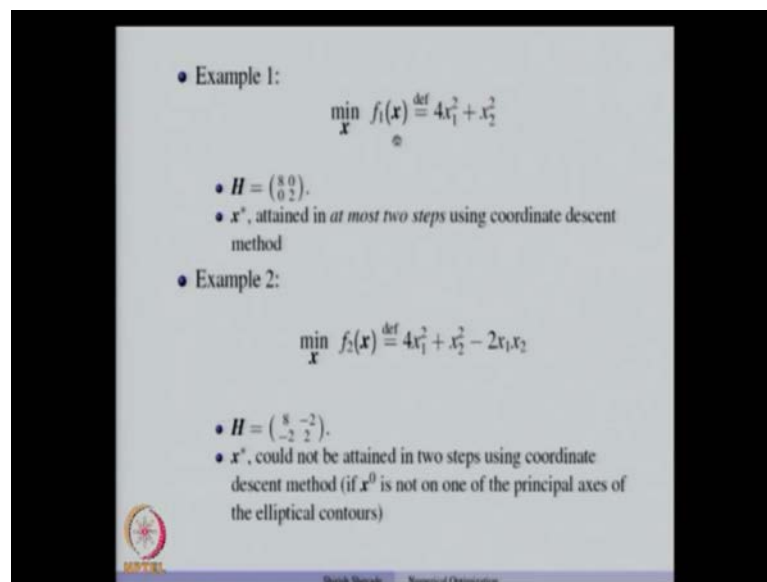


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Lecture - 18
Conjugate Directions

Hello, welcome back. In the last class we started discussing about coordinate descent method and we considered a couple of examples.

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• Example 1:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f_1(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 4x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

- $H = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.
- \mathbf{x}^* , attained in *at most two steps* using coordinate descent method

• Example 2:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f_2(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$

- $H = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.
- \mathbf{x}^* , could not be attained in two steps using coordinate descent method (if \mathbf{x}^0 is not on one of the principal axes of the elliptical contours)

So, one of the examples that we considered was to minimize $f_1(\mathbf{x})$, where $f_1(\mathbf{x})$ is defined as $4x_1^2 + x_2^2$ and other example was to minimize $f_2(\mathbf{x})$, where $f_2(\mathbf{x})$ was $f_1(\mathbf{x}) - 2x_1x_2$. So, the difference between the 2 functions; f_1 and f_2 is that in f_1 the terms are separable in terms of x_1 and x_2 . And in f_2 the terms are not separable, because there is a term which involves x_1 and x_2 . So that objective function here in this problem is not separable in terms of x_1 and x_2 , and that is reflected in the hessian matrix of that objective functions.

So, if you look at the hessian matrix of this objective function it is a diagonal matrix, while here if you look at the hessian matrix it is a positive definite, but not a diagonal matrix. So, both the hessian matrices are positive definite. But in one case it is a diagonal

while in other case it is not a diagonal matrix, and when we used coordinate descent method to solve this problem.

We saw that when we minimize $f(x)$, we attained the solution x^* in at the most 2 steps while here we required more than 2 steps to attained the solution. So, the main problem in this case is that the hessian matrix is not a diagonal matrix. So, is there any way to transform the problem into some other space or in terms of other variables so that, this function becomes separable in terms of the variables. And if that happens then the hessian matrix will be a diagonal matrix and we would be able to use coordinate descent in that new space and get the solution. And at the most n steps for a n -dimensional problem.

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Consider the problem:

$$\min_x f(x) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} x^T H x + c^T x$$

where H is a symmetric positive definite matrix.

- Let $\{d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{n-1}\}$ be a set of linearly independent directions and $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be represented as

$$x = x^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i d^i$$

- Given $\{d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{n-1}\}$ and $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the given problem is to minimize $\Psi(\alpha)$ defined as,

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(x^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i d^i \right)^T H \left(x^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i d^i \right) + c^T \left(x^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^i d^i \right)$$

So, let us consider a general quadratic programming problem unconstrained problem, where do not minimize f of x which is defined as half x transpose H x plus c transpose x , where h is a symmetric and positive definite matrix. Now, let us assume that we have set of n directions d_0 to d_{n-1} which form linear independent set. So, in some sense they form basis for n -dimensional space. So, they can be thought of as a basis for the n -dimensional space. Now, let us consider any point x_0 which is in n -dimensional space x_0 can be any point. Now, we know that any point in the n -dimensional space can be written as a linear combination of d_0 to d_{n-1} and plus x_0 . So, this is a

representation of x in n -dimensional space with respect to the basis d_0 to d_{n-1} and some initial point x_0 .

Now, suppose if we replace this x in this equation into this equation. So, use this right hand side into this equation. So, the objective function then becomes a function of those alphas, α_0 to α_{n-1} . So, given the basis say d_0 to d_{n-1} of n -dimensional space and some point x_0 . We can rewrite the given problem in terms of the variables α and that is given here.

So, you will see that x here is replaced by the right hand side of this expression and now, we have a problem to minimize $\psi(\alpha)$ with respect to α . Note that this α is the vector and that contains α_0, α_1 up to α_{n-1} . And these alphas are real numbers, each of the alphas are real numbers. So, we have representation of x as obtained here using n real valued alphas. Now, once we have this problem we can minimize $\psi(\alpha)$ with respect to α .

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Define $D = (d^0 | d^1 | \dots | d^{n-1})$ and $\alpha = (\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^{n-1})$.

$$\Psi(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T \underbrace{D^T H D}_Q \alpha + (Hx^0 + c)^T D \alpha + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} x^{0T} H x^0 + c^T x^0}_{\text{constant}}$$

$$Q = D^T H D = \begin{pmatrix} d^{0T} H d^0 & d^{0T} H d^1 & \dots & d^{0T} H d^{n-1} \\ d^{1T} H d^0 & d^{1T} H d^1 & \dots & d^{1T} H d^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d^{n-1T} H d^0 & d^{n-1T} H d^1 & \dots & d^{n-1T} H d^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Q will be **diagonal** matrix if $d^{iT} H d^j = 0, \forall i \neq j$.

Now, let us use some notations. Let us denote by D , a matrix which is obtained by putting d_0 to d_{n-1} in n columns of that matrix and let us denote α to be α_0 to α_{n-1} .

