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$Q^{1/2}$        $Q^{1/2}$  is sym. and  $Q^{1/2}Q^{1/2} = Q$

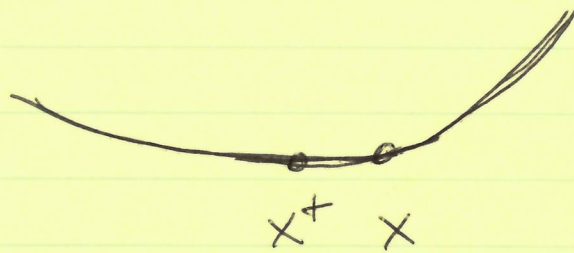
$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} \frac{Q^{1/2}x}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1+t}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2 \leq \frac{1-t}{2}$$

$$\frac{x^T Q^{1/2} Q^{1/2} x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{t^2}{4} + \frac{t}{2} \leq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{t^2}{4} - \frac{t}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} x^T Q x \leq -t$$

(Replace  $t$  with  $-t$ )

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chosen to min. this  
quadratic approximation  
(over  $y$ )

$$x^+ = x - t \nabla f(x)$$

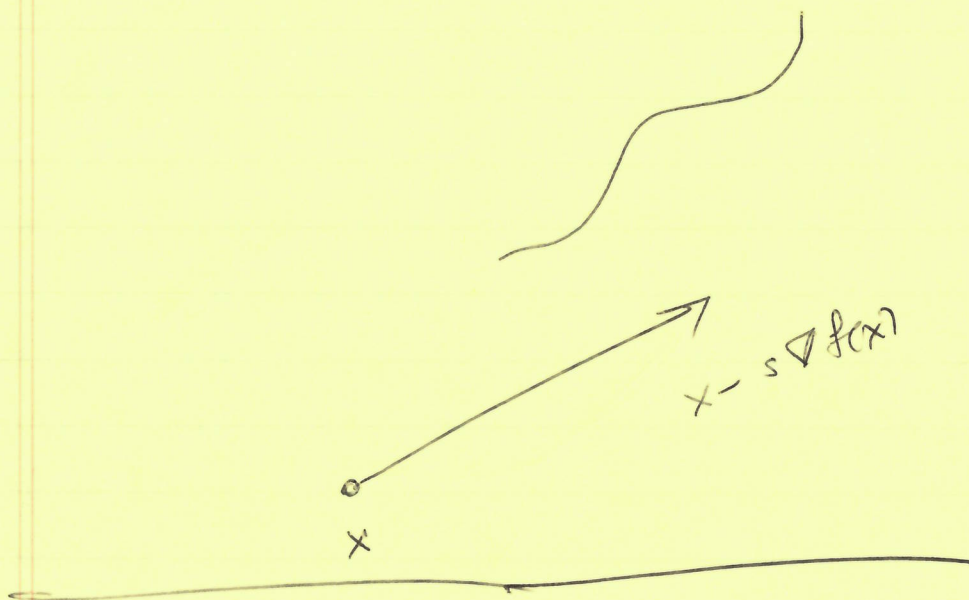
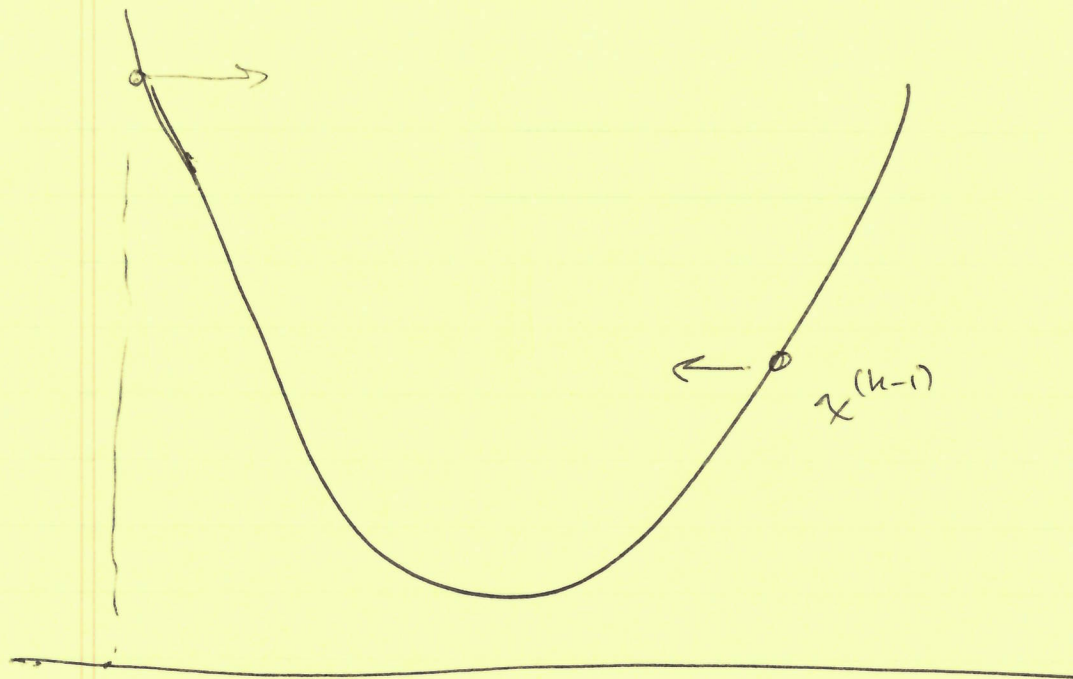
$$f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x) + \frac{1}{2} t \|y-x\|_2^2$$

