

# CMSE890 Homework#2

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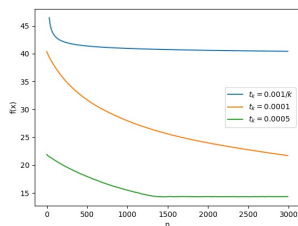


Figure 1: Iteration 3000

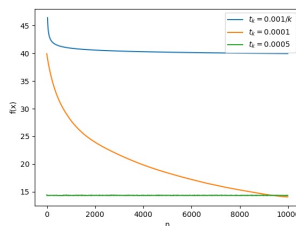


Figure 2: Iteration 10000

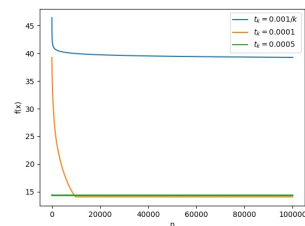


Figure 3: Iteration 100000

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def partial(x):
    res=np.zeros((len(x),1))
    for i in range(len(x)):
        if abs(x[i])<eps:
            res[i]=0
        else:
            res[i]=x[i]/abs(x[i])

    tmp=A.dot(x)-b
    res2=A.T.dot(tmp)
    return res+res2

def f(x):
    s1=0
    for i in range(len(x)):
        s1+=abs(x[i])
    tmp=A.dot(x)-b
    s2=np.dot(tmp.T,tmp)
    return s1+s2

np.random.seed(1000)
eps=1e-7
m=200
n=1000
A=np.random.normal(0,1,(m,n))
x_bar=np.zeros((n,1))
for i in range(20):
    k=np.random.randint(0,1000)
    x_bar[k]=np.random.normal(0,1)
b=A.dot(x_bar)

x_pre=np.zeros((n,1))
x_now=x_pre
y1=[]
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n1=[]
y2=[]
n2=[]
y3=[]
n3=[]
iteration=100000
for i in range(iteration):
    tk=0.001/(i+1)
    x_now=x_pre-tk*partial(x_pre)
    x_pre=x_now
    if i%10==0 and i>20:
        y1.append(f(x_now)[0][0])
        n1.append(i)
for i in range(iteration):
    tk=0.0001
    x_now=x_pre-tk*partial(x_pre)
    x_pre=x_now
    if i%10==0:
        y2.append(f(x_now)[0][0])
        n2.append(i)
for i in range(iteration):
    tk=0.0005
    x_now=x_pre-tk*partial(x_pre)
    x_pre=x_now
    if i%10==0:
        y3.append(f(x_now)[0][0])
        n3.append(i)
plt.plot(n1,y1,label=r'$t_{k}=0.001/k$')
plt.plot(n2,y2,label=r'$t_{k}=0.0001$')
plt.plot(n3,y3,label=r'$t_{k}=0.0005$')
plt.xlabel("n")
plt.ylabel("f(x)")
plt.legend()
plt.savefig("subgradient100000.jpg")
plt.show()

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2.

Let  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{x}^{k-1} - \mathbf{x}^{k-2}, \mathbf{b} = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{k-1}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{k-2})$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = \|\mathbf{a}/t - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$$

Let

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial 1/t} = 0$$

we get  $\hat{t} = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} / \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$ .

In the same way, we get  $\tilde{t} = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} / \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b}$

Because  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  is Lipschitz continuous with  $L$ ,  $\frac{L}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex.  $L\mathbf{x} - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  is monotone, which is equivalent to  $\hat{t} \geq 1/L$ . Because of the co-coercivity, we get  $\tilde{t} \geq 1/L$ . So  $\min\{\hat{t}, \tilde{t}\} \geq 1/L$

3.

Suppose  $\mathbf{y} = \text{prox}_f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T, \mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T$ .

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$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i > 2 \\ x_i - 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq x_i \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } -1 < x_i < 1 \\ x_i + 1 & \text{if } -2 \leq x_i \leq -1 \\ -1 & \text{if } x_i < -2 \end{cases}$$

## 2

Consider  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$ .  $f(\mathbf{x}) = g(A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b})$ . Suppose  $AA^T = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , where  $C = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \sqrt{\lambda_2}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n})$ . We have  $C^2 = AA^T$ .

$\mathbf{u} = \text{prox}_f(\mathbf{x})$  is the solution of the optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} g(\mathbf{v}) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{v}$$

Lagrangian function:

$$L(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = g(\mathbf{v}) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{v})$$

KKT conditions:

$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{x} + A^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \partial g(\mathbf{v})$$

$$A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{v}$$

So

$$\mathbf{0} \in \partial g(\mathbf{v}) + (AA^T)^{-1}(\mathbf{v} - (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}))$$

, which means  $\mathbf{v}$  is the minimizer of  $h(\mathbf{v}) = g(\mathbf{v}) + 1/2 \|C^{-1}\mathbf{v} - C^{-1}(A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b})\|_2^2$ . Because  $C$  is diagonal matrix,  $g(\mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{v}\|_1$ . It is separable for

$$h(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i| + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{v_i}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}} - C^{-1}(A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b})[i] \right)^2$$

So we can get the minimizer  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prox}_f(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{u} \\ &= \mathbf{x} - A^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} \\ &= \mathbf{x} - A^T (AA^T)^{-1} (A\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{v}} - \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

## 3

For any  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ . Note that  $x_{k_i}$  is the  $i$ -th largest component in the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $k_i$  is the index of the  $i$ -th largest component in the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ . For example, if  $\mathbf{x} = (2, 4, 1, 5)^T$ , then  $x_{k_1} = 5, k_1 = 4$ .

$\mathbf{y} = \text{prox}_f(\mathbf{x})$ . We have  $y_{k_1} = x_{k_1} - 1$ ,  $y_{k_i} = x_{k_i}, i > 1$ .

## 4

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{cases} (1 - 1/\|\mathbf{x}\|)\mathbf{x} & \text{if } \|\mathbf{x}\| < 1 \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{if } 1 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq 3 \\ (1 + 1/\|\mathbf{x}\|)\mathbf{x} & \text{if } \|\mathbf{x}\| > 3 \end{cases}$$

## 5

Suppose  $X$  has SVD  $X = P \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) Q^T$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)^T$ .

Let

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u} - \boldsymbol{\lambda}\|_2^2$$

The proximal mapping is

$$\text{prox}_f(X) = P \text{diag}(\hat{\lambda}_1, \dots, \hat{\lambda}_n) Q^T$$

4.

Let

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\mathbf{u}} \left( -f(\mathbf{u}) - \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} \right)$$

$\mathbf{u}^*$  is the maximizer,  $\mathbf{0} \in \partial \lambda f(\mathbf{u}^*) + \mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{x}$ , so

$$\mathbf{u}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} \lambda f(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \text{prox}_{\lambda f}(\mathbf{x})$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f_{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\lambda} - \nabla g(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\lambda} - \text{prox}_{\lambda f}(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$