

Gradient Descent. Convergence for quadratics; smooth convex case; PL case

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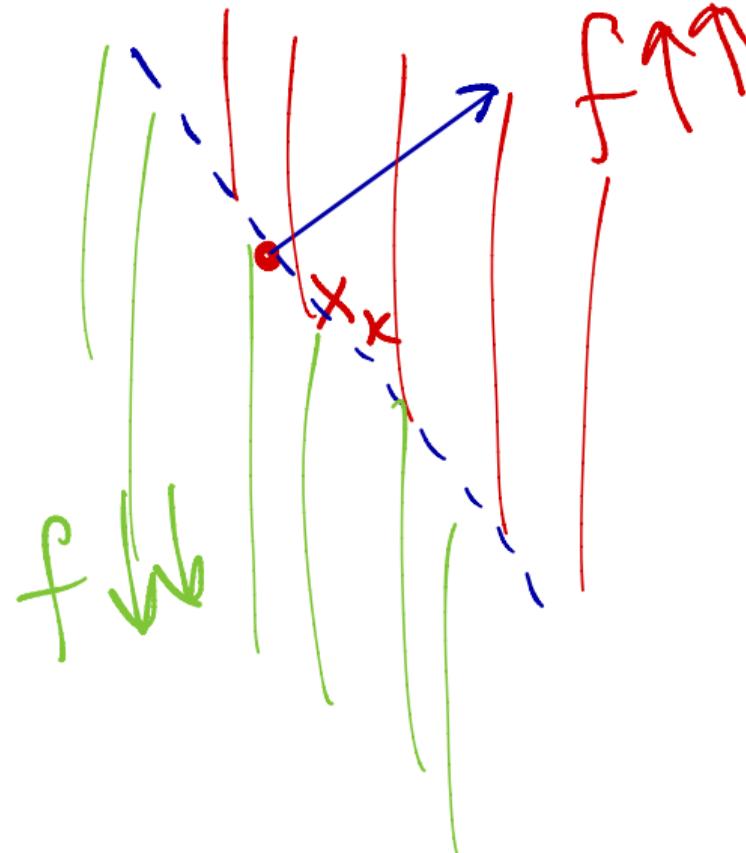
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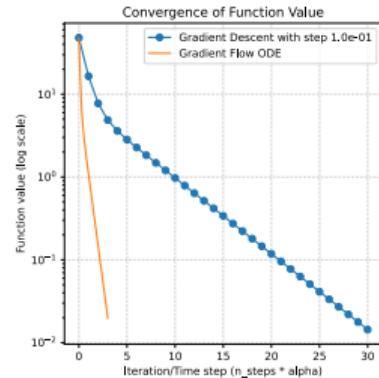
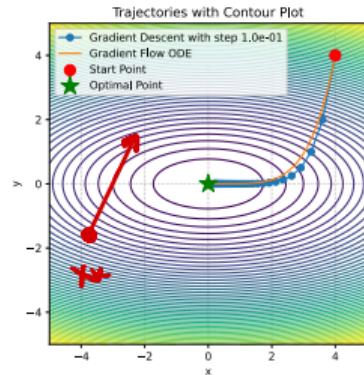
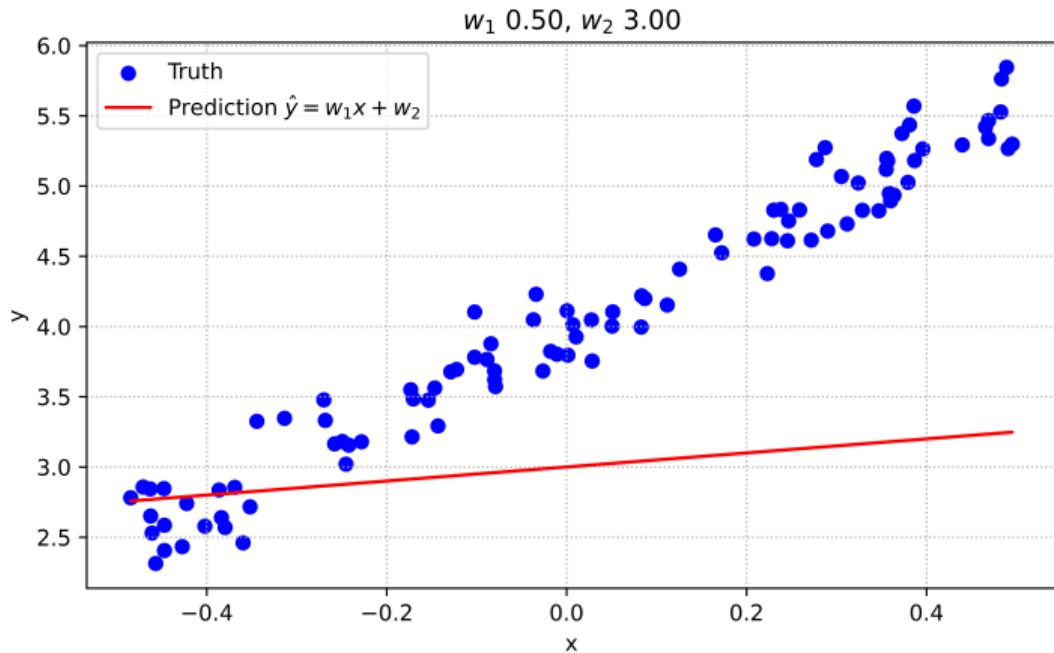
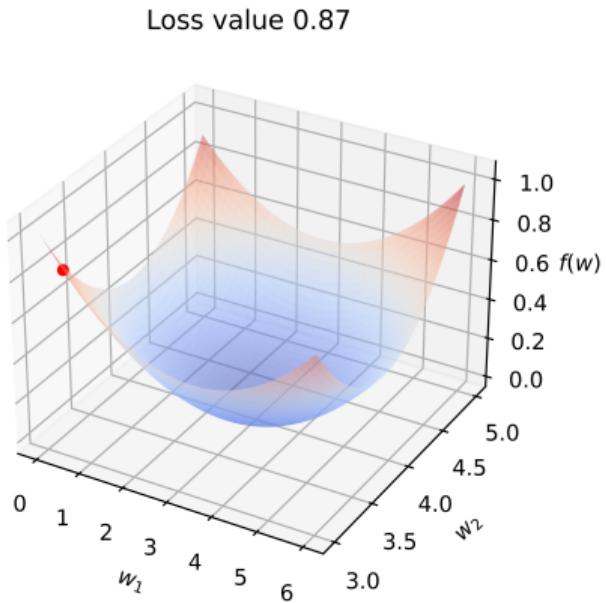


