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1. (20 points) Please answer true or false. (You may use the notation “T” for “true” and “F” for “false”.) No explanation is needed. A correct answer is worth 2 points, no answer 0 points, a wrong answer -1 points.

- (1) $f(X) = -\log \det X$ is convex on $\text{dom } f = \mathbf{S}_{++}^n$.
- (2) A set is convex if and only if its intersection with any line is convex.
- (3) Given two sets $S, T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, the set of points closer to one set than another, i.e.,

$$\{x \mid \text{dist}(x, S) \leq \text{dist}(x, T)\}$$

is convex, where $\text{dist}(x, S) = \inf \{\|x - z\|_2 \mid z \in S\}$.

- (4) Let f be a twice continuously differentiable function defined over \mathbb{R}^n . If f is strongly convex and $\nabla^2 f$ is Lipschitz continuous, then Newton's method converges quadratically from any starting point.
- (5) Due to affine invariance, neither the Newton method nor the gradient descent method is affected by the Hessian condition number.
- (6) The subgradient method is a descent method.

- (7) Suppose $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is increasing and convex, and $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex, so $g(x) = \phi(f(x))$ is convex. The Newton direction for g is

$$-(\phi''(f(x))\nabla f(x)\nabla f(x)^T + \phi'(f(x))\nabla^2 f(x))^{-1}\nabla f(x).$$

- (8) Let f be a continuously differentiable function defined over \mathbb{R}^n . A point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a stationary point of f , if and only if it holds $\langle \nabla f(x), d \rangle \geq 0$ for all $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- (9) Given $A \in \mathbf{S}^n$, the semidefinite program

$$\min \lambda \quad \text{s.t. } \lambda I - A \succeq 0$$

finds the smallest eigenvalue for A .

- (10) The function $f(x) = -\sqrt{4-x^2}$ with $\text{dom}(f) := \{x : |x| \leq 2, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is not subdifferentiable at $x = 2$.

2. (15 points)

- (1) (5 points) Consider the function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$f(x) = \|x\|_2^{3/2}.$$

Show that the gradient Lipschitz condition $\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2 \leq L\|x - y\|_2$ for all x and y is not satisfied for any L .

- (2) (5 points) Derive the subdifferential for the indicate function $I_C(x)$ with

$$C = \{x \mid \|x\|_\infty \leq 1\}.$$

- (3) (5 points) Compute a closed form for the proximal mapping for function $f(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$.

3. (20 points) Consider the Rosenbrock function

$$f(x) = 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2.$$

- (1) (10 points) Calculate the gradient $\nabla f(x)$ and Hessian $\nabla^2 f(x)$.

- (2) (10 points) Prove that $x^* = (1, 1)^T$ is the only local minimizer and $\nabla^2 f(x^*)$ is positive definite.

4. (20 points) In a Quasi-Newton method, after the $(k+1)$ -th iteration, a symmetric positive definite matrix B_{k+1} is sought to satisfy $B_{k+1}(x_{k+1} - x_k) = \nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)$. A necessary condition for such a matrix to exist is

$$(x_{k+1} - x_k)^T(\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)) \geq 0. \quad (*)$$

- (1) (10 points) Prove that for a strong convex function f , $(*)$ always holds if $x_{k+1} \neq x_k$.

(2) (10 points) Show that the strong Wolfe curvature condition

$$|\nabla f(x_k + \alpha_k p_k)^T p_k| \leq -c_2 \nabla f(x_k)^T p_k$$

with $c_2 \in (0, 1)$ and $\alpha_k \in (0, 1)$ implies $(*)$ for $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$, where $p_k = -B_k^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$, B_k is positive definite and $\nabla f(x_k) \neq 0$.

5. (25 points) Consider the following linear program,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} x_{ij} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = \alpha_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = \beta_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \\ & x_{ij} \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

where α_i and β_j are positive scalars, which for feasibility must satisfy

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j.$$

(a) (10 points) Assign Lagrange multipliers λ_i, μ_j to the equality constraints $\alpha_i - \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 0$ and $\beta_j - \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$, $j = 1, \dots, n$, i.e., define the Lagrange function as

$$L(x; \lambda, \mu) = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (\alpha_i - \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}) + \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j (\beta_j - \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij}).$$

Derive the dual of the above linear program.

(b) (15 points) Show that if x^* is an optimal solution of the primal problem, there is a set of $\{\mu_j^* \mid j = 1, \dots, n\}$ such that if $x_{ij}^* > 0$, then

$$a_{ij} - \mu_j^* = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{a_{ik} - \mu_k^*\}.$$