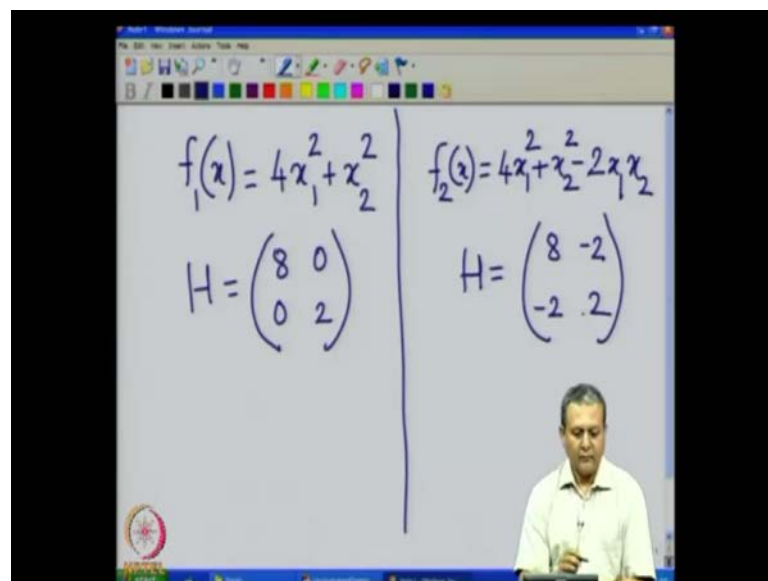
Now, if you rewrite $\psi(\alpha)$ in terms of this compact notation, what will see is that. The $\psi(\alpha)$ is nothing but half of $\alpha^T D^T H D \alpha$ plus $(Hx_0 + c)^T D \alpha$ plus $\frac{1}{2} x_0^T H x_0 + c^T x_0$.

naught plus c transpose D alpha plus half x naught transpose H x naught plus c transpose x naught.

Now, x_{naught} is a given point. Since, it is a quadratic function the hessian matrix is constant and c is also a constant vector. So, this entire term is a constant. So, when we want to minimize ψ alpha we can ignore this term because this term does not involve any expression involving alphas. So, we have to concentrate only on these 2 terms when we want to minimize ψ alpha with respect to alpha.

Now, the hessian matrix of this quadratic function is $D^T H D$ and let us call that matrixes Q . So, how will those matrixes Q looks like. So, the matrix Q looks like this where on the diagonal you have $d_0^T H d_0$, $d_1^T H d_1$ and $d_{n-1}^T H d_{n-1}$. And of diagonal elements are $d_i^T H d_j$ is the, i, j -th elements of the matrix Q . Now, if you recall our earlier example where we want to minimize a quadratic problem.

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So, in our first case $f_1(x)$ was $4x_1^2 + x_2^2$ and in the second case $f_2(x)$ was $4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$. So, if you recall the hessian matrix, hessian matrix was 8, 2, 0, 0 and in this case the hessian matrix was 8, 2 minus 2 minus 2. So, in this case because the hessian was diagonal we could do the coordinate descent we could apply the coordinate descent method here and get the solution at the most 2 steps and that was not possible here.

So, suppose we decide to make this hessian matrix diagonal. So, the way to do that is that to make all this half diagonal entries in this matrix 0 or in other words whenever i is not equal to j make d i transpose h d j to be 0. So, this matrix Q will be diagonal, if d i transpose H d j is equal to 0 for all i not equal to j. Now, if you do that then we get Q to be a diagonal matrix.

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Let $d^i T H d^j = 0, \forall i \neq j.$

$$Q = D^T H D = \begin{pmatrix} d^{0 T} H d^0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d^{1 T} H d^1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & d^{n-1 T} H d^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$Q_{ij}^{-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{d^{i T} H d^i} & \text{if } j = i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Psi(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} (x^0 + \sum_i \alpha^i d^i)^T H (x^0 + \sum_i \alpha^i d^i) + c^T (x^0 + \sum_i \alpha^i d^i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i [(x^0 + \alpha^i d^i)^T H (x^0 + \alpha^i d^i) + 2c^T (x^0 + \alpha^i d^i)] + \text{constant}$$

• $\Psi(\alpha)$ is separable in terms of $\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}$

So, let us assume that d i transpose H d j is equal to 0 for all i not equal to j. And then we have Q to be a diagonal matrix where you will see that all of diagonal elements are 0 and the ith entry of the diagonal is d i transpose H d i. So, inverting this matrix becomes very easy because we just have to take the reciprocal of each of the diagonal elements and put them on the diagonal, the rest of the elements are 0. So, they will remain 0 in the inverse matrix.

So, i jth entry of the matrix Q inverse is 1 over d i transpose H d i, if j equal to i and equal to 0 otherwise. Remember that whenever we want to solve or minimize convex quadratic function half x transpose H x plus c transpose x, what we need to is that said assuming that h is symmetric and positive definite matrix. What we do is that, take the derivative or the gradient of the function and set it to 0. So, what we get is h x plus c equal to 0 and in other words x equal to minus h inverse c.

So, that requires inversion of hessian matrix and that inversion is easy, if we have h to be a diagonal matrix. So, Q inverse is like this and now if we look at our psi alpha. So, psi

alpha if you recall that we had defined it to be half of $x^T H x$ plus $c^T x$. Where x is represented as $x_0 + \sum \alpha_i d_i$, where d_i 's are i going from 0 to $n - 1$ d_i 's are the basis of that n -dimensional space and x_0 is an initial point.

So, this was our initial objective function and now, with this condition that $d_i^T H d_j$ is equal to 0. So, what happens is that the terms involving $d_i^T H d_j$ they become 0 in this product and what we get finally, is a terms involving only $d_i^T H d_i$, i going from 0 to $n - 1$. So, there is the coupling which was there between d_i 's and d_j 's in this objective function that vanishes if we assume that $d_i^T H d_j$ is equal to 0 for all $i \neq j$. And therefore, so what we get is that apart from the constant which we saw that, we can ignore because it involves all terms involving $x^T H x$ and $c^T x$. So, we can ignore that part and what remains is the term which is shown here and now, you will see that every term here in this objective function involves only 1 of the alpha i 's or in other words now, this becomes a separable problem in terms of alphas.

So, this is a very important observation that $\psi(\alpha)$ now becomes separable in terms of α_0 to α_{n-1} . Because, this summation which was there in the earlier term which had this coupling between d_i and d_j in terms of, $d_i^T H d_j$ and that coupling vanishes because of this condition and we get so we have end terms here and each term is depended only 1 of the alphas.

So, the function $\psi(\alpha)$ is now, separable in terms of α_0 to α_{n-1} . And once we have this separability, it is easy to optimize this objective function individually in terms of alphas. So, let us see how to do that.

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$$\Psi(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i [(x^0 + \alpha^i d^i)^T H (x^0 + \alpha^i d^i) + 2c^T (x^0 + \alpha^i d^i)]$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \alpha^i} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^{i*} = -\frac{d^{iT} (Hx^0 + c)}{d^{iT} H d^i}$$

Therefore,

$$x^* = x^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{i*} d^i$$

Definition
Let $H \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric matrix. The vectors $\{d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{n-1}\}$ are said to be *H-conjugate* if they are linearly independent and $d^{iT} H d^j = 0 \forall i \neq j$.

