

PERFORMANCE ESTIMATION OF FIRST-ORDER METHODS INVOLVING LINEAR MAPPINGS

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e.g. Chambolle-Pock method, Condat-Vũ method, PDFP, PD30, PAPC, ADMM, etc.

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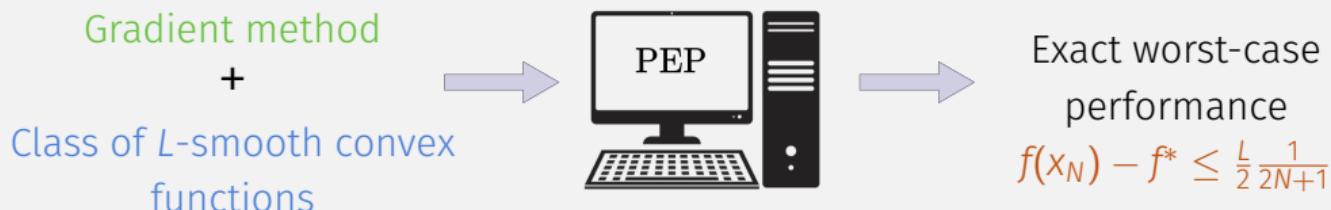
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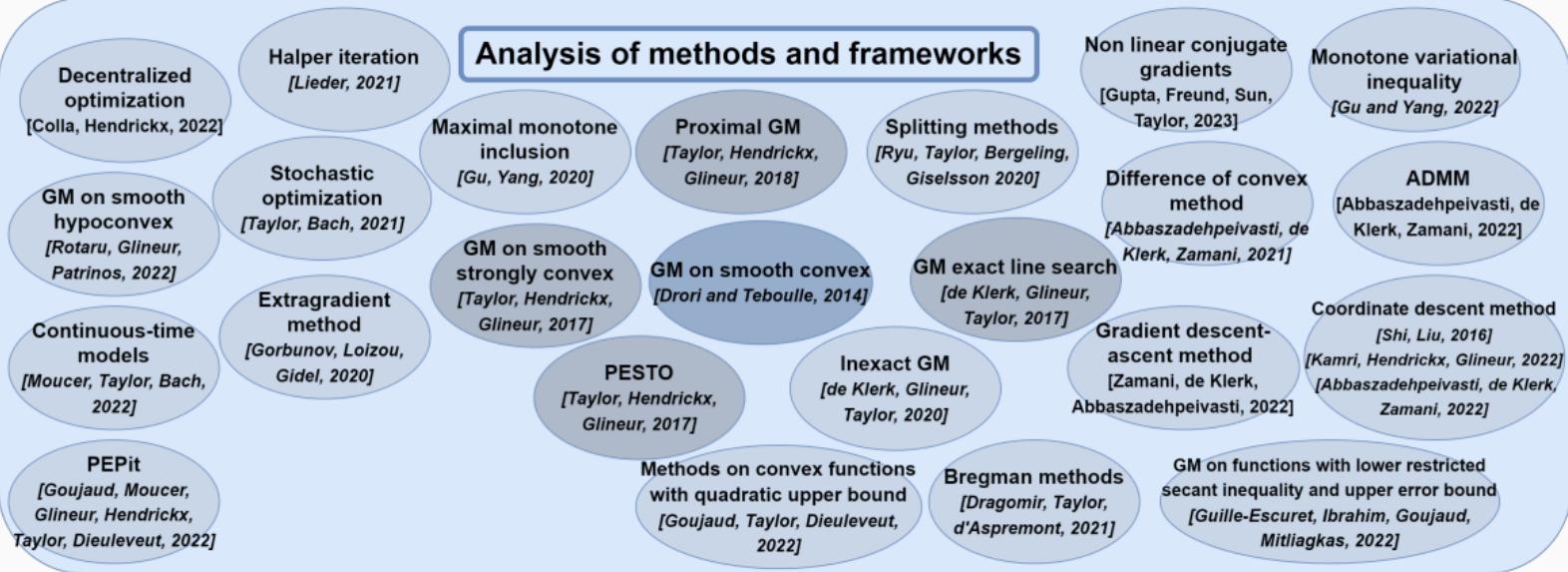
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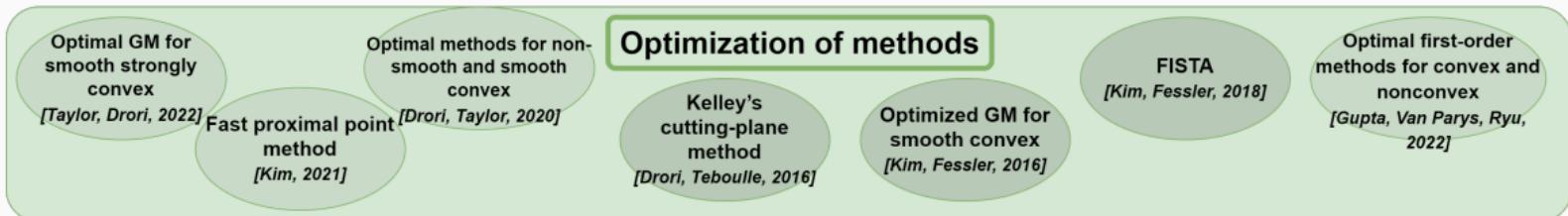


