

# Convergence of trust-region method for unconstrained smooth optimization

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These notes assume you have seen trust-region method (TRM)

You should be familiar with terms: model, radius, success, model decrease, actual decrease

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## Problem setup: smooth unconstrained optimization

$$(\mathcal{P}) : \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}).$$

- ▶  $\mathcal{C}^2 \ni f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 
  - ▶  $\text{dom} f = \mathbb{R}^n$  and the target of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ . standard Euclidean space and inner product
  - ▶  $f$  is twice differentiable.  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$ 
    - ▶ For all point  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ , we have gradient  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\boldsymbol{\xi})$  and Hessian  $\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) := \nabla_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}} f(\boldsymbol{\xi})$  and they are continuous
  - ▶  $f$  is possibly nonconvex
- ▶  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the optimization variable. No constraint: all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  feasible.
- ▶ Solve  $\mathcal{P}$  by iterative method: starting from  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , generate a sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ .  
Two ways:
  - ▶ Gradient descent / line-search method
  - ▶ Trust-region method ← our focus here

## Review of gradient descent (GD)

$$(\mathcal{P}) : \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$$

- ▶ Line search: generate  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  as  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \alpha_k \mathbf{d}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \alpha_k \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$ .
  - ▶  $\alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$  stepsize
  - ▶  $\mathbf{d}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  update direction
  - ▶ GD set  $\mathbf{d}_k = -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$
- ▶ Understanding GD:  $\mathbf{x}_k - \alpha_k \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$  comes from a local quadratic model  $m(\boldsymbol{\xi}; \mathbf{x}, \alpha)$ , and GD is doing is  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\xi}}{\operatorname{argmin}} m(\boldsymbol{\xi}; \mathbf{x}_k, \alpha_k)$

$$\mathbf{x} - \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \underset{\boldsymbol{\xi}}{\operatorname{argmin}} m(\boldsymbol{\xi}; \mathbf{x}, \alpha) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\xi} - \mathbf{x} \rangle + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\boldsymbol{\xi} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

How to see it: take  $\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} m(\boldsymbol{\xi}; \mathbf{x}, \alpha) = \mathbf{0}$ , see [here](#) for details.

- ▶ See [angms.science](#) for more on GD
  - ▶ [introduction](#)
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## Trust-region (TR) method: a “dual” of GD

► **Notation:**  $\delta > 0$  denotes the TR radius.

► Given a fixed  $\delta$ , TR finds an update direction  $\mathbf{s}$  via solving a *model*  $m$

$$\mathbf{s} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle, \quad (\text{TR subproblem})$$

and then perform the update

$$\mathbf{x}^+ = \begin{cases} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s} & \text{if } f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}) < f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathbf{x} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

► We minimize  $m$  instead of  $f$  to get  $\mathbf{s}$

►  $m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x})$  is a simple local approximation of  $f$  at  $\mathbf{x}$

►  $m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x})$  may not resemble  $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s})$  for big  $\mathbf{s} \implies \text{limit } \|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta$   
• we have to choose a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  (Euclidean may not be the best)

► easier to find  $\mathbf{s}$  via  $\min m$  than  $\min f$



TR subproblem can be hard to solve.

About  $m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$

$$\mathbf{s} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := \underbrace{f(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{constant}} + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle. \quad (\text{TR subproblem})$$

►  $\operatorname{argmin}$  ignores constant:

$$\mathbf{s} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle.$$

► The constant term  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is actually  $m$  with  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{0}$

$$m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}). \quad (0^{\text{th}}\text{-order equivalence})$$

Equivalence between  $f$  and  $m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$

► “Tangential properties” / “Taylor-equivalence” / coincident property

► 0<sup>th</sup>-order equivalence:  $m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x})$ .  $f$  and  $m$  coincide at current iterate

► 1<sup>st</sup>-order equivalence:  $\nabla_{\mathbf{s}} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) \Big|_{\mathbf{s}=\mathbf{0}} = \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ .  $\text{grad} f$  and  $\text{grad} m$  coincide at current iterate

► 2<sup>nd</sup>-order equivalence: **If**  $\mathbf{B} = \underbrace{\text{Hessian } H(\xi)}_{\text{this is mean value theorem}}$  of  $f$  at  $\xi \in [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}]$  (this assumes  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$ )

Then  $\nabla_{\mathbf{s}}^2 m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) \Big|_{\mathbf{s}=\mathbf{0}} = H(\xi)$ .