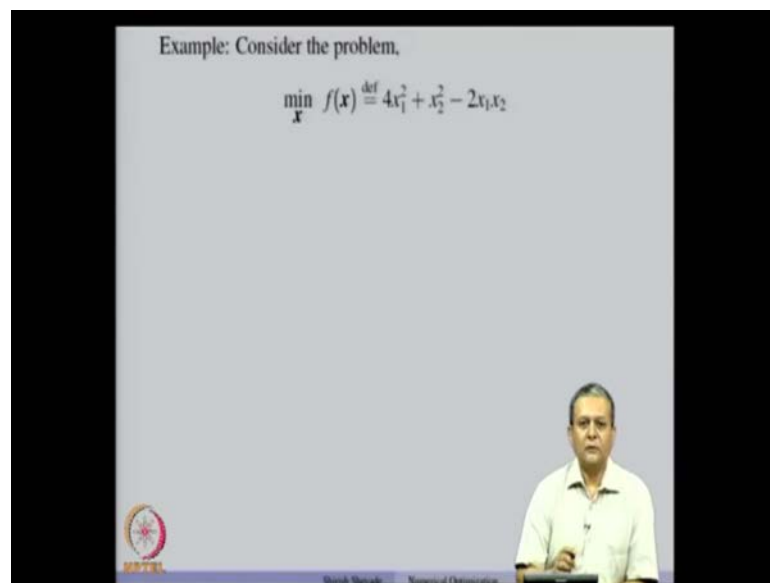
So, we have this separable function in terms of alphas. So, when we want to optimize with respect to alpha, what we can do is that we can take individual alphas at a time and optimize with respect to each of those alphas. So, in the alphas space you can think of it is a coordinate descent method. So, we take 1 alpha at a time and optimize with respect to that and what we get is by setting the derivative of this to 0, we get alpha i star to be minus d i transpose H x naught plus c divided by d i transpose H d i.

So, if we do it for all alphas. So, we will get alpha 0 star to alpha n minus 1 star and then we can get x star by plugging in those alphas star here in this formula to get our x star. So, computation of x star becomes very easy in this way, provided we ensure that d i transpose H d j is equal to 0. So, what are these directions d i transpose H d j is equal to 0? So, suppose we have a symmetric matrix which is n-dimensional then the vectors d 0 to d n minus 1 are said to be H conjugate. If they are linearly independent and d i transpose H d j equal to 0 for all i naught equal to j.

So, in other words, if we are able to get H conjugate vectors for a given quadratic function. Then we can convert it to a separable problem and get this alphas very easily and plug those alphas in the in this formula to get x star. So, what are this H conjugate vectors? These are the vectors which are linearly independent and they satisfy this property that d i transpose H d j is equal to 0 for all i naught equal to j. So, if H is a identity matrix, what we get is the orthogonal vectors. So, when H is a identity and d 0 to

d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1} are linearly independent. Then what we have is that $d_i^T d_j$ is equal to 0 for all $i \neq j$ that means, that the set d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1} forms an orthogonal set of vectors. So, that is a special case of H conjugate vectors, when H is identity matrix. Sometimes this is also called H orthonormal set of vectors. So, the vectors are orthonormal with respect to the matrix H which is a symmetric matrix. So, these are called conjugate vectors or H conjugate vectors with respect to the matrix H.

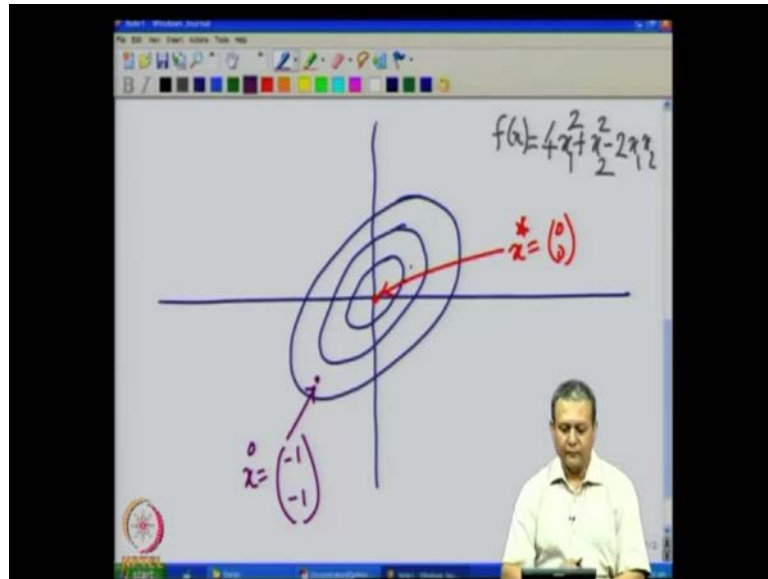
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And now, let us consider the same problem formulation that we saw last time. So, we have this problem where we want to minimize $4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$.

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So, if you look at the contours. So, this is our function f of x to be x_1 square sorry $4x_1$ square plus x_2 square minus $2x_1x_2$. Now, we know that this is going to be x^* , this is the minimum. And suppose we start from the point x^0 which is minus 1, minus 1. So, this is our initial point and we want to find out some directions d^0, d^1 such that we can reach from x^0 to x^* . So, let us see how to do that?

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Example: Consider the problem,

$$\min_x f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$

- $H = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
- $x^0 = (-1, -1)^T$
- Let $d^0 = (1, 0)^T$
- $x^1 = x^0 + \alpha^0 d^0$ where

$$\alpha^0 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_0(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(x^0 + \alpha d^0)$$

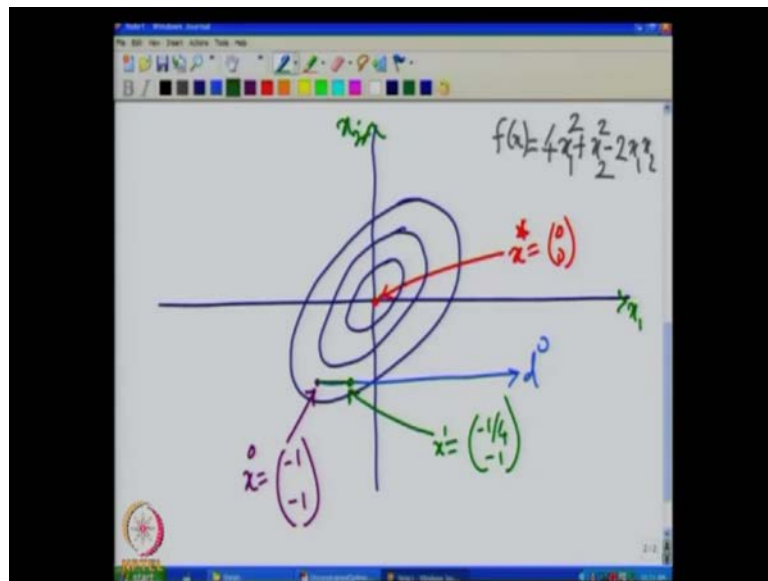
- $\phi_0(\alpha) = f \begin{pmatrix} x_1^0 + \alpha d_1^0 \\ x_2^0 + \alpha d_2^0 \end{pmatrix} = 4(\alpha - 1)^2 + 1 + 2(\alpha - 1)$
- $\phi_0'(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^0 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow x^1 = (-\frac{1}{4}, -1)^T$
- Choose a non-zero direction d^1 such that $d^{1T} H d^0 = 0$

Now, we have already seen that the hessian matrix in this case is, this which is not a diagonal matrix. Let us consider some initial point which is minus 1, minus 1 both the

coordinates are same. And let us consider the first direction to be the direction $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ so that, which we want to optimize only with respect to x_1 .

