

Making Optimistic Gradient Adaptive and Robust to Noise

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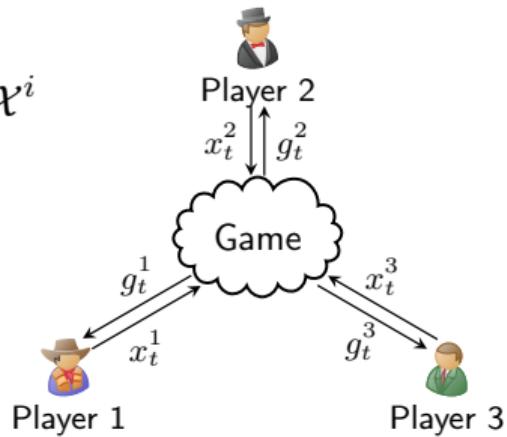
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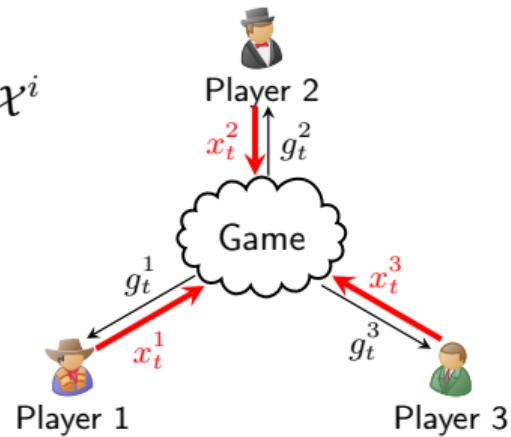


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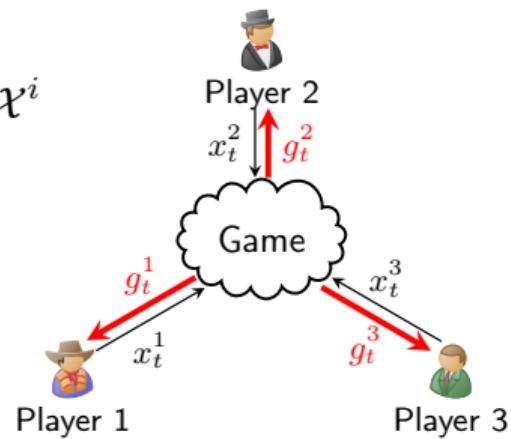


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Evaluating Learning in Games Algorithms

Two interaction scenarios

- **Self-play**: all the players use the same algorithm
- **Adversarial**: the actions of the other players are arbitrary and even adversarial

Two evaluation criteria

- **Regret** of player i with respect to comparator set \mathcal{P}^i

$$\text{Reg}_T^i(\mathcal{P}^i) = \max_{p^i \in \mathcal{P}^i} \sum_{t=1}^T \underbrace{\left(\ell^i(x_t^i, \mathbf{x}_t^{-i}) - \ell^i(p^i, \mathbf{x}_t^{-i}) \right)}_{\text{cost of not playing } p^i \text{ in round } t}.$$

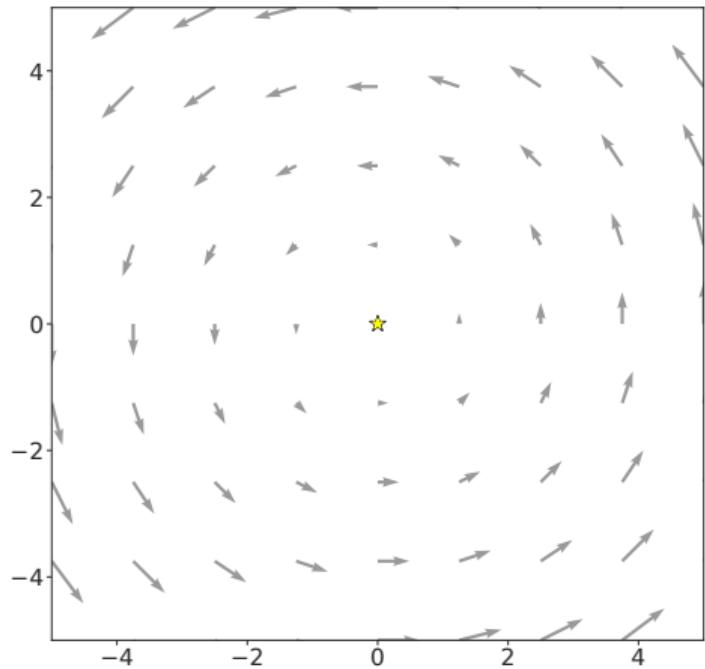
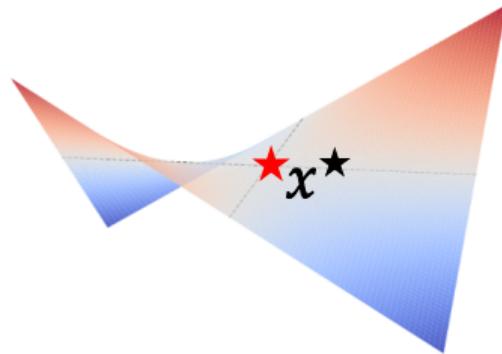
- Whether the sequence of play \mathbf{x}_t converges to a **Nash equilibrium** \mathbf{x}_*

