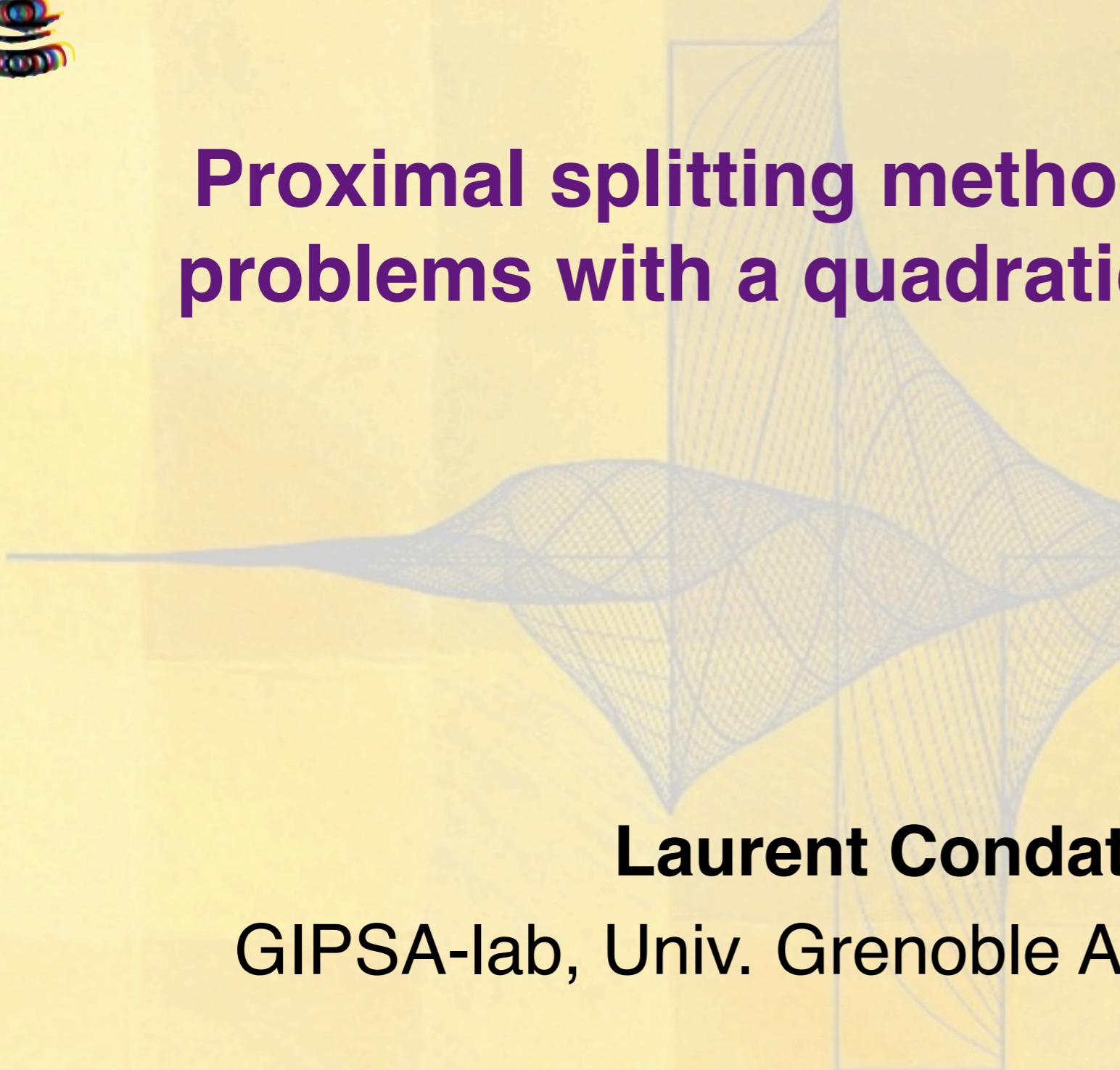


# Proximal splitting methods on convex problems with a quadratic term: Relax!



The slides I presented  
with added comments

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# Proximal splitting algorithms

A zoo of methods in the literature

ADMM

ISTA

Douglas-Rachford

PDFB

Chambolle-Pock

This is the primal-dual forward-backward algorithm  
I proposed, sometimes called ‘Condat-Vu algorithm’

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where

- the  $\mathcal{U}_m$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  are real Hilbert spaces,
- the functions  $g_m$  are convex, from  $\mathcal{U}_m$  to  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ ,
- the  $L_m$  are linear operators from  $\mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathcal{U}_m$ .

