

x^* is minimizer of function f

on some set $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

then (i) $x^* \in \mathcal{Q}$.

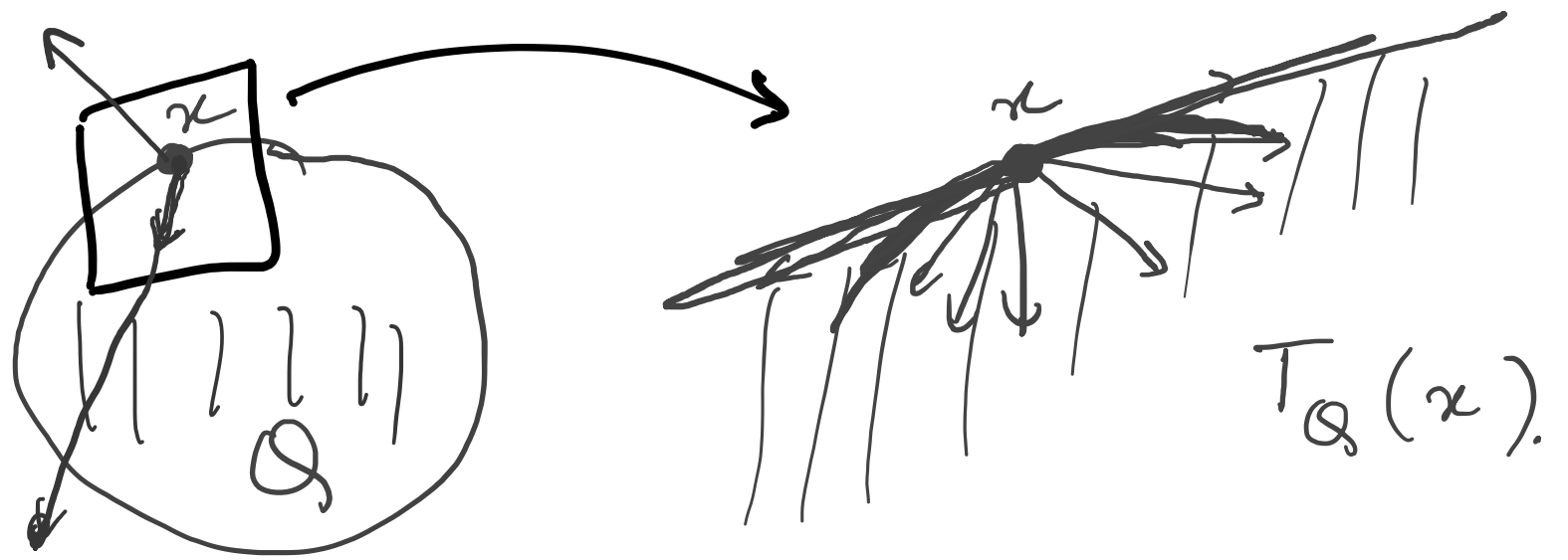
(ii) $f(x^* + \epsilon h) \geq f(x^*)$

$\forall h$ s.t. $x^* + \epsilon h \in \mathcal{Q}$.

Perturbation needs to be along a feasible direction

Radial cone of \mathcal{Q} at $x \in \mathcal{Q}$ is.

$$\underline{T_{\mathcal{Q}}(x)} := \left\{ \underline{h \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mid \exists \underline{\epsilon > 0}, \underline{x + \epsilon h \in \mathcal{Q}} \right\}$$



SET OF ALL FEASIBLE DIRECTIONS AT x .

Thm: $f: \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, Convex set, f
 $= x \mapsto f(x)$, is differentiable
Convex function on \mathcal{Q} .
at $x^* \in \mathcal{Q}$.

then x^* is minimizer

$$h^T \nabla f(x^*) \geq 0$$

if and only if

$$\forall h \in T_{\mathcal{Q}}(x^*)$$

Proof:

① To show

$$x^* \text{ minimizer} \Rightarrow \underbrace{h^T \nabla f(x^*)}_{\geq 0} \geq 0 \quad \forall h \in T_Q(x^*)$$

$$\text{Let } g(\theta) := \underline{f}(x^* + \underline{\theta h}), \quad \underline{h} \in T_Q(x^*)$$

$g(0) = f(x^*)$, thus 0 is minimizer

of $\underline{g}(\theta)$.

$$g'(\theta) = \nabla f(x^* + \theta h)^T h$$

$$g'(0) = \nabla f(x^*)^T h$$

We claim. $g'(0) \geq 0$.

