Optimization in Machine Learning WS 2024/2025

Exercise sheet 2

Mathematical Concepts 2

Exercise 1: Matrix Calculus

Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1, x_2, x_3 \end{bmatrix}^T, \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1, 2, 3 \end{bmatrix}^T, \mathbf{u} : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{C}^2, \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}$

- (a) Compute $\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$
- (b) Compute $\frac{\partial \|\mathbf{x} \mathbf{c}\|_2^2}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$
- (c) Compute $\frac{\partial \|\mathbf{x} \mathbf{c}\|_2}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$

Exercise 2: Optimality in 1d

Let $f: [-1, 2] \to \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto \exp(x^3 - 2x^2)$

- (a) Compute f'
- (b) Create a plot of f and f' in the range $x \in [-1, 2]$ with Python
- (c) Find all possible candidates x^* for maxima and minima. *Hint:* exp is a strictly monotone function.
- (d) Compute f''
- (e) Determine if the candidates are local maxima, minima or neither.
- (f) Find the global maximum and global minimum of f