

CH3.1: ADMM

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• PROBLEM STANDARD FORM:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize } f(x) + g(z) \\ &\text{subject to } Ax + Bz = c \end{aligned}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, z \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}, c \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

Assume f and g are convex.

Compared to the linear equality constrained problem (2.1), x is now split into x and z with objective function f separable across the splitting.

$$p^* = \inf \{ f(x) + g(z) \mid Ax + Bz = c \}$$

$$L_p(x, z, \gamma) = f(x) + g(z) + \gamma^T (Ax + Bz - c) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|Ax + Bz - c\|_2^2$$

• ADMM ALGORITHM $\rho > 0$

$$x^{k+1} := \arg\min_x L_p(x, z^k, \gamma^k) \quad \text{x-min step}$$

$$z^{k+1} := \arg\min_z L_p(x^{k+1}, z, \gamma^k) \quad \text{z-min step}$$

$$\gamma^{k+1} := \gamma^k + \rho (Ax^{k+1} + Bz^{k+1} - c) \quad \text{dual-var update}$$

Method of multipliers:

$$(x^{k+1}, z^{k+1}) := \arg\min_{x, z} L_p(x, z, \gamma^k)$$

$$\gamma^{k+1} := \gamma^k + \rho (Ax^{k+1} + Bz^{k+1} - c)$$

In the method of multipliers, the augmented Lagrangian is minimized jointly with respect to the primal variables x and z .

In ADMM, x and z are updated in alternating (sequential) fashion, hence "alternative direction".

ADMM is a version of the method of multipliers