Figure 1: Gradient flow trajectory

Convergence of Gradient Descent algorithm

Heavily depends on the choice of the learning rate α :



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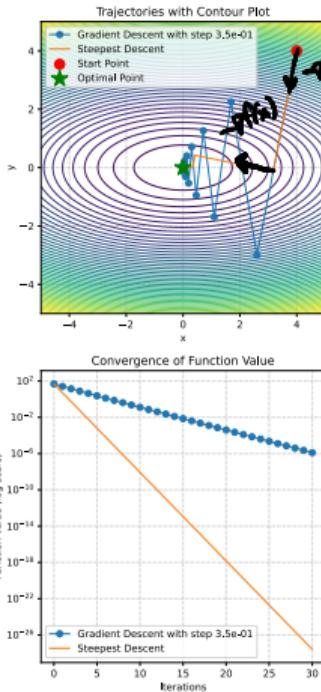


Figure 2: Steepest Descent

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Strongly convex quadratics

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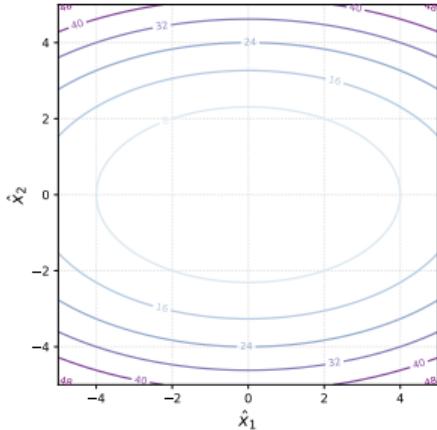
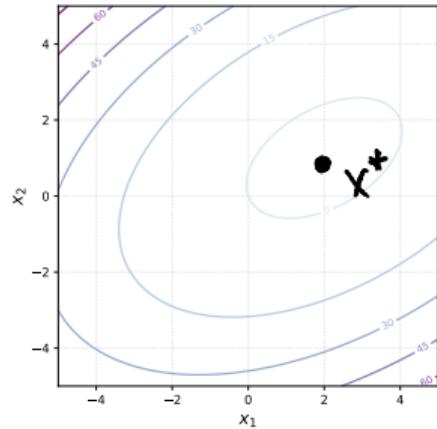
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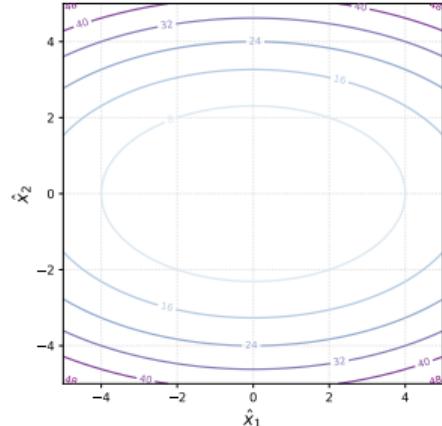
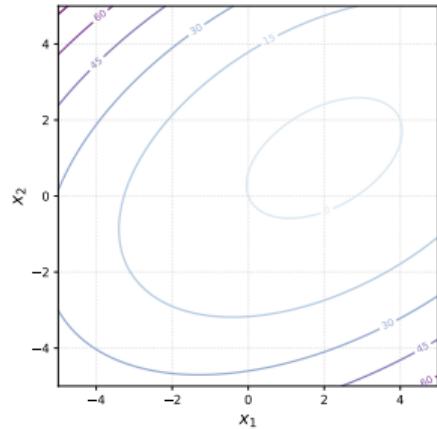
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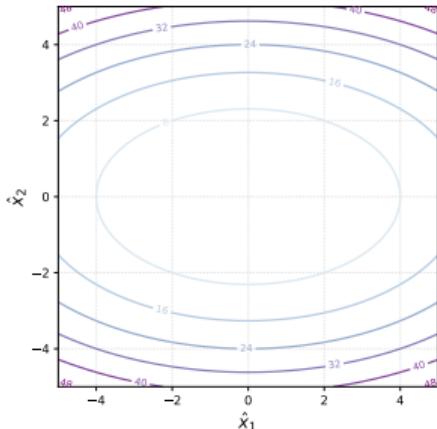
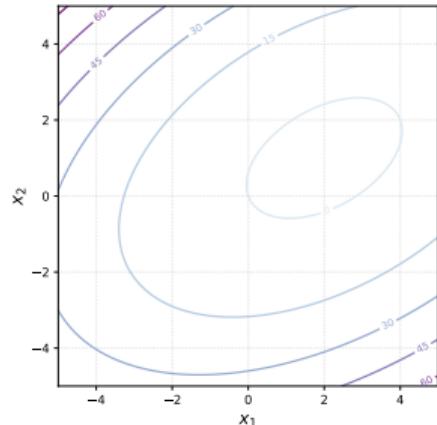
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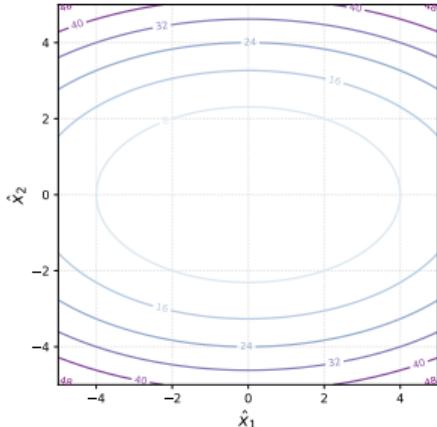
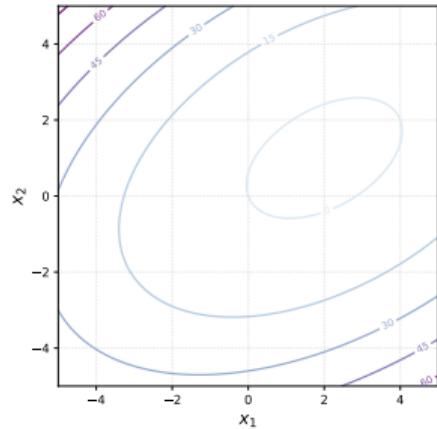