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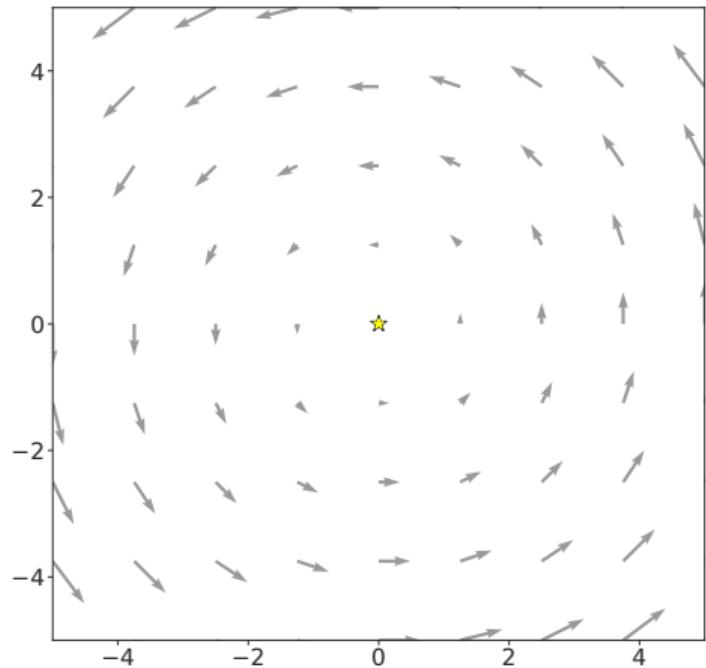
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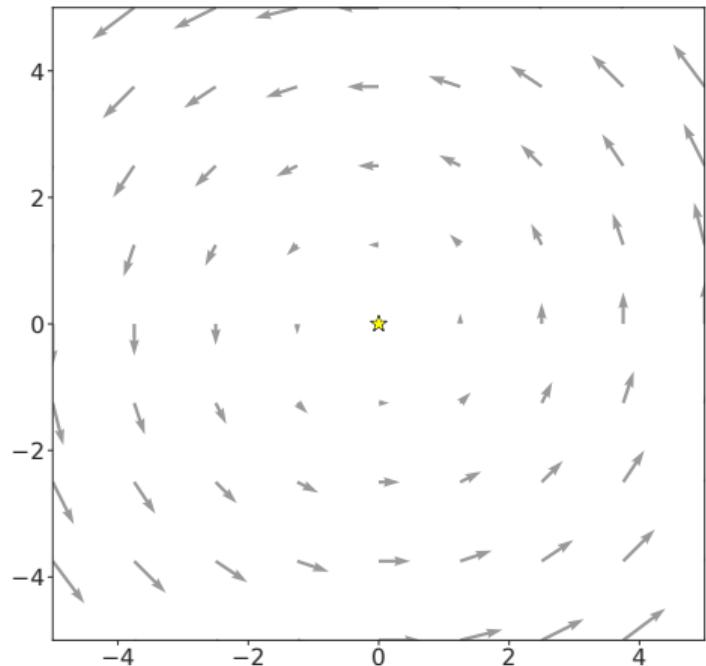
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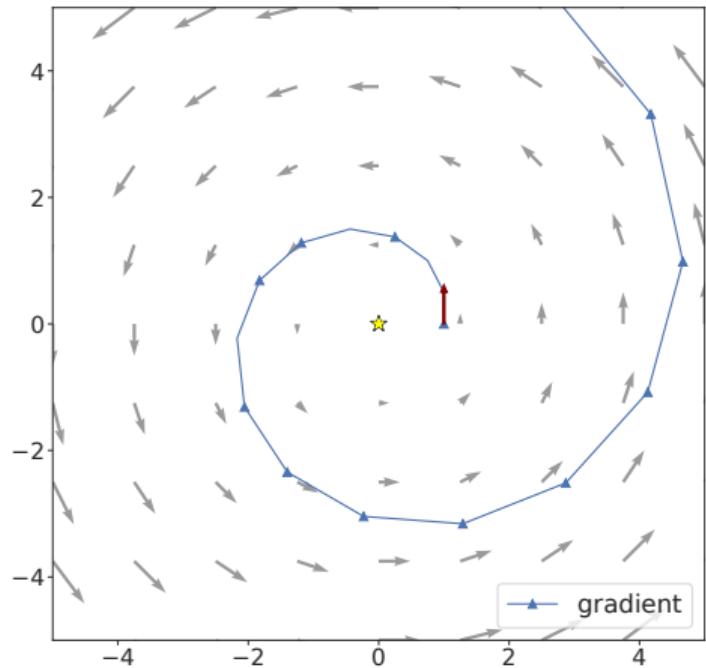
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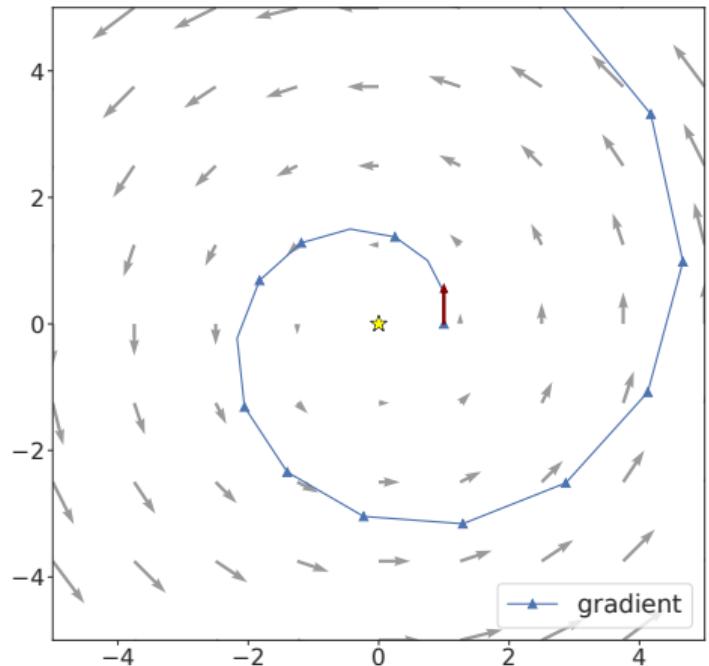
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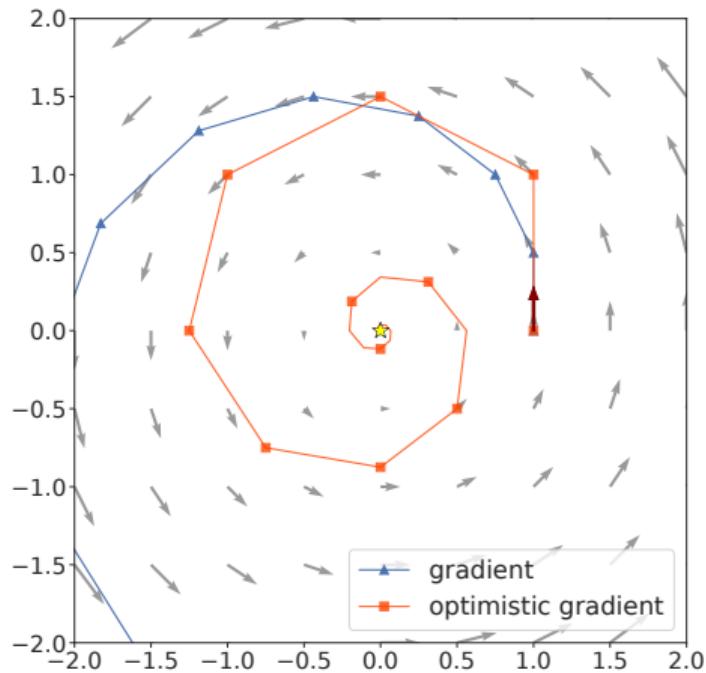
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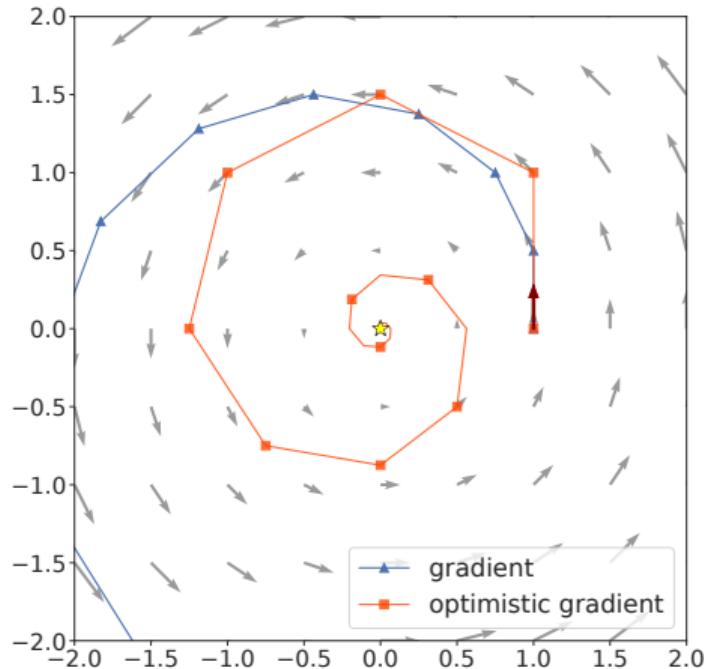
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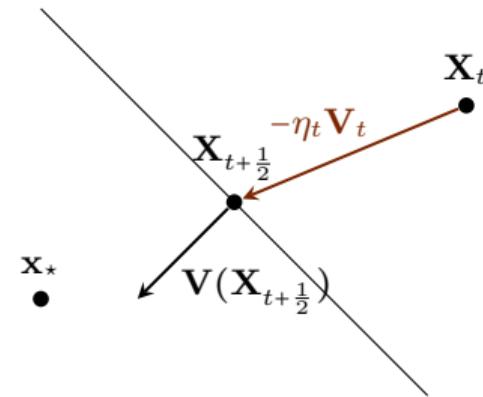
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Intuitions Behind Optimistic Gradient

