

Iterative Projection Methods

for noisy and corrupted systems of linear equations

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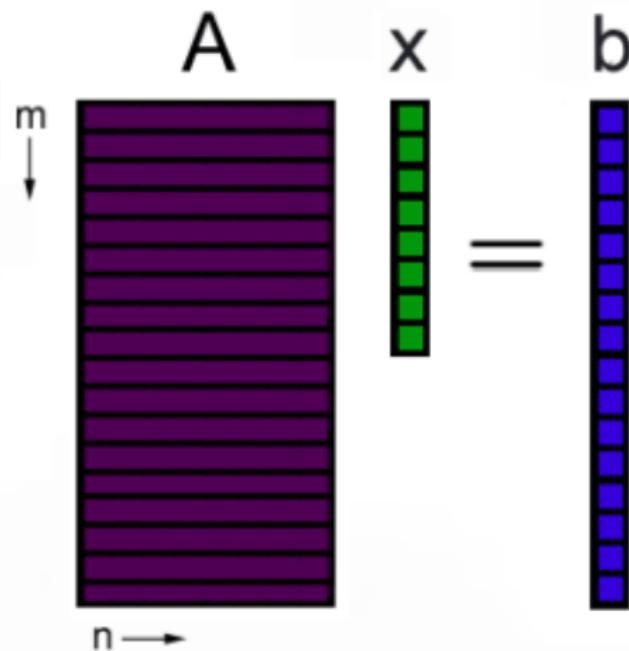
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Setup

We are interested in solving **highly overdetermined systems of equations (or inequalities)**, $Ax = b$ ($Ax \leq b$), where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $m \gg n$. Rows are denoted a_i^T .



Iterative Projection Methods

If $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\}$ is nonempty, these methods construct an **approximation** to an element:

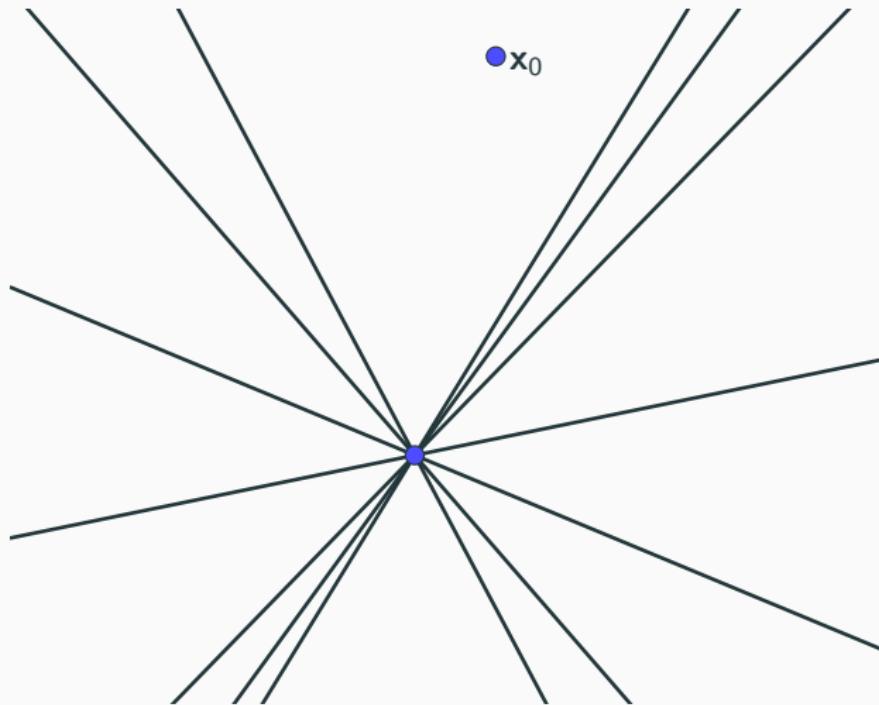
1. Randomized Kaczmarz Method
2. Motzkin's Method
3. Sampling Kaczmarz-Motzkin Methods (SKM)

Randomized Kaczmarz Method

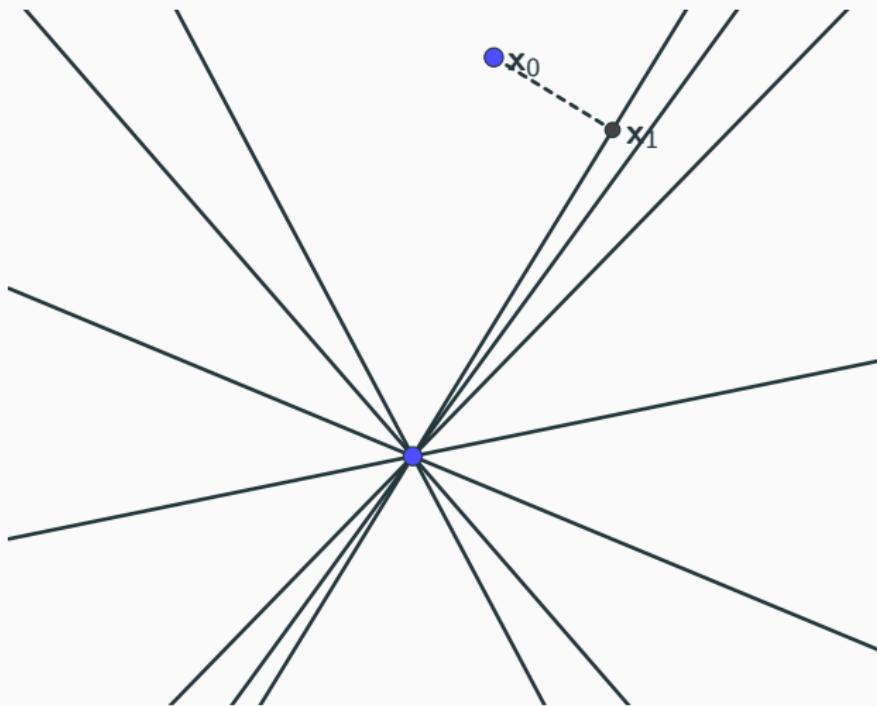
Given $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

1. Choose $i_k \in [m]$ with probability $\frac{\|\mathbf{a}_{i_k}\|^2}{\|A\|_F^2}$.
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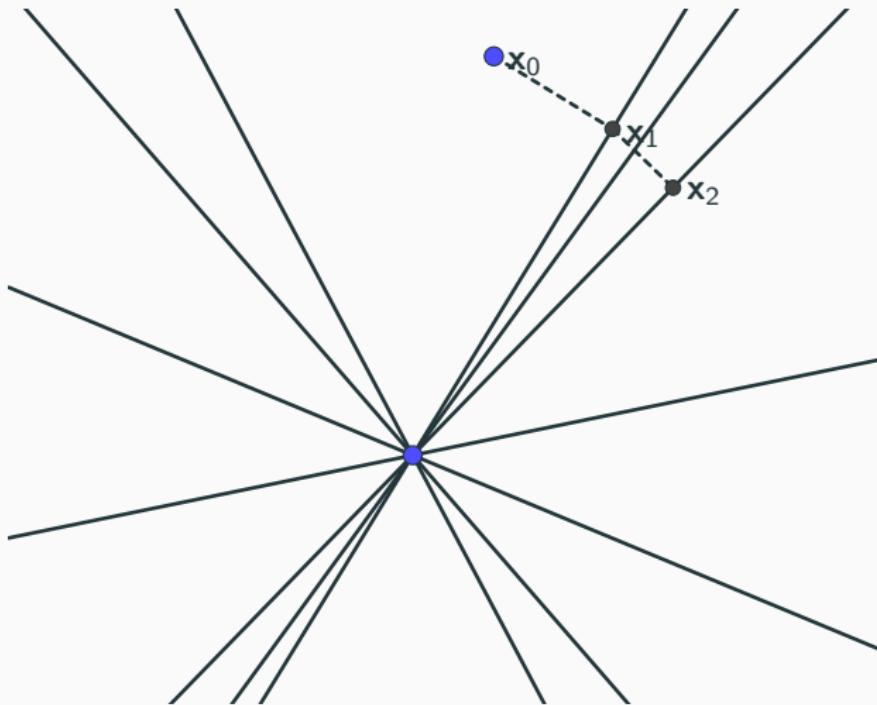
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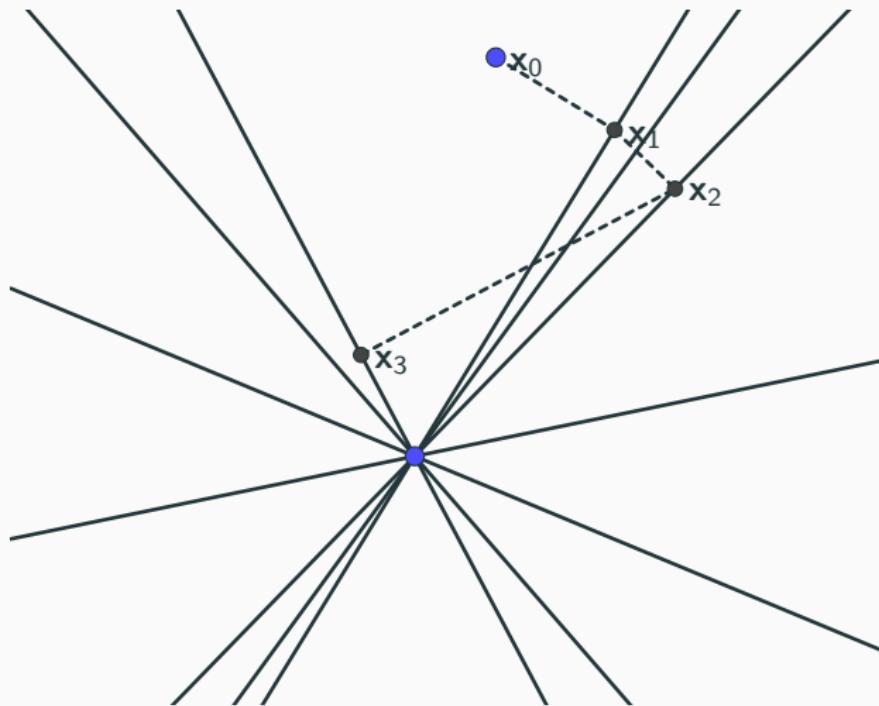
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Convergence Rate

Theorem (Strohmer - Vershynin 2009)

Let \mathbf{x} be the solution to the consistent system of linear equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Then the Random Kaczmarz method converges to \mathbf{x} linearly in expectation:

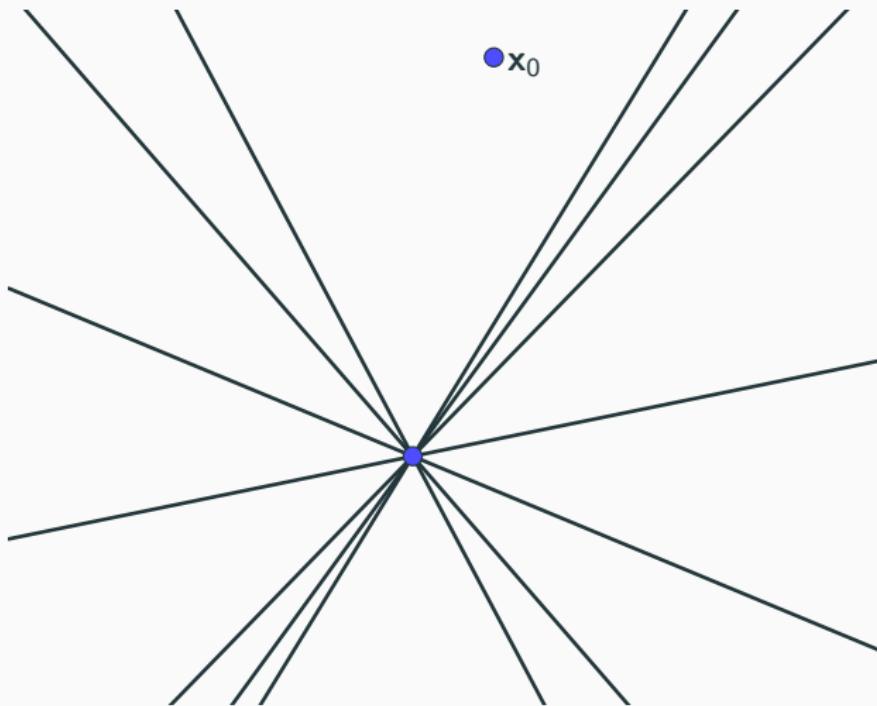
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Motzkin's Relaxation Method

