

Coordinate Descent Method

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* Coordinate Descent Method:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_0(x) \\ x \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ \nabla f_i(x_i) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eq: 12.90}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{if } x_i \in \mathbb{X}_i}$

blocks of vectors

Coordinate descent method iteratively minimizes with respect to one block, while fixing the other.

$x^{(k)} = (x_1^{(k)}, \dots, x_v^{(k)})$ Evaluate of the decision variable at iteration k

$$\nabla_{x_i} f_0(x_1^{(k)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(k)}, x_i, x_{i+1}^{(k)}, \dots, x_v^{(k)})$$

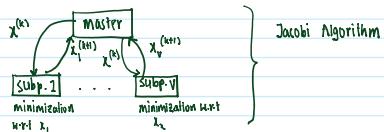
fixed variable fixed

[eq: Cord Dscnt Mnmzn for x_i at itrrn k]

* The Jacobi method:

[eq: Cord Dscnt Mnmzn for x_i at itrrn k] is solved, then all blocks are updated simultaneously.

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, v\} \quad x_i^{(k+1)} = \underset{x_i \in \mathbb{X}_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad f_0(x_1^{(k)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(k)}, x_i, x_{i+1}^{(k)}, \dots, x_v^{(k)})$$



Convergence of coordinate descent is not guaranteed in general

* Converges to the optimal solution under certain hypotheses of contractivity.

$$F \text{ function: } y \mapsto g \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{contraction Mapping} \Leftrightarrow \exists \rho \in (0, 1), \forall z \in Y \quad \|y - z\| \leq \rho \|g(y) - g(z)\| \\ \text{Y: Real vector space} \quad \text{norm defined} \quad \downarrow \end{array} \right.$$

modulus of contraction

* Convergence theorem for Jacobi method

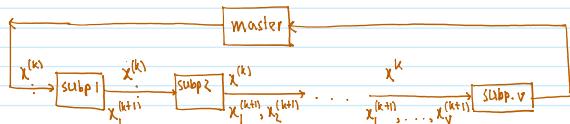
$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{f: } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ continuous} \\ F(E) = E - y \nabla f_0(E) \quad \text{f: contraction mapping with norm} \quad \|E\| = \max_{i=1, \dots, v} \frac{\|E_i\|_2}{\lambda_i} \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \text{ (eq: 12.90) has a unique optimum } \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^{(k)} = x^* \quad \text{geometric rate} \\ \text{convergence rate is geometric}$$

* Block coordinate minimization method: (BCM)

(Also known as Gauss-Seidel method)

At each iteration blocks are updated sequentially:

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, v\} \quad x_i^{(k+1)} = \underset{x_i \in \mathbb{X}_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad f_0(x_1^{(k+1)}, x_2^{(k+1)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(k+1)}, x_i, x_{i+1}^{(k+1)}, \dots, x_v^{(k+1)})$$



* Convergence condition for Jacobi iteration will work for BCM too

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{f: } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ continuous} \\ \nabla f_0(\cdot) \text{ monotone} \\ \nabla f_0(\cdot) \text{ strictly with other blocks constant} \\ \{x^{(k)}\}_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{ generated by} \quad \text{f: H-differentiable} \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^{(k)} = x^*$$

[Convergence Criterions for Block Coordinate Descent Method]

BCM will converge for following condition too:

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{f: } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ continuous} \\ \nabla f_0(\cdot) \text{ strictly with other blocks constant} \\ \{x^{(k)}\}_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{ generated by} \quad \text{f: H-differentiable} \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^{(k)} = x^*$$

* BCM in generally may fail to converge for non-smooth objectives, even under convexity.