► Predicted decrease / model decrease

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m(\mathbf{s}) &:= m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}) - \left( f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \right) \\ &= -\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

## About $B$

$$\mathbf{s} = \underset{\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta}{\operatorname{argmin}} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$$

- ▶  $B \in \mathbb{S}$  :  $B$  is symmetric
  - ▶ Indefinite  $B$ : TR subproblem is unbounded below .
  - ▶ Positive semi-definite  $B$ : TR subproblem is possibly unbounded below .
    - ▶ This includes the case  $B = \mathbf{0}_{n \times n}$
    - ▶ recall  $\mathbf{0}_{n \times n}$  is both positive semi-definite and negative semi-definite
    - ▶  $B = \mathbf{0}_{n \times n}$ : we have linear model  $m$
  - ▶ Positive definite  $B$ : TR subproblem is bounded below.
- ▶ If  $B = H(\mathbf{x})$  (Hessian of  $f$  at  $\mathbf{x}$ ) then we have a Newton-type quadratic model  $m$ .
- ▶ Quasi-Newton approach use  $B$  to approximate  $H$ .
- ▶ Importance of  $\delta$ : in this case  $\mathbf{s}^*$  is simply the extreme value in the constraint set  $\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta$ .



If  $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  (GD direction)

$$\mathbf{s} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B} \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^* &= \operatorname{argmin}_{0 \leq \alpha \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\| \leq \delta} f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B} \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}} \frac{\langle \mathbf{B} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle}{2} \alpha^2 - \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \alpha \end{aligned}$$

► A simple quadratic scalar optimization problem

$$x = \operatorname{argmin}_{0 \leq x \leq u} ax^2 - bx \quad b, u \geq 0$$

⚠  $a$  can be negative if  $\mathbf{B}$  is indefinite / semi-positive definite.

►  $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  is called *Cauchy point* in some books.

On  $x = \operatorname{argmin}_{0 \leq x \leq u} ax^2 - bx$  with  $b \geq 0, u \geq 0$

► **Case  $a \leq 0$**

Problem is unbounded below:  $\underbrace{\underbrace{a}_{\leq 0} \underbrace{x^2}_{\geq 0}}_{\leq 0} - \underbrace{\underbrace{b}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{x}_{\geq 0}}_{\leq 0}$ . Optimal  $x$  is at the boundary  $x^* = u$ .

► **Case  $a > 0$**

Completing the squares  $ax^2 - bx = a(x^2 - \frac{b}{a})$  gives

$$ax^2 - bx = a\left(x^2 - \frac{b}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2\right) = a\left(\left(x - \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a^2}\right) = a\left(x - \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a}.$$

The minimum of the quadratic occurs at  $x = \frac{b}{2a}$ . Depends on where is  $\frac{b}{2a}$ , we have

$$x^* = \operatorname{median}\left(0, \frac{b}{2a}, u\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \frac{b}{2a} \leq 0 \\ \frac{b}{2a} & 0 < \frac{b}{2a} \leq u \\ u & \frac{b}{2a} > u \end{cases}$$

## Summary of TR-subproblem

$$\mathbf{s} = \underset{\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta}{\operatorname{argmin}} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := \underbrace{f(\mathbf{x})}_{=: m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x})} + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle.$$

► Predicted decrease  $\Delta m(\mathbf{s}) := m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) = -\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{B}\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$

► If  $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ ,

$$\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{B}\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle}{2} \alpha^2 + \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \alpha.$$

Two cases

$$1. \alpha^* = \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \quad \langle \mathbf{B}\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \leq 0$$

$$2. \alpha^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\langle \mathbf{B}\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle} \leq 0 \\ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\langle \mathbf{B}\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle} & 0 < \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\langle \mathbf{B}\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle} \leq \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \\ \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\langle \mathbf{B}\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle} > \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \end{cases} \quad \langle \mathbf{B}\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle > 0$$

Usually we use positive definite  $\mathbf{B}$  so  $\alpha^* = 0$  is impossible.

