

# CentraleSupélec

## ST7 – Optimization

### Part VIII: Some iterative algorithms

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迭代算法.

# Problem

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space.

Let  $f: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Gâteaux differentiable.

$C$  - 非空闭凸子集、

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

We want to

$$\text{Find } \hat{x} \in \underset{x \in C}{\text{Argmin}} f(x).$$

Objective: Build a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converging to a minimizer.

收敛性.

# Principle of first-order methods

- If  $f$  is Fréchet differentiable, then, at iteration  $n$ , we have

$$(\forall x \in \mathcal{H}) \quad \underline{f(x) = f(x_n) + \langle \nabla f(x_n) | x - x_n \rangle + o(\|x - x_n\|)}.$$

So if  $\|x_{n+1} - x_n\|$  is small enough and  $x_{n+1}$  is chosen such that

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*learning rate.*

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- ▶ To secure that the solution belongs to  $C$  we can add a projection step.
- ▶ A relaxation parameter  $\lambda_n$  can also be added.

(松弛变量)

# Projected gradient algorithm

The **gradient algorithm** has the following form:

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \gamma_n \nabla f(x_n)$$

where  $\gamma_n \in ]0, +\infty[$  is the **stepsize**. 步长. ?

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where  $\gamma_n \in ]0, +\infty[$  and  $\lambda_n \in ]0, 1]$ . *relaxation.*

Remark:  $x$  is a fixed point of the projected gradient iteration if and only if  $x \in C$  and

$$(\forall y \in C) \quad \langle \nabla f(x) \mid y - x \rangle \geq 0.$$

不动点迭代:

下一步迭代只与当前步的迭代点有关，  
与其他迭代点无关。

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Proof: If  $x$  is a fixed point, then 不动点.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x + \lambda_n (P_C(x - \gamma_n \nabla f(x)) - x) \\ \Leftrightarrow x &= P_C(x - \gamma_n \nabla f(x)). \end{aligned}$$

According to the characterization of the projection, for every  $y \in C$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x - \gamma_n \nabla f(x) - x \mid y - x \rangle &\leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \langle \nabla f(x) \mid y - x \rangle &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

投影的基本性质.



### 简单约束的凸优化问题

这一讲讨论简单约束可微凸优化问题

$$\min \{f(x) \mid x \in \Omega\}$$

的梯度算法, 其中  $\Omega$  是  $\mathbb{R}^n$  中的凸闭集, 并假设到  $\Omega$  上的投影是容易实现的. 在第一讲中就已经提到, 简单约束可微凸优化问题等价于求变分不等式

$$\text{VI}(\Omega, \nabla f) \quad x \in \Omega, \quad (x' - x)^T \nabla f(x) \geq 0, \quad \forall x' \in \Omega$$

的解. 这一讲的投影梯度方法, 分别是收缩算法和下降算法, 都不要用到函数值  $f(x)$ , 只要对给定的  $x$ , 能提供  $\nabla f(x)$ . 收缩算法保证迭代点向解集靠近. 下降算法则隐含了目标函数值下降, 尽管目标函数值在计算过程中从不出现.

设  $x^*$  是变分不等式  $\text{VI}(\Omega, \nabla f)$  的解. 由于  $\tilde{x} = P_\Omega[x - \beta \nabla f(x)] \in \Omega$ , 因此根据变分不等式的定义有第一个基本不等式

$$(F1) \quad (\tilde{x} - x^*)^T \beta \nabla f(x^*) \geq 0.$$

由于  $\tilde{x}$  是  $x - \beta \nabla f(x)$  在  $\Omega$  上的投影,  $x^* \in \Omega$ , 根据投影的基本性质, 有

$$(F12) \quad (\tilde{x} - x^*)^T ([x - \beta \nabla f(x)] - \tilde{x}) \geq 0.$$

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$$\text{凸的} (\forall y \in C) \quad \langle \nabla f(x) | y - x \rangle \geq 0.$$

- ▶ When  $f$  is convex,  $x$  is a fixed point of the projected gradient iteration if and only if  $x$  is a global minimizer of  $f$  over  $C$ .

全局最小值.