- Better discretization of the continuous flow [Lu 21]
- Look into the future, anticipating the landscape
 - ▶ Learning with recency bias [Rakhlin and Sridharan 13, Syrgkanis et al. 15]
Compare with methods that ‘knows the future’
 - ▶ Approximation of proximal point (PP) methods [Mokhtari et al. 20]
- Relaxed projection onto a separating hyperplane [Tseng 00, Facchinei and Pang 03]

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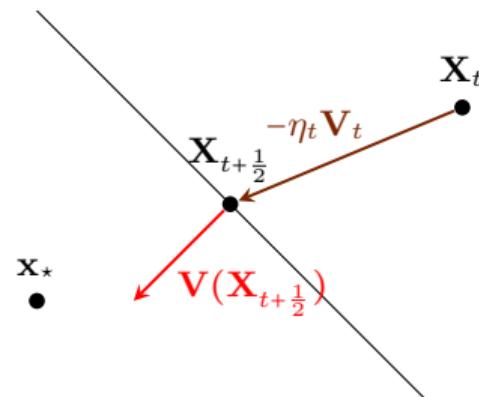


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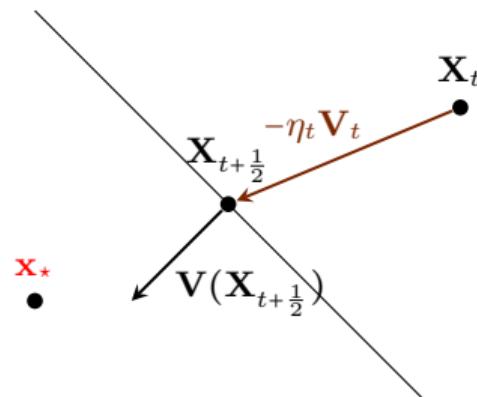
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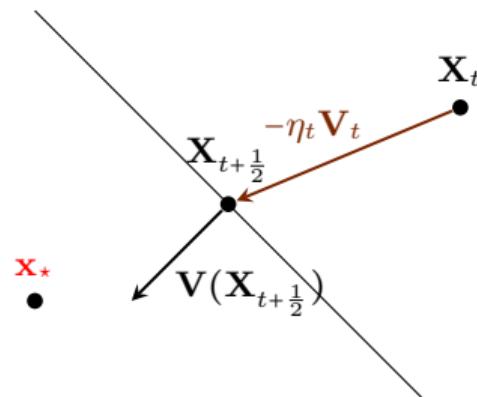
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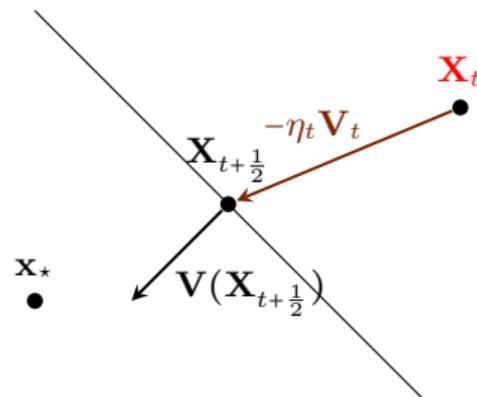
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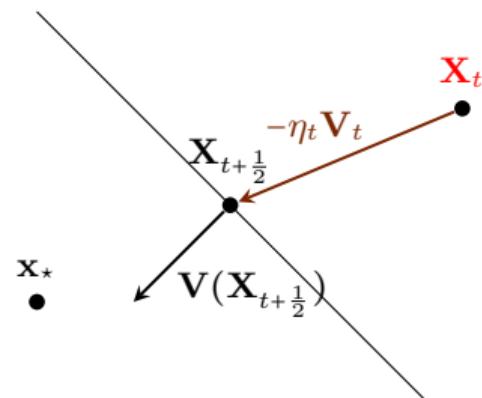
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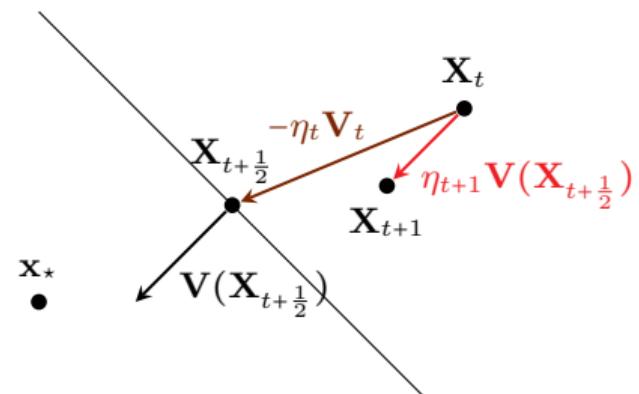
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- The update step moves the iterate closer to the solutions



Variational Stability

Definition [Variationally stable games]

Let $\mathbf{V} = (\nabla_1 \ell^1, \dots, \nabla_M \ell^M)$. A continuous convex game is **variationally stable (VS)** if the set \mathcal{X}_* of Nash equilibria of the game is nonempty and

$$\langle \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_* \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \nabla_i \ell^i(\mathbf{x}), x^i - x_*^i \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, \mathbf{x}_* \in \mathcal{X}_* \quad (1)$$

The game is **strictly variationally stable** if (1) holds as a strict inequality whenever $\mathbf{x} \notin \mathcal{X}_*$.