## Weighted norm

- ▶ We will see the term  $\langle B\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$  many times.
- ▶ Shorthand notation:  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_A := \langle A\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$  is called *weighted inner product* under the weight  $A$
- ▶ Weighted norm:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_A := \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_A} = \sqrt{\langle A\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$
- ▶ Weighted norm-squared:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_A^2 = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_A = \langle A\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$
- ▶ Easy careless-mistake:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_A^2 \neq \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ 
$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_A^2 = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_A = \langle A\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \neq \langle A\mathbf{x}, A\mathbf{x} \rangle = \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$
- ▶ Using weighted norm,  $\langle B\nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle = \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_B = \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2$

## Summary of TR-subproblem, in weighted norm

$$\mathbf{s} = \underset{\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta}{\operatorname{argmin}} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := \underbrace{f(\mathbf{x})}_{=: m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x})} + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}\|_B^2.$$

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$$\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) = -\frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}{2} \alpha^2 + \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \alpha.$$

Two cases

1.  $\alpha^* = \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}$

$$\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \leq 0$$

$$2. \alpha^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq 0 \\ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} & 0 < \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \\ \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} > \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \end{cases}$$

$$\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 > 0$$

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## Summary of TR-subproblem, in compact form

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1.  $\alpha^* = \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}$

$$\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathbf{B}}^2 \leq 0$$

2.  $\alpha^* = \operatorname{median}\left(0, \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathbf{B}}^2}, \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}\right)$

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► Form previous slide,  $\alpha^* = \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}$  if  $\blacksquare$ .

► Put  $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  in  $m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x})$

$$m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \leq 0 \quad (ii)$$

$$m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \quad (i) + (ii)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= f(\mathbf{x}) - \delta \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 && \alpha^* = \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2} \text{ if } \blacksquare \\ &\stackrel{m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x})}{=} m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) - \delta \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) := m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) - m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}) \geq \delta \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2.$$

► We have:

$$\text{IF } \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \leq 0 \quad \text{THEN} \quad \underbrace{\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}))}_{=: m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) - m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x})} \geq \delta \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2.$$



If  $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 > 0$ , case 1

$$\begin{aligned} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) &:= f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}\|_B \\ m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}) &= f(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha^* = \text{median}\left(0, \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}, \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq 0 \\ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} & 0 < \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \\ \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} > \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \end{cases}$$

► What we want: to derive bound for

$$\Delta m(-\alpha^* \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) := m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) - m(-\alpha^* \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}) = \alpha^* \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 - \frac{\alpha^{*2}}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2.$$

► Consider **case 1**  $\alpha^* = 0$ : we have no update:  $\Delta m(-\alpha^* \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) = 0$ .

► Note that this case is impossible if we use positive definite  $B$

If  $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 > 0$ , case 2

$$m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}\|_B$$

$$m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2$$

$$\alpha^* = \text{median}\left(0, \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}, \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq 0 \\ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} & 0 < \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \\ \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} > \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \end{cases}$$

► Consider case 2  $\alpha^* = \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m(-\alpha^* \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) &= \alpha^* \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 - \frac{\alpha^{*2}}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \\ &\stackrel{\alpha^*}{=} \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^4}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} - \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^4}{2\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \\ &= \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^4}{2\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \\ &\stackrel{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \leq \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{B}\|_2}{\geq} \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{2\|\mathbf{B}\|_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \leq \|\mathbf{B}\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{B}\|_2 \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 = \|\mathbf{B}\|_2 \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$

If  $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 > 0$ , case 3

$$\begin{aligned} m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) &:= f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}\|_B \\ m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}) &= f(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha^* = \text{median}\left(0, \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}, \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq 0 \\ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} & 0 < \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \\ \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} & \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} > \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \end{cases}$$

► For case 3  $\alpha^* = \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}$ :

$$\Delta m(-\alpha^* \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) = \alpha^* \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 - \frac{\alpha^{*2}}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \stackrel{\alpha^*}{=} \delta \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\| - \frac{\delta^2}{2 \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \quad (*)$$

