

# Examples

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[17]: include("notebook_init.jl");
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**Lei.** I have modified alg 1 and alg 2 to keep going even if the gradient norm increases. This makes a significant difference for Example 2. We will need to put the updated figures into the paper and make the notation consistent. I think the results for Example 2 look ok. I am troubled that we can only drive the relative gradient norm to about .5. Is that a problem?

This notebook generates the figures in the paper *Complexity of Projected Gradient Methods for Strongly Convex Optimization with  $H^{\text{order}}$  Continuous Gradient Terms* by X. Chen, C. T. Kelley, and L. Wang

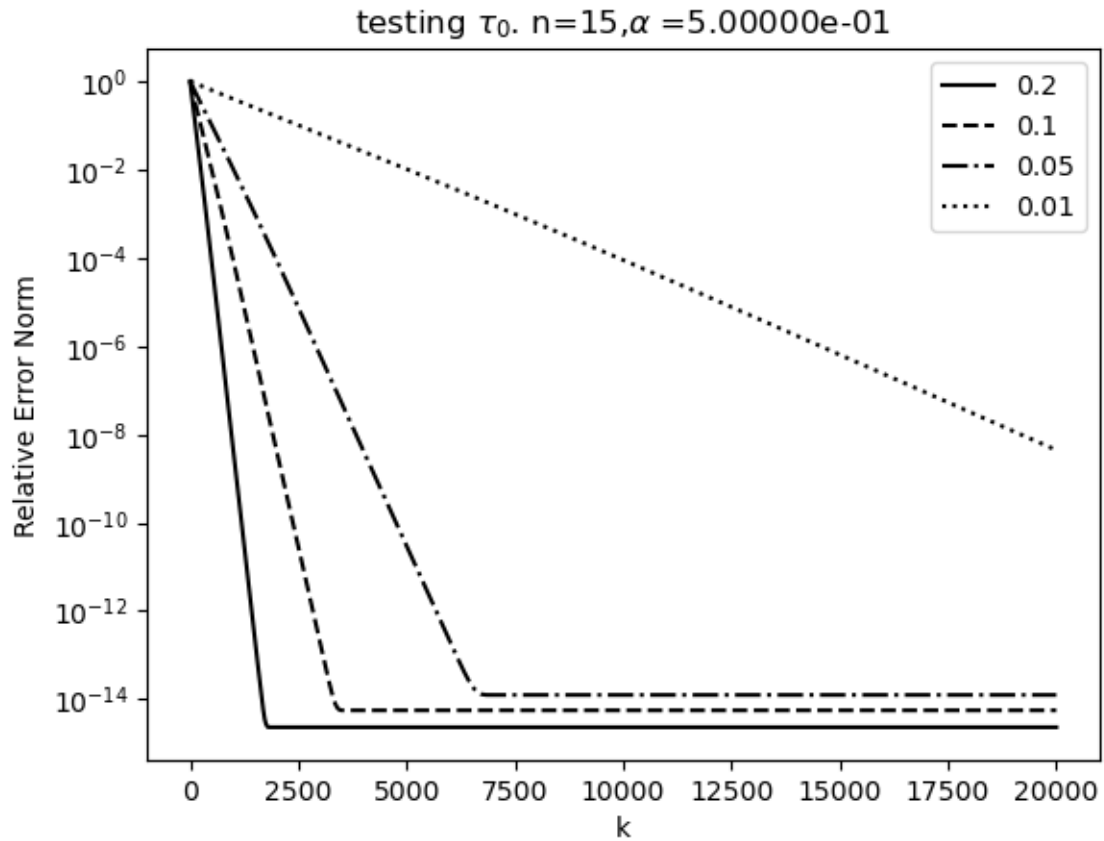
## Example 1

Generate Figures 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), and 2(b). These figures are for Algorithm 1. Figures 1(a) and 2(a) compare various stepsizes  $\tau = \tau_0 h^2$  which are consistent with the CFL condition. Figures 1(b) and 2(b) examine values of the exponent  $p$ .

The files for building the figures are in `/src/Figures`. The code is `Figures_Algl.jl` and the functions `Figure1_2a` and `Figure1_2b`. The functions take the dimension as an argument.