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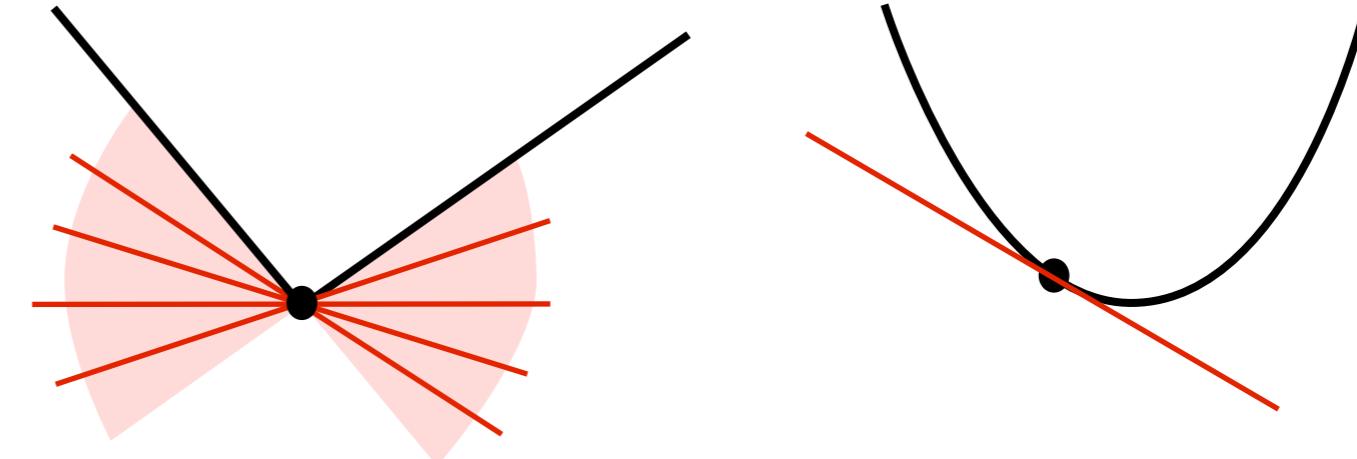
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-  no implicit operation (inner loop or linear system to solve)

# The subdifferential



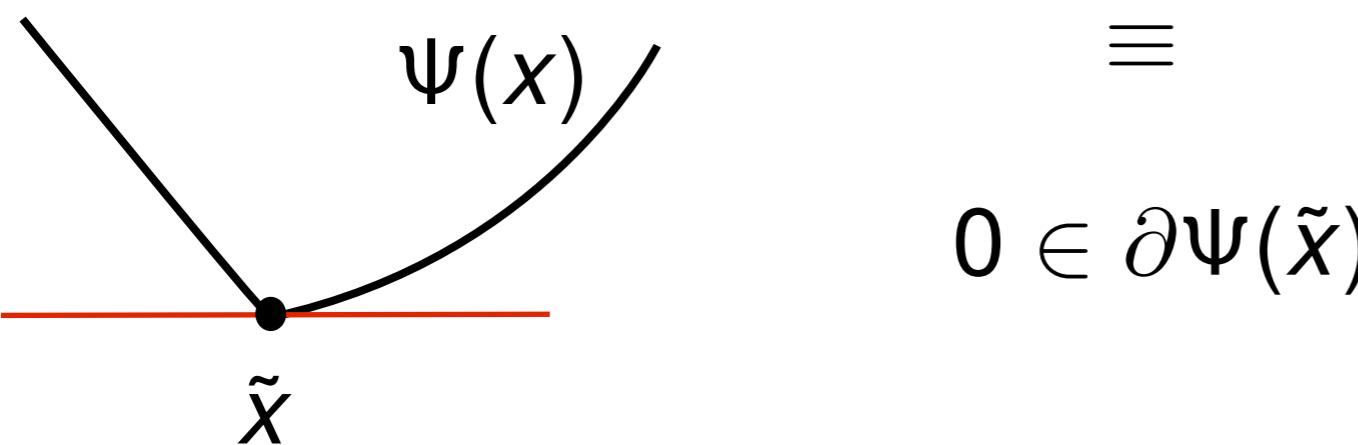
$$\partial f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{X}}$$

$\partial f(x)$  is the set of gradients of the affine minorants of  $f$  at  $x$ .

$f$  is smooth at  $x \rightarrow \partial f(x) = \{\nabla f(x)\}$ .

