# Optimistic Acceleration of AMSGrad for Nonconvex Optimization.

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#### 1 Nonconvex Analysis

We tackle the following classical optimization problem:

$$\min_{w \in \Theta} f(w) := \mathbb{E}[f(w, \xi)] \tag{1}$$

- where  $\xi$  is some random noise and only noisy versions of the objective function are accessible in
- 4 this work. The objective function f(w) is (potentially) nonconvex and has Lipschitz gradients.
- 5 Optimistic Algorithm We present here the algorithm studied in this paper to tackle problem (1).
- Set the terminating iteration number,  $K \in \{0, \dots, K_{\text{max}} 1\}$ , as a discrete r.v. with:

$$P(K = \ell) = \frac{\eta_{\ell}}{\sum_{j=0}^{K_{\text{max}} - 1} \eta_{j}}.$$
 (2)

- where  $K_{\text{max}} \leftarrow$  is the maximum number of iteration. The random termination number (2) is inspired
- 8 by [Ghadimi and Lan, 2013] which enables one to show non-asymptotic convergence to stationary
- 9 point for non-convex optimization. Consider constants  $(\beta_1, \beta_2) \in [0, 1]$ , a sequence of decreasing
- stepsizes  $\{\eta_k\}_{k>0}$ , Algorithm 1 introduces the new optimistic AMSGrad method.

### **Algorithm 1** OPTIMISTIC-AMSGRAD

- 1: **Input:** Parameters  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \epsilon, \eta_k$ 2: **Init.:**  $w_1 = w_{-1/2} \in \mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $v_0 = \epsilon \mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ 3: **for**  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, K$  **do** 4: Get mini-batch stochastic gradient  $g_k$  at  $w_k$ 5:  $\theta_k = \beta_1 \theta_{k-1} + (1 - \beta_1) g_k$ 6:  $v_k = \beta_2 v_{k-1} + (1 - \beta_2) g_k^2$ 7:  $\hat{v}_k = \max(\hat{v}_{k-1}, v_k)$ 8:  $w_{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \Pi_K \left[ w_k - \eta_k \frac{\theta_k}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_k}} \right]$ 9:  $w_{k+1} = \Pi_K \left[ w_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - \eta_k \frac{h_{k+1}}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_k}} \right]$ 10: where  $h_{k+1} := \beta_1 \theta_{k-1} + (1 - \beta_1) m_{k+1}$ 11: and  $m_{k+1}$  is a guess of  $g_{k+1}$ 12: **end for** 13: **Return**:  $w_{K+1}$ .
- The final update at iteration k can be summarized as:

$$w_{k+1} = w_k - \eta_k \frac{\theta_k}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_k}} - \eta_k \frac{h_{k+1}}{\sqrt{v}_k}$$
(3)

We make the following assumptions:

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- 13 **H1.** The loss function f(w) is nonconvex w.r.t. the parameter w.
- 14 **H2.** For any k>0, the estimated weight  $w_k$  stays within a  $\ell_\infty$ -ball. There exists a constant W>0
- 15 such that.

$$||w_k|| \le W$$
 almost surely (4)

**H3.** The function f(w) is L-smooth w.r.t. the parameter w. There exist some constant L > 0 such that for  $(w, \vartheta) \in \Theta^2$ :

$$f(w) - f(\vartheta) - \nabla f(\vartheta)^{\top} (w - \vartheta) \le \frac{L}{2} \|w - \vartheta\|^2 . \tag{5}$$

**H4.** There exists a constant a > 0 such that for any k > 0:

$$||m_{k+1}|| \le a ||g_{k+1}||$$

- 18 Classically (see [Ghadimi and Lan, 2013]) in nonconvex optimization, we make an assumption on
- 19 the magnitude of the gradient:
  - **H5.** There exists a constant M > 0 such that

$$\|\nabla f(w,\xi)\| < \mathsf{M}$$
 for any  $w$  and  $\xi$ 

- 20 We begin with some auxiliary Lemmas important for the analysis. The first one ensures bounded
- 21 norms of various quantities of interests (boiling down from the classical stochastic gradient bound-
- edness assumption):

