

$$\min_{x \in X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d} f(x)$$

X - "practical" min-bo

Example: Master's Admission

- $0.0 \leq \text{GPA} \leq 4.0$ (from F to A)
- $0 \leq \text{Salary}$
- $1.0 \leq \text{Performance} \leq 6.0$ (final score of secess)
- Historical data:

GPA	Salary	Perfomance
3.52	100	3.92
3.66	109	4.34
3.76	113	4.80
3.74	100	4.67
3.93	100	5.52
3.88	115	5.44
3.77	115	5.04
3.66	107	4.73
3.87	106	5.03
3.84	107	5.06

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- Relevant GPA scores span a range of 0.5 (take only top students).
- Relevant Salary scores span a range of 20 (from 100 to 120 - others go to jobs, not to master).
- \Rightarrow normalize first so that w_1, w_2 can be compared

General setting

n inputs x_1, \dots, x_n , $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ for all i

d input variables $1, 2, \dots, d$

- 10 (GPA, Salary) pairs, two input variables

n outputs $y_1, \dots, y_n \in \mathbb{R}$

- 10 Performance scores

(x_i, y_i) : an observation

- $((3.93, 100), 5.52)$, observation (of a student doing very well)

With weights $w_0, w = (w_1, \dots, w_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we plan to minimize the least squares objective

$$f(w_0, w) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\underline{w_0} + \underline{w^T x_i} - y_i)^2.$$

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After centering: $w_0^* = 0$, w^* is unaffected

⇒ From now on consider function

$$f(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2.$$

General setting: normalization

Want to assume that for all j , the n input values x_{1j}, \dots, x_{nj} are on the same scale:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij}^2 = 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, d.$$

Can be achieved by

- multiplying x_{ij} by $s(j) = \sqrt{n / \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij}^2}$ for all i, j
- in w^* , this just multiplies w_j^* by $1/s(j)$

Master's Admission: Centered and normalized data

x_{i1} (GPA)	x_{i2} (Salary)	y_i (Performance)
-2.04	-1.28	-0.94
-0.88	0.32	-0.52
-0.05	1.03	-0.05
-0.16	-1.28	-0.18
1.42	-1.28	0.67
1.02	1.39	0.59
0.06	1.39	0.19
-0.88	-0.04	-0.12
0.89	-0.21	0.17
0.62	-0.04	0.21

Least-squares objective:

$$\min f(w_1, w_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} (w_1 x_{i1} + w_2 x_{i2} - y_i)^2.$$

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Under hypothesis (linear model), we expect

$$y_i \approx y_i^* = 0.43x_{i1} + 0.097x_{i2}$$

x_{i1}	x_{i2}	y_i	y_i^*
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Question: what we can say about results? Salary has only very small influence ($w_2^* = 0.097$)

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$$n \quad k \quad C_n^k$$

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LASSO: popular approach with some favorable statistical properties