# Convergence in the convex case 收敛性.

## Cocoercity property 强制性.

Assume that  $f$  is convex and has a Lipschitzian gradient with constant  $\beta \in ]0, +\infty[$ , i.e.

$$(\forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{H}^2) \quad \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq \beta \|x - y\|.$$

Then

$$(\forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{H}^2) \quad \beta \langle \nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y) | x - y \rangle \geq \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|^2.$$

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Then the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  generated by the projected gradient algorithm is Fejér monotone with respect to  $D$ , i.e.

$$(\forall x \in D)(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad \|x_{n+1} - x\| \leq \|x_n - x\|.$$

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Proof: Let  $x \in D$ . Then, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|P_C(x_n - \gamma_n \nabla f(x_n)) - x\|^2 && x \text{ is a fix point.} \\
 & = \|P_C(x_n - \gamma_n \nabla f(x_n)) - P_C(x - \gamma_n \nabla f(x))\|^2 && x = P_C(x - \gamma_n \nabla f(x)). \\
 & \leq \|x_n - \gamma_n \nabla f(x_n) - x + \gamma_n \nabla f(x)\|^2 && \text{coercivity.} \\
 & = \|x_n - x\|^2 - 2\gamma_n \langle \nabla f(x_n) - \nabla f(x) \mid x_n - x \rangle + \gamma_n^2 \|\nabla f(x_n) - \nabla f(x)\|^2 \\
 & \leq \|x_n - x\|^2 - \underline{2\gamma_n \beta^{-1} \|\nabla f(x_n) - \nabla f(x)\|^2} + \gamma_n^2 \|\nabla f(x_n) - \nabla f(x)\|^2 \\
 & = \|x_n - x\|^2 - \gamma_n (2\beta^{-1} - \gamma_n) \|\nabla f(x_n) - \nabla f(x)\|^2 \leq \|x_n - x\|^2.
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Proof: We deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x\| &\leq (1 - \lambda_n) \|x_n - x\| + \lambda_n \|P_C(x_n - \gamma_n \nabla f(x_n)) - x\| \\ &\leq \|x_n - x\|. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Fejér monotone with respect to  $D$ .

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Then the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  generated by the projected gradient algorithm converges weakly to a minimizer of  $f$  over  $C$ .

梯度投影法，  
弱收敛。

# Convergence of the function values

## Descent lemma

Assume that  $f$  is Gâteaux differentiable and has a  $\beta$ -Lipschitzian gradient with  $\beta \in ]0, +\infty[$ . Then,

$$(\forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{H}^2) \quad f(y) \leq f(x) + \langle y - x \mid \nabla f(x) \rangle + \frac{\beta}{2} \|y - x\|^2.$$

Proof: For every  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{H}^2$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\varphi(t) = f(x + t(y - x))$ .  $\varphi$  is differentiable and  $\varphi'(t) = \langle y - x \mid \nabla f(x + t(y - x)) \rangle$ . We have then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(1) - \varphi(0) &= \int_0^1 \varphi'(t) dt \\ \Leftrightarrow f(y) - f(x) - \langle y - x \mid \nabla f(x) \rangle &= \int_0^1 \langle y - x \mid \nabla f(x + t(y - x)) - \nabla f(x) \rangle dt. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, according to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle y - x \mid \nabla f(x + t(y - x)) - \nabla f(x) \rangle \\ &\leq \|y - x\| \|\nabla f(x + t(y - x)) - \nabla f(x)\| \leq t\beta \|y - x\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

This leads to  $f(y) \leq f(x) + \langle y - x \mid \nabla f(x) \rangle + \frac{\beta}{2} \|y - x\|^2$ .



