

# Automated tight Lyapunov analysis for first-order methods

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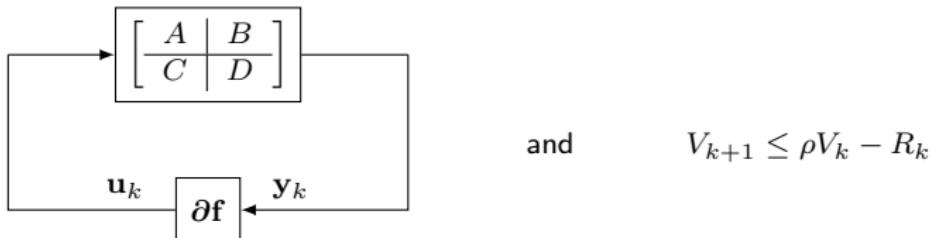
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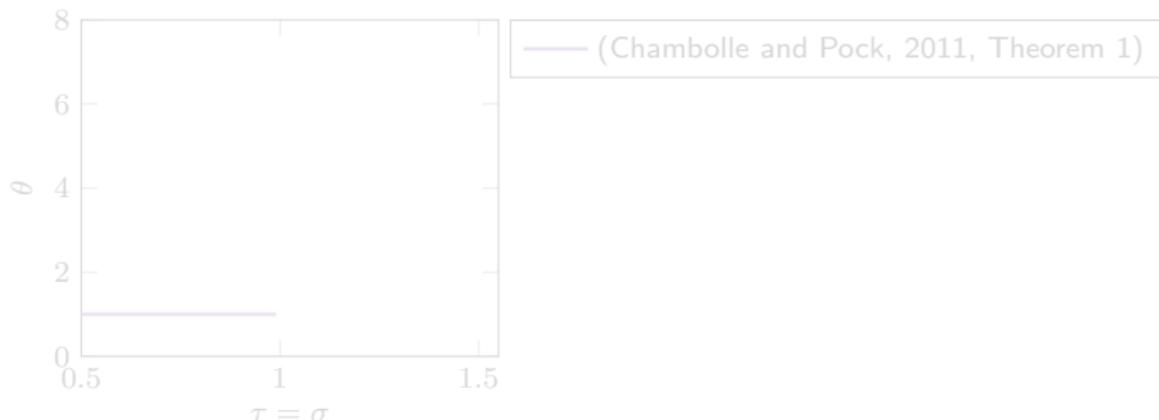
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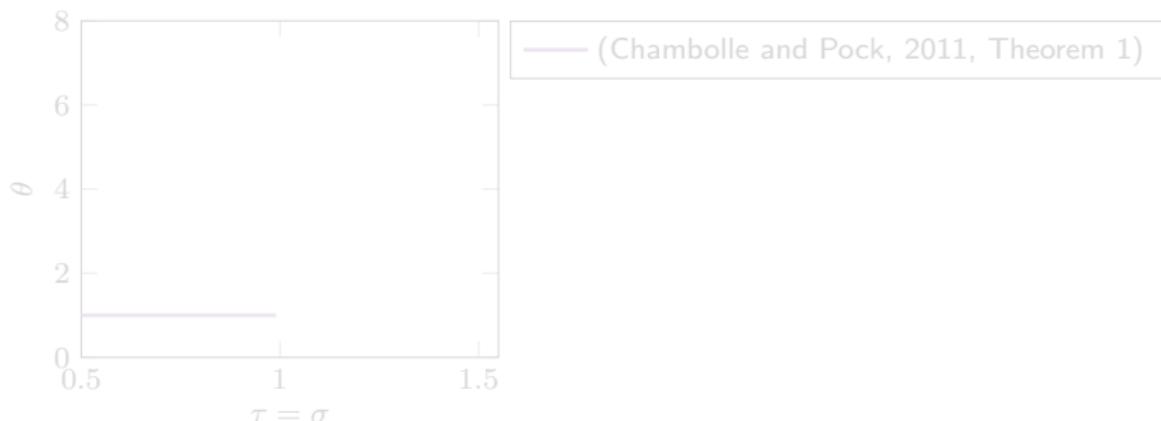