**Lemma 1.** Assume assumption H 5, then the quantities defined in Algorithm 1 satisfy for any  $w \in \Theta$  and k > 0:

$$\|\nabla f(w_k)\| < \mathsf{M}, \quad \|\theta_k\| < \mathsf{M}, \quad \|\hat{v}_k\| < \mathsf{M}^2.$$

**Proof** Assume assumption H 5 we have:

$$\|\nabla f(w)\| = \|\mathbb{E}[\nabla f(w,\xi)]\| \le \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(w,\xi)\|] \le \mathsf{M}$$

By induction reasoning, since  $\|\theta_0\| = 0 \le M$  and suppose that for  $\|\theta_k\| \le M$  then we have

$$\|\theta_{k+1}\| = \|\beta_1 \theta_k + (1 - \beta_1) g_{k+1}\| \le \beta_1 \|\theta_k\| + (1 - \beta_1) \|g_{k+1}\| \le \mathsf{M}$$
 (6)

24 Using the same induction reasoning we prove that

$$\|\hat{v}_{k+1}\| = \|\beta_2 \hat{v}_k + (1 - \beta_2) g_{k+1}^2\| \le \beta_2 \|\hat{v}_k\| + (1 - \beta_1) \|g_{k+1}^2\| \le \mathsf{M}^2 \tag{7}$$

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- Then, following [Yan et al., 2018] and their study of the SGD with Momentum (not AMSGrad but
- simple momentum) we denote for any k > 0:

$$\overline{w}_k = w_k + \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} (w_k - w_{k-1}) = \frac{1}{1 - \beta_1} w_k - \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} w_{k-1} , \qquad (8)$$

- 28 and derive an important Lemma:
- Lemma 2. Assume a strictly positive and non increasing sequence of stepsizes  $\{\eta_k\}_{k>0}$ ,  $\beta_{\in}[0,1]$ ,
- 30 then the following holds:

$$\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k \le \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \tilde{\theta}_{k-1} \left[ \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} - \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \right] - \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k , \qquad (9)$$

- 31 where  $\tilde{\theta}_k = \theta_k + \beta_1 \theta_{k-1}$  and  $\tilde{g}_k = g_k \beta_1 m_k + \beta_1 g_{k-1} + m_{k+1}$ .
- Proof By definition (8) and using the Algorithm updates, we have:

$$\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k = \frac{1}{1 - \beta_1} (w_{k+1} - w_k) - \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} (w_k - w_{k-1}) 
= -\frac{1}{1 - \beta_1} \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} (\theta_k + h_{k+1}) + \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} (\theta_{k-1} + h_k) 
= -\frac{1}{1 - \beta_1} \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} (\theta_k + \beta_1 \theta_{k-1}) - \frac{1}{1 - \beta_1} \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} (1 - \beta_1) m_{k+1} 
+ \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} (\theta_{k-1} + \beta_1 \theta_{k-2}) + \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} (1 - \beta_1) m_k$$
(10)

Denote  $\tilde{\theta}_k=\theta_k+\beta_1\theta_{k-1}$  and  $\tilde{g}_k=g_k-\beta_1m_k+\beta_1g_{k-1}+m_{k+1}$ . Notice that  $\tilde{\theta}_k=\beta_1\tilde{\theta}_{k-1}+34$   $(1-\beta_1)(g_k+\beta_1g_{k-1})$ .

$$\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k \le \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \tilde{\theta}_{k-1} \left[ \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} - \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \right] - \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k \tag{11}$$

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**Lemma 3.** Assume H 5, a strictly positive and non increasing sequence of stepsizes  $\{\eta_k\}_{k>0}$ ,  $\beta \in [0,1]$ , then the following holds:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{K_{\text{max}}} \eta_k^2 \mathbb{E}\left[ \left\| \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \theta_k \right\|_2^2 \right] \le \frac{\eta^2 dK (1 - \beta_1)}{(1 - \beta_2)(1 - \gamma)} \tag{12}$$

