MISSO: Minimization by Incremental Stochastic Surrogate Optimization for Large Scale Nonconvex Problems

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

We consider the *constrained* minimization problem of a finite sum of functions:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \,, \tag{1}$$

where Θ is a convex, compact, and closed subset of $\mathbb{R}^p$, and for any $i \in [\![1, n]\!]$, the function $\mathcal{L}_i : \mathbb{R}^p \to \mathbb{R}$ is bounded from below and is (possibly) non-convex and non-smooth.

To tackle the optimization problem (1), a popular approach is to apply the majorization-minimization (MM) method which iteratively minimizes a majorizing surrogate function. A large number of existing procedures fall into this general framework, for instance gradient-based or proximal methods or the Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm [McLachlan and Krishnan, 2008] and some variational Bayes inference techniques [Jordan et al., 1999]; see for example [Razaviyayn et al., 2013] and [Lange, 2016] and the references therein. When the number of terms n in (1) is large, the vanilla MM method may be intractable because it requires to construct a surrogate function for all the n terms $\mathcal{L}_i$ at each iteration. Here, a remedy is to apply the Minimization by Incremental Surrogate Optimization (MISO) method proposed by Mairal [2015], where the surrogate functions are updated incrementally. The MISO method can be interpreted as a combination of MM and ideas which have emerged for variance reduction in stochastic gradient methods [Schmidt et al., 2017].

The success of the MISO method rests upon the efficient minimization of surrogates such as convex functions, see [Mairal, 2015, Section 2.3]. In many applications of interest, the natural surrogate functions are intractable, yet they are defined as expectation of tractable functions. This for example the case for inference in latent variable models. Another application is variational inference, [Ghahramani, 2015], in which the goal is to approximate the posterior distribution of parameters given the observations; see for example [Neal, 2012, Blundell et al., 2015, Polson et al., 2017, Rezende et al., 2014, Li and Gal, 2017].

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2 Incremental Minimization of Finite Sum Non-convex Functions

The objective function in (1) is composed of a finite sum of possibly non-smooth and non-convex functions. A popular approach here is to apply the MM method. The MM method tackles (1) through alternating between two steps — (i) minimizing a *surrogate* function which upper bounds the original objective function; and (ii) updating the surrogate function to tighten the upper bound.

As mentioned in the Introduction, the MISO method proposed by Mairal [2015] is developed as an iterative scheme that only updates the surrogate functions *partially* at each iteration. Formally, for any $i \in [\![1, n]\!]$, we consider a surrogate function $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ which satisfies

S1. *For all $i \in [\![1, n]\!]$ and $\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \in \Theta$, the function $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ is convex* w.r.t. $\boldsymbol{\theta}$*, and it holds*

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \geq \mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \; \forall \, \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta \,, \tag{2}$$

where the equality holds when $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$.

S2. *For any $\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i \in \Theta$, $i \in [\![1, n]\!]$ and some $\epsilon > 0$, the difference function $\widehat{e}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i\}_{i=1}^n) := \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is defined for all $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_\epsilon$ and differentiable for all $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$, where $\Theta_\epsilon = \{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta}' \in \Theta} \|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}'\| < \epsilon\}$ is an ϵ-neighborhood set of Θ. Moreover, for some constant L, the gradient satisfies*

$$\|\nabla \widehat{e}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i\}_{i=1}^n)\|^2 \leq 2L \widehat{e}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i\}_{i=1}^n), \; \forall \, \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta \,. \tag{3}$$

S1 is a common condition used for surrogate optimization, see [Mairal, 2015, Section 2.3]. Meanwhile, S2 can be satisfied when the difference function $\widehat{e}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_i\}_{i=1}^n)$ is L-smooth for all $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, where the condition can be implied through applying [Razaviyayn et al., 2013, Proposition 1].

The inequality (2) implies $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \geq \mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) > -\infty$ for any $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$. The MISO method is an incremental version of the MM method, as summarized by Algorithm 1. As seen in the pseudo code, the MISO method maintains an iteratively updated set of surrogate upper-bound functions $\{\mathcal{A}_i^k(\boldsymbol{\theta})\}_{i=1}^n$ and updates the iterate through minimizing the average of the surrogate functions.

Particularly, only one out of the n surrogate functions is updated at each iteration [cf. Line 5] and the sum function $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{A}_i^{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is designed to be 'easy to optimize', for example, it can be a sum of quadratic functions. As such, the MISO method is suitable for large-scale optimization as the computation cost per iteration is independent of n. Moreover, under S1, S2, it was shown that the MISO method converges almost surely to a stationary point of (1) [Mairal, 2015, Proposition 3.1].

Algorithm 1 MISO method [Mairal, 2015]

1: **Input:** initialization $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}$.
2: Initialize the surrogate function as $\mathcal{A}_i^0(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}), \; i \in [\![1, n]\!]$.
3: **for** $k = 0, 1, ...$ **do**
4: Pick i_k uniformly from $[\![1, n]\!]$.
5: Update $\mathcal{A}_i^{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ as:
$$\mathcal{A}_i^{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{cases} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}), & \text{if } i = i_k \\ \mathcal{A}_i^k(\boldsymbol{\theta}), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
6: Set $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)} \in \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{A}_i^{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$.
7: **end for**

We now consider the case when the surrogate functions $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ are intractable. Let Z be a measurable set, $p_i : \mathsf{Z} \times \Theta \to \mathbb{R}_+$ be a pdf, $r_i : \Theta \times \Theta \times \mathsf{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function and μ_i be a σ-finite measure, we consider surrogate functions which satisfy S1, S2 that can be expressed as an expectation:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) := \int_{\mathsf{Z}} r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, z_i) p_i(z_i; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \mu_i(dz_i) \quad \forall \, (\boldsymbol{\theta}, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \in \Theta \times \Theta \,. \tag{4}$$

Plugging (4) into the MISO method is not feasible since the update step in Step 6 involves a minimization of an expectation. Several motivating examples of (1) are given in Section 2.