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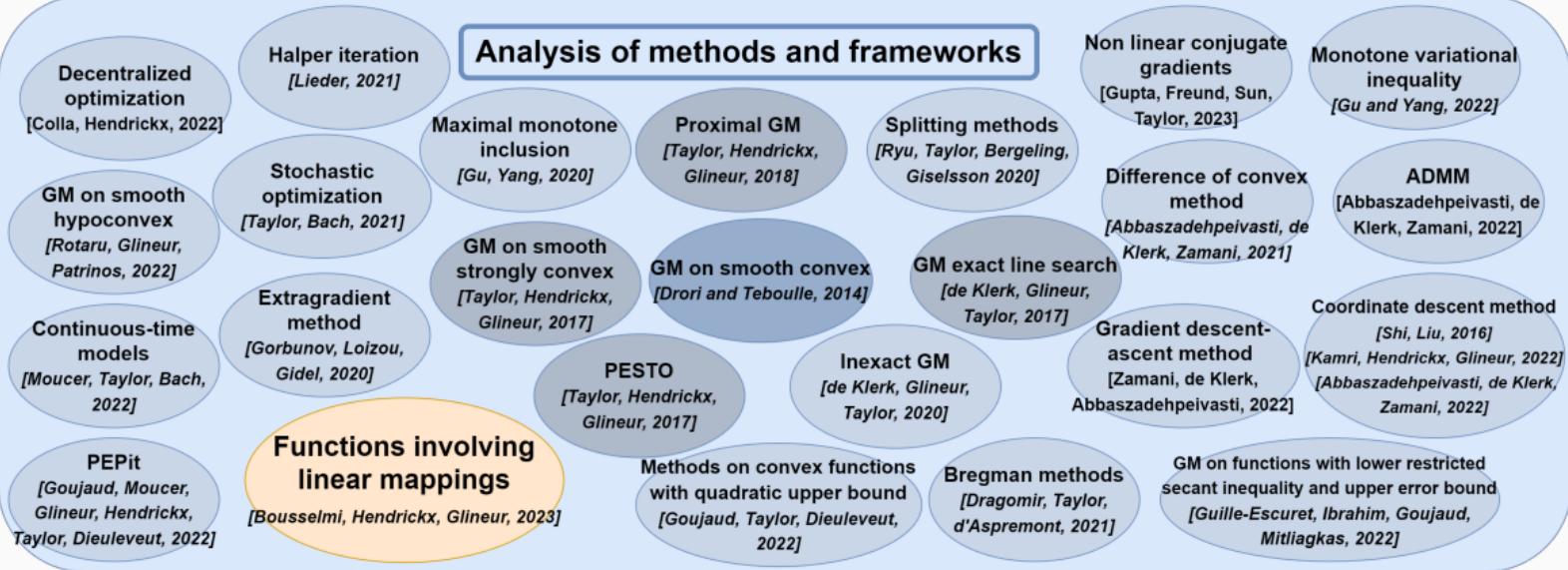


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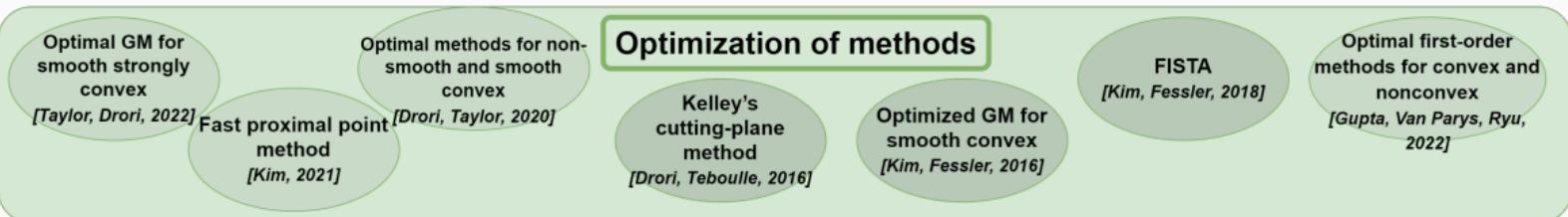
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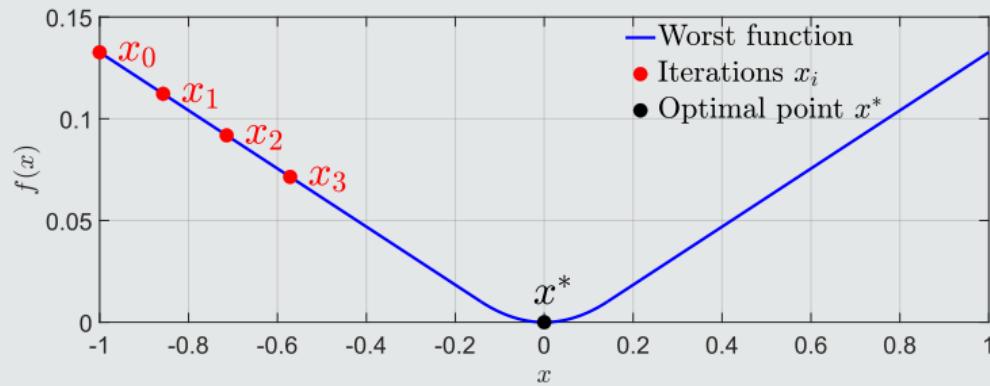
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PEP solved outputs

- Worst performance: $f(x_N) - f^* \leq \frac{L}{2} \frac{1}{2N+1}$ (for all N and L);
- Worst function: (for $N = 3$ and $L = 1$)



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Can be reformulated as convex **semidefinite problem**, efficiently solvable!

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Interpolation conditions must be convex in $f_i, x_i^T g_j, x_i^T x_j, g_i^T g_j.$

Remark: Interpolation conditions and PEP formulation available for numerous function classes: non-smooth, L -smooth, convex, μ -strongly convex, etc.

PERFORMANCE ESTIMATION PROBLEM FOR LINEAR MAPPINGS

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Sufficiency: see [Bousselmi, Hendrickx, Glineur, 2023].

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Remark: Similar result for skew-symmetric matrices.

INTERPOLATION CONDITIONS FOR SYMMETRIC LINEAR MAPPINGS

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Allows to use PEP on the class of quadratic functions!

