

$$1. a.) \quad \nabla f(x + \varepsilon p) = \nabla f(x) + \varepsilon \nabla^2 f(x) p + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) p \approx \frac{\nabla f(x + \varepsilon p) - \nabla f(x)}{\varepsilon}$$

$$1. b.) \quad \nabla f(x - \varepsilon p) = \nabla f(x) - \varepsilon \nabla^2 f(x) p + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) p \approx \frac{\nabla f(x + \varepsilon p) - \nabla f(x - \varepsilon p)}{2\varepsilon}$$

$$2.) \quad f(x + \varepsilon e_i) = f(x) + \varepsilon \nabla f(x)^T e_i + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} e_i^T \nabla^2 f(x) e_i + o(\varepsilon^3)$$

$$f(x + \varepsilon e_j) = f(x) + \varepsilon \nabla f(x)^T e_j + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} e_j^T \nabla^2 f(x) e_j + o(\varepsilon^3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + \varepsilon(e_i + e_j)) &= f(x) + \varepsilon \nabla f(x)^T (e_i + e_j) \\ &\quad + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} (e_i + e_j)^T \nabla^2 f(x) (e_i + e_j) + o(\varepsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= f(x) + \varepsilon \nabla f(x)^T (e_i + e_j) \\ &\quad + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} [e_i^T \nabla^2 f(x) e_i + e_j^T \nabla^2 f(x) e_j + 2e_i^T \nabla^2 f(x) e_j] + o(\varepsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x + \varepsilon(e_i + e_j)) - f(x + \varepsilon e_i) - f(x + \varepsilon e_j) \\ = -f(x) + \varepsilon^2 e_i^T \nabla^2 f(x) e_j + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x) = \frac{f(x + \varepsilon(e_i + e_j)) - f(x + \varepsilon e_i) - f(x + \varepsilon e_j) + f(x)}{\varepsilon^2} \\ + O(\varepsilon)$$