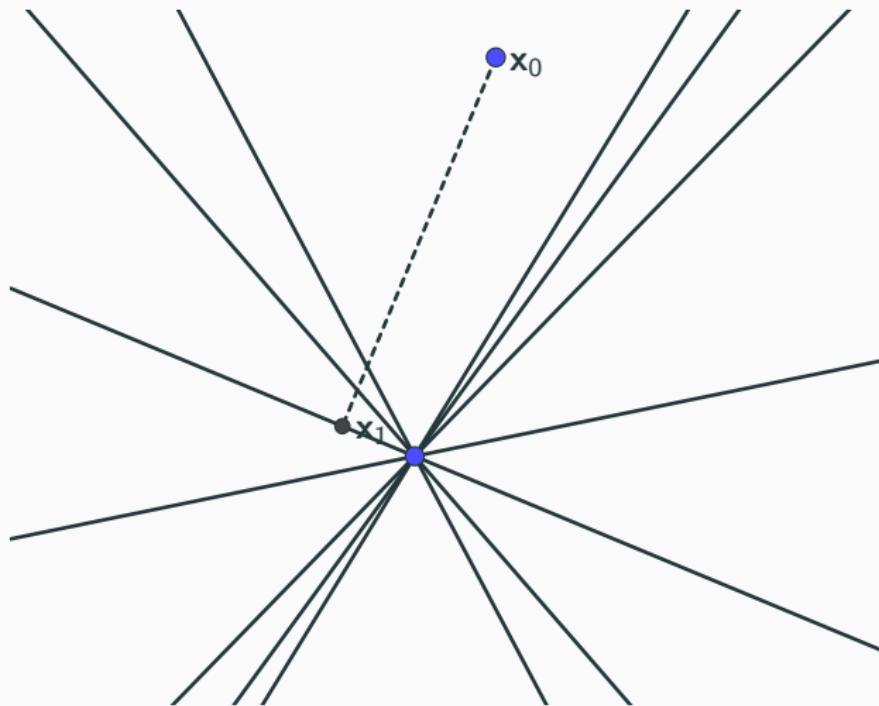
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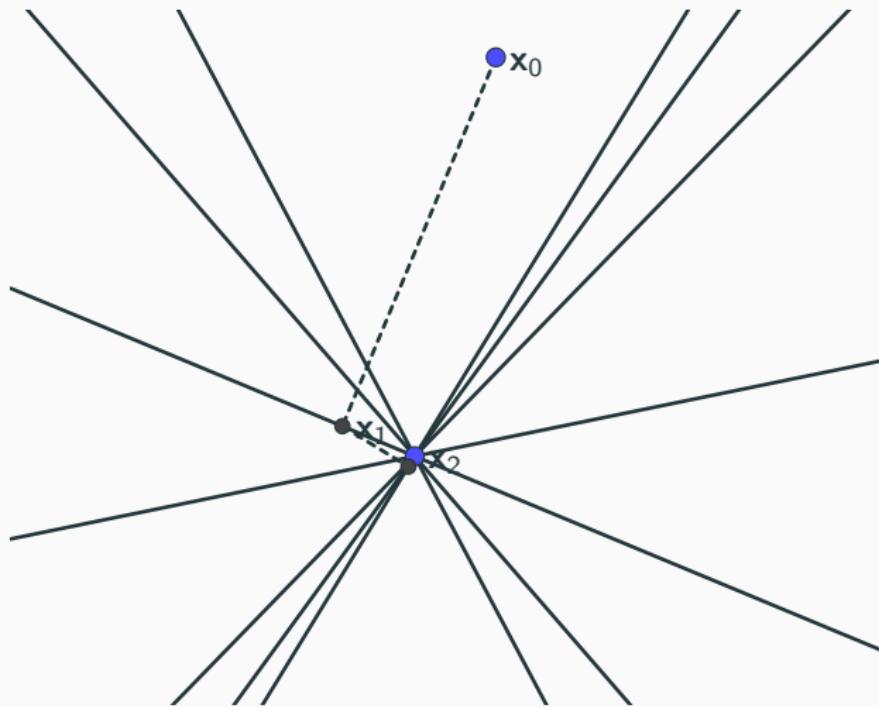
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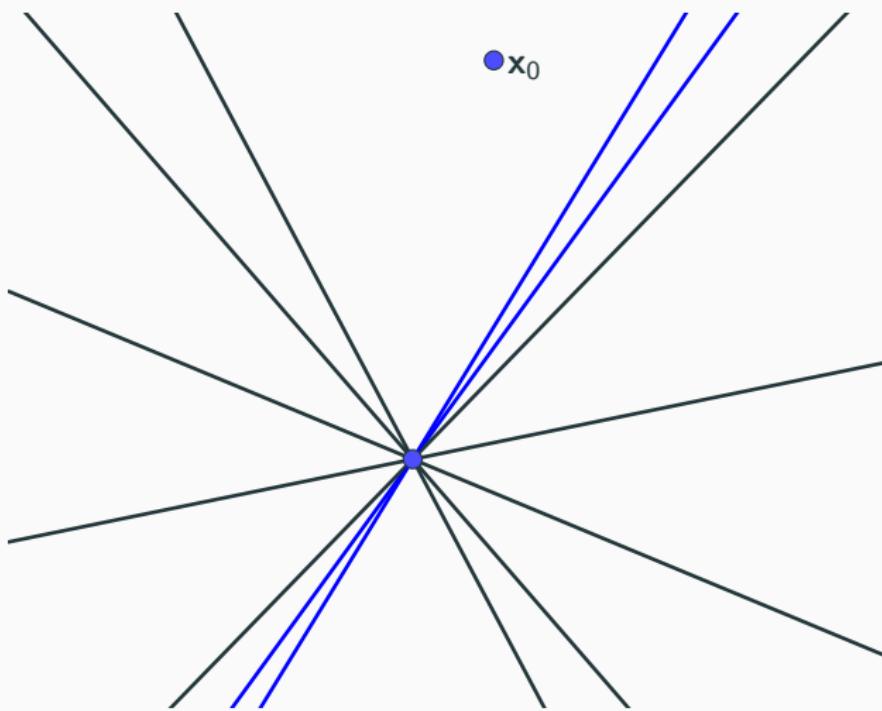
For a consistent, normalized system, $\|\mathbf{a}_i\| = 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, m$,
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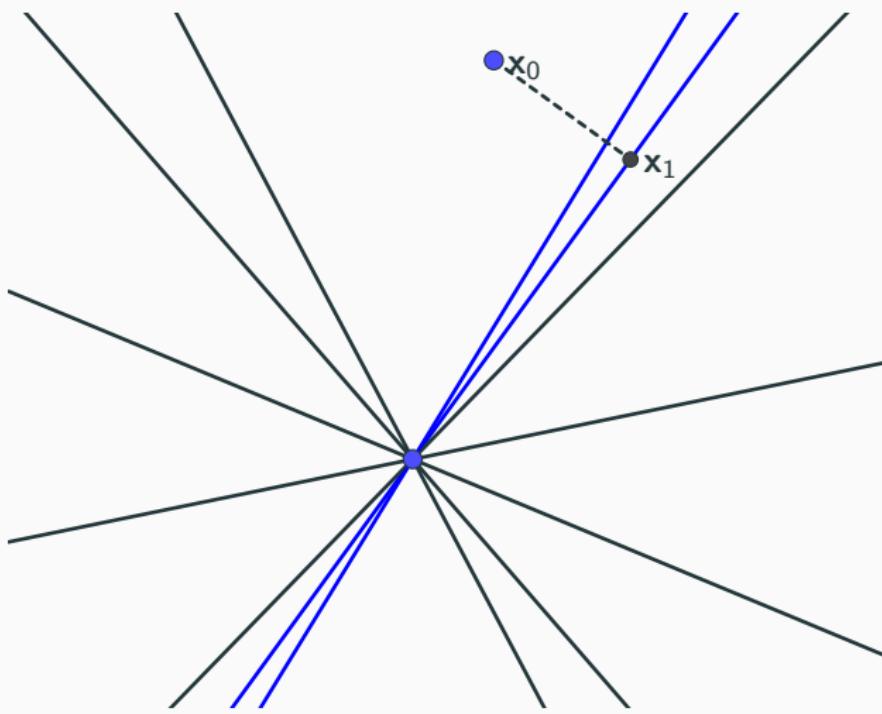
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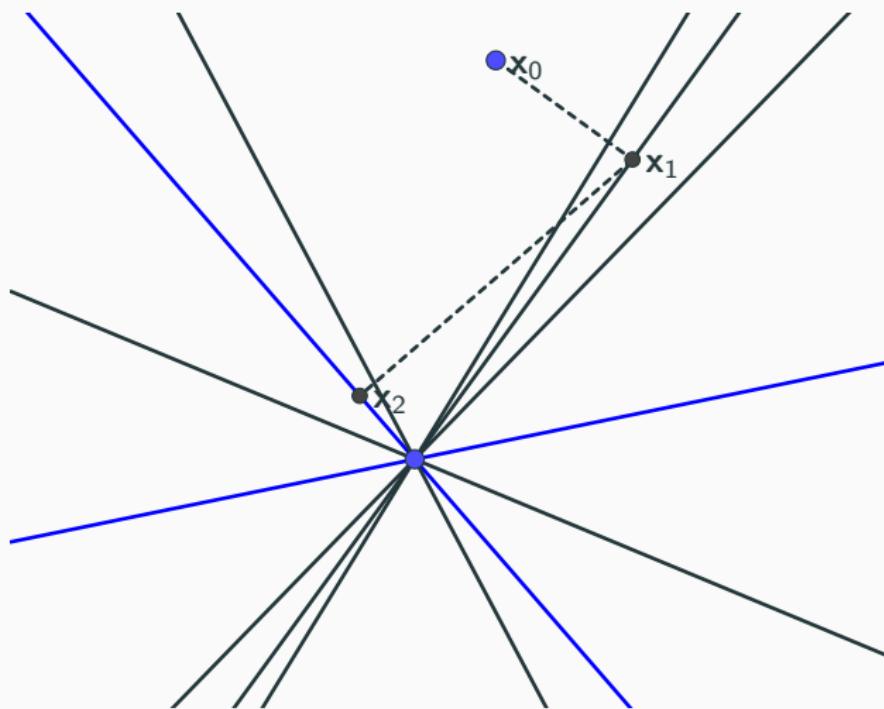
Our Hybrid Method (SKM)

Given $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

1. Choose $\tau_k \subset [m]$ to be a sample of size β constraints chosen uniformly at random from among the rows of A .
2. From among these β rows, choose $i_k := \operatorname{argmax}_{i \in \tau_k} |\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x}_{k-1} - b_i|$.
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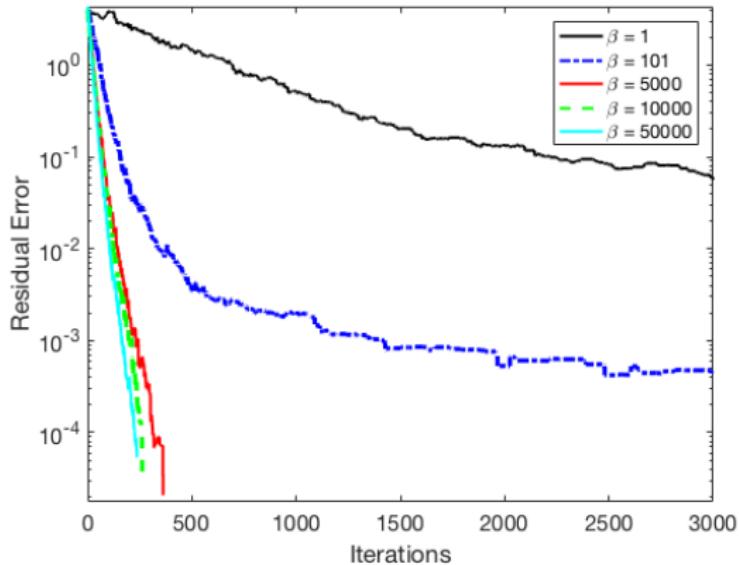
Theorem (De Loera - H. - Needell 2017)

For a consistent, normalized system the SKM method with samples of size β converges to the solution x at least linearly in expectation: If s_{k-1} is the number of constraints satisfied by x_{k-1} and

