# Project presentation of

Zhang, et al.: Globally Convergent Type-I Anderson Acceleration for Non-Smooth Fixed-Point Iterations

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# The problem setting

### Problem (find fixed point)

Find a fixed point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e. x = f(x). or equivalently

### Problem (find zero)

Find a zero  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of  $g = \operatorname{Id} -f$ , i.e. 0 = g(x).

We also assume

- ▶ f has a fixed point.
- ▶ f is nonexpansive, i.e.  $||f(x) f(y)|| \le ||x y||$ .
- ▶  $\nabla f$  is unknown  $\rightarrow$ no Newton
- noisy problem →no finite difference derivatives
- ightharpoonup cost of evaluating f is high  $\rightarrow$ no line search
- n is large → matrix-free

## Fixed point iteration

To keep things simple we try

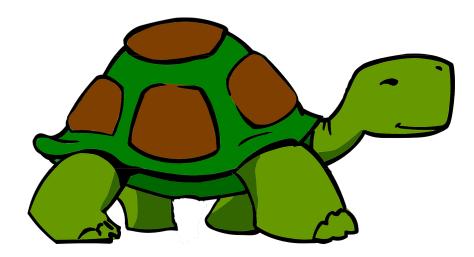
**Input**: Initial value  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ .

for 
$$k = 0, 1, ...$$
 do  
 $| \text{ Set } x_{k+1} = f(x_k).$ 

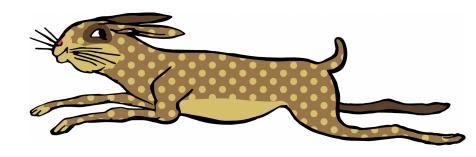
end

**Algorithm 1:** Fixed point iteration (original)

# This works, but ...



### We want to be like...



#### General AA

We may as well use the information gained from previous evaluations. In the following we assume for simplicity that our memory is unlimited. If we form a weighted average we get

```
Input: x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n and f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n.

for k = 0, 1, \ldots do

Set f_k = f(x_k).

Choose \alpha = \alpha^k \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1} such that \sum_i \alpha_i = 1.

Set x_{k+1} = \sum_i \alpha_i f_i.

end

Algorithm 2: General AA (Anderson Acceleration)
```

### AA-II

Since finding a fixed point of f is equivalent to finding a zero of  $g=\operatorname{Id} -f$  the following seems like a good idea

```
Input: x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n and f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n.

for k = 0, 1, \ldots do
| \text{ Set } f_k = f(x_k).
Set g_k = x_k - f_k.
Choose \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1} such that \sum_i \alpha_i = 1 and such that \alpha minimises ||\sum_i \alpha_i g_i||_2.
Set x_{k+1} = \sum_i \alpha_i f_i.
```

Algorithm 3: AA-II

# AA-II (reformulated)

One can show that this can be brought into the form of a quasi-Newton-like method

```
Input: x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n and f \colon \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n.

Set x_1 = f(x_0).

for k = 0, 1, \dots do
\begin{array}{c} \text{Set } g_k = g(x_k). \\ \text{Construct } S_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_0 & \cdots & x_k - x_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \text{ and } \\ Y_k = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 - g_0 & \cdots & g_k - g_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}. \\ \text{Set } H_k = \operatorname{Id} + (S_k - Y_k) \left( Y_k^\top Y_k \right)^{-1} Y_k^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}. \\ \text{Set } x_{k+1} = x_k - H_k g_k. \\ \text{end} \end{array}
```

**Algorithm 4:** AA-II (reformulated)

### AA-I

This is the form of a quasi-Newton-like method so one could expect  $H_k$  to be an approximate inverse of  $\nabla f(x_k)$ . Indeed

### Proposition (Approximate inverse Jacobian)

 $H_k$  minimises  $||H_k - Id||_F$  under the multisecant condition  $H_kS_k = Y_k$ .

From Broydens method we know that it is a good idea to approximate the Jacobian rather than its inverse.

## Definition (Approximate Jacobian)

Let  $B_k$  be minimiser of  $||B_k - \operatorname{Id}||_F$  under the condition  $B_k Y_k = S_k$ .

