- We would like to thank the four reviewers for their feedback.
- 2 Upon acceptance, we will include in the final version (a) improved notations and (b) an improved presentation of
- 3 related work. We first discuss a few common concerns shared by reviewer 1, reviewer 2, reviewer 3 and reviewer 4.
- •• Non convex bound: As pointed out by several reviewers, the non convex bound does not clearly show a dependence
- 5 on the gradient prediction process. While being clear that in the convex case, predicting well the next gradient
- $_{6}$ theoretically improves the bound (see Eq (2)), the non convex bound at least set a comparable state-of-the-art rate (as
- 7 adam-type methods) in $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{1/T})$. We acknowledge the need for a more precise consideration of the constants of both
- 8 our method and AMSGrad to highlight not only an empirical edge of the optimistic update but also a theoretical one.
- Reviewer 1: We thank the reviewer for valuable comments. Our point-to-point response is as follows:
- 10 Convex regret bound: For analysis purposes we presented the algorithm without projection step by assuming the
- 11 compact assumption H1. Of course, this assumption needs to be verified and we partially did it for a model of interest
- that is a deep neural network, see Section 4.3. Adding projection steps is a neat idea to avoid having those issues but is
- not common in non convex optimization analyses, see references [5, 9, 14, 38].
- 14 Numerical example: We thank the reviewer for their remark on the numerical runs. The main motivation behind those
- 15 plots is to show that adding an optimistic update to the vanilla AMSGrad actually speed up the convergence in terms of
- both losses and accuracies. Given the well-known advantages of Adam-type methods as ADAM or AMSGrad, we did
- not compare to slower methods "that does not have any of the extra features of AMSGrad" as written by the reviewer.
- Reviewer 2: We thank the reviewer for valuable comments. A proofreading of the paper is being done as suggested and we give the following clarification:
- Wall clock times comparison: We agree with the reviewer with the heavy computation that our gradient prediction
- process can represent. In the shown runs, and as precised Section 5.3, only r=5 gradients are being used for the
- extrapolation step. Both memory and wall clock time are lightly impacted. To complete. Can we have the wall clock
- 23 times plots?
- 24 Reviewer 3: We thank the reviewer for the thorough analysis. Our remarks are listed below:
- 25 Gradient prediction algorithm: We agree with the reviewer that a study of how well the gradient is predicted using
- the current method would be impactful. The scope of our paper being the stochastic optimization method itself, we
- 27 invoked a simple but effective gradient prediction algorithm on the basis of reference [31] which shows great theoretical
- and empirical acceleration using such extrapolation. Of course, there is room for improvement regarding that prediction
- 29 process and can be the object of further research papers.
- 30 To check if [31] gives theoretical guarantees on how well the prediction is
- 31 Numerical evaluation: It has been rightly noted that in Figure 3, the curves are still rising and thus convergence is not
- 32 attained yet. Though, for illustrative purposes, the main idea is to show how faster our method is in the first epochs.
- 33 The purpose of this method is not to achieve better generalization (i.e. reach better accuracies at convergence) but rather
- to show how less epochs are needed to achieve similar results as baselines. The learning rates have been tuned over a
- grid search and the best results have been reported. The choice of a constant learning rate was made to stick to our
- theoretical results. Runs with exponential decay or step decay can also be done for completeness.
- 37 Reviewer 4: We thank the reviewer for valuable comments and typos. Our response is as follows:
- Numerical experiments: We only reported the average of the 5 runs but as the reviewer suggested we will report error
- 39 bars in the rebuttal version of the paper.
- We agree with the fact that our method empirically shows on Figure 2 and 3 better training performances (both in terms
- 41 of loss and accuracy) but we must note how comparable and most of the time better than the baselines our method
- behaves at testing phase.