

# dissolve<sup>struct</sup> ALGORITHM HANDBOOK

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

## 2. STOCHASTIC GRADIENT DESCENT (SGD)

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**Algorithm 1:** SGD: Stochastic Gradient Descent

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**Input:** Data  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$

**Initialize:**  $\mathbf{w}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$

1 **for**  $t = 1 \dots T$

2     Choose  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  uniformly at random

3     Solve  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i} H_i(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)})$

// Max Oracle

4     Let  $p \leftarrow \lambda \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} - \psi_i(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i)$

// Compute gradient

5     Update  $\mathbf{w}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} - \gamma_t p$

6 **end**

**Output:**  $\mathbf{w}^{(T)}$

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## 3. MINI-BATCH STOCHASTIC GRADIENT DESCENT (MB-SGD)

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**Algorithm 2:** MB-SGD: Mini-batch Stochastic Gradient Descent

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**Input:** Data  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$   
**Initialize:**  $\mathbf{w}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$   
1 **for**  $t = 1 \dots T$   
2     **for**  $k = 1 \dots K$ , *in parallel*  
3         **for**  $i \in [k]$   
4             Solve  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i} H_i(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)})$  // Max Oracle  
5             **end**  
6             Let  $p \leftarrow \lambda \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} - \sum_{i \in [k]} \psi_i(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i)$   
7             Communicate  $\Delta \mathbf{w}_k \leftarrow \gamma_t p$   
8         **end**  
9     Update  $\mathbf{w}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} - \frac{\beta}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta \mathbf{w}_k$  // Merge updates  
10 **end**  
**Output:**  $\mathbf{w}^{(T)}$ 


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## 4. BLOCK-COORDINATE FRANK-WOLFE (BCFW)

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**Algorithm 3:** BCFW: Block-Coordinate Frank-Wolfe algorithm for Structured SVM

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**Input:** Data  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$   
**Initialize:**  $\mathbf{w}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\ell^{(0)} \leftarrow 0$ ,  $\ell_i^{(0)} \leftarrow 0$   
1 **for**  $t = 1 \dots T$   
2     Choose  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  uniformly at random  
3     Solve  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i} H_i(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}^{(t)})$   
4     Let  $\mathbf{w}_s \leftarrow \frac{1}{\lambda n} \psi_i(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i)$  and  $\ell_s \leftarrow \frac{1}{M} \Delta^m(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i)$   
5     Let  $\gamma \leftarrow \frac{\lambda (\mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} - \mathbf{w}_s)^T \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} - \ell_i^{(t-1)} + \ell_s}{\lambda \|\mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} - \mathbf{w}_s\|^2}$  and clip to  $[0, 1]$   
6     Update  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(t)} \leftarrow (1 - \gamma) \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} + \gamma \mathbf{w}_s$   
7     and  $\ell_i^{(t)} \leftarrow (1 - \gamma) \ell_i^{(t-1)} + \gamma \ell_s$   
8     Update  $\mathbf{w}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{w}_i^{(t)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)}$   
9     and  $\ell^{(t)} \leftarrow \ell^{(t-1)} + \ell_i^{(t)} - \ell_i^{(t-1)}$   
10 **end**  
**Output:**  $\mathbf{w}^{(T)}$  and  $\ell^{(T)}$ 


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## 5. CoCoA BLOCK-COORDINATE FRANK-WOLFE (CoCoA-BCFW)

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**Procedure A: LOCALBCFW: BCFW iterations on machine  $k$** 

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**Input:**  $f \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_{[k]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times d}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  consistent with other coordinate blocks of  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  s.t.  $\mathbf{w} = A\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

**Data:** Local  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i \in n_k}$

**Initialize:**  $\mathbf{w}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{[k]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times d}$

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1 for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, R$ 
2   choose  $i \in [k]$  uniformly at random
3   Solve  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i} H_i(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}^{(r-1)})$ 
4    $\mathbf{w}_s \leftarrow \frac{1}{\lambda n} \psi_i(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i)$  and  $\ell_s \leftarrow \frac{1}{n} L_i(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i)$ 
5    $\gamma \leftarrow \frac{\lambda (\mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)} - \mathbf{w}_s)^T \mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)} - \ell_i^{(r-1)} + \ell_s}{\lambda \|\mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)} - \mathbf{w}_s\|^2}$  and clip to  $[0, 1]$ 
6   Update  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(r)} \leftarrow (1 - \gamma) \mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)} + \gamma \mathbf{w}_s$ 
7   and  $\ell_i^{(r)} \leftarrow (1 - \gamma) \ell_i^{(r-1)} + \gamma \ell_s$ 
8   Update  $\mathbf{w}^{(r)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(r-1)} + \mathbf{w}_i^{(r)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)}$ 
9   and  $\ell^{(r)} \leftarrow \ell^{(r-1)} + \ell_i^{(r)} - \ell_i^{(r-1)}$ 
10 end
11  $\Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(R)} - \mathbf{w}_{[k]}$  and  $\Delta \ell_{[k]} \leftarrow \ell_{[k]}^{(R)} - \ell_{[k]}$ 
12  $\Delta \mathbf{w}_k \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(R)} - \mathbf{w}$  and  $\Delta \ell_k \leftarrow \ell^{(R)} - \ell$ 
   Output:  $\Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]}, \Delta \mathbf{w}, \Delta \ell_{[k]}, \Delta \ell$ 

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**Algorithm 4: CoCoA-BCFW: Communication-Efficient Distributed BCFW**

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**Input:**  $T \geq 1$ , scaling parameter  $1 \leq \beta_K \leq K$  (default:  $\beta_K := 1$ ).