One can show that

$$B_k = \operatorname{Id} + (Y_k - S_k) \left( S_k^{\top} S_k \right)^{-1} S_k^{\top}.$$

#### This yields the AA-I algorithm

```
Input: x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n and f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n.

Set x_1 = f(x_0)

for k = 0, 1, \dots do

Set g_k = g(x_k).

Construct S_k from x_0, \dots, x_k and Y_k from g_0, \dots, g_k.

Set B_k = \operatorname{Id} + (Y_k - S_k) \left(S_k^\top S_k\right)^{-1} S_k^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}.

Set H_k = B_k^{-1}.

Set x_{k+1} = x_k - H_k g_k.
```

Algorithm 5: AA-I

#### But this algorithm has some problems

- ightharpoonup computational efficiency: the approach is not matrix-free ightharpoonuprank-1 update for  $B_k$  and later  $H_k$
- well-definedness of  $H_k$ :  $B_k$  might not be well-defined or singular  $\rightarrow$  Powell-type regularisation, restarting iteration
- ▶ memory usage: though infinite memory is nice to have it is not very realistic →restarting iteration
- ► convergence: the algorithm does not necessarily converge →safeguarding steps

# Computational efficiency: Rank-1 update for $B_k$

One can show

Proposition (Rank-1 update for  $B_k$ )

We have

$$B_k = B_{k-1} + \frac{(y_{k-1} - B_{k-1} s_{k-1}) \hat{s}_{k-1}^\top}{\hat{s}_{k-1}^\top s_{k-1}}$$

where  $y_{k-1} = g_k - g_{k-1}$ ,  $B_0 = \text{Id}$  and

$$\hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} - \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \frac{\hat{s}_j^{\top} s_{k-1}}{\|\hat{s}_j\|^2} \hat{s}_j$$

is the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation of  $s_{k-1} = x_k - x_{k-1}$ .

Proof.

See [1].

```
Input: x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n and f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n.
Set B_0 = \text{Id} and x_1 = f(x_0).
for k = 0, 1, ... do
      Set g_k = g(x_k).
      Set s_{k-1} = x_k - x_{k-1}, y_{k-1} = g_k - g_{k-1} and
        \hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} - \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \frac{\hat{s}_i^\top s_{k-1}}{\|\hat{s}_i\|^2} s_i.
      Set B_k = B_{k-1} + \frac{(y_{k-1} - B_{k-1} s_{k-1})\hat{s}_{k-1}^\top}{\hat{s}_{k-1}^\top . s_{k-1}}.
      Set H_k = B_k^{-1}.
      Set x_{k+1} = x_k - H_k g_k.
end
```

**Algorithm 6:** AA-I (rank-1 update)

# Well-definedness of $H_k$ : Powell-type regularisation

To fix the singularity of  $B_k$  we use powell-type regularisation.

s Input: 
$$x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
,  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\bar{\theta} \in (0,1)$ .  
Set  $B_0 = \operatorname{Id}$  and  $x_1 = f(x_0)$ .  
for  $k = 0, 1, \ldots$  do
$$\begin{cases} \text{Set } g_k = g(x_k), \ s_{k-1} = x_k - x_{k-1} \ \text{and} \ y_{k-1} = g_k - g_{k-1}. \\ \text{Set } \hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} - \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \frac{\hat{s}_i^\top s_{k-1}}{\|\hat{s}_i\|^2} s_i. \end{cases}$$
Choose  $\theta_{k-1}$  in dependence of  $\bar{\theta}$ .  
Set  $\tilde{y}_{k-1} = \theta_{k-1} y_{k-1} - (1 - \theta_{k-1}) g_{k-1}.$   
Set  $B_k = B_{k-1} + \frac{(\tilde{y}_{k-1} - B_{k-1} s_{k-1}) \hat{s}_{k-1}^\top}{\hat{s}_{k-1}^\top s_{k-1}}.$   
Set  $H_k = B_k^{-1}.$   
Set  $X_{k+1} = X_k - H_k g_k.$ 