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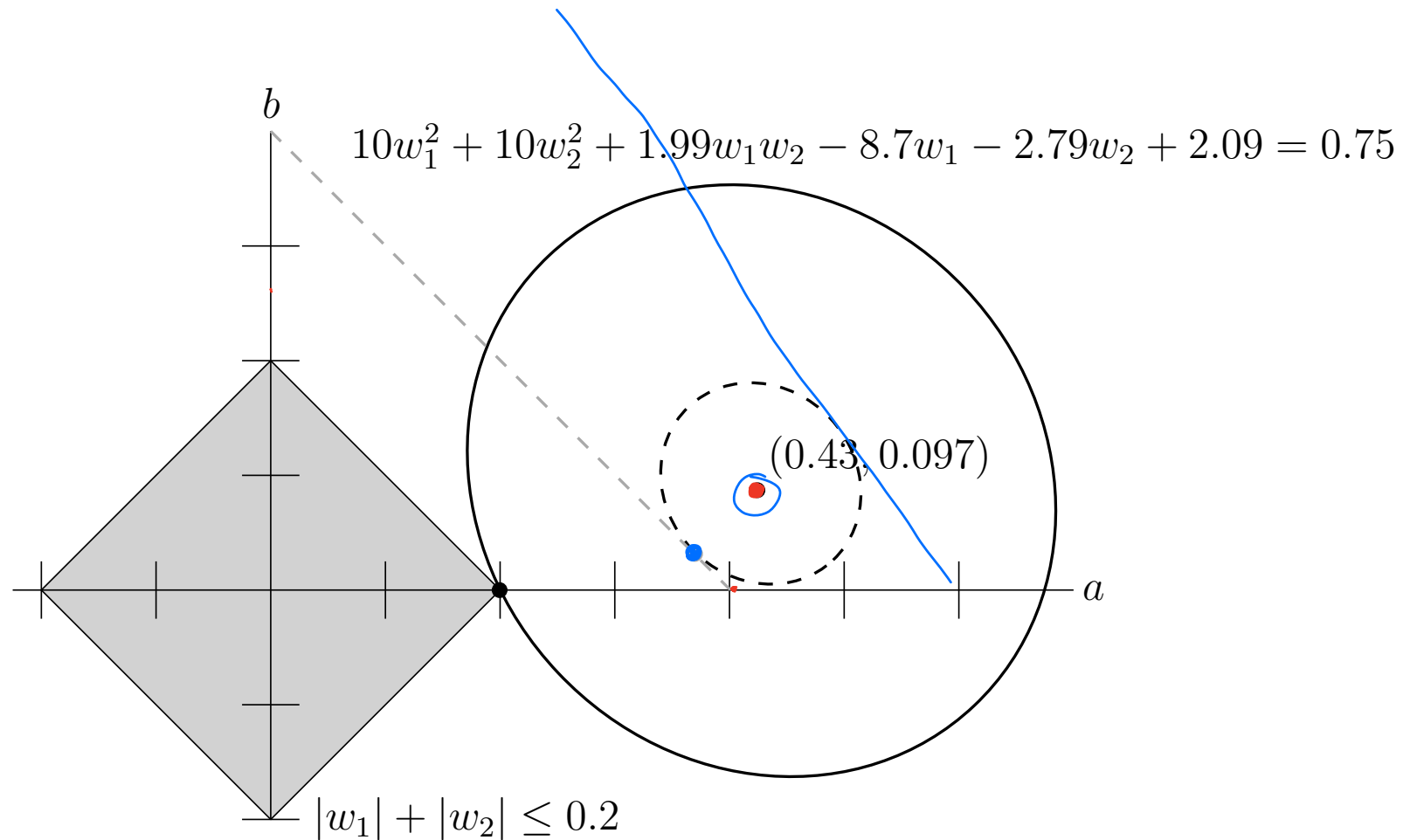
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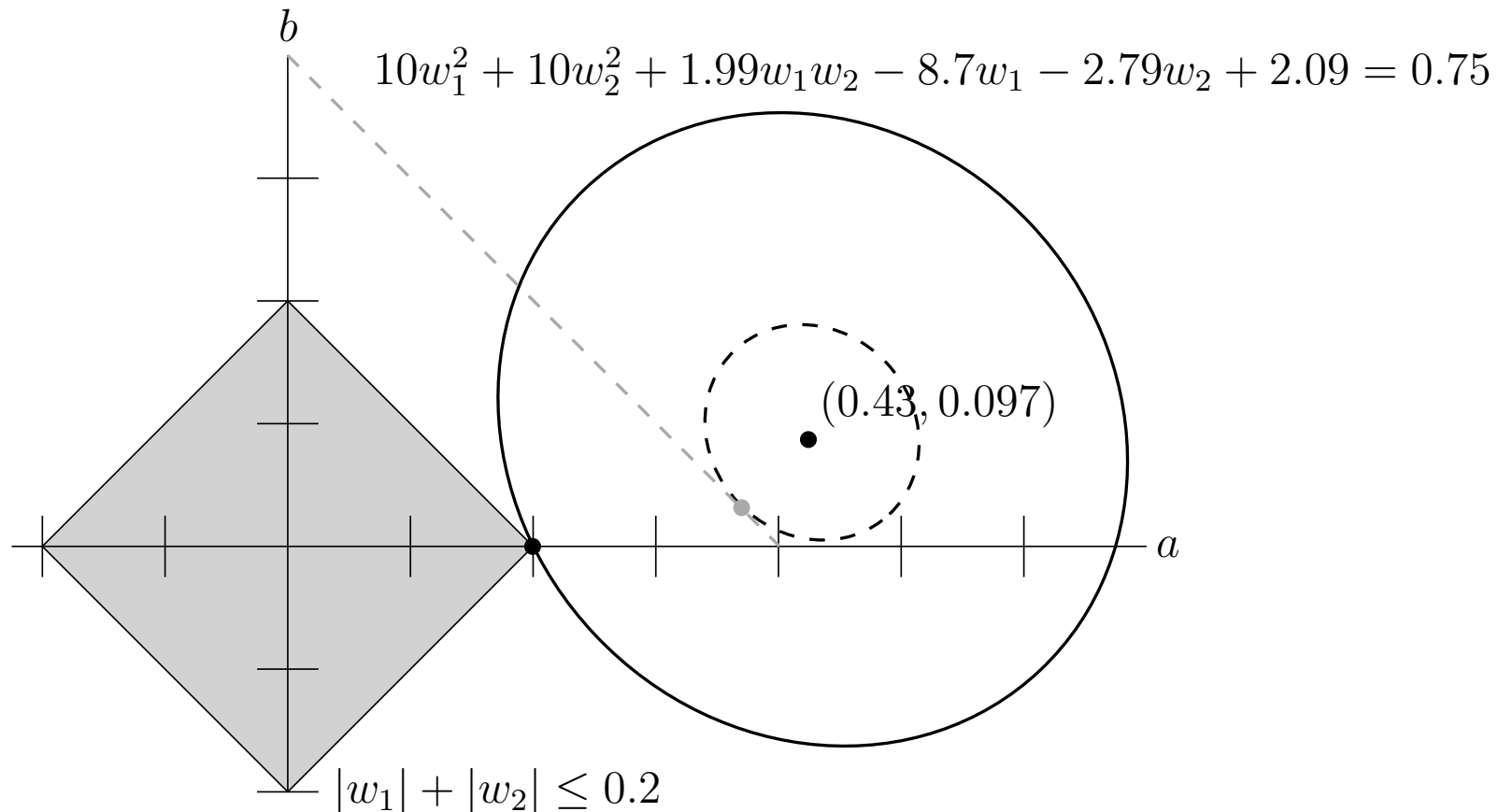
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$R \geq 0.6 \Rightarrow w^* = (w_1^*, w_2^*) = (0.43, 0.097)$

