

0.0.1 Importing necessary libraries

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

0.1 Problem 1

0.1.1 Problem 1 (a)

$$f(x) = x^T A x + b$$

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

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = [1]$$

By setting the gradient to zero $\Rightarrow 2Ax = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

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[2]: A_a = np.matrix([[2, -1, -1], [-1, 2, 0], [-1, 0, 1]])
      b_a = np.matrix([[1]])

      def f_a(x):
          return x.T @ A_a @ x + b_a

      def gradient_f_a(x):
          return 2* A_a @ x

      def gradient_descent(x0, learning_rate, num_iterations):
          x = x0
          for i in range(num_iterations):
              x = x - learning_rate * gradient_f_a(x)
          return x

      N = 1000
      t = 0.02

      x0 = np.random.rand(3,1)
      result_gradient_descent = gradient_descent(x0, t, N)
      print("Minimizer using gradient descent:", result_gradient_descent)
      print("Value of f_a at minimizer:", f_a(result_gradient_descent)[0,0])
      result_gradient_zero = (1/2) * A_a.I @ np.matrix([[0],[0],[0]])
      print("Minimizer using gradient zero:", result_gradient_zero)
      print("Value of f_a at minimizer using gradient zero:",
            f_a(result_gradient_zero)[0,0])
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Minimizer using gradient descent: $\begin{bmatrix} 1.54960309e-04 \\ 8.59964837e-05 \\ 1.93232345e-04 \end{bmatrix}$

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Value of f_a at minimizer: 1.000000013616153

Minimizer using gradient zero: $\begin{bmatrix} 0. \\ 0. \end{bmatrix}$
Value of f_a at minimizer using gradient zero: 1.0

0.1.2 Problem 1 (b)

$$f(x) = \|Ax - b\|^2$$

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

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{By setting the gradient to zero } \Rightarrow 2A^T(Ax - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T(Ax - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T Ax = A^T b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

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[3]: A_b = np.matrix([[1,2],[2,4],[3,1]])
      b_b = np.matrix([[1],[3],[1]])

      def f_b(x):
          return x.T @ A_b.T @ A_b @ x - b_b.T @ A_b @ x - x.T @ A_b.T @ b_b + b_b.T @ b_b

      def gradient_f_b(x):
          return 2* A_b.T @ (A_b @ x - b_b)

      def gradient_descent(x0, learning_rate, num_iterations):
          x = x0
          for i in range(num_iterations):
              x = x - learning_rate * gradient_f_b(x)
          return x

      N = 1000
      t = 0.02
      x0 = np.random.rand(2,1)
      result_gradient_descent = gradient_descent(x0, t, N)
      print("Minimizer using gradient descent:", result_gradient_descent)
      print("Value of f_b at minimizer:", f_b(result_gradient_descent)[0,0])
      result_gradient_zero = (A_b.T @ A_b).I @ A_b.T @ b_b
      print("Minimizer using gradient zero:", result_gradient_zero)
      print("Value of f_b at minimizer using gradient zero:", f_b(result_gradient_zero)[0,0])
```

Minimizer using gradient descent: $\begin{bmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.64 \end{bmatrix}$
Value of f_b at minimizer: 0.2000000000000000107
Minimizer using gradient zero: $\begin{bmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.64 \end{bmatrix}$

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Value of f_b at minimizer using gradient zero: 0.200000000000000107

0.1.3 Problem 1 (c)

$$f(x) = \|Ax - b\|^2$$

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

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 9 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

By setting the gradient to zero $\Rightarrow 2A^T(Ax - b) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow A^T(Ax - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T Ax = A^T b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

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[4]: A_c = np.matrix([[1,2,1],[2,4,2],[3,1,9],[4,1,0],[2,1,4]])
b_c = np.matrix([[1],[3],[1],[0],[9]])

def f_c(x):
    return x.T @ A_c.T @ A_c @ x - b_c.T @ A_c @ x - x.T @ A_c.T @ b_c + b_c.T @ b_c

def gradient_f_c(x):
    return 2* A_c.T @ (A_c @ x - b_c)

def gradient_descent(x0, learning_rate, num_iterations):
    x = x0
    for i in range(num_iterations):
        x = x - learning_rate * gradient_f_c(x)
    return x

N = 1000
t = 0.002 # learning rate is made smaller than previous problems due to out of bound errors
x0 = np.random.rand(3,1)
result_gradient_descent = gradient_descent(x0, t, N)
print("Minimizer using gradient descent:", result_gradient_descent)
print("Value of f_c at minimizer:", f_c(result_gradient_descent)[0,0])
result_gradient_zero = (A_c.T @ A_c).I @ A_c.T @ b_c
print("Minimizer using gradient zero:", result_gradient_zero)
print("Value of f_c at minimizer using gradient zero:", f_c(result_gradient_zero)[0,0])
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Minimizer using gradient descent: [[0.05744939]

[0.65686105]

[0.33915902]]

Value of f_c at minimizer: 56.990482782488314

Minimizer using gradient zero: $\begin{bmatrix} 0.05744939 \\ 0.65686105 \\ 0.33915902 \end{bmatrix}$

Value of f_c at minimizer using gradient zero: 56.99048278248832

0.2 Problem 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

