Assigment 3

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Load modules

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In [2]: # !pip install numpy, scipy, scikit-image, skimage, matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from skimage.color import rgb2gray
from skimage import data
from skimage.transform import resize

# Numpy is useful for handling arrays and matrices.
import numpy as np

# my import
from numpy.linalg import norm
import math
import time
from scipy import real, ndimage
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Load image

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In [3]: img = data.astronaut()
img = rgb2gray(img)*255 # convert to gray and change scale from (0,1) to (0,255).

n = img.shape[0]

plt.figure(1, figsize=(10, 10))
plt.imshow(img, cmap='gray', vmin=0, vmax=255)
plt.show()
```



Compute the differences operators here. Use your code from Assignment 2.

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In [4]: # You will need these three methods to construct sparse differences operators.
# If you do not use sparse operators you might have scalability problems.
from scipy.sparse import diags
from scipy.sparse import kron
from scipy.sparse import identity

# Use your code from Assignment 2.
# Make sure that you compute the right D_h and D_v matrices.
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Add noise to the image

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In [5]: mean_ = 0
    standard_deviation = 30
    dimensions = (n,n)

    noise = np.random.normal(mean_, standard_deviation, dimensions)

    noisy_image = img + noise

    plt.figure(1, figsize=(10, 10))
    plt.imshow(noisy_image, cmap='gray', vmin=0, vmax=255)
    plt.show()
```



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In [6]: m = noisy_image.shape[0] # ROWS
n = noisy_image.shape[1] # COLS

I = diags([1], [0], shape=(n,n), dtype='int8')
J = diags([-1,1],[0,1], shape=(m,m), dtype='int8')
Dh = kron(J, I)
Dv = kron(I, J)

D = Dh+ 1j*Dv
x0 = noisy_image.flatten('F')
z_clean = img.flatten('F')
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Question 1 (8 marks): implement gradient descent with Armijo line-search for the Total-Variation denoising problem. Use the pseudo-Huber function to smooth the problem.

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In [22]:
         # Write your code here.
         # gradient descent with Armijo line-search for the Total-Variation denoising
         def gradient_descent_armijo(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_iterations,gamma_, mu_,clean_image):
             # initialize variables, x and grad, list of x and grad
             counter = 0
             x = x0
             \# xs = [x]
             D = Dh + 1J * Dv
             \# phi_Dx = sum(((miu_**2 - dxi**2)**(1/2)-miu_)) for dxi in Dx)
             grad = calculate_gradient_fx(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
             # grads = [grad]
             denoise_result = [denoising_tv(x,x0,lambda_,mu_)]
             while counter < max_iterations and norm(grad,2) > epsilon:
                 alpha_ = line_search_Armijo(x, x0, grad, gamma_, lambda_, mu_)
                 x = x - alpha_* grad
                 old_grad = grad
                 grad = calculate_gradient_fx(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
                 # xs.append(x)
                 # grads.append(grad)
                 counter += 1
                 denoise_result.append(denoising_tv(x,x0,lambda_,mu_))
                 old_grad_norm = norm(old_grad,2)
                 grad_norm = norm(grad,2)
                 # if (abs(grad_norm - old_grad_norm)/old_grad_norm) < 0.01:</pre>
                       print('gradient changes less than 1%, stop here')
                 # print iteration, norm of gradient and the norms of noisy
                 # print(counter, grad_norm, 1/n**2 * norm(x-clean_image, 2))
             print('iteration: ', counter, ', error: ',1/n**2 * norm(x-clean_image, 2) )
             return x, denoise_result, counter
         # helper function, take x, return gradient of f(x)
         def calculate_gradient_fx(x, x0, lambda_, mu_):
             Dhx = Dh@x
             Dvx = Dv@x
             d = (mu_* ** 2 + Dhx ** 2 + Dvx ** 2) ** (-0.5)
             grad = lambda_* (Dv.transpose()@(Dvx * d) + Dh.transpose()@(Dhx * d)) + x - x0
             return grad
         # line search armijo
         def line_search_Armijo(x, x0, grad, gamma_, lambda_, mu_):
             # counter and initial guess
             counter = 0
             alpha_=1
             diff = x - alpha_* grad
             # store the value for re-use
             deno_x = denoising_tv(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
             LHS = denoising_tv(diff, x0, lambda_, mu_)
             RHS = deno_x - alpha_ * gamma_ * norm(grad, 2) ** 2
             while LHS > RHS:
                 alpha_ /= 2
                 diff = x - alpha_* grad
                 LHS = denoising_tv(diff, x0, lambda_, mu_)
                 RHS = deno_x - alpha_ * gamma_ * norm(grad) ** 2
                 counter += 1
             return alpha_
         # total variation denoising
         # return fx = lambda *phi(Dx) + 1/2 * ||x - z_noisy||2^2
         # def denoising_tv(x,x0,lambda_,mu_):
         #
               Dx = D@x
         #
               mu_sq = math.pow(mu_,2)
               def tv_d(i):
         #
                   return (abs(i) ** 2 + mu_sq) ** 0.5 - mu_
         #
               pesudo\_huber = sum(map(tv\_d, Dx))
               return pesudo_huber * lambda_ + 0.5 * math.pow(norm(x - x0, 2),2)
         def denoising_tv(x,x0,lambda_,mu_):
             Dx = Dax
             mu_sq = math.pow(mu_,2)
             pesudo_huber = np.sum(np.sqrt(mu_sq+abs(Dx)**2)-mu_)
             return pesudo huber * lambda + 0.5 * math.pow(norm(x - x0, 2),2)
```

Call Gradient Descent with Armijo line-search to denoise the image. Parameter tunning is not given for this assignment. You will have to tune all parameters yourself. Regarding the quality of the output image, pick the λ parameter that makes the error

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \|z_{output} - z_{clean}\|_2$$

as small as possible, where z_{output} is the output of the algorithm. Find λ by trial and error. Note that the smoothing parameter μ affects the quality of the output as well. Pick μ small enough such that the above error does not improve much for smaller values of μ . I will measure the running time only for your chosen parameters λ and μ , therefore, make sure to seperate any code that does trial and error and the code that reports the result for the chosen parameters.