Now, we have already seen this that x_1 is nothing but x_0 plus αd_0 where α_0 is minimization of ϕ_0 with respect to α . Remember that this α belongs to \mathbb{R} because we just have a direction d , we do not want to make this α to be strictly greater than 0 as we did in earlier cases. Earlier we were working with descent directions so we wanted to move along the descent directions and wanted to have a α to be greater than 0. While here the direction that we are choosing, we do not know whether that is a descent direction or negative of this is a descent direction. So, we have to make α a real valued variable in this case. And α_0 is obtained by minimizing ϕ_0 with respect to α where ϕ_0 is defined as $f(x_0 + \alpha d_0)$. So, we use this last time and found $\phi'_0(\alpha) = 0$ implies $\alpha_0 = -3/4$ and we move to the point $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

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So, we move to the point, this point is x_1 to be $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$. So, if you recall in the earlier case we used the second coordinate direction. So, this is our x_1 and this is x_2 . So, in the earlier case we use the second coordinate direction and we could not reach the solution in that case. So, let us see what happens if we use a direction which is H conjugate to the previous direction. Remember that we have used this direction as our d_0 and then we got the point in this direction, which is a minimum. Now, let us...

So, after having found x^1 which is minus 1 by 4 minus 1 our next step is to find out the direction d^1 . Now, unlike the previous case where we use the direction d^1 to be the direction along the x_2 axis, we will use the direction d^1 which will be H conjugate to d^0 or in other words, we are looking at direction d^1 which is H orthogonal to d^0 or it should satisfy $d^1 \text{ transpose } H d^0 = 0$. Now, how do we get this direction d^1 .

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Example: Consider the problem,

$$\min_x f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$

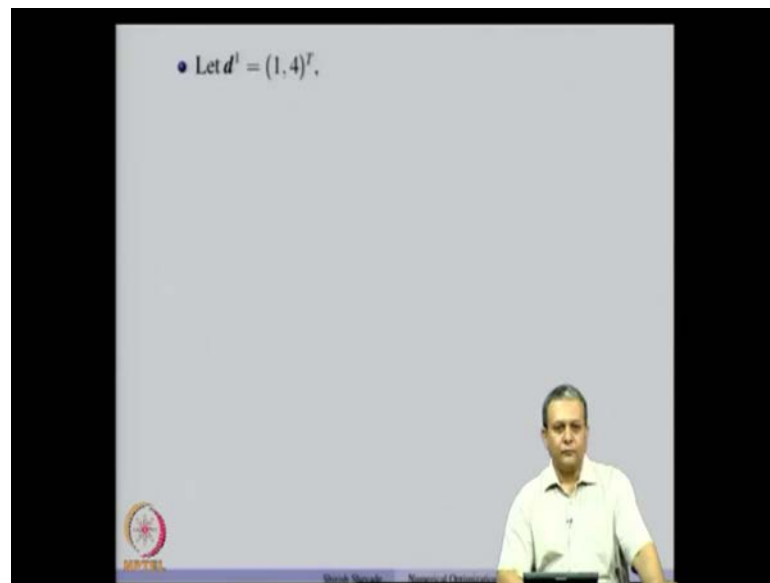
- $H = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
- $x^0 = (-1, -1)^T$
- Let $d^0 = (1, 0)^T$
- $x^1 = x^0 + \alpha^0 d^0$ where

$$\alpha^0 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_0(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(x^0 + \alpha d^0)$$

- $\phi_0(\alpha) = f \begin{pmatrix} x_1^0 + \alpha d_1^0 \\ x_2^0 + \alpha d_2^0 \end{pmatrix} = 4(\alpha - 1)^2 + 1 + 2(\alpha - 1)$
- $\phi_0'(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^0 = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow x^1 = \left(-\frac{3}{4}, -1\right)^T$
- Choose a non-zero direction d^1 such that $d^{1T} H d^0 = 0$
- Let $d^1 = (a, b)^T$. Therefore,
 $(a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 8a - 2b = 0$

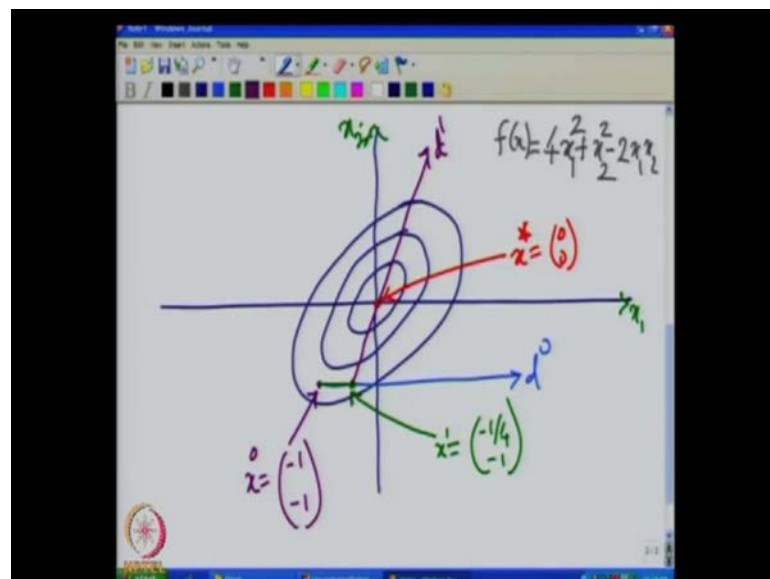
So, let us assume that the direction d^1 is $(a, b)^T$, the 2 components of that direction and what we want is that $d^1 \text{ transpose } H d^0 = 0$. Therefore, what we want is that $(a \ b)$ into hessian matrix into the direction d^0 which is $(1, 0)^T$ that should be 0. So, if we now, rewrite this in the equation form what we get is that, the a and b of this direction d^1 should satisfy this property at $a - 2b = 0$. So, you can see that we have 1 equation and 2 variables and therefore there exists infinitely many solutions to this equation. Now, we can choose 1 of those its solutions so for example, suppose we choose a to be 1 and b to be 4. So, if you recall if we choose a to be 1 and b to be 4 that satisfies this equation.

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So, suppose we choose d^1 to be 1 comma 4.

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Now, if you use that direction. So, that 1 comma 4 direction will be, this is going to be our d^1 this is the direction 1 comma 4 from this x^0 .

