

Algorithms & Models

① Sub-gradient calculus \leftrightarrow convex f

$$\xi \in \partial f(\bar{x})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(x) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \xi^T (x - \bar{x}) \quad \forall x$$

set-value mapping

$$\rightarrow \partial f(x) := \{ g : f(z) - f(x) \geq g^T (z - x), \text{ for all } z \}$$

① [prop] x is local minima $\Rightarrow \underline{0 \in \partial f(x)}$ \rightarrow optimality condition

$$f \text{ is convex} \Leftrightarrow 0 \in \partial f(x)$$

② [prop] $\partial f(x)$ singleton

$$\Leftrightarrow f \text{ is differentiable at } x \text{ and } \underline{\{\nabla f(x)\} = \partial f(x)}$$

Norm-2 Subgradient

$$f(x) = \|x\|_2$$

\Downarrow

$$\partial f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \\ * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$* = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x_i > 0 \\ [-1, +1] & \text{if } x_i = 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x_i < 0 \end{cases}$$

Norm-2 Subgradient

$$f(x) = \|x\|_2^2 \Rightarrow \partial f(x) = 2x$$

$$f(x) = \|x\|_2 \Rightarrow \partial f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\|x\|_2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

② Proximal Algorithm

$$P_{\mathcal{F}}(y) = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ f(x) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|y - x\|_2^2 \}$$

$$\text{for } f = \lambda \|\cdot\|_1$$

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\lambda \|\cdot\|_1}(y) = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \|y - x\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_1$$

generalization

soft-threshold operator

⇒ stable in de-noising

$$\operatorname{prox}(y)_i = \begin{cases} y_i - \lambda & y_i \geq \lambda \\ 0 & \lambda \geq y_i \geq -\lambda \\ y_i + \lambda & -\lambda \geq y_i \end{cases}$$

⇒ shrinkage

$$P_{\mathcal{F}}: \hat{x} \in \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \|y - x\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_1 := F(x)$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 0 \in \partial F(\hat{x})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 \in \hat{x} - y + \lambda \partial \|\hat{x}\|_1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{x} \in y - \lambda \partial \|\hat{x}\|_1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{x} \in \operatorname{prox}_{\lambda \|\cdot\|_1}(y)$$

Q: De-noising

$$y = x^* + \epsilon$$

observation

noise

if x^* is very sparse

(it has 1-nonzero entry)

hard threshold operator

⇒ unstable

$$\operatorname{thresh}(y)_i = \begin{cases} y_i & y_i \geq \lambda \\ 0 & \lambda \geq y_i \geq -\lambda \\ y_i & -\lambda \geq y_i \end{cases}$$

$$\|P_{\mathcal{F}}(x) - P_{\mathcal{F}}(y)\| \leq \|x - y\| \rightarrow \text{stability of proximal operator}$$

Algorithm part:

$$\min f(x) + g(x)$$

$$\begin{cases} f(\cdot) \text{ differentiable} \\ g(\cdot) \text{ convex but non-smooth} \end{cases}$$

Proximal Gradient Method

$$x \leftarrow \text{prox}_{ng} (x - \eta \nabla f(x))$$

gradient step

Application

LASSO

$$\hookrightarrow \argmin_x \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_1$$

$$\begin{cases} f(x) := \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|_2^2 \\ g(x) = \lambda \|x\|_1 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow algorithm :

step 1 : $(x - \eta A^T (Ax - y)) \rightarrow x$

step 2 : $\text{prox}_{ng} (x) \rightarrow x$

proximal operator with respect to nuclear norm

$$\downarrow$$

$$P_{\text{nuc}}(Y) := \argmin_X \frac{1}{2} \|Y - X\|_F^2 + \lambda \|X\|_{\text{nuc}}$$

if $Y = U \Sigma V^T$

$$= U \boxed{P_{\text{nuc}}(\Sigma)} V^T$$

easy shrink

soft threshold

$$\boxed{\min \{ b \bar{\sigma} - \lambda, 0 \}}$$

ADMM

$$\begin{cases} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax=b \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(x;y) = f(x) + y^T (Ax-b)$$

Gradient Ascent \rightarrow Saddle $L(x;y)$

$$\begin{cases} x \leftarrow \arg\min L(x,y) & \text{fix } y \rightarrow \text{convex} \\ y \leftarrow y + \eta (Ax-b) \end{cases}$$

Augmented Lagrangian

$$L_A(x;y) = L(x;y) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|Ax-b\|_2^2$$

Large Scale
 \uparrow
First-Order : Cheap each + more iterations \rightarrow ML, we prefer this, we do not need very accurate solution

Second-Order: Expensive + fewer iterations

Optimal Power Flow

2 hour