Manopt.il

Numerical Optimization on Riemannian Manifolds in Julia



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Optimization

(Constrained) Optimization aims to find for a function $f: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}$ a point

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^m}{\text{arg min }} f(x)$$

Challenges:

- ightharpoonup constrained to some $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, e.g. unit vectors
- symmetries / invariances

Geometric Optimization aims to find

$$\underset{p \in \mathcal{M}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} F(p)$$

where F is defined on a Riemannian manifold \mathcal{M} , e.g. the sphere $\mathbb{S}^d \subset \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$. \Rightarrow the problem is unconstrained (again).



A Riemannian manifold $\mathcal M$

A d-dimensional Riemannian manifold can be informally defined as a set \mathcal{M} covered with a 'suitable' collection of charts, that identify subsets of \mathcal{M} with open subsets of \mathbb{R}^d and a continuously varying inner product on the tangent spaces.

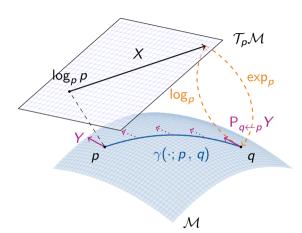
[Absil, Mahony, and Sepulchre 2008]



A d-dimensional Riemannian manifold \mathcal{M}

Notation.

- Geodesic $\gamma(\cdot; p, q)$
- ightharpoonup Tangent space $\mathcal{T}_p\mathcal{M}$
- ▶ inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_p$
- ▶ Logarithmic map $\log_p q = \dot{\gamma}(0; p, q)$
- Exponential map $\exp_p X = \gamma_{p,X}(1)$ where $\gamma_{p,X}(0) = p$ and $\dot{\gamma}_{p,X}(0) = X$
- Parallel transport $P_{q \leftarrow p} Y$ "move" tangent vectors from $\mathcal{T}_p \mathcal{M}$ to $\mathcal{T}_q \mathcal{M}$



Example I: The Sphere $\mathbb{S}^d \subset \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$

The set of unit vectors or the Sphere

$$\mathbb{S}^d \coloneqq \left\{
ho \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \middle| \lVert
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ight\}$$

is a Riemannian manifold. A tangent space if of the form

$$T_{oldsymbol{
ho}}\mathbb{S}^d\coloneqq\left\{X\in\mathbb{R}^{d+1}ig|\langle X,oldsymbol{
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ight\}$$

The exponential map is given by "following great arcs" from p in direction X we get

$$\exp_p X = \cos(\|X\|_p)p + \sin(\|X\|_p)\frac{X}{\|X\|_p},$$

But the inverse $\log_p q$ is only locally defined, for example if p = -q are opposite points, there are infinitely many tangent vectors such that $\exp_p X = q$.



Example II: Stiefel & Grassmann

The Stiefel manifold consists of all orthonormal bases (ONB) for k-dimensional subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{St}}(n,k) \coloneqq \big\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \mid p^{\mathsf{T}} p = I_k \big\},$$

If we are only interested in the subspace, we obtain the Grassmann manifold

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{Gr}}(n,k) \coloneqq \{\operatorname{\mathsf{span}}(p) \mid p \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, p^{\mathsf{T}}p = I_k\},$$

 \Rightarrow All ONBs $p \in St(n, k)$ of one subspace are the same point $q \in Gr(n, k)$. Formally we obtain sets of equivalence classes or a quotient structure

$$Gr(n, k) = St(n, k) / O(k),$$



Implementing a Riemannian manifold

ManifoldsBase.jl introduces a manifold type with its field $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}\}$ as parameter to provide an interface for implementing functions like

- ▶ inner(M, p, X, Y) for the Riemannian metric $(X, Y)_p$
- \triangleright exp(M, p, X) and log(M, p, q),
- ▶ more general: retract(M, p, X, m), where m is a retraction method
- ▶ similarly: parallel_transport(M, p, X, q) and vector_transport_to(M, p, X, q, m)

for your manifold, which is a subtype of Manifold(F).

- (M) mutating version exp! (M, q, p, X) works in place in q
- → basis for generic algorithms working on any Manifold and generic functions like norm(M,p,X), geodesic(M, p, X) and shortest_geodesic(M, p, q)

 ${\cal S}$ juliamanifolds.github.io/ManifoldsBase.jl/



Manifolds.jl – A library of manifolds in Julia

Manifolds.jl is based on the ManifoldsBase.jl interface.

Features.

- different metrics
- ► Lie groups
- Build manifolds using
 - ▶ Product manifold $\mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2$
 - Power manifold $\mathcal{M}^{n \times m}$
 - ► Tangent bundle
- Embedded manifolds
- perform statistics
- well-documented, including formulae and references
- ▶ well-tested, >98 % code cov.

Manifolds. For example

- ▶ (unit) Sphere
- Circle & Torus
- Fixed Rank Matrices
- ► (Generalized) Stiefel & Grassmann
- Hyperbolic space
- ightharpoonup Rotations, O(n), SO(n), SU(n)
- Symmetric positive definite matrices
- Symplectic & Symplectic Stiefel
- ...
 - ${\cal S}$ juliamanifolds.github.io/Manifolds.jl/
 - JuliaCon 2020 youtu.be/md-FnDGCh9M



[Axen, Baran, RB, and Rzecki 2021]

Manopt.jl - Internal Structure

Manopt.jl is implemented depending only on ManifoldsBase.jl.