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[18]: Figure1_2a(15);
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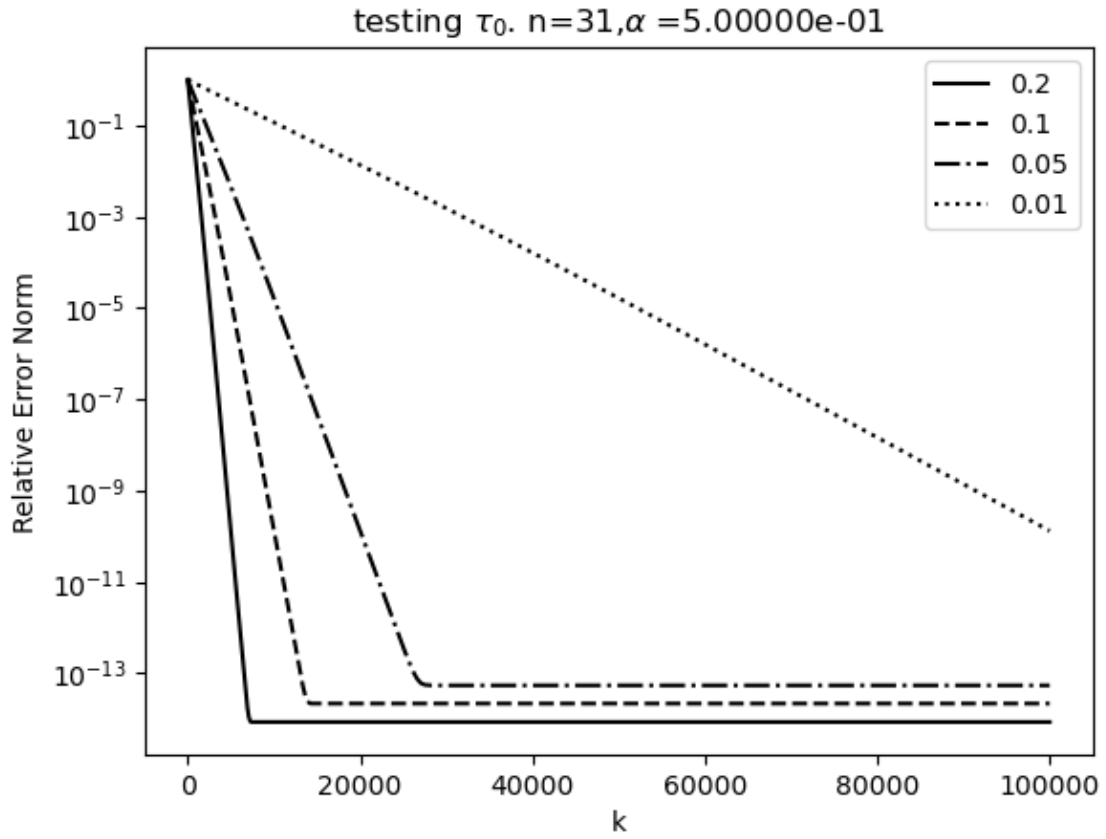
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testing $\tau_0$. n=15,$\alpha$ =5.00000e-01
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We run this again with a problem size of 31x31. This requires smaller stepsizes and the Lipschitz constant increases by a factor of four.

