

# CSE257 - Search and Optimization - Assignment 1

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## 1 Question 1

1.1  $f_1(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - x_2)^2$

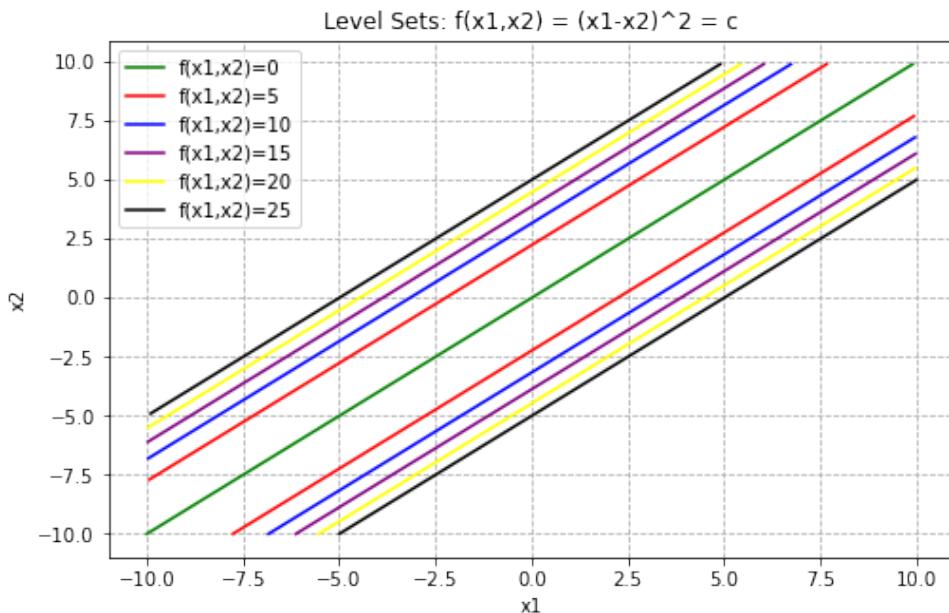


Figure 1: Level Set Plot for  $f_1(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - x_2)^2$

**1.2**  $f_2(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2 - 3x_2^2)$

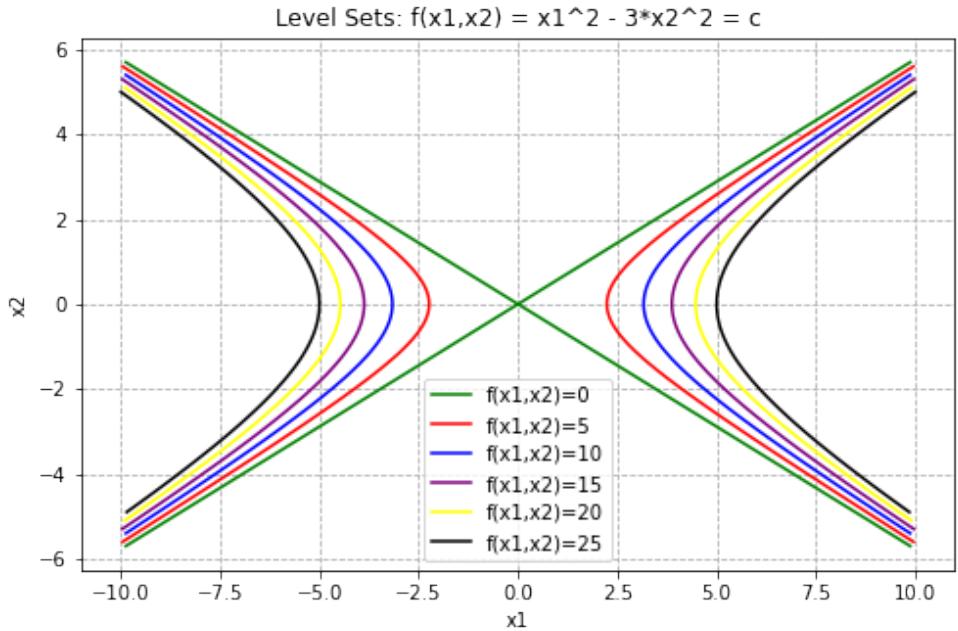


Figure 2: Level Set Plot for  $f_2(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2 - 3x_2^2)$

**1.3**  $f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + 3x_3^2)$

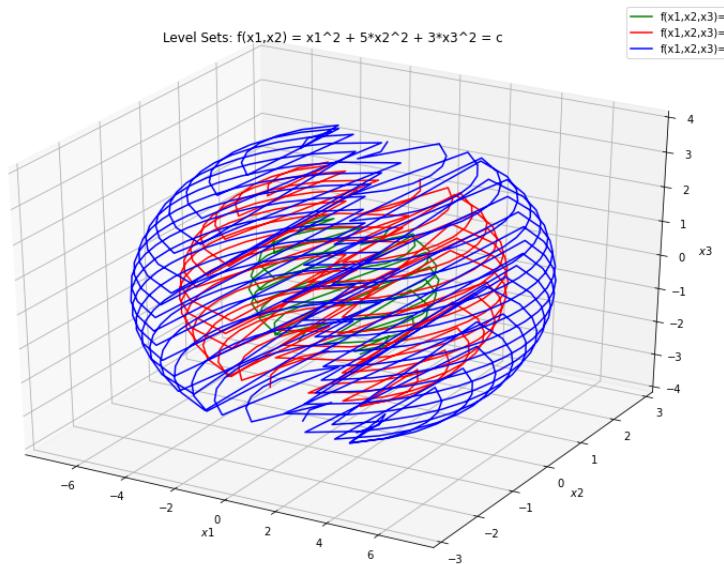


Figure 3: Level Set Plot for  $f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + 3x_3^2)$