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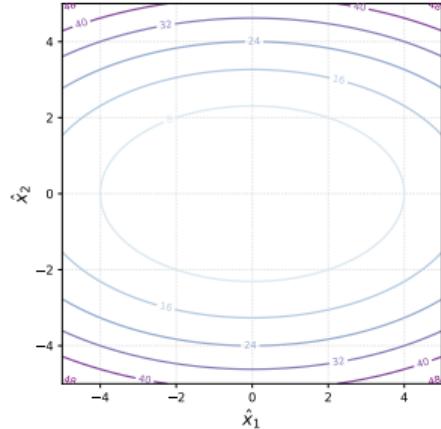
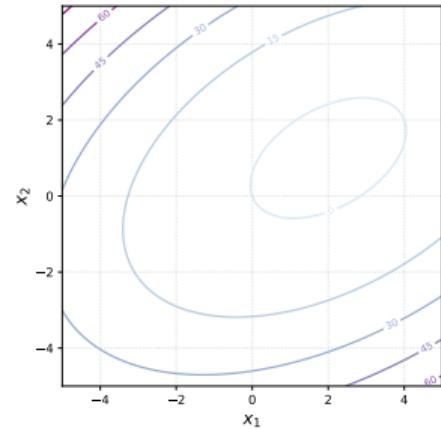
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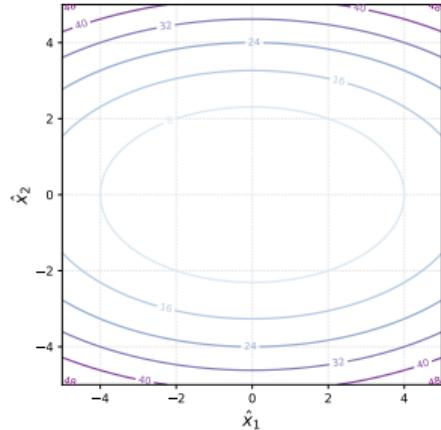
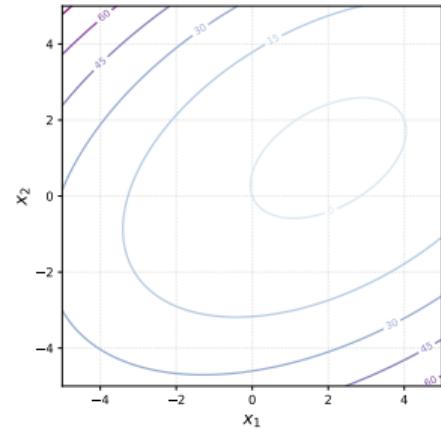
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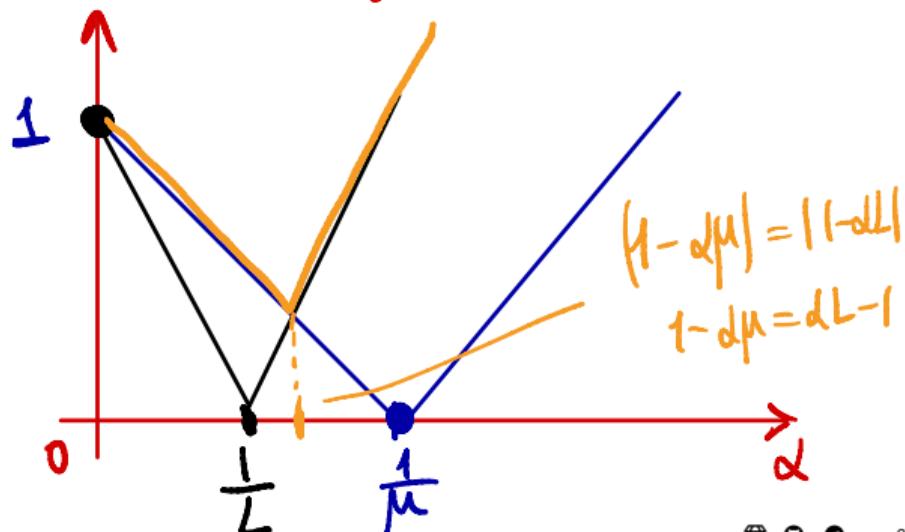
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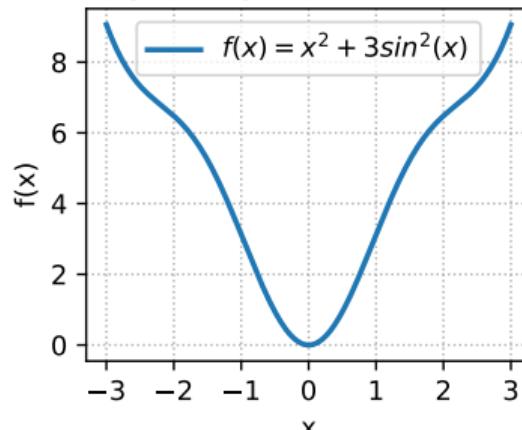
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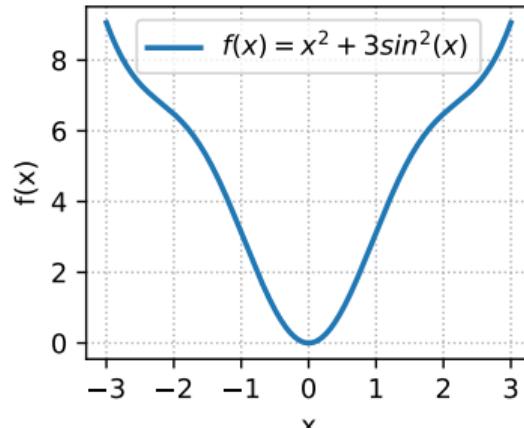
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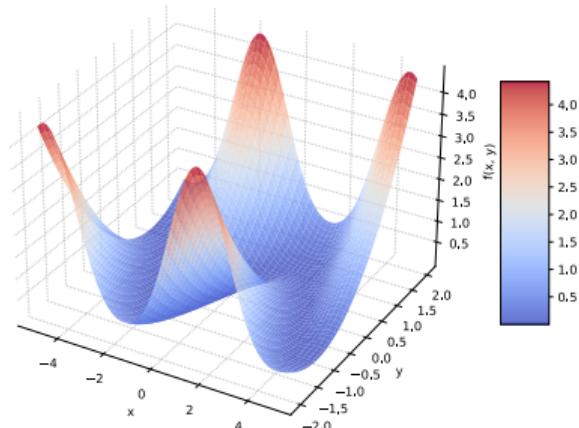
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Non-convex PL function



Convergence analysis

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$$f(x) \rightarrow \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$$

and assume that f is μ -Polyak-Lojasiewicz and L -smooth, for some $L \geq \mu > 0$.