We propose the *Minimization by Incremental Stochastic Surrogate Optimization* (MISSO) method which replaces the expectation in (4) by *Monte Carlo* integration and then optimizes (1) incrementally. Denote by $M \in \mathbb{N}$ the Monte Carlo batch size and let $z_m \in \mathsf{Z}$, $m = 1, ..., M$ be a set of samples. These samples can be drawn (Case 1) i.i.d. from the distribution $p_i(\cdot; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ or (Case 2) from a Markov chain with the stationary distribution $p_i(\cdot; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$; see Section 3 for illustrations. To this end, we define

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \{z_m\}_{m=1}^M) := \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, z_m) \tag{5}$$

Algorithm 2 MISSO method

1: **Input:** initialization $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}$; a sequence of non-negative numbers $\{M_{(k)}\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$.
2: For all $i \in [\![1, n]\!]$, draw $M_{(0)}$ Monte-Carlo samples with the stationary distribution $p_i(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)})$.
3: Initialize the surrogate function as

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^0(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}, \{z_{i,m}^{(0)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}),\ i \in [\![1, n]\!] \ . \tag{6}$$

4: **for** $k = 0, 1, ...$ **do**
5: Pick a function index i_k uniformly on $[\![1, n]\!]$.
6: Draw $M_{(k)}$ Monte-Carlo samples with the stationary distribution $p_i(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$.
7: Update the individual surrogate functions recursively as:

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{cases} \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}), & \text{if } i = i_k \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^k(\boldsymbol{\theta}), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

8: Set $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)} \in \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{k+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$.
9: **end for**

and we summarize the proposed MISSO method in Algorithm 2. As seen, the procedure is similar to the MISO method but it involves two types of randomness. The first randomness comes from the selection of i_k in Line 5. The second randomness is that a set of Monte-Carlo approximated functions $\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^k(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is used in lieu of $\mathcal{A}_i^k(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ when optimizing for the next iterate $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}$. We now discuss two applications of the MISSO method.

Example 1: Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Latent Variable Model Latent variable models [Bishop, 2006] are constructed by introducing unobserved (latent) variables which help explain the observed data. We consider n independent observations $((y_i, z_i), i \in [\![n]\!])$ where y_i is observed and z_i is latent. In this incomplete data framework, define $\{f_i(z_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta\}$ to be the complete data likelihood models, *i.e.,* joint likelihood of the observations and latent variables. Let

$$g_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \int_{\mathsf{Z}} f_i(z_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \mu_i(\mathrm{d}z_i),\ i \in [\![1, n]\!] \tag{8}$$

denote the incomplete data likelihood, *i.e.,* the marginal likelihood of the observations. For ease of notations, the dependence on the observations is made implicit. The maximum likelihood (ML) estimation problem takes $\mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ to be the ith negated incomplete data log-likelihood $\mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := -\log g_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})$.

Assume without loss of generality that $g_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \neq 0$ for all $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$, we define by $p_i(z_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) := f_i(z_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) / g_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ the conditional distribution of the latent variable z_i given the observation y_i. A surrogate function $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ satisfying S1 can be obtained through writing $f_i(z_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{f_i(z_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{p_i(z_i, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})} p_i(z_i, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ and applying the Jensen inequality:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \int_{\mathsf{Z}} \underbrace{\log \left(p_i(z_i, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) / f_i(z_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right)}_{= r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, z_i)} p_i(z_i, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \mu_i(\mathrm{d}z_i) \ , \tag{9}$$

We note that S2 can also be verified for common distribution models. We can apply the MISSO method following the above specification of $r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, z_i), p_i(z_i, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$.

Example 2: Variational Inference Let $((x_i, y_i), i \in [\![1, n]\!])$ be i.i.d. input-output pairs and $w \in \mathsf{W} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be a latent variable. When conditioned on the input $x = (x_i, i \in [\![1, n]\!])$, the joint distribution of $y = (y_i, i \in [\![1, n]\!])$ and w is given by:

$$p(y, w | x) = \pi(w) \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(y_i | x_i, w) \ . \tag{10}$$

Our goal is to compute the posterior distribution $p(w|y, x)$. In most cases, the posterior distribution $p(w|y, x)$ is intractable and is approximated using a family of parametric distributions,

$\{q(w,\boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta\}$. The variational inference (VI) problem [?] boils down to minimizing the KL divergence between $q(w,\boldsymbol{\theta})$ and the posterior distribution $p(w|y,x)$, as follows:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \mathrm{KL}\left(q(w;\boldsymbol{\theta})\,||\,p(w|y,x)\right) := \mathbb{E}_{q(w;\boldsymbol{\theta})}\left[\log\left(q(w;\boldsymbol{\theta})/p(w|y,x)\right)\right] . \tag{11}$$

Using (10), we decompose $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = n^{-1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \text{const}$. where:

$$\mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := -\mathbb{E}_{q(w;\boldsymbol{\theta})}\left[\log p(y_i|x_i,w)\right] + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{E}_{q(w;\boldsymbol{\theta})}\left[\log q(w;\boldsymbol{\theta})/\pi(w)\right] = r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + d(\boldsymbol{\theta}) . \tag{12}$$

Directly optimizing the finite sum objective function in (11) can be difficult. First, with $n \gg 1$, evaluating the objective function $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ requires a full pass over the entire dataset. Second, for some complex models, the expectations in (12) can be intractable even if we assume a simple parametric model for $q(w;\boldsymbol{\theta})$. Assume that $\mathcal{L}_i$ is L-smooth, *i.e.,* $\mathcal{L}_i$ is differentiable on Θ and its gradient $\nabla\mathcal{L}_i$ is L-Lipschitz. We apply the MISSO method with a quadratic surrogate function defined as:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) := \mathcal{L}_i(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) + \left\langle \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\mathcal{L}_i(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\,|\,\boldsymbol{\theta}-\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\right\rangle + \frac{\mathrm{L}}{2}\|\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}-\boldsymbol{\theta}\|^2 . \tag{13}$$

It is easily checked that $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ satisfies S1, S2.

To compute the gradient $\nabla\mathcal{L}_i(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$, we apply the re-parametrization technique suggested in [??Blundell et al., 2015]. Let $t : \mathbb{R}^d \times \Theta \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$ be a differentiable function *w.r.t.* $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ which is designed such that the law of $w = t(z,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$, where $z \sim \mathcal{N}_d(0,\mathbf{I})$, is $q(\cdot,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$. By [Blundell et al., 2015, Proposition 1], the gradient of $-r_i(\cdot)$ in (12) is:

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\mathbb{E}_{q(w;\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})}\left[\log p(y_i|x_i,w)\right] = \mathbb{E}_{z\sim\mathcal{N}_d(0,\mathbf{I})}\left[\mathrm{J}^t_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(z,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\nabla_w \log p(y_i|x_i,w)\big|_{w=t(z,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})}\right] , \tag{14}$$

where for each $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathrm{J}^t_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(z,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ is the Jacobian of the function $t(z,\cdot)$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ evaluated at $\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$. In addition, for most cases, the term $\nabla d(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ can be evaluated in closed form.

$$r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}},z) := \left\langle \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}d(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - \mathrm{J}^t_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(z,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\nabla_w \log p(y_i|x_i,w)\big|_{w=t(z,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})}\,|\,\boldsymbol{\theta}-\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\right\rangle + \frac{L}{2}\|\boldsymbol{\theta}-\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\|^2 . \tag{15}$$

Finally, using (13) and (15), the surrogate function (5) is given by $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}},\{z_m\}_{m=1}^M) := M^{-1}\sum_{m=1}^{M} r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}},z_m)$ where $\{z_m\}_{m=1}^M$ is an i.i.d sample from $\mathcal{N}(0,\mathbf{I})$.

