

# optimisation.

Taylor's Theorem:

$$f(x+a) = f(x) + f'(x)a + \dots + \frac{f^m(x) \cdot a^m}{m!} + \frac{f^{(m+1)}(c)}{(m+1)!} a^{m+1}.$$

$$c \in (x, x+a)$$

finding  $c$  is task in many scenarios.

#  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  gradient vector.

$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

stationary point  
off  $\nabla f(\bar{x}) = 0$

Hessian matrix  $\rightarrow n \times n$   
 $= f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\left\{ (\nabla^2 f)_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right\}$$

# Hessian  $\rightarrow$  func' partially diff. w.r.t every other variable.  
gives us one common matrix.

# Taylor for higher dim.

$$f(x+p) = f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x+lp), p \rangle \quad \text{for some } l \in (0,1).$$

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$t \in (0,1)$

$x_*$ . local minimizer in an open neighbourhood.  $\{\nabla f(x_*) = 0\}$

#.  $f(x) = x^3$  suppose not true Take  $p = -\nabla f(x_*)$

at  $x=0 \rightarrow \nabla f(x_*) \neq 0 \rightarrow$  observe that  $\langle \nabla f(x_*), p \rangle = -\|\nabla f(x_*)\|^2 < 0$

- $\nabla f$  cont. at  $x^*$ .

$\hookrightarrow \exists T > 0$  such that  $\langle \nabla f(x_* + sp), p \rangle \leq 0$ .

for all  $s \in [0, T]$ .

$$\# f(x_* + t_* p) = f(x_*) + t_* \underbrace{\langle \nabla f(x_* + s_* p), p \rangle}_{(-ve)} \text{ for some } s_* < t_*.$$

$s_* \in (0, \underline{t_*})$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{thus } f(x_* + t_* p) < f(x_*) \\ \text{local minimizer} \end{array} \right\}$

$$\# \downarrow \begin{cases} \langle Bv, v \rangle \geq 0 \\ (\text{Semidefinite}) \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \langle Bv, v \rangle > 0 \\ \hookrightarrow \text{Definite} \end{cases} \text{ for all } v \in R^n \setminus \{0\}.$$

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$\# x_*$  is a local minimizer of  $f$  and if  $f$  is twice continuously differentiable in open neighbourhood of  $x_*$ .

$\nabla^2 f(x_*)$  is pos def.

$\# \nabla f(x_*) = 0$  and  $\nabla^2 f(x_*)$  is positive definite. Then  $x_*$  is strict local minimizer of  $a$ .  
sufficient but not necessary.

$\hookrightarrow$  Ex.  $f(u) = u^4$  at 0.

$\nabla^2 f$  is cont. at  $x_*$  as it is pos def. at  $x_*$ .

$\exists \alpha > 0$ , such that  $\nabla^2 f(z)$  is pos definite  $\forall z \in B_{R^4}(x_*)$

$$\rightarrow \text{for } s \in (0, 1) \quad f(x_* + p) = f(x_*) + \langle \nabla f(x_*), p \rangle + \frac{1^2}{2} \langle (\nabla^2 f(x_* + sp)p, p) \rangle.$$

#.  $f(x_*) + \frac{1}{2} \langle \nabla^2 f(x_* + sp)p, p \rangle$ . as  $\nabla^2 f$  definite implies  
 $\nabla^2 f$  in neighbourhood of  $x_*$ .

### \* Notion of Convexity

set  $S \subset R^n$  is said to be convex.

$$x, y \in S \Rightarrow \alpha x + (1-\alpha)y \in S \quad \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

strictly convex, when  
inequality follows for  
 $x \neq y$ .

$\downarrow$

Geometric Interpretation → one can join any two points.

#. local minimizer  $x_*$  of  $f$  is a global maximizer of  $-f$ .

$$\Rightarrow \exists y \in R^n \rightarrow f(y) < f(x_*)$$

$$\# \quad x = \lambda y + (1-\lambda)x_* \text{ for some } \lambda \in (0, 1].$$

By convexity of  $f$ , we have,  $f(x) \leq f(y) + (1-\lambda)f(x_*) < f(x_*)$ .