Especially, a game is variationally stable if \mathbf{V} is monotone

Examples:

- Convex-concave zero-sum games
- Zero-sum polymatrix games
- Cournot oligopolies
- Kelly auctions

Theoretical Guarantees of Optimistic Gradients

- Bounded gradient feedback: $\exists G > 0, \forall t, g_t^i \leq G$
- Learning rate $\eta_t = \Theta(1/\sqrt{t})$
- $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{t})$ minimax-optimal regret in the adversarial regime

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- Joint vector field: $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{X}) = (\nabla_i \ell^i(\mathbf{X}))_{i \in \mathcal{N}}$; Nash equilibria: \mathcal{X}_*
- Strongly monotone: $\exists \alpha > 0, \langle \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}') - \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq \alpha \|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}\|^2$
- Error bound / Metric (sub-)regularity: $\exists \tau > 0, \|\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x})\| \geq \tau \text{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{X}_*)$

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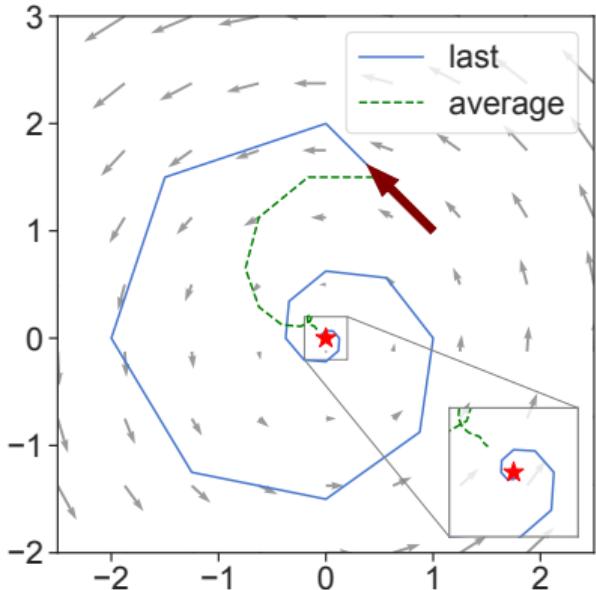
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Property

OG converges in bilinear zero-sum games



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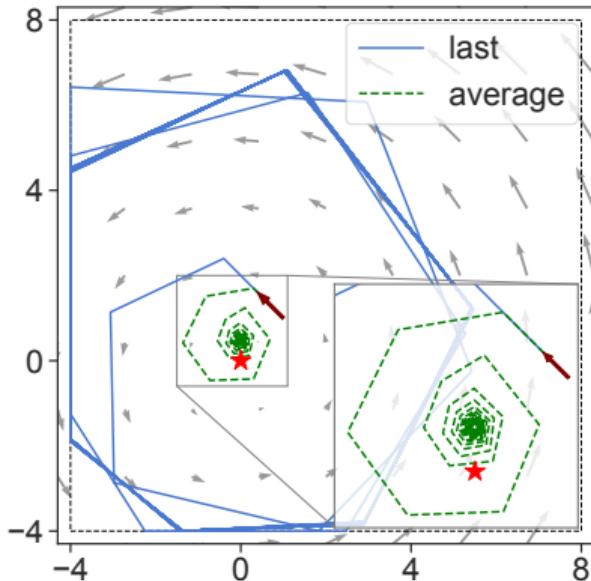
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Problem

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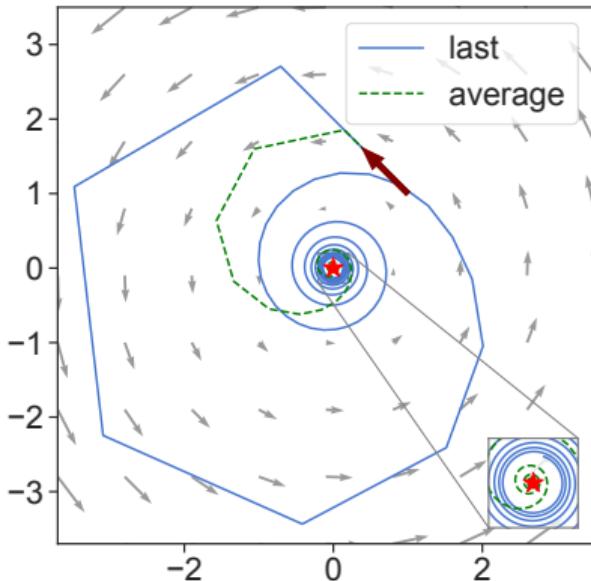
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Solution? _____

$$\eta_t \propto 1/\sqrt{t} \rightarrow \text{slow convergence}$$



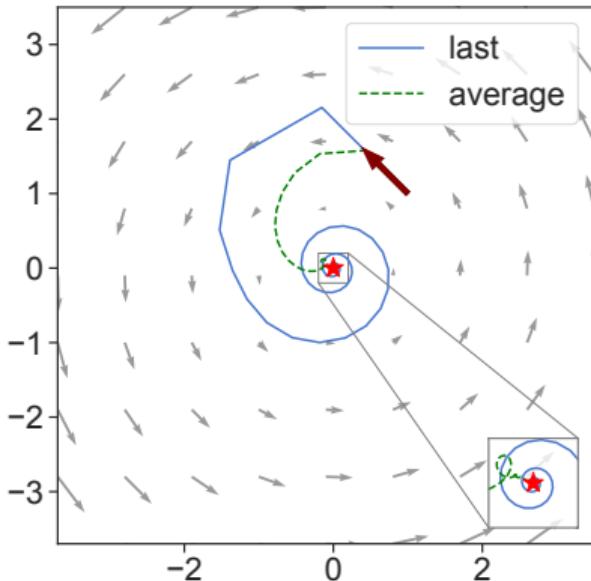
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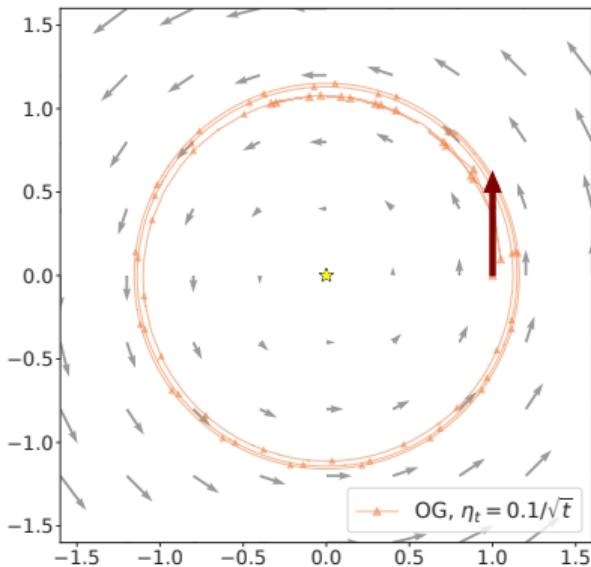
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We observe non-convergence and linear regret