3 Convergence Analysis

We provide non-asymptotic convergence bound for the MISSO method.

H1. *For all $i \in [\![1,n]\!]$, $\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \in \Theta$, $z_i \in \mathsf{Z}$, the measurable function $r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}},z_i)$ is convex in $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and is lower bounded.*

We are particularly interested in the *constrained optimization* setting where Θ is a bounded set. To this end, we control the supremum norm of the of the above approximation as:

H2. *For all $i \in [\![1,n]\!]$, $(\theta,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \in \Theta^2$, $z_i \in \mathsf{Z}$ we assume the existence of a majorizing function $m_{\mathsf{r}} : \mathsf{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$ and a constant $C_{\mathsf{r}} < \infty$ such that:*

$$\sup_{M>0}\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\left|\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\{r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}},z_{i,m}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\right\}\right| < m_{\mathsf{r}}(z_i) \quad \textit{and} \quad \mathbb{E}_{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}\left[m_{\mathsf{r}}(z_i)|\mathcal{F}\right] < C_{\mathsf{r}} \tag{16}$$

where $\mathcal{F}$ is the filtration of the total randomness and we denoted by $\mathbb{E}_{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}[\cdot]$ the expectation w.r.t. *a Markov chain $\{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^M$ with initial distribution $\xi_i(\cdot;\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$, transition kernel $P_{i,\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}$, and stationary distribution $p_i(\cdot;\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$. Besides, there exists a majorizing function $m_{\mathsf{gr}} : \mathsf{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$ and a constant $C_{\mathsf{gr}} < \infty$ such that:*

$$\sup_{M>0}\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\left|\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left\{\frac{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\theta}-\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - r'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\theta}-\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}};\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}},z_{i,m})}{\|\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}-\boldsymbol{\theta}\|}\right\}\right| < m_{\mathsf{gr}}(z_i) \tag{17}$$
$$\mathbb{E}_{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}\left[m_{\mathsf{gr}}(z_i)|\mathcal{F}\right] < C_{\mathsf{gr}}$$

Some intuitions behind the control terms: It is actually common in statistical and optimization problems, to deal with the manipulation and the control of random variables indexed by sets with an infinite number of elements. here, the random variable we control is an image of a continuous function noted $\upsilon : \mathsf{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$ and defined as $\upsilon(z) := r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, z_{i,m}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ for all $z \in \mathsf{Z}$ and for fixed $(\theta, \hat{\theta}) \in \Theta^2$. To characterize such control, we will have recourse to the notion of metric entropy (or covering number of bracketing number) as developed in [Van der Vaart, 2000, Vershynin, 2018, Wainwright, 2019]. A collection of results from those books gives intuition behind our assumption H 2, classical in empirical process:

In [Vershynin, 2018], the authors recall the uniform law of large numbers by stating that for $(X_i, i \in [\![1, M]\!])$ random variables taking values in $(0, 1)$, we have:

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} f\left(X_i\right) - \mathbb{E} f(X) \right| \leq \frac{CL}{\sqrt{M}} \tag{18}$$

Moreover, in [Vershynin, 2018] and [Wainwright, 2019], the application of the Dudley's inequality yields:

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{f} |X_f| = \mathbb{E} \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |X_f - X_0| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}\left(\mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_\infty, \varepsilon\right)} d\varepsilon \tag{19}$$

where $\mathcal{N}\left(\mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_\infty, \varepsilon\right)$ is the bracketing number and ϵ denotes the level of approximation (the bracketing number goes to infinity when $\epsilon \to 0$). Finally, in [Van der Vaart, 2000], this bracketing number is upperbounded for a class of parametric function $\mathcal{F} = f_\theta : \theta \in \Theta$ on a bounded set $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}$ as:

$$\mathcal{N}\left(\mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_\infty, \varepsilon\right) \leq K \left(\frac{\operatorname{diam} \Theta}{\varepsilon}\right)^d, \quad \text{every} \quad 0 < \varepsilon < \operatorname{diam} \Theta \tag{20}$$

It is worth contrasting the exponential dependence of this metric entropy on the dimension d. The authors acknowledge that this is a dramatic manifestation of the curse of dimensionality happening when sampling is needed.

Stationarity measure As problem (1) is a constrained optimization, we consider the following stationarity measure:

$$g(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) := \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \frac{\mathcal{L}'(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})}{\|\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|} \quad \text{and} \quad g(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = g_+(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - g_-(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) , \tag{21}$$

where $g_+(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) := \max\{0, g(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\}$, $g_-(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) := -\min\{0, g(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\}$ denote the positive and negative part of $g(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$, respectively. Note that $\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ is a stationary point if and only if $g_-(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = 0$ [Fletcher et al., 2002].

Also, denote

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \tfrac{1}{n} \textstyle\sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}), \quad \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}). \tag{22}$$

We first establish a non-asymptotic convergence rate for the MISSO method:

Theorem 1. *Under S1, S2, H1, H2. For any $K_{\mathsf{max}} \in \mathbb{N}$, let K be an independent discrete r.v. drawn uniformly from $\{0, ..., K_{\mathsf{max}} - 1\}$ and define the following quantity:*

$$\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})} := 2nL\mathbb{E}[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K_{\mathsf{max}})})] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} \frac{4LC_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} , \tag{23}$$

Then we have following non-asymptotic bounds:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2\right] \leq \frac{\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \tag{24}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[g_-(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})] \leq \sqrt{\frac{\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}} + \frac{C_{\mathsf{gr}}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} M_{(k)}^{-1/2}. \tag{25}$$

Note that $\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}$ is finite for any $K_{\mathsf{max}} \in \mathbb{N}$. As expected, the MISSO method converges to a stationary point of (1) asymptotically and at a sublinear rate $\mathbb{E}[g_{-}^{(K)}] \leq \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{1/K_{\mathsf{max}}})$.

Furthermore,we remark that the MISO method can be analyzed in Theorem 1 as a special case of the MISSO method satisfying $C_{\mathsf{r}} = C_{\mathsf{gr}} = 0$. In this case, while the asymptotic convergence is well known from [Mairal, 2015] [cf. H2], Eq. (24) gives a non-asymptotic rate of $\mathbb{E}[g_{-}^{(K)}] \leq \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{nL/K_{\mathsf{max}}})$ which is new to our best knowledge.