Proof We denote by index  $p \in [1, d]$  the dimension of each component of vectors of interest. Noting that for any k > 0 and dimension p we have  $\hat{v}_{k,p} \ge v_{k,p}$ , then:

$$\eta_{k}^{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \theta_{k} \right\|_{2}^{2} \right] = \eta_{k}^{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{p=1}^{d} \frac{\theta_{k,p}^{2}}{\hat{v}_{k,p}} \right] \\
\leq \eta_{k}^{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\theta_{k,p}^{2}}{v_{k,p}} \right] \\
\leq \eta_{k}^{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\left( \sum_{t=1}^{k} (1 - \beta_{1}) \beta_{1}^{k-t} g_{t,p} \right)^{2}}{\sum_{t=1}^{k} (1 - \beta_{2}) \beta_{2}^{k-t} g_{t,p}^{2}} \right]$$
(13)

where the last inequality is due to initializations. Denote  $\gamma = \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2}$ . Then,

$$\eta_{k}^{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \theta_{k} \right\|_{2}^{2} \right] \leq \frac{\eta_{k}^{2} (1 - \beta_{1})^{2}}{1 - \beta_{2}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\left( \sum_{t=1}^{k} \beta_{1}^{k-t} g_{t,p} \right)^{2}}{\sum_{t=1}^{k} \beta_{2}^{k-t} g_{t,p}^{2}} \right] \\
\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{\eta_{k}^{2} (1 - \beta_{1})}{1 - \beta_{2}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{k} \beta_{1}^{k-t} g_{t,p}^{2}}{\sum_{t=1}^{k} \beta_{2}^{k-t} g_{t,p}^{2}} \right] \\
\leq \frac{\eta_{k}^{2} (1 - \beta_{1})}{1 - \beta_{2}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{d} \sum_{t=1}^{k} \gamma^{k-t} \right] = \frac{\eta_{k}^{2} d (1 - \beta_{1})}{1 - \beta_{2}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^{k} \gamma^{k-t} \right]$$
(14)

where (a) is due to  $\sum_{t=1}^k \beta_1^{k-t} \le \frac{1}{1-\beta_1}$ . Summing from k=1 to  $k=K_{\max}$  on both sides yields:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{K_{\text{max}}} \eta_k^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \theta_k \right\|_2^2 \right] \leq \frac{\eta_k^2 d (1 - \beta_1)}{1 - \beta_2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\text{max}}} \sum_{t=1}^k \gamma^{k-t} \right] \\
\leq \frac{\eta^2 d K (1 - \beta_1)}{1 - \beta_2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{t=t}^k \gamma^{k-t} \right] \\
\leq \frac{\eta^2 d K (1 - \beta_1)}{(1 - \beta_2)(1 - \gamma)} \tag{15}$$

where the last inequality is due to  $\sum_{t=1}^k \gamma^{k-t} \le \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$  by definition of  $\gamma$ .

- We now formulate the main result of our paper giving a finite-time upper bound of the quantity  $\mathbb{E}\left[\|\nabla f(w_K)\|^2\right]$  where K is a random termination number distributed according to 2, see [Ghadimi
- 45 and Lan, 2013].
- **Theorem 1.** Assume H 3-H 5,  $(\beta_1, \beta_2) \in [0, 1]$  and a sequence of decreasing stepsizes  $\{\eta_k\}_{k>0}$ ,
- 47 then the following result holds:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|\nabla f(w_K)\|^2\right] \le tocomplete \tag{16}$$

where K is a random termination number distributed according (2).

**Proof** Using H 3 and the iterate  $\overline{w}_k$  we have:

$$f(\overline{w}_{k+1}) \leq f(\overline{w}_k) + \nabla f(\overline{w}_k)^{\top} (\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k) + \frac{L}{2} \|\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k\|^2$$

$$\leq f(\overline{w}_k) + \underbrace{\nabla f(w_k)^{\top} (\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k)}_{A} + \underbrace{(\nabla f(\overline{w}_k) - \nabla f(w_k))^{\top} (\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k)}_{B} + \underbrace{\frac{L}{2} \|\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k\|}_{(17)}$$