## 2 Question 2

### 2.1 Gradient Descent with Fixed Step Size $\alpha = 0.3$

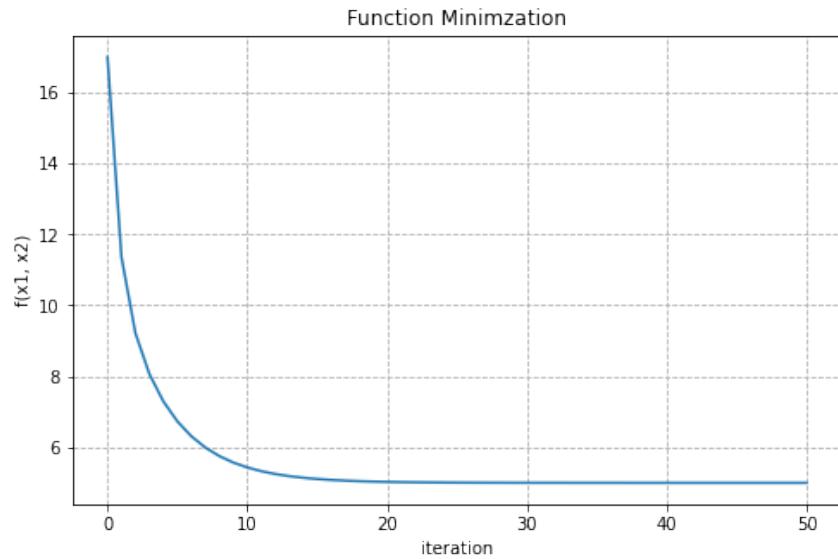


Figure 4: Plot of  $f(x_1, x_2)$  with iterations

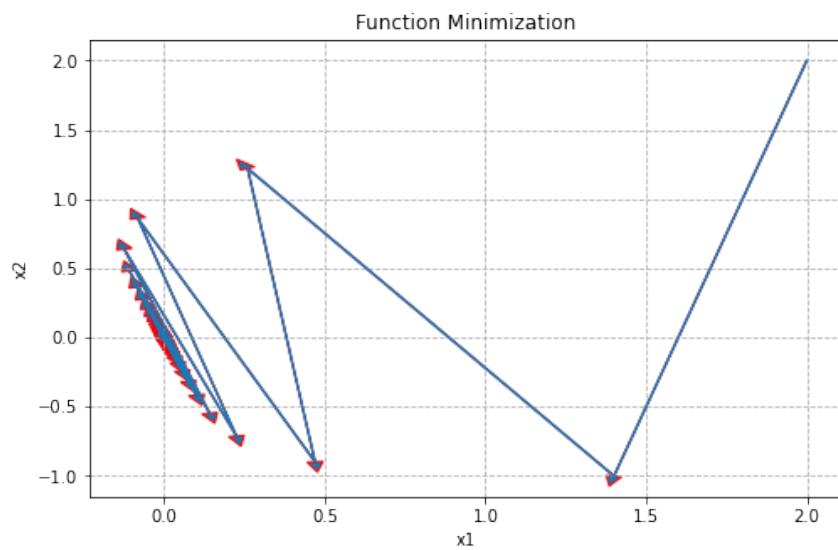


Figure 5: Plot of sequence of points and gradient descent direction

## 2.2 Gradient Descent with Optimal Step Size

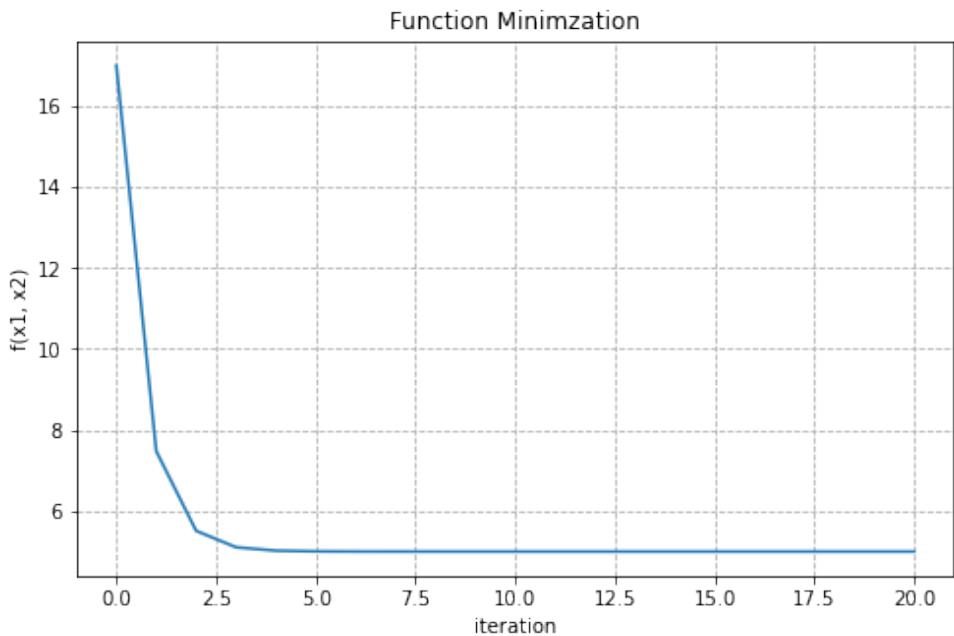


Figure 6: Plot of  $f(x_1, x_2)$  with iterations

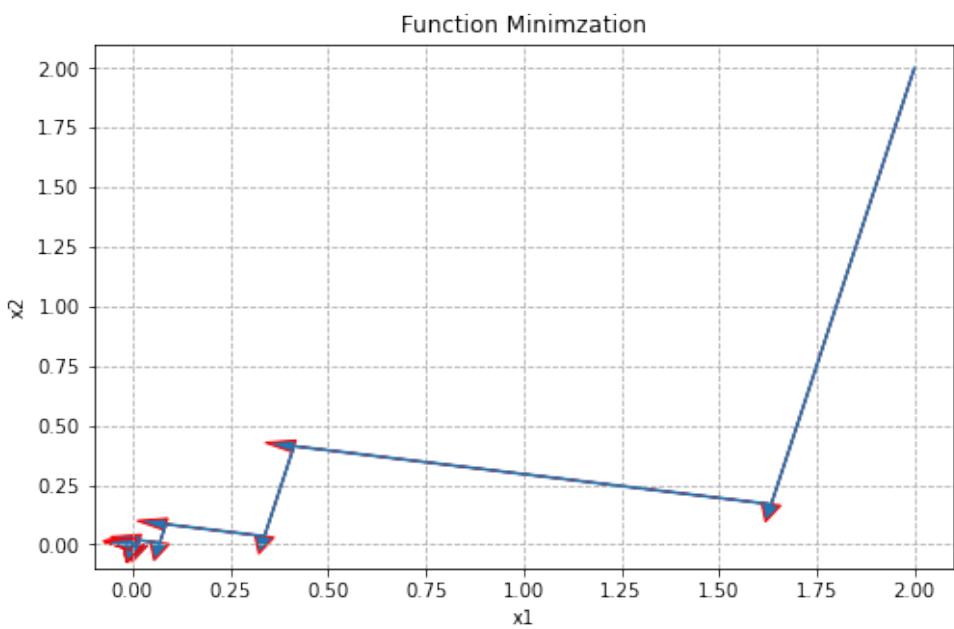