# Fermat's rule

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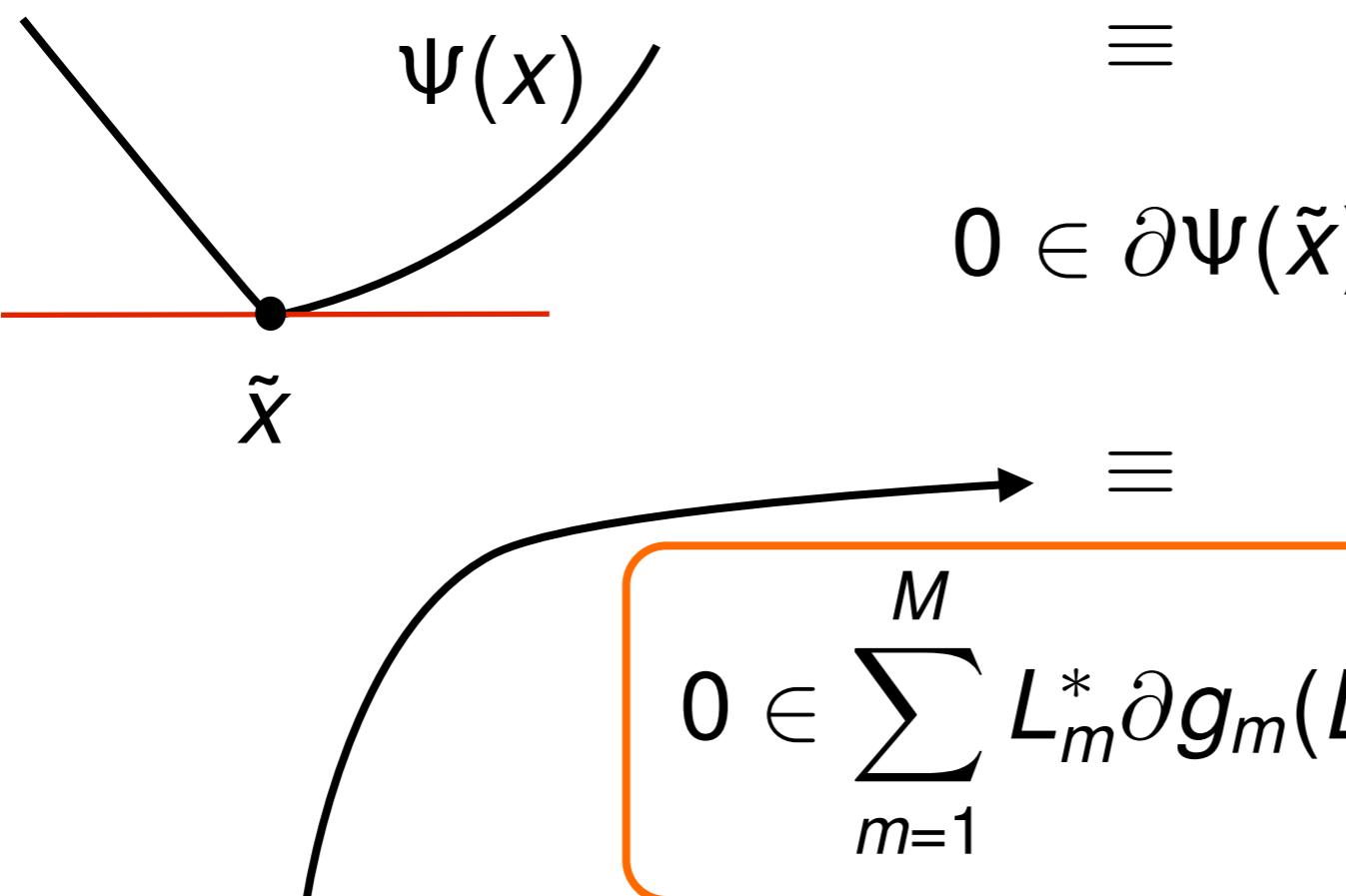
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Pierre de Fermat,  
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Here some qualification constraints are hidden

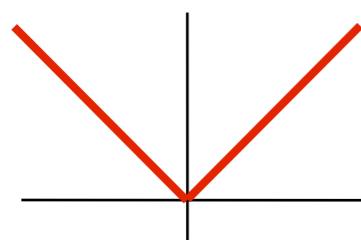
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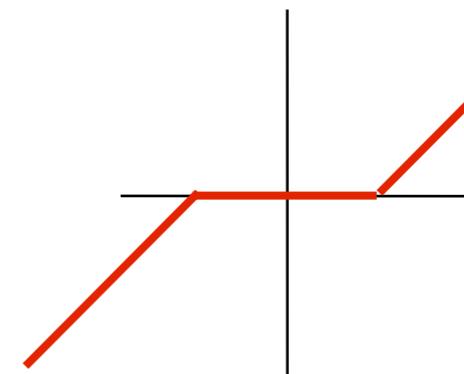
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Explicit forms of  $\text{prox}_f$  for a large class of functions.



