**Exercise 1 (Combined Predictor-Corrector Step)** Let  $z := (x, s, y) \in N_2(\beta)$ ,  $\beta \in [0, 1/2]$ ,  $\mu :=$  $\mu(z)$ . Let  $\Delta z^c = (\Delta x^c, \Delta s^c, \Delta y^c)$  and  $\Delta z^p = (\Delta x^p, \Delta s^p, \Delta y^p)$  denote the predictor and corrector directions at z. For  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , let  $\Delta z^{pc} := (\Delta x^{pc}, \Delta s^{pc}, \Delta y^{pc}) := (1-\alpha)z^c + \alpha z^p$  denote the combined predictor-corrector step. Prove the following:

1. 
$$s\Delta x^{pc} + x\Delta s^{pc} = (1 - \alpha)\mu 1_n - xs$$
.

2. 
$$\mu(z + \Delta z^{pc}) = (1 - \alpha)\mu$$
.

3. 
$$\left\| \frac{(1-\alpha)\mu 1_n - xs}{\sqrt{xs\mu}} \right\|_2 \le (1-\alpha)\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1-\beta}} + \alpha\sqrt{n} \le \sqrt{\beta} + \alpha\sqrt{n}$$

3.  $\left\| \frac{(1-\alpha)\mu 1_n - xs}{\sqrt{xs\mu}} \right\|_2 \le (1-\alpha)\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1-\beta}} + \alpha\sqrt{n} \le \sqrt{\beta} + \alpha\sqrt{n}$ . (Hint: apply the triangle inequality using the bounds we already proved for the predictor and corrector directions.)

4. 
$$\operatorname{dist}_{c}(z + \Delta z^{pc}) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left\| \frac{\Delta x^{pc} \Delta s^{pc}}{\mu} \right\|_{2}$$
.

5. For 
$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{n}}/5$$
,  $z + \Delta z^{pc} \in N_2(\beta)$ . (Hint: Combine part 3 and 4 done in the lecture.)