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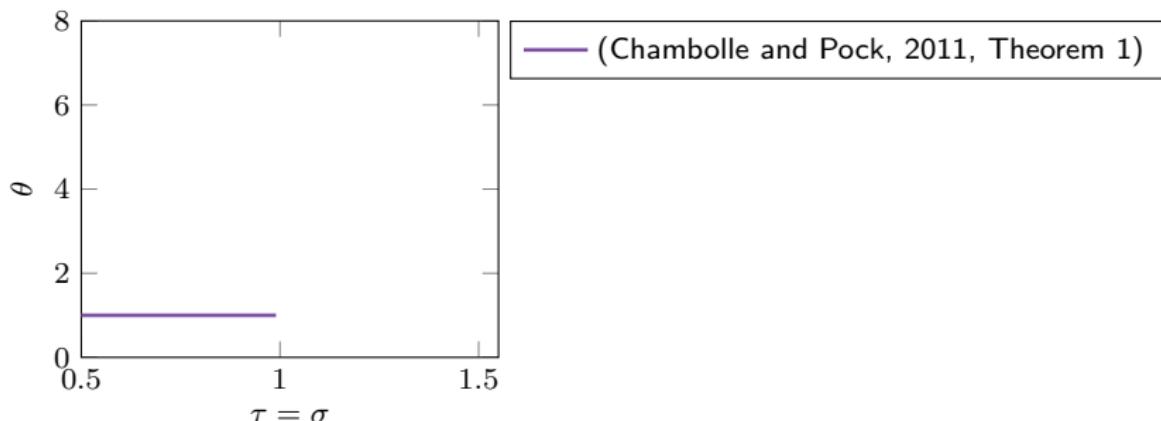
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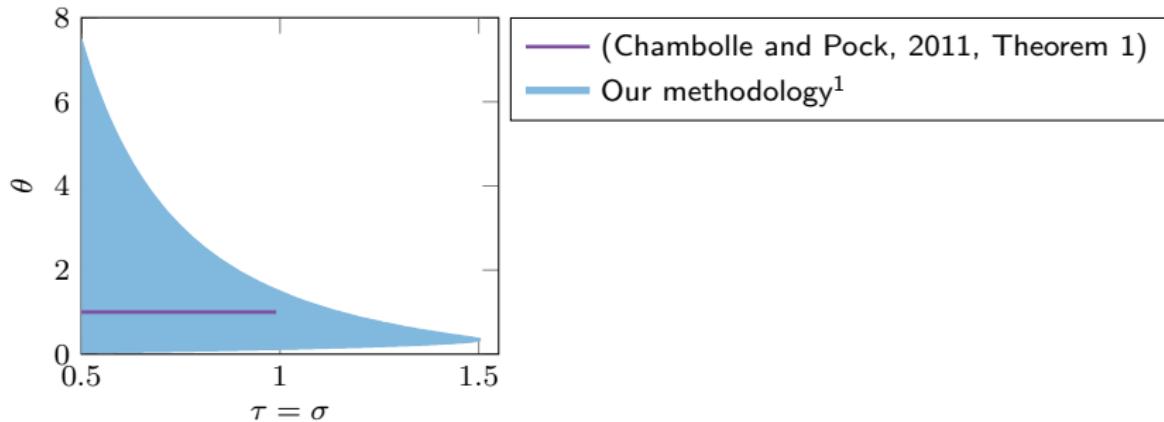
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<sup>1</sup>Parameters evaluated on a square grid of size  $0.01 \times 0.01$  with the restriction that  $\tau = \sigma \geq 0.5$