Figure 7: Plot of sequence of points and gradient descent direction

### 2.3 Newton Descent with Step Size $\alpha = 1$

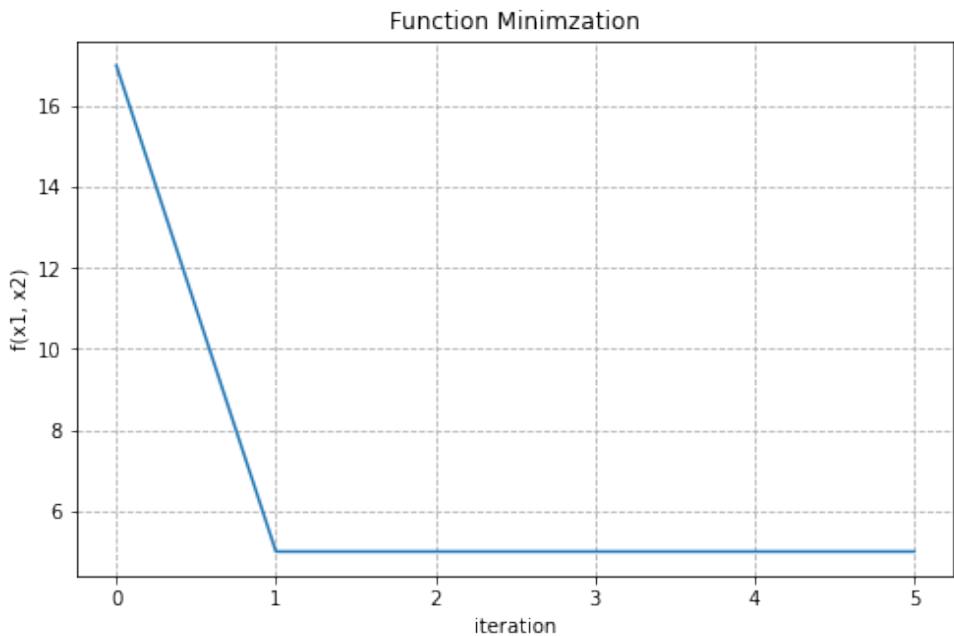


Figure 8: Plot of  $f(x_1, x_2)$  with iterations

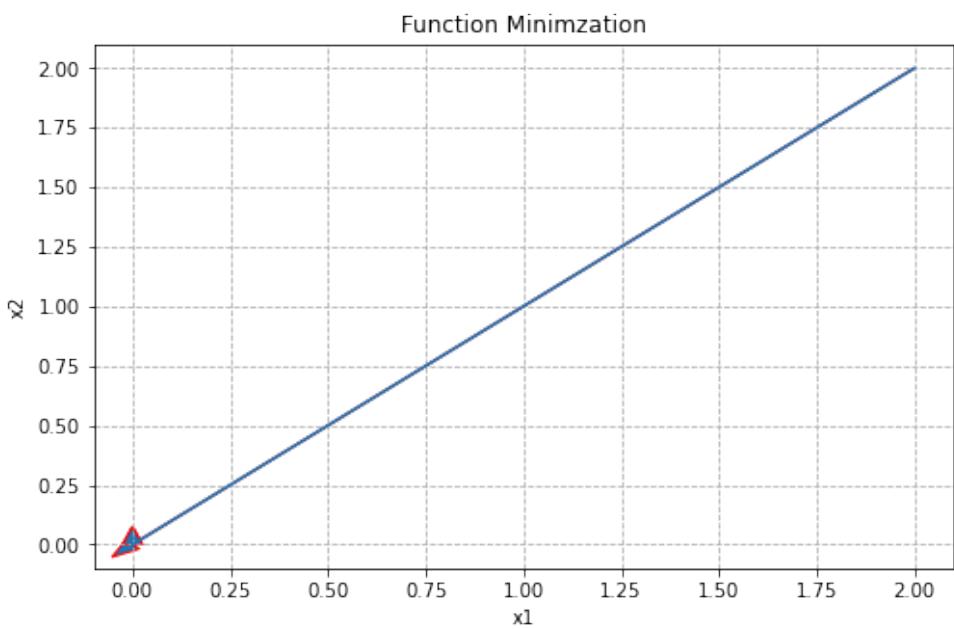


Figure 9: Plot of sequence of points and gradient descent direction

### 3 Question 4

#### 3.1 Gradient Descent to optimize $L(A, B)$

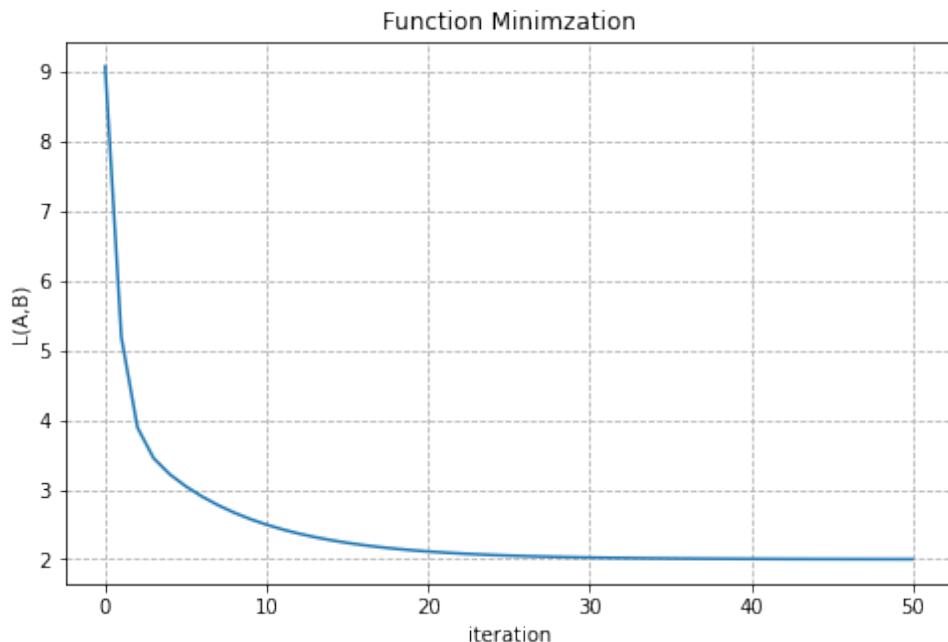


Figure 10: Plot of Loss value  $L(A, B)$  with iterations

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Minimum L(A,B) = 2.00145 after 50 iterations of gradient descent with alpha = 0.01
A =
[[ -0.04640704 -0.01967163  0.02325636]
 [-0.38630694 -0.08384057 -0.80668798]
 [-0.36242432  0.64452212 -0.06844823]]
B =
[[ 0.01599      ]
 [-0.02592165]
 [ 0.27878116]]
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Figure 11: Loss value after 50 iterations. Optimal A and B