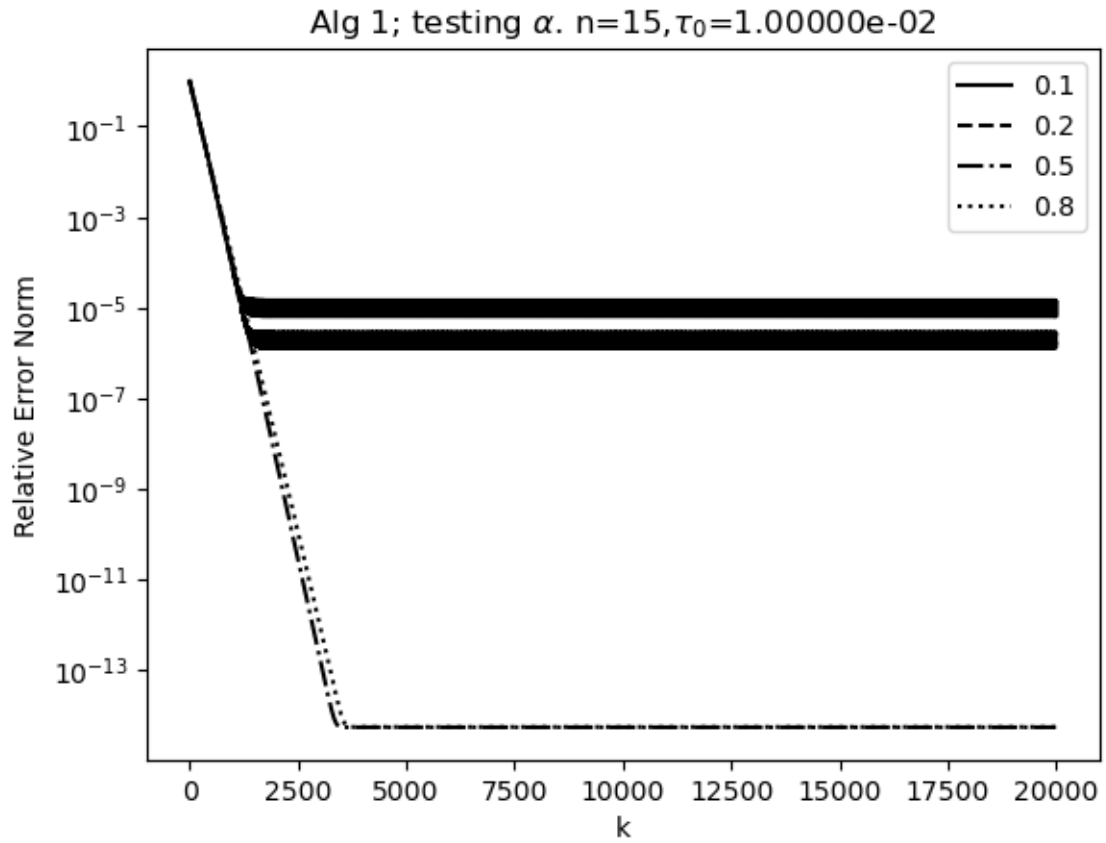
[19]: `Figure1_2a(31);`

testing  $\tau_0$ .  $n=31, \alpha=5.00000e-01$



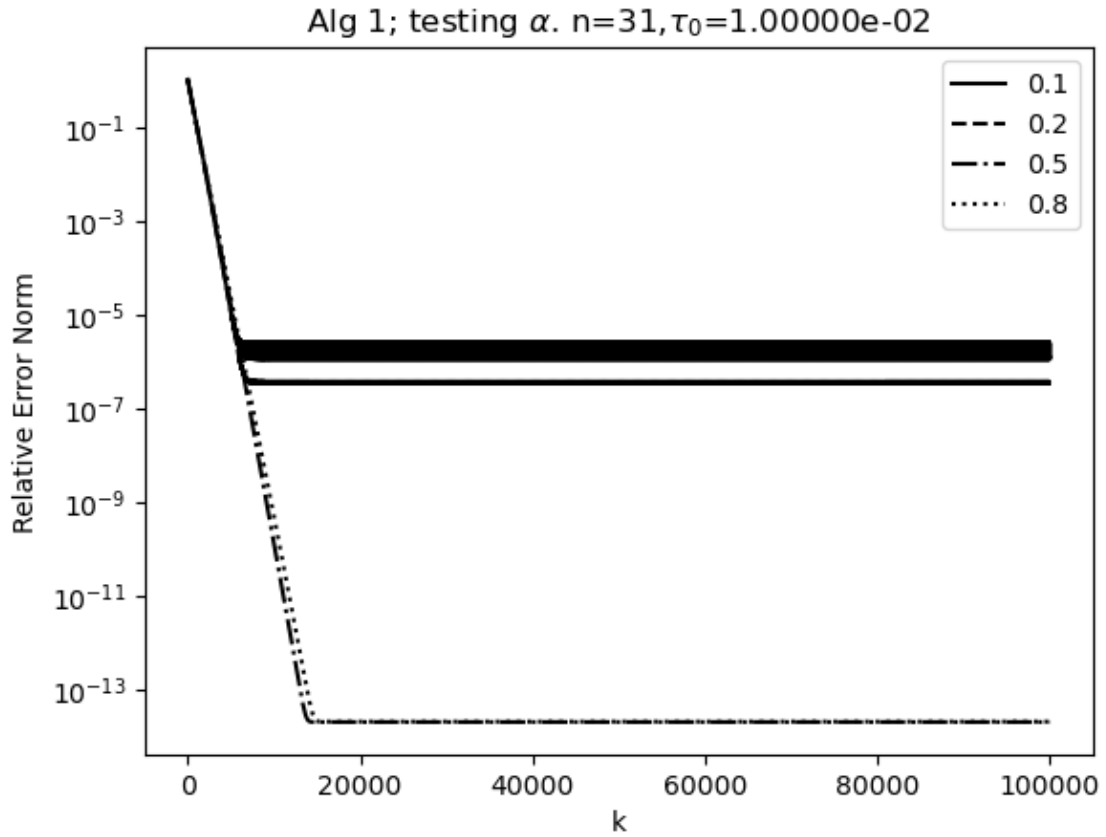
Now we compare the effects of changing the exponent  $p$ . Here we can see the effects of the change I made in Alg 1 by letting the gradient norm increase without terminating the iteration.

[20]: `Figure1_2b(15);`



