

Convexity preserving operations

- * Intersection $\rightarrow C \cap D$
- * Affine transform
 $AC+b = \{Ax+b | x \in C\}$
- * Translation $(C+b)$
- * Scaling αC + perspective transform

- * Nonnegative weighted sum $\sum_{i=1}^k w_i f_i$ is convex
- * Composition with affine mapping $f(Ax+b)$ is convex
- * $g(f(x)) \rightarrow$ convex

- for f convex, g convex & non-decreasing
- f concave, g convex & non-increasing
- * $f(x) = \max_i f_i(x)$ is convex
- $g(x) = \min_{i \in I} f_i(x)$ is convex

Strong convexity: $\nabla^2 f(x) \succeq mI$
 $k \leq \text{cond}(\nabla^2 f(x)) = M/m$
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$\partial f(x) = \{g: f(y) \geq f(x) + (y-x)^T g\}$

Convex Function

$f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) \leq \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(y)$

Epigraph of a function:

$\text{epi}(f) = \{(x, t) | x \in \text{dom}(f), t \geq f(x)\}$

f is convex iff set $\text{epi}(f)$ is convex

sub level sets

$S_\alpha = \{x | f(x) \leq \alpha\}$

Cone: $x \in C \Rightarrow \alpha x \in C \forall \alpha \geq 0$

Second order cone: $C_2 = \{(x, t) | \|x\| \leq t\}$

Semidefinite cone: $S_+ = \{A | x^T A x \geq 0\}$

Lower: $f(y) \geq f(x) + (y-x)^T \nabla f(x) + \frac{m}{2} \|x-y\|^2$

Upper: $f(y) \leq f(x) + (y-x)^T \nabla f(x) + \frac{M}{2} \|x-y\|^2$

$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq M \|x-y\|$

monotonicity: $\langle x-y, \nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y) \rangle \geq 0$

subgradient of any convex function is monotone

Convexity condition

$\theta^{\text{th}}: g(t) = f(x+te)$ convex function
 $\forall t$ for all x, v

1st $\Rightarrow f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y-x)$

2nd $\Rightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) \succeq 0$ for all x

Some definition

proper: epi is non-empty

closed: epi is closed

LSC = proper + closed

Quasiconvex $f(\theta x + (1-\theta)y) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}$

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Composition Rule (sum)
 DOESN'T HOLD

Conjugate function

$f^*(y) = \max_x y^T x - f(x)$

Duality $\min_{Ax=b} f(x) \rightarrow \min_{\lambda} \max_{x} f(x) + \langle \lambda, Ax-b \rangle$

Optimality conditions: KKT system

$L(x, \lambda, v) = f(x) + \langle \lambda, h(x) \rangle + \langle v, g(x) \rangle$

$\nabla_x L(x^*, \lambda^*, v^*) = 0$ primal/dual optimality

$g(x^*) \leq 0$ primal feasibility

$h(x^*) = 0$ feasibility

$v^* g_i(x^*) = 0$ comp slackness

Gaussian Elim $\Rightarrow O(K^3)$ LU Cholesky $\Rightarrow O(\sqrt{K}) \Rightarrow QR \Rightarrow \text{SVD}$

Gradient Methods

$x^{k+1} = x^k - \tau \nabla f(x^k)$

$\tau \leq 2/m$

Backtracking (Armijo)

Exact line search

$\tau = \min_z f(x^k + \tau d)$

Proximal Operator: $\text{prox}_f(z, \tau) = \arg \min_x f(x) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x-z\|^2$

Backward gradient: $x = z - \tau \partial f(x) \Rightarrow (\tau \partial f + I) \frac{z}{\tau} = \text{prox}_f(z, \tau)$

Ex: - any proper convex function & some non convex

Shrink $(z, \tau) = \begin{cases} x^* = z - \tau & \text{if } x^* \geq 0 \\ z & \text{if } x^* < 0 \\ 0, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

$y_{k+1} = \arg \min_y g(y) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|y - q\|^2$

RANDOM STUFF

SGD \Rightarrow

Strongly convex problems $\rightarrow \tau_k = \frac{a}{b+k}$

Weakly convex problems $\rightarrow \tau_k = \frac{a}{\sqrt{k+b}}$

Ergodic Averaging

$\frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k x_i$

compute without storage (some memory)

$x_{k+1} = \frac{k}{k+1} x_k + \frac{1}{k+1} x^{k+1}$

gradient must be bounded

Simulated Annealing: $P^k / T_k(x^k)$

$T_k = \frac{1}{C \log(k+T_0)}$

Slater conditions $f(x) < a, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0 \Rightarrow$ strictly feasible

convex + Slater's condition = strong duality

FBS $\rightarrow \hat{x} = x^k - \tau \nabla f(x^k)$

$b \rightarrow x^{k+1} = \text{prox}_g(\hat{x}, \tau)$

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Wolfe condition \rightarrow Armijo condition + curvature condition

$\alpha^T \nabla f(x^k + \tau d) > \beta \alpha^T \nabla f(x^k)$

$\alpha < \beta < 1$

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