**Data:**  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  distributed over  $K$  machines

**Initialize:**  $\mathbf{w}_{(0)}^{[k]} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\ell_{(0)}^{[k]} \leftarrow 0$  for all machines  $k$  and  $\mathbf{w}_{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\ell_{(0)} \leftarrow 0$

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1 for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ 
2   for all machines  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  in parallel
3      $(\Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]}, \Delta \mathbf{w}_k) \leftarrow \text{LOCALBCFW}(\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)})$ 
4      $\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t-1)} + \frac{\beta_K}{K} \Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]}$ 
5      $\ell_{[k]}^{(t)} \leftarrow \ell_{[k]}^{(t-1)} + \frac{\beta_K}{K} \Delta \ell_{[k]}$ 
6   end
7   reduce  $\mathbf{w}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} + \frac{\beta_K}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta \mathbf{w}^k$ 
8   and  $\ell^{(t)} \leftarrow \ell^{(t-1)} + \frac{\beta_K}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta \ell^k$ 
9 end

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## 6. MINI-BATCH BLOCK-COORDINATE FRANK-WOLFE (MB-BCFW)

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**Procedure B:** MB-LOCALBCFW: Mini-Batch BCFW iterations on machine  $k$ 

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**Input:**  $f \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_{[k]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times d}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  consistent with other coordinate blocks of  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  s.t.  $\mathbf{w} = A\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

**Data:** Local  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i \in n_k}$

**Initialize:**  $\mathbf{w}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{[k]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times d}$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\ell \leftarrow 0$

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1 for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, R$ 
2   choose  $i \in [k]$  uniformly at random
3   Solve  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_i} H_i(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w})$ 
4    $\mathbf{w}_s \leftarrow \frac{1}{\lambda n} \psi_i(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i)$  and  $\ell_s \leftarrow \frac{1}{n} L_i(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i)$ 
5    $\gamma \leftarrow \frac{\lambda (\mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)} - \mathbf{w}_s)^T \mathbf{w} - \ell_i^{(r-1)} + \ell_s}{\lambda \|\mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)} - \mathbf{w}_s\|^2}$  and clip to  $[0, 1]$ 
6   Update  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(r)} \leftarrow (1 - \gamma) \mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)} + \gamma \mathbf{w}_s$ 
7   and  $\ell_i^{(r)} \leftarrow (1 - \gamma) \ell_i^{(r-1)} + \gamma \ell_s$ 
8   Update  $\Delta \mathbf{w} \leftarrow \Delta \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}_i^{(r)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(r-1)}$ 
9   and  $\Delta \ell \leftarrow \Delta \ell + \ell_i^{(r)} - \ell_i^{(r-1)}$ 
10 end
11  $\Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(R)} - \mathbf{w}_{[k]}$  and  $\Delta \ell_{[k]} \leftarrow \ell_{[k]}^{(R)} - \ell_{[k]}$ 
12  $\Delta \mathbf{w}_k \leftarrow \Delta \mathbf{w}$  and  $\Delta \ell_k \leftarrow \Delta \ell$ 
Output:  $\Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]}$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{w}$ ,  $\Delta \ell_{[k]}$ ,  $\Delta \ell$ 

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**Algorithm 5:** MB-BCFW: Mini-Batch Distributed BCFW on Master

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**Input:**  $T \geq 1$ , scaling parameter  $1 \leq \beta_K \leq K$  (default:  $\beta_K := 1$ ).

**Data:**  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  distributed over  $K$  machines

**Initialize:**  $\mathbf{w}_{(0)}^{[k]} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\ell_{(0)}^{[k]} \leftarrow 0$  for all machines  $k$  and  $\mathbf{w}_{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\ell_{(0)} \leftarrow 0$

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1 for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ 
2   for all machines  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  in parallel
3      $(\Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]}, \Delta \mathbf{w}_k) \leftarrow \text{MB-LOCALBCFW}(\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)})$ 
4      $\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t-1)} + \frac{\beta_K}{K} \Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]}$ 
5      $\ell_{[k]}^{(t)} \leftarrow \ell_{[k]}^{(t-1)} + \frac{\beta_K}{K} \Delta \ell_{[k]}$ 
6   end
7   reduce  $\mathbf{w}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} + \frac{\beta_K}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta \mathbf{w}^k$ 
8   and  $\ell^{(t)} \leftarrow \ell^{(t-1)} + \frac{\beta_K}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta \ell^k$ 
9 end

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7. CoCoA<sup>+</sup> BCFW

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**Algorithm 6:** CoCoA<sup>+</sup>-BCFW: Communication-Efficient Distributed BCFW

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**Input:**  $T \geq 1$ , aggregation parameter  $0 \leq \beta_K \leq 1$  (default:  $\beta_K := 1$ ).**Data:**  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  distributed over  $K$  machines**Initialize:**  $\mathbf{w}_{(0)}^{[k]} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\ell_{(0)}^{[k]} \leftarrow 0$  for all machines  $k$  and  $\mathbf{w}_{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\ell_{(0)} \leftarrow 0$ 

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1 for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ 
2   for all machines  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  in parallel
3      $(\Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]}, \Delta \mathbf{w}_k) \leftarrow \text{LOCALBCFW}(\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)})$ 
4      $\mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{[k]}^{(t-1)} + \beta_K \Delta \mathbf{w}_{[k]}$ 
5      $\ell_{[k]}^{(t)} \leftarrow \ell_{[k]}^{(t-1)} + \beta_K \Delta \ell_{[k]}$ 
6   end
7   reduce  $\mathbf{w}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} + \beta_K \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta \mathbf{w}^k$ 
8   and  $\ell^{(t)} \leftarrow \ell^{(t-1)} + \beta_K \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta \ell^k$ 
9 end

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