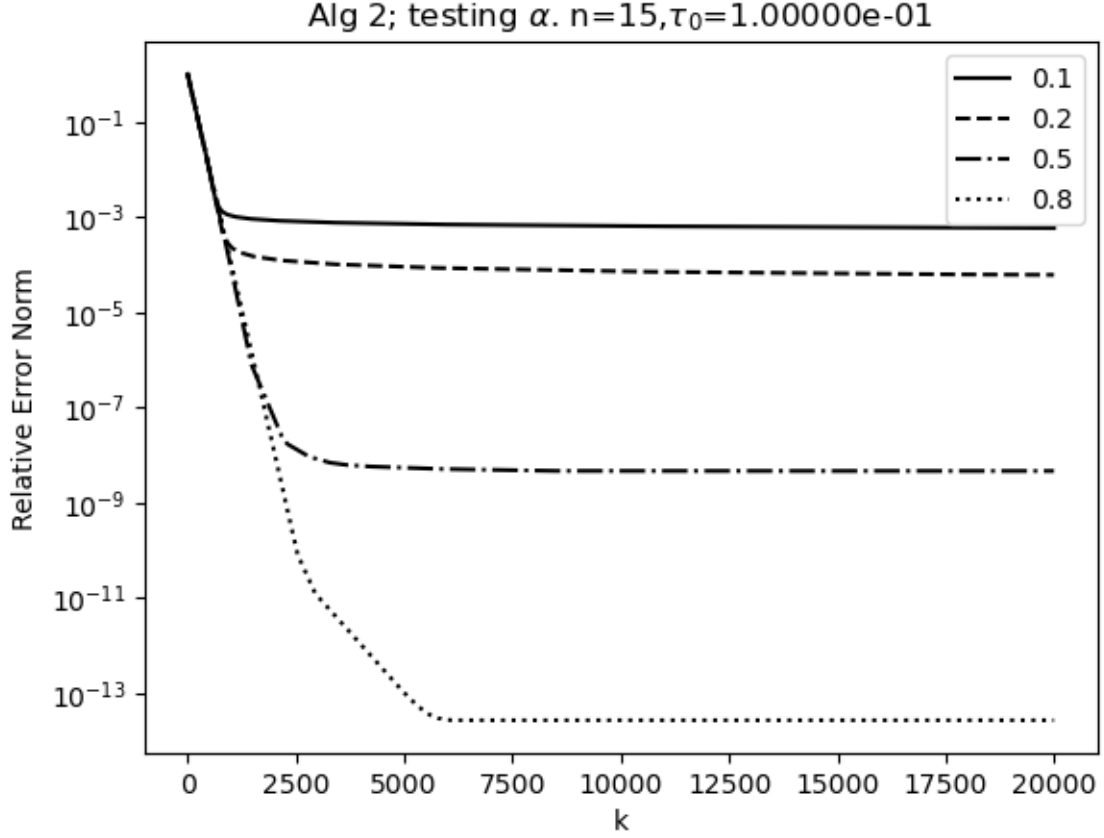
And finally repeat the computation for a 31x31 grid. This will complete the computations for Example 1 + Algorithm 1.

[21]: `Figure1_2b(31);`



If we are no longer considering the line search, we should remove the discussion of Alg 2. The next example is Figure 3, which tests Algorithm 2. We start with  $\tau_0 = 1$  and let the line search work.