```
print('### Question 1')
In [23]:
         lambda_ = 20
         epsilon = 1.0e-2
         gamma_ = 0.4
         mu_{-} = 1
         max\_iterations = 100
         # Write your code here.
         x0 = noisy_image.flatten('F')
         clean_image = img.flatten('F')
         s = time.time()
         x_q1, denoise_result_q1, iterations_q1 = gradient_descent_armijo(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_iterations, d
         e = time.time()
         print('Q1 finishes in ', e-s,'second')
         q1_{img} = np.reshape(x_q1, (n, n), order='F')
         fig = plt.figure(1, figsize=(10, 10))
         plt.imshow(q1_img, cmap='gray', vmin=0, vmax=255)
         plt.savefig('q1.png')
         plt.show()
```

Question 1 iteration: 100 , error: 0.020683070140835876 Q1 finishes in 11.929593801498413 second



Question 2 (5 marks): implement gradient descent with simple line-search for the Total-Variation denoising problem. Use the pseudo-Huber function to smooth the problem.

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In [24]: def line_search_simple(x, x0, grad, gamma_, lambda_, mu_):
             alpha_=1
             diff = x - alpha_* grad
             RHS = denoising_tv(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
             LHS = denoising_tv(diff, x0, lambda_, mu_)
             \# RHS = deno_x - alpha_ * gamma_ * norm(grad, 2) ** 2
             while LHS >= RHS:
                 alpha_ = alpha_ / 2
                 diff = x - alpha_* grad
                 LHS = denoising_tv(diff, x0, lambda_, mu_)
                   RHS does not change
                   RHS = denoising(x)
                                        #!!! this step significantly changes the time consumed!!!!!!!.
             return alpha
         def gradient_descent_simple(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_iterations,gamma_, mu_,clean_image):
             # initialize variables, x and grad, list of x and grad
             counter = 0
             x = x0
             \# xs = [x]
             D = Dh + 1J * Dv
             \# phi_Dx = sum((miu_**2 - dxi**2)**(1/2)-miu_) for dxi in Dx)
             grad = calculate_gradient_fx(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
             denoise_result = [denoising_tv(x,x0,lambda_,mu_)]
             # grads = [grad]
             while counter < max_iterations and norm(grad,2) > epsilon:
                 alpha_ = line_search_simple(x, x0, grad, gamma_, lambda_, mu_)
                 x = x - alpha_* grad
                 old_grad = grad
                 grad = calculate_gradient_fx(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
                 # xs.append(x)
                 # grads.append(grad)
                 counter += 1
                 old grad norm = norm(old grad,2)
                 grad_norm = norm(grad,2)
                 denoise_result.append(denoising_tv(x,x0,lambda_,mu_))
                 # if (abs(grad_norm - old_grad_norm)/old_grad_norm) < 0.01:
                       print('gradient changes less than 1%, stop here')
                       break
                 # print iteration, norm of gradient and the norms of noisy
                   print(counter, grad_norm, 1/n**2 * norm(x-clean_image, 2))
             print('iteration: ', counter, ', error: ',1/n**2 * norm(x-clean_image, 2) )
             return x, denoise_result, counter
```