$V_{k-1} = \max\{m - s_{k-1}, m - \beta + 1\}$ then

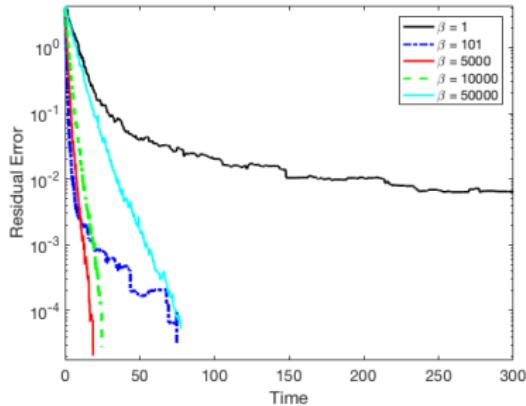
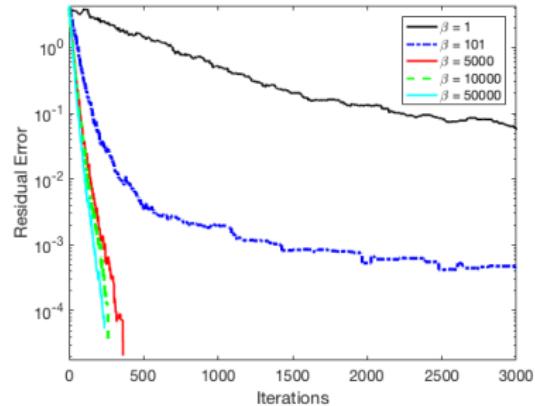
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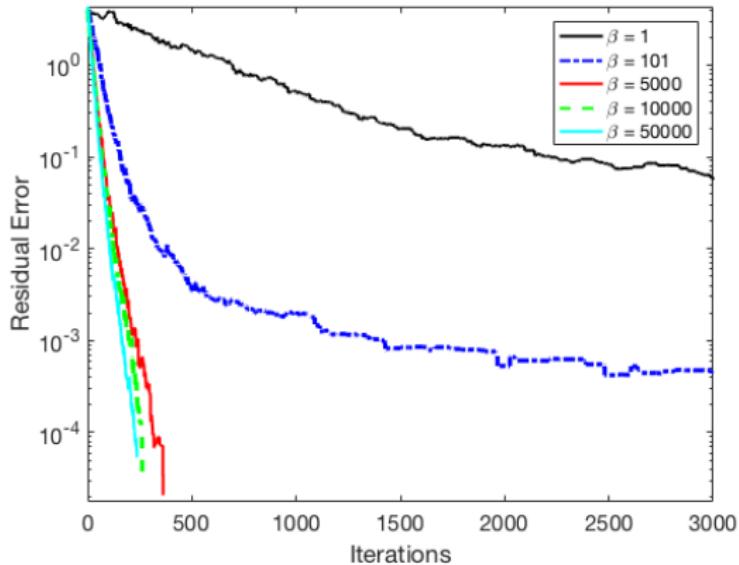
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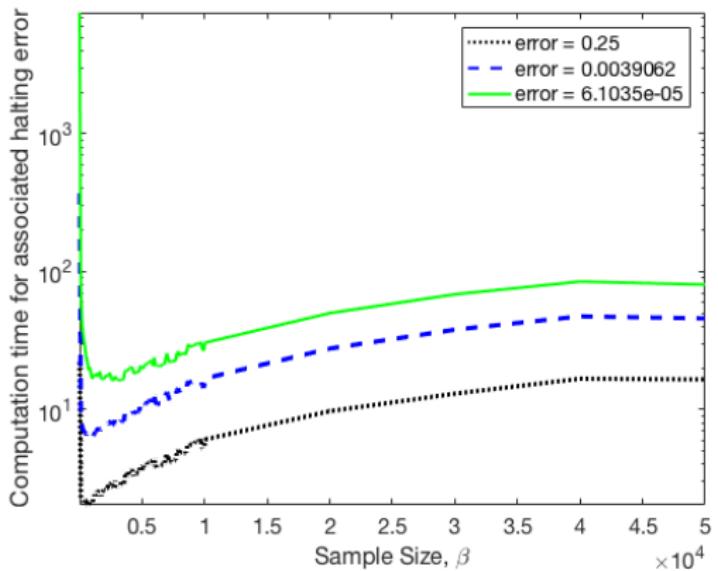
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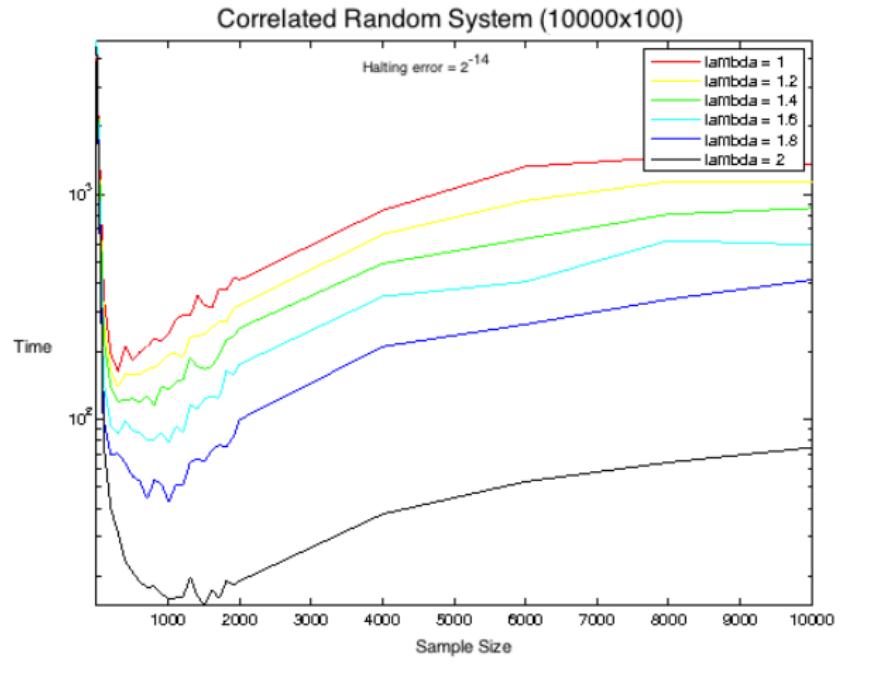
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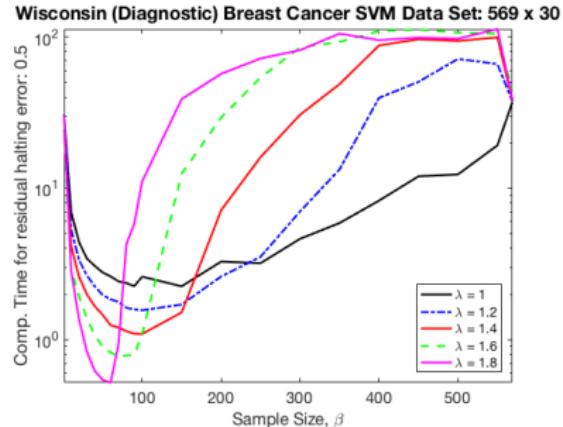
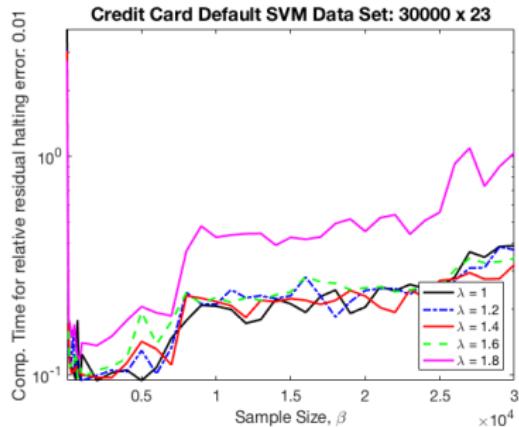
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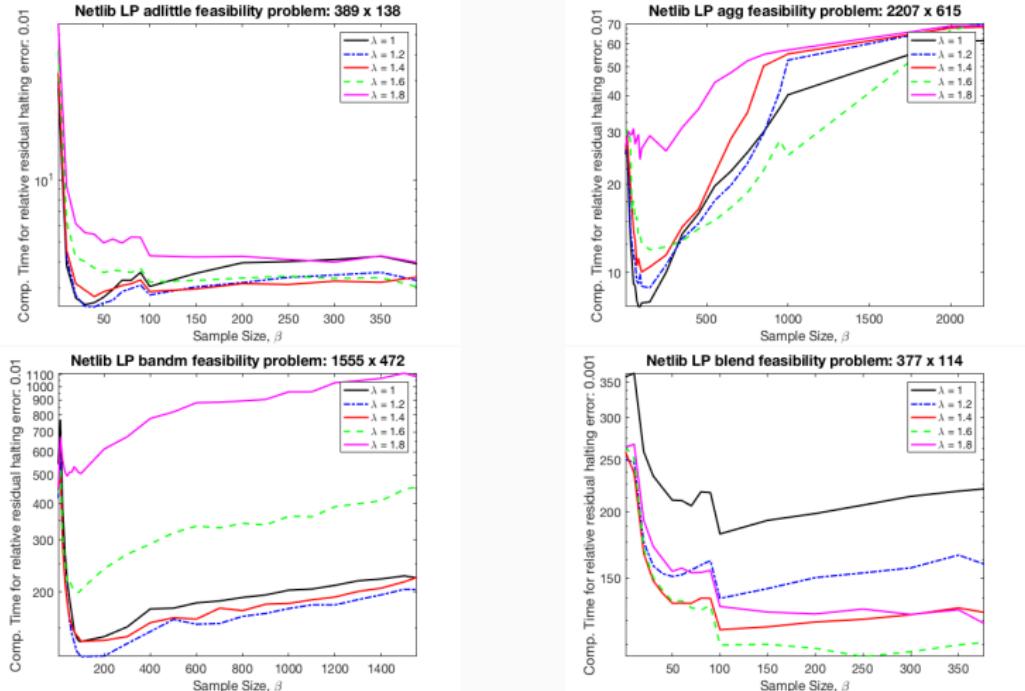
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- ▷ Why are these all the same?

An Accelerated Convergence Rate

Theorem (H. - Needell 2018+)

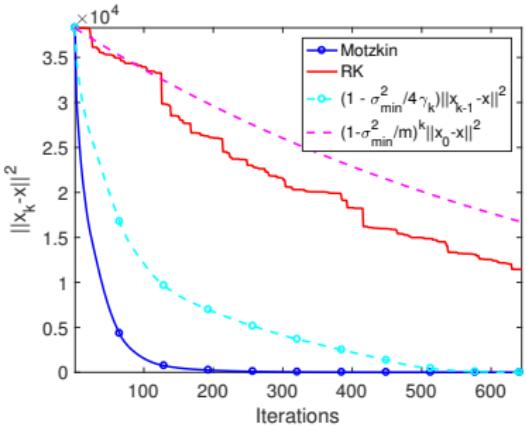
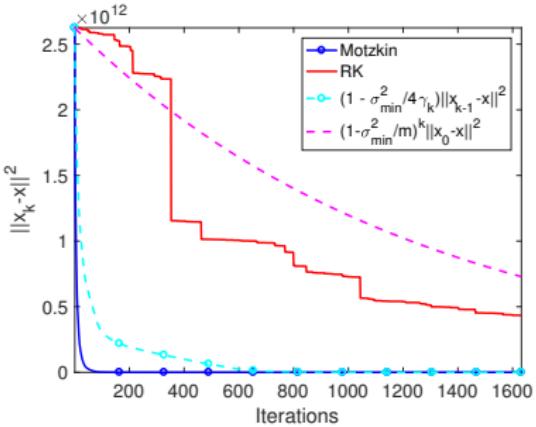
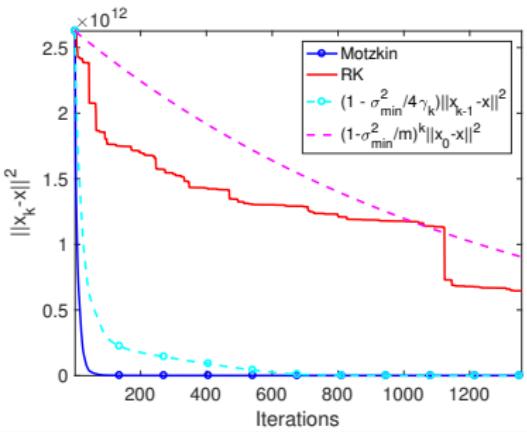
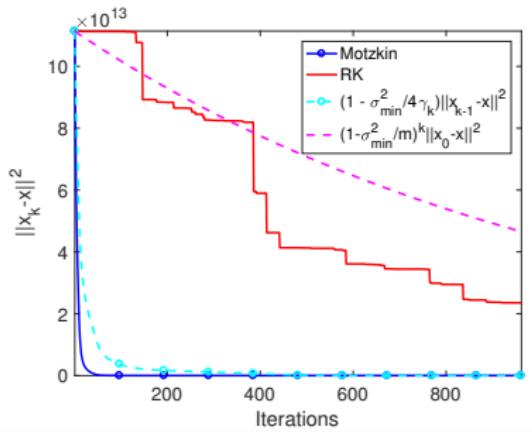
Let \mathbf{x} denote the solution of the consistent, normalized system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Motzkin's method exhibits the (possibly highly accelerated) convergence rate:

$$\|\mathbf{x}_T - \mathbf{x}\|^2 \leq \prod_{k=0}^{T-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4\gamma_k \|A^{-1}\|^2}\right) \cdot \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}\|^2$$

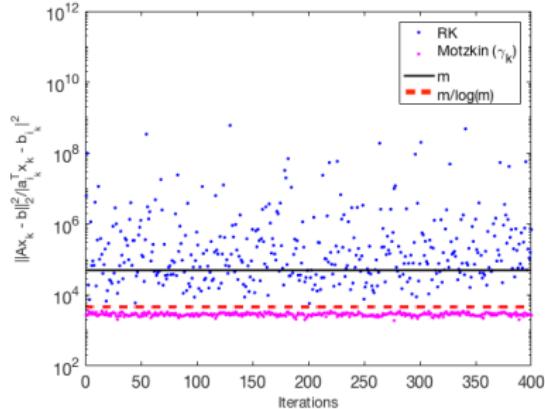
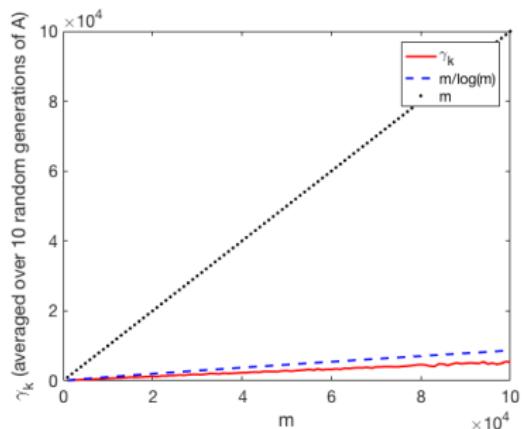
Here γ_k bounds the dynamic range of the k th residual, $\gamma_k := \frac{\|A\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2}{\|A\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_\infty^2}$.