$$f(x) = |x|$$



$$\text{prox}_f(x) = \text{sgn}(x) \max(|x| - 1, 0)$$

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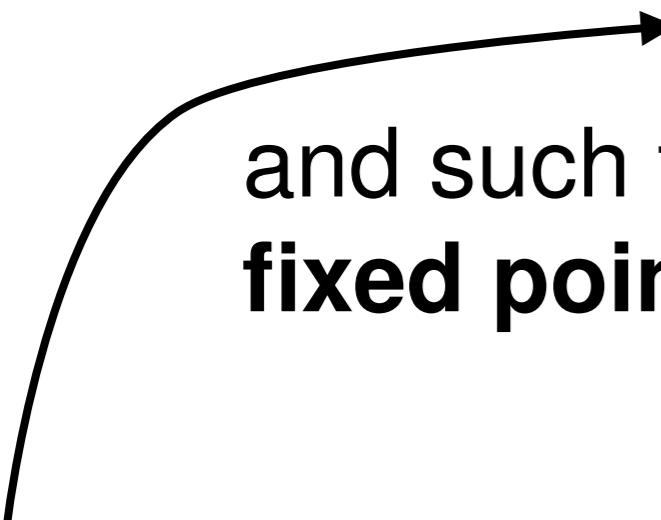
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$$\text{i.e. } \forall x, y, \|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|,$$

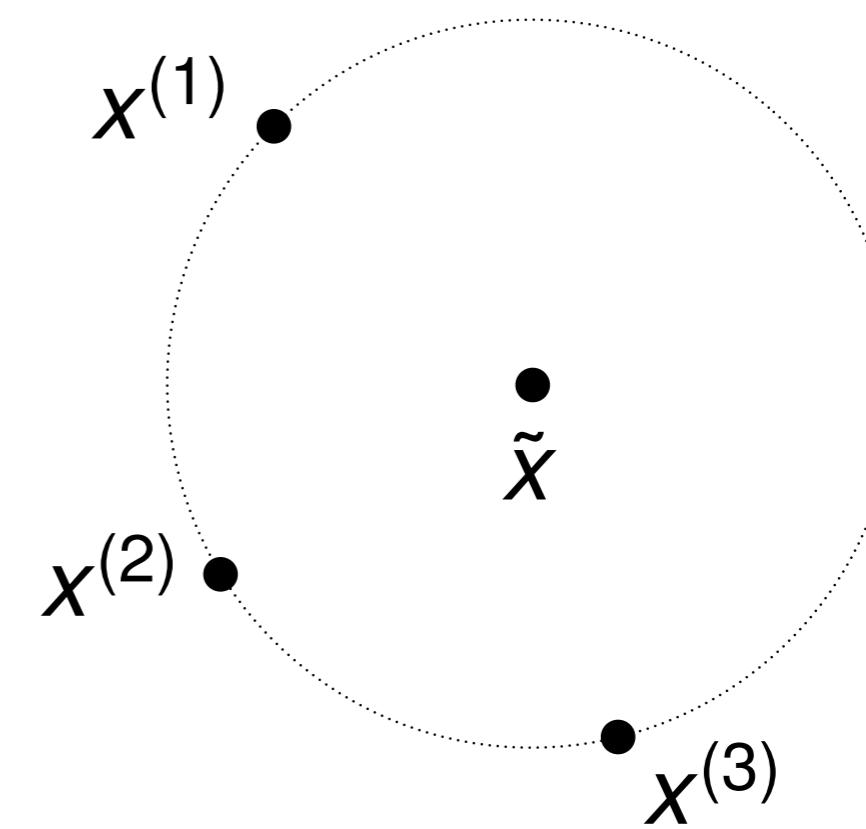


and such that the set  $S$  of solutions is the set of **fixed points** of  $T$ , i.e.  $T(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x}$ .

Here replace  $y$  by a fixed point and you get Fejer-monotonicity:  
at every iteration you get closer to the solution set

