

# Structural Optimization for Large-Scale Problems

## Lecture 4: Looking into the Black Box: Smoothing Technique

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# Outline

Nonsmooth Optimization

Smoothing technique

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先前我们假设 oracle 是在一个 black box 中, 但现实中往往我们是对 oracle 有一定的了解的, 因此可以 improve the oracle / reformulate the problem.

# Nonsmooth Unconstrained Optimization

(first order)

**Problem:**  $\min \{ f(x) : x \in R^n \} \Rightarrow x^*, f^* = f(x^*),$

where  $f(\cdot)$  is a nonsmooth convex function.

**Subgradients:**  $g \in \partial f(x) \Leftrightarrow f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle g, y - x \rangle \quad \forall y \in R^n.$

Main difficulties:

- ▶  $g \in \partial f(x)$  is *not* a descent direction at  $x$ .
- ▶  $g \in \partial f(x^*)$  does not imply  $g = 0$ .

**Example**

$$f(x) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} \{ \langle a_j, x \rangle + b_j \},$$

$$\partial f(x) = \text{Conv} \{ a_j : \langle a_j, x \rangle + b_j = f(x) \}.$$

# Subgradient methods in Nonsmooth Optimization

## Advantages

- ▶ Very simple iteration scheme.
- ▶ Low memory requirements.  $O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}})$
- ▶ Optimal rate of convergence (uniformly in the dimension).
- ▶ Interpretation of the process.

## Objections:

- ▶ Low rate of convergence. (Confirmed by theory!)
- ▶ No acceleration.
- ▶ High sensitivity to the step-size strategy.

# Lower complexity bounds

Nemirovsky, Yudin 1976

If  $f(\cdot)$  is given by a local *black-box*, it is impossible to converge faster than  $O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right)$  uniformly in  $n$ . ( $k$  is the # of calls of oracle.)

**NB:** Convergence is very slow.

Question: We want to find an  $\epsilon$ -solution of the problem

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq m} \{ \langle a_j, x \rangle + b_j \} \rightarrow \min_x : x \in R^n,$$

by a gradient scheme ( $n$  and  $m$  are big).

*What is the worst-case complexity bound?*

**“Right answer” (Complexity Theory):**  $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$  calls of oracle.

**Our target:** A gradient scheme with  $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$  complexity bound.

**Reason of speed up:** our problem is not in a black box.

# Complexity of Smooth Minimization

(first order)

**Problem:**  $f(x) \rightarrow \min_x : x \in R^n$  , where  $f$  is a convex function and

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_* \leq L(f)\|x - y\| \text{ for all } x, y \in R^n.$$

(For measuring gradients we use dual norms:  $\|s\|_* = \max_{\|x\|=1} \langle s, x \rangle$ .)

**Rate of convergence:** Optimal method gives  $O\left(\frac{L(f)}{k^2}\right)$ .

**Complexity:**  $O\left(\sqrt{\frac{L(f)}{\epsilon}}\right)$ . The difference with  $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$  is very big.

如果能把 nonsmooth 的问题转化为 smooth 的, 提升会很大

# Smoothing for convex functions

用 Fenchel dual 来展示这种 idea

For function  $f$  define its Fenchel conjugate:

$$f_*(s) = \max_{x \in R^n} [\langle s, x \rangle - f(x)].$$



It is a closed convex function with  $\text{dom } f_* = \text{Conv}\{f'(x) : x \in R^n\}$ .

Moreover, under very mild conditions  $(f_*(s))_* \equiv f(x)$ .

Define  $f_\mu(x) = \max_{s \in \text{dom } f_*} [\langle s, x \rangle - f_*(s) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|s\|_*^2]$ ,

$(f_*(s))_*(x) = \max_{s \in \text{dom } f_*} [\langle x, s \rangle - f_*(s)] = f(x)$

where  $\|\cdot\|_*$  is a Euclidean norm.