④ Model  $f_{A,B}(x) = Ax + B$   $x \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$   $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$   $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$   $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(A, B) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \|f_{A,B}(x_i) - y_i\|_2^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \|Ax_i + B - y_i\|_2^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^3 (Ax_i + B - y_i)^T (Ax_i + B - y_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^3 (x_i^T A^T + B^T - y_i^T)(Ax_i + B - y_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^3 (x_i^T A^T A x_i + 2x_i^T A^T B - 2x_i^T A^T y_i \\
 &\quad - 2B^T y_i + B^T B + y_i^T y_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$L(A, B) = \sum_{i=1}^3 (x_i^T A^T A x_i + 2B^T A x_i - 2y_i^T A x_i - 2y_i^T B \\
 + B^T B + y_i^T y_i)$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta A} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (Ax_i x_i^T + B x_i^T - y_i x_i^T) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta B} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (Ax_i - y_i + B) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$$

$$\det A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \\ a_7 & a_8 & a_9 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta B} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 \begin{bmatrix} a_1 x_{i1} + a_2 x_{i2} + a_3 x_{i3} - y_{i1} + b_1 \\ a_4 x_{i1} + a_5 x_{i2} + a_6 x_{i3} - y_{i2} + b_2 \\ a_7 x_{i1} + a_8 x_{i2} + a_9 x_{i3} - y_{i3} + b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta A} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \\ a_7 & a_8 & a_9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{i1} \\ x_{i2} \\ x_{i3} \end{bmatrix} [x_{i1} + x_{i2} + x_{i3}] \right. +$$

$$\left. \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} [x_{i1} + x_{i2} + x_{i3}] - \begin{bmatrix} y_{i1} \\ y_{i2} \\ y_{i3} \end{bmatrix} [x_{i1} x_{i2} x_{i3}] \right\}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta A} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 x_{i1} + a_2 x_{i2} + a_3 x_{i3} \\ a_4 x_{i1} + a_5 x_{i2} + a_6 x_{i3} \\ a_7 x_{i1} + a_8 x_{i2} + a_9 x_{i3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{i1} x_{i2} x_{i3} \end{bmatrix} \right. +$$

$$\left. \begin{bmatrix} b_1 x_{i1} & b_1 x_{i2} & b_1 x_{i3} \\ b_2 x_{i1} & b_2 x_{i2} & b_2 x_{i3} \\ b_3 x_{i1} & b_3 x_{i2} & b_3 x_{i3} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} y_{i1} x_{i1} & y_{i1} x_{i2} & y_{i1} x_{i3} \\ y_{i2} x_{i1} & y_{i2} x_{i2} & y_{i2} x_{i3} \\ y_{i3} x_{i1} & y_{i3} x_{i2} & y_{i3} x_{i3} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\nabla L(A, B) = \left[ \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_1} \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_2} \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_3} \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_4} \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_5} \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_6} \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_7} \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_8} \frac{\delta L}{\delta a_9} \frac{\delta L}{\delta b_1} \frac{\delta L}{\delta b_2} \frac{\delta L}{\delta b_3} \right]^T$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_1} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_1 x_{i1} + a_2 x_{i2} + a_3 x_{i3}) x_{i1} + b_1 x_{i1} - y_{i1} x_{i1}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_2} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_1 x_{i1} + a_2 x_{i2} + a_3 x_{i3}) x_{i2} + b_1 x_{i2} - y_{i1} x_{i2}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_3} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_1 x_{i1} + a_2 x_{i2} + a_3 x_{i3}) x_{i3} + b_1 x_{i3} - y_{i1} x_{i3}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_4} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_4 x_{i1} + a_5 x_{i2} + a_6 x_{i3}) x_{i1} + b_2 x_{i1} - y_{i2} x_{i1}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_5} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_4 x_{i1} + a_5 x_{i2} + a_6 x_{i3}) x_{i2} + b_2 x_{i2} - y_{i2} x_{i2}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_6} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_4 x_{i1} + a_5 x_{i2} + a_6 x_{i3}) x_{i3} + b_2 x_{i3} - y_{i2} x_{i3}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_7} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_7 x_{i1} + a_8 x_{i2} + a_9 x_{i3}) x_{i1} + b_3 x_{i1} - y_{i3} x_{i1}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_8} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_7 x_{i1} + a_8 x_{i2} + a_9 x_{i3}) x_{i2} + b_3 x_{i2} - y_{i3} x_{i2}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta a_9} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_7 x_{i1} + a_8 x_{i2} + a_9 x_{i3}) x_{i3} + b_3 x_{i3} - y_{i3} x_{i3}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta b_1} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 a_7 x_{i1} + a_8 x_{i2} + a_9 x_{i3} - y_{i1} + b_1$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta b_2} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 a_7 x_{i1} + a_8 x_{i2} + a_9 x_{i3} - y_{i2} + b_2$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta b_3} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 a_7 x_{i1} + a_8 x_{i2} + a_9 x_{i3} - y_{i3} + b_3.$$

$$\nabla^2 L(A, B) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccccccc} x_{i1}^2 & x_{i1}x_{i2} & x_{i1}x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1} & 0 & 0 \\ x_{i1}x_{i2} & x_{i2}^2 & x_{i2}x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i2} & 0 & 0 \\ x_{i1}x_{i3} & x_{i2}x_{i3} & x_{i3}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1}^2 & x_{i1}x_{i2} & x_{i1}x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1}x_{i2} & x_{i2}^2 & x_{i2}x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1}x_{i3} & x_{i2}x_{i3} & x_{i3}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1}^2 & x_{i1}x_{i2} & x_{i1}x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & x_{i1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1}x_{i2} & x_{i2}^2 & x_{i2}x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & x_{i2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1}x_{i3} & x_{i2}x_{i3} & x_{i3}^2 & 0 & 0 & x_{i3} \\ x_{i1} & x_{i2} & x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1} & x_{i2} & x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_{i1} & x_{i2} & x_{i3} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

The Hessian  $\nabla^2 L(A, B)$  is a  $12 \times 12$  matrix corresponding to the 12 parameters in A and B combined.

