## Numerical Optimization 2024 - Project 1, Phase 1 (individual)

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Auxiliary score: 25/30

Reason: For some cases, the results were not as I expected. Overall, the results do meet the solution criteria in the .pdf file.

The chosen functions were:

$$x^{3} - 3x^{2} + 2x - 1$$

$$x^{4} - 6x^{2} + 9$$

$$x^{5} - 10x^{3} + 25x$$

$$x^{4} - 12x^{2} + 36$$

$$x^{3} - 6x^{2} + 9$$

Gradients

$$3x^{2} - 6x + 2$$

$$4x^{3} - 12x$$

$$5x^{4} - 30x^{2} + 25$$

$$4x^{3} - 24x$$

$$3x^{2} - 12x$$

Hessians

$$6x - 6$$

$$12x^2 - 12$$

$$20x^3 - 60x$$

$$12x^2 - 24$$

$$6x - 12$$

## **Steepest Descent Results:**

For the first function, the function minimum is -1.38, the final x value is 1.57 one of the stationary points of the function at iteration 116.

For the second function, the function minimum is found at x = 1.73, which is one of the stationary points of the function at iteration 169.

For the third function, the function minimum is found at x = -1, which is one of the stationary points of the function at iteration 110.

For the fourth function, the function minimum is found at x = 2.44, which is one of the stationary points of the function at iteration 221.

For the fifth function, the function minimum is found at x = 4, which is one of the stationary points of the function at iteration 390.

## **Newton's Method Results:**

For the first function, the function minimum is -0.62, the final x value is 0.49. Converges faster than SD but the final result is not as good.

For the second function, the function minimum is found at x = 0.09 at 10000 iterations. The function does not converge.

For the third function, the function minimum is found at x = 0.104 at 10000 iterations. The function does not converge.

For the fourth function, the function minimum is found at x = 0.29 at 10000 iterations. The function does not converge.

For the fifth function, the function minimum is found at x = 0.09 at 10000 iterations. The function does not converge.

For (ii), (iii) and (iv) see the jupyter notebooks in the .zip file.