EXPLOITATION OF MATRIX-INTERPOLABILITY

1 GRADIENT METHOD ON $g(Mx)$

2 GRADIENT METHOD ON $\frac{1}{2}x^T Qx$

3 CHAMBOLLE-POCK METHOD ON $f(x) + g(Mx)$

SIMPLEST PROBLEM $\min_x F(x)$ INVOLVING LINEAR MAPPING

Function class: $\mathcal{C}_{\mu_g, L_g}^{0, L_M} = \{F(x) = g(Mx), g \text{ is } L_g\text{-smooth } \mu_g\text{-strongly convex}, 0 \leq \|M\| \leq L_M\}$

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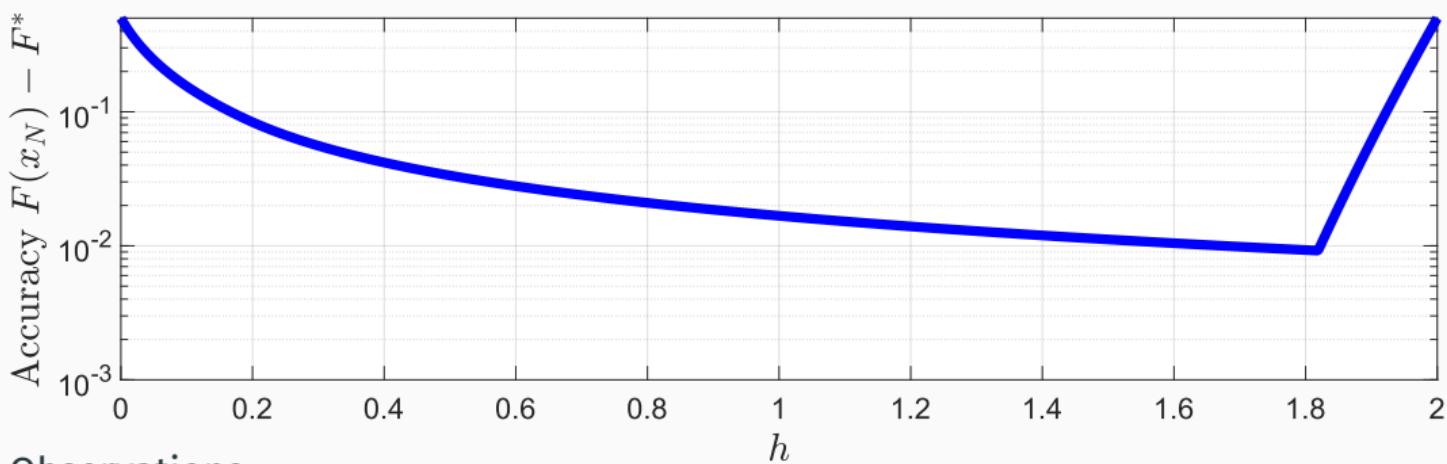
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Worst-case performance of $N = 10$ iterations (GM) for varying $h \in [0, 2]$



