

# Anatomy of a convergence rate proof.

- start with some quadratic upper or lower bound on  $f(y)$  around  $f(x)$



current iterate

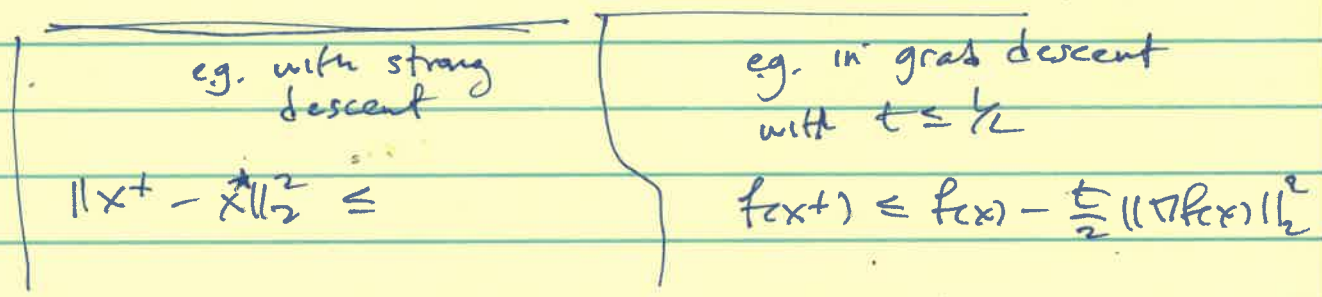
Lipschitz grad :  
upper bound on  $f(y)$

strong convexity :  
lower bound on  $f(y)$

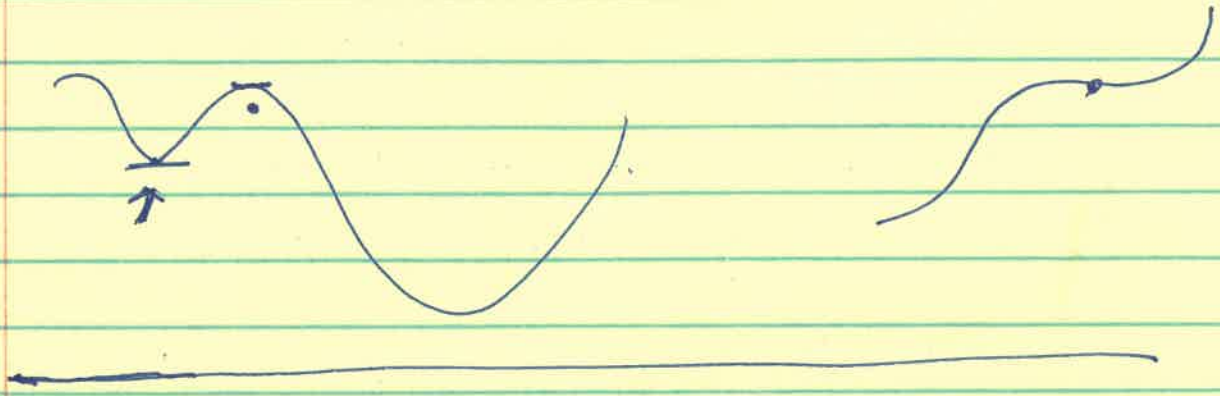
- establish some "sufficient descent" property at  $f(x^+)$



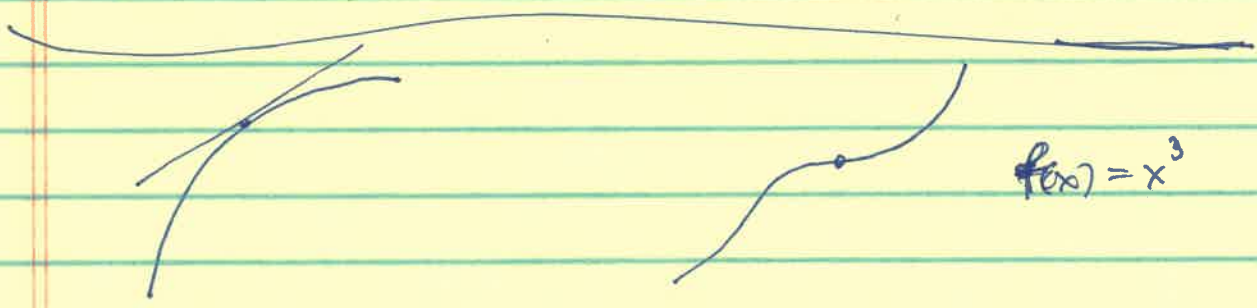
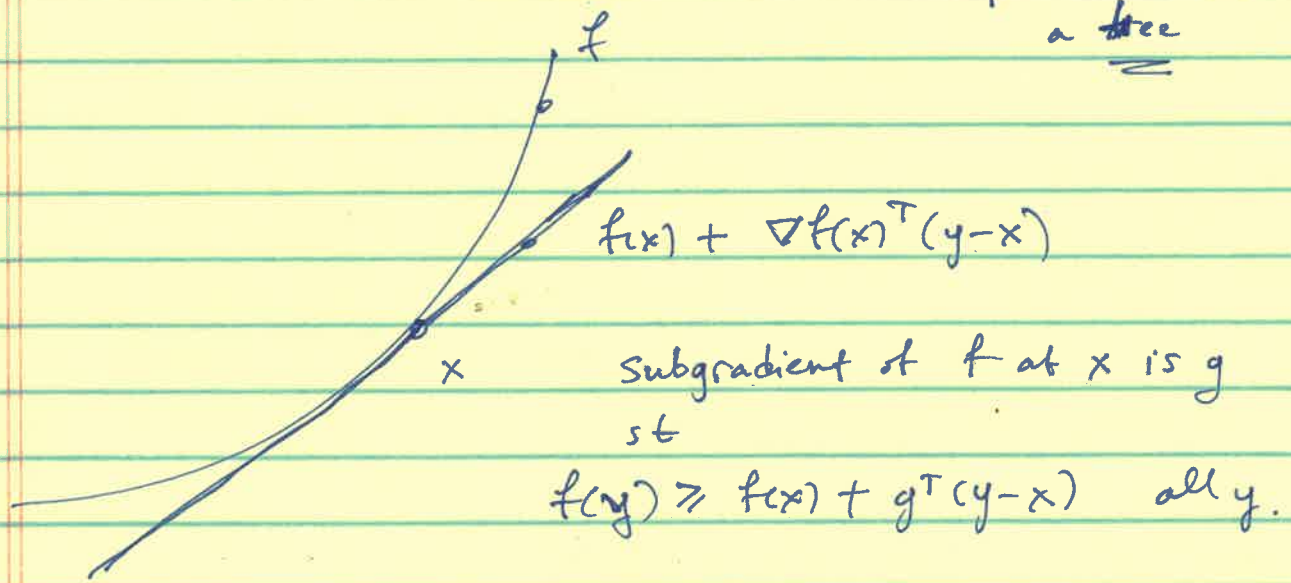
next iterate