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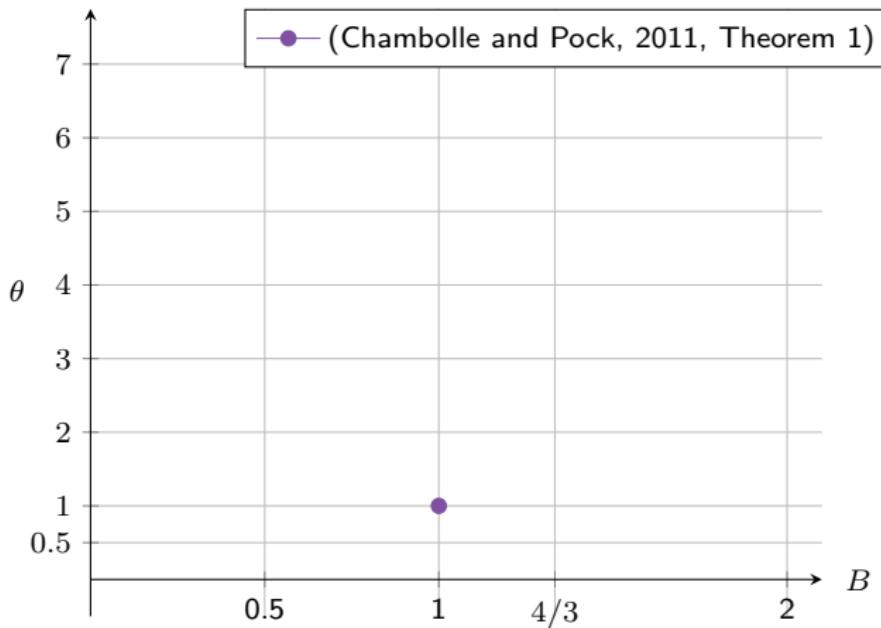
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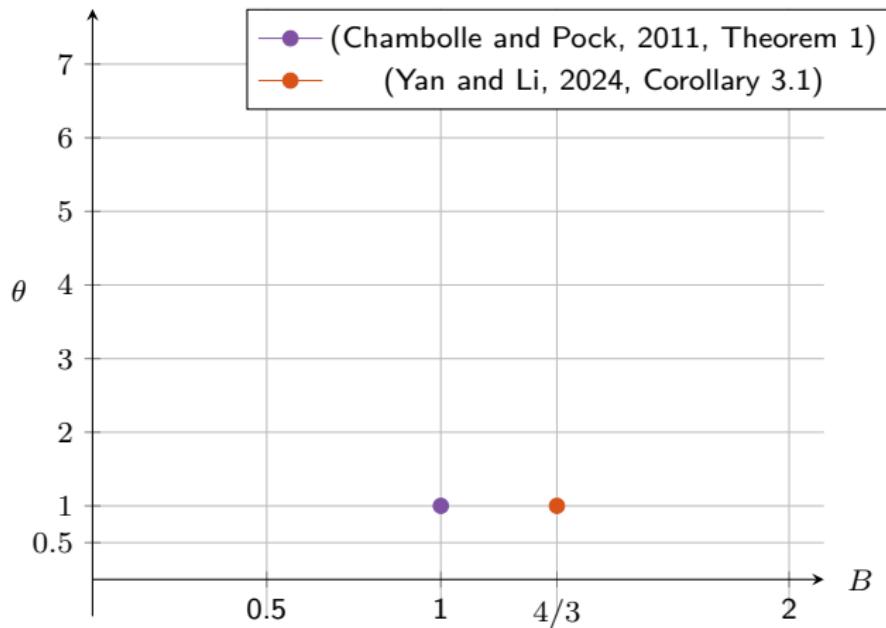
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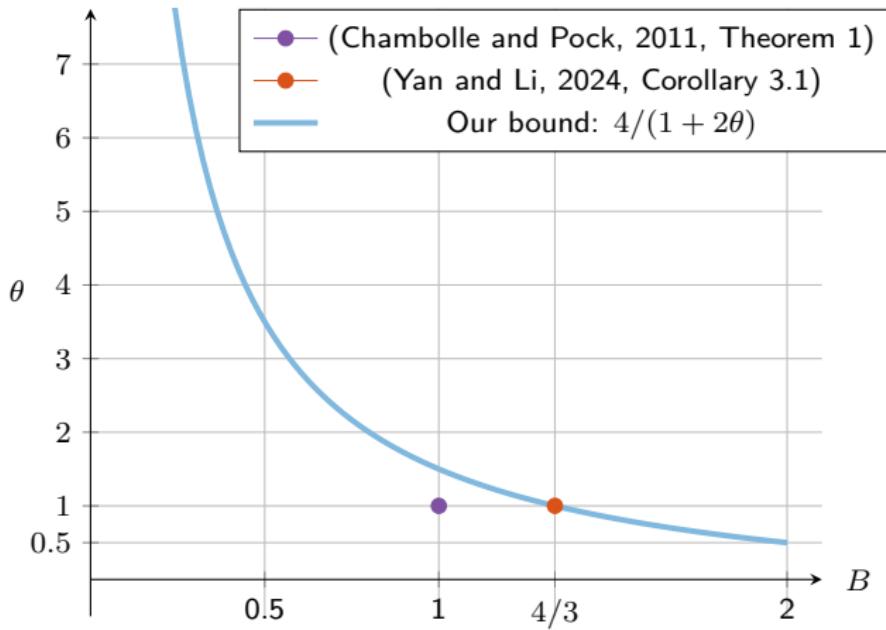
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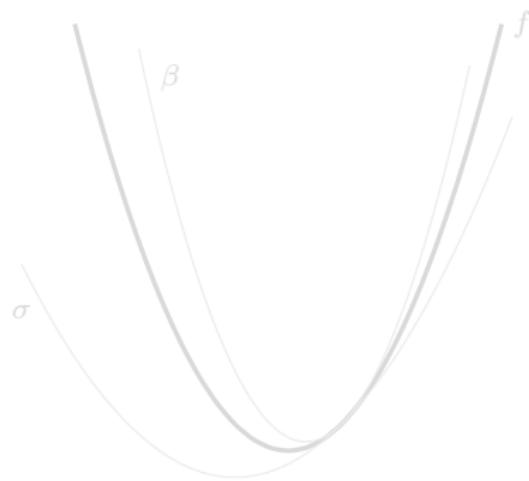
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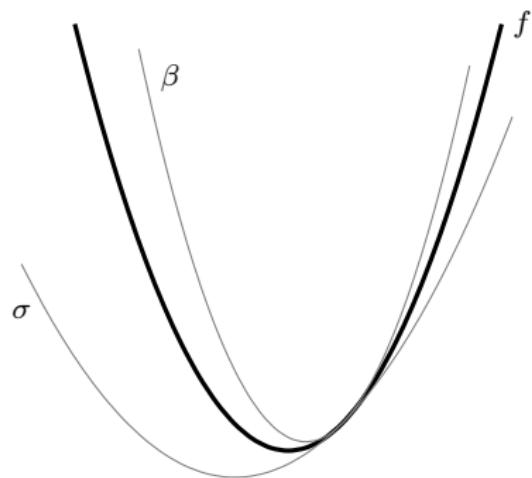
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$$\mathbf{u}_k \in \partial \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_k)$$

