

# HW6

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## MATH 3332 Data Analytic Tools Homework 6

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1. Find the sub-differentials.

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(b)  $g_2(x) = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} + \sqrt{x_3^2 + x_4^2}$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ .

(c)  $g_3(x) = \|x\|_\infty$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

(d)  $g_4(x) = (|x_1| + |x_2|)^2$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

2. We consider  $\min_{\mathbf{x}} g(\mathbf{x})$ , where  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function. In the backward sub-gradient algorithm (a.k.a. proximal algorithm), we used the iteration: given  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$ , generate

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|_2^2 + \alpha_k g(\mathbf{x}).$$

Prove that  $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)}$  is uniquely defined, i.e., prove that the solution of the minimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|_2^2 + \alpha_k g(\mathbf{x})$$

exists and is unique for any  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\alpha_k > 0$ .

3. Consider the following minimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n r(x_i)$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  are given, and  $r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \leq 0, \\ t, & \text{if } t \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Find a forward-backward splitting algorithm with explicit formulas for solving this minimization problem. (*Hint: Use a forward step for the smooth convex term  $\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$  and a backward step for the non-smooth convex term  $\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n r(x_i)$ .*)

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$$(a) \quad \partial g_1(x) = \begin{cases} \{-x\} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \{0\} & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \{x^2\} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } x=0, D_g(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{g(y) - g(0)}{y - x}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-y}{y}$$

$$= -1$$

$$D_g(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(y) - g(0)}{y - x}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{y^2}{y}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\partial g_1(x) = \begin{cases} \{-1\} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \{0\} & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \{2x\} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

b).  $g_2(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} + \sqrt{x_3^2 + x_4^2} \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$\text{let } A = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1 = x_2 = 0\}$$

$$B = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_3 = x_4 = 0\}$$

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To compute subgradient of  $g_2(x)$ , we need to divide  $\mathbb{R}^4$  into 4 cases:

Case 1: If  $x \notin A$  and  $x \notin B$ , then  $g_2$  is differentiable because all the partial derivatives exists and continuous near that point.

$$\text{So, } \nabla g_2(x) = \left( \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2+x_2^2}}, \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2+x_2^2}}, \frac{x_3}{\sqrt{x_3^2+x_4^2}}, \frac{x_4}{\sqrt{x_3^2+x_4^2}} \right)^T$$

Case 2: if  $x \in A$  but  $x \notin B$ , then we claim

$$\partial g_2(x) = \left\{ (u, v, \frac{x_3}{\sqrt{x_3^2+x_4^2}}, \frac{x_4}{\sqrt{x_3^2+x_4^2}})^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 : u^2 + v^2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

Proving the claim,

$$g_2(x) = h(x_1, x_2) + h(x_3, x_4)$$

$$\text{where } h(s, t) = \sqrt{s^2 + t^2}$$

Since  $x \notin B$ ,  $h(x_3, x_4)$  is differentiable

$$\text{and } \nabla h(x_3, x_4) = \left( \frac{x_3}{\sqrt{x_3^2+x_4^2}}, \frac{x_4}{\sqrt{x_3^2+x_4^2}} \right)^T$$

$$\text{For } h(x_1, x_2) = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = \|v\|_2 \text{ where } v = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

according to lecture notes,  $\partial \|v\|_2$  at  $v = (0, 0)^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

we have:

$$\partial h(0, 0) = \left\{ u = \mathbb{R}^2 : \|u\|_2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

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Case 3: if  $x \in \mathcal{B}$  but  $x \notin A$ , similarly we have

$$\partial g_2(x) = \left\{ \left( \frac{y_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2+x_2^2}}, \frac{y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2+x_2^2}}, u, v \right)^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \begin{array}{l} u^2+v^2 \leq 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Case 4: if  $x \in A \cap B$ ,  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 0$ ,

$$\partial g_2(0) = \left\{ (s, t, u, v)^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 : s^2+t^2 \leq 1, u^2+v^2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

Proving this, we rewrite  $g_2(x)$  as:

$$g_2(x) = h(x_1, x_2) + h(x_3, x_4)$$

consider  $\partial h(x_1, x_2)$  at  $(x_1, x_2) = (u, s)$ , we have

$$\partial h(0, 0) = \left\{ u \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|u\|_2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

consider  $\partial h(x_3, x_4)$  at  $(x_3, x_4) = (v, t)$ , we have

$$\partial h(0, 0) = \left\{ u \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|u\|_2 \leq 1 \right\}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial g_2(0) = \left\{ (s, t, u, v)^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 : s^2+t^2 \leq 1, u^2+v^2 \leq 1 \right\}.$$

$$\text{So, } \left\{ \left( u, v, \frac{x_3}{\sqrt{x_3^2+x_4^2}}, \frac{x_4}{\sqrt{x_3^2+x_4^2}} \right)^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 : u^2+v^2 \leq 1 \right\} \text{ if } x_1=x_2=0$$