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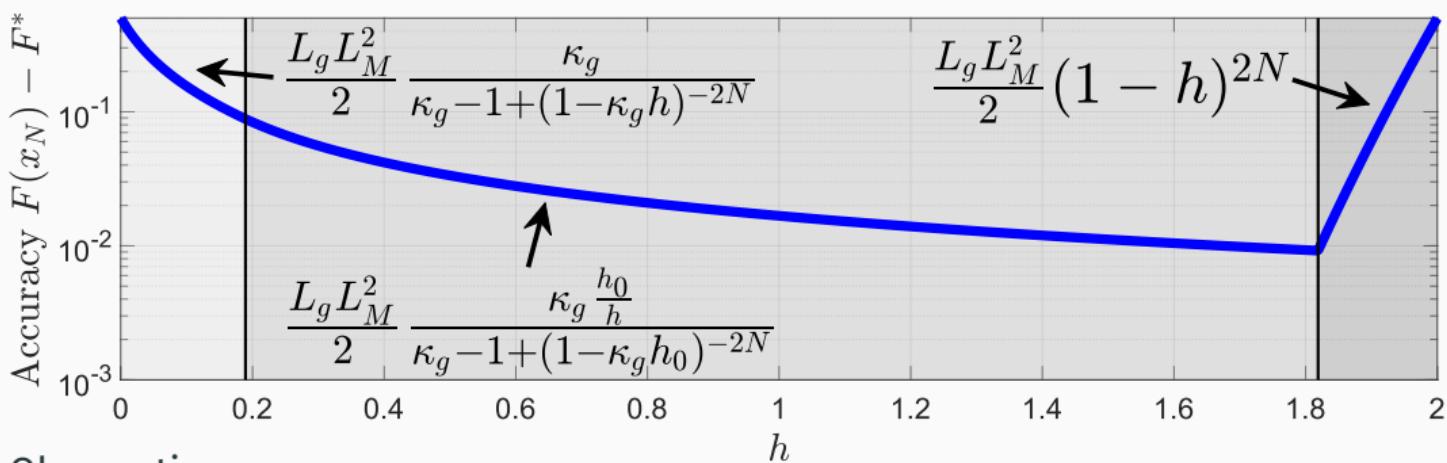
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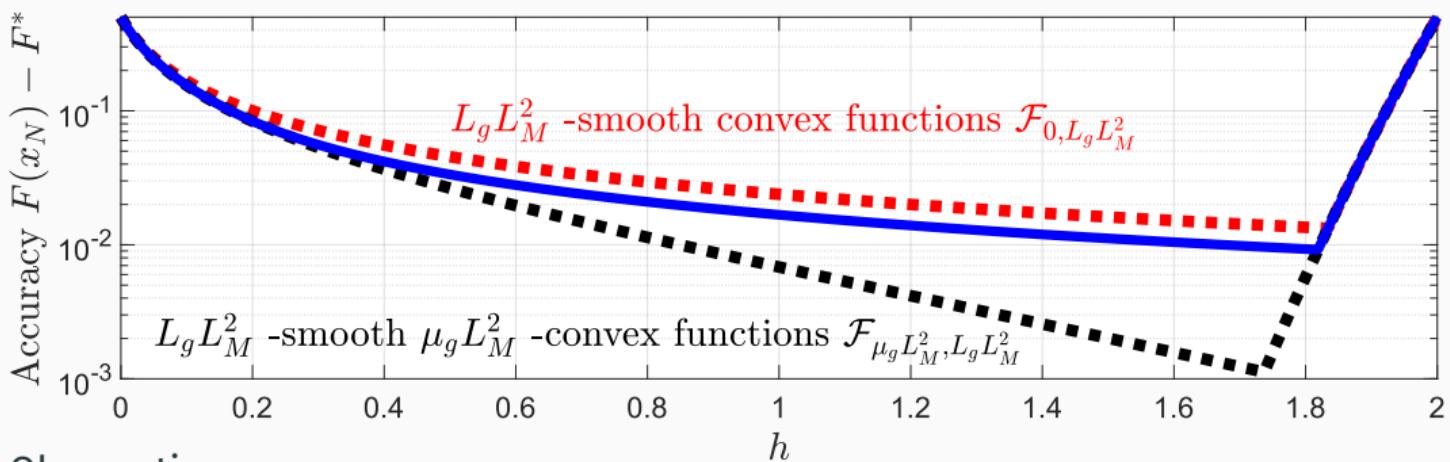
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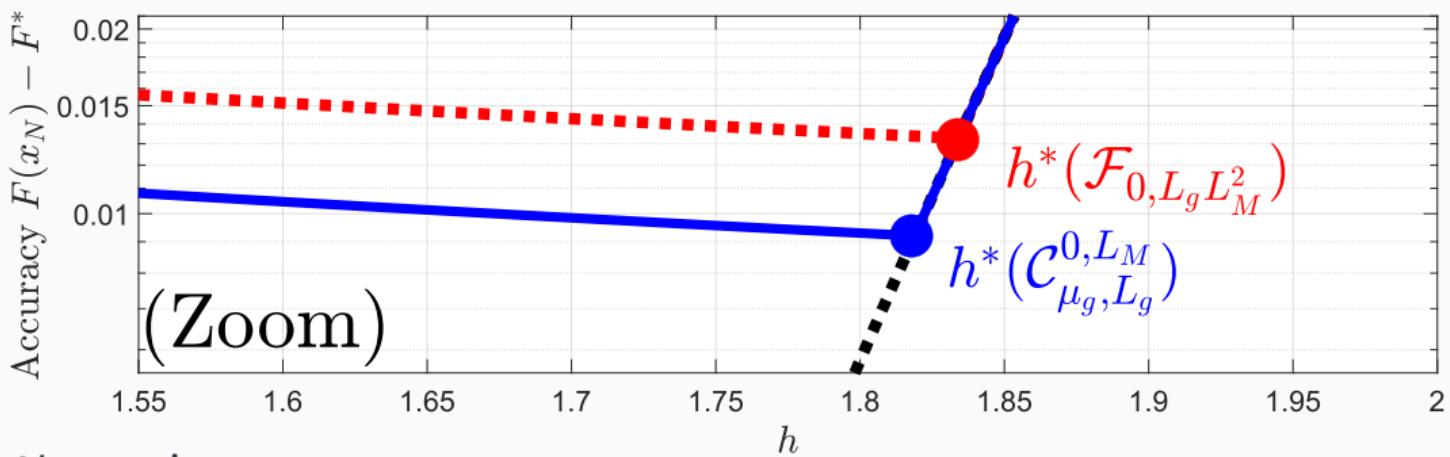
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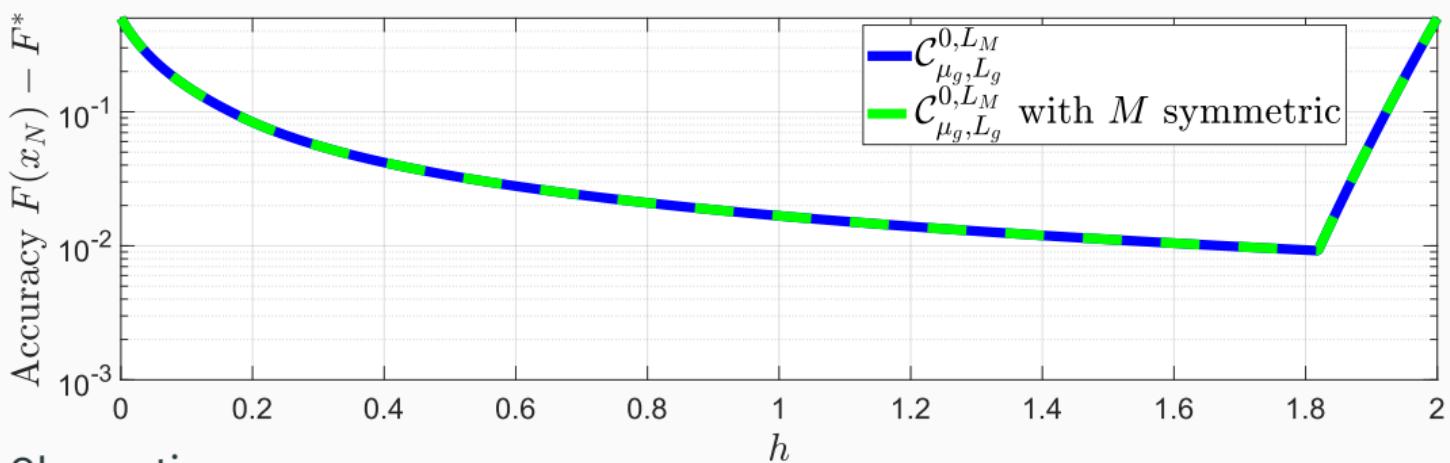
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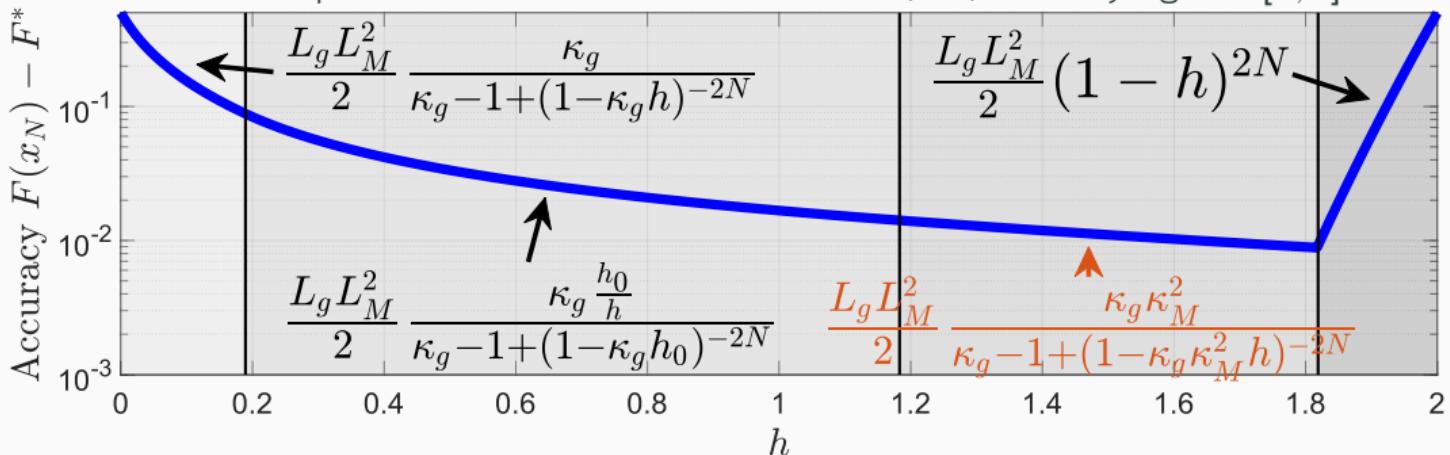
SIMPLEST PROBLEM $\min_x F(x)$ INVOLVING LINEAR MAPPING ($\mu_M > 0$)

