

# Convergence analysis of proximal symmetric alternating direction method of multipliers

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# Introduction

Consider the convex optimization problem:

$$\min\{\theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y) \mid Ax + By = b, x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\},$$

- $\theta_1 : \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\theta_2 : \mathbb{R}^{n_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous convex function
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n_1}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n_2}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_1}, \mathcal{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$  are nonempty closed convex sets

The augmented Lagrangian function:

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta(x, y, \lambda) = \theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y) - \lambda^T(Ax + By - b) + \frac{\beta}{2}\|Ax + By - b\|^2$$

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- $s \in (0, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2})$
- This larger step size is crucial to getting better numerical results.

Peaceman-Rachford(1955), Lions and Mercier(1979)

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- It may not converge.
- He, Liu, Wang, Yuan (2014) introduce a parameter  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  to shrink the step size in updating the Lagrange multiplier steps.

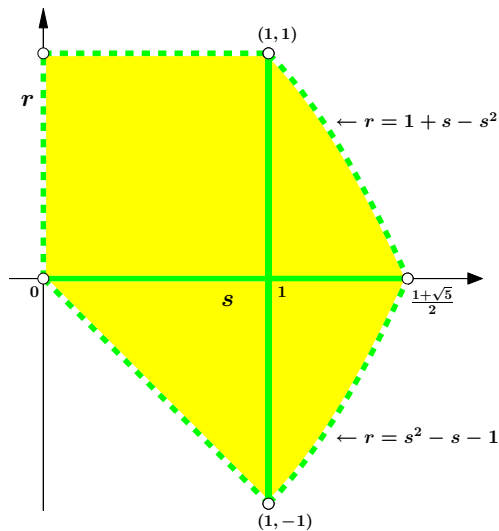
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# Domain $\mathcal{D}$



## Proximal Symmetric ADMM

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = \arg \min \{ \mathcal{L}_\beta(x, y^k, \lambda^k) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - x^k\|_R^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X} \}, \\ \lambda^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \lambda^k - r\beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^k - b), \\ y^{k+1} = \arg \min \{ \mathcal{L}_\beta(x^{k+1}, y, \lambda^{k+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{1}{2} \|y - y^k\|_T^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y} \}, \\ \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - s\beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b), \end{cases}$$

- $R$  and  $T$  are positive semidefinite matrices
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## Proposition 3.1

Let  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a closed convex set,  $\theta(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be convex functions. In addition,  $f(x)$  is differentiable. We assume that the solution set of the minimization problem  $\min\{\theta(x) + f(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}$  is nonempty. Then,

$$x^* = \arg \min\{\theta(x) + f(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\},$$

if and only if

$$x^* \in \mathcal{X}, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^*) + (x - x^*)^T \nabla f(x^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$



Denote:

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad u = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \quad F(w) := \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda \\ -B^T \lambda \\ Ax + By - b \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\theta(u) = \theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y), \quad \tilde{x}^k = x^{k+1}, \quad \tilde{y}^k = y^{k+1},$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}^k = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^k - b).$$

## Lemma 1

Let  $w^{k+1}$  be generated by the proximal symmetric ADMM. Then, we have

$$\tilde{w}^k \in \Omega, \quad \theta(u) - \theta(\tilde{u}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \geq (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T Q(w^k - \tilde{w}^k), \quad \forall w \in \Omega,$$

where

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta B^T B + T & -r B^T \\ 0 & -B & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$w^{k+1} = w^k - M(w^k - \tilde{w}^k),$$

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# Main result

## Theorem 3

For the sequence  $\{w^k\}$  generated by the proximal symmetric ADMM, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(u) - \theta(\tilde{u}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(w) \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} (\|w - w^{k+1}\|_H^2 - \|w - w^k\|_H^2) + \frac{1}{2} \|w^k - \tilde{w}^k\|_G^2, \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } H = \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \frac{rs}{r+s})\beta B^T B + T & -\frac{r}{r+s}B^T \\ 0 & -\frac{r}{r+s}B & \frac{1}{(r+s)\beta}I_m \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$
$$G = \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1-s)\beta B^T B + T & -(1-s)B^T \\ 0 & -(1-s)B & \frac{1}{\beta}(2 - (r+s))I_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Using optimality condition, we can obtain:

$$\|w^{k+1} - w^*\|_H^2 \leq \|w^k - w^*\|_H^2 - \|w^k - \tilde{w}^k\|_G^2, \quad \forall w^* \in \Omega^*$$