- ▷ improvement over previous result when $4\gamma_k < m$

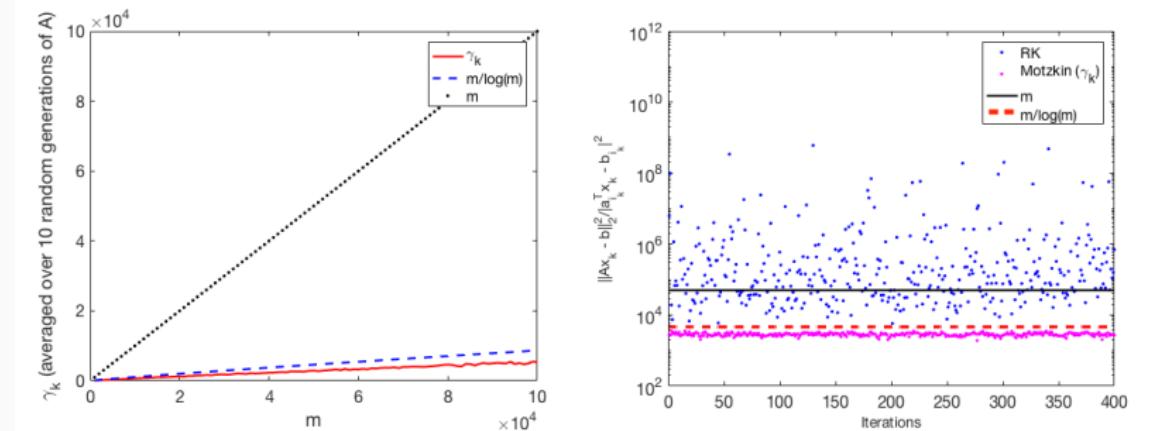
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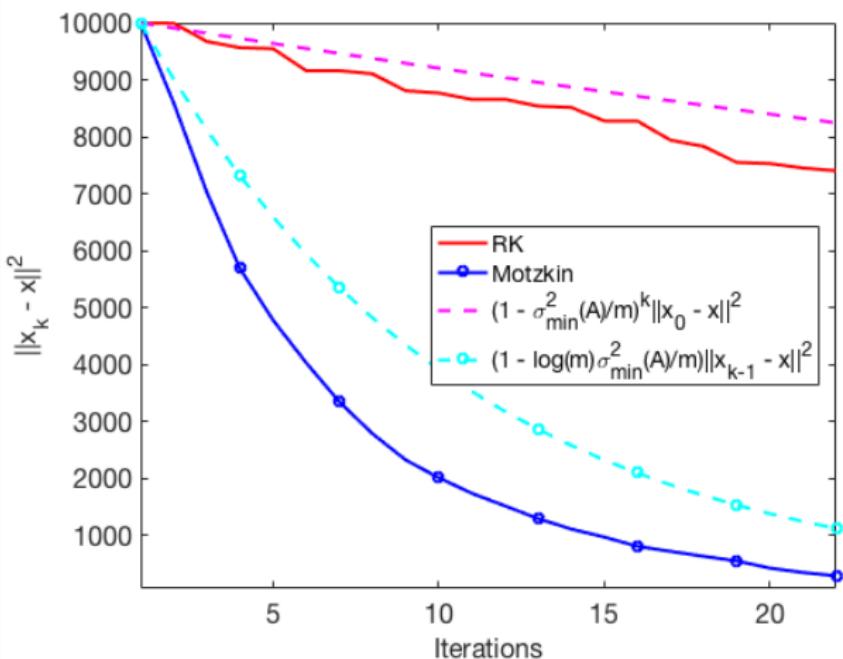


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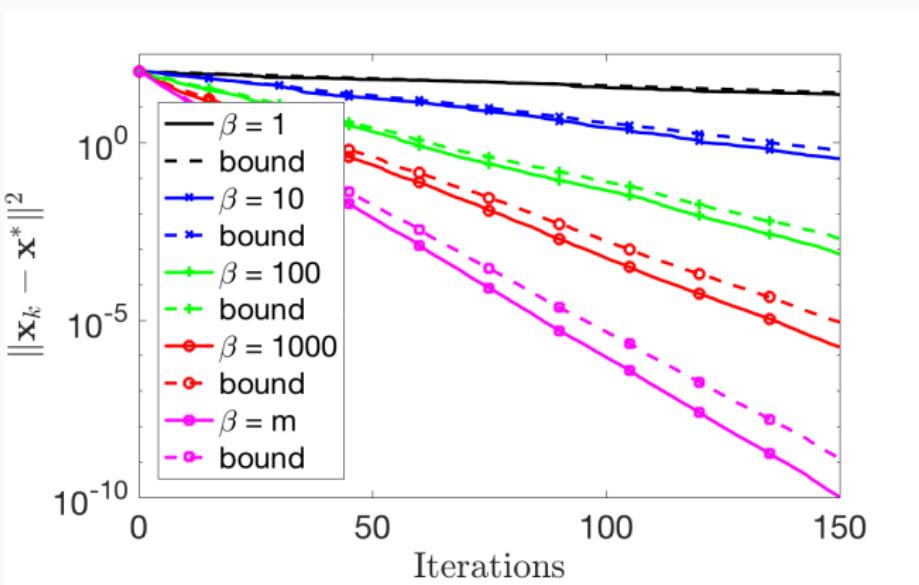
$$\gamma_k \lesssim \frac{nm}{\log m}$$

Gaussian Convergence



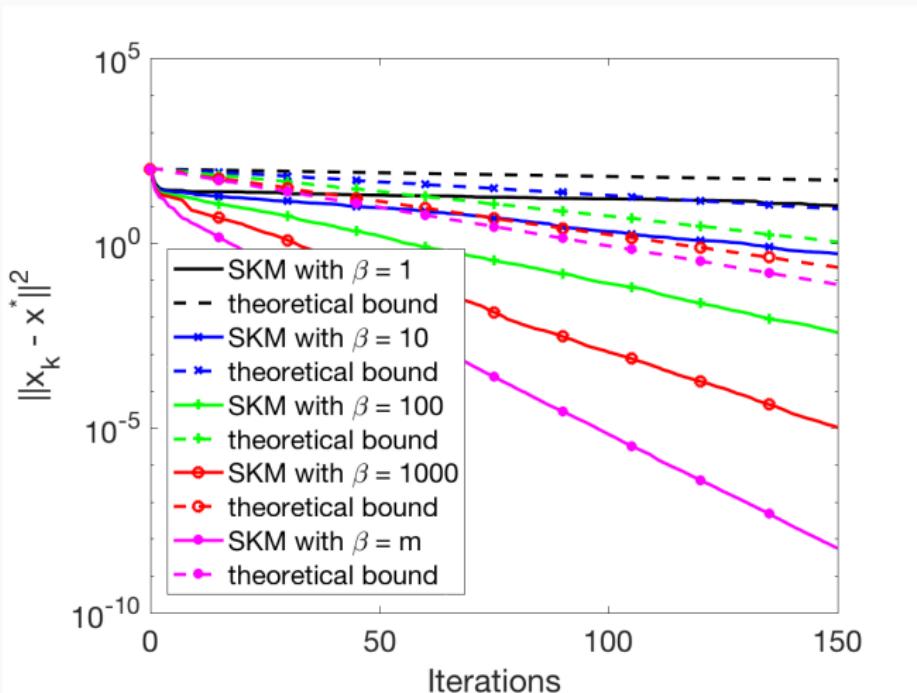
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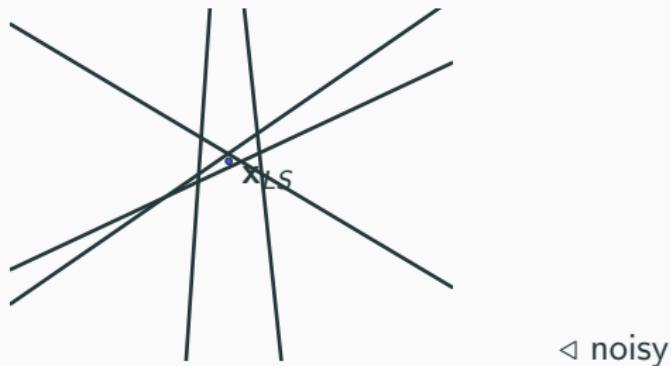
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- ▷ use this bound to design methods which identify optimal β ?

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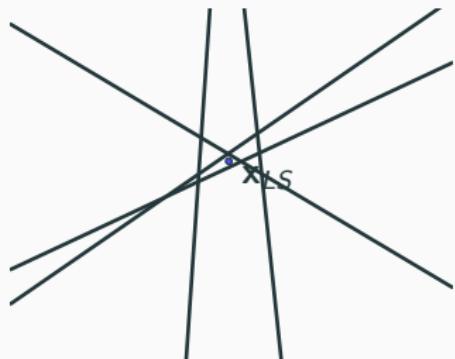


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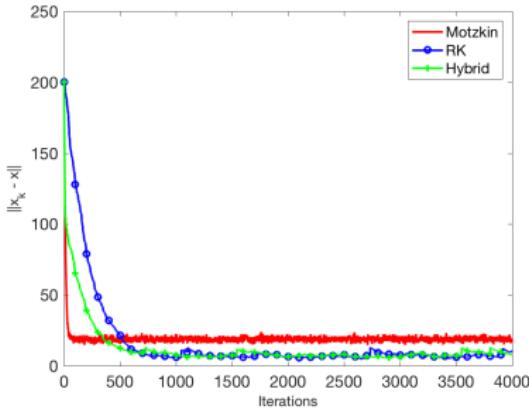
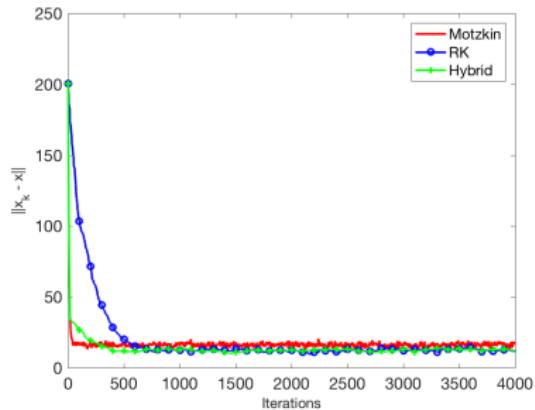
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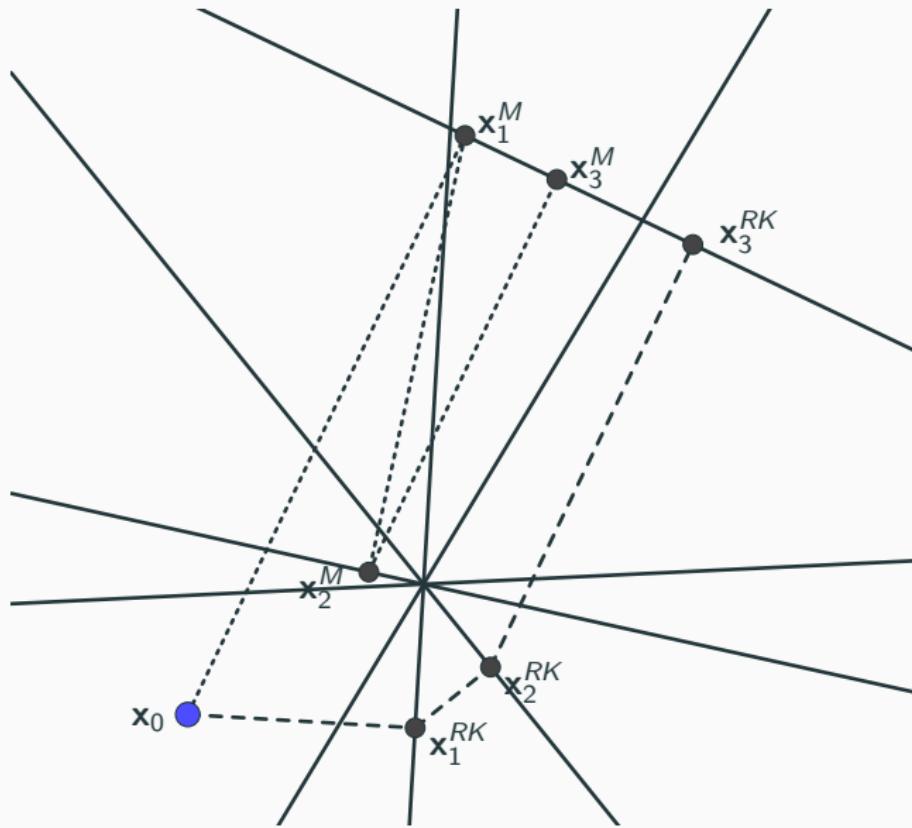
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Noisy Convergence



- ▷ A is 50000×100 Gaussian matrix, inconsistent system ($A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{e}$)
- ▷ Left: Gaussian error \mathbf{e}
- ▷ Right: sparse, 'spiky' error \mathbf{e}
- ▷ Motzkin suffers from a worse 'convergence horizon' if \mathbf{e} is sparse

What about corruption?