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Worst-case performance of $N = 10$ iterations (GM) for varying $h \in [0, 2]$



Observations:

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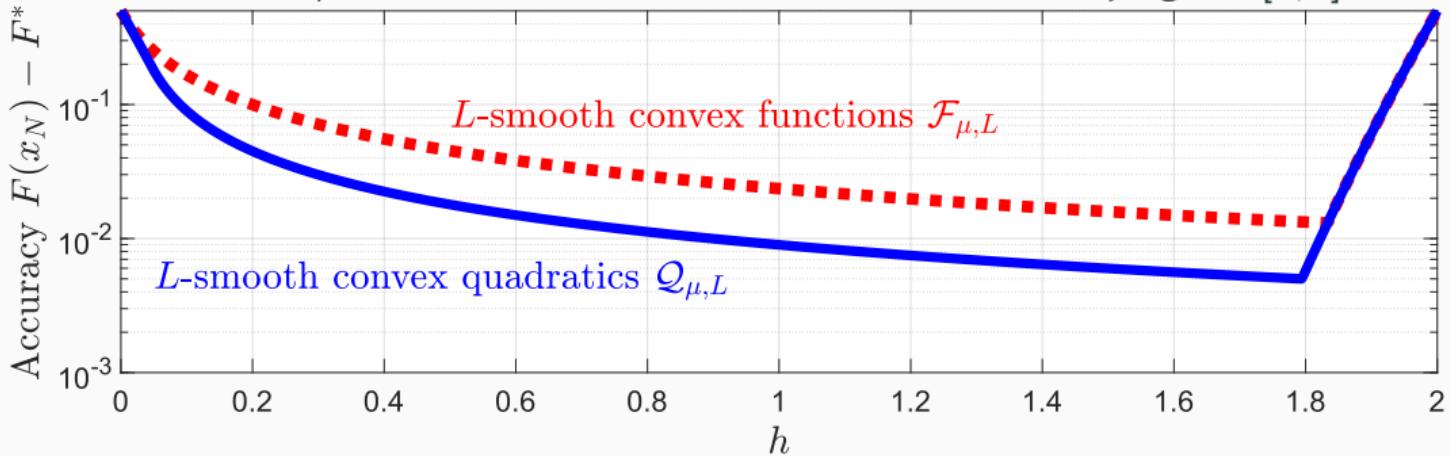
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Notations/parameters: $L = 1, \mu = 0, \|x_0 - x^*\|^2 \leq 1$

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PEP uses classical explicit assumptions to unify performance guarantees.