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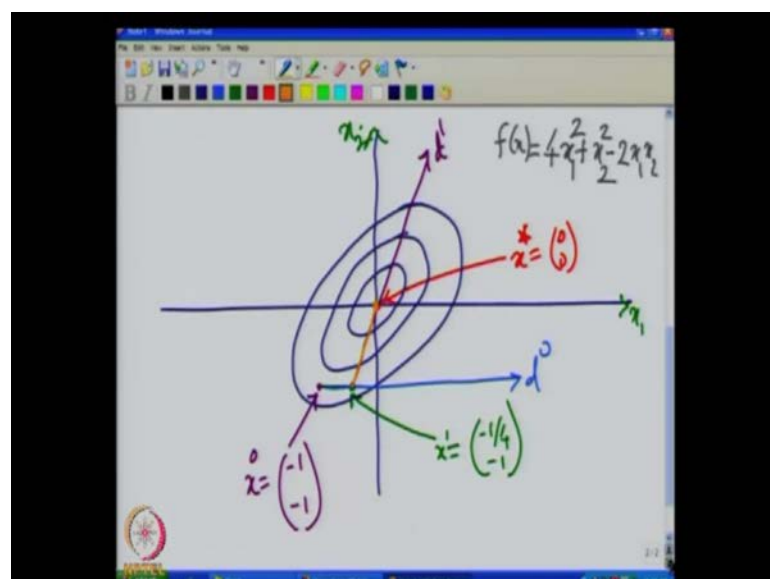
- Let $d^1 = (1, 4)^T$,
- $x^2 = x^1 + \alpha^1 d^1$ where

$$\alpha^1 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_1(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f\left(\frac{\alpha - \frac{1}{4}}{4\alpha - 1}\right) = \frac{3}{4}(4\alpha - 1)^2$$

- $\phi'_1(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^1 = \frac{1}{4}$
- $x^2 = x^1 + \alpha^1 d^1 = (0, 0)^T = x^*$

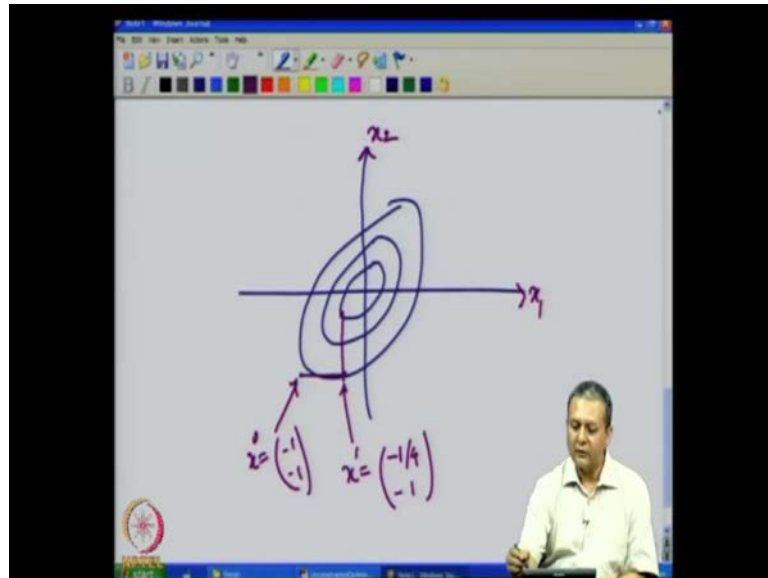
Now, x^2 is x^1 plus $\alpha^1 d^1$, where α^1 is the minimum of $\phi_1(\alpha)$ with respect to α again I repeat that this α belongs to the set of real numbers not the set of positive real numbers only. And we get f of α minus 1 by 4 and 4α minus 1 , we plug in that in the original equation and what we get is 3 by 4 into 4α minus 1 square. So, we take the derivative of $\phi_1(\alpha)$ with respect to α equated to 0 , we get α^1 equal to 1 by 4 and when we use x^2 equal to x^1 plus $\alpha^1 d^1$ and plug in the value of d^1 and x^1 which is $-\frac{1}{4}$ comma -1 . What we get is 0 , 0 which is nothing but our x^* .

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So, if we do the exact line search along this direction what we get is and we end up at x^* . Now, compare this with our earlier approach where for the same function.

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So, if we start from x_0 . So, initially we went to... So, this was x_0 to be minus 1 minus 1 and reach the point x_1 , x_1 was minus 1 by 4 minus 1 and then if we use the other coordinate. So, these are the coordinates. So, if we use the other coordinate we would reach some point which is here. Now, compare this so this was the coordinate descent method in the $x_1 \times x_2$ space.

While if you look at this, that the first iteration was along the direction d_0 . But, second iteration was along the direction d_1 and that d_1 were chosen such that it is h conjugate to d_0 . And if we do the exact line search along with d_0 we would end up at x^* . So, this method required the most 2 iteration to reach the solution. So, this is a very important point.

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• Let $d^1 = (1, 4)^T$,
• $x^2 = x^1 + \alpha^1 d^1$ where

$$\alpha^1 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \phi_1(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f\left(\alpha - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{4}(4\alpha - 1)^2$$

• $\phi_1'(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^1 = \frac{1}{4}$
• $x^2 = x^1 + \alpha^1 d^1 = (0, 0)^T = x^*$

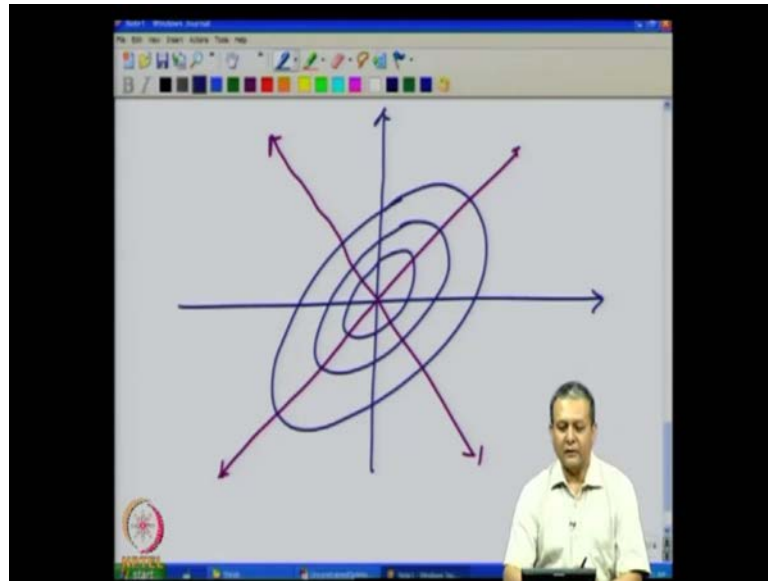
A convex quadratic function can be minimized in, at most, n steps, provided we search along conjugate directions of the Hessian matrix.

Given H , does a set of H -conjugate vectors exist? If yes, how to get a set of such vectors?

So, in 2 steps we got the solution x^* . So, in general we can say that a convex quadratic function can be minimized in at most n steps provided we search along conjugate directions of the hessian matrix. So, if we have this information of conjugate directions for the hessian matrix then if we do the search along those conjugate directions at the most n steps, we will reach the solution of a convex quadratic function.

Now, there are some important questions that need to be answered and 1 of the questions is that. Given h does a set of h conjugate vectors exist? So, what is the guarantee that there exist H conjugate vectors? And suppose there is a guarantee that H conjugate vectors exist, then how do you get 1 such set of h conjugate vectors? So, these are the important questions that need to be answered and we will now, answer these questions.

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Now, if you consider a quadratic function this convex, now if we look at the eigenvectors of this function. So, suppose if we transform the original system into our original coordinates into the new coordinates and then if we move, if we use these as our coordinates. Then we can use coordinate descent method in this new space of coordinate vectors. And if we use the coordinate descent method in this space you can see that we can reach the solution in at the most n -th steps. So, this the eigenvectors of this matrix the hessian matrix H is the 1 possible set of H conjugate vectors. Now, we will see how to show that.