Consider $(x^k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ a sequence generated by the gradient descent constant stepsize algorithm, with a stepsize satisfying $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{L}$. Then:

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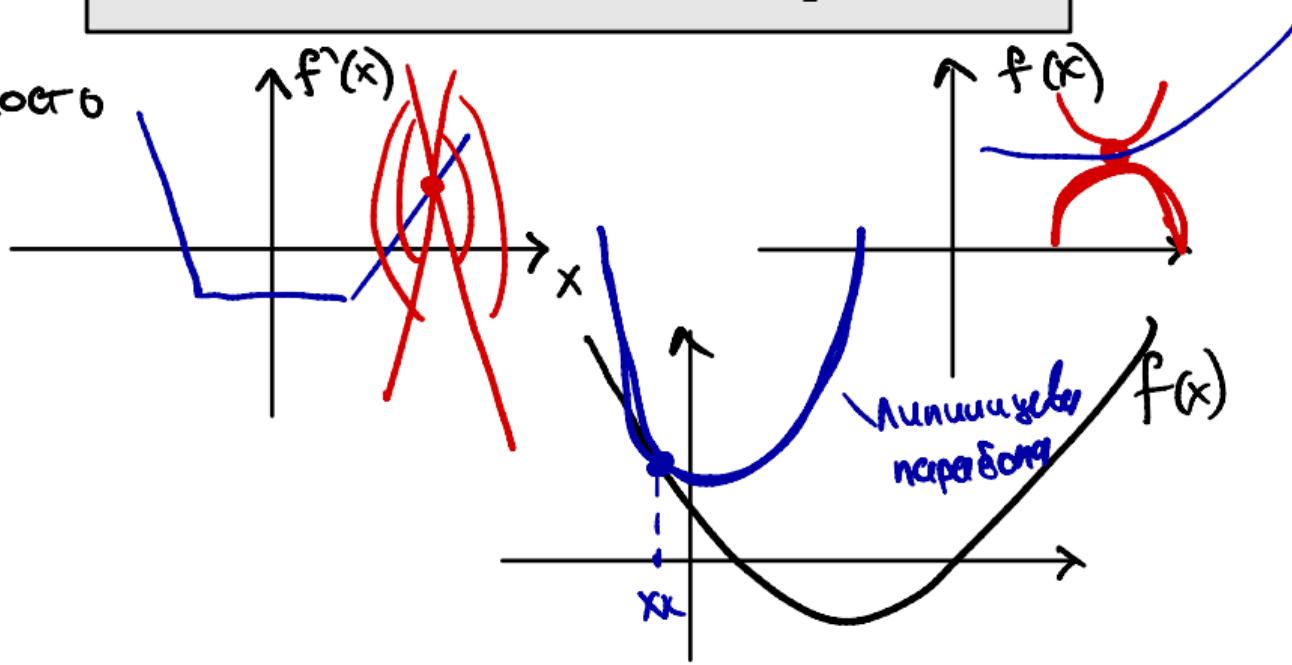
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The conclusion follows after subtracting f^* on both sides of this inequality and using recursion.

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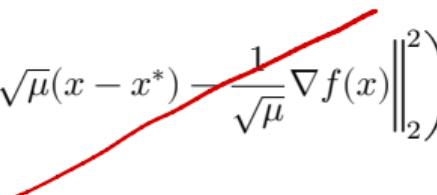
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which is exactly the PL condition. It means, that we already have linear convergence proof for any strongly convex function.

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Consider the Problem

$$f(x) \rightarrow \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$$

and assume that f is convex and L -smooth, for some $L > 0$.

Let $(x^k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the sequence of iterates generated by the gradient descent constant stepsize algorithm, with a stepsize satisfying $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{L}$. Then, for all $x^* \in \operatorname{argmin} f$, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we have that

$$f(x^k) - f^* \leq \frac{\|x^0 - x^*\|^2}{2\alpha k}.$$

easy numbers
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- $\nabla f(x_k)$

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$\leftarrow \alpha L \leq 1$ (1)

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 f(x^{k+1}) &\leq f(x^k) - \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\nabla f(x^k)\|^2 \leq f^* + \langle \nabla f(x^k), x^k - x^* \rangle - \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\nabla f(x^k)\|^2 \\
 &= f^* + \langle \nabla f(x^k), x^k - x^* - \frac{\alpha}{2} \nabla f(x^k) \rangle \\
 &= f^* + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \left\langle \alpha \nabla f(x^k), 2 \left(x^k - x^* - \frac{\alpha}{2} \nabla f(x^k) \right) \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $a = x^k - x^*$ and $b = x^k - x^* - \alpha \nabla f(x^k)$. Then $a + b = \alpha \nabla f(x^k)$ and $a - b = 2(x^k - x^* - \frac{\alpha}{2} \nabla f(x^k))$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x^{k+1}) &\leq f^* + \frac{1}{2\alpha} [\|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x^k - x^* - \alpha \nabla f(x^k)\|_2^2] \\
 &\leq f^* + \frac{1}{2\alpha} [\|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x^{k+1} - x^*\|_2^2] \\
 2\alpha (f(x^{k+1}) - f^*) &\leq \|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x^{k+1} - x^*\|_2^2
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- Now suppose, that the last line is defined for some index i and we sum over $i \in [0, k-1]$. Almost all summands will vanish due to the telescopic nature of the sum:

$$2\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (f(x^{i+1}) - f^*) \leq \|x^0 - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 \leq \|x^0 - x^*\|_2^2 \quad (3)$$

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Summary

Gradient Descent:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$$

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \alpha^k \nabla f(x^k)$$

smooth (non-convex)

smooth & convex

smooth & strongly convex (or PL)