扰动 (用于 smooth)

Note:  $f'_\mu(x) = s_\mu(x)$ , and  $x = f'_*(s_\mu(x)) + \mu s_\mu(x)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 &= \|f'_*(s_1) - f'_*(s_2)\|^2 + 2\mu \langle f'_*(s_1) - f'_*(s_2), s_1 - s_2 \rangle \\ &\quad + \mu^2 \|s_1 - s_2\|^2 \geq \mu^2 \|s_1 - s_2\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f_\mu \in C_{1/\mu}^{1,1}$  and

$$f(x) \geq \underline{f_\mu(x)} \geq f(x) - \frac{1}{2}\mu D^2,$$

where  $D = \text{Diam}(\text{dom } f_*)$ .

# Main questions

1. Given by a non-smooth convex  $f(\cdot)$ , can we form its computable smooth  $\epsilon$ -approximation  $f_\epsilon(x)$  with

$$L(f_\epsilon) = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)?$$

If yes, we need only  $O\left(\sqrt{\frac{L(f_\epsilon)}{\epsilon}}\right) = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$  iterations.

2. Can we do this in a systematic way?

**Conclusion:** We need a convenient *model* of our problem.



# Adjoint problem

$$f_\mu(x) = \max_{s \in \text{dom } f_*} [\langle s, x \rangle - f_*(s) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|s\|_*^2]$$

$\phi(\mu)$  类似于  $f_*(s)$

**Primal problem:** Find  $f^* = \min_x \{f(x) : x \in Q_1\}$ , where  $Q_1 \subset E_1$

is convex closed and bounded.

**Objective:**  $f(x) = \underbrace{\hat{f}(x)}_{\text{本来就 smooth}} + \max_u \{ \langle Ax, u \rangle_2 - \underbrace{\hat{\phi}(u)}_{\text{不一定 smooth}} : u \in Q_2 \}$ , where

- ▶  $\hat{f}(x)$  is differentiable and convex on  $Q_1$ . (本来就 smooth 的部分)
- ▶  $Q_2 \subset E_2$  is a closed convex and bounded.
- ▶  $\hat{\phi}(u)$  is continuous convex function on  $Q_2$ . (有多种选择)
- ▶ linear operator  $A : E_1 \rightarrow E_2^*$ .

**Adjoint problem:**  $\max_u \{ \phi(u) : u \in Q_2 \}$ , where

$$\phi(u) = -\hat{\phi}(u) + \min_x \{ \langle Ax, u \rangle_2 + \hat{f}(x) : x \in Q_1 \}.$$

**NB:** Adjoint problem is not unique! (取决于  $\hat{\phi}$ ,  $E_2$  的选取)

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \{f(x)\} &= \min_x \{ \hat{f}(x) + \max_\mu \{ \langle Ax, \mu \rangle_2 - \hat{\phi}(\mu) \} \} \\ &= \max_\mu \{ \min_x \{ \hat{f}(x) + \langle Ax, \mu \rangle_2 - \hat{\phi}(\mu) \} \} \\ &= \max_\mu \{ -\hat{\phi}(\mu) + \min_x \{ \hat{f}(x) + \langle Ax, \mu \rangle_2 \} \} := \max_\mu \{ \phi(\mu) \} \end{aligned}$$

## Example (不同的 adjoint problem)

Consider  $f(x) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} |\langle a_j, x \rangle_1 - b_j|$ .

1.  $Q_2 = E_1^*$ ,  $A = I$ ,  $\hat{\phi}(u) \equiv f_*(u) = \max_x \{ \langle u, x \rangle_1 - f(x) : x \in E_1 \}$

$$= \min_{s \in R^m} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m s_j b_j : u = \sum_{j=1}^m s_j a_j, \sum_{j=1}^m |s_j| \leq 1 \right\}.$$

2.  $E_2 = R^m$ ,  $\hat{\phi}(u) = \langle b, u \rangle_2$ ,  $f(x) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} |\langle a_j, x \rangle_1 - b_j|$

$$= \max_{u \in R^m} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m u_j [\langle a_j, x \rangle_1 - b_j] : \sum_{j=1}^m |u_j| \leq 1 \right\}.$$