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where

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<sup>4</sup>Model used in control literature, (Lessard et al., 2016), and similar to the model in (Morin et al., 2024).

<sup>5</sup>Let  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{z} = (z^{(1)}, \dots, z^{(n)}) \in \mathcal{H}^n$ . Then

$$(M \otimes \text{Id})\mathbf{z} = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n [M]_{1,j} z^{(j)}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n [M]_{m,j} z^{(j)} \right).$$

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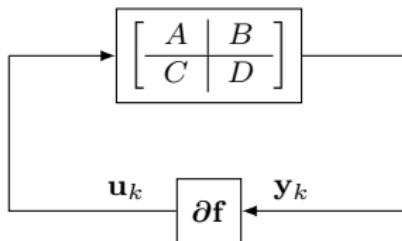
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- FISTA
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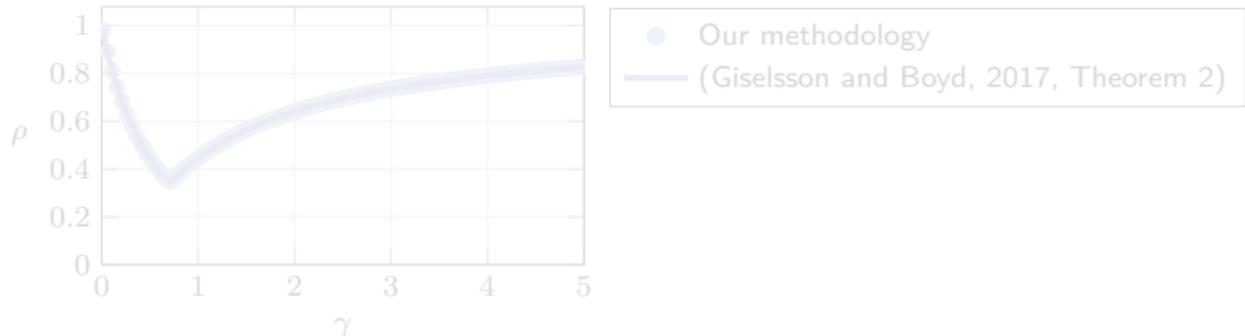
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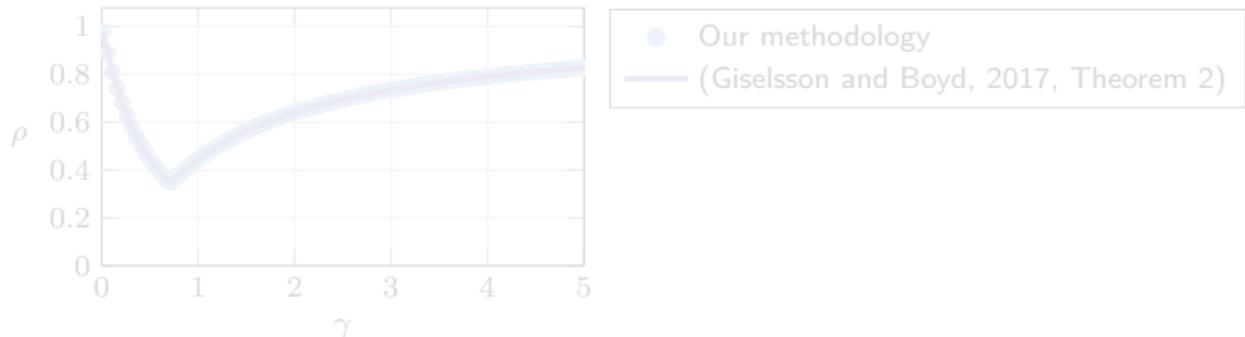
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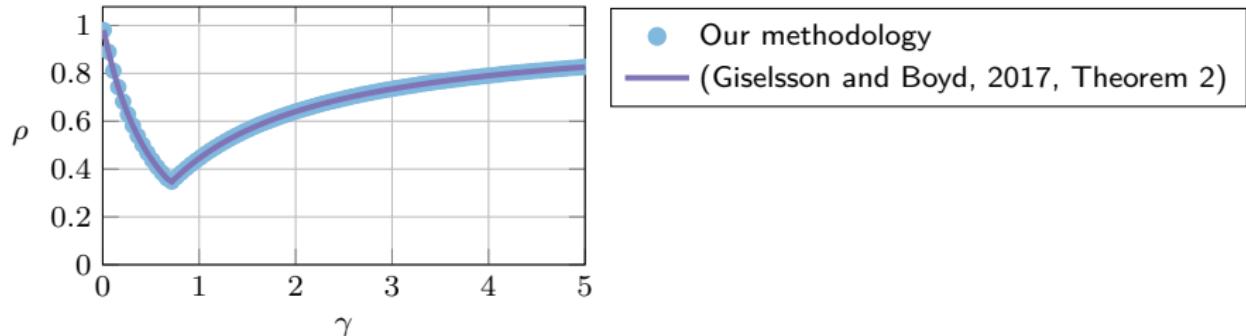