[22]: `Figure3(15);`

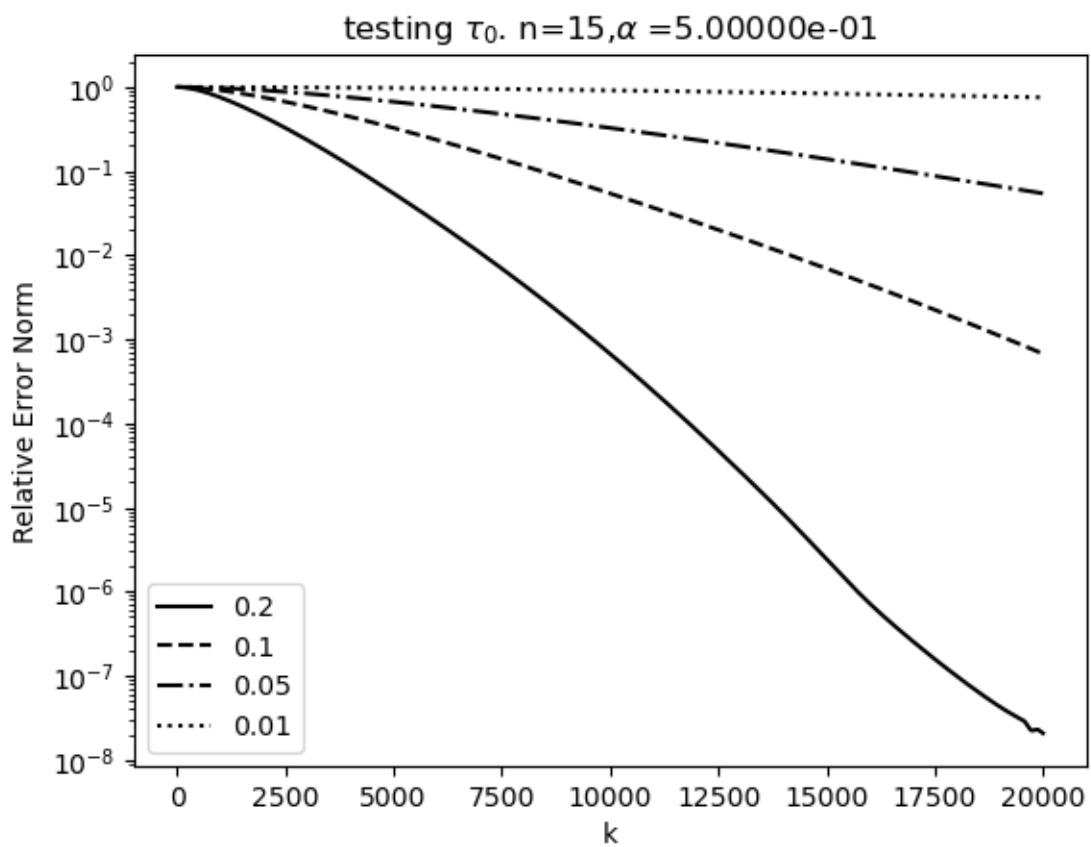


The advantage of the line search is that one does not have to manually adjust  $\tau_0$ .

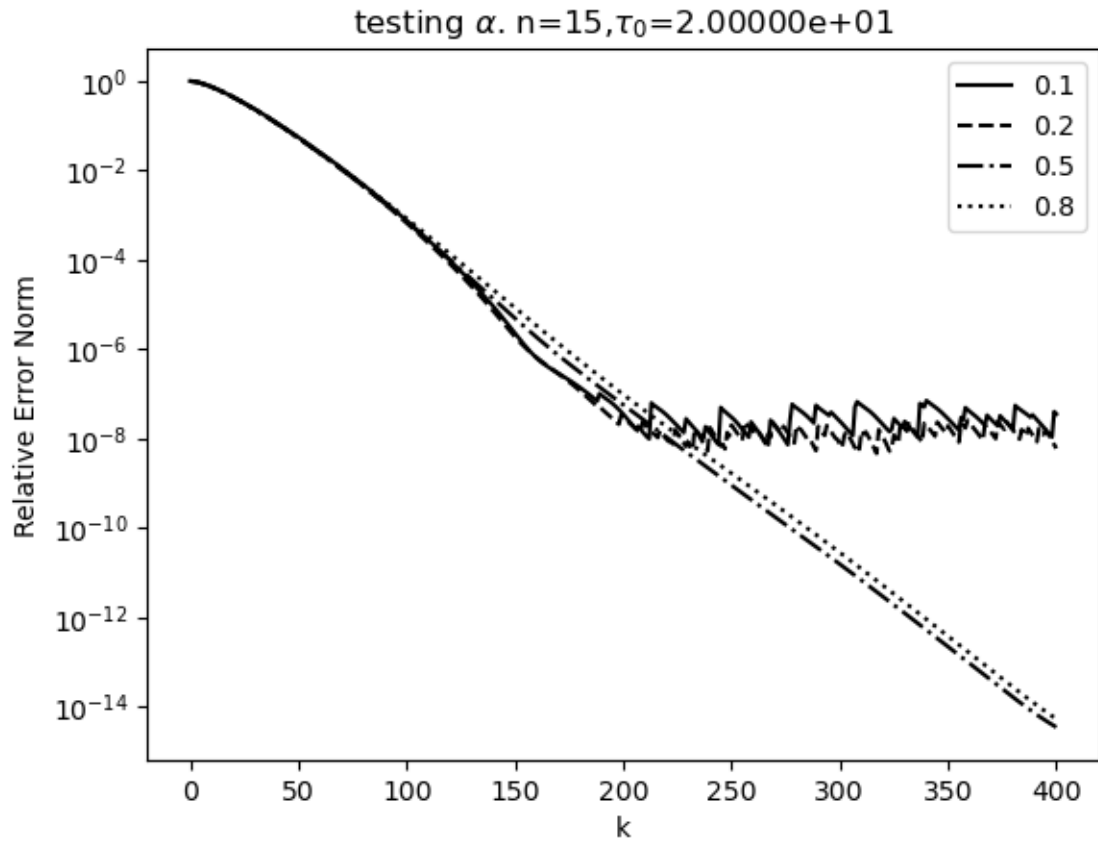
The results for Algorithm 3 are in Figures 4 and 5. We set  $\nu = \tau_0 h^2$  in these examples and will need to modify that to use the estimate in Remark 4.2. In the first two figures 4(a) and 4(b) use the values of  $\tau_0$  we use in Figure 1.