3.  $E_2 = R^{2m}$ ,  $\hat{\phi}(u)$  is a linear,  $Q_2$  is a simplex

$$f(x) = \max_{u \in R^{2m}} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m (u_j^1 - u_j^2) [\langle a_j, x \rangle_1 - b_j] : \sum_{j=1}^m (u_j^1 + u_j^2) = 1, u \geq 0 \right\}.$$

**NB:** Increase in  $\dim E_2$  decreases the complexity of representation.

# Smooth approximations

**Prox-function:**  $d_2(u)$  is continuous and *strongly convex* on  $Q_2$ :

$$d_2(v) \geq d_2(u) + \langle \nabla d_2(u), v - u \rangle_2 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2 \|v - u\|_2^2.$$

Assume:  $d_2(u_0) = 0$  and  $d_2(u) \geq 0 \forall u \in Q_2$ .

Fix  $\mu > 0$ , the *smoothing* parameter, and define

$$f_\mu(x) = \max_u \{ \langle Ax, u \rangle_2 - \hat{\phi}(u) - \mu d_2(u) : u \in Q_2 \}.$$

Denote by  $u(x)$  the solution of this problem.

加上了一个扰动 (通常很 simple)

**Theorem:**  $f_\mu(x)$  is convex and differentiable for  $x \in E_1$ .

Its gradient  $\nabla f_\mu(x) = A^* u(x)$  is Lipschitz continuous with

$$L(f_\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu \sigma_2} \|A\|_{1,2}^2, \quad \text{smooth}$$

where  $\|A\|_{1,2} = \max_{x,u} \{ \langle Ax, u \rangle_2 : \|x\|_1 = 1, \|u\|_2 = 1 \}$ .

**NB:** 1. For any  $x \in E_1$  we have  $f_0(x) \geq f_\mu(x) \geq f_0(x) - \mu D_2$ ,

where  $D_2 = \max_u \{ d_2(u) : u \in Q_2 \}$ .

2. All norms are very important.

# ★ Optimal method

(用于解决 smooth 后的问题)

**Problem:**  $\min_x \{f(x) : x \in Q_1\}$  with  $f \in C^{1,1}(Q_1)$ .

**Prox-function:** strongly convex  $d_1(x)$ ,  $d_1(x^0) = 0$ ,  $d_1(x) \geq 0$ ,  $x \in Q_1$ .

**Gradient mapping:**

$$T_L(x) = \arg \min_{y \in Q_1} \left\{ \langle \nabla f(x), y - x \rangle_1 + \frac{1}{2} L \|y - x\|_1^2 \right\}.$$

**Method. For  $k \geq 0$  do:**

1. Compute  $f(x^k)$ ,  $\nabla f(x^k)$ .
2. Find  $y^k = T_{L(f)}(x^k)$ .
3. Find  $z^k = \arg \min_{x \in Q_1} \left\{ \frac{L(f)}{\sigma} d_1(x) + \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{i+1}{2} \langle \nabla f(x^i), x \rangle_1 \right\}$ .
4. Set  $x^{k+1} = \frac{2}{k+3} z^k + \frac{k+1}{k+3} y^k$ .

**Convergence:**  $f(y^k) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{4L(f)d_1(x^*)}{\sigma_1(k+1)^2}$ , where  $x^*$  is the optimal solution.

$O(\frac{1}{k^2})$

# Applications

**Smoothed problem:**  $\bar{f}_\mu(x) = \hat{f}(x) + \underbrace{f_\mu(x)}_{\text{smooth 的部分}} \rightarrow \min : x \in Q_1.$

**Lipschitz constant:**  $L_\mu = L(\hat{f}) + \frac{1}{\mu\sigma_2} \|A\|_{1,2}^2.$

Denote  $D_1 = \max_x \{d_1(x) : x \in Q_1\}.$

**Theorem:** Let us choose  $N \geq 1.$  Define

$$\mu = \mu(N) = \frac{2\|A\|_{1,2}}{N+1} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{D_1}{\sigma_1\sigma_2 D_2}}.$$