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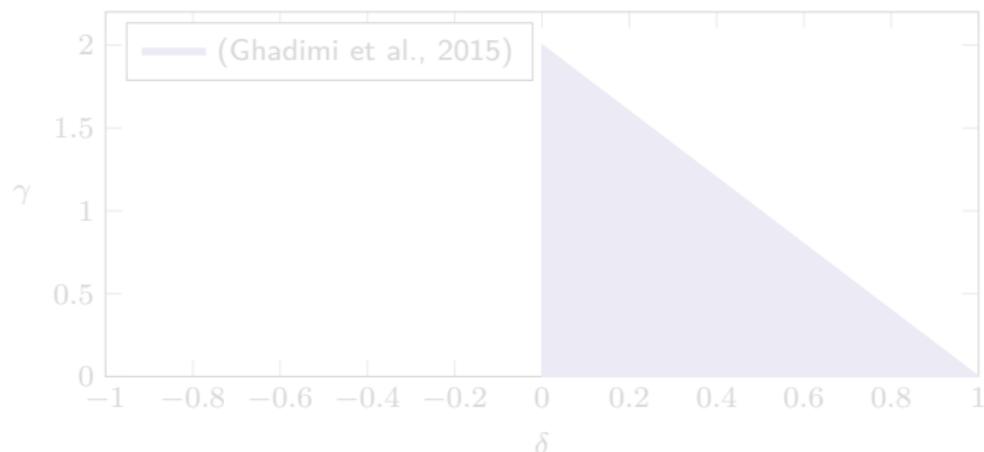
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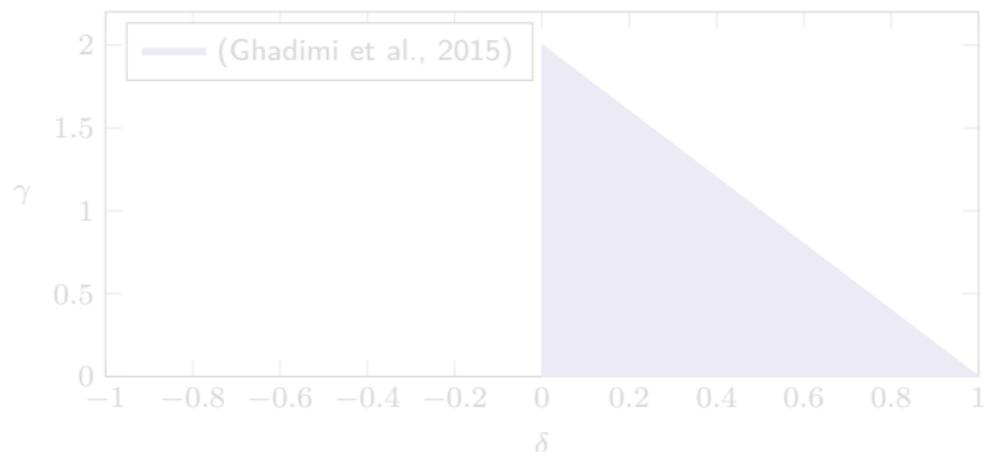
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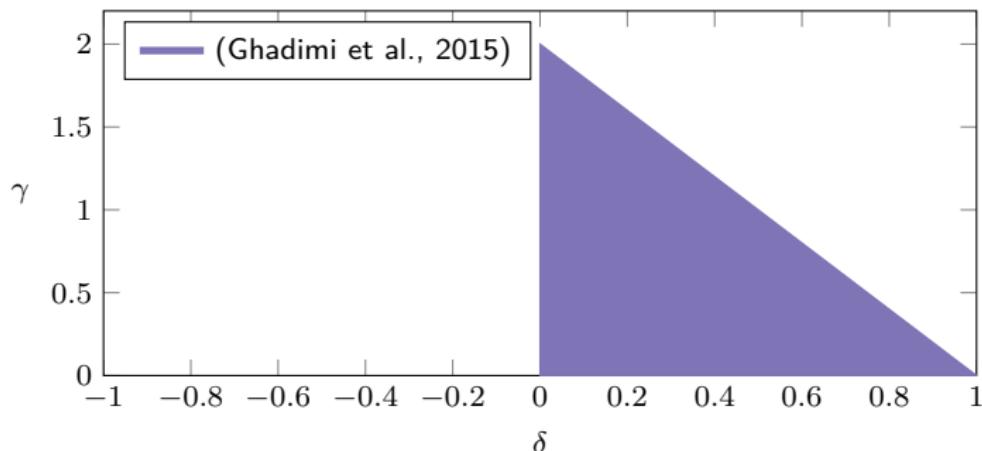
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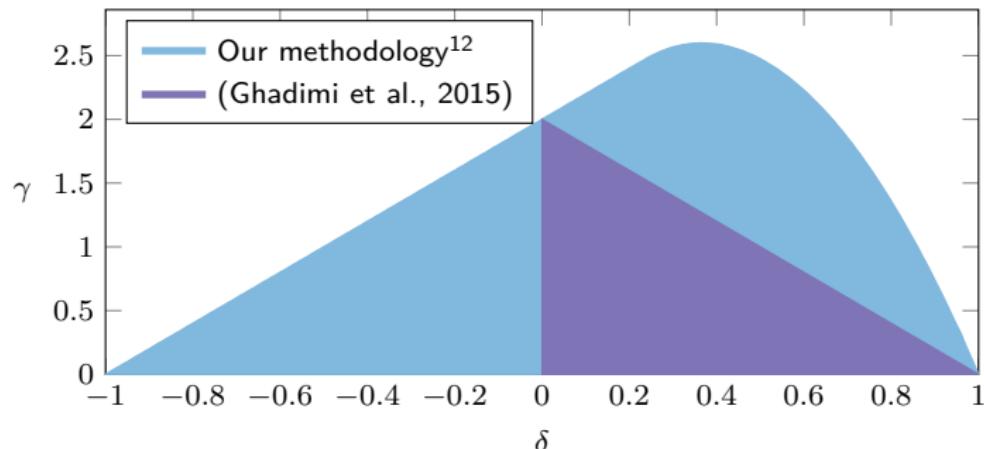
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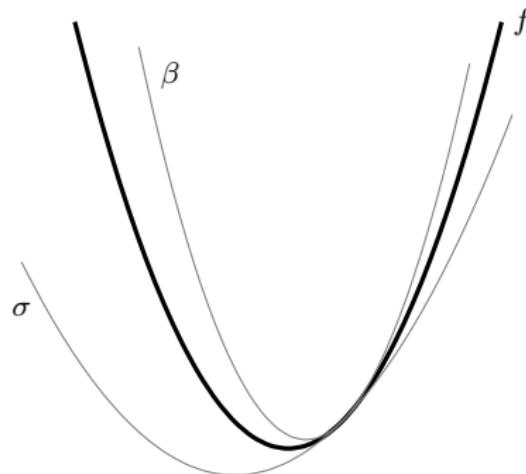
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## Appendix - Preliminaries

