# Gradient Descent in Hilbert Space

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Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  and Y be a normed vector spaces and

$$T:\prod_{j=1}^n X_j o Y$$
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$$L^n(X_1,\ldots,X_n;Y)=\{T:X\to Y:T \text{ is multilinear and bounded}\}$$

If 
$$X_1, \ldots, X_n = X$$
, we write  $L^n(X, Y)$  in place of  $L^n(X, \ldots, X; Y)$ .

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Let X be a normed vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . We define the **dual space** of X, denoted  $X^*$ , by  $X^* = L(X, \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $T: X \to \mathbb{R}$ . Then T is said to be a **bounded linear functional on** X if  $T \in X^*$ .

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### Remark

In the context of Hilbert spaces, the gradient allows us generalize the gradient descent method for minimization.

The idea is as follows. If  $f: H \to \mathbb{R}$  is Frechet differentiable. Then

$$f(x_0 + h) \approx f(x_0) + \langle \nabla f(x_0), h \rangle$$

for h near  $x_0$ . Taking  $h = -\eta \nabla f(x_0)$  for some small  $\eta > 0$  insures that h is close to  $x_0$  and h is in the direction of steepest descent of  $Df(x_0)(v)$  which causes  $f(x_0 + h) < f(x_0)$ .

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$$K_H(s,t) = \langle K_s, K_t \rangle$$

Let T be a set and  $K: T^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ . If K is symmetric and positive definite, then there exists a unique reproducing kernel Hilbert space  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^T$  such that  $K_H = K$ .

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Then there exist  $(\hat{\alpha}_j)_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that

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where  $L_t \in L(H, \mathbb{R}^n)$  is given by

$$L_t(f) = (f(t_j))_{j=1}^n$$

Writing this out, we see that

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Equating terms from Taylors theorem, we see that  $D^2Q(f_0)(h,h)=2\|L_t(h)\|_2^2$ , which is p.s.d. So Q is convex. Since norms are convex and  $\lambda\geq 0$ , L is convex.

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