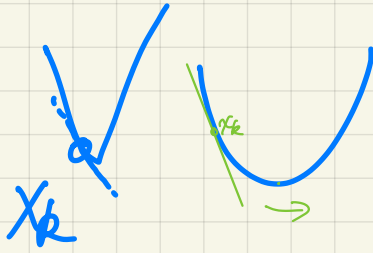


Question 1:

why not converge?



increase  $\mu$  parameter

if  $f(x_{k-1}) - f(x_k) \approx 0$

Add another termination condition

Question 8:

pseudo-huber function:

$$\psi_\mu(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\mu^2 + |x_i|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \mu$$

Convex conjugate:

$$f^*(y) := \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} y^T x - f(x)$$

$$= \max_x x^T y - \|x\|_1$$

$$= \max_x \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

$$= \max_x \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - |x_i|$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \max_{x_i} x_i y_i - |x_i|$$

In order to maximize  $f_\mu(x)$ , we need to minimize  $f^*(y)$ , take  $|y_i| < 1$  and  $f^*(y_i) = 0$

$$f_\mu(x) = \max x^T y - 0 - \mu \sum y_i$$

$$= \max \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \max_{|y_i| < 1} x_i y_i - \frac{\mu}{2} y_i^2$$

Gradient w.s.t.  $y_i$

$$\nabla f_\mu(x) = x_i - \mu y_i = 0$$

$$y_i = \frac{x_i}{\mu} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} y_i = 1 & \text{if } |x_i| > \mu \\ y_i = \frac{x_i}{\mu} & \text{if } |x_i| \leq \mu \end{cases}$$

but we have a constrain  $|y_i| \leq 1$

Therefore.

$$f_\mu(x) = \max y_i x_i - \frac{\mu}{2} y_i^2 = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu}{2} y_i^2 & \text{if } |x_i| \leq \mu \\ |x_i| - \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } |x_i| > \mu \end{cases}$$

$$f_\mu(x) = \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} x^T y - f^*(y) - \mu \sum y_i$$

$$d(y) = \frac{1}{2} \|y\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$$

$$f_\mu(x) = \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} x^T y - \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} y^T x - f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$$

$$\max_{x_i} x_i y_i - |x_i| = \max_{x_i} x_i y_i - \text{Sign}(x_i) \cdot x_i$$

$$= \max_{x_i} x_i (y_i - \text{Sign}(x_i))$$

$y_i$	$x_i$	max
$y_i > 1$	$x_i = +\infty$	$+\infty$
$y_i < -1$	$x_i = -\infty$	$+\infty$
$-1 \leq y_i \leq 1$	$x_i = 0$	Zero.

$$\max_{x_i} x_i y_i - |x_i| = \begin{cases} 0 & |y_i| \leq 1 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Question 9.

$$d(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n 1 - \sqrt{1 - y_i^2} \quad |y_i| \leq 1. \quad \forall i.$$

$$f_\mu(x) = \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} x^T y - f^*(y) - \mu d(y)$$

$$f^*(y) = \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} y^T x - f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \max(x_i y_i - x_i) \quad , \quad \max(x_i y_i - |x_i|) = \begin{cases} 0 & |y_i| \leq 1 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_\mu(x) &= \max x y^T - f^*(y) - \mu d(y) \\ &= \max(x_i y_i) - \mu \left( \sum_{i=1}^n 1 - \sqrt{1 - y_i^2} \right) \quad |y_i| \leq 1. \\ &= \underbrace{\max(x_i y_i)}_{\substack{\text{maximize} \\ \text{over } y_i}} - \underbrace{\mu \sum_{i=1}^n 1}_{\substack{\text{constant} \\ \text{term}}} + \underbrace{\mu \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i^2)^{1/2}}_{\substack{\text{maximize} \\ \text{over } y_i}}. \end{aligned}$$

