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0.0.1 Importing libraries

```
[1]: import numpy as np
      from sklearn.datasets import make_spd_matrix
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Generating A randomly using `sklearn.datasets.make_spd_matrix`, and generate b and c using `np.random.randn` function of numpy.

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[2]: A = np.matrix(make_spd_matrix(10))
      b = np.matrix(np.random.randn(10,1))
      c = np.matrix(np.random.randn(1,1))
```

$$f(x) = x^T A x - 2b^T x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(x) = 2Ax - 2b$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) = 2A$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ is convex}$$

$$2 * A > 0 \Rightarrow A > 0 \Rightarrow A \text{ is positive definite} \Rightarrow f \text{ is convex}$$

So we need to check if A is positive definite or not to know if f is convex or not.

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[3]: def f(x):
      return x.T @ A @ x - 2 * b.T @ x + c

      def gradient_f(x):
          return 2 * A @ x - 2 * b

      def grad_grad_f(x):
          return 2 * A

      def is_pos_def(x):
          return np.all(np.linalg.eigvals(x) > 0)
```

0.0.2 Problem 2 (a)

Analytical solution

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[4]: if is_pos_def(A):
      print("A is positive definite, hence f is convex")
```

A is positive definite, hence f is convex

By setting the gradient of f to zero, we can find the analytical solution $\Rightarrow \nabla f(x) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2Ax - 2b = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = A^{-1}b$

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[5]: result_gradient_zero = np.matrix(A.I @ b)
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[6]: analytical_solution = f(result_gradient_zero)[0,0]
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[7]: print("Minimizer using gradient zero:", result_gradient_zero)
      print("Analytical solution by setting gradient to zero:", analytical_solution)
```

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Minimizer using gradient zero: [[-1.47773205]
 [ 0.62229752]
 [ 4.27234816]
 [ 2.28670366]
 [ 8.4446222 ]
 [ 1.05823733]
 [-5.28442647]
 [ 6.65035515]
 [-7.22577486]
 [-9.69219262]]
```

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Analytical solution by setting gradient to zero: -42.65716526724658
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0.0.3 Problem 2 (b)

Gradient descent Initial point $x_0 = [1/10, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10, 1/10]^T$
where $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$

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[8]: x0 = np.matrix([[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10]])
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Step size $l_{GD} = \frac{1}{2\|A\| + \|b\|_2}$ where $\|A\|$ is the spectral norm of A and $\|b\|_2$ is the 2-norm of b

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[9]: a_norm = np.linalg.norm(A, ord=2)
      b_norm = np.linalg.norm(b)
      step_size = 1 / ((2*a_norm) + b_norm)
```

```
[10]: def gradient_descent(x0, step_size, num_iterations):
        """
        Gradient descent algorithm
        :param x0: np.matrix - Initial point
        :param step_size: float - step size
        :param num_iterations: int - number of iterations
        :return: value of x after num_iterations, list of objective values
        """
        x = x0
        f_list = []
        for i in range(num_iterations):
            x = x - step_size * gradient_f(x)
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f_list.append(f(x).tolist()[0][0])  
return x, f_list
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[11]: result_gradient_descent, f_list = gradient_descent(x0, step_size, 1000)
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[12]: optimal_solution = f(result_gradient_descent)[0,0]
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[13]: print("Minimizer using gradient descent:", result_gradient_descent)  
print("Optimal Solution by using gradient descent:", optimal_solution)
```

Minimizer using gradient descent: $\begin{bmatrix} -1.47790535 \\ 0.62156988 \\ 4.27138982 \\ 2.28593234 \\ 8.44167565 \\ 1.05848769 \\ -5.28260315 \\ 6.64963057 \\ -7.22392569 \\ -9.69060684 \end{bmatrix}$

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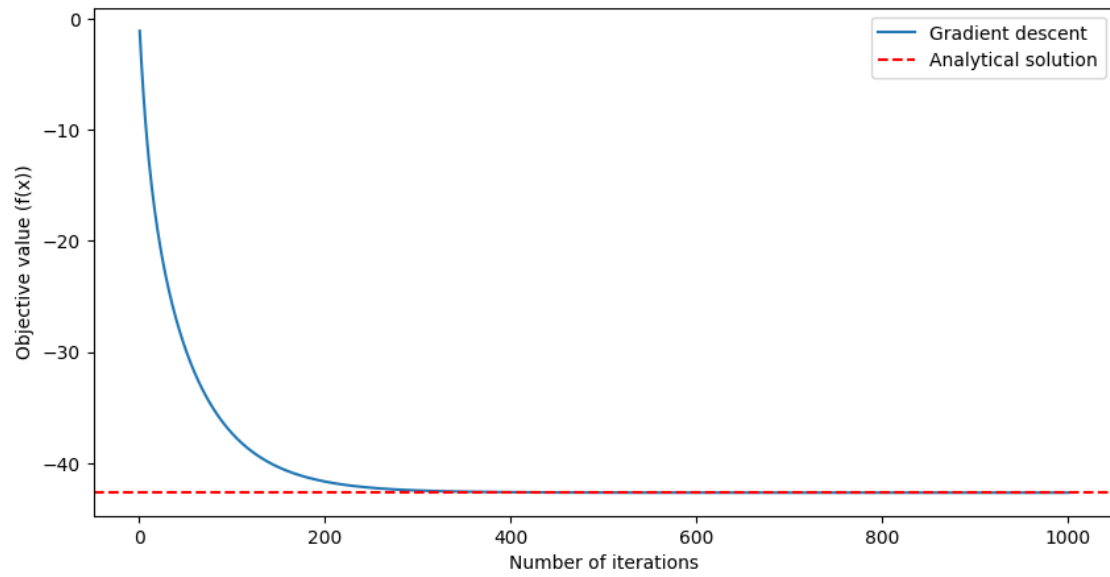
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Optimal Solution by using gradient descent: -42.657163232877686

In the following plot, the blue line shows the objective value after each iteration and the red dashed line shows the analytical solution.

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[14]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
plt.plot(range(1,1001), f_list)  
plt.xlabel("Number of iterations")  
plt.ylabel("Objective value (f(x))")  
plt.axhline(y=analytical_solution, color='r', linestyle='--')  
plt.legend(["Gradient descent", "Analytical solution"])  
plt.show()
```



You can see that the objective value decreases after each iteration and converges to the analytical solution.