**Algorithm 7:** AA-I with Powell-type regularisation

# Well-definedness of $H_k$ , memory usage: Restarting iteration

If  $\hat{s}_k = 0$  the update

$$B_k = B_{k-1} + \frac{(\tilde{y}_{k-1} - B_{k-1} s_{k-1}) \hat{s}_{k-1}^\top}{\hat{s}_{k-1}^\top s_{k-1}}$$

is ill-defined. This occurs in algorithm 7 e.g. for k>n as then  $\hat{s}_k=0$  by linear dependence. Hence we restart the algorithm with  $x_k$  as the new starting point if

- ▶ k = m + 1 for some fixed  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  or
- ▶  $\|\hat{s}_{k-1}\| < \tau \|s_{k-1}\|$  for some fixed  $\tau \in (0,1)$ .

It can be shown that  $B_k$  is then well-defined.

```
Input: x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n, m \in \mathbb{N} and \bar{\theta}, \tau \in (0,1)
Set B_0 = \text{Id}, x_1 = f(x_0) and m_0 = 0.
for k = 0, 1, ... do
      Set g_k = g(x_k), m_k = m_{k-1} + 1, s_{k-1} = x_k - x_{k-1} and
        y_{k-1} = g_k - g_{k-1}.
      Set \hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} - \sum_{i=k-m_k}^{k-2} \frac{\hat{s}_i^{+} s_{k-1}}{\|\hat{s}_i\|^2} s_i.
      if m_{\nu} = m+1 or \|\hat{s}_{k-1}\| < \tau \|s_{k-1}\| then
            Set m_k = 0, \hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} and B_{k-1} = \text{Id}.
      end
      Choose \theta_{k-1} in dependence of \theta.
      Set \tilde{y}_{k-1} = \theta_{k-1} y_{k-1} - (1 - \theta_{k-1}) g_{k-1}.
      Set B_k = B_{k-1} + \frac{(\tilde{y}_{k-1} - B_{k-1} s_{k-1})\hat{s}_{k-1}^{\top}}{\hat{s}_{k-1}^{\top} s_{k-1}}.
      Set H_k = B_k^{-1}.
      Set x_{k+1} = x_k - H_k g_k.
```

end

**Algorithm 8:** AA-I with Powell-type regularisation and Restarting

One can then show

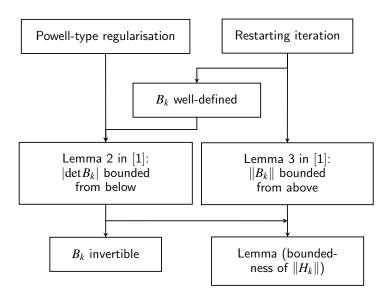
## Lemma (bound on $||H_k||_2$ )

In algorithm 9 we have that  $H_k$  is well-defined and there exists a constant  $c_1=c_1(m,n,\bar{\theta},\tau)>0$  such that

$$||H_k||_2 \leq c_1.$$

#### Proof.

See [1, Corollary 4].



# Computational efficiency: Rank-1 update for $H_k$

From the Sherman-Morrison formula one can obtain Proposition (Rank-1 update for  $H_k$ )

We have

$$H_k = H_{k-1} + \frac{(s_{k-1} - H_{k-1} y_{k-1}) \hat{s}_{k-1}^\top H_{k-1}}{\hat{s}_{k-1}^\top H_{k-1} y_{k-1}}$$

Input: 
$$x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
,  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\bar{\theta}, \tau \in (0,1)$   
Set  $H_0 = \operatorname{Id}$ ,  $x_1 = f(x_0)$  and  $m_0 = 0$ .  
for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  do
$$\begin{cases} \text{Set } g_k = g(x_k), \ m_k = m_{k-1} + 1, \ s_{k-1} = x_k - x_{k-1} \ \text{and} \\ y_{k-1} = g_k - g_{k-1}. \end{cases}$$
Set  $\hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} - \sum_{i=k-m_k}^{k-2} \frac{\hat{s}_i^{\top} s_{k-1}}{\|\hat{s}_i\|^2} s_i.$ 