A solver for an optimization problem consists of three ingredients

- ► a Problem P that specifies static properties
 - ightharpoonup the manifold \mathcal{M}
 - ightharpoonup a cost function $F \colon \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}$
 - ▶ (maybe) a gradient grad $F: \mathcal{M} \to T\mathcal{M}$
 - ► (maybe) a Hessian Hess F
 - **.**..
- some Options O containing dynamic data
 - ightharpoonup the current iterate p_i
 - ▶ a StoppingCriterion
 - any parameter required during an iteration
- implementation of
 - 1. initialize solver! (P, 0) to initialise a solver run
 - 2. step_solver!(P, 0, i) to perform the *i*th step





Running a solver & high level Interfaces

Running a solver consists of

- 1. generating a Problem P
- 2. generating some Options O
- 3. calling solve(P,0)

These steps are usually provided by a high level interface.

Example. For a gradient descent algorithm on a Riemannian manifold one can use

```
gradient_descent(M, F, gradF, p0)
```

which performs

- 1. create
 - ▶ PG = GradientProblem(M, F, gradF)
 - ► OG = GradientOptions(p0, gradF(M, p0))
- 2. runs the algorithm by calling solve(PG,OG)
- 3. returns the resulting last iterate (calling get_solver_result(OG))



Stopping criteria

The Options usually include a StoppingCriterion sc. This is accessed via stop_solver!(P,O,i) at every iteration i

A StoppingCriterion sc should

- ▶ be a functor sc(P,0,i) returning true/false
- ▶ implement get_reason(sc) returning a string with the reason when true was returned
- © Combine stopping criteria using sc1 | sc2 or sc1 & sc2

Examples.

- StopAfterIteration(N) stop after N iterations.
- StopAfterIteration(N) | StopWhenGradientLess(1e-8)

... or when the gradient is small



Within a step: Stepsize & Linesearch

In many algorithms, after determining a direction "to walk into", e.g.

$$X = -\operatorname{grad} F(p)$$

there is a Stepsize s left to determine, which is modelled (again) as a functor sk = s(p,o,i). It can be e.g.

- ► a ConstantStepsize(c)
- ► an ArmijoLinesearch(M)
- ► a NonmonotoneLinesearch(M)

Options 0 often contain aAbstractRetractionMethod in 0.retraction_method \Rightarrow line search along the curve given by

```
t -> retract(P.M, O.x, t * X, O.retraction_method)
```



Printing debug output & Record values

Every solver has a debug= keyword using DebugActions, Strings and Symbols, e.g.

```
debug=[:Iteration, DebugCost(), (:Change, "change: %1.9f\n"), :Stop]
prints
```

- \blacktriangleright the iteration number and the cost $F(p_k)$ (in default format, also :Cost),
- ▶ the change $d_{\mathcal{M}}(p_{k-1}, p_k)$ in a specific format (and a line break)
- the reason the algorithm stopped at the end

The same with the keyword record to record values, for example

```
record=[:Iteration, :Cost, :Iterate]
and set return_options=true

⇒ final state (options fin0) are returned.

⇒ use get_record(fin0) to get a vector of (i, cost, point) tuples
```



Manopt.jl – Available Solvers

Currently the following solvers are available

- Gradient Descent
 CG, Stochastic, Momentum, Alternating,
 Average, Nesterov, ...
- Quasi-Newton (L-)BFGS, DFP, Broyden, SR1, ...
- ► Nelder-Mead, Particle Swarm
- Subgradient Method
- Trust Regions
- Chambolle-Pock (PDHG)
- ► Inexact Semismooth Newton Method
- Douglas-Rachford
- ► Cyclic Proximal Point



The Manopt Family.



[RB 2022]

manopt.org

[Boumal, Mishra, Absil, and Sepulchre 2014]



[Townsend, Koep, and Weichwald 2016]



Example Problem: The Riemannian center of mass

The mean of N data points $x_1, \ldots, x_N \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$x^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \iff x^* = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \|x - x_i\|_2^2$$

⇒ the minimizer of sum of squared distances

For $p_1, \ldots, p_N \in \mathcal{M}$: Riemannian center(s) of mass are

[Karcher 1977]

$$\underset{p \in \mathcal{M}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \, \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d_{\mathcal{M}}^{2}(p, p_{i}),$$

- ▶ (in general) neither closed form nor unique
- ▶ For $F(p) = \frac{1}{2}d_{\mathcal{M}}^2(p, p_i)$ the gradient is given by grad $F(p) = -\log_p p_i$
- ⇒ use gradient descent



Example Codes: The Riemannian center of mass

```
using Manopt, Manifolds, LinearAlgebra
M = Sphere(2)
N = 100
# generate N unit vectors
pts = [normalize(randn(3)) for in 1:N]
# define cost and gradient
F(M, p) = sum(pi \rightarrow distance(M, pi, p)^2 / 2N, pts)
grad F(M, p) = sum(pi -> grad distance(M, pi, p)/N, pts)
# compute a center of mass in place of m
m = copv(M, pts[1])
gradient descent!(M, F, grad F, m)
# Alternatively: Use a set of proximal maps and cyclic proximal point
proxes = Function[(M,\lambda,q) -> prox_distance(M,\lambda/N,p,q,1) for p in pts]
cyclic proximal point(M, F, proxes, pts[1])
```

Summary

Manopt.jl is a Julia package that provides

- a framework for optimization algorithms on manifolds
- a library of optimization algorithms within this framework
- includes generic step size / line search functions, debug & record.

based on ManifoldsBase.jl, so it can be used with all manifolds from Manifolds.jl.

Also included. cost functions, gradients, differentials and proximal maps. ...as well as several tutorials at manoptjl.org

Soon. Constrained optimisation algorithms on manifolds,

- Augmented Lagrangian Method, Exact Penalty Method
- ► Frank-Wolfe Method

[Liu and Boumal 2019]

[Weber and Sra 2022]



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