

Aw1 (a):  $f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$

\*  $g(x) = f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x\|^2$  is convex  $\nearrow$  equivalent

from first-order condition for convexity of  $g(x)$ :

$g(x)$  is convex if and only if:  $g(x_2) \geq g(x_1) + \nabla g(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1)$

$$\equiv f(x_2) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2\|^2 \geq f(x_1) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_1\|^2 + \nabla \left( f(x_1) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_1\|^2 \right)^T (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|^2$$

State ①

from second-order condition for convexity

$$\nabla^2 f(x) \succcurlyeq 0 \quad g(x) = f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x\|^2$$

$$\nabla^2 \left( f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x\|^2 \right) \succcurlyeq 0 \quad \nabla^2 f(x) - \mu \text{Id} \succcurlyeq 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) \succcurlyeq \mu \text{Id}$$

State ②: It is monotone gradient condition for convexity of  $g(x)$ ;  $g(x)$  is convex if and only if:

$$(\nabla g(x) - \nabla g(y))^T (x - y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y$$

$$\left( \nabla \left[ f(x_1) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_1\|^2 \right] - \nabla \left[ f(x_2) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2\|^2 \right] \right)^T (x_1 - x_2) \geq 0$$

$$(\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2) - \mu \|x_1\|^2 + \mu \|x_2\|^2)^T (x_1 - x_2) \geq 0$$

$$(\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1))^T (x_2 - x_1) \geq \mu \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

HW 1(a)

part a)

$$f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

$$f(x^*) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x^* - x_1) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x^* - x_1\|_2^2$$

$$f(x_1) - f^* \leq \nabla f(x_1)^T (x - x^*) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x - x^*\|_2^2$$

$$\leq -\frac{1}{2} \left[ -2 \nabla f(x_1)^T (x - x^*) + \mu (x^* - x)^T (x^* - x) + \frac{1}{\mu} \|\nabla f\|_2^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f\|_2^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \|\sqrt{\mu} (x - x^*)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} \|\nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f\|_2^2$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f\|_2^2 \quad \text{always positive}$$

HW 1(a)

part b)  $(\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1))^T (x_2 - x_1) \geq \mu \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$

using Cauchy-Schwarz :

$$\mu \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2 \leq (\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1))^T (x_2 - x_1) \leq \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\| \|x_2 - x_1\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu} \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\| \geq \|x_2 - x_1\|$$

QED

HW 1(a)  
Part C

we consider  $\Phi_x(z) = f(z) - \nabla f(x)^T z$  that  $\Phi_x(z)$  is strongly convex with the same  $\mu$  since:

$$\text{From equivalent (2)} \rightarrow (\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1))^T (x_2 - x_1) \geq \mu \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

$$(\nabla \Phi_x(z_1) - \nabla \Phi_x(z_2))^T (z_1 - z_2) = (\nabla f(z_1) - \nabla f(z_2))^T (z_1 - z_2) \geq \mu \|z_1 - z_2\|_2^2$$

$$\text{by using a)} \rightarrow f(x) - f^* \leq \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 \quad \forall x$$

by applying a) to the  $\Phi_x(z)$  that is strongly convex:

\* with  $z^* = x_1$

$$\begin{aligned} (f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)^T x_2) - (f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_1)^T x_1) &= \Phi_{x_1}(x_2) - \Phi_{x_1}(x_1) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla \Phi_{x_1}(x_2)\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_1 - x_2) \leq \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2$$

$$* f(x_2) \leq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2$$

interchanging  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  in \*

$$** f(x_1) \leq f(x_2) + \nabla f(x_2)^T (x_1 - x_2) + \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2)\|_2^2$$

$$\text{Sum } * \& ** \quad \cancel{f(x_1)} + \cancel{f(x_2)} \leq \cancel{f(x_1)} + \cancel{f(x_2)} - (x_2 - x_1) [\nabla f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_2)] + \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2)\|_2^2$$

$$[\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2)]^T (x_2 - x_1) \leq \frac{1}{\mu} \|\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2)\|_2^2 \quad \forall x_1, x_2$$

HW 1(a)  
part d)  $f(x) + r(x)$  is strongly convex for any convex  $f$  and strongly convex  $r$ .