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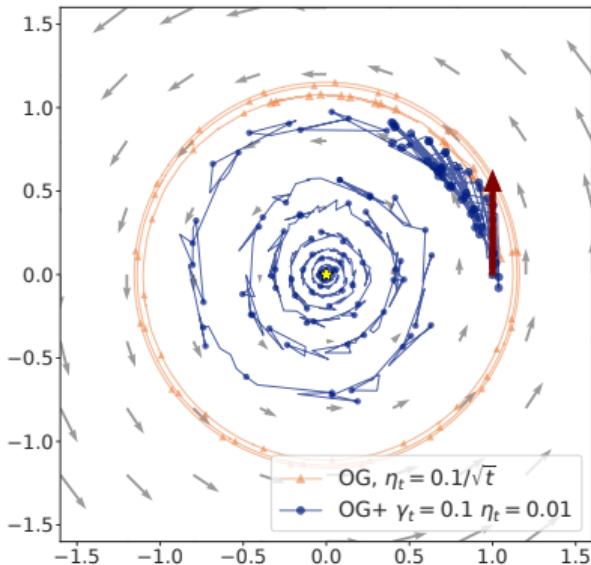
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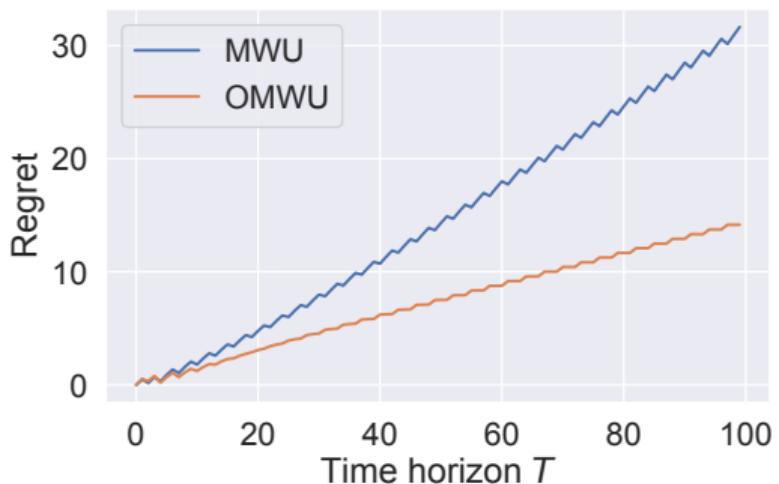
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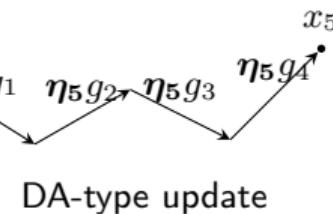
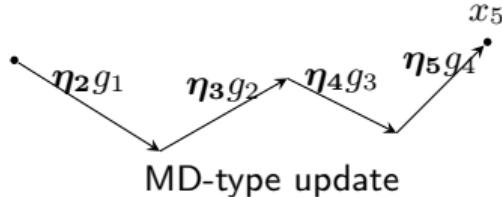
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- Cause: new information enters MD with a **decreasing** weight
- Solution: enter each feedback with **equal** weight
E.g. **Dual averaging or stabilization technique**



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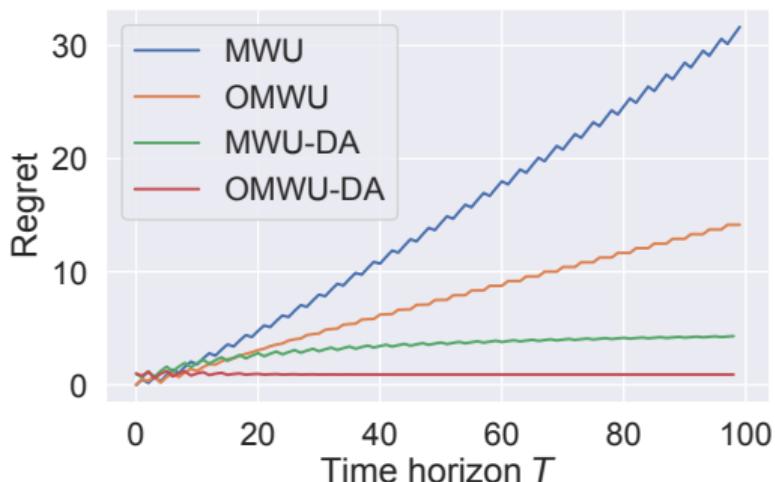
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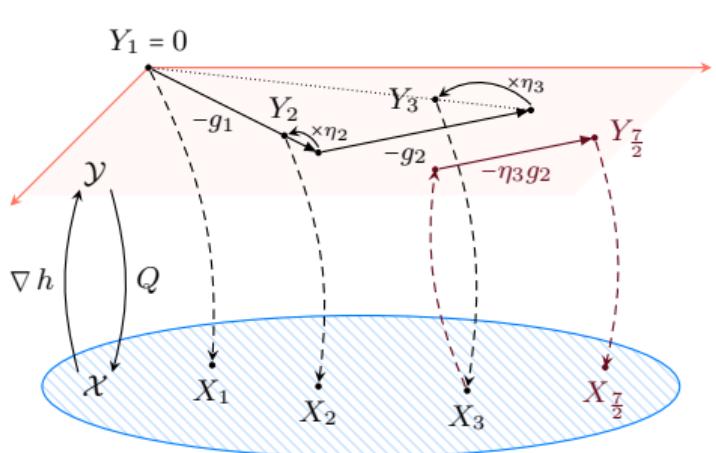
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Optimistic Dual Averaging (OptDA)

$$X_t^i = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}^i} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \langle g_s^i, x \rangle + \frac{h^i(x)}{\eta_t^i} = Q\left(-\eta_t^i \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} g_t^s \right), \quad X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}^i} \langle g_{t-1}^i, x \rangle + \frac{D^i(x, X_t^i)}{\eta_t^i}$$