```
[6]: 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_sem_def(x):
         return np.all(np.linalg.eigvals(x) >= 0)
```

0.2.1 Problem 2 (a)

Analytical solution

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[7]: if is_pos_sem_def(A):
     print("A is semi positive definite, hence f is convex")
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A is semi 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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[8]: result_gradient_zero = np.matrix(A.I @ b)
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[9]: analytical_solution = f(result_gradient_zero)[0,0]
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[10]: 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: [[-9.15256852]
 [ 2.78083746]
 [-1.18661204]
 [ 1.32064519]
 [-7.09335175]
 [13.35628316]
 [-3.38601289]
 [ 2.42614784]
 [-0.79290161]
 [ 9.7378983 ]]
```

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Analytical solution by setting gradient to zero: -28.24615806045249
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0.2.2 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 $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$

```
[11]: x0 = np.matrix([[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/10],[1/
      ↪10],[1/10]])
```

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

```
[13]: 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)
          f_list.append(f(x).tolist()[0][0])
      return x, f_list
```

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[14]: result_gradient_descent, f_list = gradient_descent(x0, step_size, 1000)
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[15]: optimal_solution = f(result_gradient_descent)[0,0]
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[16]: print("Minimizer using gradient descent:", result_gradient_descent)
      print("Optimal Solution by using gradient descent:", optimal_solution)
```

Minimizer using gradient descent: $\begin{bmatrix} -9.03581218 \\ 2.72650626 \\ -1.14045911 \\ 1.29836243 \\ -6.98249168 \\ 13.19409598 \\ -3.3210739 \\ 2.37920814 \\ -0.77443266 \\ 9.6221097 \end{bmatrix}$

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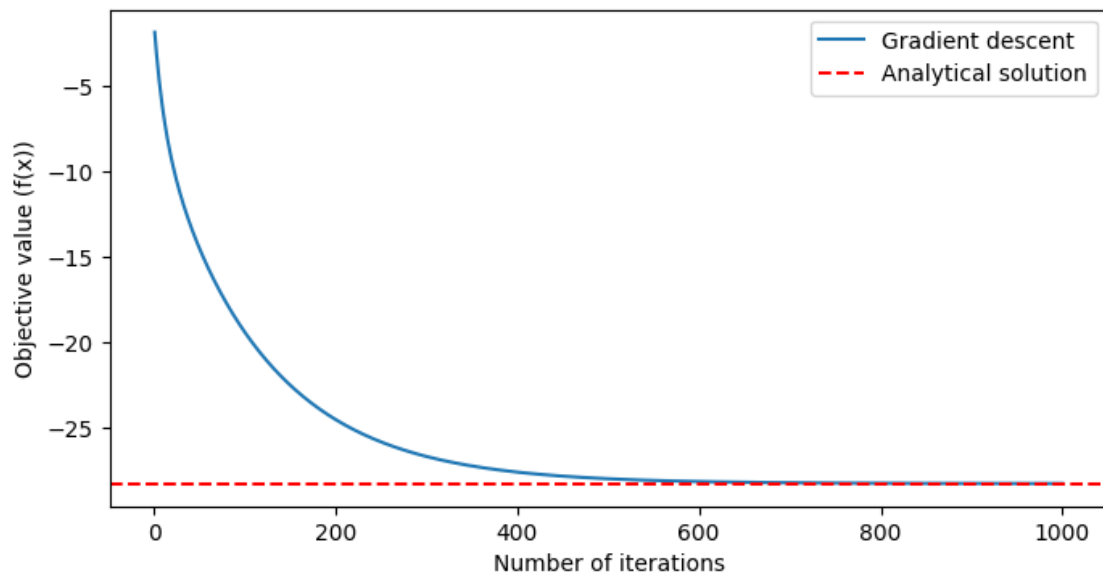
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Optimal Solution by using gradient descent: -28.242278949955974

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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[17]: plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
      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.