#. Not every convex function, but a "function with lower bound needs to have an minimizer".

$$\# \quad f, g \text{ convex } (R^n \rightarrow R) \Rightarrow \text{then so } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f: R^n \rightarrow R \quad \mu \geq 0 \quad \text{then } \underline{\mu f} \\ f+g. \end{array} \right.$$

obv.  $\underline{-}$

#. diff. function  $f: R^n \rightarrow R$  is convex, if and only if

$$\langle \nabla f(x), (y-x) \rangle \leq 0 \quad \text{for every } x, y \in R^n.$$

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), (y-x) \rangle$$

#. Corollary

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex func. then  $x_*$  is global minimizer if  $(\nabla f(x_*) = 0)$ .

#. Simply,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &\geq f(x_*) + \langle \nabla f(x_*), (y-x_*) \rangle \\ &= f(x_*) \end{aligned}$$

So, hence proved it is global minimizer.

#. Going Reverse, If neg. for diff. func. Exist  $\Rightarrow$  convex function.

aim:  $f(\alpha w + (1-\alpha)z) \leq \alpha f(w) + (1-\alpha)f(z)$

Take  $\underline{x} = \alpha w + (1-\alpha)z$  then  $w-x = (1-\alpha)(w-z)$   
and  $z-x = (z-w)\alpha$ .

So,  $f(w) \geq f(\underline{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\underline{x}), (w-\underline{x}) \rangle \quad \{ \text{for } w \neq \underline{x} \}$  -①

# applying for  $z \neq \underline{x}$ .  $f(z) \geq f(\underline{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\underline{x}), (z-\underline{x}) \rangle$ . -②

By doing  $\alpha \times ① + (1-\alpha) \times ②$ .

#.  $\alpha f(w) \geq \alpha f(\underline{x}) + (\alpha \langle \nabla f(\underline{x}), (w-\underline{x}) \rangle) + (1-\alpha) f(z) \geq (1-\alpha) f(\underline{x}) + \{(1-\alpha) \langle \nabla f(\underline{x}), (z-\underline{x}) \rangle\}$  This goes to zero.

$$\Rightarrow \alpha f(w) + (1-\alpha) f(z) \geq f(\underline{x}) +$$

#. next objective,  $f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), (y-x) \rangle$  for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

for every diffable convex fn.

\* Take  $x \neq y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Convexity of  $f$  implies  $\rightarrow$

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \frac{1}{2} f(y). \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Take  $h = y-x$ , rewriting (1).

$$f\left(x+\frac{h}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \frac{1}{2} f(x+h). \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x+h) - f(x) \geq \frac{f(x+h_1) - f(x)}{2^1}$$

#. On the same note and patterns  $\rightarrow$ .

$$* f\left(x+\frac{h}{4}\right) = f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\left(x+\frac{h}{2}\right)\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \frac{1}{2} f\left(x+\frac{h}{2}\right).$$

$$f\left(x+\frac{h}{2}\right) - f(x) \geq \frac{f(x+h_{1/4}) - f(x)}{2^{-1}}$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x+h) - f(x) \geq \frac{f(x+h_{1/4}) - f(x)}{2^{-2}}$$

By inducing a recursive pattern  $\Rightarrow f(x+h) - f(x) \geq \frac{f(x+2^{-k}h) - f(x)}{2^{-k}}$   $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

for convex diffable fn.s.

#.

$$g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



directional derivative at pt.  $x$  & dir.  $p$ .

$$\lim \frac{g(x+sp) - g(x)}{s}$$

$$s \rightarrow 0 \quad \overbrace{\quad}^s$$

#. If  $g$  is diffble, then it's directional derivative  $\langle \nabla g(\underline{u}), \underline{p} \rangle$ .

For. Recursive Inequality.

$$f(x+h) - f(x) \geq \frac{f(x+2^{-k}h) - f(x)}{2^{-k}} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{as } k \rightarrow \infty. \quad f(y) - f(x) \geq \langle \nabla f(x), h \rangle = \langle \nabla f(x), (y-x) \rangle.$$