

1. Show that if in the conjugate gradient method one chooses the new direction to be

$$\mathbf{s}_{k+1} = -f'(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})^T + \gamma_k \mathbf{s}_k,$$

where

$$\gamma_k = \frac{(f'(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) - f'(\mathbf{x}_k)) \cdot f'(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})}{f'(\mathbf{x}_k) \cdot f'(\mathbf{x}_k)},$$

then one gets the same sequence of points for quadratic functions as for the standard conjugate gradient method.

2. Show that if  $0 < \rho \leq \sigma < 1$  and  $h$  is a continuously differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $h$  is bounded from below and  $h'(0) < 0$ , then there is a number  $t > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &\leq h(0) + t\rho h'(0), \\ |h'(t)| &\leq -\sigma h'(0). \end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose that  $\sigma \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  and that one in the conjugate gradient method chooses the new point  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + t_k \mathbf{s}_k$  so that

$$|f'(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) \cdot \mathbf{s}_k| \leq -\sigma f'(\mathbf{x}_k) \cdot \mathbf{s}_k.$$

Show that one then has

$$-\sum_{j=0}^k \sigma^j \leq \frac{f'(\mathbf{x}_k) \cdot \mathbf{s}_k}{|f'(\mathbf{x}_k)|^2} \leq -2 + \sum_{j=0}^k \sigma^j.$$

and

$$f'(\mathbf{x}_k) \cdot \mathbf{s}_k < 0,$$

for all  $k \geq 0$  unless  $f'(\mathbf{x}_k) = 0$ .

**C1.** Write a Matlab-function `fun` such that `fun(x, W, dim, sigma1, sigma2, ...)` calculates the the output and intermediate results used by the backpropagation algorithm, when all the weights and thresholds are collected in the vector `W`, the information about the network is in the vector `dim` and the nodefunctions are `sigma1` etc.