2nd order Taylor

replaces this with

$$\frac{1}{2} (y-x)^T \nabla^2 f(x) (y-x)$$

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$$\frac{\|x^{(0)} - x^*\|_2^2}{2tk} = \varepsilon$$

$$k = \frac{\|x^{(0)} - x^*\|_2^2}{2\varepsilon} \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$

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$\nabla f$  Lipschitz, constant  $L$

$$\Rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x) + \frac{L}{2} \|y-x\|_2^2 \quad \text{all } x, y$$

Suppose we are at  $x$  in gradient desc iterations, go to  $x^+ = x - t \nabla f(x)$

use above ineq. with  $y = x^+$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^+) &\leq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T \cdot (-t \nabla f(x)) \\ &\quad + \frac{L}{2} \|-t \nabla f(x)\|_2^2 \\ &= f(x) - t \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 + \frac{Lt^2}{2} \cdot \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 \\ &= f(x) - \left(1 - \frac{Lt}{2}\right) \cdot t \cdot \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

if  $t \leq \frac{1}{L}$ , note we get ~~decent~~

$$f(x^+) \leq f(x) - \frac{t}{2} \cdot \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2$$

[important aside: get descent!  $f(x^+) < f(x)$ ]

use convexity of  $f$ :

$$f(x^*) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (x^* - x)$$

OR  $f(x) \leq f(x^*) + \nabla f(x)^T (x - x^*)$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^+) &\leq f(x^*) + \nabla f(x)^T (x - x^*) - \frac{t}{2} \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 \\ f(x^+) - f(x^*) &\leq \nabla f(x)^T (x - x^*) - \frac{t}{2} \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2t} (\|x - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x^+ - x^*\|_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

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check: just expand.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2t} \left( \|x - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x - t \nabla f(x) - x^*\|_2^2 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2t} \left( \cancel{\|x - x^*\|_2^2} - \cancel{\|x - x^*\|_2^2} - t^2 \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 2 \cdot t \nabla f(x)^T (x - x^*) \right) \\
&= \cancel{\frac{0}{2t}} - \frac{t}{2} \|\nabla f(x)\|_2^2 + \nabla f(x)^T (x - x^*) \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Back up, state in terms of the iteration  $i$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x^{(k)}) - f(x^*) &\leq \frac{1}{2t} \left( \|x^{(k-1)} - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x^{(k)} - x^*\|_2^2 \right) \\
\sum_{i=1}^k [f(x^{(i)}) - f(x^*)] &\leq \frac{1}{2t} \left( \|x^{(0)} - x^*\|_2^2 - \|x^{(k)} - x^*\|_2^2 \right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2t} \|x^{(0)} - x^*\|_2^2
\end{aligned}$$

Because we've proved that  $f(x^{(1)}) \geq f(x^{(2)}) \geq f(x^{(3)}) \geq \dots$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x^{(k)}) - f(x^*) &\leq \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k [f(x^{(i)}) - f(x^*)] \\
&\leq \frac{\|x^{(0)} - x^*\|_2^2}{2t} \cdot \frac{1}{k}
\end{aligned}$$


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