[23]: `Figure4_5a(15);`

testing  $\tau_0$ .  $n=15, \alpha = 5.00000e-01$



[24] : Figure4\_5b(15);

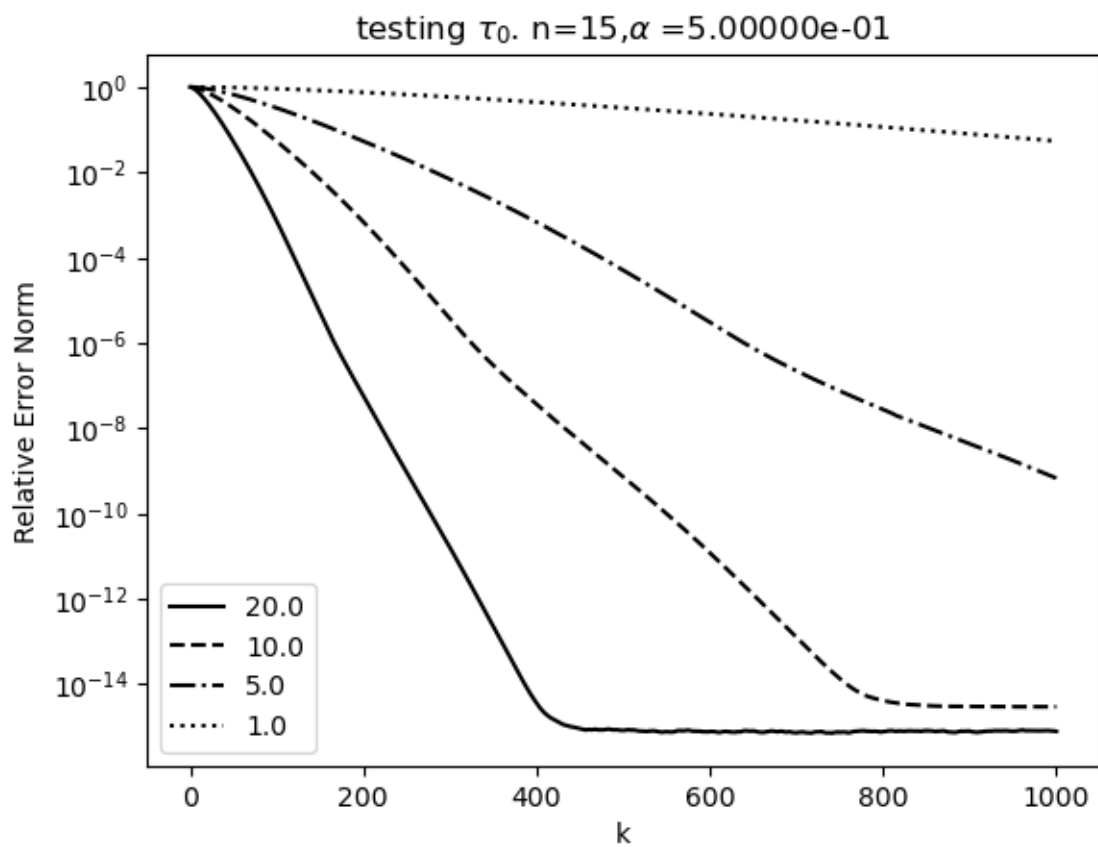


Now we use the larger values of  $\tau_0$ .

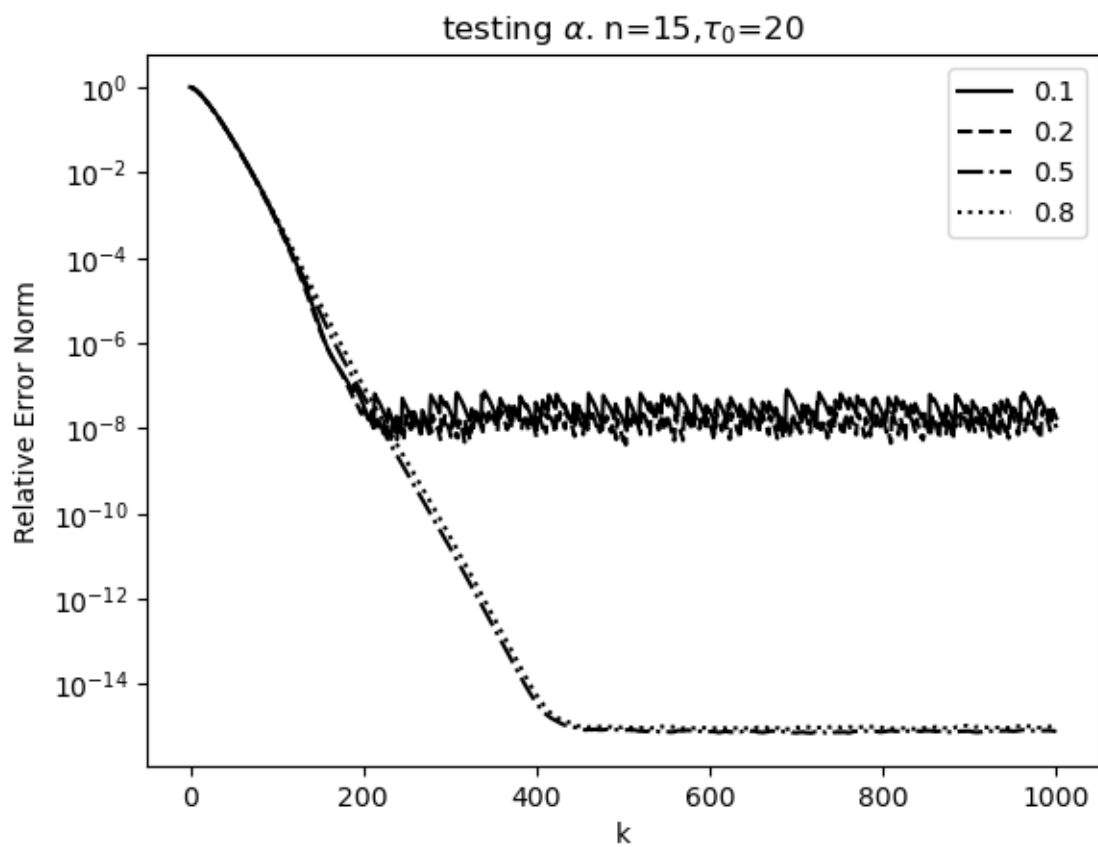
[25]: `Figure4_5a(15; maxit=1000, tauvec=[20.0, 10.0, 5.0, 1.0]);`