An important exception for which BCM converges:

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(x) &= \phi(x) + \sum_{i=1}^v \psi_i(x_i) && \rightarrow \text{Each } \psi_i(x_i) \text{ f: } \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ maybe nonconvex} \\ &\text{differentiable in } x_i && \# \text{ independent convex constraint } x_i \in \mathbb{X}_i \text{ can be} \\ &&& \# \text{ written as } I_{x_i}(x_i) = \psi_i(x_i), \text{ so } \nabla f_0(x) \text{ can} \\ &&& \# \text{ be covered in this setup} \end{aligned}$$

in κ, D $\#$ be covered in this setup $x_i \in$

* Theorem 13.5.

$$(x^{(k)}) \in X, \text{ initial point for BCIQ}, s_0 = \{x: s_0(x) \leq s_0(x^*)\} \in \mathbb{C}^n, s_k(u) = Q(u) + \sum_{i=1}^v y_i^*(x_i) \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^{(k)} = x^*$$

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↓ sublevel set at $s_k(u)$
 ↓ D, b, m, s
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Theorem 12.5 applies to Lasso problem or other ℓ_1 norm regularized problems, thus guaranteeing convergence of RCM in those cases.

* Power iteration und block coordinate descent method:

- Power iteration [class of methods applied to specific eigenvalue, singular value problems]
 - † (coordinate descent) †

Problem: finding rank-one approximation of a matrix A:

Following rank-one approximation as a matrix:

$$\min_{x,y} \|A - xy^T\|_F^2 \quad \left[\|A\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 \right]$$

This is convex in x because:
 $\|x\|_F^2 \geq A \Rightarrow \|x+A\|_F^2 \geq \|x\|_F^2$

however if you consider xy separately
then it is bilinear and not convex in (x,y)

A stationary point (where the derivative is 0) finding:

$$\|A - xy^T\|_F^2 = \text{tr}((A - xy^T)(A - xy^T)^T) \quad [\because \|x\|_F = \sqrt{\text{tr}(xx^T)}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (A - xy^T)(A^T - (xy^T)^T) \\ &= (A - xy^T)(A^T - yx^T) \\ &= AA^T - A y x^T - x y^T A^T + x y^T y x^T \\ &= AA^T - A y x^T - x y^T A^T + \|y\|_2^2 x x^T \end{aligned}$$

[eq: expression of $\|A - xy^T\|_F^2$ in terms trace]

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{tr}(AA^T - A y x^T - x y^T A^T + \|y\|_2^2 x x^T) \\ &= \text{tr}(AA^T) - \text{tr}(Ay x^T) - \text{tr}(x y^T A^T) + \|y\|_2^2 \text{tr}(xx^T) \quad [\because \text{tr is a linear operator}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{tr}(xx^T) = \text{tr}(\|x\|_F^2) = \|x\|_F^2$$

$\nabla_x \|A - xy^T\|_F^2 = \nabla_x (\text{tr}(AA^T)) - \nabla_x \text{tr}(Ay x^T) - \nabla_x \text{tr}(x y^T A^T) + \|y\|_2^2 \nabla_x \|x\|_F^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \text{tr}(Ax^T) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \text{tr}(x^TA) = A \quad \# \text{ mnemonic: transpose creates transpose result} \\ &\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \text{tr}(xA^T) = A^T \quad \# \text{ mnemonic: transpose creates transpose result.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0 - Ay - (y^T A^T)^T + \|y\|_2^2 \cdot 2x \\ &= -2Ay + \|y\|_2^2 \cdot 2x \\ &= -2Ay + \|y\|_2^2 \cdot 2x \end{aligned}$$

for finding a stationary point in X:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla_x \|A - xy^T\|_F^2 &= -2Axy + 2y^T x = 0 \\
 \Leftrightarrow 2y^T x &= Axy \\
 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{X^T y y^T = A y} &\quad [\text{eq: stationary point 1}] \\
 \text{Similarity, } \nabla_y \|A - xy^T\|_F^2 &= \nabla_y (\text{tr}(A^T A)) - \nabla_y \text{tr}(A y x^T) - \nabla_y (x y^T A^T) + \|x\|^2 \nabla_y \|y\|^2 \\
 &= -\nabla_y (\text{tr}(x^T A y)) - \nabla_y (x^T A x) + \|x\|^2 \nabla_y \|y\|^2 \\
 &\stackrel{\text{if } \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \text{tr}(A x^T) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \text{tr}(x^T A) = A}{=} -\nabla_y (\text{tr}(A x^T)) - \nabla_y (x^T A x) + \|x\|^2 \nabla_y \|y\|^2 \\
 &= -(A^T x)^T - A^T x + \|x\|^2 2y = -2A^T x + 2\|x\|^2 y
 \end{aligned}$$