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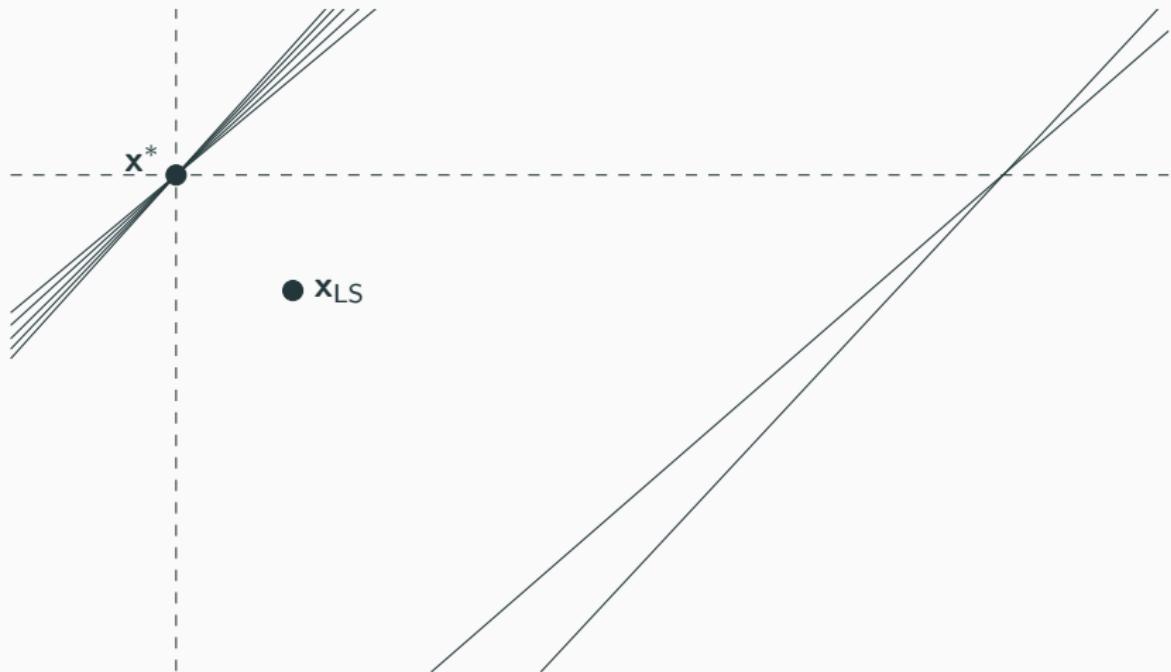
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Solution (x_{LS}): $x_{LS} \in \operatorname{argmin} \|Ax - b - e\|^2$

Why not least-squares?



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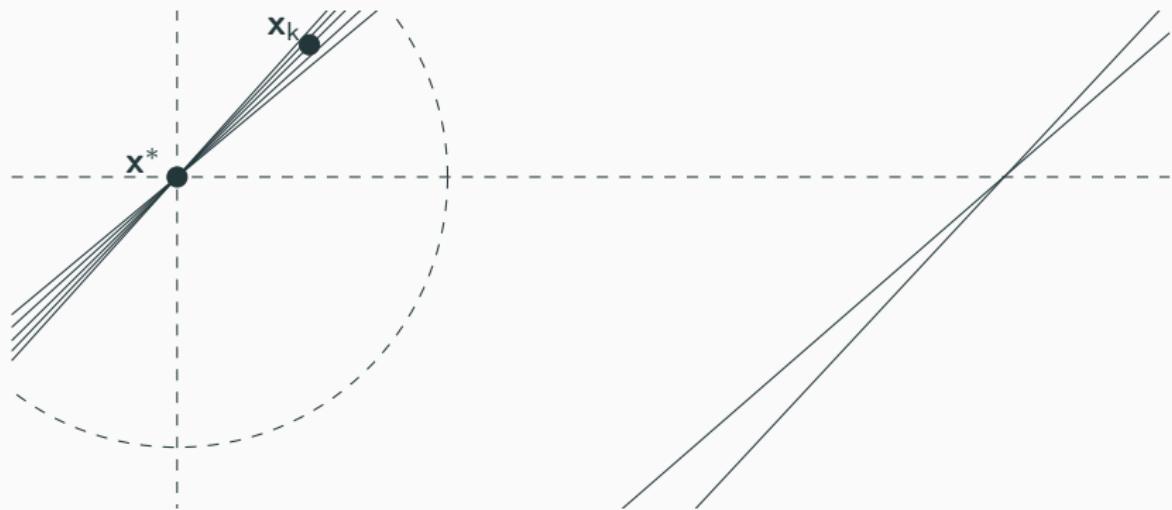
Lemma

Let $\epsilon^* = \min_{i \in \text{supp}(\mathbf{e})} |A\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{b}|_i = |e_i|$ and suppose $|\text{supp}(\mathbf{e})| = s$. If $\|\mathbf{a}_i\| = 1$ for $i \in [m]$ and $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\| < \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^*$ we have that the $d \leq s$ indices of largest magnitude residual entries are contained in $\text{supp}(\mathbf{e})$. That is, we have $D \subset \text{supp}(\mathbf{e})$, where

$$D = \operatorname{argmax}_{D \subset [A], |D|=d} \sum_{i \in D} |A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}|_i.$$

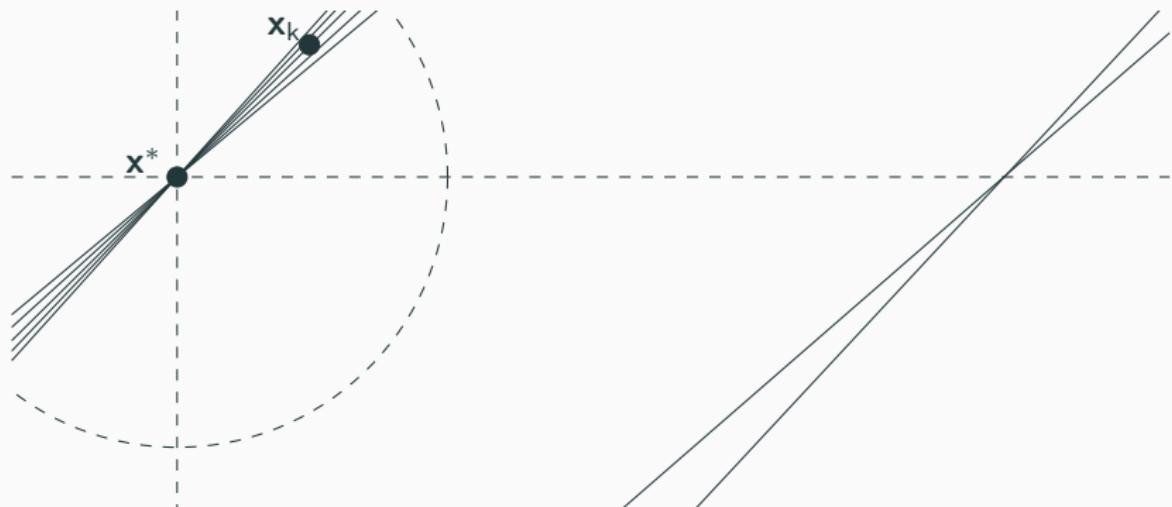
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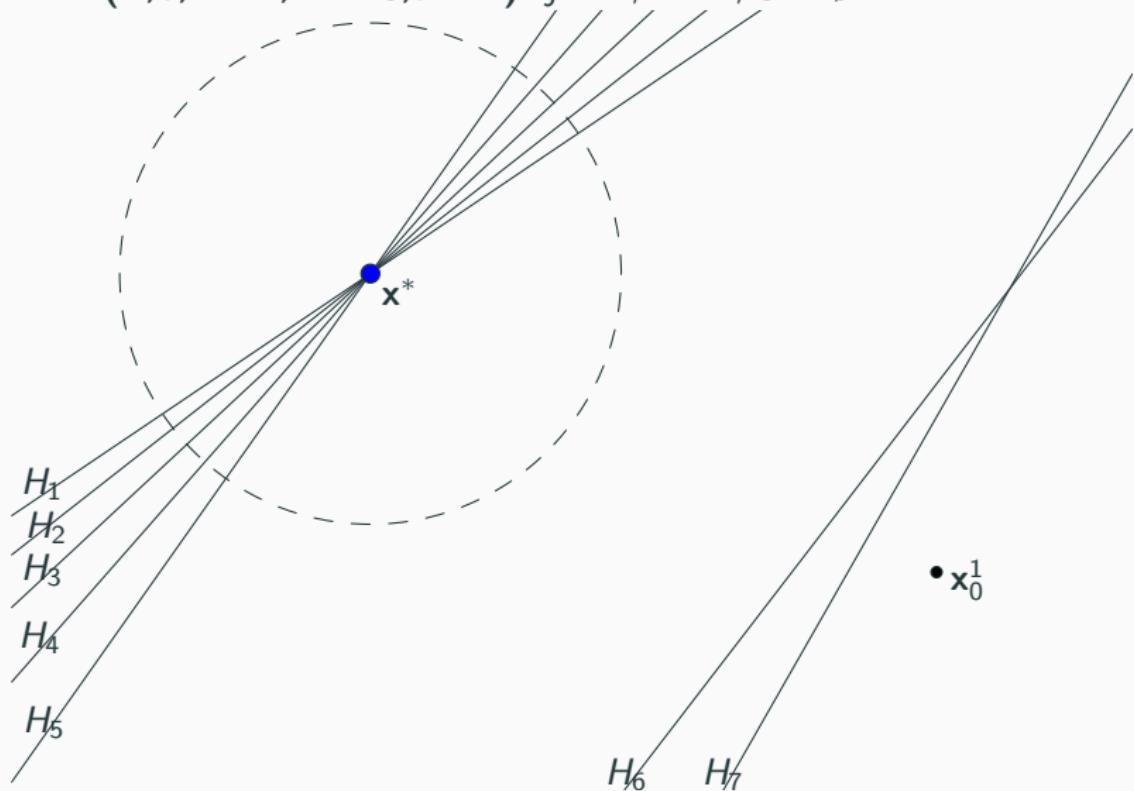
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Method 1 Multiple Round Kaczmarz