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$$(c). \quad g_3(x) = \|x\|_\infty, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

$$g_3(x) = \max(|x_1|, |x_2|)$$

(case 1:  $x_1 > |x_2|$ , then around  $(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\|x\|_\infty = x_1$   
 $\Rightarrow \nabla g_3(x) = (1, 0)$ )

(case 2:  $x_1 < -|x_2|$ , then around  $(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\|x\|_\infty = -x_1$   
 $\Rightarrow \nabla g_3(x) = (-1, 0)$ )

(case 3:  $x_2 > |x_1|$ , then around  $(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\|x\|_\infty = x_2$   
 $\Rightarrow \nabla g_3(x) = (0, 1)$ )

(case 4:  $x_2 < -|x_1|$ , then around  $(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\|x\|_\infty = -x_2$   
 $\Rightarrow \nabla g_3(x) = (0, -1)$ )

(case 5:  $x_2 = x_1 > 0$ ,  $\nabla g_3(x) = S: \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} : u, v \geq 0, u + v = 1 \right\}$ )

During the above statement:

Proving the above statement :

take  $k \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|y\|_\infty + \langle k, (y-x) \rangle &= \max(|y_1|, |y_2|) + k_1(y_1 - x_1) \\
 &\quad + k_2(y_2 - x_2) \\
 &= x_1 + k_1(y_1 - x_1) + k_2(y_2 - x_2) \\
 &= x_1 + k_1 y_1 - k_1 x_1 + k_2 y_2 - k_2 x_2 \\
 (\because k \in S, k_1 + k_2 = 1) \quad &= k_1 x_1 + k_2 x_1 + k_1(y_1 - x_1) + k_2(y_2 - x_2) \\
 &= k_1 y_1 + k_2 y_2 \\
 &\leq (k_1 + k_2) \max\{|y_1|, |y_2|\} \\
 &= \|y\|_\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore S \subseteq \partial g_3(x)$ , where  $x_2 = x_1 > 0$ .

To show  $\partial g_3(x) \subseteq S$ , assume  $k = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $k_1 + k_2 \geq 1$ ,

then take  $y = 2 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|y\|_\infty - \|x\|_\infty - \langle k, y-x \rangle &= 2 \max\{|x_1, x_2|\} - \max\{|x_1, x_2|\} \\
 &\quad - k_1(2x_1 - x_1) - k_2(2x_2 - x_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\because x_2 = x_1 > 0) \quad &= 2x_1 - x_1 - k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_2 \\
 &= ((1 - k_1 - k_2)x_1) < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we assume  $k = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $k_1 + k_2 < 1$

then  $v = \begin{bmatrix} T x_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  we have

then  $y = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|y\|_\infty - \|x\|_\infty - \langle k, y-x \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} - \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} \\
 &\quad - k_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}x_1 - x_1\right) - k_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}x_2 - x_2\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}x_1 - x_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_1 x_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 x_2 \\
 (\because x_2 - x_1 > 0) &= \frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_2 - 1)x_1 < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if  $k = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $k_1 < 0$  or  $k_2 < 0$ , we could use similar approach for taking  $y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $y = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  to get contradiction:

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 < 0: \|y\|_\infty - \|x\|_\infty - \langle k, y-x \rangle &= \max\left\{\left|\frac{1}{2}x_1\right|, |x_2|\right\} - \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} \\
 &\quad - k_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}x_1 - x_1\right) - k_2(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\because k_1 < 0, x_1 > 0) &= \frac{1}{2}k_1 x_1 < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_2 < 0: \|y\|_\infty - \|x\|_\infty - \langle k, y-x \rangle &= \max\{|x_1|, \left|\frac{1}{2}x_2\right|\} - \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} \\
 &\quad - k_1(x_1 - x_1) - k_2(\frac{1}{2}x_2 - x_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= x_2 - x_2 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 x_2 - 0$$

$$= x_2 - x_2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 x_2 = 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} k_2 x_2 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow \partial g_3(x) \subseteq S$ , where  $x_1 = x_2 > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  we have  $\partial g_3(x) = S$  where  $x_1 = x_2 > 0$ .

same as:

$$\partial g_3(x) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 1-r \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq r \leq 1 \right\}$$

So, similarly, we have case 6-8 as the following:

Case 6:  $x_2 = x_1 < 0$ ,

$$\partial g_3(x) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -r \\ -1+r \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq r \leq 1 \right\}$$