**Term A.** Using Lemma 2, we have that:

$$\nabla f(w_{k})^{\top}(\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_{k}) \leq \nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \left[ \frac{\beta_{1}}{1 - \beta_{1}} \tilde{\theta}_{k-1} \left[ \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} - \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \right] - \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_{k} \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{\beta_{1}}{1 - \beta_{1}} \left\| \nabla f(w_{k}) \right\| \left\| \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} - \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \right\| \left\| \tilde{\theta}_{k-1} \right\| - \nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_{k}$$

$$(18)$$

where the inequality is due to trivial inequality for positive diagonal matrix. Using Lemma 1 and

assumption H4 we obtain:

$$\nabla f(w_k)^{\top}(\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k) \leq \frac{\beta_1(1 + \beta_1)}{1 - \beta_1} \mathsf{M}^2 \left[ \left\| \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \right\| - \left\| \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \right\| \right] - \nabla f(w_k)^{\top} \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k$$
(19)

where we have used the fact that  $\eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2}$  is a diagonal matrix such that  $\eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \succcurlyeq \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \succcurlyeq 0$  (decreasing stepsize and max operator). Also note that:

$$-\nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_{k} = -\nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \bar{g}_{k} - \nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \left[ \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} - \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \right] \bar{g}_{k}$$

$$- \nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} (\beta_{1} g_{k-1} + m_{k+1})$$

$$\leq -\nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \bar{g}_{k} + (1 - a\beta_{1}) \mathsf{M}^{2} \left[ \left\| \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \right\| - \left\| \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \right\| \right]$$

$$- \nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} (\beta_{1} g_{k-1} + m_{k+1})$$

$$(20)$$

using Lemma 1 on  $||g_k||$  and where that  $\tilde{g}_k = \bar{g}_k + \beta_1 g_{k-1} + m_{k+1} = g_k - \beta_1 m_k + \beta_1 g_{k-1} + m_{k+1}$ . Plugging (20) into (19) yields:

$$\nabla f(w_{k})^{\top}(\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_{k})$$

$$\leq -\nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \overline{g}_{k} + \frac{1}{1 - \beta_{1}} (a\beta_{1}^{2} - 2a\beta_{1} + \beta_{1}) \mathsf{M}^{2} \left[ \left\| \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \right\| - \left\| \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \right\| \right]$$

$$- \nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} (\beta_{1} g_{k-1} + m_{k+1})$$
(21)

Term B. By Cauchy-Schwarz (CS) inequality we have:

$$\left(\nabla f(\overline{w}_k) - \nabla f(w_k)\right)^{\top} \left(\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k\right) \le \|\nabla f(\overline{w}_k) - \nabla f(w_k)\| \|\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k\| \tag{22}$$

Using smoothness assumption H 3:

$$\|\nabla f(\overline{w}_k) - \nabla f(w_k)\| \le L \|\overline{w}_k - w_k\|$$

$$\le L \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \|w_k - w_{k-1}\|$$
(23)

By Lemma 2 we also have:

$$\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k = \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \tilde{\theta}_{k-1} \left[ \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} - \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \right] - \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k 
= \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \tilde{\theta}_{k-1} \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \left[ I - (\eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2}) (\eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2})^{-1} \right] - \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k 
= \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \left[ I - (\eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2}) (\eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2})^{-1} \right] (w_{k-1} - w_k) - \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k$$
(24)

where the last equality is due to  $\tilde{\theta}_{k-1}\eta_{k-1}\hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2}=w_{k-1}-w_k$  by construction of  $\tilde{\theta}_k$ . Taking the

norms on both sides, observing  $\left\|I-(\eta_k\hat{v}_k^{-1/2})(\eta_{k-1}\hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2})^{-1}\right\|\leq 1$  due to the decreasing stepsize and the construction of  $\hat{v}_k$  and using CS inequality yield:

$$\|\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k\| \le \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \|w_{k-1} - w_k\| + \|\eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k\|$$
 (25)

We recall Young's inequality with a constant  $\delta \in (0,1)$  as follows:

$$\langle X | Y \rangle \le \frac{1}{\delta} \|X\|^2 + \delta \|Y\|^2$$

Plugging (23) and (25) into (22) returns:

$$(\nabla f(\overline{w}_{k}) - \nabla f(w_{k}))^{\top} (\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_{k}) \leq L \frac{\beta_{1}}{1 - \beta_{1}} \| \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_{k} \| \| w_{k} - w_{k-1} \| + L \left( \frac{\beta_{1}}{1 - \beta_{1}} \right)^{2} \| w_{k-1} - w_{k} \|^{2}$$
(26)