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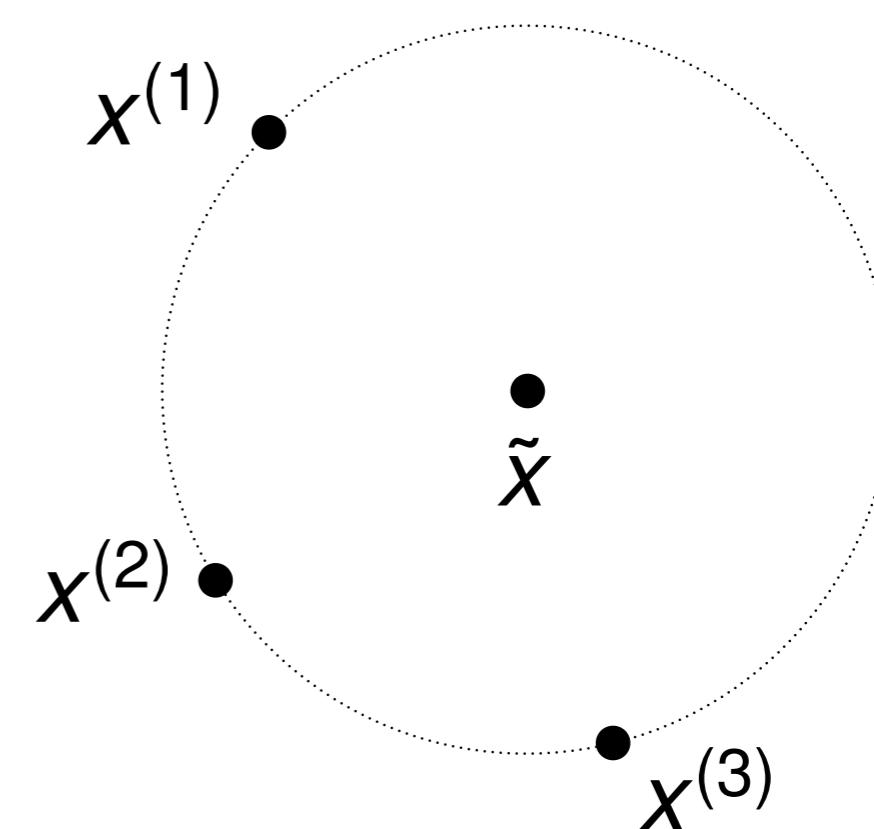
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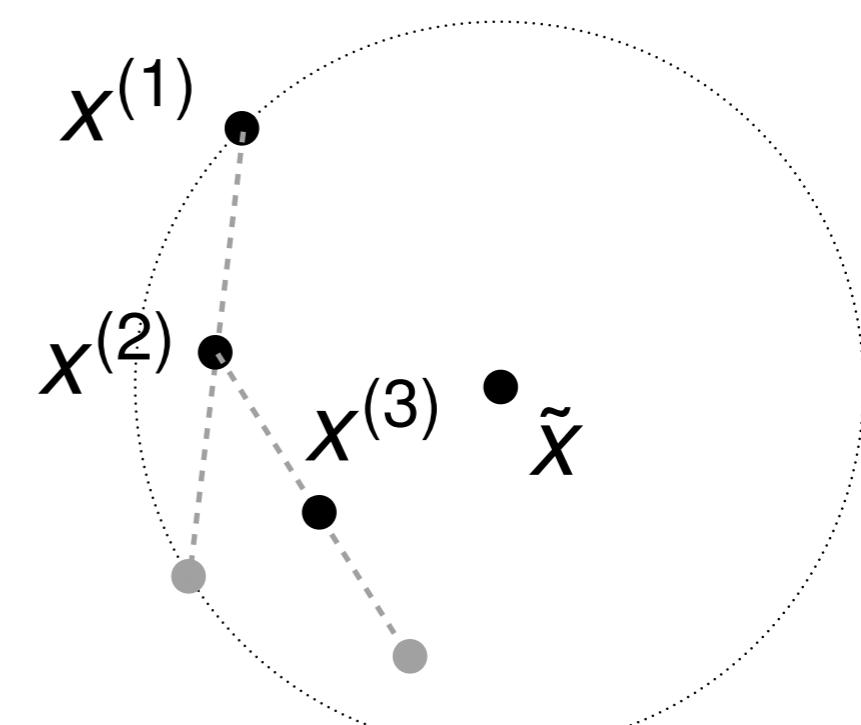
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nonexpansive op.  $T'$ .



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## Theorem (Krasnoselskii–Mann)