Case 7:  $x_1 = -x_2, x_1 < 0$

$$\partial g_3(x) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -r \\ 1-r \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq r \leq 1 \right\}$$

Case 8:  $x_1 = -x_2, x_1 > 0$

$$\partial g_3(x) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r \\ -1+r \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq r \leq 1 \right\}$$

(ans): If  $x_1 = x_2 > 0$ , we claim that

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Take  $k = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} \in S_2$ . i.e.  $|k_1| + |k_2| \leq 1$ .

$$A y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|y\|_\infty - \|\vec{0}\|_\infty - \langle k, y - \vec{0} \rangle &= \|y\|_\infty - \langle k, y \rangle \\ &= \max\{|y_1|, |y_2|\} - k_1 y_1 - k_2 y_2 \\ &\geq (|k_1| + |k_2|) \max\{|y_1|, |y_2|\} - \\ &\quad |k_1| y_1 - |k_2| y_2 \\ &\geq |k_1| \|y\|_1 + |k_2| \|y\|_1 - |k_1| y_1 - \\ &\quad |k_2| y_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore S_2 \subseteq \partial g_3(x)$ .

If  $k \notin S_2$ , then  $|k_1| + |k_2| > 1$ . Let  $y = \begin{pmatrix} \text{sign}(k_1) \max\{|k_1|, |k_2|\} \\ \text{sign}(k_2) \max\{|k_1|, |k_2|\} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|y\|_\infty - \|\vec{0}\|_\infty - \langle k, y - \vec{0} \rangle &= \|y\|_\infty - \langle k, y \rangle \\ &= \max\{|k_1|, |k_2|\} - (|k_1| \max\{|k_1|, |k_2|\})^2 \\ &\quad - |k_2| \max\{|k_1|, |k_2|\} \end{aligned}$$

$$-|k_2| \max \{|k_1|, |k_2|\}$$

$$= ((-|k_1| - |k_2|) \max\{|k_1|, |k_2|\}) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial g_3(x) \subseteq S_2, \quad \partial g_3(x) = \{x : \|x\|_1 < 1\}.$$

Conclusion:

$$\partial g_3(x) = \begin{cases} \{(0)\} & \text{if } x_1 > |x_2| > 0 \\ \{(0)\} & \text{if } x_2 > |x_1| > 0 \\ \{(-1)\} & \text{if } x_1 < -|x_2| \leq 0 \\ \{(0, 1)\} & \text{if } x_2 < -|x_1| \leq 0 \\ \{(r, 1-r) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 0 \leq r \leq 1\} & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 > 0 \\ \{(-r, 1-r) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 0 \leq r \leq 1\} & \text{if } x_1 = -x_2 < 0 \\ \{(-r, -1+r) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 0 \leq r \leq 1\} & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 < 0 \\ \{(-r, 1+r) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 0 \leq r \leq 1\} & \text{if } x_1 = -x_2 > 0 \\ \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \|x\|_1 \leq 1\} & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

1d).  $g_4(x) = (|x_1| + |x_2|)^2$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

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$$\frac{\partial g_4(x)}{\partial x_1} = 2(|x_1| + |x_2|) \cdot \frac{x_1}{|x_1|}$$

$$\frac{\partial g_4(x)}{\partial x_2} = 2(|x_1| + |x_2|) \cdot \frac{x_2}{|x_2|}$$

$$\therefore \nabla g_4(x) = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + \frac{x_1 |x_2|}{|x_1|} \\ x_2 + \frac{x_2 |x_1|}{|x_2|} \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 \neq 0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial g_4(x)}{\partial x_1} = 2(|x_1| + |x_2|)\alpha_1, \text{ where } |\alpha_1| < 1$$

$$\frac{\partial g_4(x)}{\partial x_2} = 2(|x_1| + |x_2|) \cdot \frac{x_2}{|x_2|} = 2x_2$$

If  $x_1 \neq 0$  and  $x_2 = 0$ , similarly,

$$\frac{\partial g_4(x)}{\partial x_1} = 2x_1, \quad \frac{\partial g_4(x)}{\partial x_2} = 2(|x_1| + |x_2|) - \alpha_2, \quad \text{where } |\alpha_2| < 1.$$

If  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$ ,

$$\partial g_4(x) = (1, 1, \dots, 1, \alpha_1) \alpha_1 \text{ where } |\alpha_1| < 1$$

$$\frac{\partial g_4(x)}{\partial x_1} = 2(|x_1| + |x_2|)\alpha_1 \text{ where } |\alpha_1| < 1$$

$$\frac{\partial g_4(x)}{\partial x_2} = 2(|x_1| + |x_2|)\alpha_2 \text{ where } |\alpha_2| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial g_4(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } |\alpha_1| < 1 \text{ and } |\alpha_2| < 1.$$