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Proof: Let  $n \geq 1$ . According to the descent lemma,

$$f(x_{n+1}) \leq f(x_n) + \langle \nabla f(x_n) \mid x_{n+1} - x_n \rangle + \frac{\beta}{2} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2$$

Since  $x_{n+1} = P_C(x_n - \gamma_n \nabla f(x_n))$  and  $x_n \in C$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x_n + \gamma_n \nabla f(x_n)\|^2 &\leq \|x_n - x_n + \gamma_n \nabla f(x_n)\|^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2 + 2\gamma_n \langle \nabla f(x_n) \mid x_{n+1} - x_n \rangle &\leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \langle \nabla f(x_n) \mid x_{n+1} - x_n \rangle &\leq -\frac{1}{2\gamma_n} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$f(x_{n+1}) \leq f(x_n) + \frac{1}{2}(\beta - \gamma_n^{-1})\|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2 \leq f(x_n).$$

Since  $(f(x_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a decaying sequence, lower bounded by  $\mu$ , it converges.

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## Remarks:

- ▶ If  $f$  is convex, the same result holds when  $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) \lambda_n \in ]0, 1]$  and  $\gamma_n \in ]0, 2/\beta[$ . In addition,  $f(x_n) \rightarrow \mu$ .
- ▶ In the nonconvex case, there is no guarantee that the limit is  $\mu$  since the iterates may get stuck in a spurious local minimum.

## Metric change 度量变化.

Let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H})$  be a self-adjoint operator which is strongly positive, i.e. there exists  $\alpha \in ]0, +\infty[$  such that

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The inner product induced by  $A$  is

$$(\forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{H}^2) \quad \langle x | y \rangle_A = \langle x | Ay \rangle.$$

Remark: When  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  is strongly positive if and only if  $A$  is symmetric positive definite.

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Proof: The Gâteaux differential is such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{H}^2) \quad f'(x)y &= \langle \nabla f(x) | y \rangle \\ &= \langle AA^{-1} \nabla f(x) | y \rangle \\ &= \langle A^{-1} \nabla f(x) | Ay \rangle \\ &= \langle \underbrace{A^{-1} \nabla f(x)} | y \rangle_A. \end{aligned}$$

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$\leadsto$  **Newton's method**.

- ▶ Newton's method can also be derived from a second-order Taylor expansion of  $f$  around  $x_n$  at iteration  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : *= 二阶 Taylor 展开*

$$x_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{H}} f(x_n) + \underbrace{\langle \nabla f(x_n) | x - x_n \rangle}_{f'(x_n)(x-x_n)} + \frac{1}{2} \langle x - x_n | \nabla^2 f(x_n)(x - x_n) \rangle.$$

*$f''(x_n)(x-x_n)^2/2$*

## Example 1: Uzawa algorithm

### Problem

Let  $\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{H} \times \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable with respect to its second argument. We want to find a saddle point of  $\mathcal{L}$  over  $\mathcal{H} \times [0, +\infty[^q$ .

### Solution

Set  $\lambda_0 \in [0, +\infty[^q$

For  $n = 0, 1, \dots$

	Set $\gamma_n \in ]0, +\infty[, \rho_n \in ]0, 1]$
	$x_n \in \text{Argmin} \mathcal{L}(\cdot, \lambda_n)$
	$\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n + \rho_n (P_{[0, +\infty[^q}(\lambda_n + \gamma_n \nabla_{\lambda} \mathcal{L}(x_n, \lambda_n)) - \lambda_n).$

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We want to minimize the difference of convex functions  $f - g$ .

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If  $f$  and  $g^*$  are Gâteaux differentiable, we can use the following algorithm:

Set  $(x_0, v_0) \in \mathcal{H}^2$

For  $n = 0, 1, \dots$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Set } \gamma_n \in ]0, +\infty[, \mu_n \in ]0, +\infty[ \\ x_{n+1} = x_n - \gamma_n(\nabla f(x_n) - v_n) \\ v_{n+1} = v_n - \mu_n(\nabla g^*(v_n) - x_{n+1}). \end{array} \right.$$

## Exercise

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be real Hilbert spaces and let  $L \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{G})$ . Let  $y \in \mathcal{G}$  and let  $\alpha \in ]0, +\infty[$ .

We want to minimize the function defined as

$$(\forall x \in \mathcal{H}) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|Lx - y\|^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|x\|^2.$$

1. Give the form of the gradient descent algorithm allowing us to solve this problem.
2. How does Newton's method read for this function ?
3. Consider the case when  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^N$ . Study the convergence of the gradient descent algorithm by performing the eigendecomposition of  $L^*L$ .