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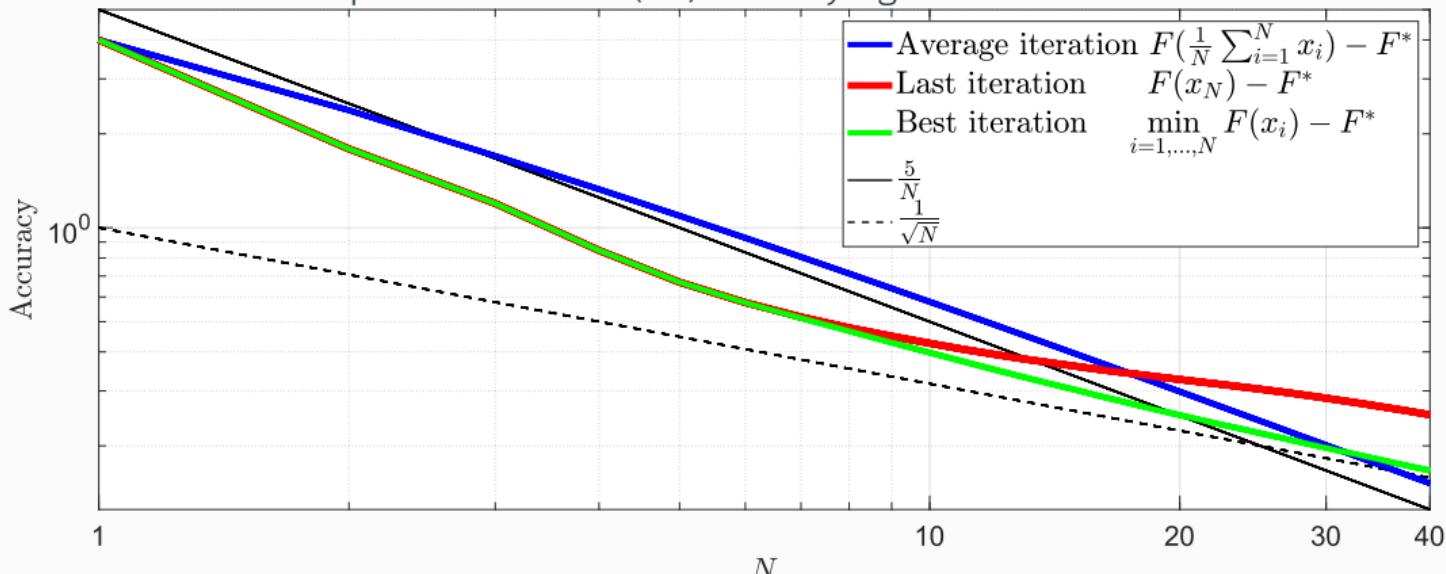
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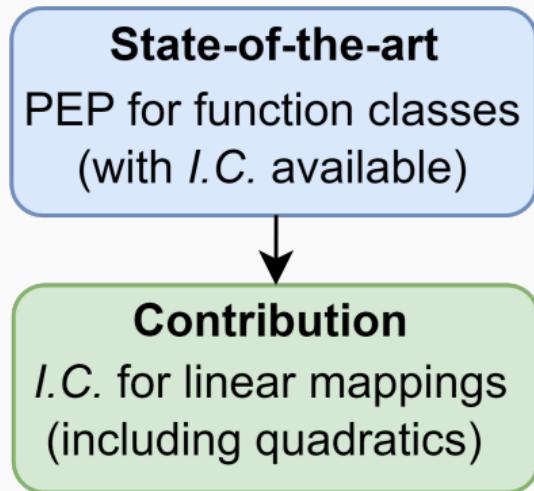
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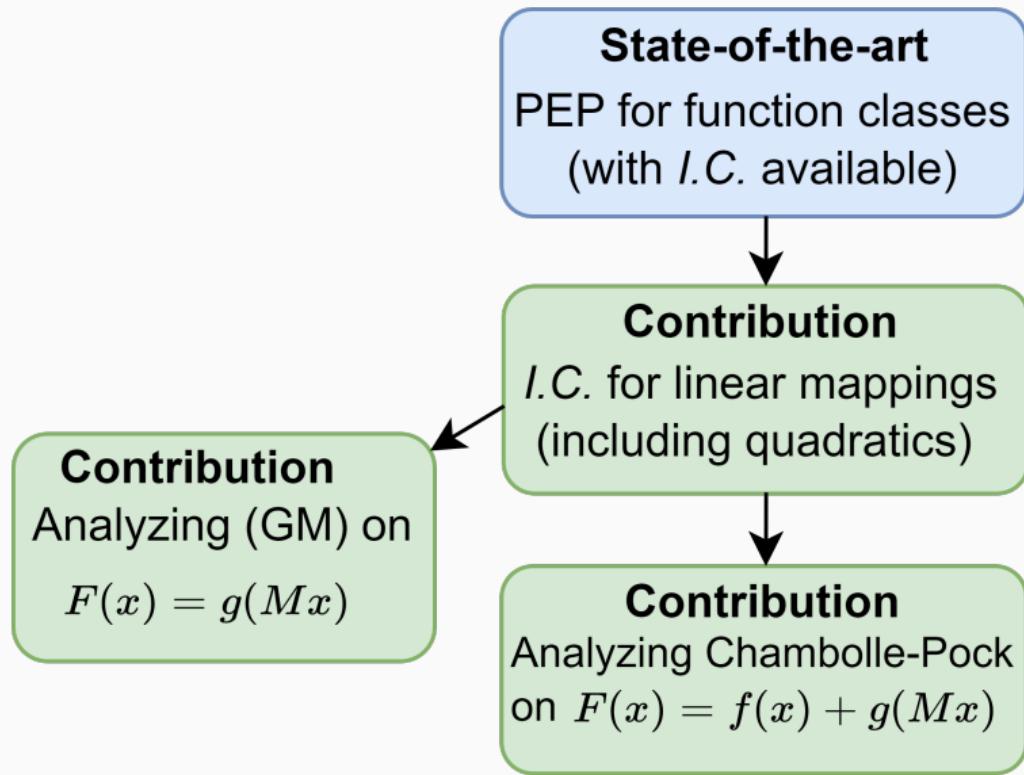
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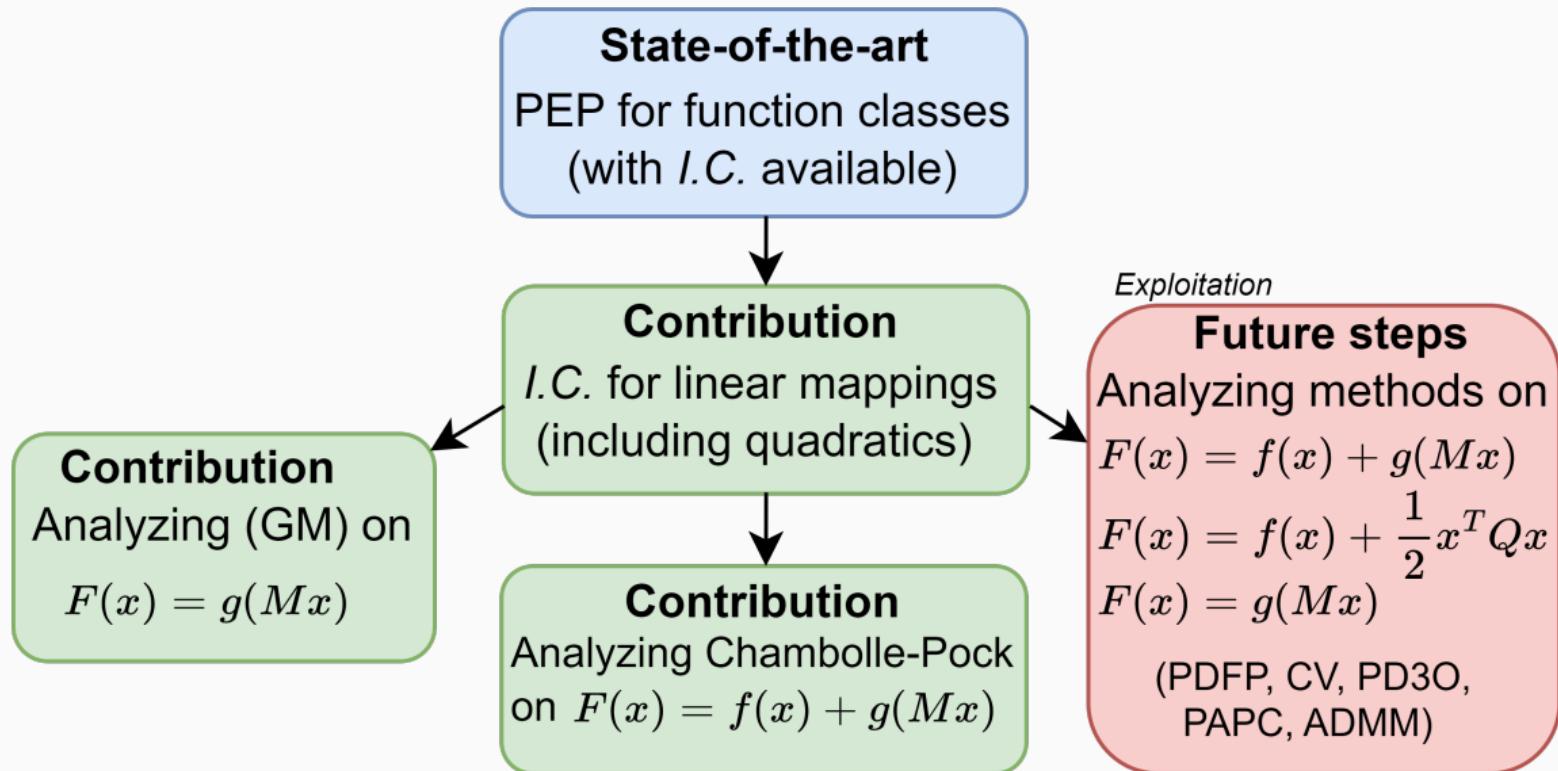