We computed the Hessian Matrix using python code.

$$\nabla^2 L(A, B) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 12 & 10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 10 & 19 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 12 & 10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 2x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 10 & 19 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 12 & 10 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 10 & 19 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 12 \times 12$$

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$$\det(\nabla^2 L(A, B)) = 1.1 \times 10^{-39} \quad (\text{computed using numpy python}) \\ \approx 0$$

Therefore, the inverse of the Hessian Matrix does not exist

In Newton descent method, there is an assumption that  $\nabla^2 L(A, B) > 0$  has to be positive definite and Newton direction  $p = -(\nabla^2 f(x))^{-1} \nabla f(x)$

$$p = -(\nabla^2 L(A, B))^{-1} \nabla L(A, B)$$

Since the inverse does not exist, Newton directions cannot be used for this minimization.

④ ① Prove that any local minimum of  $L(A, B)$  is also a global minimum of  $L(A, B)$

Proof: In Question ③ of this assignment, we proved that if a function is convex, then any of its local minima is also a global minima.

Therefore, if we can prove that  $L(A, B)$  is a convex function, then we can use the result from Question ③ to show that any local minimum of  $L(A, B)$  is also a global minimum.

① To prove :  $L(A, B) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \|f_{A,B}(x_i) - y_i\|_2^2$  is a convex function

② ~~Given~~ Already : for a convex function, any local minima is a global minima proven

Proof ① :  $L(A, B)$  can be viewed as a composition of multiple functions summation, ~~L2-norm~~, square.

We will first prove that norms are convex.

Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a norm on a vector space  $V$ . Then for all

$x, y \in V$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\|\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y\| \leq \|\lambda x\| + \|(1-\lambda)y\| \quad [\because \text{using triangle inequality}]$$

$$\leq |\lambda| \|x\| + |1-\lambda| \|y\| \quad [\because \text{norms are homogeneous}]$$

$$\leq \lambda \|x\| + (1-\lambda) \|y\|$$

$$[\because \lambda \geq 0 \\ (1-\lambda) \geq 0]$$

Thus,

$$\|\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y\| \leq \lambda \|x\| + (1-\lambda) \|y\|$$

The above condition ~~not~~ holds for any  $x, y \in V$  (vector space) and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . which proves that norms are convex function.

Now, consider  $g(x) = x^2$ ,  $x \in V$  vector space.

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in V$ . then, for any  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} g(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) &= [\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2]^2 \\ &= \lambda^2 x_1^2 + (1-\lambda)^2 x_2^2 + 2\lambda(1-\lambda)x_1 x_2 \\ [\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2]^2 &= \lambda^2 x_1^2 + (1-\lambda)^2 x_2^2 + 2\lambda(1-\lambda)x_1 x_2 \\ [\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2]^2 - (\lambda x_1^2 + (1-\lambda)x_2^2) &= \lambda^2 x_1^2 + (1-\lambda)^2 x_2^2 + 2\lambda(1-\lambda)x_1 x_2 \\ &\quad - (\lambda x_1^2 + (1-\lambda)x_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

→ subtracting  $(\lambda x_1^2 + (1-\lambda)x_2^2)$  from both LHS & RHS.

$$\begin{aligned} [\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2]^2 - (\lambda x_1^2 + (1-\lambda)x_2^2) &= (\lambda - \lambda)x_1^2 + 2x_1 x_2 \lambda(1-\lambda) \\ &\quad + (\lambda - \lambda)x_2^2 \\ &= \lambda(1-\lambda) [-x_1^2 + 2x_1 x_2 - x_2^2] \\ &= -\lambda(1-\lambda)(x_1 - x_2)^2 \leq 0 \\ \text{since } \lambda > 0 \text{ and } (1-\lambda) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

$[\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2]^2 \leq \lambda x_1^2 + (1-\lambda)x_2^2 \Rightarrow g(x) = x^2$  is a convex function.

Now we want to prove that for any  $x, y \in \Omega$ , if  $f$  and  $g$  are convex functions, ~~and~~ and  $g$  is non-decreasing in the range of  $f$ , then  $gof$  is also a convex function.

Proof:  $gof(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) = g[f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)]$

$$g[f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)]$$

$$\text{since } f \text{ is convex} \Rightarrow f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)$$

Since  $g$  is non-decreasing function in the range of  $f$ .

$$g[f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)] \leq g[\lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y)]$$

$$\leq \lambda g(f(x)) + (1-\lambda)g(f(y)) \quad [\because g \text{ is convex}]$$

$$\leq \lambda gof(x) + (1-\lambda)gof(y) \quad \forall \lambda \in [0,1]$$

Now, let  $g$  be the function  $g(u) = u^2$  and  $f(u) = \|u\|$ . Both  $f$  and  $g$  are convex and  $g$  is non-decreasing in the range of  $f$ .

Thus,  $gof(x) = \|x\|^2$  is a convex function for any  $x \in V$  where  $V$  is a vector space.

Finally the sum of convex functions is again convex.