Next, we show that under an additional assumption on the sequence of batch size $M_{(k)}$, the MISSO method converges almost surely to a stationary point:

Theorem 2. *Under S1, S2, H1, H2. In addition, assume that* $\{M_{(k)}\}_{k\geq 0}$ *is a non-decreasing sequence of integers which satisfies* $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_{(k)}^{-1/2} < \infty$. *Then:*

1. *the negative part of the stationarity measure converges almost surely to zero,* i.e., $\lim_{k\to\infty} g_{-}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = 0$ *a.s.*.
2. *the objective value* $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$ *converges almost surely to a finite number* $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$, i.e., $\lim_{k\to\infty} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \underline{\mathcal{L}}$ *a.s.*.

In particular, the first result above shows that the sequence $\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}\}_{k\geq 0}$ produced by the MISSO method satisfies an *asymptotic stationary point condition*.

4 Numerical Experiments

4.1 Binary logistic regression with missing values

This application follows **Example 1** described in Section 2. We consider a binary regression setup, $((y_i, z_i), i \in [\![n]\!])$ where $y_i \in \{0,1\}$ is a binary response and $z_i = (z_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}, j \in [\![p]\!])$ is a covariate vector. The vector of covariates $z_i = [z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}]$ is not fully observed where we denote by $z_{i,\text{mis}}$ the missing values and $z_{i,\text{obs}}$ the observed covariate. It is assumed that $(z_i, i \in [\![n]\!])$ are i.i.d. and marginally distributed according to $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})$ where $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and Ω is a positive definite $p \times p$ matrix.

We define the conditional distribution of the observations y_i given $z_i = (z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}})$ as:

$$p_i(y_i|z_i) = S(\boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \bar{z}_i)^{y_i} \left(1 - S(\boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \bar{z}_i)\right)^{1-y_i} \tag{26}$$

where for $u \in \mathbb{R}$, $S(u) = 1/(1+\mathrm{e}^{-u})$, $\boldsymbol{\delta} = (\delta_0, \cdots, \delta_p)$ are the logistic parameters and $\bar{z}_i = (1, z_i)$. We are interested in estimating $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ and finding the latent structure of the covariates z_i. Here, $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\delta}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})$ is the parameter to estimate. For $i \in [\![n]\!]$, the complete data log-likelihood is expressed as:

$$\log f_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto y_i \boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \bar{z}_i - \log\left(1 + \exp(\boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \bar{z}_i)\right) - \frac{1}{2}\log(|\boldsymbol{\Omega}|) + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{Tr}\left(\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{-1}(z_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})(z_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})^\top\right).$$

MISSO update: At the k-th iteration, and after the initialization, for all $i \in [\![n]\!]$, of the latent variables $(z_i^{(0)})$, the MISSO algorithm consists in picking an index i_k uniformly on $[\![n]\!]$, completing the observations by sampling a Monte Carlo batch $\{z_{i_k,\text{mis},m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}$ of missing values from the conditional distribution $p(z_{i_k,\text{mis}}|z_{i_k,\text{obs}}, y_{i_k}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)})$ using an MCMC sampler and computing the estimated parameters as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\beta}^{(k)} &= \arg\min_{\beta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega^{(k)}, \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} z_{i,m}^{(k)} \\
\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(k)} &= \arg\min_{\Omega \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta^{(k)}, \Omega, \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} w_{i,m}^{(k)} \\
\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\delta}^{(\tau_i^k)} - (\tilde{H}^{(k)})^{-1}\tilde{D}^{(k)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

where $z_{i,m}^{(k)} = (z_{i,\text{mis},m}^{(k)}, z_{i,\text{obs}})$ is composed of a simulated and an observed part, $\tilde{D}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{D}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}$, $\tilde{H}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{H}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}$ and $w_{i,m}^{(k)} = z_{i,m}^{(k)}(z_{i,m}^{(k)})^\top - \boldsymbol{\beta}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\beta}^{(k)})^\top$. Besides, $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\beta, \Omega, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \{z_m\}_{m=1}^M)$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \{z_m\}_{m=1}^M)$ are defined as MC approximation of $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\beta, \Omega, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$, for all $i \in [\![n]\!]$ and defined in Appendix **??** as components of the surrogate function (9).

Fitting a logistic regression model on the TraumaBase dataset We apply the MISSO method to fit a logistic regression model on the TraumaBase (`http://traumabase.eu`) dataset, which consists of data collected from 15 trauma centers in France, covering measurements on patients from the initial to last stage of trauma.

Similar to [Jiang et al., 2018], we select $p = 16$ influential quantitative measurements, described in Appendix **??**, on $n = 6384$ patients, and we adopt the logistic regression model with missing covariates in (26) to predict the risk of a severe hemorrhage which is one of the main cause of death after a major trauma. Note as the dataset considered is heterogeneous – coming from multiple sources with frequently missed entries – we apply the latent data model described in the above. For the Monte-Carlo sampling of $z_{i,\text{mis}}$, we run a Metropolis Hastings algorithm with the target distribution $p(\cdot|z_{i,\text{obs}}, y_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$ whose procedure is detailed in Appendix **??**.

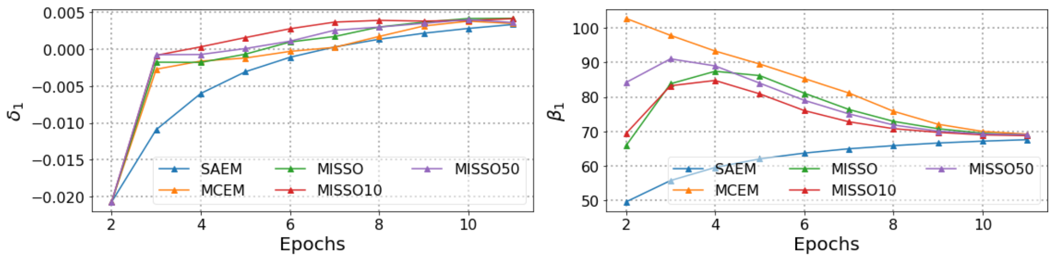


Figure 1: Convergence of first component of the vector of parameters $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ for the SAEM, the MCEM and the MISSO methods. The convergence is plotted against the number of passes over the data.

We compare in Figure 1 the convergence behavior of the estimated parameters $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ using SAEM [Delyon et al., 1999] (with stepsize $\gamma_k = 1/k$), MCEM [Wei and Tanner, 1990] and the proposed MISSO method. For the MISSO method, we set the batch size to $M_{(k)} = 10 + k^2$ and we examine with selecting different number of functions in Line 5 in the method – the default settings with 1 function (MISSO), 10% (MISSO10) and 50% (MISSO50) of the functions per iteration. From Figure 1, the MISSO method converges to a static value with less number of epochs than the MCEM, SAEM methods. It is worth noting that the difference among the MISSO runs for different number of selected functions demonstrates a variance-cost tradeoff.

