

**Deep learning and  
continuous optimization**

Submission deadline:

12 March, 14:00

**Exercise 1** (2pts). Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a function and define  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $\tilde{f}(x) = f(Ax + b)$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is an invertible matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Verify that if  $x_0$  moves to  $x_1$  by applying one step of Newton's method with respect to  $\tilde{f}$ , then  $y_0 = Ax_0 + b$  moves to  $y_1 = Ax_1 + b$  by applying one step of Newton's method with respect to  $f$ .

**Exercise 2** (2pts). Let  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + Kx_2^2$  be a quadratic function where  $K > 0$ . Define  $\|(u_1, u_2)\|_o := \sqrt{u_1^2 + Ku_2^2}$ . Determine the optimum point of  $\max_{\|u\|_o \leq 1} -\langle \nabla f(x), u \rangle$ .

**Exercise 3** (2pts). Let  $f(x) = x^T Ax + b^T x$  (where  $A$  is positive definite). Define  $\|u\|_A := \sqrt{u^T Au}$ . Determine the optimum point of  $\max_{\|u\|_A \leq 1} -\langle \nabla f(x), u \rangle$ .

**Exercise 4** (2pts). Let  $f(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a strictly convex function (i.e., the Hessian  $\nabla^2(x)$  is positive definite at every point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ). Determine the optimum point of  $\max_{\|u\|_x \leq 1} -\langle \nabla f(x), u \rangle$ .

**Exercise 5** (2pts). Prove that  $\frac{1}{2}\|n(x_0)\|_{x_0}^2$  is the difference between the value of  $f$  at  $x_0$  and the minimum value of the second order quadratic approximation of  $f$  at  $x_0$ .