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be convex f

Let  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  be convex functions.

$$\begin{aligned}(h_1 + h_2)(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)y) &= h_1(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)y) + h_2(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)y) \\ &\leq \lambda h_1(u) + (1-\lambda)h_1(y) + \lambda h_2(u) + (1-\lambda)h_2(y) \\ &\leq \lambda(h_1 + h_2)(u) + (1-\lambda)(h_1 + h_2)(y).\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(h_1 + h_2)$  is a convex function.

Now,

$$L(A, B) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \|f_{A,B}(x_i) - y_i\|_2^2$$

$$L(A, B) = h_1 + h_2 + h_3 \quad \text{where } h_i = \|f_{A,B}(x_i) - y_i\|_2^2$$

$$\text{Now, } h_i = g(f(x_i)) \quad \text{where } g(u = u^2 \rightarrow \text{convex}}$$

$$f(u) = \|u\| \rightarrow \text{convex}$$

$$g \circ f(u) = g(f(u)) \rightarrow \text{convex}$$

$$h_i \rightarrow \text{convex.}$$

$$L(A, B) = h_1 + h_2 + h_3 \rightarrow \text{convex.}$$

Thus,  $L(A, B)$  is a convex function.

and it follows from proof in question ③ that any local minimum of  $L(A, B)$  is also a global minimum.

③ Prove that if a function is convex, then any of its local minimum is also a global minimum.

Proof: Let  $f$  be a convex function and  $\Omega$  be a convex set.

Let  $x^*$  be a local minima of  $f$  which implies

$x^* \in \Omega$  and  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $f(x^*) \leq f(x)$

$\forall x \in B(x^*, \epsilon)$

neighborhood  
of  $x^*$ .

Now, Assume for the sake of contradiction that

$\exists x_0 \in \Omega$  with  $f(x_0) < f(x^*)$  ————— ①

Since  $\Omega$  is a convex set and  $x^*$  and  $x_0$  belong to  $\Omega$ , they should satisfy the convexity property.

$$(\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)x_0) \in \Omega \quad \forall \lambda \in [0,1]$$

In addition, since  $f$  is convex function in set  $\Omega$

Convexity of  $f \Rightarrow f(\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)x_0) \leq \lambda f(x^*) + (1-\lambda)f(x_0)$

Using  $f(x_0) < f(x^*)$  from ①

$$f(\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)x_0) < \lambda f(x^*) + (1-\lambda)f(x^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)x_0) < f(x^*) \quad \text{————— ②}$$

As  $\lambda \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow (\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)x_0) \rightarrow x^* \Rightarrow \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1} (\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)x_0) \in B(x^*, \epsilon)$   
for some  $\epsilon > 0$

Eqn. ② is valid for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1} f[\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)x_0] < \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1} f(x^*)$$

$$f(x^*) < f(x^*)$$

Thus, as  $\lambda \rightarrow 1$ , eqn. ② contradicts the local optimality of  $f(x)$  at  $x = x^*$ .

which means, our assumption that there exists an  $x_0 \in S$  with  $f(x_0) < f(x^*)$  cannot be true for a convex function  $f(x)$  with local minima at  $x^*$ .

$\Rightarrow x^*$  is the global minima of  $f$  and there cannot exist an  $x_0 \in S$  for which  $f(x_0) < f(x^*)$

$\Rightarrow$  Any local minima for  $f$  is also a global minima if  $f$  is a convex function

proved.

⑤ Prove that gradient descent with exact line search takes always orthogonal steps.

Proof: Gradient descent + Exact Line Search.

iteration: 1 2 3 ... k-1 k k+1

direction:  $p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_{k-1} p_k p_{k+1}$

step size:  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_{k-1} \alpha_k \alpha_{k+1}$

Let  $p_k$  be the gradient descent (GD) direction in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  iteration.  $p_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha_k > 0$

$f(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuously differentiable and lower-bounded function.

In gradient descent, at each step, direction  $p_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$

In exact line search, at each step, after computing the direction  $p_k$ , we find the optimal  $\alpha_k$  that minimizes  $f(x_k)$  along that direction.

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_k = \underset{\alpha \geq 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(x_k + \alpha p_k) = \underset{\alpha \geq 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(x_k + \alpha (-\nabla f(x_k)))$$

Using the 1<sup>st</sup> order necessary condition for local minima to compute  $\alpha_k$ .

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \alpha} f(x_k + \alpha p_k) \Big|_{\alpha=0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(x_k + \alpha p_k)^T p_k \Big|_{\alpha=\alpha_k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(x_k + \alpha_k p_k)^T p_k = 0 \quad \text{--- } ①$$

Gradient update step:  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k \quad \text{--- } ②$

We need to prove that successive directions (say  $p_k$  and  $p_{k+1}$ ) in gradient descent with exact line search are always orthogonal.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p_{k+1}^T p_k = 0} \rightarrow \text{to prove. If iteration steps.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{k+1} &= p_{k+1}^T p_k = (-\nabla f(x_{k+1}))^T p_k \\ &= -\nabla f(x_{k+1})^T p_k \\ &= -\nabla f(x_k + \alpha_k p_k)^T p_k \quad [\because \text{using } ②] \\ &= 0 \quad [\because \text{using } ①] \end{aligned}$$

Proved.