4.2 Training Bayesian CNN using MISSO

At iteration k, minimizing the sum of stochastic surrogates defined as in (5) and (15) yields the following MISSO update — step (i) pick a function index i_k uniformly on $[\![n]\!]$; step (ii) sample a Monte Carlo batch $\{z_m^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}$ from $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$; and step (iii) update the parameters as

$$\mu_\ell^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_\ell^{(\tau_i^k)} - \frac{\gamma}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{\mu_\ell,i}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^{(\tau_i^k)} - \frac{\gamma}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{\sigma,i}^{(k)} \;, \tag{28}$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{\mu_\ell,i}^{(k)} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{\mu_\ell,i}^{(k-1)}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{\sigma,i}^{(k)} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{\sigma,i}^{(k-1)}$ for $i \neq i_k$ and:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{\mu_\ell,i_k}^{(k)} = -\frac{1}{M_{(k)}}\sum_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}} \nabla_w \log p(y_{i_k}|x_{i_k}, w)\Big|_{w=t(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}, z_m^{(k)})} + \nabla_{\mu_\ell} d(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}) \;,$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{\sigma,i_k}^{(k)} = -\frac{1}{M_{(k)}}\sum_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}} z_m^{(k)} \nabla_w \log p(y_{i_k}|x_{i_k}, w)\Big|_{w=t(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}, z_m^{(k)})} + \nabla_{\sigma} d(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)})$$

with $d(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = n^{-1}\sum_{\ell=1}^d \big(-\log(\sigma) + (\sigma^2 + \mu_\ell^2)/2 - 1/2\big)$.

Bayesian LeNet-5 on MNIST [LeCun et al., 1998]: This application follows **Example 2** described in Section 2. We apply the MISSO method to fit a Bayesian variant of LeNet-5 [LeCun et al., 1998] (see Appendix **??**). We train this network on the MNIST dataset [LeCun, 1998]. The training set is composed of $n = 55\,000$ handwritten digits, 28×28 images. Each image is labelled with its corresponding number (from zero to nine). Under the prior distribution π, see (10), the weights are assumed independent and identically distributed according to $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. We also assume that $q(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \equiv \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$. The variational posterior parameters are thus $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mu, \sigma)$ where $\mu = (\mu_\ell, \ell \in [\![d]\!])$ where d is the number of weights in the neural network. We use the re-parametrization as $w = t(\boldsymbol{\theta}, z) = \mu + \sigma z$ with $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$.

We describe in Table 1 the architecture of the Convolutional Neural Network introduced in [LeCun et al., 1998] and trained on MNIST:

layer type	width	stride	padding	input shape	nonlinearity
convolution (5×5)	6	1	0	$1 \times 32 \times 32$	ReLU
max-pooling (2×2)		2	0	$6 \times 28 \times 28$	
convolution (5×5)	6	1	0	$1 \times 14 \times 14$	ReLU
max-pooling (2×2)		2	0	$16 \times 10 \times 10$	
fully-connected	120			400	ReLU
fully-connected	84			120	ReLU
fully-connected	10			84	

Table 1: LeNet-5 architecture

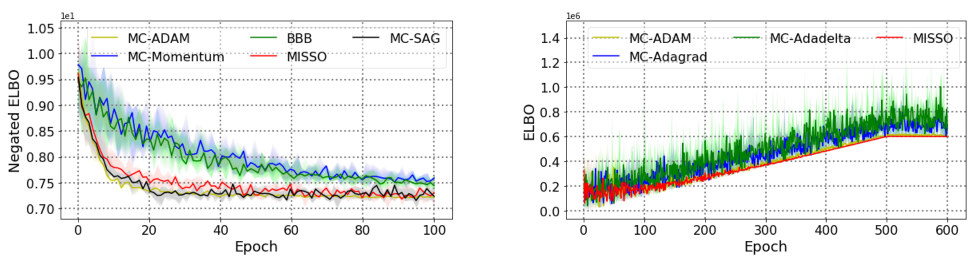
Bayesian ResNet-18 [He et al., 2016] on CIFAR-10 [Krizhevsky et al., 2012]: We train here the Bayesian variant of the ResNet-18 neural network introduced in [He et al., 2016] on CIFAR-10. The latter dataset is composed of $n = 60\,000$ handwritten digits, 32×32 colour images in 10 classes, with $6\,000$ images per class. As in the previous example, the weights are assumed independent and identically distributed according to $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. The source code used as a backbone here can be found in the TensorFlow Probability Github repo (`https://github.com/tensorflow/probability/blob/master/tensorflow_probability/examples/cifar10_bnn.py`) where the default hyperparameters, as the L annealing constant or the number of MC samples, were used for the benchmark methods. For better efficiency and lower variance, the Flipout estimator [Wen et al., 2018] is preferred than a simple reparametrization trick for ResNet-18.

We describe in Table 2 the architecture of the Resnet-18 we train on CIFAR-10:

layer type	Output Size	ResNet-18	nonlinearity
conv1	$112 \times 112 \times 64$	7×7, 64, stride 2	ReLU
conv2x	$56 \times 56 \times 64$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 3, 64 \\ 3 \times 3, 64 \end{pmatrix} \times 2$	ReLU
conv3x	$28 \times 28 \times 128$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 3, 128 \\ 3 \times 3, 128 \end{pmatrix} \times 2$	ReLU
conv4x	$14 \times 14 \times 256$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 3, 256 \\ 3 \times 3, 256 \end{pmatrix} \times 2$	ReLU
conv5x	$7 \times 7 \times 512$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 3, 512 \\ 3 \times 3, 512 \end{pmatrix} \times 2$	ReLU
average pool	$1 \times 1 \times 512$	7×7 average pool	ReLU
fully connected	1000	512×1000 fully connections	
softmax	1000		

Table 2: ResNet-18 architecture

Experiment Results: We compare the convergence of the *Monte Carlo variants* of the following state of the art optimization algorithms — the ADAM [Kingma and Ba, 2015], the Momentum [Sutskever et al., 2013] and the SAG [Schmidt et al., 2017] methods versus the *Bayes by Backprop* (BBB) [Blundell et al., 2015] and our proposed MISSO method. For all these methods, the loss function (12) and its gradients were computed by Monte Carlo integration using Tensorflow Probability library [Dillon et al., 2017], based on the re-parametrization described above. Update rules for each algorithm are performed using their vanilla implementations on TensorFlow [Abadi et al., 2015] as detailed in Appendix **??**. We use the following hyperparameters for all runs — the learning rate is 10^{-3}, we run 100 epochs with a mini-batch size of 128 and use the batchsize of $M_{(k)} = k$.