$$h(x) = f(x) + r(x)$$

$$f \text{ is convex} \xrightarrow[\text{condition}]{\text{first order}} f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$r \text{ is strongly convex} \longrightarrow r(x_2) \geq r(x_1) + \nabla r(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

Sum  $\Rightarrow$

$$\underline{f(x_2) + r(x_2)} \geq \underline{f(x_1) + r(x_1)} + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \nabla r(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

$$h(x_2) \geq h(x_1) + (x_2 - x_1) \left( \nabla f(x_1)^T + \nabla r(x_1)^T \right) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

$$h(x_2) \geq h(x_1) + \nabla h(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

So  $h(x)$  is strongly convex.

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H.7.b)

Part Q)  $f(x_2) \leq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{L}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2 \quad \forall x_1, x_2$

① strong convexity  $\|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2 \geq \mu \|x_2 - x_1\|_2$

L-smooth  $\|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2 \leq L \|x_2 - x_1\|_2$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \|x_2 - x_1\| \leq \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2 \leq L \|x_2 - x_1\|_2$$

$$\mu \leq L$$

$$f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

$$L \geq \mu$$

$$f(x_2) \leq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{L}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

②  $g(x) = \frac{L}{2} x^T x - f(x) \quad \text{convex } \forall x$

first order condition:

$$f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$g(x_2) \geq g(x_1) + \nabla g(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\frac{L}{2} x_2^T x_2 - f(x_2) \geq \frac{L}{2} x_1^T x_1 - f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_2) \leq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{L}{2} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$



H1-b)

$$v+b) f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2 \quad \forall x_1, x_2$$

$$\text{define: } y = x_2 - \frac{1}{L} (\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)) \Rightarrow x_2 - x_1 \geq y - x_1$$

$$y - x_1 = x_2 - x_1 - \frac{1}{L} (\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1))$$

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = f(y) - f(x_1) - [f(y) - f(x_2)] \geq \nabla f(x_1)^T (y - x_1) - [\nabla f(x_2)^T (y - x_2) + \frac{L}{2} \|y - x_2\|_2^2]$$

$$-f(y) + f(x_2) \geq -\nabla f(x_2)^T (y - x_2) - \left( \frac{L}{2} \|y - x_2\|_2^2 \right) \quad (a)$$

$$f(y) - f(x_1) \geq \nabla f(x_1)^T (y - x_1) \quad (b)$$

$$\text{sum} \Rightarrow f(x_2) - f(x_1) \geq -[\nabla f(x_2)^T (y - x_2)] - \left[ \frac{L}{2} \|y - x_2\|_2^2 \right] + \nabla f(x_1)^T (y - x_1) \quad (a), (b)$$

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) \geq \nabla f(x_2)^T x_2 - \nabla f(x_1)^T x_2 - [\nabla f(x_2)^T (y - x_2)] - \frac{L}{2} \|y - x_2\|_2^2$$

$$+ \nabla f(x_1)^T (y - x_1) = \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (y - x_2) - \nabla f(x_2)^T (y - x_2)$$

$$+ \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + [\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2)]^T (y - x_2) - \frac{L}{2} \|y - x_2\|_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_2) - f(x_1) \geq \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{1}{L} \|\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2)\|_2^2$$

$$- \frac{L}{2} \times \frac{1}{L^2} \|\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2)\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_2) - f(x_1) \geq \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_2)\|_2^2$$

H 1-b)

part c)  $(\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1))^T (x_2 - x_1) \geq \frac{1}{L} \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2 \quad \forall x_1, x_2$

from part (b)  $\rightarrow f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \frac{1}{2L} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$

$$f(x_1) \geq f(x_2) + \nabla f(x_2)^T (x_1 - x_2) + \frac{1}{2L} \|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2$$

Sum:  $f(x_2) + f(x_1) \geq \cancel{f(x_2)} + \cancel{f(x_1)} + \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) + \nabla f(x_2)^T (x_1 - x_2) + \frac{1}{2L} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2L} \|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2$

$$[\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)]^T (x_2 - x_1) \geq \frac{1}{2L} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2L} \|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2$$

$$[\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)]^T (x_2 - x_1) \geq \frac{1}{L} \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2 \geq \frac{1}{L} \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2$$

$$\|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2 \leq L^2 \|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2$$

$$\|x_2 - x_1\|_2^2 \geq \frac{\|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2}{L^2}$$