► Because we are in case 3,

$$\frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} > \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \iff \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}{\delta} > \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2} \implies -\frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2} > -\frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}{\delta} \quad (**)$$

► Put (\*\*) into (\*) gives

$$\Delta m(-\alpha^* \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) \geq \frac{\delta}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2.$$

## Summary: sufficient descent condition of $m$ if $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$

- From the last 4 slides: after solving the TR-subproblem with  $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ , if  $\alpha^* \neq 0$ ,

$$\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) := m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}) - m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}) \geq \begin{cases} \delta \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 & \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \leq 0 \\ \frac{\delta}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 & \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 > 0, \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} > \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2} \\ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{2\|\mathbf{B}\|} & \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 > 0, \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2} \leq \frac{\delta}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \delta \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2 & \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 \leq 0 \\ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{\|\mathbf{B}\|}, \delta \right\} & \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_B^2 > 0 \end{cases}$$

- If we use positive definite  $\mathbf{B}$ , the first case is impossible

$$\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) \geq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{\|\mathbf{B}\|}, \delta \right\}. \quad (\dagger)$$

- The meaning

$$\underbrace{m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x})}_{\mathbf{x} \text{ not moving}} - \underbrace{m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x})}_{\mathbf{x} \text{ move along } -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})} \geq \underbrace{\frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{\|\mathbf{B}\|}, \delta \right\}}_{\text{how much is the gap}}$$

$-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  is the steepest descent direction  
moving along this direction makes  $m$  smaller

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**Algorithm 1:** Trust-region algorithm

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1 Initialize  $\mathbf{x}_0$  % initial starting point  
2 Initialize  $\delta_0$  % initial trust-region radius  
3 Pick a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  % trust-region geometry  
4 Pick  $0 < \gamma_d < 1 < \gamma_i$ ,  $0 < \eta_s \leq \eta_{vs} < 1$ . % TR parameters  
5 Compute  $f(\mathbf{x}_0)$

6 **for**  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  **do**

7     Build  $m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k) = f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}\|_{\mathbf{B}}^2$

8     Find  $\mathbf{s}$  that satisfies  $\|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta_k$  and  $m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k) \leq m(-\alpha^* \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k); \mathbf{x}_k)$

9     Let  $\rho_k = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s})}{m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}_k) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k)}$

10      $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s} & \rho_k \geq \eta_{vs} & \text{(very successful)} \\ \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s} & \rho_k \in [\eta_s, \eta_{vs}[ & \text{(successful)} \\ \mathbf{x}_k & \rho_k < \eta_s & \text{(failed)} \end{cases} \quad \delta_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \gamma_i \delta_k & \rho_k \geq \eta_{vs} & \text{(very successful)} \\ \delta_k & \rho_k \in [\eta_s, \eta_{vs}[ & \text{(successful)} \\ \gamma_d \delta_k & \rho_k < \eta_s & \text{(failed)} \end{cases}$

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Typical value:  $\gamma_i = 2$ ,  $\gamma_d = 0.5$ .

Compared with gradient descent, TR has a higher cost per-iteration.

## Set of iteration counter $k$

set of very successful iteration	$\mathcal{V} := \{k \mid \rho_k \geq \eta_{vs}\}$
set of successful iteration	$\mathcal{S} := \{k \mid \rho_k \geq \eta_s\}$
set of failed iteration	$\mathcal{F} := \{k \mid \rho_k < \eta_v\}$
set of iteration	$\mathcal{K} := \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- ▶  $\mathcal{K}$  is an infinite set
- ▶  $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$
- ▶  $\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{K} \setminus \mathcal{S}$  and  $|\mathcal{F}| = |\mathcal{K}| - |\mathcal{S}|$
- ▶ Fact: **if there are finitely many successful & very successful iteration**, then there exists a sufficiently large  $k_0$  such that all iterations  $k$  after  $k_0$  are failed:
  - ▶ finitely many successful and very successful iteration  $\implies |\mathcal{S}| \leq \infty$
  - ▶  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{K} \setminus \mathcal{S}$
  - ▶ so there exists  $k_0$  s.t.  $k > k_0$  are all in  $\mathcal{F}$
  - ▶  $|\mathcal{F}| = |\mathcal{K}| - |\mathcal{S}| = |\mathbb{N}| - |\mathcal{S}| = \aleph_0 - |\mathcal{S}| = \infty - |\mathcal{S}| = \infty$

details of  $\aleph_0$

This fact is useful later for proving convergence.