After  $N$  iterations set  $\hat{x} = y^N \in Q_1$  and

$$\hat{u} = \sum_{i=0}^N \frac{2(i+1)}{(N+1)(N+2)} u(x^i) \in Q_2.$$

duality gap

Then  $0 \leq \underline{f(\hat{x}) - \phi(\hat{u})} \leq \frac{4\|A\|_{1,2}}{N+1} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{D_1 D_2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}} + \frac{4L(\hat{f})D_1}{\sigma_1 \cdot (N+1)^2}.$

**Corollary.** Let  $L(\hat{f}) = 0.$  For getting an  $\epsilon$ -solution, we choose

$$\mu = \frac{\epsilon}{2D_2}, \quad L = \frac{D_2}{2\sigma_2} \cdot \frac{\|A\|_{1,2}^2}{\epsilon}, \quad N \geq 4\|A\|_{1,2} \sqrt{\frac{D_1 D_2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon}.$$



$$\bar{f}_\mu(x) - f^* \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

$$\bar{f}_\mu(x) \geq f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} D_2$$

$$f^* \geq \bar{f}_\mu \geq f^* - \frac{\mu}{2} D_2$$

$$\frac{f(x) - f^*}{\bar{f}_\mu - f^*} = \frac{f(x) - \bar{f}_\mu + \bar{f}_\mu - f^*}{\bar{f}_\mu - f^*} = \frac{f(x) - \bar{f}_\mu}{\bar{f}_\mu - f^*} + \frac{\bar{f}_\mu - f^*}{\bar{f}_\mu - f^*}$$

$$O\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right) + \frac{D_2}{\epsilon} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\frac{D_2}{\epsilon} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

# Example: Equilibrium in matrix games (1)

Denote  $\Delta_n = \{x \in R^n : x \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n x^{(i)} = 1\}$ . Consider the problem

$$\min_{x \in \Delta_n} \max_{u \in \Delta_m} \{ \langle Ax, u \rangle_2 + \langle c, x \rangle_1 + \langle b, u \rangle_2 \}.$$

**Minimization form:**

$$\text{dual} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_{x \in \Delta_n} f(x), \quad f(x) = \langle c, x \rangle_1 + \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} [\langle a_j, x \rangle_1 + b_j], \\ \max_{u \in \Delta_m} \phi(u), \quad \phi(u) = \langle b, u \rangle_2 + \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\langle \hat{a}_i, u \rangle_2 + c_i], \end{array} \right.$$

where  $a_j$  are the rows and  $\hat{a}_i$  are the columns of  $A$ .

**1. Euclidean distance:** Let us take

$$\|x\|_1^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2, \quad \|u\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m u_j^2,$$

$$d_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|x - \frac{1}{n} e_n\|_1^2, \quad d_2(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u - \frac{1}{m} e_m\|_2^2.$$

Then  $\|A\|_{1,2} = \lambda_{\max}^{1/2}(A^T A)$  and  $f(\hat{x}) - \phi(\hat{u}) \leq \frac{4\lambda_{\max}^{1/2}(A^T A)}{N+1}$ .

# Example: Equilibrium in matrix games (2)

**2. Entropy distance.** Let us choose

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|, \quad d_1(x) = \ln n + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \ln x_i,$$

$$\|u\|_2 = \sum_{j=1}^m |u_j|, \quad d_2(u) = \ln m + \sum_{j=1}^m u_j \ln u_j.$$

**LM:**  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$ . (Hint:  $\langle d_1''(x)h, h \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h_i^2}{x_i} \rightarrow \min_{x \in \Delta_n} = \|h\|_1^2$ .)

Moreover, since  $D_1 = \ln n$ ,  $D_2 = \ln m$ , and

$$\|A\|_{1,2} = \max_x \left\{ \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} |\langle a_j, x \rangle| : \|x\|_1 = 1 \right\} = \max_{i,j} |A_{i,j}|,$$

we have  $f(\hat{x}) - \phi(\hat{u}) \leq \frac{4\sqrt{\ln n \ln m}}{N+1} \cdot \max_{i,j} |A_{i,j}|$ .

