

Exercise Sheet 4

(a) Let the gradient $\underline{g}_t := \nabla E[\underline{w}_t]$ and the Hesse matrix $\underline{H}_t := \Delta E[\underline{w}_t]$ then

$$\begin{aligned} E[\underline{w}_{t+1}] &= E[\underline{w}_t] + (\underline{w}_{t+1} - \underline{w}_t)^T \underline{g}_t + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} (\underline{w}_{t+1} - \underline{w}_t)^T \underline{H}_t (\underline{w}_{t+1} - \underline{w}_t) \\ &= E[\underline{w}_t] - \eta_t \underline{d}_t^T \underline{g}_t + \frac{\eta_t^2}{2} \underline{d}_t^T \underline{H}_t \underline{d}_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad E[\underline{w}_{t+1}] &\approx E[\underline{w}_t] - \eta_t \underline{d}_t^T \underline{g}_t + \frac{\eta_t^2}{2} \underline{d}_t^T \underline{H}_t \underline{d}_t \leq E[\underline{w}_t] \\ \Rightarrow \eta_t &\leq \frac{2 \underline{d}_t^T \underline{g}_t}{\underline{d}_t^T \underline{H}_t \underline{d}_t} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Solve $\min_{\eta} E[\underline{w}_{t+1}]$ by setting the derivative w.r.t η to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E[\underline{w}_{t+1}]}{\partial \eta} &= \left(\frac{\partial E[\underline{w}_{t+1}]}{\partial \underline{w}_{t+1}} \right)^T \frac{\partial \underline{w}_{t+1}}{\partial \eta} \\ &= (\underline{H}_t \underline{w}_t - \eta_t \underline{H}_t \underline{d}_t - \underline{H}_t \underline{w}^*)^T (-\underline{d}_t) \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \eta^* &= \frac{\underline{d}_t^T \underline{H}_t (\underline{w}_t - \underline{w}^*)}{\underline{d}_t^T \underline{H}_t \underline{d}_t} = \frac{\underline{d}_t^T \underline{g}_t}{\underline{d}_t^T \underline{H}_t \underline{d}_t} \\ &\text{as } \underline{g}_t = \underline{H}_t (\underline{w}_t - \underline{w}^*) \end{aligned}$$

(d) The gradient is orthogonal to the direction

$$\text{if } \underline{d}_t^T \underline{g}_{t+1} = 0$$

$$\underline{g}_{t+1} = H_t(\underline{w}_{t+1} - \underline{w}^*) = H_t(\underline{w}_t - \eta_t \underline{d}_t - \underline{w}^*)$$

$$= \underline{g}_t - \eta_t H_t \underline{d}_t$$

$$\underline{d}_t^T \underline{g}_{t+1} = \underline{d}_t^T \underline{g}_t - \frac{\underline{d}_t^T \underline{g}_t}{\underline{d}_t^T H_t \underline{d}_t} \underline{d}_t^T H_t \underline{d}_t = 0$$