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Theory of TR convergence

1.  $f - m$  gap:  $|f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x})| \leq \frac{\kappa_H + \kappa_B}{2} \delta^2$
2. Progress (small radius  $\implies$  success):  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \neq \mathbf{0}, \delta_k \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs}) \implies k \in \mathcal{V}, \delta_{k+1} \geq \delta_k$
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## Assumptions for TR convergence

► To derive some theories of TR, we assume

1.  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$ .
2.  $\|\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \kappa_H, \forall \mathbf{x}$ .
3.  $\|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \kappa_B, \forall \mathbf{x}$ .
4.  $\kappa_H \geq 1$  and  $\kappa_B \geq 0$ .

► Meaning

1.  $f$  is twice differentiable (so Hessian exists and we can have assumption 2).
2. For the Hessian of  $f$ , its matrix 2-norm is globally bounded above.  
a strong assumption, can be relaxed by the sequence  $\{f(\mathbf{x}_k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is monotonically decreasing
3. For  $\mathbf{B}$  in the model  $m$ , its matrix 2-norm of is globally bounded above.
4. Condition on  $\kappa_H$  (larger than 1) and  $\kappa_B$  (larger than 0).

2 & 4 also mean  $\|\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})\|_2$  is bounded above by at-least-1



## Summary of TR convergence results under assumptions

1.  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$ .
2.  $\|\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \kappa_H, \forall \mathbf{x}$ .
3.  $\|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \kappa_B, \forall \mathbf{x}$ .
4.  $\kappa_H \geq 1$  and  $\kappa_B \geq 0$ .

1.  $\left| f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) \right| \leq \frac{\kappa_H + \kappa_B}{2} \delta^2.$  (gap between  $f$  and  $m$ )

2.  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \neq \mathbf{0}$   
 $\delta_k \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs}) \implies \text{update is } \mathcal{V} \text{ \& } \delta_{k+1} \geq \delta_k.$  (progress at non-sol / small  $\delta$  guarantee successful)

3. If there exist  $\epsilon$  and  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\| \geq \epsilon \geq 0 \forall k \geq k_0$ ,  
then  $\delta_k \geq \delta_{\min} := \frac{\|\epsilon \gamma_d\|_2}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs}) \forall k \geq k_1$  for some  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ . (TR radius will not shrink to 0)

4. If there are finitely many very successful & successful iterations,  
then  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x}^*$  for sufficiently large  $k$  where  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}$ . (possible finite termination)

5. Either  $\begin{cases} \exists k < \infty \text{ s.t. } \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) = \mathbf{0} \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(\mathbf{x}_k) = -\infty \\ \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\| = 0 \end{cases}$  (Global convergence)

Gap between objective function  $f$  and model  $m = f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}\|_B^2$

► IF 

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 THEN  $|f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x})| \leq \frac{\kappa_H + \kappa_B}{2} \delta^2$ . (Gap)

► **Proof.**  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$ , apply mean value theorem on  $f$  at  $\mathbf{s}$  for some  $\boldsymbol{\xi} \in [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}]$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}) &= f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle && \boxed{\text{assumption 1 (} f \text{ twice differentiable)}} \text{ \& mean value theorem} \\
 |f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x})| &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \langle \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{B} \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left| \langle \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \right| + \frac{1}{2} \left| \langle \mathbf{B} \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \right| && \text{triangle inequality} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_2 \|\mathbf{s}\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{B}\|_2 \|\mathbf{s}\|_2^2 && \text{Cauchy-Schwartz inequality} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_2 + \|\mathbf{B}\|_2 \right) \|\mathbf{s}\|_2^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\kappa_H + \kappa_B) \delta^2 && \boxed{\text{assumption 2 3}} \text{ \& } \|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \delta
 \end{aligned}$$

\* You don't need assumption 4 here.

