

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

$$g_{x_1}(x_1) \leq \min_{\eta} g_{x_1}(x_2) + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 \|\nabla g_{x_1}(x_2)\|_2^2 - \eta \|\nabla g_{x_1}(x_2)\|_2^2$$

The minimum solution η to minimize this quadratic problem is:

$$L\eta^* \|\nabla g_{x_1}(x_2)\|_2^2 - \|\nabla g_{x_1}(x_2)\|_2^2 = 0$$

$$\eta^* = \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{minimum solution: } g_{x_1}(x_2) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla g_{x_1}(x_2)\|_2^2$$

thus from our definition of $g_{x_1}(x_2)$ it follows:

$$g_{x_1}(x_1) \leq g_{x_1}(x_2) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla g_{x_1}(x_2)\|_2^2$$

$$0 \leq f(x_2) - f(x_1) - \nabla f(x_1)^T (x_2 - x_1) - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_2) - \nabla f(x_1)\|_2^2$$

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

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