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Question: Can we somehow modify gradient method to work with constraints?

Условие оптимальности

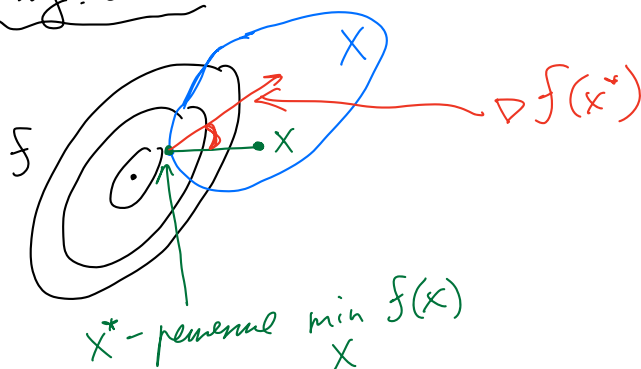
- f - непрерыв. выпукл. на \mathbb{R}^d
- f - выпуклая функция
- X - выпуклое

$$f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

$x^* \in X$ - глобальный мин. $\min_{x \in X} f(x) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\langle \nabla f(x^*), x - x^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X$$

Рис. ниже:



угол между $\nabla f(x^*)$; $x - x^*$
- острый

Док-во:

- достаточное. \Leftarrow

$$\langle \nabla f(x^*), x - x^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X$$

выпуклая f :

$$f(x) \geq f(x^*) + \underbrace{\langle \nabla f(x^*), x - x^* \rangle}_{\geq 0} \geq f(x^*) \quad \forall x \in X$$

x^* - глоб. минимум на X

- необходимое. \Rightarrow

x^* - глобальный минимум на X

он глобальный: $\exists x \in X : \langle \nabla f(x^*), x - x^* \rangle < 0$

$$\triangle x_\lambda = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x^* \quad \lambda \in [0; 1]$$

$$\phi(\lambda) = f(x_\lambda) = f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x^*)$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\lambda} = \frac{d}{d\lambda} (f(\lambda(x-x^*) + x^*)) = \langle \nabla f(\lambda(x-x^*) + x^*); x-x^* \rangle$$

$$\left. \frac{d\phi}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \langle \nabla f(x^*); x-x^* \rangle < 0$$

no neg.

ϕ убывает в окр. 0, а значит $\exists \lambda > 0$:

$$f(x^* + \lambda(x-x^*)) = \phi(\lambda) < \phi(0) = f(x^*)$$

противоречие x^* - локал. минимум.