Regularizer h^i : 1-strongly convex and C^1

Mirror map: $Q^i(y) = \arg \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}^i} \langle y, x \rangle - h^i(x)$

Bregman divergence:

$$D^i(p, x) = h^i(p) - h^i(x) - \langle \nabla h^i(x), p - x \rangle$$

Optimistic Dual Averaging: Examples

- OG-OptDA ▶ \mathcal{X}^i convex closed ▶ $h^i(x) = \frac{\|x\|_2^2}{2}$ ▶ Q : Euclidean projection $\Pi_{\mathcal{X}}$

$$X_t^i = \Pi_{\mathcal{X}}\left(-\eta_t^i \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} g_t^s\right), \quad X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i = \Pi_{\mathcal{X}}(X_t^i - \eta_t^i g_{t-1}^i)$$

- Stabilized OMWU ▶ $\mathcal{X}^i = \Delta^{d^i-1}$ ▶ $h^i(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{d_i} x_{[k]} \log x_{[k]}$ ▶ Q : Softmax

$$X_{t+\frac{1}{2},[k]}^{(i)} = \frac{\exp(-\eta_t^i(\sum_{s=1}^{t-1} g_{s,[k]} + g_{t-1,[k]}))}{\sum_{l=1}^{d_i} \exp(-\eta_t^i(\sum_{s=1}^{t-1} g_{s,[l]} + g_{t-1,[l]}))}$$

Energy Inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F^i(p^i, Y_{t+1}^i)}{\eta_{t+1}^i} &\leq \frac{F^i(p^i, Y_t^i)}{\eta_t^i} - \langle g_t^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - p^i \rangle + \left(\frac{1}{\eta_{t+1}^i} - \frac{1}{\eta_t^i} \right) (h^i(p^i) - \min h^i) \\ &\quad + \langle g_t^i - g_{t-1}^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - X_{t+1}^i \rangle - \frac{D^i(X_{t+1}^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i)}{\eta_t^i} - \frac{D^i(X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i, X_t^i)}{\eta_t^i} \end{aligned}$$

$F^i(p, y) = h^i(p) + (h^i)^*(y) - \langle y, p \rangle$ is Fenchel coupling

- ① $F^i(p, y) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|Q^i(y) - p\|^2$
- ② Reciprocity condition: if $X_t^i \rightarrow p^i$ then $F^i(p^i, Y_t^i) \rightarrow 0$

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Sum the energy inequality from $t = 1$ to T gives

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \langle g_t^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - p^i \rangle \leq \frac{h^i(p^i) - \min h^i}{\eta_{T+1}^i} + \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^i \|g_t^i - g_{t-1}^i\|_{(i),*}^2 - \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{1}{8\eta_{t-1}^i} \|X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - X_{t-\frac{1}{2}}^i\|_{(i)}^2$$

Adaptive Learning Rate

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Take the adaptive learning rate

$$\eta_t^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau^i + \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \|g_t^i - g_{t-1}^i\|_{(i),*}^2}}$$

- $\tau^i > 0$ can be chosen freely by the player
- η_t^i is thus computed solely based on **local information** available to each player

Theoretical Guarantees for General Convex Games

Let player i plays OptDA or DS-OptMD with (Adapt):

- **No-regret:** If $\mathcal{P}^i \subseteq \mathcal{X}^i$ is bounded and $G = \sup_t \|g_t^i\|$, the regret incurred by the player is bounded as $\text{Reg}_T^i(\mathcal{P}^i) = \mathcal{O}(G\sqrt{T} + G^2)$.
- **Consistent:** If \mathcal{X}^i is compact and the action profile \mathbf{x}_t^{-i} of all other players converges to some limit profile \mathbf{x}_∞^{-i} , the trajectory of chosen actions of player i converges to the best response set $\arg \min_{x^i \in \mathcal{X}^i} \ell^i(x^i, \mathbf{x}_\infty^{-i})$.

Theoretical Guarantees for Variationally Stable Games

If all players use AdaOptDA in a variationally stable game:

- **Constant regret** For all $i \in \mathcal{N}$ and every bounded comparator set $\mathcal{P}^i \subseteq \mathcal{X}^i$, the individual regret of player i is bounded as $\text{Reg}_T^i(\mathcal{P}^i) = \mathcal{O}(1)$.
- **Convergence to Nash equilibrium** The induced trajectory of play converges to a Nash equilibrium provided that either of the following is satisfied:
 - a The game is strictly variationally stable
 - b The game is variationally stable and h^i is (sub)differentiable on all \mathcal{X}^i
 - c The players of a two-player finite zero-sum game follow stabilized OMWU

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Stochastic Oracle

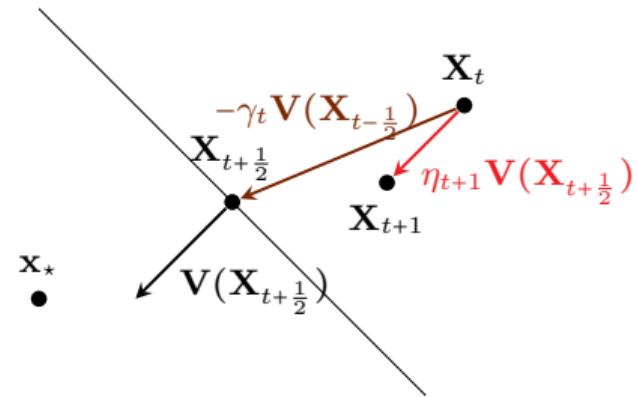
We focus on the unconstrained setup $\mathcal{X}^i = \mathbb{R}^{d^i}$ in this part

- Stochastic feedback $g_t^i = V^i(\mathbf{x}_t) + \xi_t^i$ with noise satisfying
 - ① *Zero-mean:* For all $i \in \mathcal{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbb{E}_t[\xi_t^i] = 0$.
 - ② *Variance control:* For all $i \in \mathcal{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbb{E}_t[\|\xi_t^i\|^2] \leq \sigma_A^2 + \sigma_M^2 \|V^i(\mathbf{x}_t)\|^2$.
- We say that the noise is multiplicative if $\sigma_A^2 = 0$: randomized coordinate descent, physical measurement, finite sum of operators whose solution sets intersect