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Conjugate Directions

Let $H \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric matrix.

- Do there exist n conjugate directions w.r.t H ?

H is symmetric $\Rightarrow H$ has n mutually orthogonal eigenvectors.

Let v_1 and v_2 be two orthogonal eigenvectors of H .

$\therefore v_1^T v_2 = 0$.

$$Hv_1 = \lambda_1 v_1 \Rightarrow v_2^T Hv_1 = \lambda_1 v_2^T v_1$$
$$\Rightarrow v_2^T Hv_1 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow v_1 \text{ and } v_2 \text{ are } H\text{-conjugate}$$

$\therefore n$ orthogonal eigenvectors of H are H -conjugate.

So, let us consider a matrix H which is the symmetric matrix and the question is that do there exists n conjugate directions with respect to H . Now, we know that H is symmetric, means that H has n mutually orthogonal eigenvectors. So, let us take a couple of eigenvectors which are usually orthogonal. So, let v_1 and v_2 be 2 orthogonal eigenvectors of H . And since H is symmetric we can choose v_1 and v_2 such that $v_1^T v_2 = 0$ or v_1 and v_2 are orthogonal. Now, since v_1 is eigenvectors and v_2 also Eigen vector.

So, of h... So, we can write $H v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$ where λ_1 is in Eigen value of H remember that this is the symmetric matrix. So, Eigen values are real so λ_1 is a real number. So, $H v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$. Now, if we multiply throughout by v_2^T transpose $H v_2^T v_1$. So, what we get is $v_2^T H v_1 = \lambda_1 v_2^T v_1$. But, we know that $v_1^T v_2 = 0$ which is nothing but $v_2^T v_1 = 0$ so that, means that $v_2^T H v_1 = 0$.

And v_1 and v_2 they are linearly independent and $v_2^T H v_1 = 0$. So, they form what are call the H conjugate vectors of H . So, v_1 and v_2 are H conjugate and therefore, we can say that the n orthogonal eigenvectors of H are H conjugate. So, we can extend this result for all the n orthogonal eigenvectors of H and these orthogonal eigenvectors of H . From this result you can see that there H conjugate. So, given a symmetric matrix there always exists H conjugate vectors and one set of H conjugate vectors is the orthogonal eigenvectors of H . Remember that this set of H conjugate vectors for a given symmetric matrix H did not be unique. This is the set of n orthogonal eigenvectors is just a 1 set.

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Conjugate Directions

- Let H be a symmetric positive definite matrix and d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{n-1} be nonzero directions such that

$$d^{i\top} H d^j = 0, \quad i \neq j.$$

Are d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{n-1} linearly independent?

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu^i d^i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu^i d^{j\top} H d^i = 0 \text{ for every } j = 0, \dots, n-1$$

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$$\Rightarrow \mu^j = 0 \text{ for every } j = 0, \dots, n-1$$

$$\Rightarrow d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{n-1} \text{ are linearly independent}$$

Now, let us look at some other properties of conjugate directions. So, suppose we have H to be a symmetric and positive definite matrix and suppose d^0 to d^{n-1} are non-zero directions such that, $d^{i\top} H d^j$ is equal to 0 for all i not equal to j . Then the question is that are these directions linearly independent? Now, to show that they are linearly independent what we have to do is that, if you take a linear combination of these vectors and equate to 0. Then all the coefficients in that linear combination should also be 0 or in other words if you say $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu^i d^i = 0$ for i going from 0 to $n-1$, then we have then if they are linearly independent then μ^i has to be 0. So, let us consider this $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu^i d^i = 0$. Now, that implies that if you multiply throughout by $d^{j\top} H$ what we get is $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu^i d^{j\top} H d^i = 0$, for every j going from 0 to $n-1$. Now, we know that $d^{i\top} H d^j = 0$ for all i not equal to j .

So, all the terms in this expression vanish except the j -th term. So, what remains here is that $\mu^j d^{j\top} H d^j = 0$ because of the H orthogonality of the said d^0 to d^{i-1} . Now, H is a positive definite matrix, d^j is non-zero. So, $d^{j\top} H d^j$ is greater than 0 and therefore, μ^j has to be 0, therefore μ^j becomes 0 for every j . So, which means that $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu^i d^i = 0$ means that $\mu^i = 0$ for all i and that means that this set of vectors are linearly independent. So, if we have positive definite matrix and d^0 to d^{n-1} are non-zero directions remember that this

non-zero is important because in this case, we want to show that $d_i^T H d_j$ is strictly greater than 0.

And that is possible because H is a positive definite matrix and d_i is non-zero. So, $d_i^T H d_j$ strictly greater than 0 and therefore, μ_j has to be 0. So, if these are non-zero directions which are orthogonal to each other then d_0 to d_{n-1} . The n are linearly independent vector in the space \mathbb{R}^n . So, they form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n . Now, this is what we show that d_0 to d_{n-1} are linearly independent.

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Conjugate Directions

Geometric Interpretation:
Consider the problem:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1}{2} x^T H x + c^T x, \quad H \text{ symmetric positive definite matrix.}$$

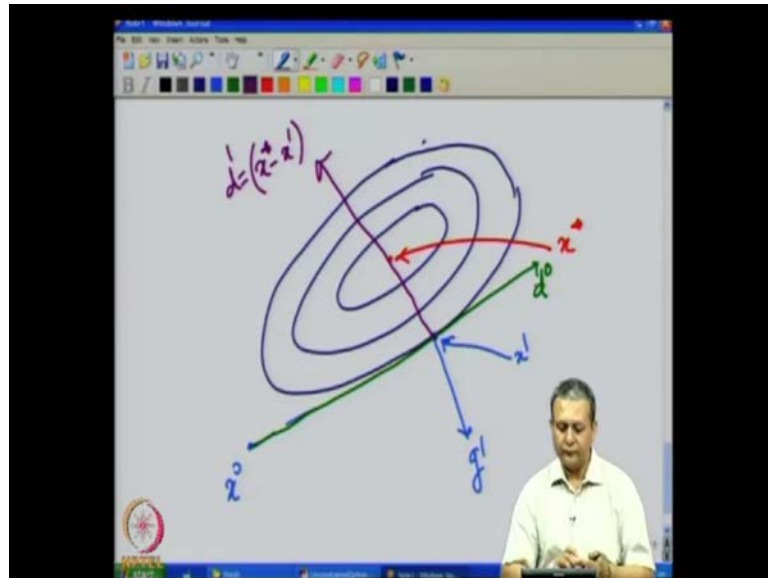
Let x^* be the solution. $\therefore H x^* = -c$.
 Let x^0 be any initial point. $g^0 = H x^0 + c$
 Let d^0 be some direction ($d^0 \neq 0$).
 x^1 is found by doing exact line search along d^0 . $\therefore g^{1T} d^0 = 0$.

