

50pts - We are trying to minimize a function $F(x) = x^2 - 10x + 5$ with respect to its parameter x . In other words we want to find the x for which $f(x)$ is minimum.

Starting from the point $x=10$ use steepest descent algorithm for TWO steps to find the local minimum of the function around this point. You should use a “step size” of $\alpha = 0.1$ in update, as: $x = x - \alpha \nabla F$

We will use a subscript to indicate the subsequent values of x , starting from x_0 .

Worksheet:

$$F(x_0) = 5$$

: Just to note at what F value we start (5pts)

Explanation: This answer is obtained by plugging in the initial value of x ($x_0 = 10$) into the function $F(x) = x^2 - 10x + 5$. So, $F(x_0) = (10)^2 - 10(10) + 5 = 5$.

$$\nabla F = 2x - 10$$

: Compute the gradient (10pts)

Explanation: The gradient of the function $F(x)$ is computed. Since $F(x) = x^2 - 10x + 5$, we have $\nabla F = (dF/dx) = 2x - 10$.

Note: Even though F is a function of a single variable, you can still write/think of the gradient as a vector of size one.

$$\nabla F |_{x_0 = 10}$$

: This is the gradient evaluated at x_0 (10pts)

explanation : gradient. The gradient of $F(x)$ is $2x - 10$, which means

that it is a linear function that increases as x increases. At $x=10$, the gradient is $\nabla F |_{x_0} = 2(10) - 10 = 10$.

$$x_1 = 9$$

: Update x_0 to find x_1 (5pts)

explanation: $x_1 = x_0 - \alpha \nabla F |_{x_0}$ and In this case, we're given that $\alpha = 0.1$, $x_0 = 10$, and we've already computed $\nabla F |_{x_0} = 10$. Substituting these values, we get:

$$x_1 = 10 - 0.1 * 10 = 9$$

$$F(x_1) = -4$$

: just checking to see if we are indeed minimizing

Explanation:

to find the corresponding value of $F(x_1)$, we plug in $x_1 = 9$ into the function $F(x) = x^2 - 10x + 5$:

$$F(x_1) = (9)^2 - 10(9) + 5 = -4$$

So, $F(x_1)$ is -4 because that's the value of the function when evaluated at $x_1 = 9$.

Now do the 2nd step similarly and write your results below (no partial so be careful please): :20pts

$$\text{ANSWER: } x_2 \text{ (x after 2 steps of gradient descent)} = 8.2$$

$$f(x_2) = -9.76$$

Submission: Write the ANSWER line as inline submission to homework and attach the filled page as a pdf document to Sucourse.