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Future steps

Analyzing methods on

$$F(x) = f(x) + g(Mx)$$

$$F(x) = f(x) + \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx$$

$$F(x) = g(Mx)$$

(PDPP, CV, PD3O,
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I.C.: interpolation conditions

WORST-CASE PERFORMANCE OF (GM) ON $\mathcal{F}_{\mu,L}$ AND $\mathcal{S}_{\mu_g,L_g}^{\mu_M,L_M}$

Worst-case performance of (GM) on $\mathcal{F}_{\mu,L}$

$$F(x_N) - F^* \leq \frac{LR^2}{2} \max \left\{ \frac{\kappa}{\kappa - 1 + (1 - \kappa h)^{-2N}}, (1 - h)^{2N} \right\}$$

where $\kappa = \frac{\mu}{L}$.

Worst-case performance of (GM) on $\mathcal{S}_{\mu_g,L_g}^{\mu_M,L_M}$

$$F(x_N) - F^* \leq \frac{L_g L_M^2 R^2}{2} \max \left\{ \frac{\kappa_g \alpha}{\kappa_g - 1 + (1 - \kappa_g \alpha h)^{-2N}}, (1 - h)^{2N} \right\}$$

where $\kappa_g = \frac{\mu_g}{L_g}$, $\kappa_M = \frac{\mu_M}{L_M}$ and $\alpha = \text{proj}_{[\kappa_M^2, 1]} \left(\frac{h_0}{h} \right)$ for h_0 solution of

$$\begin{cases} (1 - \mu_g)(1 - \mu_g h_0)^{2N+1} = 1 - (2N + 1)\mu_g h_0 \\ 0 \leq h_0 \leq \frac{1}{\mu_g}. \end{cases}$$

WORST-CASE FUNCTIONS OF (GM) ON $\mathcal{F}_{\mu,L}$ AND $\mathcal{S}_{\mu_g,L_g}^{\mu_M,L_M}$

Let $q(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ and $\ell_{\mu,h}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu}{2}x^2 + (1-\mu)\tau_{\mu,h}|x| - \left(\frac{1-\mu}{2}\right)\tau_{\mu,h}^2 & \text{if } |x| \geq \tau_{\mu,h}, \\ \frac{1}{2}x^2 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$ where $\tau_{\mu,h} = \frac{\mu}{\mu-1+(1-\mu h)^{-2N}}.$

Worst-case functions of (GM) on $\mathcal{F}_{\mu,L}$ ($\kappa = \frac{\mu}{L}$) [Taylor, Hendrickx, Glineur, 2017]