(a) LeNet-5 on MNIST

(b) ResNet-18 on CIFAR-10

Figure 2: (a) Negated ELBO versus epochs elapsed for fitting the Bayesian LeNet-5 on MNIST using different algorithms. (b) ELBO versus epochs elapsed for fitting the Bayesian ResNet-18 on CIFAR-10 using different algorithms. The solid curve is obtained from averaging over 5 independent runs of the methods, and the shaded area represents the standard deviation.

Figure 2(a) shows the convergence of the negated evidence lower bound against the number of passes over data (one pass represents an epoch). As observed, the proposed MISSO method outperforms *Bayes by Backprop* and Momentum, while similar convergence rates are observed with the MISSO, ADAM and SAG methods for our experiment on MNIST dataset using a Bayesian variant of LeNet-5.

On the other hand, the experiment conducted on CIFAR-10 (Figure 2(b)) using a much larger network, *i.e.,* a Bayesian variant of ResNet-18 showcases the need of a well-tuned adaptive methods to reach better training loss (and also faster). Our MISSO method is similar to the Monte Carlo variant of ADAM but slower than built-in TF optimizers such as Adadelta and Adagrad. Recall that the purpose of this paper is to provide a common class of optimizers, such as VI, in order to study their convergence behaviors and not to introduce a novel method outperforming the rest.

5 Conclusion

We present a unifying framework for minimizing a non-convex finite-sum objective function using incremental surrogates when the latter functions are expressed as an expectation and are intractable. Our approach covers a large class of non-convex applications in machine learning such as logistic regression with missing values and variational inference. We provide both finite-time and asymptotic guarantees of our incremental stochastic surrogate optimization technique and illustrate our findings training a binary logistic regression with missing covariates to predict hemorrhagic shock and a Bayesian variant of LeNet-5 on MNIST.

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A Proof of Theorem 1

Theorem. *Under S1, S2, H1, H2. For any $K_{\mathsf{max}} \in \mathbb{N}$, let K be an independent discrete r.v. drawn uniformly from $\{0, ..., K_{\mathsf{max}} - 1\}$ and define the following quantity:*

$$\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})} := 2nL\mathbb{E}[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K_{\mathsf{max}})})] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} \frac{4LC_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} \,,$$

Then we have following non-asymptotic bounds:

$$\mathbb{E}\big[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2\big] \leq \frac{\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}, \;\; \mathbb{E}[g_-(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})] \leq \sqrt{\frac{\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}} + \frac{C_{\mathsf{gr}}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} M_{(k)}^{-1/2}.$$

Proof We begin by recalling the definition

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^k(\boldsymbol{\theta}). \tag{29}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^{k+1})}, \{z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^{k+1})}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^{k+1})}}) \\ &= \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \frac{1}{n}\big(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})\big). \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Furthermore, we recall that

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \tfrac{1}{n}\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}), \quad \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}). \tag{31}$$

Due to S2, we have

$$\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2 \leq 2L\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}). \tag{32}$$

To prove the first bound in (24), using the optimality of $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} &\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) \leq \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \\ &= \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \tfrac{1}{n}\big(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})\big) \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Let $\mathcal{F}_k$ be the filtration of random variables up to iteration k, *i.e.*, $\{i_{\ell-1}, \{z_{i_{\ell-1},m}^{(\ell-1)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\ell-1)}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^{k}$. We observe that the conditional expectation evaluates to

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}_{i_k}\big[\mathbb{E}\big[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}})|\mathcal{F}_k, i_k\big]|\mathcal{F}_k\big] \\ &= \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \mathbb{E}_{i_k}\big[\mathbb{E}\big[\frac{1}{M_{(k)}}\sum_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}} r_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})|\mathcal{F}_k, i_k\big]|\mathcal{F}_k\big] \\ &\leq \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \frac{C_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}}, \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

where the last inequality is due to H2. Moreover,

$$\mathbb{E}\big[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})|\mathcal{F}_k\big] = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}) = \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}). \tag{35}$$

Taking the conditional expectations on both sides of (33) and re-arranging terms give:

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \leq n\mathbb{E}\big[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)})|\mathcal{F}_k\big] + \frac{C_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} \tag{36}$$

Proceeding from (36), we observe the following lower bound for the left hand side

$$\begin{aligned}
&\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \overset{(a)}{=} \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \\
&\overset{(b)}{\geq} \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \frac{1}{2L}\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2 \\
&= \underbrace{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\Big\{\frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}\sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)};\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}, z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)};\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})\Big\}}_{:=-\delta^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})} + \frac{1}{2L}\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

where (a) is due to $\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = 0$ [cf. S1], (b) is due to (32) and we have defined the summation in the last equality as $-\delta^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$. Substituting the above into (36) yields

$$\frac{\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2}{2L} \leq n\mathbb{E}\big[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)})|\mathcal{F}_k\big] + \frac{C_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} + \delta^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \tag{38}$$

Observe the following upper bound on the total expectations:

$$\mathbb{E}\big[\delta^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big] \leq \mathbb{E}\Big[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{C_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}}\Big], \tag{39}$$

which is due to H2. It yields

$$\mathbb{E}\big[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2\big] \leq 2nL\mathbb{E}\big[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)})\big] + \frac{2LC_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} + \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{E}\Big[\frac{2LC_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}}\Big]$$

Finally, for any $K_{\mathsf{max}} \in \mathbb{N}$, we let K be a discrete r.v. that is uniformly drawn from $\{0, 1, ..., K_{\mathsf{max}} - 1\}$. Using H2 and taking total expectations lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}\big[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2\big] = \frac{1}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}\sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1}\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2] \\
&\leq \frac{2nL\mathbb{E}[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K_{\mathsf{max}})})]}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} + \frac{2LC_{\mathsf{r}}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}\sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1}\mathbb{E}\Big[\frac{1}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} + \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{1}{\sqrt{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}}\Big]
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

For all $i \in [\![1, n]\!]$, the index i is selected with a probability equal to $\frac{1}{n}$ when conditioned independently on the past. We observe:

$$\mathbb{E}[M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2}] = \sum_{j=1}^{k}\frac{1}{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{j-1} M_{(k-j)}^{-1/2} \tag{41}$$

Taking the sum yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1}\mathbb{E}[M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2}] = \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1}\sum_{j=1}^{k}\frac{1}{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{j-1} M_{(k-j)}^{-1/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1}\sum_{l=0}^{k-1}\frac{1}{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{k-(l+1)} M_{(l)}^{-1/2} \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} M_{(l)}^{-1/2}\sum_{k=l+1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1}\frac{1}{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{k-(l+1)} \leq \sum_{l=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} M_{(l)}^{-1/2}
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

where the last inequality is due to upper bounding the geometric series. Plugging this back into (40) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}\big[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2\big] = \frac{1}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}\sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1}\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2] \\
&\leq \frac{2nL\mathbb{E}[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K_{\mathsf{max}})})]}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} + \frac{1}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}\sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1}\frac{4LC_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} = \frac{\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

This concludes our proof for the first inequality in (24).

