

# Methodology

This section describes the implementation methodology and experimental setup used in the optimization project.

## Algorithm Implementation

### Gradient Descent Algorithm

The core algorithm implements the following iterative procedure for unconstrained optimization:

**Input:** Initial point  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , step size  $\alpha > 0$ , tolerance  $\epsilon > 0$ , maximum iterations  $N_{\max} \in \mathbb{N}$

**Output:** Approximate solution  $x^* \approx \arg \min f(x)$

#### Algorithm 1: Gradient Descent

Initialize:  $k \leftarrow 0$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$

While  $k < N_{\max}$  do:

    Compute gradient:  $\nabla f(x_k)$

    Check convergence: if  $\|\nabla f(x_k)\|_2 < \epsilon$  then

        Return  $x_k$  as approximate solution

    Update:  $x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_k - \alpha \nabla f(x_k)$

    Increment:  $k \leftarrow k + 1$