$Lq(x) = \frac{L}{2}x^2$ and $L\ell_{\kappa,h}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu}{2}x^2 + (L-\mu)\tau_{\kappa,h}|x| - \left(\frac{L-\mu}{2}\right)\tau_{\kappa,h}^2 & \text{if } |x| \geq \tau_{\kappa,h}, \\ \frac{L}{2}x^2 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$

where $\tau_{\kappa,h} = \frac{\kappa}{\kappa-1+(1-\kappa h)^{-2N}}.$

Worst-case functions of (GM) on $\mathcal{S}_{\mu_g,L_g}^{\mu_M,L_M}$ ($\kappa_g = \frac{\mu_g}{L_g}$, $\kappa_M = \frac{\mu_M}{L_M}$) [Bousselmi, Hendrickx, Glineur, 2023]

$L_g L_M q(x) = \frac{L_g}{2}(L_M x)^2$ and

$L_g L_M M^2 \ell_{\kappa_g,M^2h}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_g}{2}(L_M M x)^2 + (L_g - \mu_g)L_M M \tau_{\kappa_g,M^2h}|L_M M x| - \left(\frac{L_g - \mu_g}{2}\right)L_M M \tau_{\kappa_g,M^2h}^2 & \text{if } |x| \geq \tau_{\kappa_g,M^2h}, \\ \frac{L_g}{2}(L_M M x)^2 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$

where $\tau_{\kappa_g,M^2h} = \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_g-1+(1-\kappa_g M^2h)^{-2N}}$ and $M = \text{Proj}_{[\kappa_M,1]} \left(\sqrt{\frac{h_0}{h}} \right).$

PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVING LINEAR MAPPINGS

- ℓ_p -regularized robust regression ($p = 1, 2$)

$$\min_x ||Mx - b||_1 + ||x||_p^p,$$

- Total variation deblurring

$$\min_x ||M_1x - b||_2^2 + ||M_2x||_1,$$

- ℓ_1 -constrained least squares

$$\min_x ||Mx - b||_2^2,$$

$$||x||_1 \leq c,$$

$$\min_x F(x),$$

$$Mx = c.$$

- Basis pursuit

$$\min_x ||x||_1,$$

$$Mx = c,$$

METHODS WITH LINEAR MAPPINGS (SOLVE $\min_x f(x) + g(Mx) + h(x)$, g, h PROXIMABLE AND f SMOOTH)

- Primal-Dual Fixed Point (PDFP) [Chen et al., 2016]

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x} = \text{prox}_{\tau h}(x_i - \tau \nabla f(x_i) - \tau M^T u_i), \\ u = \text{prox}_{\sigma g^*}(u_i + \sigma M \tilde{x}), \\ x = \text{prox}_{\tau h}(x_i - \tau \nabla f(x_i) - \tau M^T u), \\ x_{i+1} = x_i + \rho_i(x - x_i), \\ u_{i+1} = u_i + \rho_i(u - u_i). \end{cases}$$

- Condat-Vu (CV) [Condat, 2013, Vu, 2013]

$$\begin{cases} x = \text{prox}_{\tau h}(x_i - \tau \nabla f(x_i) - \tau M^T u_i), \\ u = \text{prox}_{\sigma g^*}(u_i + \sigma M(2x - x_i)), \\ x_{i+1} = x_i + \rho_i(x - x_i), \\ u_{i+1} = u_i + \rho_i(u - u_i). \end{cases}$$

- Primal-Dual Three-Operator Splitting (PD3O)

$$\begin{cases} x = \text{prox}_{\tau h}(x_i), \\ u = \text{prox}_{\sigma g^*}(u_i + \sigma M(2x - x_i - \tau \nabla f(x) - \tau M^T u_i)), \\ x_{i+1} = x_i + \rho_i(x - x_i - \tau \nabla f(x) - \tau M^T u), \\ u_{i+1} = u_i + \rho_i(u - u_i). \end{cases}$$

- Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM) [Gabay and Mercier, 1976]:

$$\begin{cases} x_{i+1} \in \arg \min_x f(x) + \frac{\rho}{2} M_1 x + M_2 y_i - c + \frac{1}{\rho} Z_i^2, \\ y_{i+1} \in \arg \min_y g(y) + \frac{\rho}{2} M_1 x_{i+1} + M_2 y - c + \frac{1}{\rho} Z_i^2, \\ Z_{i+1} = Z_i + \rho(M_1 x_{i+1} + M_2 y_{i+1} - c), \end{cases}$$

solves $\min_x f(x) + g(y)$ s.t. $M_1 x + M_2 y = c$.

- Proximal Alternating Predictor-Corrector (PAPC) [Drori et al., 2015]

$$\begin{cases} p_{i+1} = x_i - \tau(My_i + \nabla f(x_i)), \\ y_{i+1} = \text{prox}_h(y_i + M^T p_{i+1}), \\ x_{i+1} = x_i - \tau(My_{i+1} + \nabla f(x_i)), \end{cases}$$

solves $\min_x \max_y f(x) + x^T My - h(y)$.

PROOF OF SUFFICIENCY IN SHORT

Let (X, Y, U, V) satisfying $\begin{cases} X^T V = Y^T U, \\ Y^T Y \preceq L^2 X^T X, \text{ then,} \\ V^T V \preceq L^2 U^T U, \end{cases}$

- **Step 1:** $\exists (X_R, Y_R, U_R, V_R)$ building the same Gram matrices, i.e.

$$(X V)^T (X V) = (X_R V_R)^T (X_R V_R),$$

$$(Y U)^T (Y U) = (Y_R U_R)^T (Y_R U_R),$$

and such that $\exists M_R$ with $\sigma_{\max}(M_R) \leq L$: $\begin{cases} Y_R = M_R X_R, \\ V_R = M_R^T U_R. \end{cases}$

- **Step 2:** If (X, Y, U, V) and (X_R, Y_R, U_R, V_R) build the same Gram matrices, then,

$\exists R_1, R_2$ unitary : $\begin{cases} (X_R V_R) = R_1 (X V), \\ (Y_R U_R) = R_2 (Y U), \end{cases}$

therefore, $\begin{cases} Y = \underbrace{R_2^T M_R R_1}_M X, \\ V = \underbrace{R_1^T M_R^T R_2}_M U. \end{cases}$