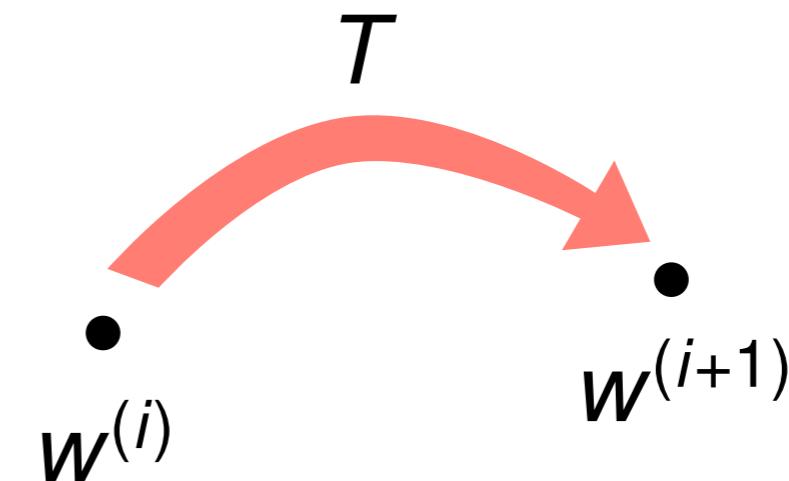
If  $T$  is  $\alpha$ –averaged, for some  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  
and a fixed point of  $T$  exists,  
then the iteration  $x^{(i+1)} = T(x^{(i)})$   
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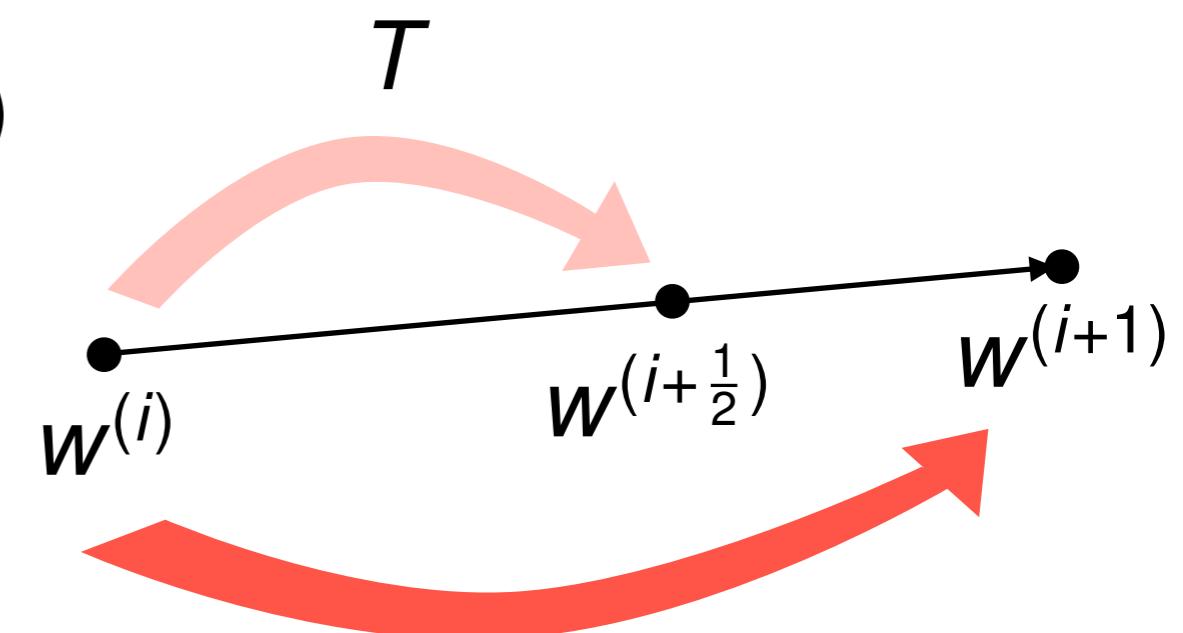
with  $T$   $\alpha$ -averaged



Its over-relaxed variant:

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with  $1 < \rho < 1/\alpha$

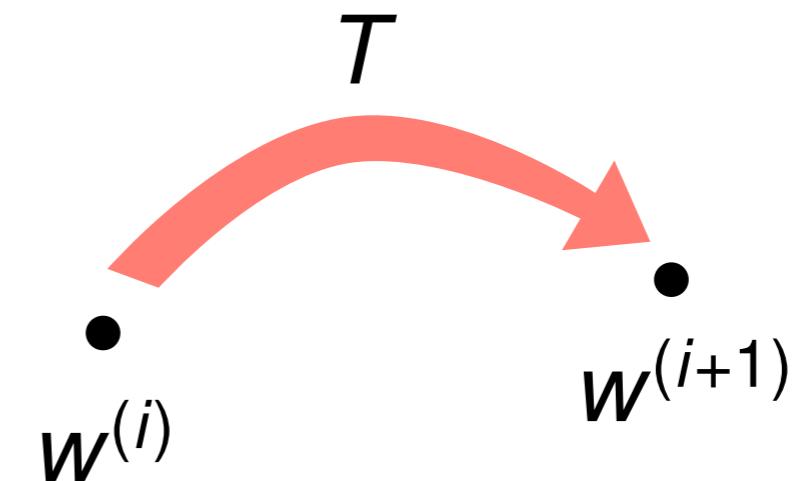


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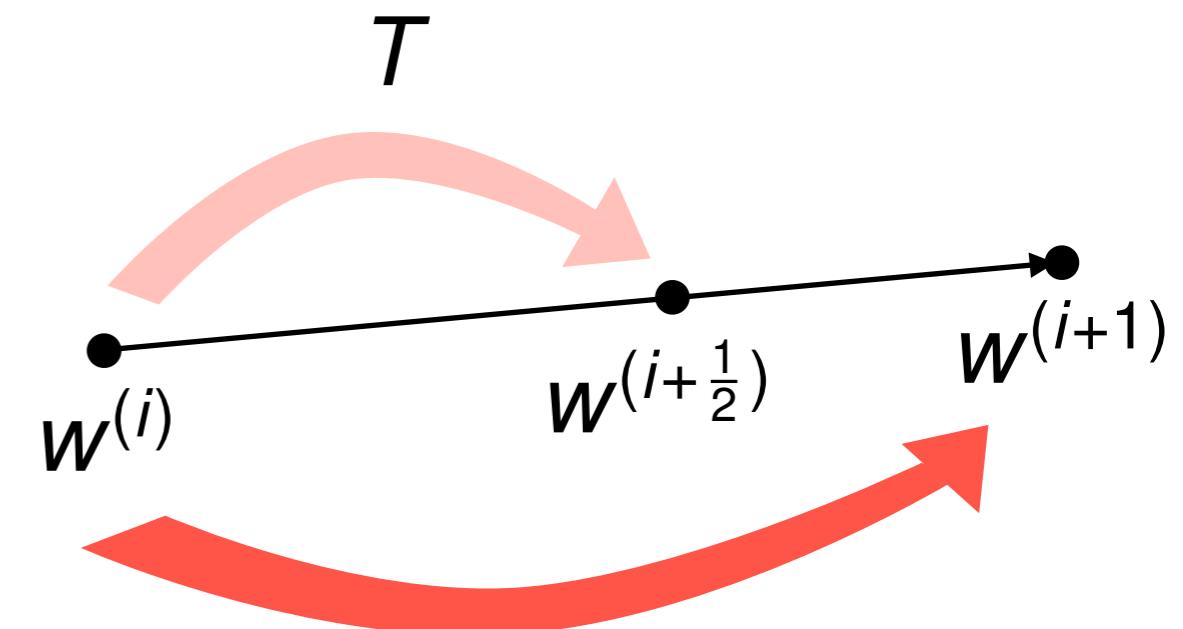
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For instance,  $\tau = \frac{1}{\beta}$ ,  $\rho = 1.49$

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where  $f$  and  $g$  have simple prox.  
→ calls to  $\text{prox}_f$  and  $\text{prox}_g$ .

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The ‘dual’ variable  $u$  can just be viewed as an auxiliary variable.

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# Primal-dual monotone inclusion

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maximally  
monotone  
operator

# The proximal point algorithm

To solve the monotone inclusion  $0 \in M(\tilde{w})$ ,  
the proximal point algorithm is:

$$w^{(i+1)} = (P^{-1}M + \text{Id})^{-1}(w^{(i)})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 \in M(w^{(i+1)}) + P(w^{(i+1)} - w^{(i)})$$

Convergence, for any linear, self-adjoint,  
strongly positive,  $P$ .

With  $w=(x,u)$ , be careful that convergence is on the pair  $(x,u)$  and with respect to a distorted  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_P$  norm. So, the variable  $x$  alone does not get closer to the solution at every iteration, it can oscillate.

# Douglas-Rachford splitting



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We need to find this linear operator  $P$  to have a primal-dual PPA like on the previous slide

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The linear operator in orange is positive, not strongly positive, but the convergence proofs can be extended to this case.

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Convergence with  $1 \leq \rho < 2$ .



take  $\rho = 1.9$ !

Over-relaxation does not cost anything here!

# Douglas-Rachford algorithm, version 2

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$\equiv$  switching the roles of the primal and dual variables / problems

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This is ADMM

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This is Douglas–Rachford like in slide 26, just with  $f$  and  $g$  exchanged.

$\equiv$  switching the roles of  $f$  and  $g$  in Douglas–Rachford

# Generalized Douglas-Rachford

Find  $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) \in \operatorname{Arg} \min_{(x,z)} \left\{ f(x) + g(z) \right\}$  s.t.  $Lx + Kz = 0$



Douglas–Rachford iteration:

$$\begin{cases} x^{(i+1)} \in \arg \min_x f(x) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|Lx - s^{(i)}\|^2 \\ z^{(i+1)} \in \arg \min_z g(z) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|Kz + (2Lx^{(i+1)} - s^{(i)})\|^2 \\ s^{(i+1)} = s^{(i)} - \rho(Lx^{(i+1)} + Kz^{(i+1)}) \end{cases}$$



take  $\rho = 1.9$ !