- $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  real Hilbert space. Associated norm  $\|\cdot\|^2 = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$
- Let  $f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ . Then:
  - (i) *effective domain* of  $f$  is the set  $\text{dom } f = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid f(x) < +\infty\}$
  - (ii)  $f$  *proper* if  $\text{dom } f \neq \emptyset$
  - (iii) *subdifferential* of a proper function  $f$  is the set-valued operator  $\partial f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  such that  $x \mapsto \{u \in \mathcal{H} \mid \forall y \in \mathcal{H}, f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle u, y - x \rangle\}$
- Let  $f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  and  $\sigma, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . The function  $f$  is:
  - (i) *convex* if  $f((1 - \lambda)x + \lambda y) \leq (1 - \lambda)f(x) + \lambda f(y)$  for each  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$
  - (ii)  $\sigma$ -*strongly convex* if  $f - (\sigma/2)\|\cdot\|^2$  is convex
  - (iii)  $\beta$ -*smooth* if  $f$  is differentiable and  $\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq \beta \|x - y\|$  for each  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$

## Appendix - More preliminaries

- Let  $0 \leq \sigma < +\infty$  and  $0 \leq \beta \leq +\infty$ .  $\mathcal{F}_{\sigma,\beta}$  class of all functions  $f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  that are proper, lower semicontinuous,  $\sigma$ -strongly convex and  $\beta$ -smooth (if  $\beta < +\infty$ )



- Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{0,\infty}$  and  $\gamma > 0$ . Then the *proximal operator*  $\text{prox}_{\gamma f} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is defined as the single-valued operator given by

$$\text{prox}_{\gamma f}(x) = \underset{z \in \mathcal{H}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left( f(z) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|x - z\|^2 \right)$$

for each  $x \in \mathcal{H}$

- The *convex conjugate* of  $f$ , denoted  $f^* : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ , is the proper, lower semicontinuous and convex function given by  $f^*(u) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{H}} (\langle u, x \rangle - f(x))$  for each  $u \in \mathcal{H}$

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Suppose  $\rho \in [0, 1[$ , let  $e_i$  be  $i$ th standard basis vector and

$$(P, p, T, t) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} C & D & -D \end{bmatrix}^\top e_i e_i^\top \begin{bmatrix} C & D & -D \end{bmatrix}, 0, 0, 0 \right).$$

Then

$$\langle (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_\star, \mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{u}_\star), (P \otimes \text{Id})(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_\star, \mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{u}_\star) \rangle + p^\top (\mathbf{F}_k - \mathbf{F}_\star) = \left\| y_k^{(i)} - y_\star \right\|^2 \geq 0$$

and the distance to the solution squared converges  $\rho$ -linear to zero.

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- function value suboptimality converges to zero
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$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{u}_*), (T \otimes \text{Id})(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{u}_*) \rangle + t^\top (\mathbf{F}_k - \mathbf{F}_*) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left( f_i(y_k^{(i)}) - f_i(y_*^{(i)}) - \left\langle u_*^{(i)}, y_k^{(i)} - y_*^{(i)} \right\rangle \right) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{y}_k, \mathbf{u}_*) - \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{y}_*, \mathbf{u}_k) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{H}^m \times \mathcal{H}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *Lagrangian function* giving

- primal-dual gap converges to zero,
- $\mathcal{O}(1/k)$  ergodic primal-dual gap convergence (via Jensen's inequality).

Reduces to function value suboptimality when  $m = 1$ .

## Appendix - Chambolle–Pock - Lyapunov inequality

- Lyapunov function:

$$\begin{aligned} V_k &= \theta(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_\star) + \langle L^* y_\star, x_{k+1} - x_\star \rangle) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x_{k+1} - x_\star\|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|y_k - y_\star + \sigma\theta(Lx_{k+1} - Lx_k)\|^2 + \frac{\theta}{2\tau} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{\sigma(4\theta^2 + 1)}{16} \|Lx_{k+1} - Lx_k\|^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Lyapunov inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{k+1} - V_k + \mathcal{D}_{x_\star, y_\star}(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}) &\leq \\ &- \frac{1}{2\sigma} \left\| y_{k+1} - y_k - \sigma \left( \frac{1}{2} (Lx_{k+1} - Lx_{k+2}) - \theta(Lx_k - Lx_{k+1}) \right) \right\|^2 \\ &- \frac{8\theta - \tau\sigma \|L\|^2 (4\theta^2 + 1)}{16\tau} \left\| x_{k+2} - x_{k+1} - \frac{4(1 - \tau_1\sigma\theta \|L\|^2)}{8\theta - \tau\sigma \|L\|^2 (4\theta^2 + 1)} (x_{k+1} - x_k) \right\|^2 \\ &- \frac{(4\theta^2 - 1)(4 - \tau\sigma \|L\|^2 (2\theta + 1))(4 - \tau\sigma \|L\|^2 (2\theta - 1))}{16\tau (8\theta - \tau\sigma \|L\|^2 (4\theta^2 + 1))} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Appendix - Chambolle–Pock - Counterexample

- For the problem instance ( $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{G} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f = g^* = 0$ , and  $L = 1$ )

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}}{\text{minimize}} \underset{y \in \mathbb{R}}{\text{maximize}} xy$$

the Chambolle–Pock method becomes

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= x_k - \tau y_k, \\y_{k+1} &= y_k + \sigma(x_{k+1} + \theta(x_{k+1} - x_k)),\end{aligned}$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tau \\ \sigma & 1 - \tau\sigma(1 + \theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix},$$

where we assume that  $\tau, \sigma, \theta > 0$

- If

$$\tau\sigma \geq 4/(1 + 2\theta),$$

the matrix above has an eigenvalue with a magnitude greater or equal to 1

- The Chambolle–Pock method no longer converges for all initial points