Call gradient descent with simple line-search to denoise the image. Use the same λ and μ that you used in Q1.

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In [25]: x0 = noisy_image.flatten('F')
    clean_image = img.flatten('F')
    s = time.time()
    x_q2, denoise_result_q2,iterations_q2 = gradient_descent_simple(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_iterations, gate = time.time()
    print('Q2 finishes in ', e-s,'second')

    q2_img = np.reshape(x_q2, (n, n), order='F')
    fig = plt.figure(2, figsize=(10, 10))
    plt.imshow(q2_img, cmap='gray', vmin=0, vmax=255)
    plt.savefig('q2.png')
    plt.show()
```

iteration: 100 , error: 0.02071065279044869 Q2 finishes in 12.078660249710083 second



Question 3 (6 marks): Compute a Lipschitz constant for the smoothed Total-Variation problem. Note the Lipschitz constant is not unique. However, the minimum Lipschitz constant will give you better performance in algorithms compared to larger Lipschitz constants. This means that whatever you compute here will affect the running time of your algorithm in Q4.

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In [26]:
         from scipy.sparse import vstack
         from scipy.sparse.linalg import eigsh, svds
         s = time.time()
         A = vstack((Dh,Dv))
         A = A_asfptype()
         eigv = eigsh(A.transpose().dot(A), 1,which='LM', return_eigenvectors=False)
         \# \ eigv = ||Z||_2^2
         print('eigv=',eigv)
         L_mu = eigv / mu_
         # the lipschitz constant
         L = lambda_*L_mu+1
         print('L= ', L)
         e = time.time()
         print('Q3 finishes in ', e-s,'second')
         \# eigv = 8.000024
         \# L = 161.00047
         eigv= [7.9999623]
         L= [160.99925]
         Q3 finishes in 40.42809224128723 second
 In [ ]:
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Question 4 (8 marks): implement accelerated gradient for the Total-Variation denoising problem. Use the pseudo-Huber function to smooth the problem. Use the Lipschitz constant that you obtained in Q3. Do not include computation of the Lipschitz constant in this question. You can do it in Q3 and the time for computing the Lipschitz constant will not be taken into account.

```
In [16]: \# def accelerate_method(x, z, x0, i, L, lambda_k, lambda_, mu_):
               if ( i <=3):
         #
                   r = 0
               else:
                   r = 2 / i
               lambda_k = lambda_k*(1-r)
               y = (1 - r) * x + r * z
               grad_y = calculate_gradient_fx(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
               z = z - (r / lambda_k) * grad_y
         #
               x = y - 1 / L * grad_y
               return x, z, lambda_k
         # def accelerated_gradient_descent(x0, epsilon,lambda_, max_iterations, mu, z_clean):
               print('accelerated_gradient_descent')
         #
         #
               start = time.clock()
               x = x0
               xs = [x]
         #
               counter = 0
               grad = calculate gradient fx(x, x0, lambda, mu)
               old_grad = grad
         #
               L = 16000
         #
               z = x0
               lambda_k = 1
               old grad = grad
               L = 16000
         #
               z = x0
               lambda_k = 1
         #
               old_norm = norm(old_grad,2)
         #
               new\_norm = norm(grad, 2)
         #
               print(type(counter))
         #
               print(type(max_iterations))
               while counter < max iterations and new norm > epsilon and new norm < 1.1*old norm:
         #
         #
                   x,z, lambda_k = accelerate_method(x,z,x0,counter, L, lambda_k, lambda_, mu_)
         #
                   old_grad = grad
         #
                   grad = calculate\_gradient\_fx(x, x0, lambda\_, mu\_)
                   old_norm = norm(old_grad,2)
                   new_norm = norm(grad,2)
         #
                   xs.append(x)
         #
                   counter +=1
         #
                   print(counter, norm(grad,2), 1/n**2 * norm(x-z\_clean,2))
         #
               duration = (time.clock() - start)
         #
               return xs[:-1]
```

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def gradient_descent_Q4(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_iterations, gamma_, mu_, z_clean):
   counter = 0
   x = x0
   denoising_result = []
     xs = list()
     xs.append(x)
   denoising_result.append(denoising_tv(x, x0, lambda_, mu_))
   grad = calculate_gradient_fx(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
   gamma = 0
   z = x
   k = 1
   lambda_k = 1
   # print('counter, x, y, z')
   while norm(grad, 2) > epsilon and counter < max_iterations:</pre>
        if k > 3:
            gamma = 2/k
        else:
            gamma = 0
        y = (1 - gamma) * x + gamma * z
        lambda_k *= (1 - gamma)
        z = z - gamma / lambda_k * 1/L * grad
        \# z = z - gamma / lambda_k * grad
        x = y - 1/L * grad
        grad = calculate_gradient_fx(y, x0, lambda_, mu_)
        denoising_result.append(denoising_tv(x, x0, lambda_, mu_))
        # xs.append[x]
        counter += 1
        k += 1
        # print(counter,x,y,z)
    print("Error: ", 1/n**2 * norm(x-z\_clean, 2))
    return x, denoising_result, counter
```