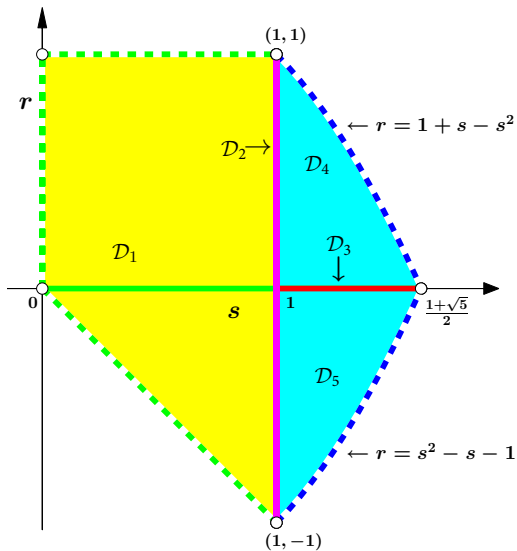
- $H$  is a positive semidefinite matrix for  $(s, r) \in \mathcal{D}$
- $G$  is a positive semidefinite matrix if  $s < 1$
- $G$  may not be a positive semidefinite matrix if  $s > 1$

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# Convergence analysis

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \mathcal{D}_1 & = & \{(s, r) \mid s \in (0, 1), r \in (-1, 1), r + s > 0\}, \\ \mathcal{D}_2 & = & \{(s, r) \mid s = 1, r \in (-1, 1)\}, \\ \mathcal{D}_3 & = & \{(s, r) \mid s \in (1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}), r = 0\}, \\ \mathcal{D}_4 & = & \{(s, r) \mid s \in (1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}), r \in (0, 1), r < 1 + s - s^2\}, \\ \mathcal{D}_5 & = & \{(s, r) \mid s \in (1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}), r \in (-1, 0), -r < 1 + s - s^2\}. \end{array} \right.$$



## Theorem 4

Let  $\{w^k\}$  be generated by the proximal symmetric ADMM. Then, there exist constants  $C_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned}\|w^k - \tilde{w}^k\|_G^2 &\geq C_0\beta(\|Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b\|^2 - \|Ax^k + By^k - b\|^2) \\ &+ C_1\beta\|B(y^k - y^{k+1})\|^2 + C_2\beta\|Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b\|^2 \\ &+ C_3(\|y^k - y^{k+1}\|_T^2 - \|y^{k-1} - y^k\|_T^2),\end{aligned}$$

where

- $C_1, C_2 > 0$ ,  $C_0 = C_3 = 0$  if  $(r, s) \in \mathcal{D}_1$ ,
- $C_0 = 0$ ,  $C_1, C_2, C_3 > 0$  if  $(r, s) \in \mathcal{D}_2$ , and
- $C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3 > 0$  if  $(r, s) \in \mathcal{D}_3 \cup \mathcal{D}_4 \cup \mathcal{D}_5$ .

## Theorem 5

*For the sequence  $\{w^k\}$  generated by the proximal symmetric ADMM, we have*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|B(y^k - y^{k+1})\|^2 + \|Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b\|^2) = 0.$$

*Moreover, if the matrices  $A, B$  are assumed to be full column rank, then the sequence  $\{w^k\}$  converges to a solution point  $w^\infty \in \Omega^*$ .*

- stopping criterion:

$$\max\{\|B(y^k - y^{k+1})\|^2, \|Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b\|^2\} \leq \varepsilon$$

which  $\varepsilon > 0$  is the tolerance specified by the user.

# Convergence rate

Worse-case  $O(1/t)$  convergence rate in the ergodic sense:

## Theorem 6

*Let the sequence  $\{w^k\}$  be generated by the proximal symmetric ADMM. Then, for  $(s, r) \in \mathcal{D}$  and any integer number  $t > 0$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(\tilde{u}_t) - \theta(u) + (\tilde{w}_t - w)^T F(w) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2t} (\|w - w^1\|_H^2 + C_0 \|Ax^1 + By^1 - b\|^2 + C_3 \|y^0 - y^1\|_T^2) \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{w}_t = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{k=1}^t \tilde{w}^k.$$

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# Numerical result

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iterative scheme:

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = (A^T A / \mu + \beta I + R)^{-1} (A^T b / \mu + \lambda^k + \beta y^k + R x^k), \\ \lambda^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \lambda^k - r \beta (x^{k+1} - y^k), \\ y^{k+1} = \mathcal{S}_{\frac{1}{\beta}}(x^{k+1} - \lambda^{k+\frac{1}{2}} / \beta), \\ \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - s \beta (x^{k+1} - y^{k+1}), \end{cases}$$