The gradient of  $f_\mu$  wrt.  $y_i$

$$\frac{y^2}{1 - y^2} = \frac{x^2}{\mu^2} \quad y = \frac{x^2}{\mu^2 + x^2}$$

$$\nabla f_\mu(x) = x_i - \mu y_i (1 - y_i^2)^{-1/2} = 0$$

$$y_1 = \frac{x}{(\mu^2 + x^2)^{1/2}} \quad y_2 = -\frac{x}{(\mu^2 + x^2)^{1/2}} \quad \leftarrow |y| < 1 \text{ guaranteed.}$$

$$f(x_i) = x_i \frac{x_i}{(\mu^2 + x_i^2)^{1/2}} - \mu + \mu \left( 1 - \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\mu^2 + x_i^2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x_i^2}{(\mu^2 + x_i^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{\mu^2}{(\mu^2 + x_i^2)^{1/2}} - \mu$$

$$= \frac{x_i^2 + \mu^2}{(\mu^2 + x_i^2)^{1/2}} - \mu \quad \leftarrow \text{inside } \Sigma.$$

$$\varphi_\mu(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( (x_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2} - \mu \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{Sum for } i \text{ from } 1 \text{ to } n.$$

Question 10.

Show  $\varphi_\mu(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n ((\mu^2 + |x_i|^2)^{1/2} - \mu)$  is convex but not strongly convex.

Assume  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$\varphi_\mu(t x_1 + (1-t)x_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n ((\mu^2 + (t x_{1i} + (1-t)x_{2i})^2)^{1/2} - \mu)$$

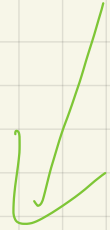
$$= \sum_{i=1}^n ((\mu^2 + t^2 x_{1i}^2 + (1-t)^2 x_{2i}^2 + 2t(1-t)x_{1i}x_{2i})^{1/2} - \mu) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$t \varphi_\mu(x_1) + (1-t) \varphi_\mu(x_2)$$

$$= t \sum_{i=1}^n ((\mu^2 + x_{1i}^2)^{1/2} - \mu) + (1-t) \sum_{i=1}^n ((\mu^2 + x_{2i}^2)^{1/2} - \mu)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (t(\mu^2 + x_{1i}^2)^{1/2} + (1-t)(\mu^2 + x_{2i}^2)^{1/2} - \mu) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

Convex



Since  $(ax + by)^2 \geq (ax)^2 + by^2$

where  $a = t$ ,  $x = (\mu^2 + x_{1i}^2)^{1/2}$

$b = 1-t$ ,  $y = (\mu^2 + x_{2i}^2)^{1/2}$

Note.  $a \geq 0$ . guaranteed for.  
 $b \geq 0$ .  $t \in (0, 1)$   
 $x \geq 0$ .  
 $y \geq 0$ .

$$\text{①}^2 \geq (ax)^2 + (by)^2$$

$$\text{②}^2 = (ax + by)^2 \Rightarrow \text{①}^2 < \text{②}^2 \quad \text{Such that } \text{①} < \text{②}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_\mu(t x_1 + (1-t)x_2) < t \varphi_\mu(x_1) + (1-t) \varphi_\mu(x_2) \Rightarrow \varphi_\mu(x) \text{ is convex}$$

$$\nabla_{x_i} \varphi_\mu(x) = \frac{x_i}{(\mu^2 + x_i^2)^{1/2}}$$

Assume  $y > x$ .

$$f(y) - f(x) - \nabla f(x)^T (y - x)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n ((\mu^2 + |y_i|^2)^{1/2} - \mu) - \sum_{i=1}^n ((\mu^2 + |x_i|^2)^{1/2} - \mu) - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{(\mu^2 + x_i^2)^{1/2}} (y_i - x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [(\mu^2 + |y_i|^2)^{1/2} - (\mu^2 + |x_i|^2)^{1/2} - x_i (\mu^2 + x_i^2)^{-1/2} (y_i - x_i)] \quad \text{multiply by } (y_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2} + (x_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\nabla \varphi_\mu(x) (y - x) \cdot ((y^2 + \mu^2) + (x^2 + \mu^2))^{1/2} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (y_i - x_i) + x_i (y_i - x_i) (y_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2} (x_i^2 + \mu^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\varphi_\mu(y) - \varphi_\mu(x) - \nabla \varphi_\mu(x)^T (y - x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2} - (x_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - x_i^2)$$

$$\varphi_\mu(y) - \varphi_\mu(x) - \nabla \varphi_\mu(x)^T (y - x) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - x_i^2 - x_i y_i + x_i^2 - x_i (y_i - x_i) (y_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2} (x_i^2 + \mu^2)^{-1/2} \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i (y_i - x_i) - \frac{(y_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2}}{(x_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2}} x_i (y_i - x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i) \left[ y_i - \frac{(y_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2}}{(x_i^2 + \mu^2)^{1/2}} x_i \right]$$