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1: procedure MRK( $A, \mathbf{b}, k, W, d$ )
2:    $S = \emptyset$ 
3:   for  $i = 1, 2, \dots W$  do
4:      $\mathbf{x}_k^i = k$ th iterate produced by RK with  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $A$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ .
5:      $D = d$  indices of the largest entries of the residual,  $|A\mathbf{x}_k^i - \mathbf{b}|$ .
6:      $S = S \cup D$ 
7:   return  $\mathbf{x}$ , where  $A_{S^c}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_{S^c}$ 
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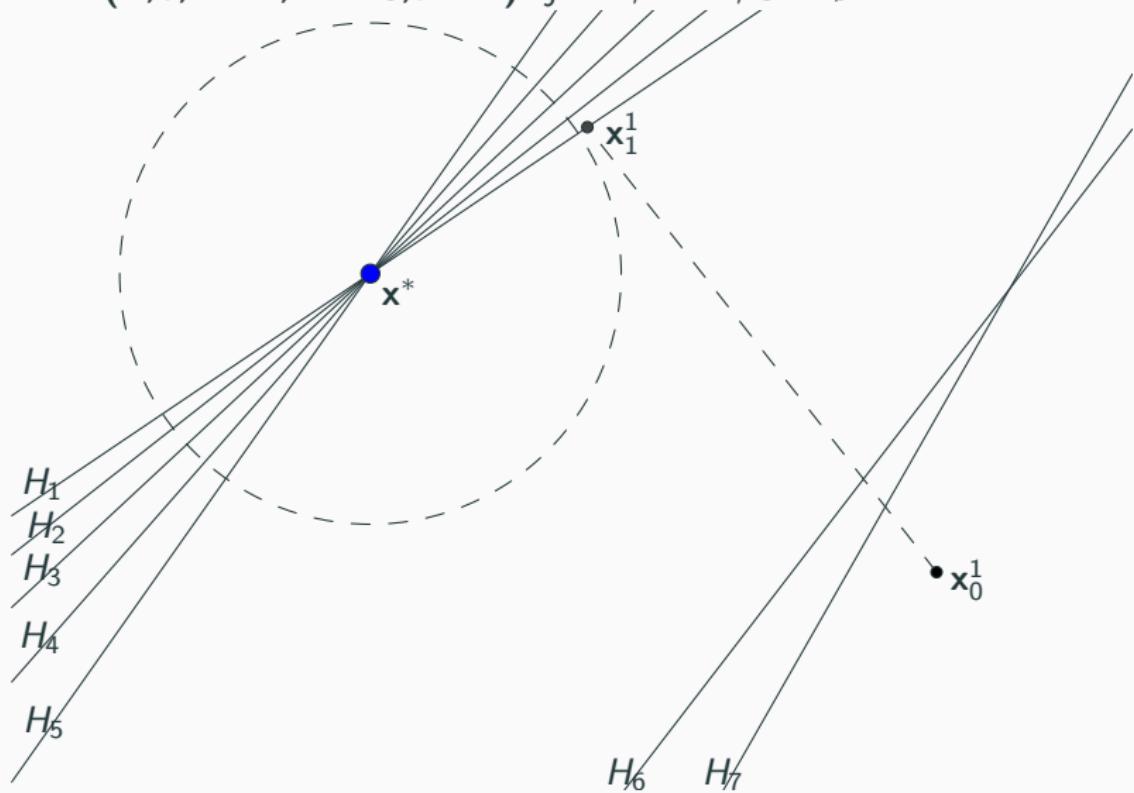
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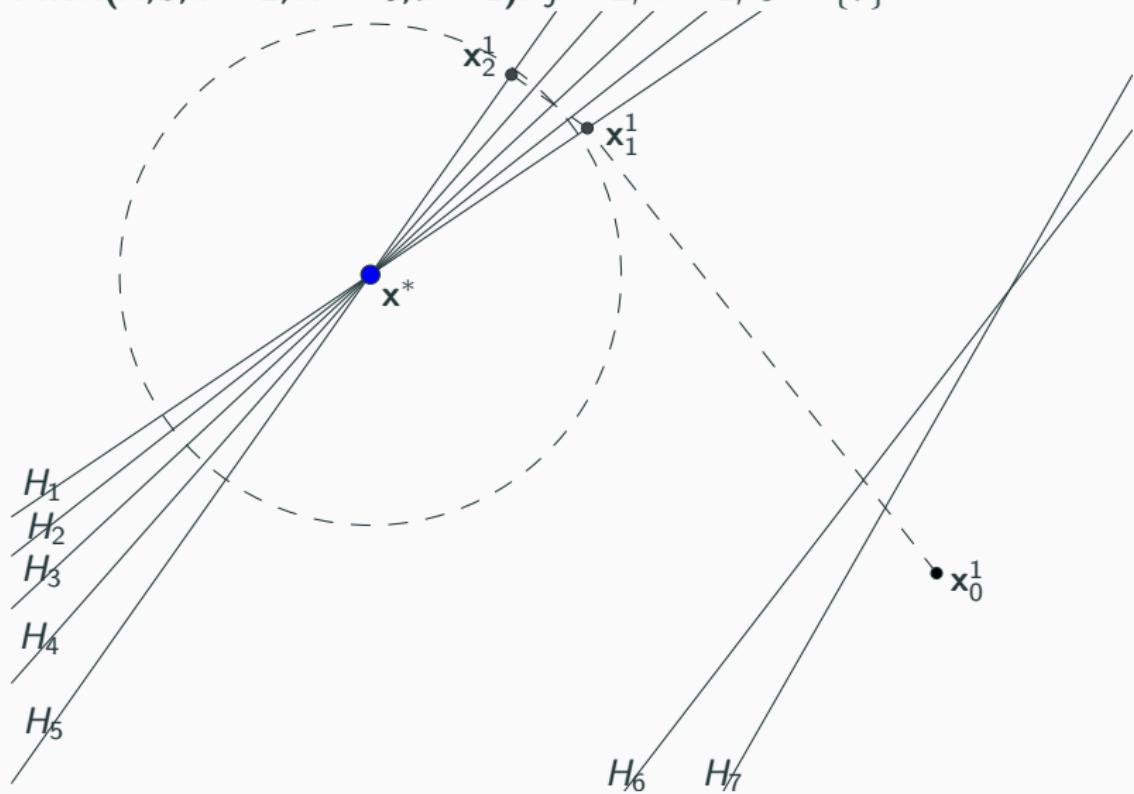