**NB:** 1. Usually  $\max_{i,j} |A_{i,j}| \ll \lambda_{\max}^{1/2}(A^T A)$ .

2. We have  $\bar{f}_\mu(x) = \langle c, x \rangle_1 + \mu \ln \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m e^{[\langle a_j, x \rangle + b_j]/\mu} \right)$ .

## Example 2: Continuous location problem

**Problem:**  $p$  cities with populations  $m_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$ , are located at positions

$$c_j \in R^n, \quad j = 1, \dots, p.$$

**Goal:** Construct a service center at point  $x^*$ , which minimizes the total distance to the center.

That is: Find  $f^* = \min_x \left\{ f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^p m_j \|x - c_j\|_1 : \|x\|_1 \leq \bar{r} \right\}$ .

**Primal space:**

$$\|x\|_1^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)})^2, \quad d_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|x\|_1^2, \quad \sigma_1 = 1, \quad D_1 = \frac{1}{2} \bar{r}^2.$$



**Adjoint space:**  $E_2 = (E_1^*)^p$ ,  $\|u\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^p m_j (\|u_j\|_1^*)^2$ ,

$$Q_2 = \{u = (u_1, \dots, u_p) \in E_2 : \|u_j\|_1^* \leq 1, j = 1, \dots, p\},$$

$$d_2(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_2^2, \quad \sigma_2 = 1, \quad D_2 = \frac{1}{2} P.$$

with  $P \equiv \sum_{j=1}^p m_j$ , the total size of population.

**Operator norm:**  $\|A\|_{1,2} = P^{1/2}$ .

**Rate of convergence:**  $f(\hat{x}) - f^* \leq \frac{2P\bar{r}}{N+1}$ .

$$f_\mu(x) = \sum_{j=1}^p m_j \psi_\mu(\|x - c_j\|_1), \quad \psi_\mu(\tau) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tau^2}{2\mu}, & \tau \leq \mu, \\ \tau - \frac{\mu}{2}, & \mu \leq \tau. \end{cases}$$

## Example 3: Variational inequalities (linear operator)

Consider  $B(w) = Bw + c: E \rightarrow E^*$ , which is *monotone*:

$$\langle Bh, h \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall h \in E.$$

**Problem:** Find  $w^* \in Q$  :  $\langle B(w^*), w - w^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in Q$ ,

where  $Q$  is a bounded convex closed set.

**Merit function:**  $\psi(w) = \max_v \{ \langle B(v), w - v \rangle : v \in Q \}$ .

- ▶  $\psi(w)$  is convex on  $E_1$ .
- ▶  $\psi(w) \geq 0$  for all  $w \in Q$ .
- ▶  $\psi(w) = 0$  if and only if  $w$  solves VI-problem.
- ▶  $\langle B(v), v \rangle$  is a *convex* function. Thus,  $\psi$  is *exactly* in our form.

**Primal smoothing:**  $\psi_\mu(w) = \max_v \{ \langle B(v), w - v \rangle - \mu d_2(v) : v \in Q \}$ .

**Dual smoothing:**  $\phi_\mu(v) = \min_w \{ \langle B(v), w - v \rangle + \mu d_1(w) : w \in Q \}$ .

(Looks better.)

# Example 4: Piece-wise linear functions

**1. Maximum of absolute values.** Consider

$$\min_x \left\{ f(x) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} |\langle a_j, x \rangle_1 - b^{(j)}| : x \in Q_1 \right\}.$$

For simplicity choose  $\|x\|_1^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)})^2$ ,  $d_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2$ .

It is convenient to choose  $E_2 = R^{2m}$ ,

$$\|u\|_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{2m} |u^{(j)}|, \quad d_2(u) = \ln(2m) + \sum_{j=1}^{2m} u^{(j)} \ln u^{(j)}.$$

Denote by  $A$  the matrix with the rows  $a_j$ . Then

$$f(x) = \max_u \{ \langle \hat{A}x, u \rangle_2 - \langle \hat{b}, u \rangle_2 : u \in \Delta_{2m} \},$$

where  $\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ -A \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\hat{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ -b \end{pmatrix}$ .

Thus,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$ ,  $D_2 = \ln(2m)$ ,  $D_1 = \frac{1}{2}\bar{r}^2$ ,  $\bar{r} = \max_x \{\|x\|_1 : x \in Q_1\}$ .