Suppose not. i.e., $g'(0) < 0$.

Then $g(0+\theta) = g(0) + g'(0)\theta + o(\theta)$
 $g(\theta) = g(0) + g'(0)\theta + \bar{o}(\theta)$

Since $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{o}(\theta)}{\theta} = 0$ \Downarrow

Choose $\theta \neq 0$ s.t. $\bar{o}(\theta) < |g'(0)\theta|$

Now $\underline{g(\theta) - g(0)} < \boxed{\underline{g'(0)\theta} + |g'(0)\theta|}$

Since $g'(0) < 0$

$\boxed{g(\theta) - g(0) < 0} \Rightarrow g(\theta) < g(0)$

But $\theta \neq 0$ cannot be minimizer.

Thus $\underline{g'(0) \geq 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla f(x^*)^\top h \geq 0}$

[Note for this part we did not use convexity]

To show

$$\nabla f(x^*)^T \underline{h} \geq 0 \quad \forall h \in T_{\mathcal{Q}}(x^*)$$

\Downarrow

x^* is minimizer.

Since f is convex. $f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x)$

we have,

$$f(x^* + \theta h) \geq f(x^*) + \theta \nabla f(x^*)^T h.$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f(x^* + \theta h)} \geq \underline{f(x^*)} \quad \forall h \in T_{\mathcal{Q}}(x^*)$$

\Rightarrow x^* is minimizer.



Note the condition

$$\underline{\nabla f(x^*)^T h} \geq 0 \quad \forall h \in T_{\mathcal{Q}}(x^*)$$

becomes

$$\boxed{\nabla f(x^*) = 0}$$

if $x^* \in \text{int } \mathcal{Q}$

[why?]

$x^* \in \text{int } \mathcal{Q}$

$$\nabla f(x^*)^T h \geq 0$$

$$\underline{-h \nabla f(x^*)^T (-h) \geq 0}$$

Thm: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex; twice diff-
erentiable.

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 f(x) \succeq 0} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Proof: To show f convex $\Rightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) \succeq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

[Taylor's Thm]. $\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\underline{f(x+eh)} = \underbrace{f(x) + e \nabla f(x)^T h}_{+ \mathcal{O}(e^2 h^2)} + \underbrace{\frac{e^2}{2} h^T \nabla^2 f(x) h}_{+ \mathcal{O}(e^4 h^4)}$$

Since f is convex $[f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x)]$

$$\underline{f(x+eh)} \geq \underline{f(x)} + e \underline{\nabla f(x)^T} h.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{\epsilon^2}{2} h^T \nabla^2 f(x) h + o(\epsilon^2 h^2) \right] \geq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{2} h^T \nabla^2 f(x) h \right] + \left[\frac{o(\epsilon^2 h^2)}{\epsilon^2} \right] \geq 0.$$

Taking $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}$
gives $\underline{h^T \nabla^2 f(x) h} \geq 0 \quad \forall \underline{h} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$

To show $\nabla^2 f(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow f$ is convex

let $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and

$$g(\theta) := f(\underline{\theta y + (1-\theta)x}). \quad g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$g(0) = f(\underline{x}), \quad g(1) = f(\underline{y}) \quad \begin{array}{c} \theta \mapsto g(\theta) \\ \mathbb{R} \\ [0, 1] \end{array}$$

By "Extended" Mean Value Theorem.

$$\exists \bar{\theta} \in [0, 1] \text{ s.t. } g(1) = g(0) + g'(\bar{\theta}) + \frac{g''(\bar{\theta})}{-2}$$

Rolle's Thm.

Since $\nabla^2 f \geq 0$

$$g''(\theta) = \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} f(\theta y + (1-\theta)x)$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\nabla f(\theta y + (1-\theta)x)^T (y-x) \right)$$

$$= (y-x)^T \nabla^2 f(\theta y + (1-\theta)x) (y-x)$$

~~≥ 0~~

Convexity \Rightarrow

$$\Rightarrow g(1) \geq g(0) + g'(0) \Rightarrow f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x)$$

□

$$f(x) = \log - \log x$$

$$f(x) = x^3 \quad \frac{2x}{3} \neq 0$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$-\log x$ is a convex function

$\log x$ is concave.