Now, let us look at the geometric interpretation of conjugate directions. Now, again let us consider the general problem in 2-dimensional space remember that, we are considering a 2-dimensional problem. So, the matrix H which is the symmetric positive definite matrix is a two-by-two matrix and we want to minimize half $x^T H x + c^T x$. Now, let us assume that x^* be the solution of this problem therefore, we can say that $H x^* + c = 0$, because we have to take gradient of this quantity and equality to 0. So, gradient is $H x + c$ and when we equate it to 0 that is satisfied at the solution so $H x^* = -c$.

Now, let x^0 be any initial point and the gradient at that point is nothing but $H x^0 + c$ and let d^0 be some direction d^0 . So, the idea is that we start from a point x^0 , use the direction d^0 and do the exact line search to go to the point x^1 and then at x^1 . We choose a direction d^1 which is H conjugate to d^0 that is the idea and we want to see

whether that direction is indeed a H conjugate direction or not. So, x_1 is found by doing exact line search along the d_0 and we know that in such a case $g_1^T d_0$ is 0. The gradient at the point of x_1 is orthogonal to the direction d_0 .

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So, suppose these are the contours of quadratic function and this point is our x^* . So, suppose that this is x_0 and this direction is d_1 . So, since we are doing exact line search. So, what we get is the point x_1 be this part and this g_1 the gradient at x_1 is it should be d_0 . So, you will see that g_1 is orthogonal to d_0 . Now the... Now, let us look at this direction, the direction which will get from x_1 to x^* . So, let us look at this direction. So, this is the direction $x^* - x_1$ and this is going to be our d_1 . Now, we want to see whether $x^* - x_1$ is orthogonal to d_0 or d_1 is orthogonal to d_0 .

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Conjugate Directions

Geometric Interpretation:
Consider the problem:

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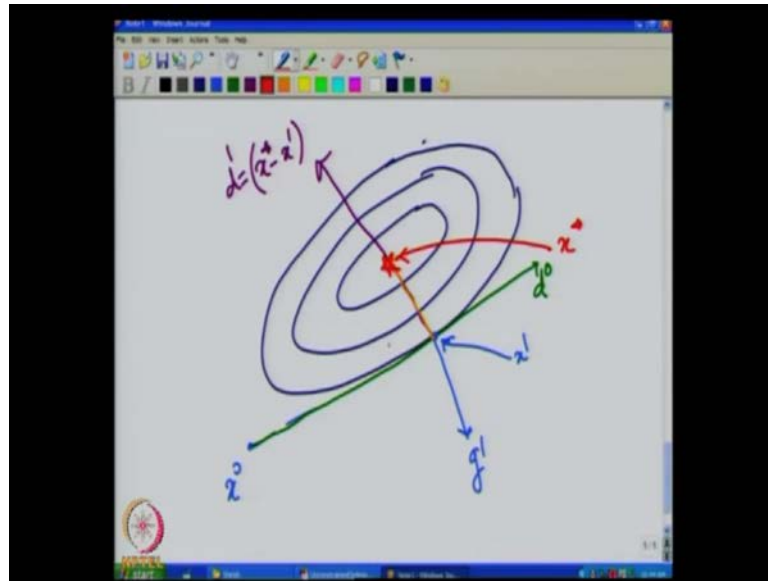
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Let d^0 be some direction ($d^0 \neq 0$).
 x^1 is found by doing exact line search along d^0 . $\therefore g^1{}^T d^0 = 0$.
 $g^1 = Hx^1 + c$.

$$\begin{aligned} (x^* - x^1)^T H d^0 &= (Hx^* - Hx^1)^T d^0 \\ &= -g^1{}^T d^0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the direction $(x^* - x^1)$ is H conjugate to d^0 .

Now, remember that g^1 is nothing but the gradient of this at x^1 and that is nothing but $Hx^1 + c$. So, $(x^* - x^1)^T H d^0$ that is what we are interested in finding out. What is this direction? We know this direction $x^* - x^1$, we had earlier chosen d^0 . So, what is this expression $(x^* - x^1)^T d^0$. Now, if you look at this direction so x^* is nothing but $-H^{-1}c$ or we can bring in H inside and write this as $Hx^* - Hx^1$ transpose d^0 . And this Hx^* is nothing but $-c$. So, what we have here in this expression in the parenthesis is $-c - Hx^1$ and $-c - Hx^1$ is nothing but $-g^1$. So, what we have is $-g^1$ transpose d^0 and we know that x^1 was found by doing exact line search along d^0 therefore, g^1 transpose d^0 is equal to 0 and therefore, this quantity is 0 and therefore, $(x^* - x^1)^T H d^0$ is 0. So, in other words...

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So, this direction $x^* - x^1$ is indeed H conjugate to the direction d^0 . So, this direction is... So, this d^1 is chosen which is H orthogonal to d^0 , and if you do know the exact line search along this direction d^1 . So, what we get is that we move from this point to this point and end up at the minimum which is x^* . So, at the most 2 steps were needed here to reach the solution. So, this is the geometrical interpretation of conjugate directions.

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Consider the problem:

$$\min_x f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2}x^T Hx + c^T x, \quad H \text{ symmetric positive definite matrix.}$$

Let d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{n-1} be H -conjugate. $\therefore d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{n-1}$ are linearly independent.

Let B^k denote the subspace spanned by d^0, d^1, \dots, d^{k-1} .

Clearly, $B^k \subset B^{k+1}$.

Let $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be any arbitrary point.

Let $x^{k+1} = x^k + \alpha^k d^k$ where α^k is obtained by doing exact line search:

$$\alpha^k = \arg \min_{\alpha} f(x^k + \alpha d^k)$$

Claim:

$$x^k = \arg \min_x f(x) \quad \text{s.t. } x \in x^0 + B^k$$

Now, let us again consider the same problem, quadratic programs problem where the hessian matrix is symmetric and positive definite matrix. And let us assume that d_0 to d_{n-1} are H conjugate. So, suppose we have already got this H conjugate directions. Now, how does this method work when we use this H conjugate directions. Remember that d_0 to d_{n-1} are H conjugate and therefore, linearly independent and we have shown that. So, this span the entire n-dimensional space.

So, is it possible to do the minimization with respect to each of the directions d_i at a time? So, we start from x_0 and move along the direction d_0 go to x_1 , and then move along d_1 go to x_2 and so on. So, is it possible to get a minimum at the end of searching through d_{n-1} and that is possible. And this is what we are going to see now. So, we have already shown that these directions which are H conjugate means that they are linearly independent.