HW1(c): use Lagrange dual function,  $\lambda$  is the dual variable. so, the

Lagrangian function can be shown as:

$$L(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in N} f_i(x_i) + \lambda (b - A x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in N} f_i(x_i) + \lambda (b_1 - a_1 x_1 - a_2 x_2 \dots - a_N x_N)$$

→ Now, we have unconstrained problem & can use descent methods:

$$\nabla^2 L = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f_1}{\partial x_1^2} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial^2 f_2}{\partial x_2^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f_N}{\partial x_N^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \nabla L = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} - \lambda a_1 \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} - \lambda a_2 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_N}{\partial x_N} - \lambda a_N \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow p=1$$

Part (a) The Gradient Descent method will be used, because  $N$  is small.

Part (b) Finding a good coordinate for GD is usually very hard in high-dimension!

Therefore, GD is not useful for  $N = 10^9$ . In this case we use Newton.

Since Hessian is diagonal, finding the inverse of it, is easy!

Part (c) For the case  $p=1, N=10^9$  → yes we can use Newton because the

Hessian is a diagonal matrix and finding the inverse of a diagonal matrix is

easy

For the case  $1 \ll p \ll N, N \approx 10^9$  → Again we use Newton, because Hessian is

diagonal & in below form:

$$\lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p]$$

→ dual variable

$$\nabla^2 L = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f_1}{\partial x_1^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f_N}{\partial x_N^2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 a_1 + \dots + \lambda_p a_p & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_1 a_1 + \dots + \lambda_p a_p \end{bmatrix}$$



So, because Hessian is diagonal, finding its inverse is easy & we use Newton.

part

(d)

(d) → for part (a)  $p=1, N=1000$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in N} f_i(x_i) + r(x) + \lambda (b - Ax)$$

$$\nabla_{x, \lambda} \mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_1} - \lambda a_1 \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_2} - \lambda a_2 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_N}{\partial x_N} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_N} - \lambda a_N \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{So, we can compute } \nabla, \text{ and we can use GP again.}$$

(d) → for part (b)

$$N=10^9, p=1$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f_1}{\partial x_1^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial^2 f_2}{\partial x_2^2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f_N}{\partial x_N^2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x_1 \partial x_N} \\ \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x_2^2} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x_N \partial x_1} & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x_N^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Because  $\nabla^2$  is a Hermitian and positive-definite matrix, So we can use Cholesky decomposition to decompose it into a lower triangular matrix & its conjugate transpose. So we can find the inverse

of it, easily  $\Rightarrow$  we use Newton.

(d) → for part (c):

Yes, we use Newton.

As described in previous section we can use Cholesky decomposition.

Then we have low rank matrix & diagonal matrix, which is easy to find its inverse.

In  $[p=1]$  the closed form of inverse matrix can be found & in  $k \ll 1$ , still

it has a good structure, because it is low rank, so the inverse can be found. Page 9

H1.d

prove:  $(\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (x - y) \geq \frac{\mu L}{\mu + L} \|x - y\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\mu + L} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2^2$

$f$ :  $L$  smooth &  $\mu$  strongly convex

$g: f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x\|^2$

$$\mu \leq \nabla^2 g - \nabla^2 f \leq L$$

$$0 \leq \nabla^2 g - \nabla^2 f - \mu \leq L - \mu \Rightarrow g \text{ is } (L - \mu) \text{ smooth}$$

$$(\nabla g_y - \nabla g_x)^T (y - x) \geq \frac{1}{L - \mu} \|\nabla g_y - \nabla g_x\|^2$$

$$(\nabla f_y - \nabla f_x - \mu(y - x))^T (y - x) \geq \frac{1}{L - \mu} \|\nabla f_y - \nabla f_x - \mu(y - x)\|^2$$

$$(L + \mu) (\nabla f_y - \nabla f_x)^T (y - x) \geq \|\nabla f_y - \nabla f_x\|^2 + \underbrace{(\mu^2 + \mu(L - \mu))}_{\mu L} \|y - x\|^2$$