if  $m_k = m+1$  or  $\|\hat{s}_{k-1}\| < \tau \|s_{k-1}\|$  then
$$\| \text{Set } m_k = 0, \ \hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} \ \text{and} \ H_{k-1} = \operatorname{Id}. \end{cases}$$
end
$$\begin{cases} \text{Choose } \theta_{k-1} \text{ in dependence of } \bar{\theta}. \\ \text{Set } \tilde{y}_{k-1} = \theta_{k-1} y_{k-1} - (1 - \theta_{k-1}) g_{k-1}. \\ \text{Set } H_k = H_{k-1} + \frac{(s_{k-1} - H_{k-1} \tilde{y}_{k-1}) \hat{s}_{k-1}^{\top} H_{k-1}}{\hat{s}_{k-1}^{\top} H_{k-1} \tilde{y}_{k-1}}. \end{cases}$$
Set  $x_{k+1} = x_k - H_k g_k. \end{cases}$ 

Algorithm 9: AA-I with Powell-type regularisation and Restarting

# Convergence: Safeguarding steps

To guarantee the decrease in  $\|g_k\|$  one can interleave the AA-I steps with Krasnosel'skii-Mann (KM) steps which are given by

$$x_{k+1} = (1 - \alpha)x_k + \alpha f_k$$

for some fixed  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ .

```
Input: x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n, m \in \mathbb{N}, \bar{\theta}, \tau, \alpha \in (0,1) and safe-guarding constants
            D.\varepsilon > 0
Set H_0 = \text{Id}, x_1 = \tilde{x}_1 = f(x_0), m_0 = n_{AA} = 0 and \bar{U} = ||g_0||_2.
for k = 0, 1, ... do
         Set g_k = g(x_k), m_k = m_{k-1} + 1, s_{k-1} = \tilde{x}_k - x_{k-1} and y_{k-1} = g(\tilde{x}_k) - g_{k-1}.
        Set \hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} - \sum_{i=k-m}^{k-2} \frac{\hat{s}_i^\top s_{k-1}}{\|\hat{s}_i\|^2} s_i.
        if m_k = m+1 or \|\hat{s}_{k-1}\| < \tau \|s_{k-1}\| then
                Set m_k = 0, \hat{s}_{k-1} = s_{k-1} and H_{k-1} = \text{Id}.
        end
        Choose \theta_{k-1} in dependence of \bar{\theta}.
         Set \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{k-1} = \theta_{k-1} \mathbf{v}_{k-1} - (1 - \theta_{k-1}) g_{k-1}.
        Set H_k = H_{k-1} + \frac{(s_{k-1} - H_{k-1} \tilde{y}_{k-1}) \hat{s}_{k-1}^{+} H_{k-1}}{\hat{s}_{k-1}^{+} H_{k-1} \tilde{y}_{k-1}} and \tilde{x}_{k+1} = x_k - H_k g_k.
        if ||g_k|| \leq D\bar{U}(n_{AA}+1)^{-(1+\varepsilon)} then
                 Set x_{k+1} = \tilde{x}_{k+1} and n_{AA} = n_{AA} + 1.
        else
                Set x_{k+1} = (1-\alpha)x_k + \alpha f_k.
        end
end
```

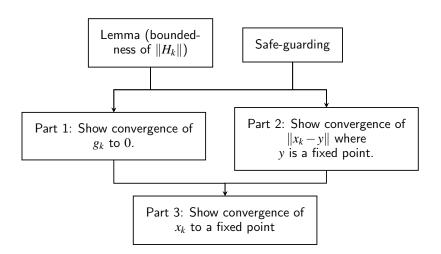
**Algorithm 10:** AA-I with Powell-type regularisation, restarting and safeguarding

## Convergence result

### Theorem (Convergence)

Let  $x_k$  be generated by algorithm 10 then  $x_k$  converges to a fixed point of f.

### Proof, strategy.



#### Proof, part 1.

The proof follows [1, Theorem 6]. We partition  $\mathbb{N} = K_{AA} \sqcup K_{KM}$  where  $K_{AA} = \{k_0, k_1, \ldots\}$  denote the indices k where the algorithm chose an AA-step (a) and  $K_{KM} = \{l_0, l_1, \ldots\}$  where the algorithm chose a KM-step (b).