# Progress at non-sol / small TR radius guarantee successful ... 1/2

1.  $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$ .  
 2.  $\|\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \kappa_H, \forall \mathbf{x}$   
 3.  $\|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \kappa_B, \forall \mathbf{x}$   
 4.  $\kappa_H \geq 1, \kappa_B \geq 0$

▶ If 3. & 4.  $\Rightarrow$   $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\delta_k \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs})$

Then ▶ the update is very successful  
 ▶  $\delta_{k+1} \geq \delta_k$

▶ **Proof.** 3. implies  $\delta_k \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B}$  and  $\delta_k \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} (1 - \eta_{vs})$

$$\|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}_k)\| \leq \kappa_B + \kappa_H \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\kappa_B + \kappa_H} \leq \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}_k)\|} \Rightarrow \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2}{\kappa_B + \kappa_H} \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2}{\|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}_k)\|}$$

Recall

$$\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) \stackrel{(\dagger)}{\geq} \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{2} \min\left\{\frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{\|\mathbf{B}\|}, \delta\right\} \stackrel{(\dagger)}{=} \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{2} \delta \geq 0.$$

(Because by 3., 4., we have  $\delta \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{\|\mathbf{B}\|}$  so the min gives  $\delta$ )

▶ Now we have  $\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) \geq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{2} \delta \geq 0$ .

## Progress at non-sol / small TR radius guarantee successful ... 2/2

$$\Delta m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) \geq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{2} \delta \geq 0$$

- Now consider  $|\rho - 1|$  with  $\rho_k = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s})}{m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}_k) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k)}$ , where  $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |\rho_k - 1| &= \left| \frac{f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s})}{m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}_k) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k)} - \frac{m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}_k) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k)}{m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}_k) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s})}{m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}_k) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k)} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{|\Delta m(\mathbf{s})|} \left| f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s}) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2 \delta} \left| f(\mathbf{x}_k - \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})) - m(-\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}); \mathbf{x}_k) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2 \delta} \frac{\kappa_H + \kappa_B}{2} \delta^2 \\ &= \frac{\kappa_H + \kappa_B}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2} \delta \\ &\leq 1 - \eta_{vs}. \end{aligned}$$

$$m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}_k) = f(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

$$m(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{x}_k) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}_k) = \Delta m(\mathbf{s})$$

by  $\square$  and  $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$

By (Gap), see 2 slides before

- Now we have  $|\rho_k - 1| \leq 1 - \eta_{vs}$ , which gives

$$\underbrace{-(1 - \eta_{vs})}_{\eta_{vs} \leq \rho} \leq \rho - 1 \leq 1 - \eta_{vs} \quad \implies \quad \rho \geq \eta_{vs} \text{ meaning the iteration is very successful, i.e., } k \in \mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{S}$$

For very successful iteration,  $\delta_{k+1} = \gamma_i \delta_k$ . Since  $\gamma_i > 1$ , thus  $\delta_{k+1} > \delta_k$ .

TR radius will not shrink to 0 at non-sol.

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THEN  $\delta_k \geq \delta_{\min} := \frac{\epsilon \gamma_d}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs}) > 0$  for all  $k \geq k_1$  for some  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- **Proof.** If there is some  $k' \geq k_0$  such that  $\delta_{k'} \geq \frac{\epsilon \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs})}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B}$ , then by definition of TR algorithm, in the worse case we have  $\delta_k \geq \delta_{\min} := \frac{\epsilon \gamma_d}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs})$  (in other cases we have larger  $\delta_k$ ).

Now for contradiction, suppose otherwise that  $k \geq k'$  is the first iteration such that

$$\delta_k \geq \delta_{\min} > \delta_{k+1} = \gamma_d \delta_k. \quad (*)$$

Thus  $\delta_k = \frac{\delta_{k+1}}{\gamma_d} \leq \frac{\delta_{\min}}{\gamma_d} = \frac{\epsilon}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs}) \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs})$ .

Then by the lemma of progress at non-sol.,  $\delta_{k+1} \geq \delta_k$ , which contradicts with (\*).

Now we have to show that  $\exists k' \geq k_0$  such that  $\delta_{k'} \geq \frac{\epsilon}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs})$ .