$$\|\nabla f(x^k)\|^2 \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$$

$$f(x^k) - f^* \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$$

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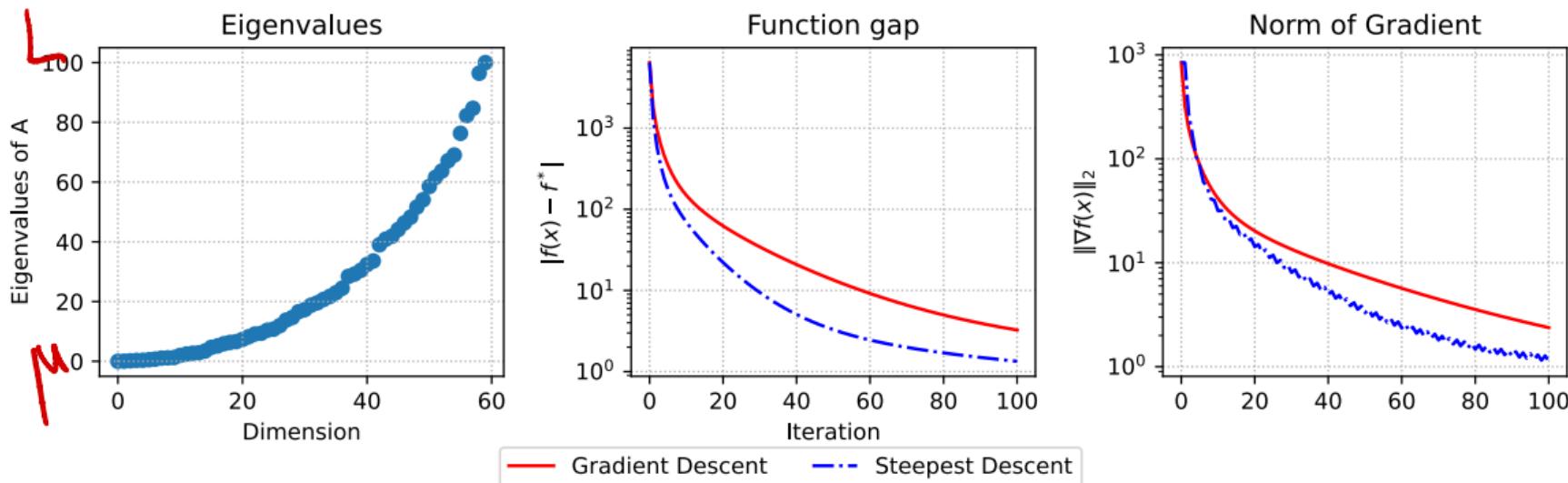
Numerical experiments

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x \rightarrow \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2}{L+M}$$

$$\frac{1}{L}$$

Convex quadratics. $n=60$, random matrix.