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{if } \|g_k\| \leq D\bar{U}(n_{AA}+1)^{-(1+\varepsilon)} \text{ then} \\ &| &\text{Set } x_{k+1} = \tilde{x}_{k+1} \text{ and } n_{AA} = n_{AA}+1. \\ &| &\text{Set } x_{k+1} = (1-\alpha)x_k + \alpha f_k. \end{aligned} \tag{a}$$

**Algorithm 11:** The two cases for  $x_{k+1}$ .

### Proof, part 1 (cont.).

Let y be a fixed point. We distinguish

case (a) 
$$k \in K_{AA}$$
 then

$$||x_{k+1} - y|| \le ||x_k - y|| + ||H_k g_k||$$

$$\le ||x_k - y|| + c_1 ||g_k||$$

$$\le ||x_k - y|| + c_2 (k+1)^{-(1+\varepsilon)}$$
(1)

case (b)  $k \in K_{KM}$  then as f is nonexpansive (motivate this)

$$||x_{k+1} - y||^2 \le ||x_k - y||^2 - \alpha(1 - \alpha)||g_k||^2$$
 (2)

Hence in any case

$$||x_k - y|| \le ||x_0 - y|| + c_2 \sum_{k} (k+1)^{-(1+\varepsilon)} = c_3 < \infty.$$

### Proof, part 1 (cont.).

It then follows that

$$a_{k+1} = \|x_{k+1} - y\|^2 \stackrel{(1),(2)}{\leq} \left( \|x_k - y\| + c_2(k+1)^{-(1+\varepsilon)} \right)^2$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\|x_k - y\|^2}_{=a_k} + \underbrace{c_2^2(k+1)^{-2(1+\varepsilon)} + 2c_2\underbrace{\|x_k - y\|}_{=b_k}(k+1)^{-(1+\varepsilon)}}_{=b_k}$$

$$= a_k + b_k$$
(3)

and hence

$$\alpha(1-\alpha)\sum_{i}||g_{l_{i}}||^{2} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \sum_{i}a_{l_{i}}-a_{l_{i}+1} \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} a_{0}+\sum_{k}b_{k}<\infty$$

We therefore have  $\lim_i \|g_{l_i}\| = 0$ . It also follows from  $\|g_{k_i}\| \leq D\bar{U}(i+1)^{-(1+\varepsilon)}$  that  $\lim_i \|g_{k_i}\| = 0$ . Thus indeed  $\lim_k \|g_k\| = 0$ .

#### Proof, part 2.

Let now  $n_j$  and  $N_j \ge n_j$  be such that

$$a_{n_j} \xrightarrow{j \to \infty} \liminf_k a_k = \underline{a}$$
 $a_{N_j} \xrightarrow{j \to \infty} \limsup_k a_k = \overline{a}$ 

Then it follows that

$$\overline{a} - \underline{a} \stackrel{n_j \to \infty}{\longleftarrow} \overline{a} - a_{n_j} \stackrel{N_j \to \infty}{\longleftarrow} a_{N_j} - a_{n_j} = \sum_{k=n_j}^{N_j - 1} a_{k+1} - a_k \stackrel{\text{(3)}}{\leq} \sum_{k=n_j}^{\infty} b_k \xrightarrow{n_j \to \infty} 0$$

SO

$$\limsup_{k} a_k = \overline{a} \le \underline{a} = \liminf_{k} a_k$$

and thus  $a_k = ||x_k - y||$  converges to some a.

#### Proof, part 3.

Let  $k_j$  and  $l_j$  be convergent subsequences of  $x_k$  convergent against  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  respectively. Since by continuity of g

$$||g(y_1)|| = \lim_{i} ||g(x_{k_i})|| \stackrel{\mathsf{part}}{=} {}^{1} 0$$

we have that  $y_1$  is a fixed point and  $y_2$  too. Now by part 2

$$||y_1|| \stackrel{j \to \infty}{\longleftrightarrow} ||x_{k_j}||^2 = ||x_{k_j} - y||^2 - ||y||^2 + 2y^\top x_{k_j} \stackrel{j \to \infty}{\longleftrightarrow} a - ||y||^2 + 2y^\top y_1$$

and analogously for  $y_2$ . Thus

$$||y_i|| = a - ||y||^2 + 2y^{\top}y_i$$

which implies

$$2y^{\top}(y_1 - y_2) = ||y_1||^2 - ||y_2||^2$$
.