By the lemma of progress at non-sol., whenever  $\delta_{k'} < \frac{\epsilon}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs})$ , we have a very successful iteration, and therefore we strictly increase the radius by the factor  $\gamma_i > 1$ , i.e.,  $\delta_{k+1} = \gamma_i \delta_k$ .

## Possible finite termination

- IF
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|---|
| 1. $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$ .  |
| 2. $\ \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})\ _2 \leq \kappa_H, \forall \mathbf{x}$ |
| 3. $\ \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})\ _2 \leq \kappa_B, \forall \mathbf{x}$ |
| 4. $\kappa_H \geq 1$ and $\kappa_B \geq 0$                          |
- & there are finitely many very successful & successful iterations.

THEN  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x}^*$  for all sufficiently large  $k$  and  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}$ .

- **Proof** By **assumption**, it follows that there exists some  $\mathbf{x}^*$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_{k_0+j} = \mathbf{x}_{k_0+1} = \mathbf{x}^*$  for all  $j \geq 1$ , where  $k_0$  is the index of the last successful iterate (see page 23).

Hence, all the remaining infinitely many unsuccessful iterations will eventually shrink the TR radius to zero, i.e.,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \delta_k = 0. \quad (*)$$

For the purpose of contradiction, assume  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k_0+1}) \neq \mathbf{0}$ , let  $\epsilon = \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k_0+1})\| > 0$ . By the lemma in the previous page, we have

$$\delta_k \geq \delta_{\min} := \frac{\epsilon \gamma_d}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs}) > 0,$$

contradicting (\*). Therefore the assumption is false and we have  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k_0+1}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

# Global convergence<sup>1</sup> of some subsequence ... 1/3

- ▶ If  $\boxed{\begin{array}{l} 1. f \in \mathcal{C}^2. \\ 2. \|\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \kappa_H, \forall \mathbf{x} \\ 3. \|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq \kappa_B, \forall \mathbf{x} \\ 4. \kappa_H \geq 1 \text{ and } \kappa_B \geq 0 \end{array}}$  then either
1. finite termination:  $\exists k < \infty$  s.t.  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) = \mathbf{0}$ .
  2. unbounded objective function:  $\min_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(\mathbf{x}_k) = -\infty$ .
  3. convergence of a subsequence of the gradients:  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\| = 0$ .

- ▶ **Idea of the proof.** We show that under the assumption we will get exactly one of the result.
- ▶ To do so we introduce an object: let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the index set of successful and very successful iterations.
  - ▶ By definition of the TR (Algorithm 1 in page 22), if at an iteration  $k \in \mathcal{S}$ , we have

$$\rho_k \geq \eta_s. \tag{*}$$

- ▶ Recall the definition of TR (Algorithm 1) on  $\rho_k$ , we have

$$\rho_k \stackrel{\text{definition}}{=} \frac{f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{s}_k)}{m_k(\mathbf{0}) - m_k(\mathbf{s}_k)} \iff f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{s}_k) = \underbrace{\rho_k (m_k(\mathbf{0}) - m_k(\mathbf{s}_k))}_{=: \Delta m_k(\mathbf{s}_k)} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \eta_s \Delta m_k(\mathbf{s}_k). \tag{**}$$

(\*\*) is the starting point of the proof.

- ▶ **Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the index set of successful and very successful iterations.
- ▶ Lemma (possible finite termination, previous slide) implies result 1 is true if  $|\mathcal{S}| < \infty$ . case 1 done
  - ▶ Now consider the remaining case  $|\mathcal{S}| = \infty$ . If  $f$  is unbounded below then we have result 2. case 2 done
  - ▶ So now we show that if  $|\mathcal{S}| = \infty$  and  $f$  is bounded below then we have case 3.

<sup>1</sup>Here “global convergence” means convergence to a stationary point regardless of starting point

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► Goal: show that if  $|\mathcal{S}| = \infty$  and  $f$  is bounded below then we have case 3.