Applying Young's inequality with  $\delta \to \frac{\beta_1}{1-\beta_1}$  on the product  $\left\| \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k \right\| \|w_k - w_{k-1}\|$  yields:

$$(\nabla f(\overline{w}_k) - \nabla f(w_k))^{\top} (\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k) \le L \left\| \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k \right\|^2 + 2L \left( \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right)^2 \left\| w_{k-1} - w_k \right\|^2$$
(27)

The last term  $\frac{L}{2} \| \overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k \|$  can be upper bounded using (25):

$$\frac{L}{2} \|\overline{w}_{k+1} - \overline{w}_k\|^2 \le \frac{L}{2} \left[ \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \|w_{k-1} - w_k\| + \left\| \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k \right\| \right] 
\le L \left\| \eta_k \hat{v}_k^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_k \right\|^2 + 2L \left( \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right)^2 \|w_{k-1} - w_k\|^2$$
(28)

Plugging (21), (27) and (28) into (17) and taking the expectations on both sides give:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[f(\overline{w}_{k+1}) + \frac{1}{1-\beta_{1}}\widetilde{\mathsf{M}}^{2} \left\| \eta_{k}\hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \right\| - \left(f(\overline{w}_{k}) + \frac{1}{1-\beta_{1}}\widetilde{\mathsf{M}}^{2} \left\| \eta_{k-1}\hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \right\| \right)\right] \\
\leq \mathbb{E}\left[-\nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k-1}\hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} \bar{g}_{k} - \nabla f(w_{k})^{\top} \eta_{k}\hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} (\beta_{1}g_{k-1} + m_{k+1})\right] \\
+ \mathbb{E}\left[2L \left\| \eta_{k}\hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_{k} \right\|^{2} + 4L \left(\frac{\beta_{1}}{1-\beta_{1}}\right)^{2} \|w_{k-1} - w_{k}\|^{2}\right] \tag{29}$$

where  $\tilde{\mathsf{M}}^2 = (a\beta_1^2 - 2a\beta_1 + \beta_1)\mathsf{M}^2$ . Note that the expectation of  $\tilde{g}_k$  conditioned on the filtration  $\mathcal{F}_k$  reads as follows

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\bar{g}_k\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[g_k - \beta_1 m_k\right]$$

$$= (1 - a\beta_1)\nabla f(w_k)$$
(30)

Summing from k = 1 to k = K leads to

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{M}^{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \left( (1 - a\beta_{1}) \eta_{k-1} + (\beta_{1} + a) \eta_{k} \right) \left\| \nabla f(w_{k}) \right\|^{2} \leq \\ & \mathbb{E} \left[ f(\overline{w}_{1}) + \frac{1}{1 - \beta_{1}} \tilde{\mathsf{M}}^{2} \left\| \eta_{0} \hat{v}_{0}^{-1/2} \right\| - \left( f(\overline{w}_{K_{\mathsf{max}}+1}) + \frac{1}{1 - \beta_{1}} \tilde{\mathsf{M}}^{2} \left\| \eta_{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \hat{v}_{K_{\mathsf{max}}}^{-1/2} \right\| \right) \right] \\ & + 2L \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_{k} \right\|^{2} \right] + 4L \left( \frac{\beta_{1}}{1 - \beta_{1}} \right)^{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| w_{k-1} - w_{k} \right\|^{2} \right] \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \Delta f + \frac{1}{1 - \beta_{1}} \tilde{\mathsf{M}}^{2} \left\| \eta_{0} \hat{v}_{0}^{-1/2} \right\| \right] + 2L \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_{k} \right\|^{2} \right] + 4L \left( \frac{\beta_{1}}{1 - \beta_{1}} \right)^{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| w_{k-1} - w_{k} \right\|^{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

70 where  $\Delta f = f(\overline{w}_1) - f(\overline{w}_{K_{\max}+1}).$  We note that

$$w_{k-1} - w_k = \eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} (\theta_{k-1} + h_k)$$
  