In conclusion:

$$\partial g_4(x) = \begin{cases} \left\{ 2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + \frac{x_1|x_2|}{|x_1|} \\ x_2 + \frac{x_2|x_1|}{|x_2|} \end{pmatrix} \right\} & \text{if } x_1 \neq 0 \text{ and } x_2 \neq 0. \\ \left\{ 2 \begin{pmatrix} (|x_1| + |x_2|)\alpha_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, |\alpha_1| < 1 \right\} & \text{if } x_1 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 \neq 0. \\ \left\{ 2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ (|x_1| + |x_2|)\alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}, |\alpha_2| < 1 \right\} & \text{if } x_1 \neq 0 \text{ and } x_2 = 0 \\ \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}, |\alpha_1| < 1, |\alpha_2| < 1 \right\} & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Q2. Let  $F_{(k+1)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|x - x^{(k)}\|_2^2 + d_k g(x)$

(let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|x - x^{(k)}\|_2^2$

$$F_{(k+1)}(x) = f(x) + d_k g(x)$$

- Obviously,  $F_{(k+1)}(x)$  is continuous as  $\frac{1}{2}\|x - x^{(k)}\|_2^2$  is continuous and  $g(x)$  is continuous.
- $F_{(k+1)}(x)$  is coercive as  $\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  
 $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$   
 And  $\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $g(x) \rightarrow +\infty$ . Since  $g(x)$  is convex function.
- (1)+(2)  $\Rightarrow \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} F(x)$  exists at least 1 solution.
- As  $f(x)$  is strictly convex and  $g(x)$  is convex  
 $\Rightarrow F(x)$  is strictly convex.
- Conclusion:  $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} F(x)$  exists and it's unique.

Q3. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|Ax - b\|_2^2$  and

$$g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n r(x_i)$$

The FBS algorithm is:

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha_k (\nabla f(x^{(k)}) + \lambda u^{(k+1)}), \text{ where } u^{(k+1)} \in \partial g(x^{(k+1)})$$

↑

$$0 \in x^{(k+1)} - (x^{(k)} - \alpha_k \nabla f(x^{(k)})) - \alpha_k \lambda u^{(k+1)}$$

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$$0 \in \partial \left( \frac{1}{2} \|x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)} - \alpha_k \nabla f(x^{(k)})\|^2 + \alpha_k \lambda g(x^{(k+1)}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha_k \nabla f(x^{(k)}) \\ x^{(k+1)} = \underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \|x - y^{(k+1)}\|^2 + \alpha_k \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n r(x_i) \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 \in x - y^{(k+1)} + \alpha_k \lambda u^{(k+1)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y_i^{(k+1)} \in x_i + \alpha_k \lambda u_i^{(k+1)}, u_i \in \partial(r(x_i))$$

$$\partial(r(x_i)) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } x_i < 0 \\ [0, 1] & \text{if } x_i = 0 \\ \{1\} & \text{if } x_i > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_i^{(k+1)} = \begin{cases} [0, 1] & \text{if } x_i = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y_i^{(k+1)} = \begin{cases} x_i + \alpha_k \lambda & \text{if } x_i > 0 \\ [0, \alpha_k \lambda] & \text{if } x_i = 0 \\ x_i & \text{if } x_i < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha_k = \begin{cases} y_i^{(k+1)} - \alpha_k \lambda & \text{if } y_i^{(k+1)} > \alpha_k \lambda \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i^{(k+1)} \in [0, \alpha_k \lambda] \\ y_i^{(k+1)} & \text{if } y_i^{(k+1)} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{let } T_{\alpha_k}(y_i^{(k+1)}) = \begin{cases} y_i^{(k+1)} - \alpha_k \lambda & \text{if } y_i^{(k+1)} > \alpha_k \lambda \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i^{(k+1)} \in [0, \alpha_k \lambda] \\ y_i^{(k+1)} & \text{if } y_i^{(k+1)} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha_k \nabla f(x^{(k)}) \\ x^{(k+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{\alpha_k}(y_1^{(k+1)}) \\ \vdots \\ T_{\alpha_k}(y_n^{(k+1)}) \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } \nabla f(x^{(k)}) = A^T(Ax^{(k)} - b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha_k (A^T(Ax^{(k)} - b)) \\ x^{(k+1)} = T_{\alpha_k}(y^{(k+1)}) \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{x}^{(k+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{\alpha^1}(y_1^{(k+1)}) \\ \vdots \\ T_{\alpha^n}(y_n^{(k+1)}) \end{pmatrix}$$