Метод град. спуска с проекцией

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

$\in X$
не гарантируем $x^{k+1} \in X$

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

$$\Pi_X(y) = \arg \min_{x \in X} \|x - y\|_2^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{проецирование (евклидова)}$$

Сб-ва проекции:

• X - выпуклая, $x \in X$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, тогда

$$\langle x - \Pi_X(y), y - \Pi_X(y) \rangle \leq 0$$

Доказ-во: $\Pi_X(y) = \arg \min_{z \in X} d(z) := \|z - y\|_2^2$

выпуклая выпуклая

Значит оптимальное значение $d(z)$ и $\Pi_X(y)$:

$$\langle \nabla d(z^*); z - z^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall z \in X$$

$$\langle \nabla d(\Pi_X(y)); x - \Pi_X(y) \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\nabla d(z) = 2(z - y)$$

$$2 \langle \Pi_X(y) - y; x - \Pi_X(y) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

⊙ Неразрывность оператора проекции
 X — выпуклое, $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, тогда

$$\|\Pi_X(x_1) - \Pi_X(x_2)\|_2 \leq \|x_1 - x_2\|_2$$

Док-во: пер. сб-во $y = x_1, x = \Pi_X(x_2)$

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аналогично пер. сб-во $y = x_2, x = \Pi_X(x_1)$

$$\langle \Pi_X(x_1) - \Pi_X(x_2), x_2 - \Pi_X(x_2) \rangle \leq 0$$

сложив

$$\langle \Pi_X(x_2) - \Pi_X(x_1); x_1 - \Pi_X(x_1) - x_2 + \Pi_X(x_2) \rangle \leq 0$$

$$\langle \Pi_X(x_2) - \Pi_X(x_1); \Pi_X(x_2) - \Pi_X(x_1) \rangle \leq \langle x_2 - x_1; \Pi_X(x_2) - \Pi_X(x_1) \rangle$$

$$\|\Pi_X(x_2) - \Pi_X(x_1)\|_2^2 \leq \underbrace{\langle x_2 - x_1; \Pi_X(x_2) - \Pi_X(x_1) \rangle}_{\text{КБШ}}$$

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○ Смеш. метод град. спуска с проекцией

$$x^* = \Pi_X (x^* - \gamma \nabla f(x^*))$$

Док-во:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_X (x^* - \gamma \nabla f(x^*)) &= \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in X} [\|x - x^* + \gamma \nabla f(x^*)\|_2^2] \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in X} \left[\underbrace{\|x - x^*\|_2^2}_{\geq 0} + 2\gamma \underbrace{\langle \nabla f(x^*); x - x^* \rangle}_{? \geq 0} + \gamma^2 \underbrace{\|\nabla f(x^*)\|_2^2}_{\text{no yezhiva smenivayemaya}} \right] \\ &\quad \geq 0, \text{ но } 0 \text{ достигается на } x = x^* \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Док-во сходимости:

$$\|x^{k+1} - x^*\|_2^2 = \|\Pi_X (x^k - \gamma \nabla f(x^k)) - x^*\|_2^2$$

3e сл-во $x^* = \dots$

$$= \|\Pi_X (x^k - \gamma \nabla f(x^k)) - \Pi_X (x^* - \gamma \nabla f(x^*))\|_2^2$$

2e сл-во $\|\Pi(x_1) - \Pi(x_2)\|_2 \leq \|x_1 - x_2\|_2$

$$\leq \|x^k - x^* - \gamma \nabla f(x^k) + \gamma \nabla f(x^*)\|_2^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 - 2\gamma \langle \nabla f(x^k) - \nabla f(x^*); x^k - x^* \rangle \\ &\quad + \gamma^2 \|\nabla f(x^k) - \nabla f(x^*)\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

μ -сильно выпуклость $\langle \rangle$ и L -липпшицевость $\|\cdot\|_2^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 + 2\gamma \langle \nabla f(x^*); x^k - x^* \rangle \\ &\quad - 2\gamma \left(\frac{\mu}{2} \|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 + f(x^k) - f(x^*) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + 2L\gamma^2 (f(x^k) - f(x^*) - \langle \nabla f(x^*); x^k - x^* \rangle) \\
 & = (1 - \gamma\mu) \|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 \\
 & + 2\gamma(\gamma L - 1) \underbrace{(f(x^k) - f(x^*) - \langle \nabla f(x^*); x^k - x^* \rangle)}_{\text{выражение } \geq 0 \text{ по лемме Брунса, для } f}
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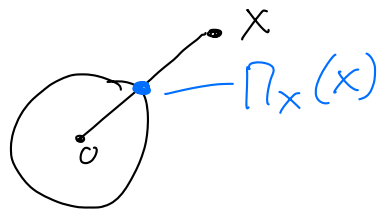
$$\gamma \leq \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\leq (1 - \gamma\mu) \|x^k - x^*\|_2^2 \quad \blacksquare$$

Тогда мы можем заключить, что и у GD.