Call accelerated gradient to denoise the image. Use the same λ and μ that you used in Q1.

```
In [17]: z_clean = img.flatten('F')
s = time.time()
x_q4, denoise_result_q4,counter_q4 = gradient_descent_Q4(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_iterations, gamma_, n
e = time.time()
print("Q4 finishes in ",e-s, "seconds")

q4_img = np.reshape(x_q4, (n, n), order='F')
fig = plt.figure(2, figsize=(10, 10))
plt.imshow(q4_img, cmap='gray', vmin=0, vmax=255)
plt.savefig('q4.png')
```

Error: 0.02057628841191728 Q4 finishes in 3.9238369464874268 seconds



Question 5 (10 marks): in Q4 you were asked to implement accelerated gradient by using constant step-sizes 1/L. However, computing the Lipschitz constant might take a lot of time and it often results in slow convergence because the step-sizes are too small. Below I give you a practical accelerated method that does not require knowing the Lipschitz constant. The step-sizes

 α_k

in this algorithm can be computed using Armijo line-search. Implement this algorithm for the Total-Variation denoising problem. Use the pseudo-Huber function to smooth the problem.

```
Step 1) Choose an x_0 and set y_1=x_0, t_1=1.
Step 2) Repeat the following steps until \|\nabla f(x_k)\|_2 \leq \epsilon
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Step 3) Compute α_k using Armijo line-search. Armijo line-search should be measured at $y_k - \alpha_k \nabla f(y_k)$ (as the next point) and y_k (as the current point).

Step 4) Set
$$x_k=y_k-\alpha_k\nabla f(y_k)$$
 Step 5) Set
$$t_{k+1}=\frac{1+\sqrt{1+4t_k^2}}{2}$$
 Step 6) Set
$$y_{k+1}=x_k+\frac{t_k-1}{t_{k+1}}(x_k-x_{k-1})$$

Reference: this algorithm is given in "A Fast Iterative Shrinkage-Thresholding Algorithm for Linear Inverse Problems" by A. Beck and M. Teboulle.