To prove the second inequality of (24), we define the shorthand notations $g^{(k)} := g(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$, $g_-^{(k)} := -\min\{0, g^{(k)}\}$, $g_+^{(k)} := \max\{0, g^{(k)}\}$. We observe that

$$
\begin{aligned}
g^{(k)} &= \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} \frac{\mathcal{L}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}-\boldsymbol{\theta}\|} \\
&= \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} \Big\{ \frac{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}-\boldsymbol{\theta}\|} - \frac{\langle \nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \,|\, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)} \rangle}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}-\boldsymbol{\theta}\|} \Big\} \\
&\geq -\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| + \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} \frac{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}-\boldsymbol{\theta}\|}
\end{aligned}
\tag{44}
$$

where the last inequality is due to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and we have defined $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{d}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})$ as the directional derivative of $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})$ at $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ along the direction $\boldsymbol{d}$. Moreover, for any $\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \\
&= \underbrace{\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)\prime}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})}_{\geq 0} - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)\prime}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \Big\{ \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) - \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} r_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}, z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \Big\}
\end{aligned}
\tag{45}
$$

where the inequality is due to the optimality of $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}$ and the convexity of $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ [cf. H1]. Denoting a scaled version of the above term as:

$$
\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \frac{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \Big\{ \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} r_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}, z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \Big\}}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}-\boldsymbol{\theta}\|}.
$$

We have

$$
g^{(k)} \geq -\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| + \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta}(-\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \geq -\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| - \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} |\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|. \tag{46}
$$

Since $g^{(k)} = g_+^{(k)} - g_-^{(k)}$ and $g_+^{(k)} g_-^{(k)} = 0$, this implies

$$
g_-^{(k)} \leq \|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| + \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} |\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|. \tag{47}
$$

Consider the above inequality when $k = K$, *i.e.,* the random index, and taking total expectations on both sides gives

$$
\mathbb{E}[g_-^{(K)}] \leq \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|] + \mathbb{E}[\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} \epsilon^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] \tag{48}
$$

We note that

$$
\Big(\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|]\Big)^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2] \leq \frac{\Delta(K_{\mathsf{max}})}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}, \tag{49}
$$

where the first inequality is due to the convexity of $(\cdot)^2$ and the Jensen's inequality, and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} \epsilon^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] &= \frac{1}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \mathbb{E}[\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta} \epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] \overset{(a)}{\leq} \frac{C_{\mathsf{gr}}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} \mathbb{E}\Big[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2}\Big] \\
&\overset{(b)}{\leq} \frac{C_{\mathsf{gr}}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} M_{(k)}^{-1/2}
\end{aligned}
\tag{50}
$$

where (a) is due to H2 and (b) is due to (42). This implies

$$
\mathbb{E}[g_-^{(K)}] \leq \sqrt{\frac{\Delta_{(K_{\mathsf{max}})}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}}} + \frac{C_{\mathsf{gr}}}{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}-1} M_{(k)}^{-1/2}, \tag{51}
$$

and concludes the proof of the theorem. $\square$

B Proof of Theorem 2

Theorem. *Under S1, S2, H1, H2. In addition, assume that $\{M_{(k)}\}_{k\geq 0}$ is a non-decreasing sequence of integers which satisfies $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_{(k)}^{-1/2} < \infty$. Then:*

1. *the negative part of the stationarity measure converges almost surely to zero,* i.e., $\lim_{k\to\infty} g_-(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = 0$ *a.s.*.
2. *the objective value $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$ converges almost surely to a finite number $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$,* i.e., $\lim_{k\to\infty} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \underline{\mathcal{L}}$ *a.s.*.

Proof We apply the following auxiliary lemma which proof can be found in Appendix C for the readability of the current proof:

Lemma 1. *Let $(V_k)_{k\geq 0}$ be a non negative sequence of random variables such that $\mathbb{E}[V_0] < \infty$. Let $(X_k)_{k\geq 0}$ a non negative sequence of random variables and $(E_k)_{k\geq 0}$ be a sequence of random variables such that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|E_k|] < \infty$. If for any $k \geq 1$:*

$$V_k \leq V_{k-1} - X_{k-1} + E_{k-1} \tag{52}$$

then:

(i) for all $k \geq 0$, $\mathbb{E}[V_k] < \infty$ and the sequence $(V_k)_{k\geq 0}$ converges a.s. to a finite limit V_∞.

(ii) the sequence $(\mathbb{E}[V_k])_{k\geq 0}$ converges and $\lim\limits_{k\to\infty} \mathbb{E}[V_k] = \mathbb{E}[V_\infty]$.

(iii) the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} X_k$ converges almost surely and $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_k] < \infty$.

We proceed from (33) by re-arranging terms and observing that

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) \leq \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) &- \tfrac{1}{n}\big(\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big) \\
&- \big(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)})\big) + \big(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big) \\
&+ \tfrac{1}{n}\big(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big) \\
&+ \tfrac{1}{n}\big(\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})\big)
\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Our idea is to apply Lemma 1. Under S1, the finite sum of surrogate functions $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$, defined in (22), is lower bounded by a constant $c_k > -\infty$ for any $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. To this end, we observe that

$$V_k := \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \inf_{k\geq 0} c_k \geq 0 \tag{54}$$

is a non-negative random variable.

Secondly, under H1, the following random variable is non-negative

$$X_k := \tfrac{1}{n}\big(\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big) \geq 0. \tag{55}$$

Thirdly, we define

$$\begin{aligned}
E_k = &-\big(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)})\big) + \big(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big) \\
&+ \tfrac{1}{n}\big(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big) \\
&+ \tfrac{1}{n}\big(\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})\big).
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

Note that from the definitions (54), (55), (56), we have $V_{k+1} \leq V_k - X_k + E_k$ for any $k \geq 1$.