The ADMM is usually expressed with 1 or 2 linear operators, L and K here. We can write it in this completely equivalent Douglas–Rachford form. The advantage is that we can easily over-relax!

# Chambolle-Pock algorithm

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Once we understand that Douglas-Rachford is just a primal-dual PPA, there is no price to pay for introducing a linear operator  $L$  in the problem. It is the same as the  $L$  in the previous slide (with  $K = -\text{Id}$ ) but this time we split. Other said, the Chambolle-Pock algorithm is a preconditioned ADMM/Douglas-Rachford.

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 set  $\sigma = 1/(\tau\|L\|^2)$

This condition is  
proved in my paper  
JOTA'13

This way, there is only one parameter, tau, to tune, and we recover Douglas-Rachford exactly when  $L=\text{Id}$  (slide 25)

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 take  $\rho = 1.9$ !

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 primal-dual PPA:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} A^* Ax^{(i+1)} - A^* y + \partial f(x^{(i+1)}) + L^* u^{(i+1)} \\ -Lx^{(i+1)} + \partial g^*(u^{(i+1)}) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau} \operatorname{Id} - A^* A & -L^* \\ -L & \frac{1}{\sigma} \operatorname{Id} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^{(i+1)} - x^{(i)} \\ u^{(i+1)} - u^{(i)} \end{pmatrix}$$

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 convergence if  $\tau < \frac{1}{\|A\|^2}$  and  $\sigma = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau} - \|A\|^2}{\|L\|^2}$

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This is exactly the algorithm I proposed (JOTA '13), and exactly to solve this kind of regularized inverse problems. But if you view it as a preconditioned Chambolle-Pock algorithm instead of a primal-dual forward-backward, you can over-relax more!

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 take  $\rho = 1.9$ !

With the conditions in my paper you cannot choose 1.9. This is specific to the smooth term in blue being quadratic.

# Preconditioned PPA

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Convergence if  $\tau < \frac{1}{\|A\|^2}$  and  $1 \leq \rho < 2$

Instead of  $\tau = \frac{1.99}{\|A\|^2}$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,



try  $\tau = \frac{0.99}{\|A\|^2}$ ,  $\rho = 1.9$ !

Here also, the forward-backward can be viewed as just preconditioning the proximity operator.

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there is a continuum between these two regimes (proof unfinished)

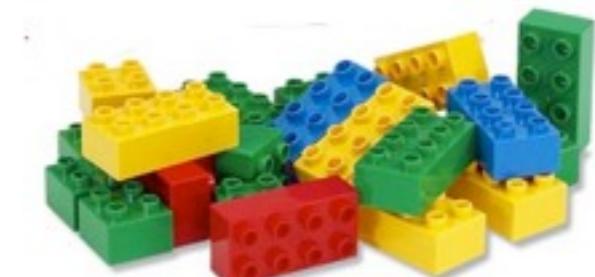
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- No time to explain:
  - \* Product-space trick to generalize  $g \circ L$  to  $\sum_{m=1}^M g_m \circ L_m$
  - \* Applications to other splitting methods
  - \* Design an algorithm = play LEGO
  - \* ...



See the two bonus slides for the Chambolle-Pock algorithm (one of the two forms, the other one in my paper JOTA '13, algorithm 5.2).

# The product-space trick

$$\underset{x \in \mathcal{X}}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{m=1}^M g_m(L_m x)$$

$$\equiv \underset{x \in \mathcal{X}}{\text{minimize}} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{L}x)$$

with  $\mathbf{g} : \mathcal{U}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{U}_M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$

$$(z_1, \dots, z_M) \mapsto \sum_{m=1}^M g_m(z_m)$$

and  $\mathbf{L} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{U}_M$

$$x \mapsto (L_1 x, \dots, L_M x)$$

# Chambolle-Pock algorithm

$$\underset{x \in \mathcal{X}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \left\{ f(x) + \sum_{m=1}^M g_m(L_m x) \right\}$$

## Over-relaxed Chambolle-Pock algo.

Iterate, for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x^{(i+\frac{1}{2})} := \text{prox}_{\tau f}(x^{(i)} - \tau \sum_{m=1}^M L_m^* u_m^{(i)}), \\
 & x^{(i+1)} := x^{(i)} + \rho(x^{(i+\frac{1}{2})} - x^{(i)}), \\
 & \text{For } m = 1, \dots, M, \\
 & \quad u_m^{(i+\frac{1}{2})} := \text{prox}_{\sigma g_m^*}(u_m^{(i)} + \sigma L_m(2x^{(i+\frac{1}{2})} - x^{(i)})), \\
 & \quad u_m^{(i+1)} := u_m^{(i)} + \rho(u_m^{(i+\frac{1}{2})} - u_m^{(i)}).
 \end{aligned}$$