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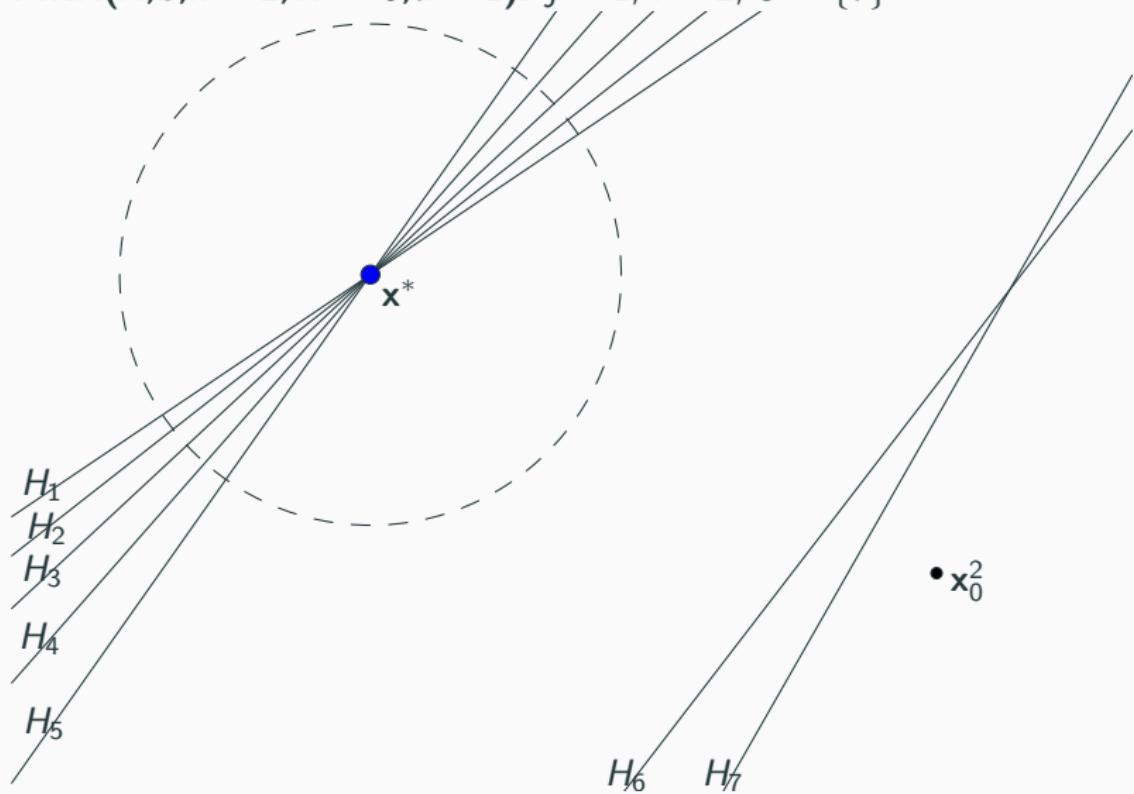
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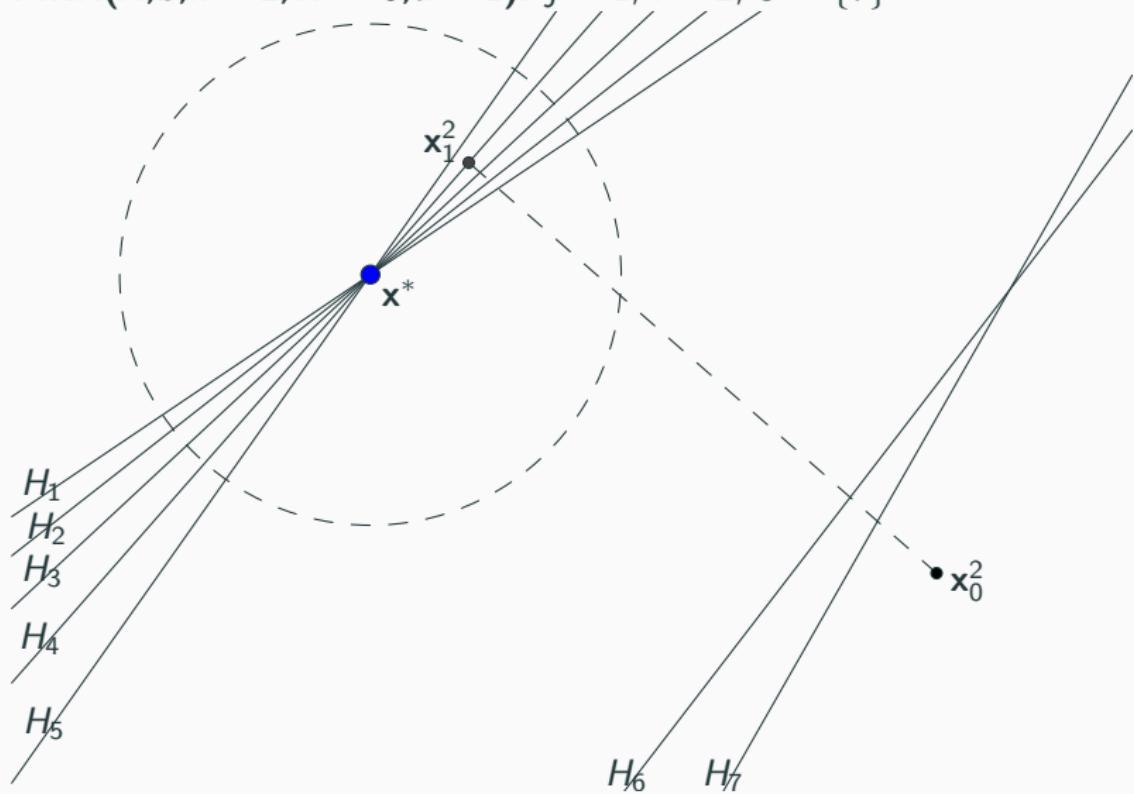
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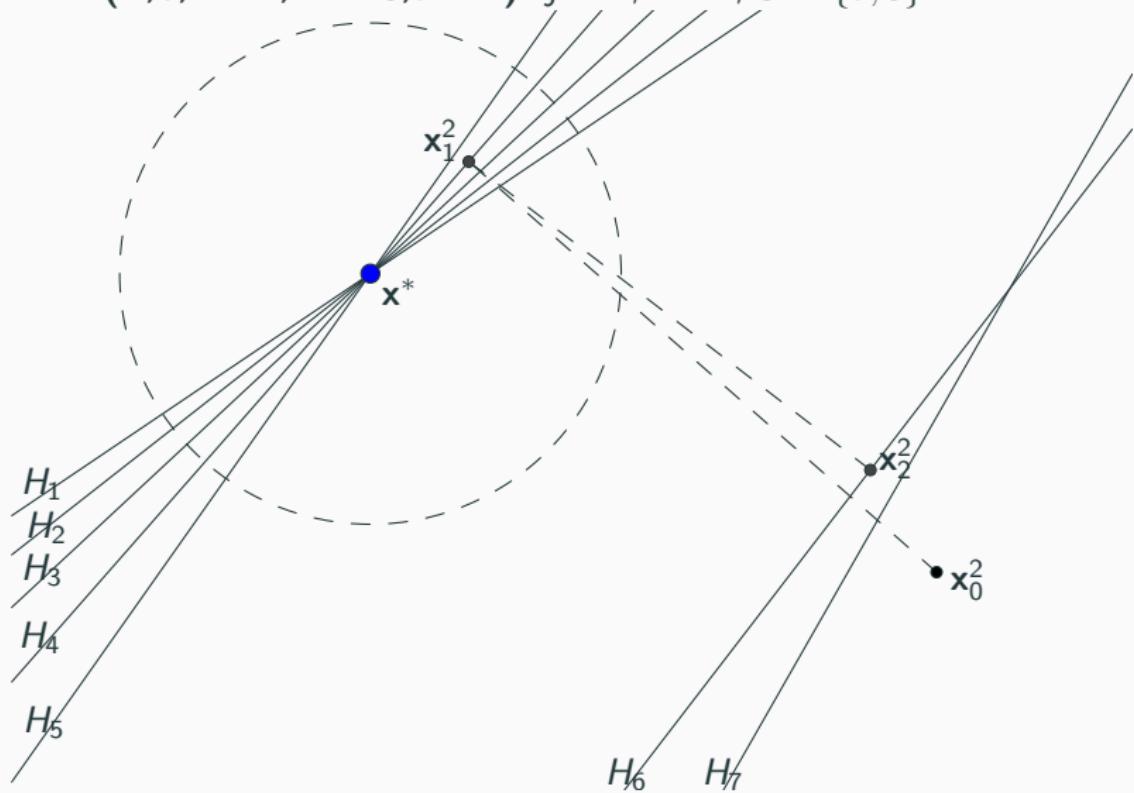
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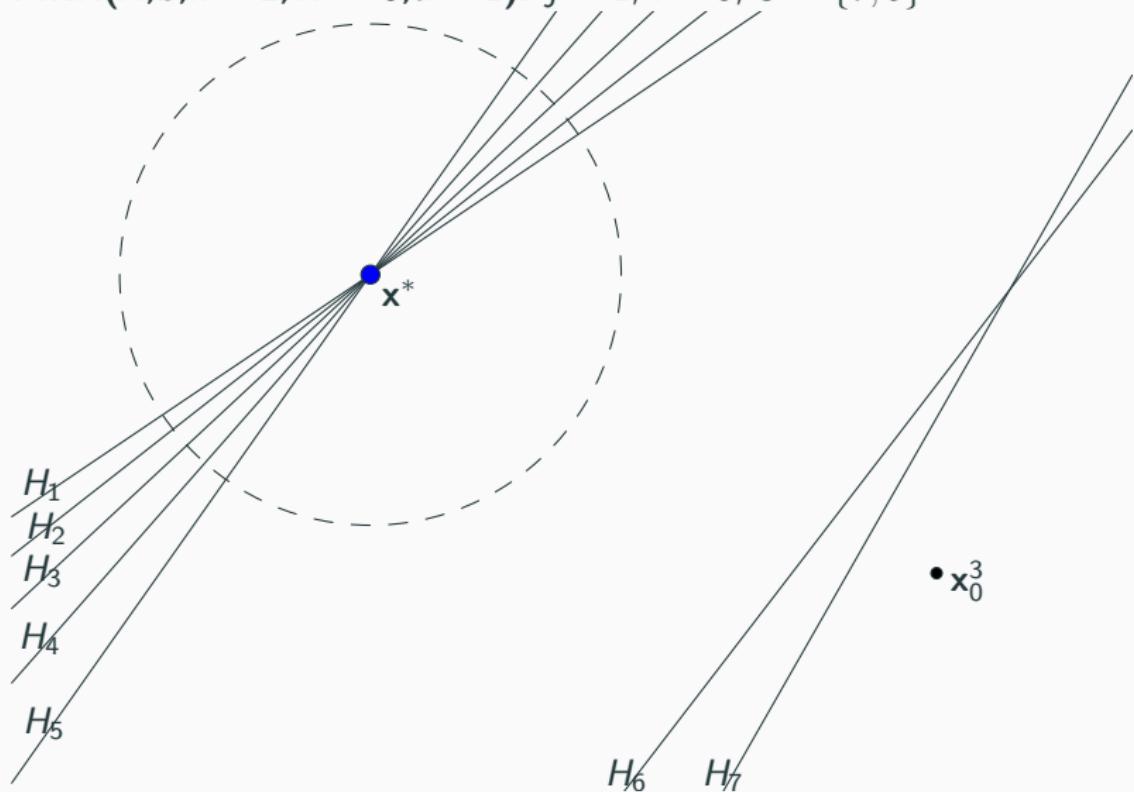
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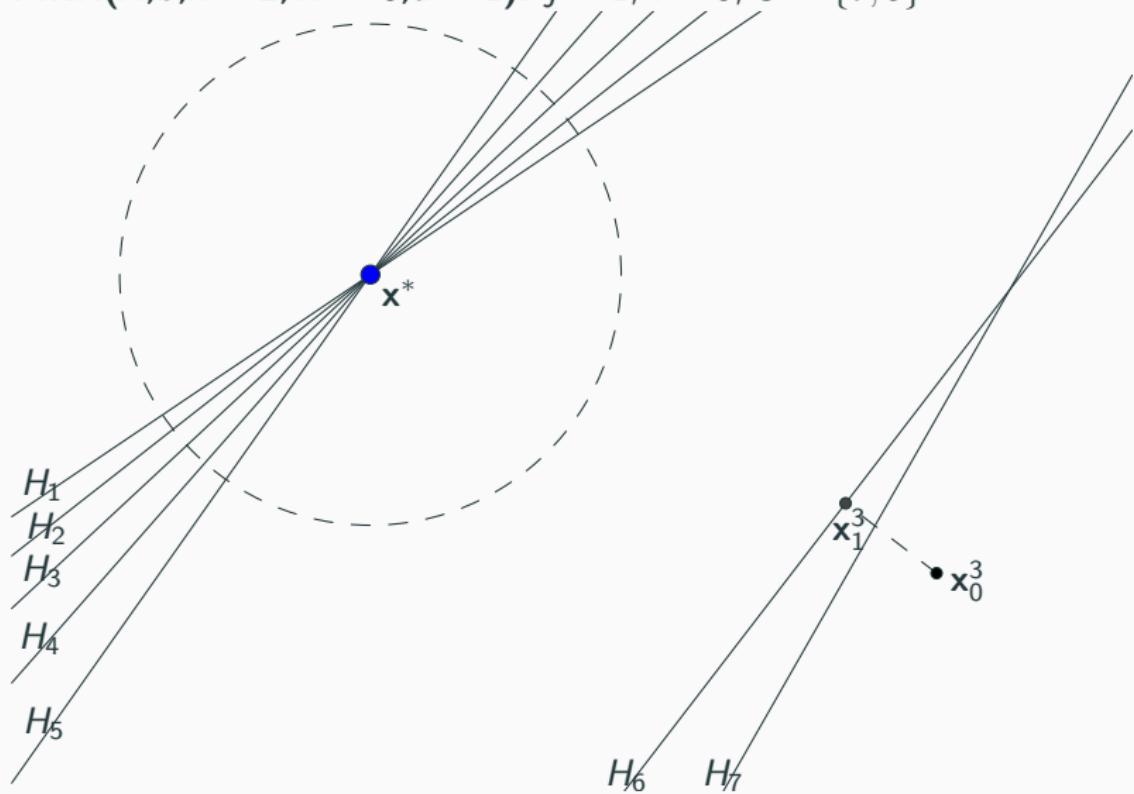
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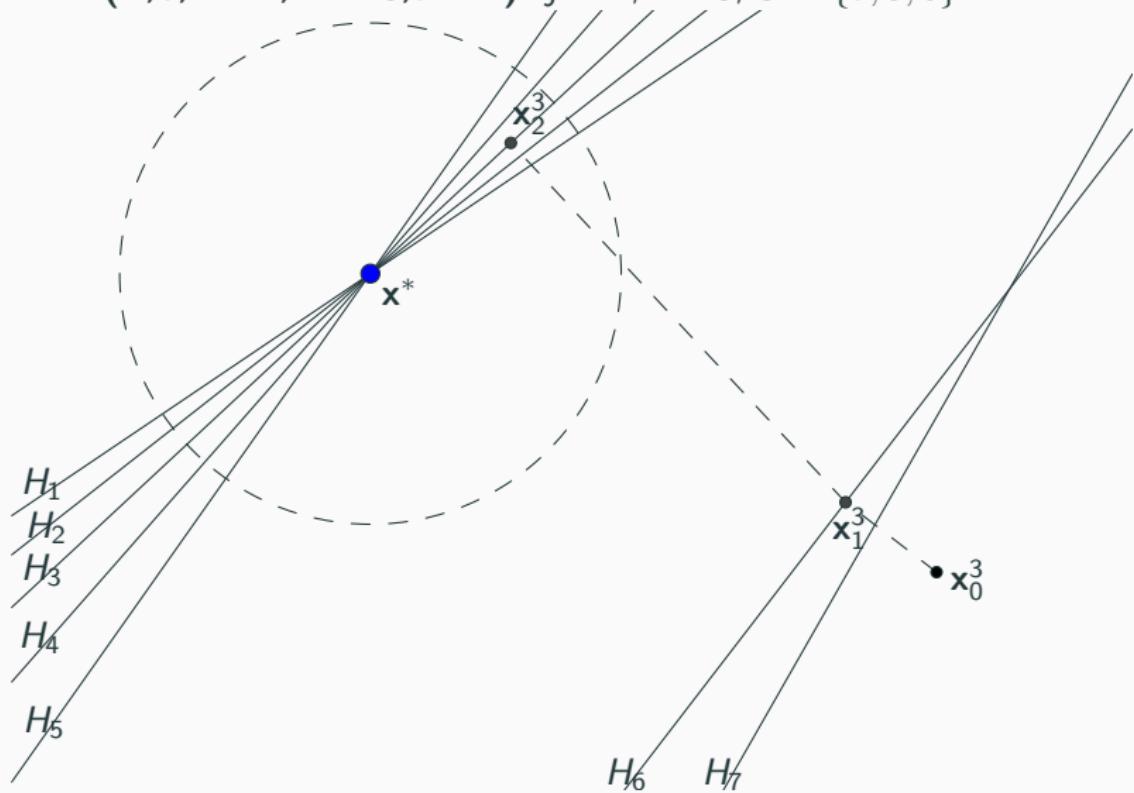
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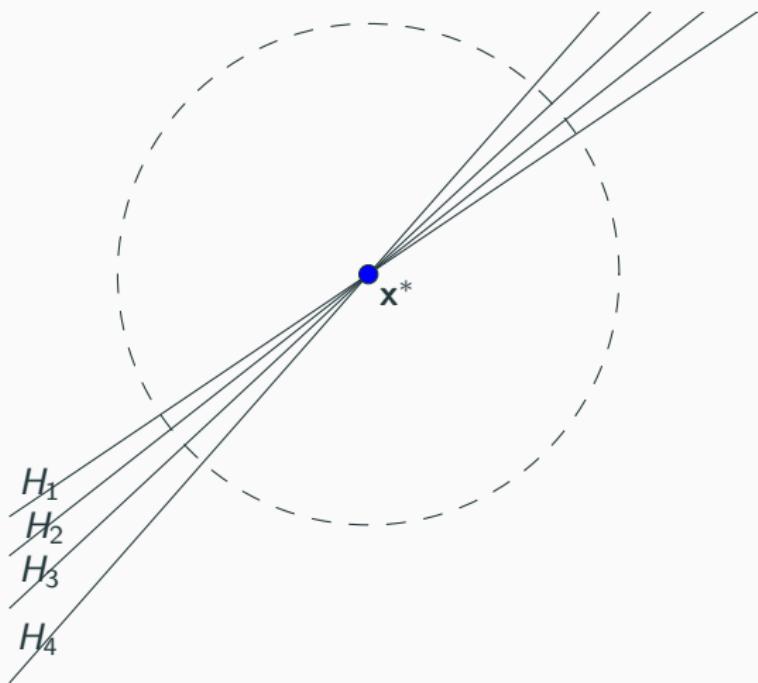
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Example