=  $\eta_{k-1} \hat{v}_{k-1}^{-1/2} (\theta_{k-1} + \beta_1 \theta_{k-2} + (1 - \beta_1) m_k)$  (32)

71 Using Lemma 3 we have

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$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left\|w_{k-1} - w_k\right\|^2\right] \tag{33}$$

72 And thus, injecting in (31) yields:

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{M}^{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \left( (1 - a\beta_{1}) \eta_{k-1} + (\beta_{1} + a) \eta_{k} \right) \left\| \nabla f(w_{k}) \right\|^{2} \leq \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \Delta f + \frac{1}{1 - \beta_{1}} \tilde{\mathsf{M}}^{2} \left\| \eta_{0} \hat{v}_{0}^{-1/2} \right\| \right] + 2L \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_{k} \right\|^{2} \right] + 4L \left( \frac{\beta_{1}}{1 - \beta_{1}} \right)^{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K_{\mathsf{max}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| w_{k-1} - w_{k} \right\|^{2} \right] \end{split} \tag{34}$$

## 74 2 Checking H 2 for a Deep Neural Network

- 75 We show in this section that the weights satisfy assumption H 2 and stay in a bounded set when
- 76 the model we are fitting, using our method, is a fully connected feed forward neural network. The
- 77 activation function for this section will be sigmoid function and we add a  $\ell_2$  regularization.
- For the sake of notation, we assume  $\beta_1 = 0$ . We consider a fully connected feed forward neural
- network with L layers modeled by the function  $\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi):\mathbb{R}^l\to\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi) = \sigma\left(w^{(L)}\sigma\left(w^{(L-1)}\dots\sigma\left(w^{(1)}\xi\right)\right)\right) \tag{35}$$

- where  $w = [w^{(1)}, w^{(2)}, \cdots, w^{(L)}]$  is the vector of parameters,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^l$  is the input data and  $\sigma$  is the
- 81 sigmoid activation function. We assume a l dimension input data and a scalar output for simplicity.
- The stochastic objective function (1) reads:

$$f(w,\xi) = \mathcal{L}(\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi), y) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|^2$$
(36)

- where  $\mathcal{L}(\cdot,y)$  is the loss function (can be Huber loss or cross entropy), y are the true labels and  $\lambda>0$
- 84 is the regularization parameter. Beforehand, two following mild conditions on the boundedness of
- 85 the input data and of the loss function should be verified. For any  $\xi \mathbb{R}^l$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  there is a constant
- 86 T > 0 such that:

$$\|\xi\| \le 1$$
 a.s. and  $|\mathcal{L}'(\cdot, y)| \le T$  (37)

where  $\mathcal{L}'(\cdot,y)$  denotes its derivative *w.r.t.* the paramer. For any layer index  $\ell \in [1,L]$  we denote the output of layer  $\ell$  by  $h^{(\ell)}(w,\xi)$ :

$$h^{(\ell)}(w,\xi) = \sigma\left(w^{(\ell)}\sigma\left(w^{(\ell-1)}\dots\sigma\left(w^{(1)}\xi\right)\right)\right)$$

- Given the sigmoid assumption we have  $||h^{(\ell)}(w,\xi)|| \leq 1$  for any  $\ell \in [1,L]$  and any  $(w,\xi) \in$
- 88  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^l$ .
- 89 Observe that at the last layer L:

$$\begin{split} \|\nabla_{w^{(L)}}\mathcal{L}(\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi),y)\| &= \|\mathcal{L}'(\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi),y)\nabla_{w^{(L)}}\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi)\| \\ &= \left\|\mathcal{L}'(\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi),y)\sigma'(w^{(L)}h^{(L-1)}(w,\xi))h^{(L-1)}(w,\xi)\right\| \\ &\leq \frac{T}{4} \end{split} \tag{38}$$