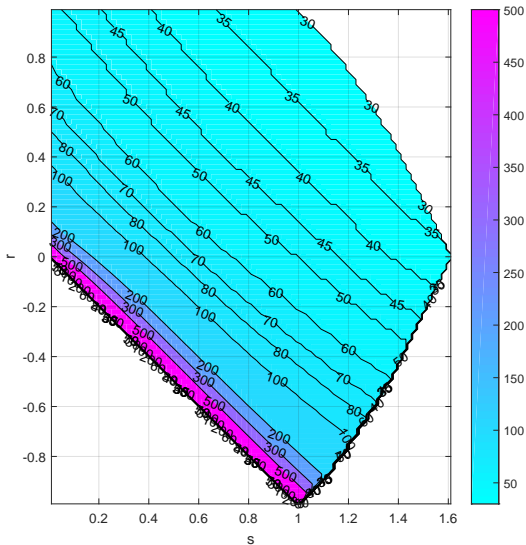


Figure:  $R = \left(0.01\beta + \frac{1.01}{2}\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)\right) \cdot I - \frac{A^T A}{2}$

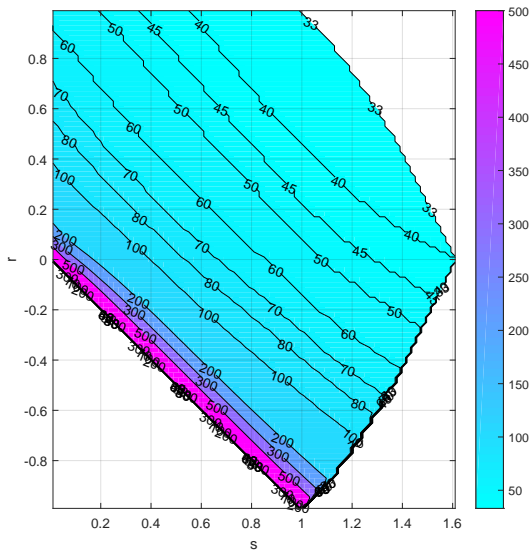


Figure:  $R = \lambda_{\max}(A^T A) \cdot I - A^T A$ ,  $T = 0$

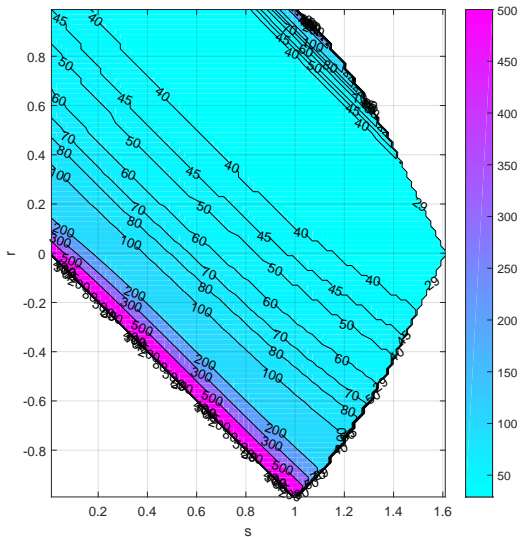


Figure:  $R = 0$ ,  $T = 0$

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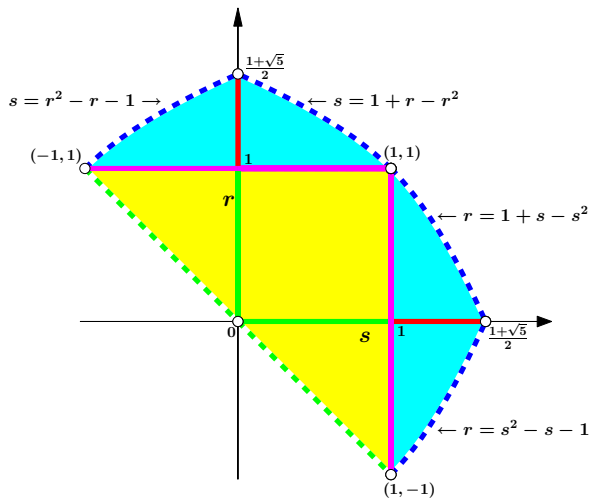
# Extended domain

Noticing that the parameter  $r$  and  $s$  play the equal role in proximal symmetric ADMM scheme, clearly, the scheme of proximal symmetric ADMM can be written as:

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The domain of the step sizes can be extended as:

$$\mathcal{D}^{\text{sym}} = \{(r, s) \mid r+s > 0, |r| < 1+s-s^2\} \cup \{(r, s) \mid r+s > 0, |s| < 1+r-r^2\}$$



Thank you!