**Operator norm:**  $\|\hat{A}\|_{1,2} = \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} \|a_j\|_1^*$ .

**Complexity:**  $2\sqrt{2} \bar{r} \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} \|a_j\|_1^* \sqrt{\ln(2m)} \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ .

**Approximation:** for  $\xi(\tau) = \frac{1}{2}[e^\tau + e^{-\tau}]$  define

$$\bar{f}_\mu(x) = \mu \ln \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \xi \left( \frac{1}{\mu} [\langle a_j, x \rangle + b^{(j)}] \right) \right).$$

# Piece-wise linear functions: Sum of absolute values

$$\min_x \left\{ f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m |\langle a_j, x \rangle_1 - b^{(j)}| : x \in Q_1 \right\}.$$

Let us choose  $E_2 = R^m$ ,  $Q_2 = \{u \in R^m : |u^{(j)}| \leq 1, j = 1, \dots, m\}$ ,  
and  $d_2(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m \|a_j\|_1^* \cdot (u^{(j)})^2$ .

$$\text{Then } f_\mu(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \|a_j\|_1^* \cdot \psi_\mu \left( \frac{|\langle a_j, x \rangle_1 - b^{(j)}|}{\|a_j\|_1^*} \right),$$

$$\|A\|_{1,2}^2 = P \equiv \sum_{j=1}^m \|a_j\|_1^*.$$

On the other hand,  $D_2 = \frac{1}{2} P$  and  $\sigma_2 = 1$ . Thus, we get the following complexity bound:

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{8D_1}{\sigma_1}} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^m \|a_j\|_1^*.$$

**NB:** The bound and the scheme allow  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

# Computational experiments

**Test problem:**  $\min_{x \in \Delta_n} \max_{u \in \Delta_m} \langle Ax, u \rangle_2.$

Entries of  $A$  are uniformly distributed in  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Goal:** Test of computational stability.      **Computer:** 2.6GHz.

**Complexity of iteration:**  $2mn$  operations.

**Results for  $\epsilon = 0.01$ .      Table 1**

$m \backslash n$	100	300	1000	3000	10000
100	808 0''	1011 0''	1112 3''	1314 12''	1415 44''
300	910 0''	1112 2''	1415 10''	1617 35''	1819 135''
1000	1112 2''	1213 8''	1415 32''	1718 115''	2020 451''

**Number of iterations:** 40 – 50% of predicted values.

**Results for  $\epsilon = 0.001$ . Table 2**

$m \backslash n$	100	300	1000	3000	10000
100	6970 2''	8586 8'	9394 29'',	10000 91''	10908 349''
300	7778 8''	10101 27''	12424 97''	14242 313''	15656 1162''
1000	8788 30''	11010 105''	13030 339''	15757 1083''	18282 4085''

**Results for  $\epsilon = 0.0001$ . Table 3**

$m \backslash n$	100	300	1000	3000
100	67068 25''	72073 80''	74075 287''	80081 945''
300	85086 89'', 42%	92093 243''	101102 914''	112113 3302''
1000	97098 331''	100101 760''	116117 2936''	139140 11028''

# Comparing the bounds

**Smoothing + FGM:**  $2 \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{mn}{\epsilon} \sqrt{\ln n \ln m}.$

**Short-step p.-f. method ( $n \geq m$ ):**  $\left(7.2\sqrt{n \ln \frac{1}{\epsilon}}\right) \cdot \frac{m(m+1)}{2} n.$

Right digits

$m$	$n$	2	3	4	5
100	100	$g$	$g$	$b$	$b$
300	300	$g$	$g$	$b$	$b$
300	1000	$g$	$g$	$b$	$b$
300	3000	$g$	$g$	$=$	$b$
300	10000	$g$	$g$	$g$	$b$
1000	1000	$g$	$g$	$g$	$b$
1000	3000	$g$	$g$	$g$	$b$
1000	10000	$g$	$g$	$g$	$=$

$g$  - S+FGM,  $b$  - barrier method