### Proof, part 3 (cont.).

It then follows from

$$2y^{\top}(y_1 - y_2) = \|y_1\|^2 - \|y_2\|^2$$

with  $y = y_i$  that

$$y_1^{\top}(y_1 - y_2) = y_2^{\top}(y_1 - y_2)$$

and further

$$(y_1 - y_2)^{\top}(y_1 - y_2) = 0$$

and thus  $y_1 = y_2$ . We have shown that two convergent subsequences have the same limit and hence  $x_k$  is convergent and the limit must be a fixed point of f.

# Elastic net regression

The aim is to find a fixed point of

$$f \colon \mathbb{R}^{1000} \to \mathbb{R}^{1000}, \quad x \mapsto S_{\alpha\mu/2} \left( x - \alpha \left( A^{\top} (Ax - b) + \frac{\mu}{2} x \right) \right)$$

with shrinkage operator

$$S_{\kappa}(x) = (\operatorname{sgn}(x_i)(|x_i| - \kappa)_+)_i$$

and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{500 \times 1000}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{500}$  and some  $\alpha, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$  as in [1].

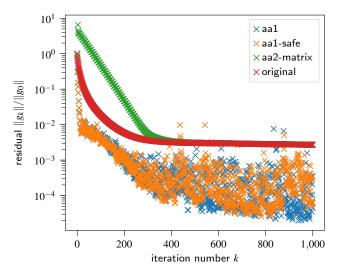


Figure: Residual norms for the elastic net regression problem.

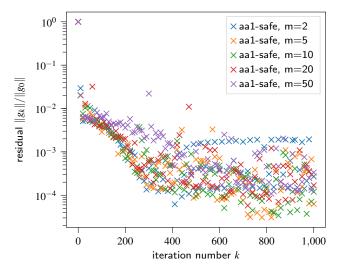


Figure: Residual norms for the elastic net regression problem.

## Markov decision process

Our aim is to find a fixed point of the Bellman operator

$$f: \mathbb{R}^{1000} \to \mathbb{R}^{1000}, \quad x \mapsto \left(\max_{a} \left(R(s,a) + \gamma \sum_{s'} P(s,a,s') x_{s'}\right)\right)$$

with some  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{300 \times 200}$ ,  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{300 \times 200 \times 300}$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  as in [1].

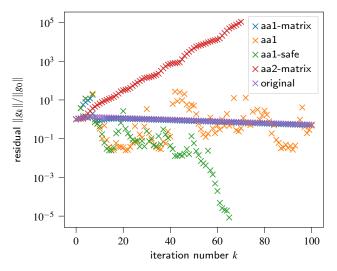


Figure: Residual norms for the Markov decision process problem.

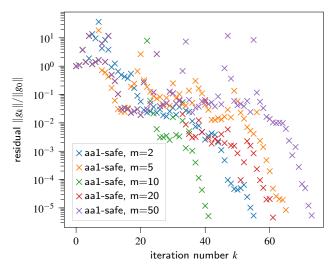


Figure: Residual norms for the Markov decision process problem.

## Summary

- ▶ The aim is to find a fixed point of a non-expansive *f* where
  - the dimension is large
  - lackbox f is expensive to evaluate, noisy and the gradient is a mystery
- The main idea is to generalise the fixed point iteration with  $x_{k+1} = \sum_i \alpha_i f_i$  for some clever choice of  $\alpha = \alpha^k \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1}$ .
- Modifications of the AA-I algorithm:
  - Powell-type regularisation →well-definedness
  - ▶ Restarting iteration →well-definedness, limited memory
  - Safeguarding steps →convergence
  - Rank-1 update for  $H_k \rightarrow$  matrix-free
- Convergence result
- Numerical experiments: AA-I with the modifications often outperforms the fixed point iteration.

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