

1. Given  $f(x) = 0.5x_1^2 + \sin x_2 + e^{x_3}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , which of the following is  $\partial f / \partial x$ ? (hint:  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , think about the dimensions)

(a)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \cos x_2 \\ e^{x_3} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$

(b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = [x_1 \quad \cos x_2 \quad e^{x_3}] \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 3}$

2. Given  $f(x) = 0.5x_1^2 + \sin x_2 + e^{x_3}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , which of the following is  $\nabla_x f(x)$ ? (hint:  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , think about the dimensions)

(a)  $\nabla_x f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \cos x_2 \\ e^{x_3} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$

(b)  $\nabla_x f(x) = [x_1 \quad \cos x_2 \quad e^{x_3}] \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 3}$

3. Given  $f(x) = 0.5x_1^2 + \sin x_2 + e^{x_3}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , is  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\nabla_x f(x)) = \nabla_x^2 f(x)$ ?

(a) yes

(b) no

4. Which one of the following pairs of vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^3$  **do not** exhibit complementarity?

(a)  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

5. If we have the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} && f(x) \\ & \text{subject to} && c(x) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

with a dual variable  $\lambda$  associated with the constraint  $c(x) = 0$  and a Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \lambda^T c(x)$ , we have the following KKT conditions:

$$\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \nabla_x f(x) + \begin{bmatrix} \partial c \\ \partial x \end{bmatrix}^T \lambda = 0, \tag{2}$$

$$c(x) = 0. \tag{3}$$

Which one of the following linear systems computes the “full” Newton step, (the other being the Gauss-Newton step)?

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x^2 f(x) & [\frac{\partial c}{\partial x}]^T \\ \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) \\ -c(x) \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x^2 \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) & [\frac{\partial c}{\partial x}]^T \\ \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) \\ -c(x) \end{bmatrix}$