testing  $\tau_0$ .  $n=15, \alpha = 5.00000e-01$



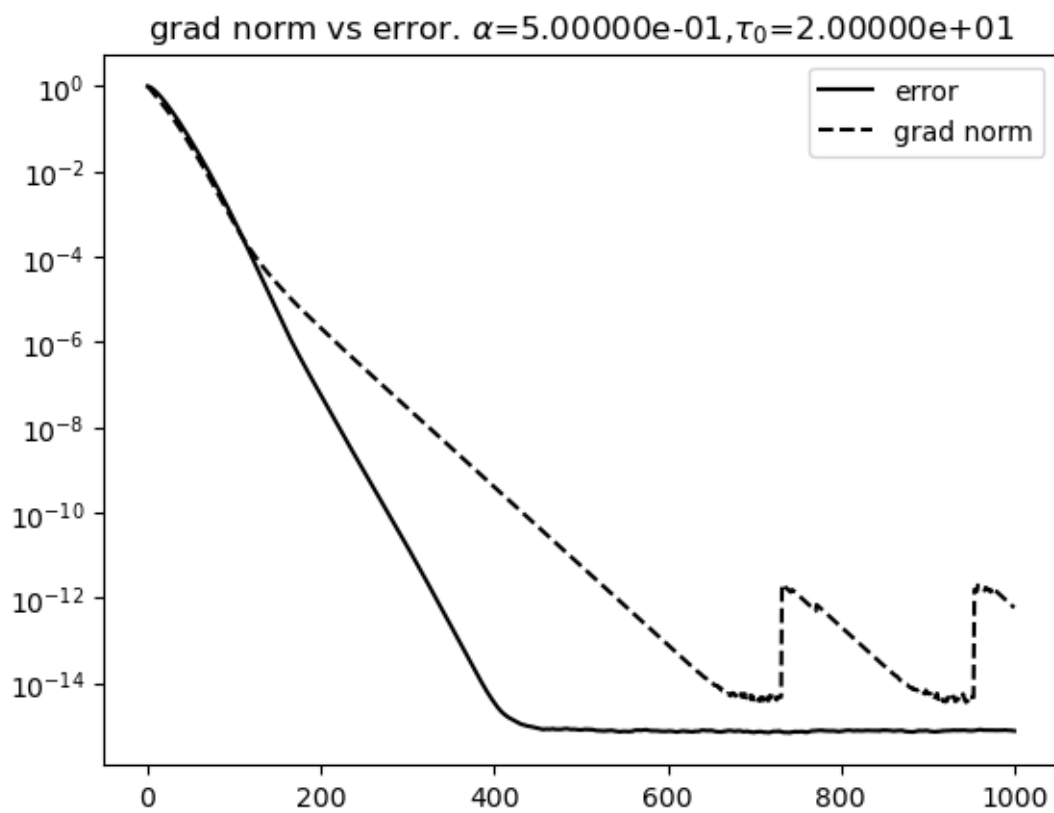


[26]: `Figure4_5b(15; maxit=1000, tau0=20);`

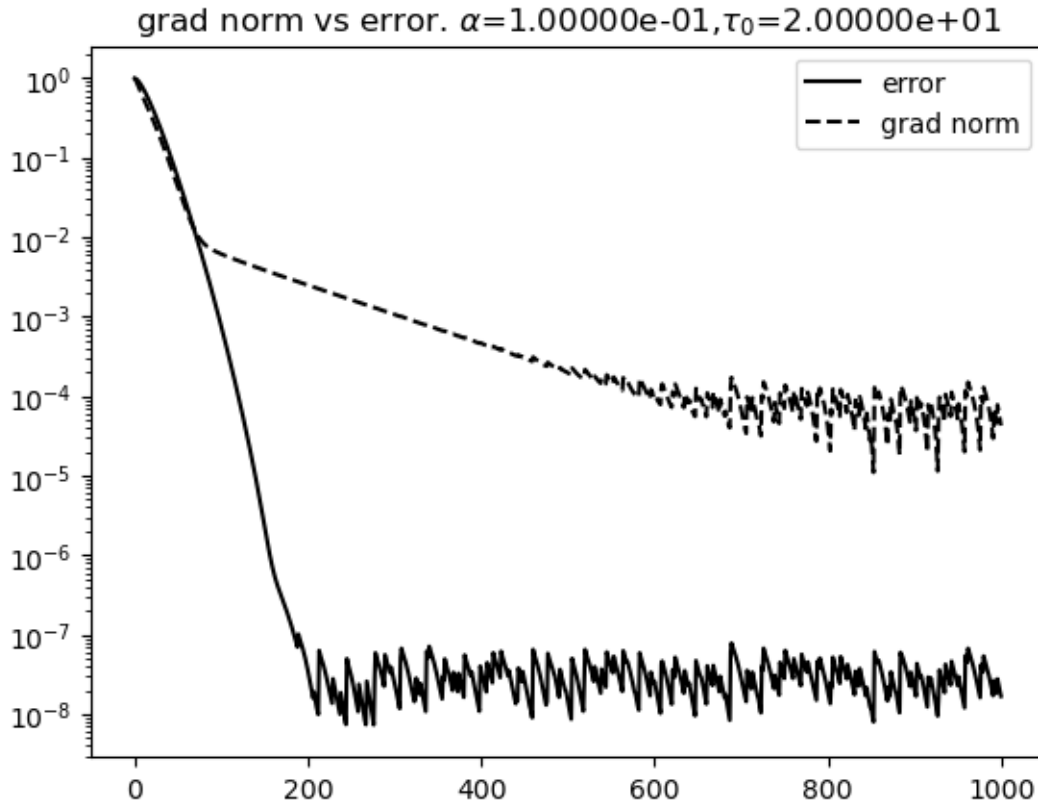


Figures 6ab compare the gradient norm to the error norm for  $p=.5$  and  $p=.01$ .

[27]: `Figure6ab(15; alpha=.5, tau0=20.0);`



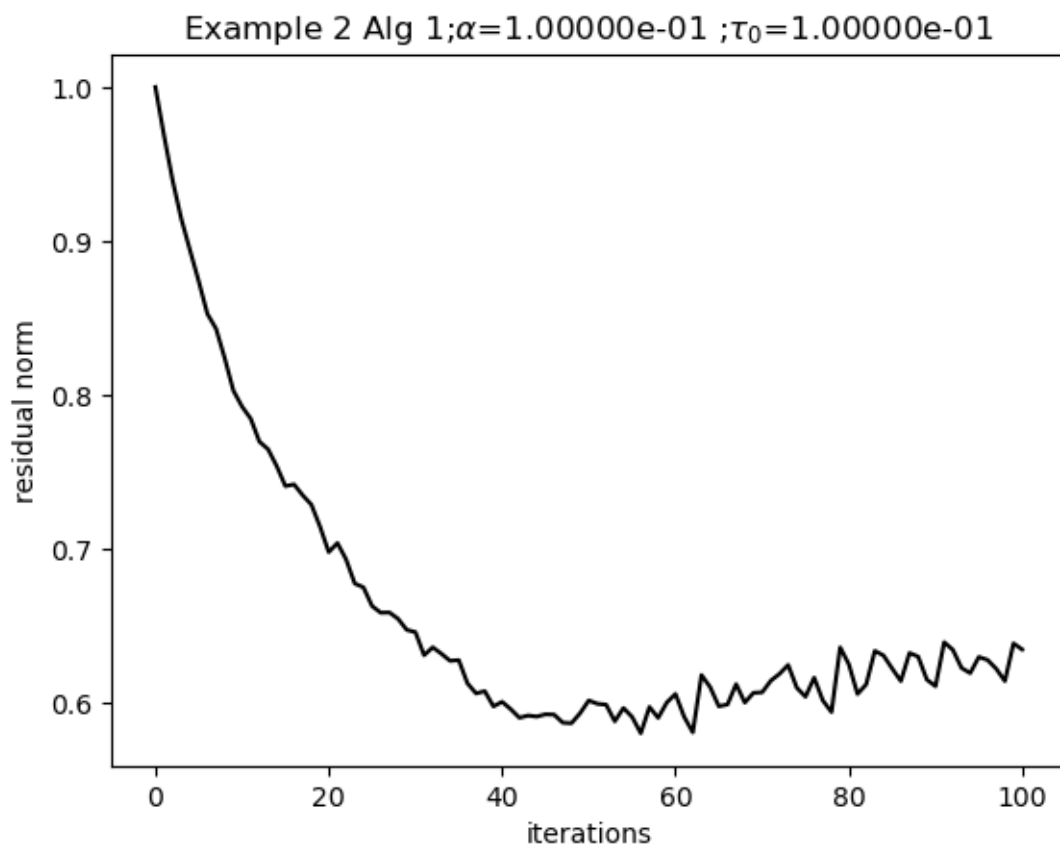
[28]: `Figure6ab(15; alpha=.1, tau0=20.0);`