- iterate / recurse this property to get a global statement about  $f_{x^{(k)}}$  or  $x^{(k)}$



Gradient Boosting : do grad descent  
 on some loss function  
 (eg. classification or regression)  
 where we map gradients to vector of  
 predictions by  
a tree



$$f(y) \geq f(x) + g^T(y-x)$$

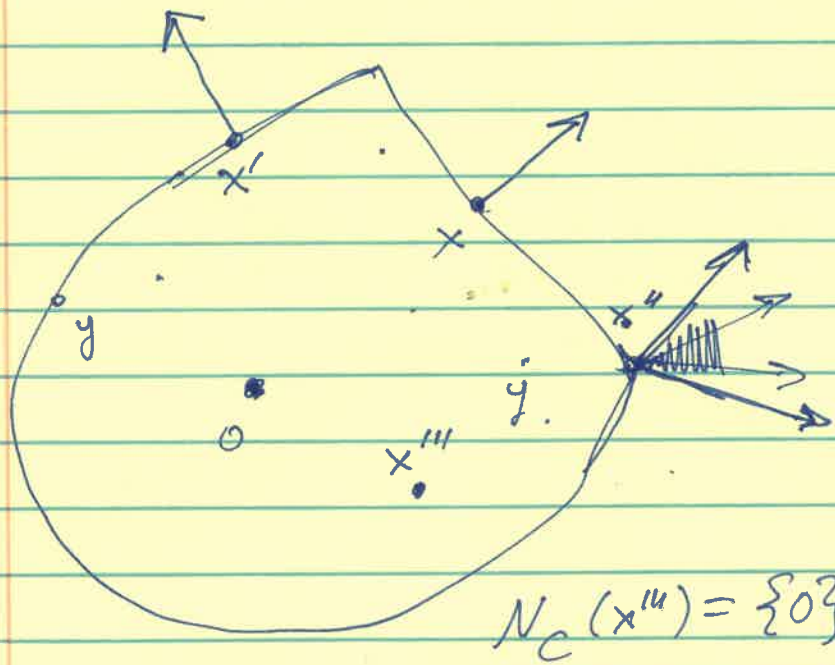
$$\|y\|_2 \geq g^T y$$

any  $g : \|g\|_2 \leq 1$  works.

$$I_C(y) \geq I_C(x) + g^T(y-x)$$

$$I_C(y) \geq g^T(y-x)$$

- $y \in C$  get  $0 \geq g^T(y-x)$   
i.e.  $g^T x \geq g^T y$
- $y \notin C$  get  $\infty \geq g^T(y-x) \checkmark$



$x$  s.t.  $f_1(x) = f_2(x)$

$$\text{conv} \left( \bigcup_{i: f_i(x) = f(x)} \{ \nabla_i f(x) \} \right) = \text{line segment joining } \nabla_1 f(x) + \nabla_2 f(x)$$



$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^r |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

$$p \geq 1, \quad q \text{ s.t. } \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} = 1.$$

$$\text{fact. } \|x\|_p = \max_{y: \|y\|_q \leq 1} y^T x.$$

"  $f_y(x)$

$$S = \{y: \|y\|_q \leq 1\}$$


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$$\beta_i = S_\lambda(y_i)$$

$$\text{check: } \begin{aligned} y_i - \beta_i &= \lambda \operatorname{sign}(\beta_i) & \text{if } \beta_i \neq 0 \\ |y_i - \beta_i| &\leq \lambda & \text{if } \beta_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \ y_i > \lambda. \quad \beta_i = y_i - \lambda > 0.$$

$$y_i - \beta_i = \lambda = \lambda \cdot \operatorname{sign}(\beta_i) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\bullet \ y_i < -\lambda. \quad \text{similar}$$

$$\bullet \ y_i \in [-\lambda, \lambda]. \quad \beta_i = 0.$$

$$|y_i| \leq \lambda \quad \checkmark$$