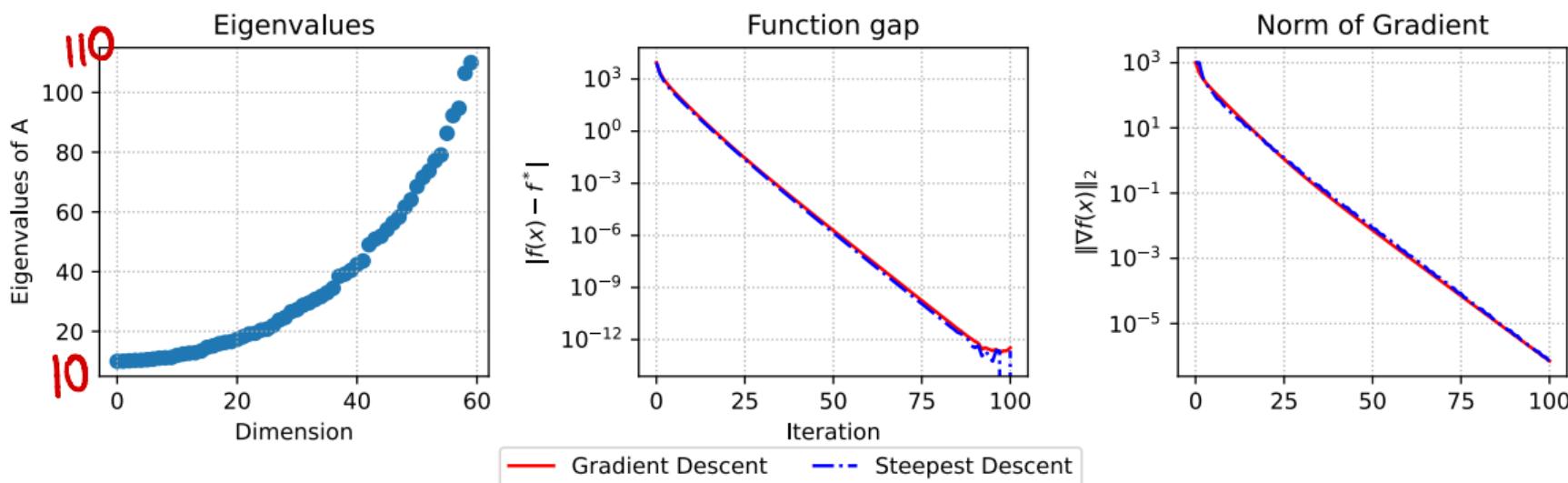


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$\mu = 10$
 $L = 10$

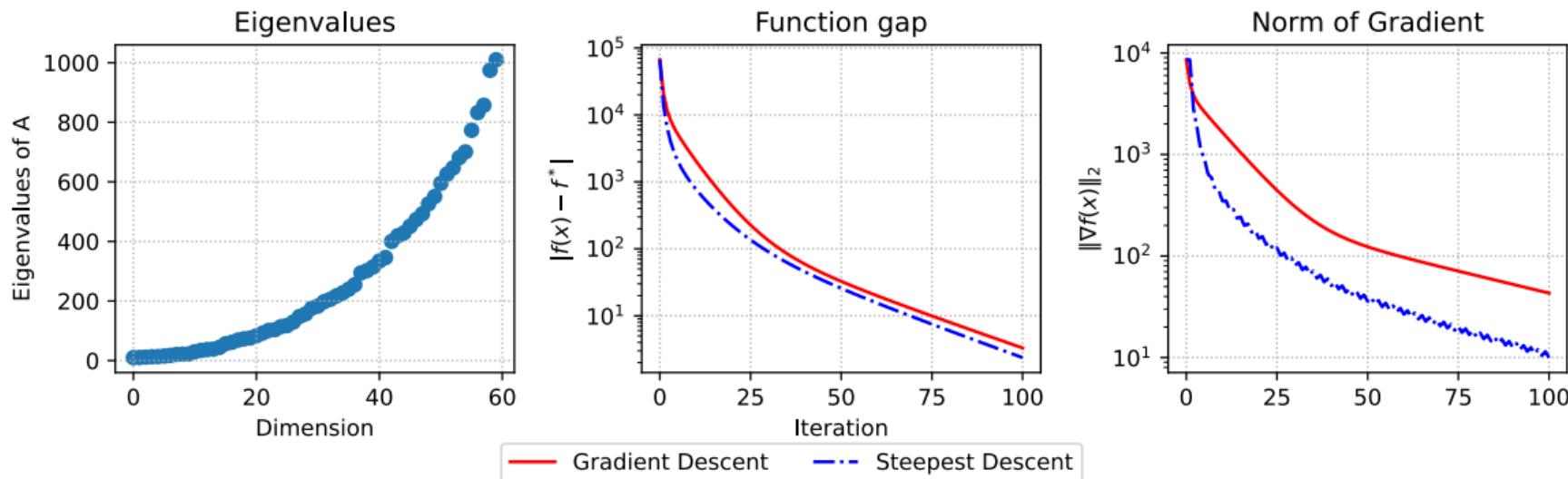
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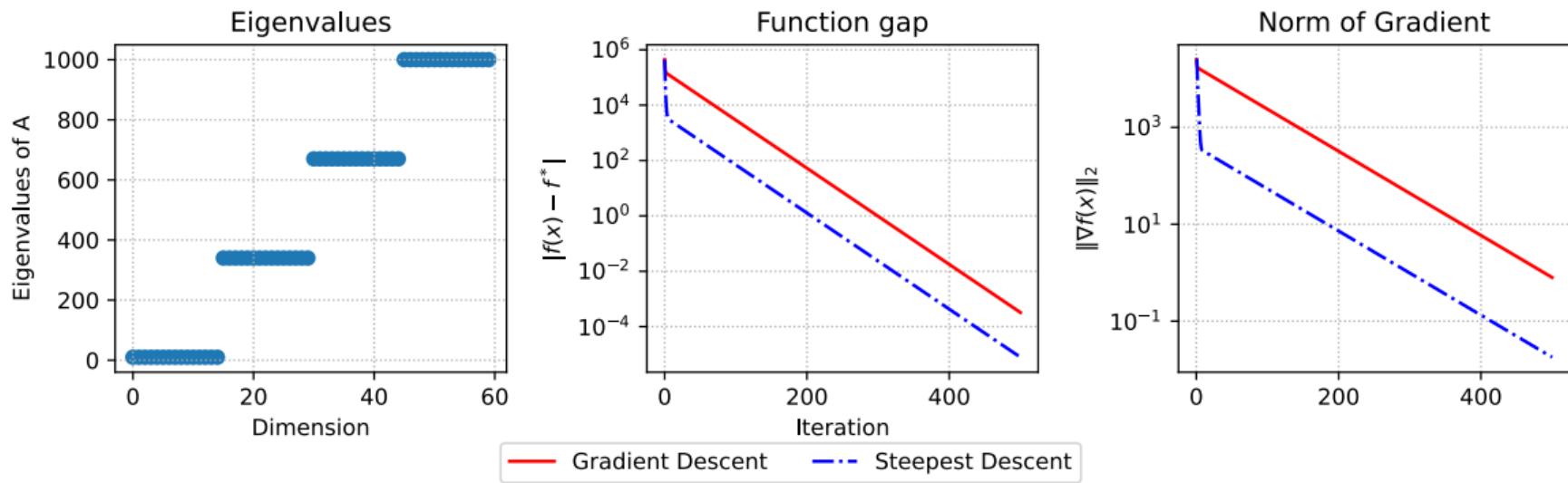
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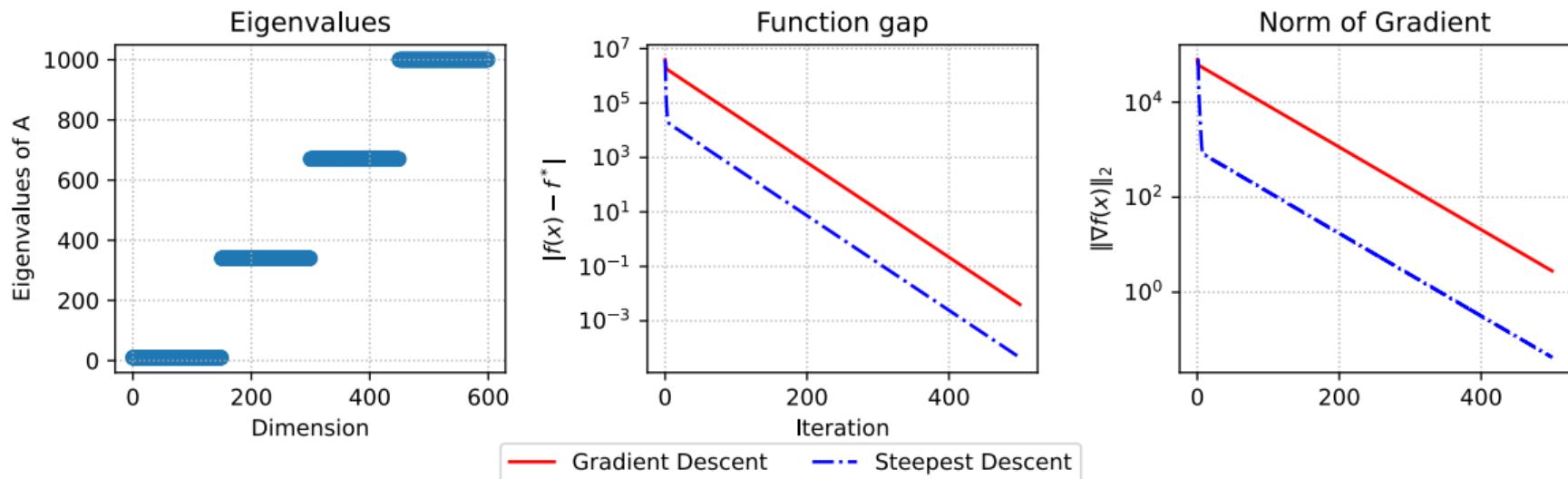
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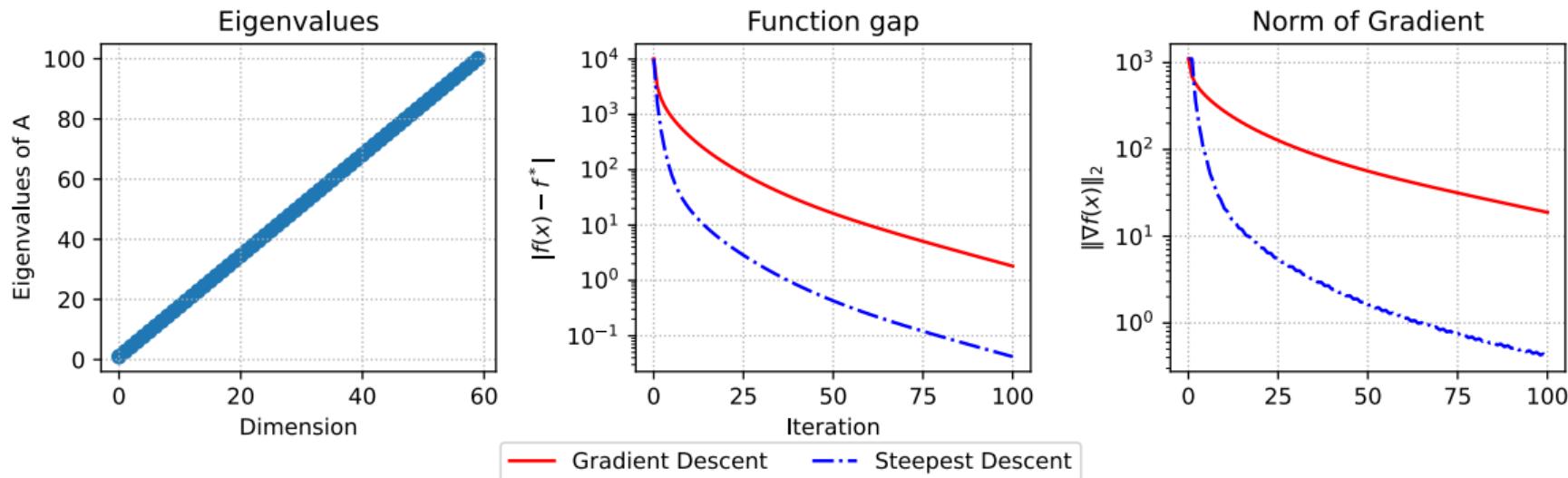