► For the purpose of contradiction, assume there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\| \geq \epsilon > 0 \quad \forall k \geq k_0. \quad (\mathcal{L})$$

► From (\*\*), we have the following for all  $k \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $k \geq k_0$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s}_k) &\geq \eta_s \Delta m_k(\mathbf{s}_k) && \text{by (**)} \\ &\geq \eta_s \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\| \min \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|}{\|\mathbf{B}_k\|}, \delta_k \right\} && \text{by } \mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \text{ and sufficient descent condition of } m \\ &\geq \frac{\eta_s}{2} \epsilon \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\|\mathbf{B}_k\|}, \delta_k \right\} && \text{by } (\mathcal{L}) \\ &\geq \frac{\eta_s \epsilon}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\kappa_{\mathbf{B}}}, \delta_k \right\} && \|\mathbf{B}_k\| \leq \kappa_{\mathbf{B}} \\ &\geq \underbrace{\frac{\eta_s \epsilon}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\kappa_{\mathbf{B}}}, \delta_{\min} \right\}}_{=:\delta_\epsilon} && \delta_k \geq \delta_{\min} \text{ (TR radius will not shrink to 0)} \\ &> 0 && \epsilon > 0, \kappa_{\mathbf{B}} \geq 1, \eta_s \geq 1, \delta_{\min} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now we have for all  $k \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $k \geq k_0$

$$f_k - f_{k+1} := f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s}_k) \geq \delta_\epsilon > 0. \quad (\diamond)$$

<sup>2</sup>Here subsequence is used because we consider sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}_{k \geq k_0}$



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$$f_k - f_{k+1} := f(\mathbf{x}_k) - f(\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{s}_k) \geq \delta_\epsilon > 0. \quad (\diamond)$$

- Now we perform telescoping sum: pick  $j \geq 1$  and then summing over all  $k \leq j$

$$\sum_{k=0}^j (f_k - f_{k+1}) \stackrel{\text{telescope sum}}{=} f_0 - f_{j+1}.$$

- Focus on  $k \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $k \leq j$  gives

$$f_0 - f_{j+1} \stackrel{\text{telescope sum}}{=} \sum_{k=0}^j (f_k - f_{k+1}) \stackrel{(!)}{\geq} \sum_{k=0, k \in \mathcal{S}}^j (f_k - f_{k+1}) \stackrel{(\diamond)}{\geq} \sum_{k=0, k \in \mathcal{S}}^j \delta_\epsilon > 0. \quad (\diamond\diamond)$$

where  $\stackrel{(!)}{\geq}$  is by definition: if  $k \notin \mathcal{S}$  then that iteration is unsuccessful, by definition of TR algorithm  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k$  so  $f_k = f_{k+1}$ . Since the set of  $[0, 1, \dots, k, \dots, j]$  is larger than  $[0, 1, \dots, k, \dots, j] \cap \{k \in \mathcal{S}\}$  so we have  $\geq$  sign.

- Now take limit  $j \rightarrow \infty$  on  $(\diamond\diamond)$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (f_0 - f_{j+1}) \stackrel{(\diamond\diamond)}{\geq} \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0, k \in \mathcal{S}}^j \delta_\epsilon = \sum_{k=0, k \in \mathcal{S}}^{\infty} \delta_\epsilon \stackrel{\delta_\epsilon \geq 0}{=} +\infty \implies f_0 - f_\infty \geq +\infty$$

$\implies f$  is unbounded below. This contradicts to **the assumption** therefore the assumption  $(\mathcal{L})$  is false, which means there exists a subsequence of the gradients that converges to zero, i.e.,  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\| = 0$ .

## Last page - summary

Quadratic model  $m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}\|_{\mathbf{B}}^2$

Sufficient descent:  $\mathbf{s} = -\alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  then  $\Delta m(\mathbf{s}) \geq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_2}{\|\mathbf{B}\|}, \delta \right\}$

Theory of TR convergence

1.  $f - m$  gap:  $|f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}) - m(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{x})| \leq \frac{\kappa_H + \kappa_B}{2} \delta^2$
2. Progress (small radius  $\implies$  success):  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k) \neq \mathbf{0}, \delta_k \leq \frac{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\|_2}{\kappa_H + \kappa_B} \min(1, 1 - \eta_{vs}) \implies k \in \mathcal{V}, \delta_{k+1} \geq \delta_k$
3. TR radius will not shrink to 0 at non-sol.
4. Possible finite termination
5. Global convergence of some subsequence

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