Assume  $y_i > x_i$

$$\Rightarrow y_i^2 - \frac{y_i^2 x_i^2 + \mu^2 x_i^2}{x_i^2 + \mu^2} = \frac{y_i^2 \mu^2 - x_i^2 \mu^2}{x_i^2 + \mu^2} = \frac{\mu^2}{x_i^2 + \mu^2} \underbrace{(y_i^2 - x_i^2)}_{< 0} < 0.$$

if  $y_i^2 < x_i^2$ , then ① < ②

then:  $\varphi_u(y) - \varphi_u(x) - \nabla f(x)(y-x) < 0$ .

if  $0 > y_i > x_i$ :

$$y_i^2 - x_i^2 < 0. \quad y_i - x_i > 0.$$

$$\text{Not } \varphi_u(y) \geq \varphi_u(x) + \nabla f(x)(y-x) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|y-x\|^2$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi_u(x)$  is not strongly convex.

Question 11.

$f$  is strongly convex

$$f^*(y) = \max_{y \in \text{dom } f^*} x^T y - f^*(y) \Rightarrow \nabla f(x) = \underset{y \in \text{dom } f}{\text{argmax}} x^T y - f^*(y)$$

$$\text{we have } f^*(y) = \sup_{u \in \text{dom } f} y^T u - f(u) = \max_{u \in \text{dom } f} y^T u - f(u)$$

because of the convexity of  $f$

let  $u^* = x$  is the global minimizer

$$0 \in \partial[y^T x - f(x)] = y - \partial f(x) \Leftrightarrow y \in \partial f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f^*(y) = y^T x - f(x)$$

for any  $v$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(v) &= \sup_u v^T u - f(u) \geq v^T x - f(x) \geq v^T x - y^T x + y^T x - f(x) \\ &= f^*(y) + (y - v)^T x \end{aligned}$$

which

$$f^*(v) \geq f^*(y) + (v - y)^T x$$

By definition of subgradients, we have  $x \in \partial f^*(y)$

By second conjugate function's property

$$f^{**}(x) = f(x)$$

We proved:

$$y \in \partial f(x) \Rightarrow f(x) + f^*(x) = x^T y \Rightarrow x \in \partial f^*(y) \Rightarrow y \in \partial f(x).$$

$$\text{So that } \underline{x \in \partial f^*(y) \Rightarrow \partial f^{**}(x) = \partial f(x).} \quad \#$$

$\max_{y \in \text{dom } f^*} x^T y - f^*(y)$  has an unique maximizer  $x$ .

from  $\#$ ,  $x \in \partial f^*(y)$ , since it is the unique maximizer.

$\partial f^*(y)$  has only one element.

$$\partial f^*(y) = \{x\} = \{\nabla f^*(y)\}.$$

$\Rightarrow f^*$  is differentiable and

$$\nabla f(x) = \underset{y \in \text{dom } f^*}{\text{argmax}} x^T y - f^*(y)$$

Question 12:

$f(x)$  is  $\delta$ -strongly-convex: we have (by definition)

$$(\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (x - y) \geq \delta \|x - y\|_2^2$$

$$(\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (\nabla f^*(\nabla f(x)) - \nabla f^*(\nabla f(y))) \geq \mu \|\nabla f^*(\nabla f(x)) - \nabla f^*(\nabla f(y))\|_2^2 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2 \cdot \|\nabla f^*(\nabla f(x)) - \nabla f^*(\nabla f(y))\|_2 \geq (\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (\nabla f^*(\nabla f(x)) - \nabla f^*(\nabla f(y))) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

by ① and ②

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2 \cdot \|\nabla f^*(\nabla f(x)) - \nabla f^*(\nabla f(y))\|_2 \geq \mu \|\nabla f^*(\nabla f(x)) - \nabla f^*(\nabla f(y))\|_2^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2 \geq \|\nabla f^*(\nabla f(x)) - \nabla f^*(\nabla f(y))\|_2$$