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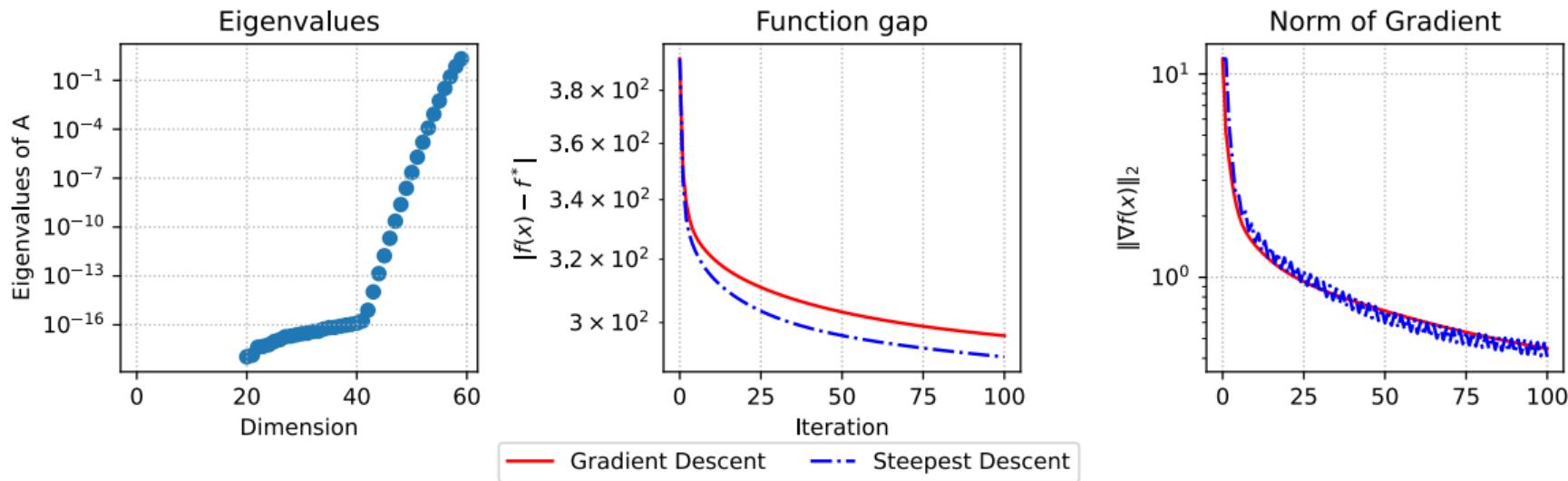
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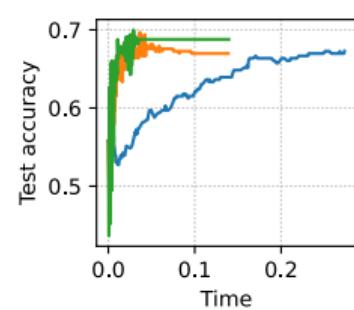
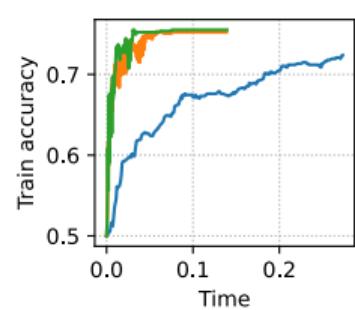
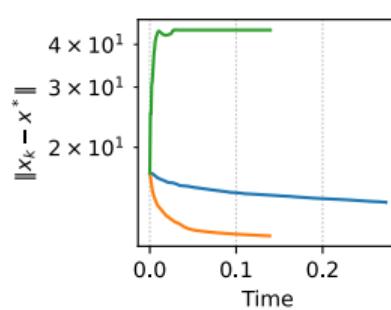
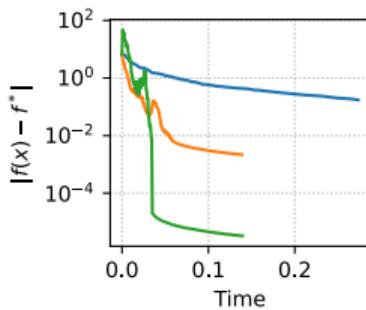
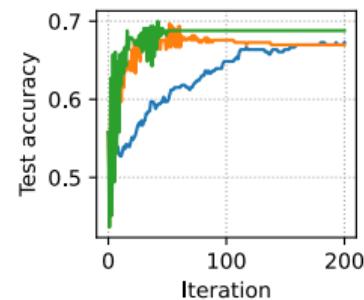
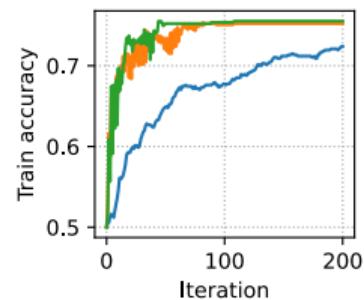
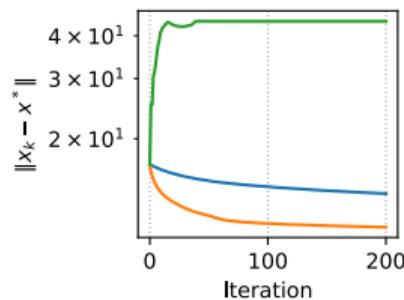
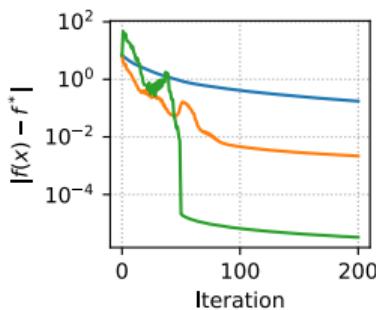
Strongly convex quadratics. n=60, Hilbert matrix.