```
In [30]: | def gradient_descent_q5(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_iterations, gamma_, mu_, z_clean):
              print('start gradient_descent_q5')
              counter = 0
             x = x0
              x_p = x0
              y = x0
              t = 1
              \# x_list = []
              # x_list.append(x)
              denoise_result = []
              denoise_result.append(denoising_tv(x, x0, lambda_, mu_))
              grad = calculate_gradient_fx(x, x0, lambda_, mu_)
              while norm(grad, 2) > epsilon and counter < max_iterations:</pre>
                  alpha = line_search_Armijo(y, x0, grad, gamma_, lambda_, mu_)
                  x = y - alpha * grad
                  tk = t
                  t = (1 + (1+4*(tk**2))**(0.5))/2
                  y = x + ((tk - 1)/t) * (x - x_p)
                  grad = calculate_gradient_fx(y, x0, lambda_, mu_)
                  # x_list.append(x)
                  \label{lem:denoise_result.append} denoise\_result.append(denoising\_tv(x, x0, lambda\_, mu\_))
                  counter += 1
                    print(counter, norm(grad, 2), 1/n**2*norm(x-z\_clean, 2))
              print("Error: ", 1/n**2 * norm(x-z_clean, 2), "Iter: ", counter)
              return x, denoise_result, counter
```

Call the practical accelerated gradient to denoise the image. Use the same λ and μ that you used in Q1.

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In [31]: # Write your code here
# Write your code here.
s = time.time()
x_q5, denoise_result_q5, iteration_q5 = gradient_descent_q5(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_iterations, gamma_
e = time.time()
print("05 finishes in ",e-s, "seconds")

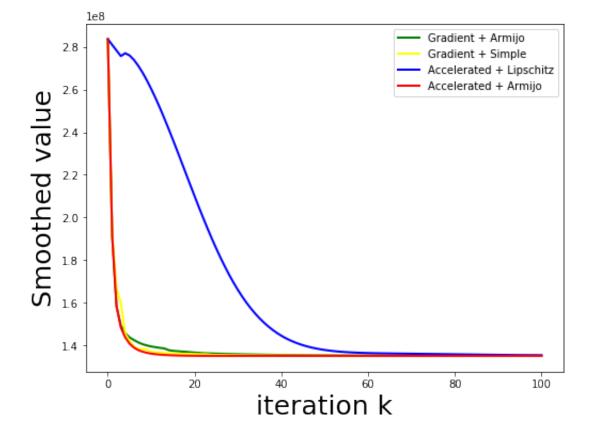
q5_img = np.reshape(x_q5, (n, n), order='F')
fig = plt.figure(2, figsize=(10, 10))
plt.imshow(q5_img, cmap='gray', vmin=0, vmax=255)
plt.savefig('q5.png')
```

start gradient_descent_q5
Error: 0.020593482496894338 Iter: 100
Q5 finishes in 10.831945419311523 seconds



Question 6 (5 marks): Compare all the methods that you implemented above. Make a plot where in the y-axis is the value of the smoothed objective function and in the x-axis the number of iterations. Compare the methods using the same λ and μ that you used in Q1.

```
In [32]:
    # Write your code here.
    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    plt.plot(denoise_result_q1, label=("Gradient + Armijo"), linewidth=2.0, color ="green")
    plt.plot(denoise_result_q2, label=("Gradient + Simple"), linewidth=2.0, color = "yellow")
    plt.plot(denoise_result_q4, label=("Accelerated + Lipschitz"),linewidth=2.0, color = "blue")
    plt.plot(denoise_result_q5, label=("Accelerated + Armijo"),linewidth=2.0, color = "red")
    plt.legend(prop={'size': 10},loc="upper right")
    plt.xlabel("iteration k", fontsize=25)
    plt.ylabel("Smoothed value", fontsize=25)
    plt.savefig('q6.png')
    # plt.show()
```