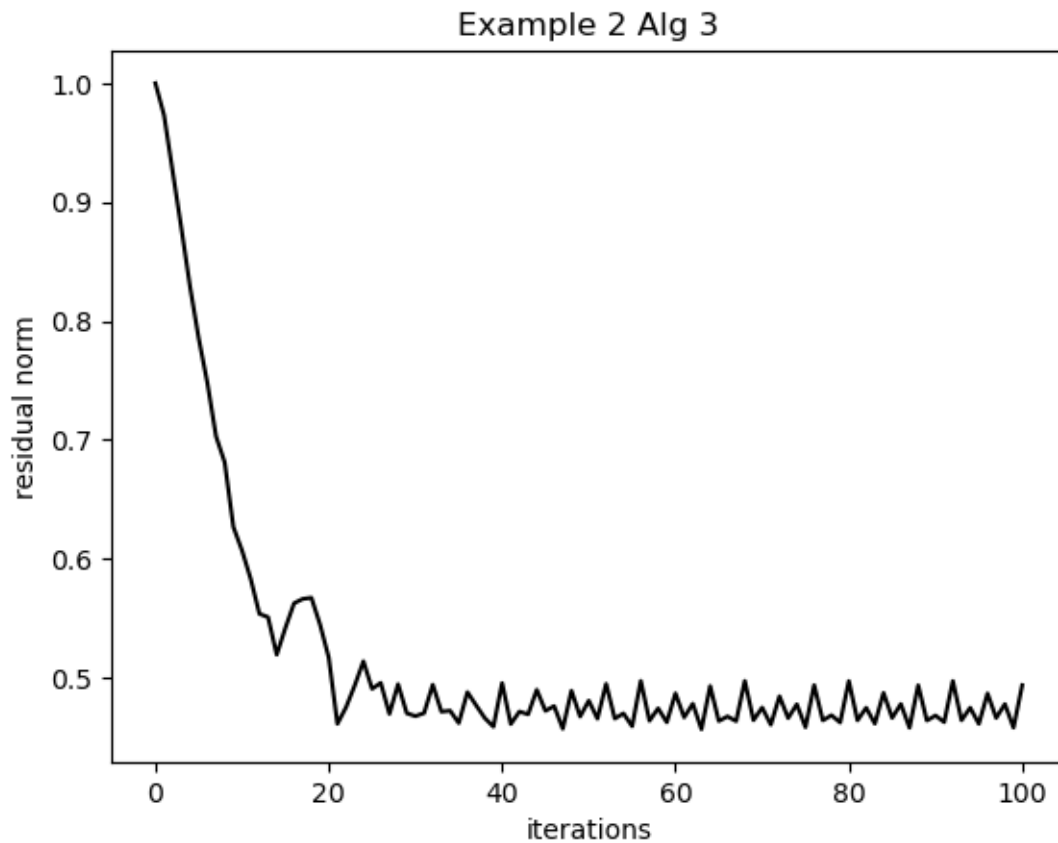
Here are the two figures for example 2. I am using  $\delta = 20$ ,  $\alpha = .1$ , and  $p = 1.5$ , so  $\lambda > \alpha/\nu$  as we need. This is interesting since it makes it clear that Alg 3 is better.

The boundary conditions are  $u = u_b$  on the boundary where  $u_b(x, y) = .5 - \sin(x) \sin(y)$ .

[29]: `Example2a(;alpha=.1, tau0=.1);`

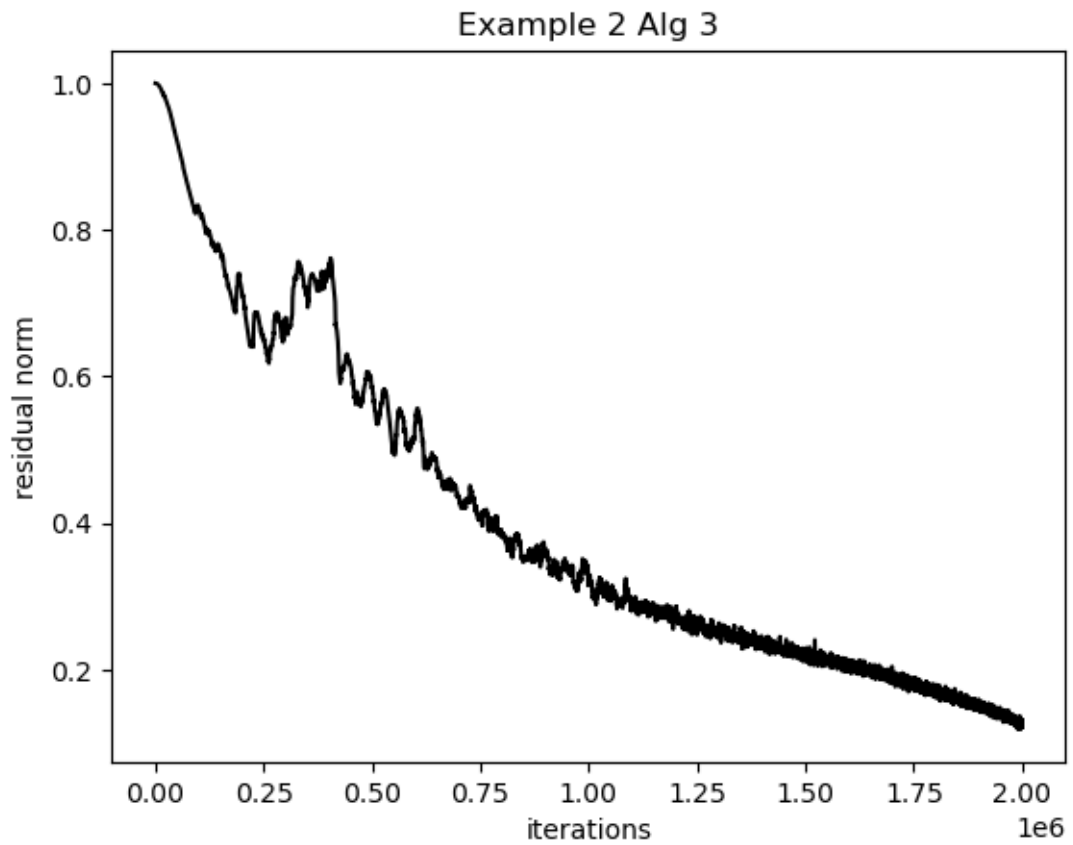


[30]: `Example2b(; alpha=.1, tau0=20.0);`



The next experiment is Alg3 with a larger maxit and a small value of  $\tau_0$ . The theory predicts that we will get a smaller gradient norm.

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[31]: Example2b(;alpha=.1, tau0=.001, maxit=2000000)
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[31]: Python: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Example 2 Alg 3')

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