⑥ follow the proof sketches in slides and prove the 1st order and 2nd order necessary conditions for local minima

Proof for 1st order local minima - necessary conditions.

→ If  $x^*$  is a local minimizer and  $f$  is  $C^1$  (continuously differentiable) in an open neighborhood of  $x^*$  then  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$ .

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  is continuously differentiable.  $C^1$ .

Let  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a local minima of  $f$  but  $\nabla f(x^*) \neq 0$

We will prove by contradiction that if  $\nabla f(x^*) \neq 0$  then  $x^*$  cannot be a local minima

Consider the direction  $p = -\nabla f(x^*) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{Then } \nabla f(x^*)^T p = -\|\nabla f(x^*)\|_2^2 < 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, consider the neighborhood of  $x^*$  i.e.,  $B(x^*, \epsilon)$  where  $\epsilon > 0$

such that  $\forall x \in B(x^*, \epsilon)$ ,  $f(x^*) \leq f(x)$  as  $x^*$  is a local minima of  $f$ .

for a point in the neighborhood of  $x^*$  and in the direction  $p$  from  $x^*$ , we can write the Taylor series expansion around  $x^*$ .

$$f(x^* + \lambda p) = \underbrace{f(x^*) + \nabla f(x^*)^T \cdot \lambda p}_{\text{1st order truncated Taylor series approximation.}} + \underbrace{o(\|\lambda p\|_2^2)}_{\text{higher order terms.}}$$

for some  $\lambda$ , where  $\lambda \in [0, 1] \setminus \{0, 1\}$

for any  $\lambda \in (0, \epsilon)$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $(x^* + \lambda p) \in B(x^*, \epsilon)$

$$f(x^* + \lambda p) = f(x^*) + \lambda \nabla f(x^*)^T \cdot p$$

Using direction  $p = -\nabla f(x^*)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x^* + \lambda p) = f(x^*) - \lambda \nabla f(x^*)^T \nabla f(x^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x^* + \lambda p) = f(x^*) - \underbrace{\lambda \|\nabla f(x^*)\|_2^2}_{>0} \quad [\because \text{from ①}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x^* + \lambda p) - f(x^*) = -\lambda \|\nabla f(x^*)\|_2^2 < 0 \quad \forall \lambda \in (0,1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x^* + \lambda p) < f(x^*)$$

That is, there exists a point  $(x^* + \lambda p)$  in the neighborhood of  $x^*$  ~~such that~~  $\in B(x^*, \epsilon)$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$f(x^* + \lambda p) < f(x^*) \quad \text{for } f(x)$$

which implies that  $x^*$  cannot be a local minima if

$$\nabla f(x^*) \neq \vec{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$  for  $x^* \in R^n$  to be a local minima of  $f$ ,  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$

Proof of 2nd order necessary condition for local minima.

→ If  $x^*$  is a local minimizer and  $f$  is  $C^2$  in an open neighborhood of  $x^*$  then,

$$\nabla f(x^*) = 0 \text{ and } \underbrace{\nabla^2 f(x^*)}_{\text{positive semi-definite.}} \geq 0$$

If  $x^*$  is a local minimizer then  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$  [already proved in 1st part]  
we will assume this to be proven and true from hence forth.

Let  ~~$\nabla^2 f(x^*) < 0$~~ . Then we will prove by contradiction that  $x^*$  cannot be a local minimizer of  $f$ .

$$\nabla^2 f(x^*) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{for any vector } p \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } p \neq 0 \\ p^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) p < 0 \quad \text{--- } ①$$

Now, consider the neighborhood of  $x^*$ ,  $B(x^*, \epsilon)$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for all  $n \in B(x^*, \epsilon)$ ,  $f(n) \leq f(x^*)$  as we have assumed that  $x^*$  is a local minima of  $f$ .

for any point in the neighborhood of  $x^*$  and in the direction  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  from  $x^*$ , we can write Taylor series expansion centered around  $x^*$ .

$$f(x^* + \lambda p) = f(x^*) + \nabla f(x^*)^T \lambda p + \frac{1}{2} \lambda p^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) \lambda p + \text{higher order terms.}$$

Using 2nd order truncated Taylor series approximation for  $f$ .

for any  $\lambda$ , where  $\lambda \in (0, \epsilon)$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $(x^* + \lambda p) \in B(x^*, \epsilon)$

Using 1<sup>st</sup> order necessary condition for local minima

$$\nabla f(x^*) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x^* + \lambda p) = f(x^*) + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 p^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) p$$

since  $p^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) p < 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  [Assumption]

$$\frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 p^T \nabla^2 f(x^*) p < 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, \epsilon) \text{ for some } \epsilon > 0$$

Thus we have

$$f(x^* + \lambda p) - f(x^*) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x^* + \lambda p) < f(x^*)$$

That is if there is a point  $(x^* + \lambda p)$  in the neighborhood of  $x^*$   $B(x^*, \epsilon)$

such that the above

$$f(x^* + \lambda p) < f(x^*)$$

$\downarrow$   
 $x^*$  cannot be a local minima for few if  $\nabla f(x^*) \neq 0$

$$\nabla f(x^*) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla^2 f(x^*) < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  for  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to be a local minima,  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$  and  
 $\nabla^2 f(x^*) \geq 0$