Question 7 (8 marks): Illustrate the trade-off between the number of iterations and the smoothing parameter μ for gradient descent with Armijo line-search and accelerated gradient with Armijo line-search. Do this by plotting the number of iterations (y-axis) vs magnitude of parameter μ (x-axis in ascending order). Start from a small μ and increase it gradually. Plot the result for both methods in the same plot. Use appropriate legends for the plot.

```
In [ ]: # Write your code here.
       max_interation_q7 = 1000
        iterations_gd = []
        iterations_accelerated_gd = []
       mu_s = [0.01] + [i/10 \text{ for i in range}(1,10)] + [i \text{ for i in range}(50)]
       \# \text{ mu_s} = [1,5, 10]
        for mu_ in mu_s:
           print(mu_,' Q7')
           x_list_q1, denoise_result_q1, iterations_q1 = gradient_descent_armijo(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_inte
           x_list_q5, denoise_result_q5, iteration_q5 = gradient_descent_q5(x0, epsilon, lambda_, max_interation_
           iterations_gd.append(iterations_q1)
           iterations_accelerated_gd.append(iteration_q5)
        print(iterations_gd)
        print(iterations_accelerated_gd)
        # write to csv
        import csv
       with open('iterations_gd.csv', mode='w') as iteration_file:
           iteration_writer = csv.writer(iteration_file, delimiter=',', quotechar='"', quoting=csv.QUOTE_MINIMA
           iteration writer.writerow(iterations qd)
           iteration_writer.writerow(mu s)
        with open('iterations_accelerated_gd.csv', mode='w') as iteration_file:
           iteration_writer = csv.writer(iteration_file, delimiter=',', quotechar='"', quoting=csv.QUOTE_MINIMA
           iteration_writer.writerow(iterations_accelerated_gd)
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fig = plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))
plt.plot(mu_s, iterations_gd, label=("Armijo"), linewidth=2.0, color ="black")
plt.plot(mu_s, iterations_accelerated_gd, label=("Accelerated + Armijo"), linewidth=2.0, color ="blue")
plt.legend(prop={'size': 20},loc="upper right")
plt.xlabel("mu", fontsize=25)
plt.ylabel("num of iterations", fontsize=25)
plt.grid(linestyle='dashed')
# plt.show()
plt.savefig('q7.png')
# running it will take a long time.
# lets read and plot from the saved data
import a7
# script for q7.py
import csv
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def run_script():
   with open('iterations_gd.csv', mode='r') as iteration_file:
        # iters = iteration_file.readline()
        # mu_ = iteration_file.readline()
        iters = [float(i) for i in iteration_file.readline().split(',')]
        mu_ = [float(i) for i in iteration_file.readline().split(',')]
        print(iters)
        print(mu_)
   with open('iterations_accelerated_gd.csv', mode='r') as iteration_file:
        # iters = iteration_file.readline()
        # mu_ = iteration_file.readline()
        iters_ac = [float(i) for i in iteration_file.readline().split(',')]
        mu_ = [float(i) for i in iteration_file.readline().split(',')]
        print(iters)
        print(mu_)
   fig = plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))
   plt.plot(mu_, iters, label=("Gradient Descent + Armijo"), linewidth=2.0, color ="black")
   plt.plot(mu_, iters_ac, label=("Accelerated + Armijo"), linewidth=2.0, color ="blue")
   plt.legend(prop={'size': 20},loc="upper right")
    plt.xlabel("mu", fontsize=25)
   plt.ylabel("num of iterations", fontsize=25)
   plt.grid(linestyle='dashed')
   # plt.show()
   plt.savefig('q7.png')
run_script()
\mathbf{r}_{-1}, \mathbf{r}_{-1}
# plot will be provided in another png file.
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In []:

Mathematical Questions

Question 8 (5 marks): Derive a smooth approximation (Huber function) of the L1-norm using the convex conjugate of the L1-norm and the distance function

$$d(y) = \frac{1}{2} ||y||_2^2.$$

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Question 9 (7 marks): Derive the pseudo-Huber function using the convex conjugate of the L1-norm. To derive the pseudo-Huber use the distance function

 $d(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 - \sqrt{1 - y_i^2}$

with domain

$$|y_i| \leq 1 \ \forall i.$$

In []:

Question 10 (3 marks): Show that the pseudo-Huber function is convex and not strongly-convex.

In []:

Question 11 (7 marks): If the convex conjugate of f is strongly-convex with compact convex domain then

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

has a unique maximizer. Show that

$$\nabla f(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \operatorname{dom} f^*} x^T y - f^*(y).$$

Hint: one approach to solve this is to lower and upper bound f and then use the definition of directional derivative.

In []:

Question 12 (7 marks): Prove that if the convex conjugate of f is δ -strongly-convex, then $\nabla f(x)$ is Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant $1/\delta$.

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Question 13 (8 marks): Assume that the domain of the convex conjugate satisfies $\operatorname{dom} f^* \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

and it is closed and bounded. You are given a continuous distance function d(y) where its domain satisfies

 $dom f^* \subseteq dom d$.

Prove that

$$f(x) - \mu D \le f_{\mu}(x) \le f(x),$$

where D has to be bounded and $f_{\mu}(x)$ is the smooth approximation of f. See slides 54-57 in Lecture07and08 on piazza. Hint: you will need the Weierstrass extreme value theorem to show that D is bounded.

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Question 14 (8 marks): We proved that for any convex function with Lipschitz continuous gradient there exists and estimate sequence. Show that for an estimate sequence we have that

$$f(x_k) - f^* = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$

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Question 15 (5 marks): Obtain the convergence rate and iteration complexity for the accelerated method for strongly-convex functions with Lipschitz continuous gradient.

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