Solve $A_{S^c}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_{S^c}$.



Theoretical Guarantees

Lemma

Let $\epsilon^* = \min_{i \in \text{supp}(\mathbf{e})} |A\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{b}|_i = |e_i|$ and suppose $|\text{supp}(\mathbf{e})| = s$.

Assume that $\|\mathbf{a}_i\| = 1$ for all $i \in [m]$ and let $0 < \delta < 1$. Define

$$k^* = \left\lceil \frac{\log \left(\frac{\delta(\epsilon^*)^2}{4\|\mathbf{x}^*\|^2} \right)}{\log \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_{\min}^2(A_{\text{supp}(\mathbf{e})})}{m-s} \right)} \right\rceil.$$

Then in window i of the Windowed Kaczmarz method, the iterate produced by the RK iterations, $\mathbf{x}_{k^*}^i$ satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\|\mathbf{x}_{k^*}^i - \mathbf{x}^*\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^*\right] \geq p := (1 - \delta) \left(\frac{m - s}{m}\right)^{k^*}.$$

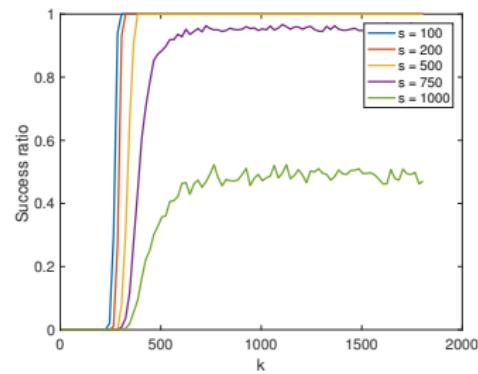
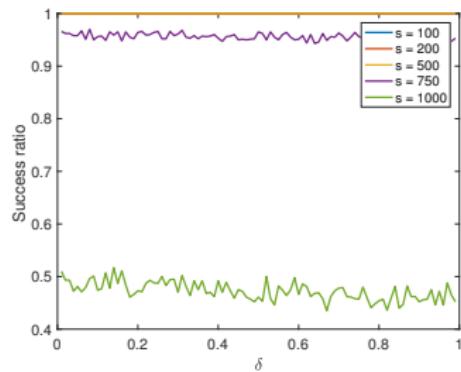
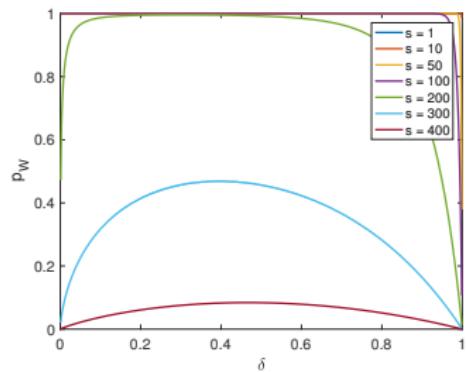
Theoretical Guarantees

Theorem (H. - Needell 2018+)

Assume that $\|\mathbf{a}_i\| = 1$ for all $i \in [m]$ and let $0 < \delta < 1$. Suppose $d \geq s = |\text{supp}(\mathbf{e})|$, $W \leq \lfloor \frac{m-n}{d} \rfloor$ and k^* is as given in the previous lemma. Then the Windowed Kaczmarz method on A, \mathbf{b} will detect the corrupted equations ($\text{supp}(\mathbf{e}) \subset S$) and the remaining equations given by $A_{[m]-S}, \mathbf{b}_{[m]-S}$ will have solution \mathbf{x}^* with probability at least

$$p_W := 1 - \left[1 - (1 - \delta) \left(\frac{m-s}{m} \right)^{k^*} \right]^W.$$

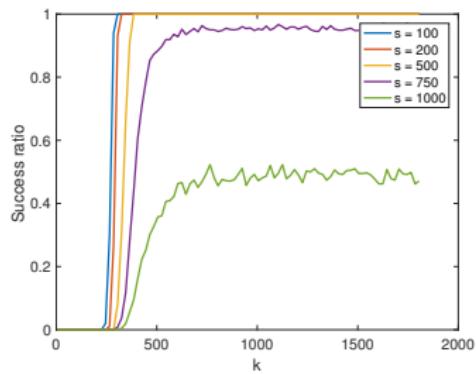
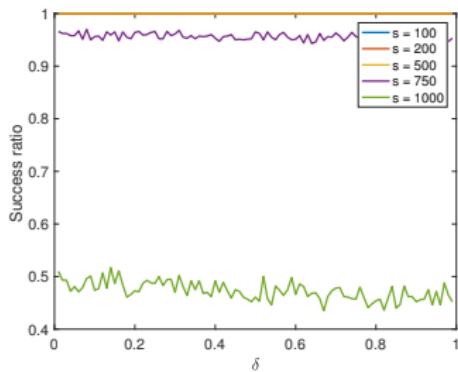
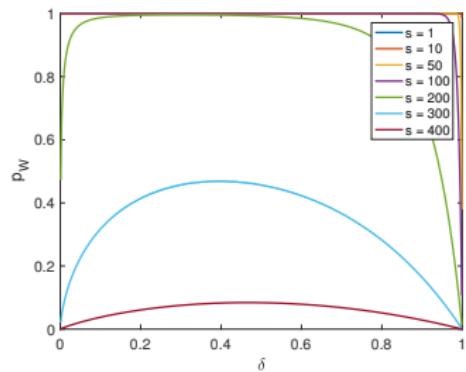
Success Rates (Gaussian $A \in \mathbb{R}^{50000 \times 100}$)



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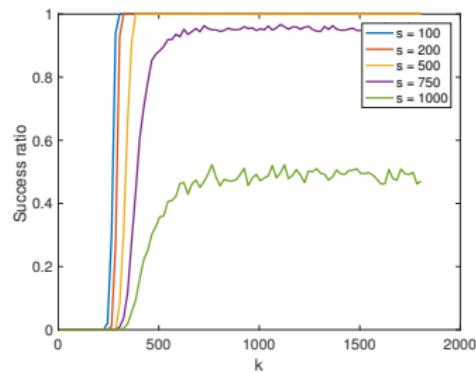
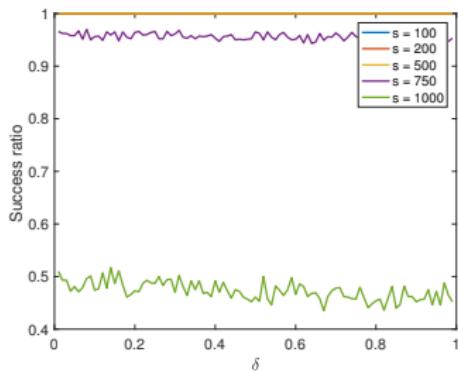
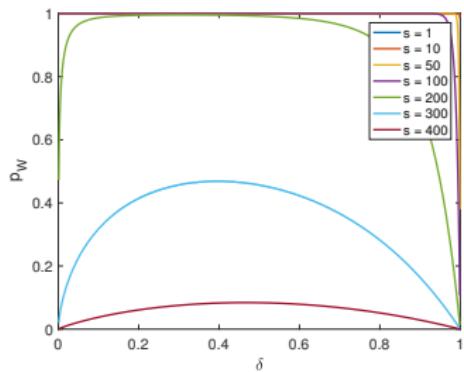
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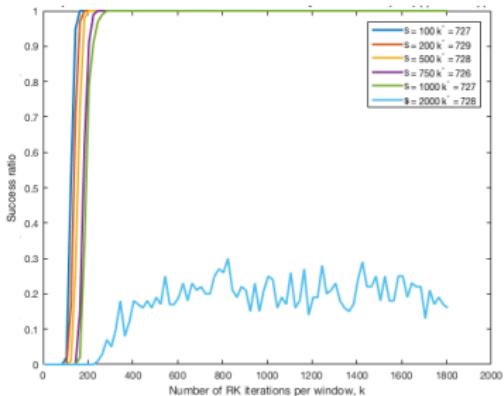
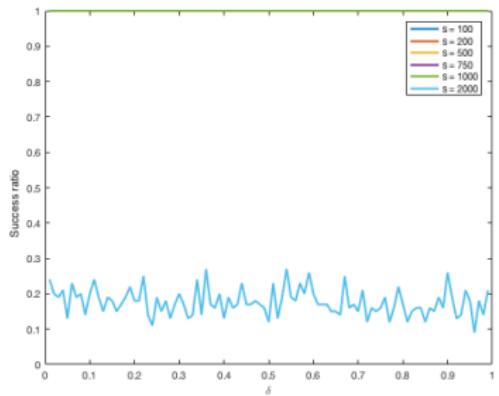
▷ Upper right: experimental rate of detecting all corrupted equations in one round

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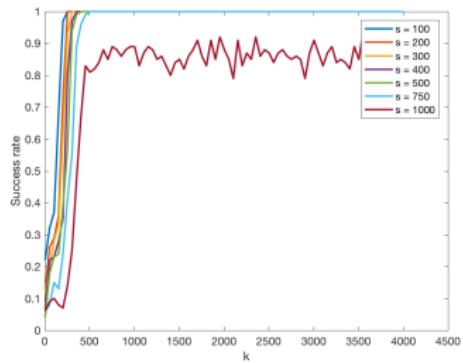
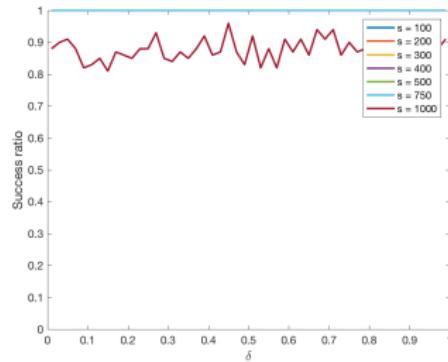
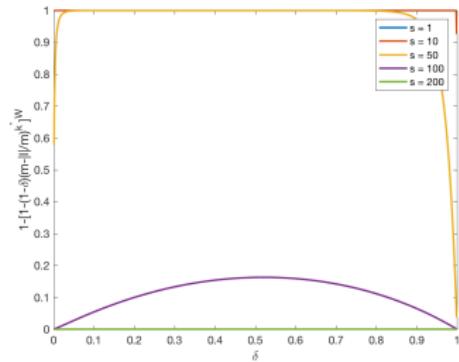
- ▷ Lower left: experimental rate of detecting all corrupted equations in one round for varying number of RK iterations k

Total Experimental Success Rates (Gaussian $A \in \mathbb{R}^{50000 \times 100}$)



- ▷ experimental rate of success of detecting all corrupted equations over all $W = \lfloor \frac{m-n}{d} \rfloor$ windows

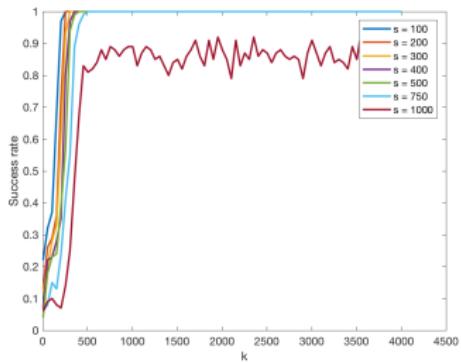
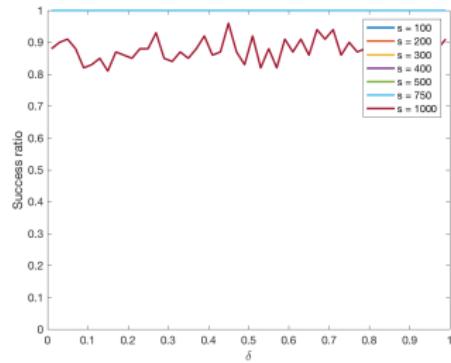
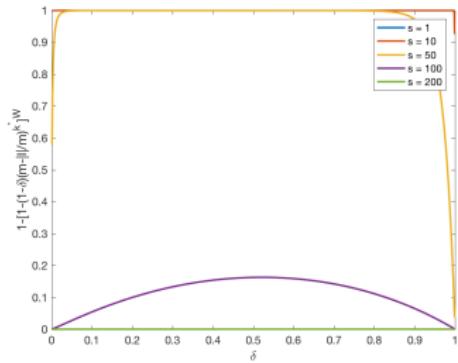
Success Rates (“correlated” $A \in \mathbb{R}^{50000 \times 100}$)



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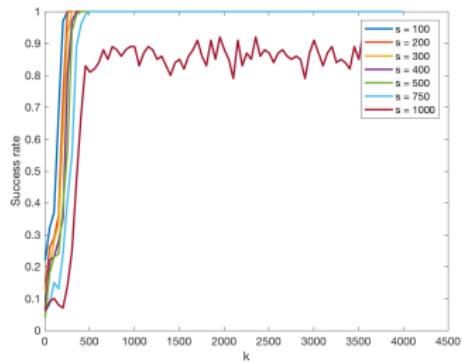
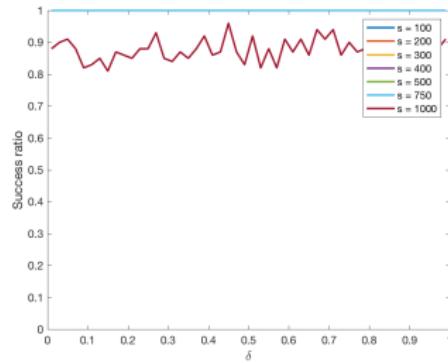
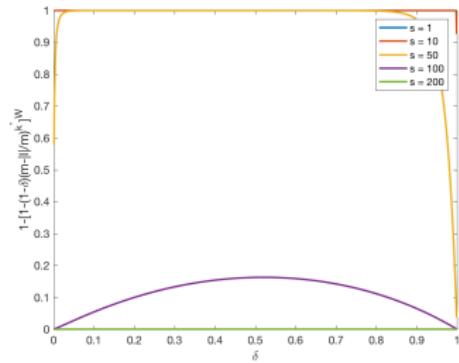
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Success Rates (“correlated” $A \in \mathbb{R}^{50000 \times 100}$)



▷ Upper right: experimental rate of detecting all corrupted equations in one round

Success Rates (“correlated” $A \in \mathbb{R}^{50000 \times 100}$)



- ▷ Lower left: experimental rate of detecting all corrupted equations in one round for varying number of RK iterations k

Conclusions

- ▷ Motzkin's method is accelerated even in the presence of noise
 - γ_k , the parameter governing this acceleration, governs the acceleration of SKM
- ▷ γ_k can be bounded for some systems
- ▷ RK methods may be used to detect corruption
- ▷ theoretical bounds do not reflect empirical results

Future Work

- ▷ identify useful bounds on γ_k for other useful systems
- ▷ design dynamic sampling algorithms which use the optimal sample size β

- ▷ reduce dependence on artificial parameters in corruption detection bounds
- ▷ introduce a Bayesian framework into MRK

Questions?

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