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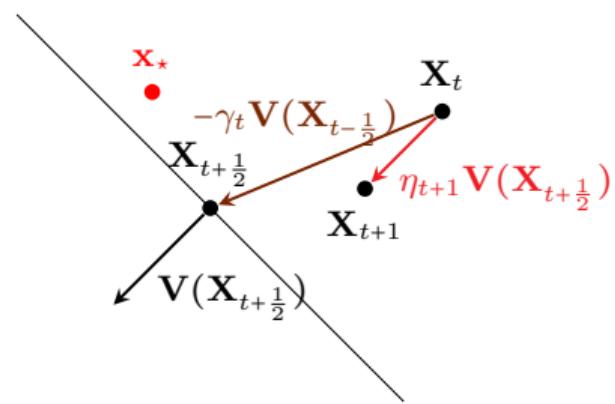
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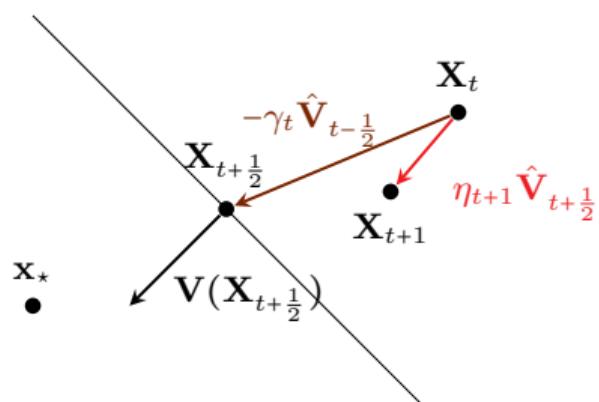
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- Stochastic update: relaxation of an approximate projection step with relaxation factor of the order of $\eta_{t+1}/\gamma_t \rightarrow$ the ratio η_{t+1}/γ_t should go to 0



Energy Inequality

$$\mathbb{E}_{t-1} \left[\frac{\|X_{t+1}^i - p^i\|^2}{\eta_{t+1}^i} \right] \leq \mathbb{E}_{t-1} \left[\frac{\|X_t^i - p^i\|^2}{\eta_t^i} + \left(\frac{1}{\eta_{t+1}^i} - \frac{1}{\eta_t^i} \right) \|u_t^i - p^i\|^2 \right]$$

(linearized regret) $- 2\langle V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t+\frac{1}{2}}), X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - p^i \rangle$

(negative drift) $- \gamma_t^i (\|V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t+\frac{1}{2}})\|^2 + \|V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t-\frac{1}{2}})\|^2)$

(use smoothness) $- \frac{\|X_t^i - X_{t+1}^i\|^2}{2\eta_t^i} + \gamma_t^i \|V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t+\frac{1}{2}}) - V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t-\frac{1}{2}})\|^2$

(noise) $+ (\gamma_t^i)^2 \beta \|\xi_{t-\frac{1}{2}}^i\|^2 + \beta \|\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t-\frac{1}{2}}\|^2 \frac{(\eta_t + \gamma_t)^2}{(\eta_t + \gamma_t)^2} + 2 \eta_t^i \|g_t^i\|^2 \Big]$

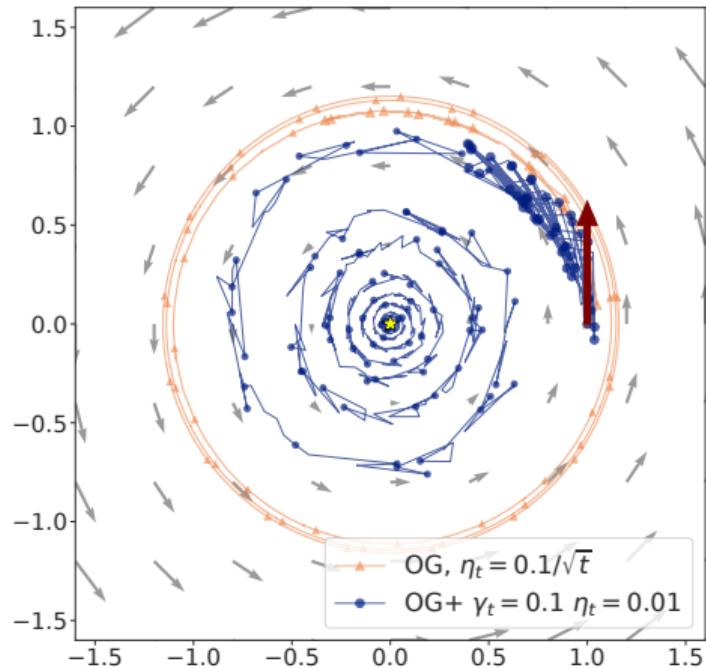
Last-iterate convergence

- OG+ is guaranteed to converge to Nash equilibrium under VS if

$$\sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \gamma_t \eta_{t+1} = +\infty,$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \gamma_t^2 \eta_{t+1} < +\infty, \quad \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \eta_t^2 < +\infty$$

- We can take constant learning rates if the noise is multiplicative

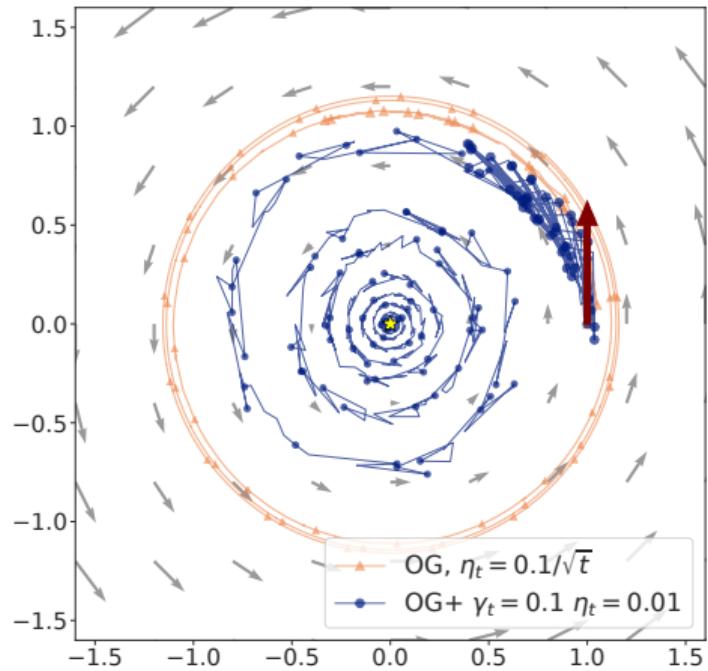


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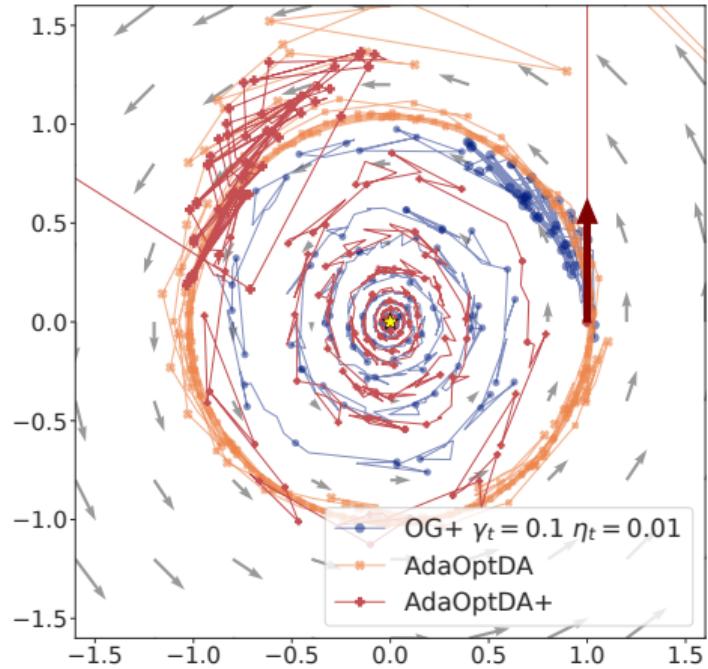