Примеры:

$$1) \quad X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \|x\|_2^2 \leq 1\} \quad \Pi_X(x) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{\|x\|_2} \right\} x$$



$$2) \quad X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i\} \quad [\Pi_X(x)]_i = \begin{cases} a_i & x_i \leq a_i \\ x_i & a_i < x_i < b_i \\ b_i & x_i \geq b_i \end{cases}$$

$$3) \quad X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid Ax = b\} \quad \Pi_X(x) = x - A^T (AA^T)^{-1} (Ax - b)$$

Минимизация задачи (как абст. минимизация/аб. задача):

$$\min_{s \in X} \langle s; g \rangle$$

оптимально

$$1) X = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \|x\|_1 \leq 1 \}$$

$$s^* = - \operatorname{sign}(g_i) e_i \leftarrow \text{Самый большой}$$

$$i = \arg \max_j |g_j|$$

$$2) X = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \sum_{i=1}^d x_i = 1; x_i \geq 0 \}$$

$$s^* = e_i \quad i = \arg \min_j g_j$$

$$3) X = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \|x\|_\infty \leq 1 \}$$

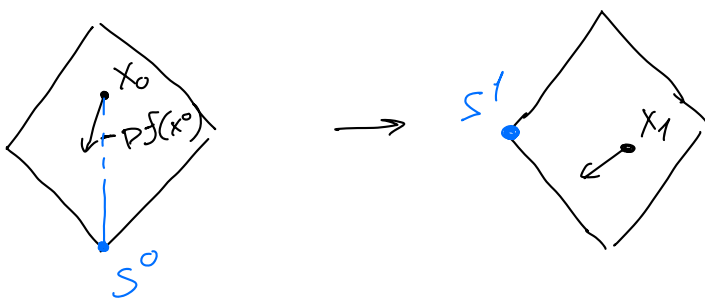
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Метод Грамм - Вуорса

$$s^k = \arg \min_{s \in X} \langle s; \nabla f(x^k) \rangle$$

$$x^{k+1} = (1 - \gamma_k) x^k + \gamma_k s^k \quad \gamma_k = \frac{2}{k+2}$$

Рисунок:



s^0, s^1, \dots — все граничные
(б. "угловые"
м. - ба)

$$x^{k+1} = \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{2}{k+2}\right)}_{1 - \gamma_k} x^k + \underbrace{\frac{2}{k+2}}_{\gamma_k} s^k$$

• движение по границе
согласно вектору ∇f \Leftarrow

• угловой м. —
на границах

$$x^{k+1} = \frac{k}{k+1} x^k + \frac{1}{k+1} s^k$$

погрешность сгущения

Докажем справедливость:

$$f(x^{k+1}) = f(x^k + \gamma_k(s^k - x^k))$$

L -регулярно

$$\leq f(x^k) + \gamma_k \langle s^k - x^k; \nabla f(x^k) \rangle + \frac{\gamma_k^2 L}{2} \|s^k - x^k\|_2^2$$

X -ограничено, $D = \text{diam } X$

$$\leq f(x^k) + \gamma_k \langle s^k - x^k; \nabla f(x^k) \rangle + \frac{L D^2 \gamma_k^2}{2}$$

$- f(x^*)$

$$f(x^{k+1}) - f^* \leq f(x^k) - f^*$$

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регулярно

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↑
здесь k

По выбору: если $\gamma_k = \frac{2}{k+2}$, то

$$f(x^k) - f^* \leq \frac{\max \{4C; f(x^0) - f^*\}}{k+2}$$

$$C = \frac{L D^2}{2}$$

$$f(x^{k+1}) - f^* \leq (1 - \gamma_k) (f(x^k) - f^*) + C \gamma_k^2$$

$$\stackrel{\gamma_k}{=} \left(1 - \frac{2}{k+2}\right) (f(x^k) - f^*) + \frac{4}{(k+2)^2} C$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{PI}{\leq} \left(1 - \frac{2}{k+2}\right) \left(\frac{\max\{4C; f(x^0) - f^*\}}{k+2} \right) + \frac{\max\{4C; f(x^0) - f^*\}}{(k+2)^2} \\
 & = \frac{\max\{4C; f(x^0) - f^*\}}{(k+1) + 2} \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

Итого ФВ:

- сублинейная слож. для бот. задачи (как у GD)
- в случае сильной выпуклости все равно сублинейная норма = линейная норма.