- where the last equality is due to mild assumptions (37) and to the fact that the norm of the derivative of the sigmoid function is upperbounded by 1/4.
- From Algorithm 1, with  $\beta_1 = 0$  we have for iteration index k > 0:

$$\|w_{k} - w_{k-1}\| = \left\| -\eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} (\theta_{k} + h_{k+1}) \right\|$$

$$= \left\| \eta_{k} \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} (g_{k} + m_{k+1}) \right\|$$

$$\leq \hat{\eta} \left\| \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} g_{k} \right\| + \hat{\eta} a \left\| \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} g_{k+1} \right\|$$
(39)

where  $\hat{\eta} = \max_{k>0} \eta_k$ . For any dimension  $p \in [1, d]$ , using assumption H 4, we note that

$$\sqrt{\hat{v}_{k,p}} \geq \sqrt{1-\beta_2} g_{k,p} \quad \text{and} \quad m_{k+1} \leq a \, \|g_{k+1}\|$$

93 . Thus:

$$||w_{k} - w_{k-1}|| \leq \hat{\eta} \left( \left\| \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} g_{k} \right\| + a \left\| \hat{v}_{k}^{-1/2} g_{k+1} \right\| \right)$$

$$\leq \hat{\eta} \frac{a+1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_{2}}}$$
(40)

In short there exist a constant B such that  $||w_k - w_{k-1}|| \le B$ .

**Proof by induction:** As in [Défossez et al., 2020], we will prove the containment of the weights by induction. Suppose an iteration index K and a coordinate i of the last layer L such that  $w_{K,i}^{(L)} \ge \frac{T}{4\lambda} + B$ . Using (38), we have

$$\nabla_i f(w_K^{(L)} \ge -\frac{T}{4} + \lambda \frac{T}{\lambda 4} \ge 0$$

where  $f(\cdot)$  is defined by (36) and is the loss of our MLN. This last equation yields  $\theta_{K,i}^{(L)} \geq 0$  (given the algorithm and  $\beta_1 = 0$ ) and using the fact that  $\|w_k - w_{k-1}\| \leq B$  we have

$$0 \le w_{K-1,i}^{(L)} - B \le w_{K,i}^{(L)} \le w_{K-1,i}^{(L)} \tag{41}$$

which means that  $|w_{K,i}^{(L)}| \leq w_{K-1,i}^{(L)}$ . So if the first assumption of that induction reasoning holds, i.e.,  $w_{K-1,i}^{(L)} \geq \frac{T}{4\lambda} + B$ , then the next iterates  $w_{K,i}^{(L)}$  decreases, see (41) and go below  $\frac{T}{4\lambda} + B$ . This yields that for any iteration index k>0 we have

$$w_{K,i}^{(L)} \le \frac{T}{4\lambda} + 2B$$

since B is the biggest jump an iterate can do since  $||w_k - w_{k-1}|| \le B$ . Likewise we can end up showing that

$$|w_{K,i}^{(L)}| \le \frac{T}{4\lambda} + 2B$$

- 97 meaning that the weights of the last layer at any iteration is bounded in some matrix norm.
- 98 Now that we have shown this boundedness property for the last layer L, we will do the same for the
- 99 previous layers and conclude the verification of assumption H 2 by induction.
- For any layer  $\ell \in [1, L-1]$ , we have:

$$\nabla_{w^{(\ell)}} \mathcal{L}(\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi),y) = \mathcal{L}'(\mathsf{MLN}(w,\xi),y) \left( \prod_{j=1}^{\ell+1} \sigma'\left(w^{(j)}h^{(j-1)}(w,\xi)\right) \right) h^{(\ell-1)}(w,\xi) \tag{42}$$

This last quantity is bounded as long as we can prove that for any layer  $\ell$  the weights  $w^{(\ell)}$  are bounded in some matrix norm as  $\|w^{(\ell)}\|_F \leq F_\ell$  with the Frobenius norm. Suppose we have shown  $\|w^{(r)}\|_F \leq F_r$  for any layer  $r > \ell$ . Then having this gradient (42) bounded we can use the same lines of proof for the last layer L and show that the norm of the weights at the selected layer  $\ell$  satisfy

$$\left\| w^{(\ell)} \right\| \le \frac{T \prod_{k>\ell} F_k}{4^{L-\ell+1}} + 2B$$

- Showing that the weights of the previous layers  $\ell \in [1, L-1]$  as well as for the last layer L of our
- fully connected feed forward neural network are bounded at each iteration, leads by induction, to
- the boundedness (at each iteration) assumption we want to check.

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