Numerical experiments

$$f(x) = \frac{\mu}{2} \|x\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log(1 + \exp(-y_i \langle a_i, x \rangle)) \rightarrow \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}$$

Convex binary logistic regression. mu=0.

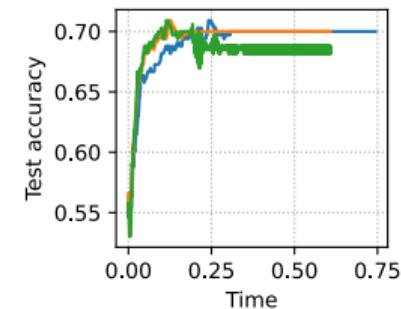
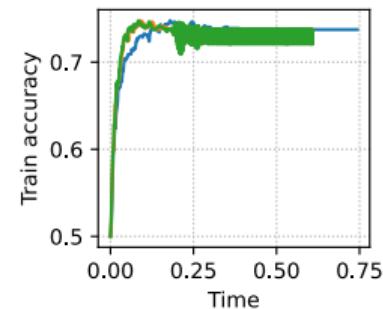
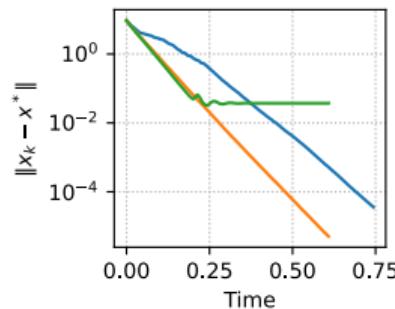
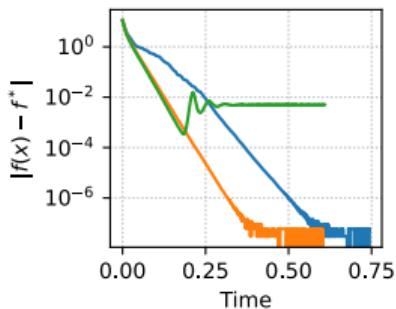
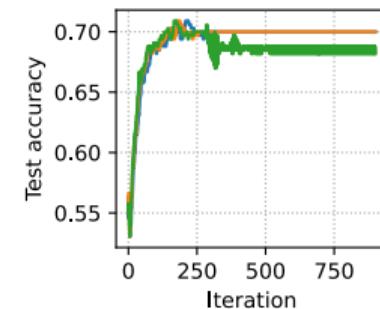
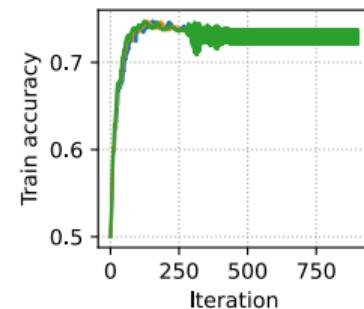
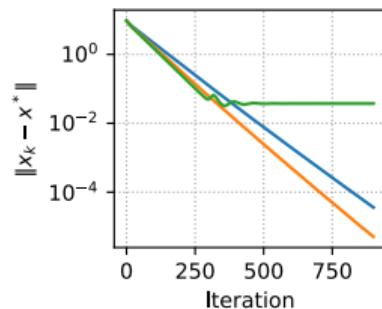
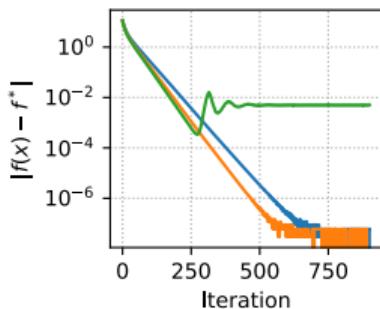


GD 0.07 GD 0.9 GD 10.0

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Strongly convex binary logistic regression. mu=0.1.



$f \rightarrow \min_{x,y,z}$

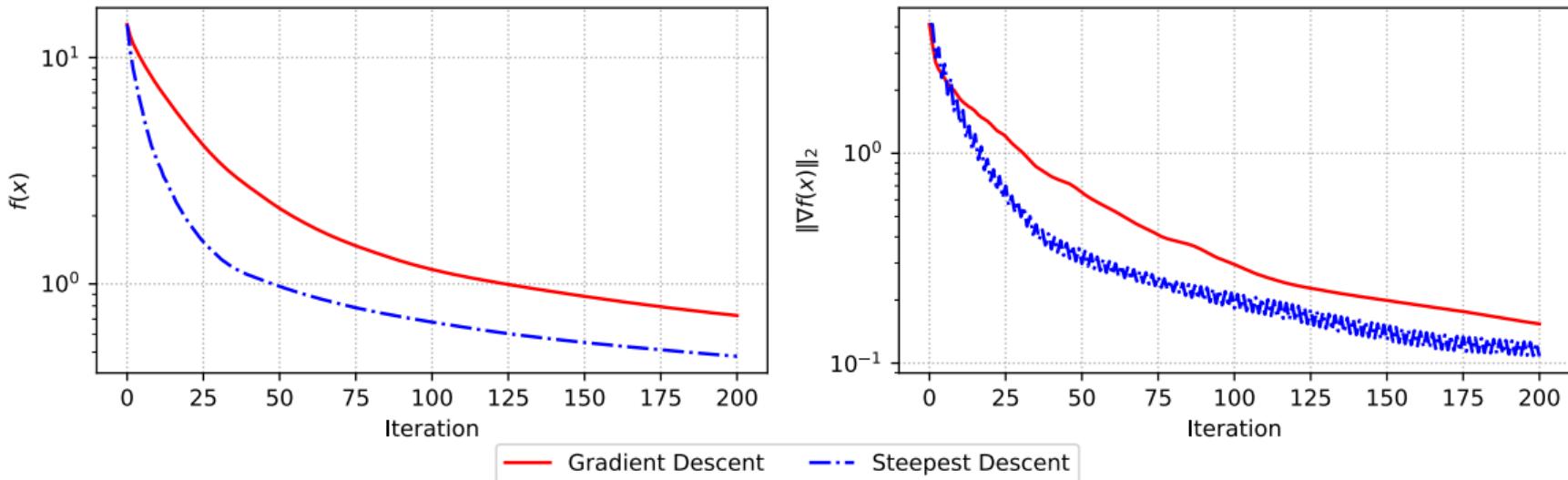
Smooth convex case



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Regularized binary logistic regression. n=300. m=1000. $\mu=0$



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