backtracking:

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x0 = (-50,7) solution: (5,4) iterations: 2252
x0 = (20,7) solution: (5,4) iterations: 2447
x0 = (20,-18) solution: (11.4128,-0.8968) iterations: 2472
x0 = (5,-10) solution: (5,4) iterations: 2123
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Gradient\_Newton\_Backtracking:

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x0 = (-50,7) solution: (5,4) iterations: 8
x0 = (20,7) solution: (5,4) iterations: 8
x0 = (20,-18) solution: (11.4128,-0.89681) iterations: 16
x0 = (5,-10) solution: (11.4128,-0.89681) iterations: 13
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Guass\_Newton\_Backtracking:

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x0 = (-50,7) solution: (5,4) iterations: 46002
x0 = (20,7) solution: (5,4) iterations: 23284
x0 = (20,-18) solution: (5,4) iterations: 23663
x0 = (5,-10) solution: (5,4) iterations: 157419
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Figure 1:

We can see that all the algorithm converged to stationary points. Gradient backtracking and gradient newton backtracking converged to a local minimum one time and two time respectively. The rest was the global minimum. Gauss newton backtracking converged to the global minimum in each time. It can be seen that Gauss newton backtracking was the slowest while gradient Newton backtracking was the fastest. As shown in class, it is no surprising since Newton method has a

quadratic convergence rate when near the optimum.

## Problem 4:

define:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \underbrace{\|x - a_i\|_2}_{=g_i(x)} - d_i \right)^2$$

$$g_i(x) = \|x - a_i\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - a_{ij})^2}$$

for  $x \notin \mathcal{A} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_k} &= \frac{1}{2g_i(x)} \cdot 2(x_k - a_{ik}) \\ &= \frac{x_k - a_{ik}}{g_i(x)} \end{aligned}$$

a)

Let's compute the gradient of  $f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^m (g_i(x) - d_i) \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_k} \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^m (g_i(x) - d_i) \frac{x_k - a_{ik}}{g_i(x)} \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^m (\|x - a_i\|_2 - d_i) \frac{x_k - a_{ik}}{\|x - a_i\|_2} \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(x) &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^m (\|x - a_i\|_2 - d_i) \frac{(x - a_i)}{\|x - a_i\|_2} \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^m (x - a_i) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x - a_i)}{\|x - a_i\|_2} \underbrace{=}_\text{demand} 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m (x - a_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x - a_i)}{\|x - a_i\|_2} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow mx - \sum_{i=1}^m a_i - \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x - a_i)}{\|x - a_i\|_2} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x - a_i)}{\|x - a_i\|_2} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

b)

First we know:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x_k) &= \sum_{i=1}^m (x_k - a_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x_k - a_i)}{\|x_k - a_i\|_2} \\ &= mx_k - \sum_{i=1}^m a_i - \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x_k - a_i)}{\|x_k - a_i\|_2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x_k - a_i)}{\|x_k - a_i\|_2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \left( mx_k - mx_k + \sum_{i=1}^m a_i + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x_k - a_i)}{\|x_k - a_i\|_2} \right) \\ &= x_k + \frac{1}{m} \left( -mx_k + \sum_{i=1}^m a_i + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x_k - a_i)}{\|x_k - a_i\|_2} \right) \\ &= x_k - \frac{1}{m} \left( mx_k - \sum_{i=1}^m a_i - \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \frac{(x_k - a_i)}{\|x_k - a_i\|_2} \right) \\ &= x_k - \frac{1}{m} \nabla f(x_k)\end{aligned}$$

we can conclude that the fixed point method is equivalent to the gradient decent method with constant size  $t = \frac{1}{m}$ .