

First order Taylor series approximation

$$h(w) = g(w^0) + \frac{d}{dw}g(w^0)(w - w^0)$$

$$h(\bar{w}) = g(\bar{w}^0) + \nabla g(\bar{w}^0)^T (\bar{w} - \bar{w}^0)$$

Gradient descent

$$\bar{w}^k = \bar{w}^{k-1} - \alpha \nabla g(\bar{w}^{k-1})$$

time

Second order Taylor series approximation

$$h(w) = g(v) + \left(\frac{d}{dw}g(v)\right)(w-v) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{d^2}{dw^2}g(v)\right)(w-v)^2$$

$$h(\bar{w}) = g(\bar{v}) + \nabla g(\bar{v})^T (\bar{w} - \bar{v}) + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{w} - \bar{v})^T \nabla^2 g(\bar{v}) (\bar{w} - \bar{v})$$

$$\frac{dh(w)}{dw} = 0 \Rightarrow w^* = v - \frac{\frac{d}{dw}g(v)}{\frac{d^2}{dw^2}g(v)}$$

$$\nabla h(\bar{w}) = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{w}^* = \bar{v} - (\nabla^2 g(\bar{v}))^{-1} \nabla g(\bar{v})$$

Newton's method.

$$h(w) = g(w^{k-1}) + \left(\frac{d}{dw}g(w^{k-1})\right)(w - w^{k-1}) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{d^2}{dw^2}g(w^{k-1})\right)(w - w^{k-1})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow w^k = w^{k-1} - \frac{\frac{d}{dw}g(w^{k-1})}{\frac{d^2}{dw^2}g(w^{k-1})}$$

$$h(\bar{w}) = g(\bar{w}^{k-1}) + \nabla g(\bar{w}^{k-1})^T (\bar{w} - \bar{w}^{k-1}) + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{w} - \bar{w}^{k-1})^T \nabla^2 g(\bar{w}^{k-1}) (\bar{w} - \bar{w}^{k-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{w}^k = \bar{w}^{k-1} - \underbrace{(\nabla^2 g(\bar{w}^{k-1}))^{-1} \nabla g(\bar{w}^{k-1})}_{\alpha = 1}$$

$$\alpha = 1$$

Newton's method produces a sequence of points  $\vec{w}^1, \vec{w}^2, \dots$  that minimize cost function  $g$  by repeatedly creating the second order Taylor series quadratic approximation to the function, and traveling to a stationary point of this quadratic. Because Newton's method uses quadratic as opposed to linear approximation at each step, with a quadratic more closely mimicking the associated function, it is often much more effective than gradient descent in the sense that it requires for fewer steps for convergence.

$N \times N$  symmetric

If it satisfies  $\bar{z}^T Q \bar{z} \geq 0$ , for all  $\bar{z}$ , then it must have all non-negative eigenvalues.

Proof:  $Q = \sum_{i=1}^P \underbrace{\bar{x}_i \bar{x}_i^T}_{N \times N}$

$$\bar{z}^T \left( \sum_i \bar{x}_i \bar{x}_i^T \right) \bar{z} = \sum_i \bar{z}^T \bar{x}_i \bar{x}_i^T \bar{z}$$

$$\text{if: } \bar{b}_i = \bar{x}_i^T \bar{z}$$

$$= \sum_i \bar{b}_i^T \bar{b}_i = \sum_i \|\bar{b}_i\|^2 \geq 0$$

$\therefore Q$  positive definite.

Take the general multi-input quadratic function.

$$g(\bar{w}) = a + \bar{b}^T \bar{w} + \bar{w}^T \bar{C} \bar{w}$$

Where  $\bar{C}$  is an  $N \times N$  symmetric matrix,  $\bar{b}$  is an  $N \times 1$  vector, and  $a$  is a scalar. Computing the first derivative (gradient) we have

$$\nabla g(\bar{w}) = 2\bar{C}\bar{w} + \bar{b} \quad (\bar{C}\bar{w} = -\frac{1}{2}\bar{b})$$

$$\nabla^2 g(\bar{w}) = 2\bar{C}.$$