Finding a stationary point in y:

$$\nabla_x \parallel A - x y^T \parallel_F^2 = -2A^T x + 2\parallel x \parallel_2^2 y = 0$$

⇒ $\parallel x \parallel_2^2 y = A^T x$ [eq: stationary point 2]

$$x \parallel x \parallel_2^2 = Ax, \quad y \parallel x \parallel_2^2 = Ax$$

lets normalize the vectors as follows: $u = \frac{x}{\|x\|_2}, v = \frac{y}{\|y\|_2}, \epsilon = \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2$

$$\text{then } \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^T = 4 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \sqrt{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2} = 4\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$$

then: $\left(\sum_{i,j} \|A - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^T\|_F^2 \right) = \left(\sum_{i,j} \|A - 4\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T\|_F^2 \right)$

[problem: dyadic version of rank 1 approximation problem]

then: $\left(\inf_{x,y} \|A - xy^T\|_F^2 \right) = \left(\inf_{u,v,\epsilon} \|A - \epsilon uv^T\|_F^2 \right)$

$\begin{cases} u \\ v \\ \epsilon \end{cases}$

$\|u\|_2=1$
 $\|v\|_2=1$
 $\epsilon > 0$

[problem: dyadic version of rank 1 approximation problem]

$$\|x\|_2^2 \|y\|_2^2 = (\|x\|_2 \|y\|_2)^2 = \epsilon^2$$

$$\text{tr}(x^T x) = \text{tr}(\|x\|_2^2) = \|x\|_2^2$$

now note that in ϵ this is convex

$y = \|y\|_2 v$

Leq: expression of $\|A - xy^T\|_F^2$: $\|A - xy^T\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(AA^T) - \text{tr}(Axy^T) + \text{tr}(xy^TA^T) + \|y\|_2^2 \text{tr}(x^TA^T)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{tr}(AA^T) - \text{tr}(A\|y\|_2 v \|x\|_2 u^T) - \text{tr}(\|x\|_2 u \|y\|_2^2 v^T A^T) + \epsilon^2 \\ &= \text{tr}(AA^T) - \text{tr}(A\|v\|_2 u^T) - \text{tr}(\epsilon uv^T A^T) + \epsilon^2 \\ &= \text{tr}(AA^T) - \epsilon (\text{tr}(A\|v\|_2 u^T) + \text{tr}(uv^T A^T)) + \epsilon^2 \\ &\quad \text{tr}(Avu^T + uv^TA^T) // \text{tr}(\cdot) \text{ is linear operator} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_\epsilon \|A - xy^T\|_F^2 = 0 - \text{tr}(Avu^T + uv^TA^T) + 2\epsilon = 0$$

$\therefore \epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(Avu^T + uv^TA^T) = \frac{1}{2} u^T Av = u^T Av$, plugging this value [problem: dyadic version of rank 1 approximation problem] we get

$$\left(\inf_{u,v} \|A - \epsilon uv^T\|_F^2 \right)$$

$\begin{cases} u \\ v \end{cases}$

$\|u\|_2=1, \|v\|_2=1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\# \text{tr}(Avu^T) + \text{tr}(uv^TA^T) \\ &= \text{tr}(u^T Av) + \text{tr}(v^T A^T u) \\ &\# (u^T Av)^T = (Av)^T (u^T)^T = v^T A^T u \\ &= u^T Av + (u^T Av)^T = u^T Av + u^T Av = 2u^T Av \\ &\# \text{req. 2nd order trace} \quad \# \text{this is a number so transpose will be itselfs} \end{aligned}$$