$\Rightarrow \nabla f(x)$  is continuous with Lipschitz constant  $1/\delta$

$$(\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))^T (x - y) \geq \delta \|x - y\|_2^2 \quad (\text{multiplied both side})$$

$$\text{And. } f^{**}(x) = (f^*(y))^* = f(x).$$

$$f^{**}(x) = \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} x^T y - f^*(y) \geq x^T y.$$

### Question 13

$\text{dom } f^* \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is closed and bounded

$$D = \max_{y \in C} d(y) \text{ bounded } D < \infty$$

$$\text{dom } f^* \subseteq \text{dom } d.$$

$$f(x) = y^T x + a.$$

$$\overline{D} = \max_{y \in \text{dom } d} d(y) < \infty \text{ because } f^* \text{ is bounded and } \text{dom } f^* \subset \text{dom } d.$$

$$f^* = \max_{x \in \text{dom } d} y^T x - f(y) = \sup_{y \in \text{dom } d} (y^T x - f(y))$$

$$f(x) = \max_{x \in \text{dom } d} y^T x - f^*(y) = \sup_{y \in \text{dom } d} (y^T x - f^*(y))$$

$$f_\mu(x) = \max_{y \in \text{dom } d} y^T x - f^*(y) - \mu d(y).$$

$$f_\mu(x) = \sup_{y \in \text{dom } d} y^T x - f^*(y) - \mu d(y)$$

$$\geq \sup_{y \in \text{dom } d} y^T x - f^*(y) - \mu D.$$

$$= f(x) - \mu D.$$

proof of lower bound

$$f_\mu(x) \leq \sup_{y \in \text{dom } d} y^T x - f^*(y) - \mu d(y) + \mu d(y)$$

$$\geq \sup_{y \in \text{dom } d} y^T x - f^*(y) = f(x).$$

proof of upper bound.



Question 14:

$\phi(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{L}{2} \|x - x_0\|_2^2$ .  $\lambda_k \leq \frac{C}{k^2}$ ,  $C > 0$ . by definition of  $\phi_k(x)$ , it is obvious that  $f(x_k) - f^* \leq \phi_k(x_k) - f^*$

$$f(x_k) - f^* \leq \phi_k(x_k) - f^*$$

$$\leq (1 - \lambda_k) f(x^*) + \lambda_k \left( f(x_0) + \frac{L}{2} \|x^* - x_0\|_2^2 \right) - f^*$$

$$= f(x^*) - \lambda_k f(x^*) + \lambda_k f(x_0) + \frac{\lambda_k L}{2} \|x^* - x_0\|_2^2 - f^*$$

$$= \lambda_k \left[ -f(x^*) - f(x_0) + \frac{L}{2} \|x^* - x_0\|_2^2 \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{C}{k^2} \left( -f^* + f(x_0) + \frac{L}{2} \|x^* - x_0\|_2^2 \right)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{k^2} \cdot C \left( -f^* - f(x_0) + \frac{L}{2} \|x^* - x_0\|_2^2 \right)$$

## Question 15

We have proved that gradient descent for  $\delta$  strongly convex function  $f(x_k) - f^* \leq (1 - \frac{\delta}{L})^k (f(x_0) - f^*)$

we have proved that  $f(x_k) - f^* = O(\frac{1}{k})$

For accelerated gradient descent method:

$$f(x_k) - f^* \leq (1 - \sqrt{\frac{\delta}{L}})^k (f(x_0) - f^*)$$

$$e^{-x} \geq e^x \quad \longrightarrow \quad \leq e^{k\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{L}}} (f(x_0) - f^*)$$

$$\text{let } f(x_k) - f^* = \varepsilon$$

$$e^{k\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{L}}} [f(x_0) - f^*] \leq \varepsilon$$

$$-k\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{L}} + \log[f(x_0) - f^*] \leq \log \varepsilon$$

$$k \geq \left(\frac{\delta}{L}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\log(f(x_0) - f^*) - \log \varepsilon]$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{L}{\delta}} \log\left(\frac{f(x_0) - f^*}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = O\left(\sqrt{\frac{L}{\delta}} \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$$