Under H2, we observe that

$$\mathbb{E}\big[|\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})|\big] \leq C_{\mathsf{r}} M_{(k)}^{-1/2} \tag{57}$$

$$\mathbb{E}\Big[\Big|\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)};\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)};\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})\Big|\Big] \leq C_{\mathsf{r}}\mathbb{E}\Big[M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}^{-1/2}\Big] \tag{58}$$

$$\mathbb{E}\big[|\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})|\big] \leq \tfrac{1}{n}\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^n C_{\mathsf{r}}\mathbb{E}\Big[M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2}\Big] \tag{59}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}\big[|E_k|\big] \leq \tfrac{C_{\mathsf{r}}}{n}\Big(M_{(k)}^{-1/2} + \mathbb{E}\Big[M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}^{-1/2} + \textstyle\sum_{i=1}^n\{M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2} + M_{(\tau_i^{k+1})}^{-1/2}\}\Big]\Big) \tag{60}$$

Using (42) and the assumption on the sequence $\{M_{(k)}\}_{k\geq 0}$, we obtain that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}\big[|E_k|\big] < \frac{C_{\mathsf{r}}}{n}(2+2n)\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}M_{(k)}^{-1/2} < \infty. \tag{61}$$

Therefore, the conclusions in Lemma 1 hold. Precisely, we have $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}X_k < \infty$ and $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}[X_k] < \infty$ almost surely. Note that this implies

$$\begin{aligned}\infty > \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}[X_k] &= \frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}\big[\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)};\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)};\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big] \\ &= \frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}\big[\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big] = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}\big[\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\big]\end{aligned} \tag{62}$$

Since $\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \geq 0$, the above implies

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{63}$$

and subsequently applying (32), we have $\lim_{k\to\infty}\|\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| = 0$ almost surely. Finally, it follows from (32) and (47) that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} g_-^{(k)} \leq \lim_{k\to\infty}\sqrt{2L}\sqrt{\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})} + \lim_{k\to\infty}\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta}|\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})| = 0, \tag{64}$$

where the last equality holds almost surely due to the fact that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}[\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta}\in\Theta}|\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|] < \infty$. This concludes the asymptotic convergence of the MISSO method.

Finally, we prove that $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$ converges almost surely. As a consequence of Lemma 1, it is clear that $\{V_k\}_{k\geq 0}$ converges almost surely and so is $\{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\}_{k\geq 0}$, *i.e.*, we have $\lim_{k\to\infty}\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \underline{\mathcal{L}}$. Applying (63) implies that

$$\underline{\mathcal{L}} = \lim_{k\to\infty}\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \lim_{k\to\infty}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{65}$$

This shows that $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$ converges almost surely to $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$. □

C Proof of Lemma 1

Lemma. *Let $(V_k)_{k\geq 0}$ be a non negative sequence of random variables such that $\mathbb{E}[V_0] < \infty$. Let $(X_k)_{k\geq 0}$ a non negative sequence of random variables and $(E_k)_{k\geq 0}$ be a sequence of random variables such that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}[|E_k|] < \infty$. If for any $k \geq 1$:*

$$V_k \leq V_{k-1} - X_{k-1} + E_{k-1}$$

then:

(i) for all $k \geq 0$, $\mathbb{E}[V_k] < \infty$ and the sequence $(V_k)_{k\geq 0}$ converges a.s. to a finite limit V_∞.

(ii) the sequence $(\mathbb{E}[V_k])_{k\geq 0}$ converges and $\lim_{k\to\infty}\mathbb{E}[V_k] = \mathbb{E}[V_\infty]$.

(iii) the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}X_k$ converges almost surely and $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\mathbb{E}[X_k] < \infty$.

Proof We first show that for all $k \geq 0$, $\mathbb{E}[V_k] < \infty$. Note indeed that:

$$0 \leq V_k \leq V_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{k} X_j + \sum_{j=1}^{k} E_j \leq V_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} E_j \tag{66}$$

showing that $\mathbb{E}[V_k] \leq \mathbb{E}[V_0] + \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=1}^{k} E_j\right] < \infty$.

Since $0 \leq X_k \leq V_{k-1} - V_k + E_k$ we also obtain for all $k \geq 0$, $\mathbb{E}[X_k] < \infty$. Moreover, since $\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |E_j|\right] < \infty$, the series $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$ converges a.s. We may therefore define:

$$W_k = V_k + \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} E_j \tag{67}$$

Note that $\mathbb{E}[|W_k|] \leq \mathbb{E}[V_k] + \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} |E_j|\right] < \infty$. For all $k \geq 1$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} W_k &\leq V_{k-1} - X_k + \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} E_j \leq W_{k-1} - X_k \leq W_{k-1} \\ \mathbb{E}[W_k] &\leq \mathbb{E}[W_{k-1}] - \mathbb{E}[X_k] \end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

Hence the sequences $(W_k)_{k\geq 0}$ and $(\mathbb{E}[W_k])_{k\geq 0}$ are non increasing. Since for all $k \geq 0$, $W_k \geq -\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |E_j| > -\infty$ and $\mathbb{E}[W_k] \geq -\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|E_j|] > -\infty$, the (random) sequence $(W_k)_{k\geq 0}$ converges a.s. to a limit W_∞ and the (deterministic) sequence $(\mathbb{E}[W_k])_{k\geq 0}$ converges to a limit w_∞. Since $|W_k| \leq V_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |E_j|$, the Fatou lemma implies that:

$$\mathbb{E}[\liminf_{k\to\infty} |W_k|] = \mathbb{E}[|W_\infty|] \leq \liminf_{k\to\infty} \mathbb{E}[|W_k|] \leq \mathbb{E}[V_0] + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|E_j|] < \infty \tag{69}$$

showing that the random variable W_∞ is integrable.

In the sequel, set $U_k \triangleq W_0 - W_k$. By construction we have for all $k \geq 0$, $U_k \geq 0$, $U_k \leq U_{k+1}$ and $\mathbb{E}[U_k] \leq \mathbb{E}[|W_0|] + \mathbb{E}[|W_k|] < \infty$ and by the monotone convergence theorem, we get:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \mathbb{E}[U_k] = \mathbb{E}[\lim_{k\to\infty} U_k] \tag{70}$$

Finally, we have:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \mathbb{E}[U_k] = \mathbb{E}[W_0] - w_\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}[\lim_{k\to\infty} U_k] = \mathbb{E}[W_0] - \mathbb{E}[W_\infty] \tag{71}$$

showing that $\mathbb{E}[W_\infty] = w_\infty$ and concluding the proof of (ii). Moreover, using (68) we have that $W_k \leq W_{k-1} - X_k$ which yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} X_j &\leq W_0 - W_\infty < \infty \\ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_j] &\leq \mathbb{E}[W_0] - w_\infty < \infty \end{aligned} \tag{72}$$

which concludes the proof of the lemma. □