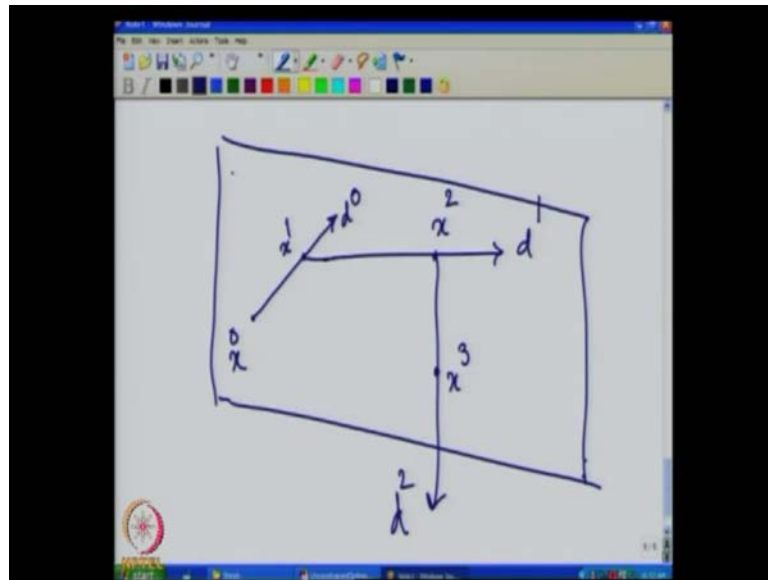
So, let us denote by B_k , the sub space of \mathbb{R}^n spanned by d_0 to d_{k-1} . So, these are k vectors and they span k -dimensional space of real numbers and which is the sub space of \mathbb{R}^n . Now, clearly the B_k space is the sub set of B_{k+1} , because B_{k+1} will have a extra vector d_k which is independent of this. So, the dimension of this sub space is 1 more than the dimension of this sub space and this is the sub set of the said B_{k+1} .

Now, let us choose any point x_0 in n-dimensional space, any arbitrary point. And as usual we use this formula, where x_{k+1} is said to $x_k + \alpha_k d_k$. Where α_k is obtain by doing exact line search and I repeat that this α_k is over all possible set of real numbers. So, one has to search over all set of real numbers α_k which minimizes f of $x_k + \alpha_k d_k$. And that minimum value of α_k or that value of α_k which gives minimum of f let us generated by α_k and if you use that α_k here and find $x_k + \alpha_k d_k$ we get the x_{k+1} . Now, the claim is that, the x_k that we obtain by minimizing $f(x)$ over the space which contains x_0 and spanned by d_0 to d_{k-1} . So, x_k is the minimum over the subspace.

So, if we want to extend that result what it means is that, x_n will be the minimum of $f(x)$ where x belongs to $x_0 + B_n$ and B_n is nothing but the space spanned by d_0 to d_{n-1} and that is the entire space because d_0 to d_{n-1} are linearly independent set of x so that, span the entire \mathbb{R}^n . So, what this result means is that if you search along

the directions d_0 to d_{n-1} which are H conjugate. And every time if you do the exact line search then after doing at the most exact end line searches, assuming that we have reach the solution in that n line searches at the end of n the n -th line search we will have reach the solution. So, let us see the interpretation of this result.

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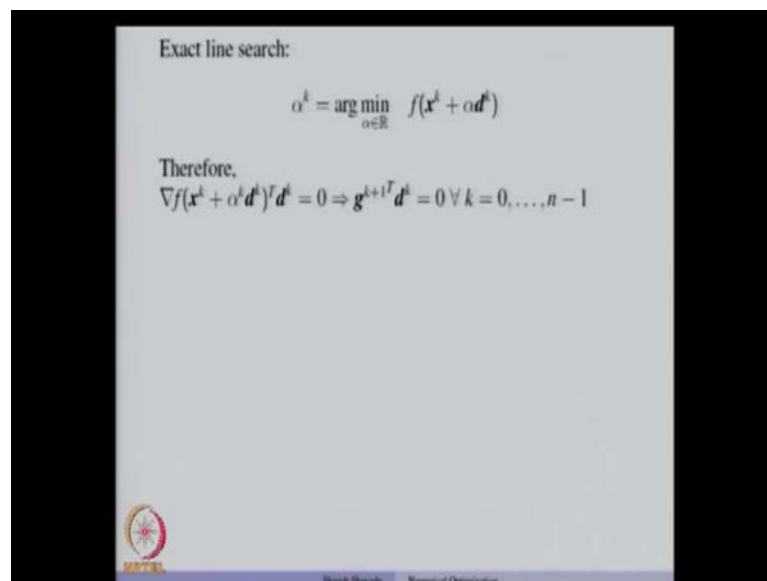
So, suppose this is the point x_0 and this is the direction d_0 . Now, we do the exact line search along this direction to get the point x_1 and then we so what it essentially means that. So, this d_0 is non non-zero vector. So, it spans a 1 dimensional space. So, in this 1-dimensional space x_1 is the minimum. Now, we take another vector which is say d_1 . Now, d_1 and d_0 are independent.

So, they form a 2-dimensional space. Now, what the claim is that when we find x_2 by doing exact line search along the direction d_1 . We have minimized the function f in the 2-dimensional space spanned by d_0 and d_1 so that, space so let us denoted by this and then we go to the vector d_2 so that, d_2 could be a vector which is independent of d_1 and d_0 . But, remember that d_2 will know be H conjugate to both d_1 and d_0 . So, this will be a vector d_2 and now, that d_0 d_1 and d_2 being linearly independent this spanner 3-dimensional space. So, again the claim is that will when we move from x_2 to x_3 . To get the new point x_3 , we will have minimize the function f_x over the space spanned by d_0 d_1 and d_2 except the 3-dimensional space.

So, every time we add the H conjugate vector to the said d_0, d_1, d_2 and so on. And we have to minimize the function in the respective k -dimensional space. And if you repeat these procedure n times and if at any time of the gradient does not up the function at end of vanish that means at the end of n -th iteration, when we reach x_n we will have found the solution of the given problem. So, this property is called expanding sub space property.

And the important point that one has to remember is that, whenever we get x_k we have solve the problem completely with respect to the k -dimensional space spanned by d_0 to d_{k-1} and that space which contains x_0 . Note also that, we have chosen x_0 to any arbitrary point. So, the initial point is not going to matter when we do this and if the process is repeated n times then the claim is that, at the end of n -th iteration or n line search we will have got x^* the minimum of this objective function.

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Now, let us prove this result. So, suppose that α^k is obtain as minimum of f of x plus αd^k where α belongs to \mathbb{R} . Now, since it is obtain using in exact line search. So, if we define $\phi(\alpha)$ to be f of x^k plus αd^k , then $\phi(\alpha^k) = 0$ implies that gradient of f of x^k plus $\alpha^k d^k$ transpose to d^k equal to 0.

And this is nothing but x^k plus $\alpha^k d^k$ is nothing but our new point x^{k+1} . So, $g^{k+1}{}^T d^k$ is equal to 0 for all k going from 0 to $n-1$. Now, the important point that you have to remember is that, so the gradient at the new point which

is g_{k+1} is orthogonal to the previous direction d_k and this is true for all k going from 0 to $n-1$. Now, in addition to this what happens is that, $g_{k+1}^T d_j = 0$ for all j going from 0 to $k-1$. So, not only that g_{k+1} is orthogonal to d_k but g_{k+1} is orthogonal to all the previous directions d_0 to d_k which are the $k+1$ directions.

So, the gradient at a new point is always orthogonal to the sub space spanned by d_0 to d_k . So, this is what we are going to show. And then we show that when we minimize f of x over the sub space we will get x_k that is obtained by minimizing f of x over this sub space. So, if we do this we indeed get x_k which minimizes $f(x)$ over x belongs to x_0 plus d_k . So, we will see that proof in the next class.

Thank you.