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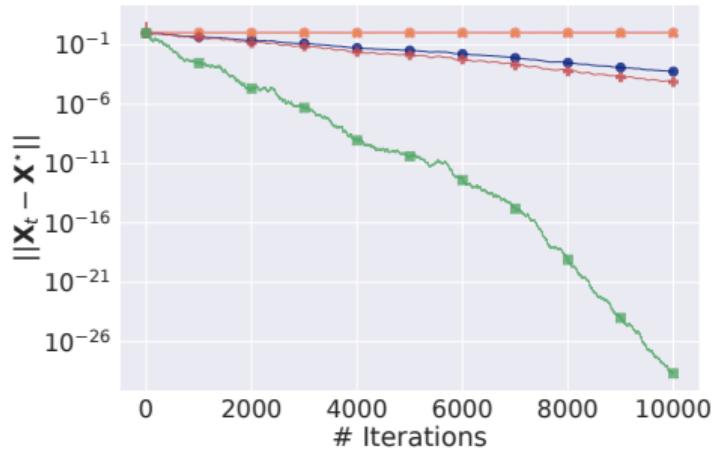
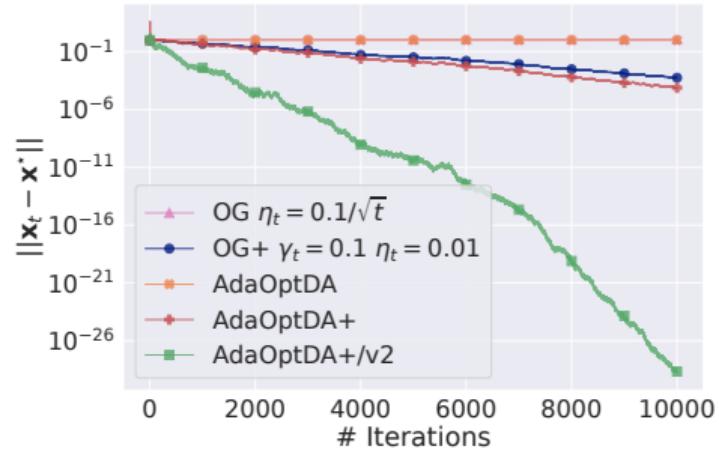
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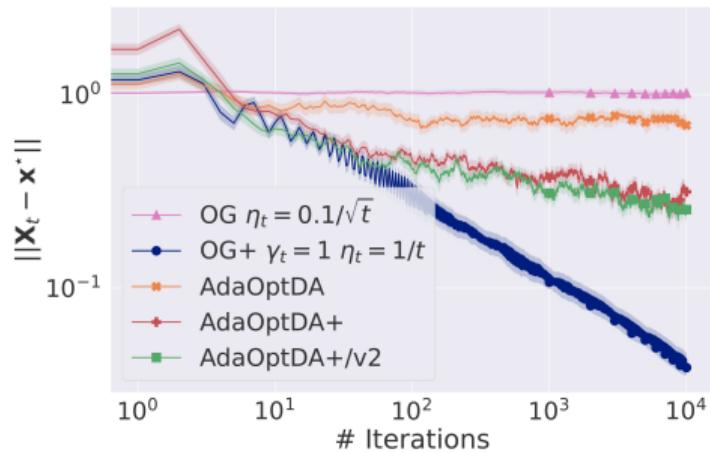
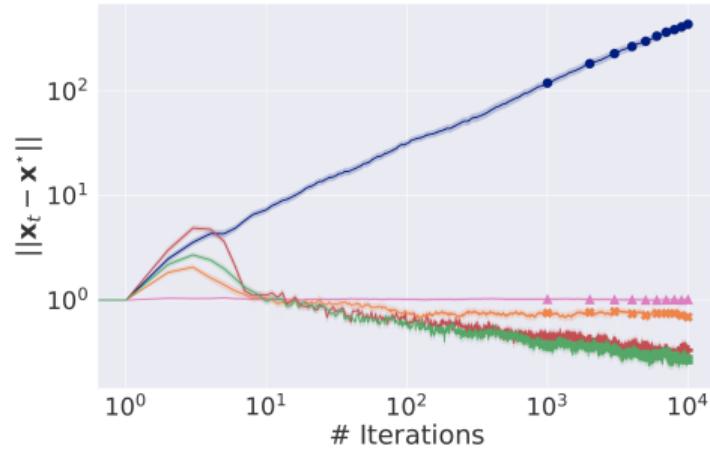
Convergence to Solution Under Multiplicative Noise

- $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{t+\frac{1}{2}}$ is $(3\phi_{t+\frac{1}{2}}, -3\theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}})$ or $(-\phi_{t+\frac{1}{2}}, \theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}})$ with probability one half for each

Base state \mathbf{x}_t Played action $\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{X}_{t+\frac{1}{2}}$

Convergence to Solution Under Additive Noise

- $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{t+\frac{1}{2}} = (\phi_{t+\frac{1}{2}} + \xi_t^1, -\theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}} + \xi_t^2)$ where $\xi_t^1, \xi_t^2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

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Theoretical Guarantees Under Uncertainty (in Expectation)

		Adversarial		Same algorithm + Variational Stability			
		Bounded feedback		-	-	Strongly M	Error bound
		Reg _t /t		Reg _t /t	Cvg?	dist($\mathbf{X}_t, \mathcal{X}_*$)	dist($\mathbf{X}_t, \mathcal{X}_*$)
OG+	Mul.		x	1/t	✓	$e^{-\rho t}$	$e^{-\rho t}$
	Add.			1/ \sqrt{t}	✓	1/ \sqrt{t}	1/ $t^{1/6}$
OptDA+	Add.		1/ \sqrt{t}	1/ \sqrt{t}	-	-	-
AdaOptDA+	Mul.			1/t	✓	-	-
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Summary

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- We can make optimistic gradient effective under noise feedback with scale separation of the optimistic and the update steps
- We can put the previous two points together

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