Introductory Course on Non-smooth Optimisation

Lecture 02 - Proximal gradient descent

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Unconstrained non-smooth optimisation

Consider minimising

$$\min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n}R(x),$$

where $R: \mathbb{R}^n \to]-\infty, +\infty]$ is proper convex and lower semi-continuous.

- Γ_0 : the class of proper convex and lower semi-continuous functions on \mathbb{R}^n .
- The set of minimisers, i.e.

$$Argmin(R) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : R(x) = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} R(x)\}$$

is non-empty.

 \blacksquare R(x) is non-differentiable...

Subdifferential

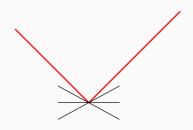
Subdifferential

Let $R \in \Gamma_0$, the subdifferential of R at $x \in dom(R)$ is defined by

$$\partial R: \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n, x \mapsto \big\{g \in \mathbb{R}^n \,|\, R(y) \geq R(x) + \langle g, y - x \rangle, \,\, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n \big\}.$$

Example absolute value function

$$\partial |x| = \begin{cases} +1 : x > 0 \\ [-1, 1] : x = 0 \\ -1 : x < 0 \end{cases}$$



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Convexity

Let $R \in \Gamma_0$ and $x \in dom(R)$, then

- \blacksquare $\partial R(x)$ is closed and convex.

Monotonicity

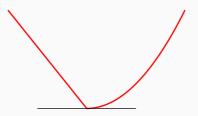
Let $R \in \Gamma_0$, then $\forall x, y \in \text{dom}(R)$,

$$\langle u - v, x - y \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall u \in \partial R(x), \ v \in \partial R(y).$$

Optimality condition

Given $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$, it minimises R(x) if and only if

$$0 \in \partial R(x^*).$$



$$R(y) \ge R(x^*) + \langle g, y - x \rangle$$
 holds for all $y \in \text{dom}(R) \iff 0 \in \partial R(x^*)$.

Subgradient descent

Subgradient descent

initial: $x_0 \in dom(R)$;

repeat:

- 1. Choose step-size $\gamma_k > 0$ and a subgradient $g_k \in \partial R(x_k)$
- 2. Update $x_{k+1} = x_k \gamma_k g_k$

until: stopping criterion is satisfied.

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Step-size rule:

- Fixed step-size: γ_k is constant.
- Fixed length: $\gamma_k ||g_k|| = ||x_{k+1} x_k||$ is a constant.
- Diminishing step-size: $\gamma_k \to 0$, $\sum_i \gamma_i = +\infty$.

Assumptions

Assumptions:

- R has minimiser x^* and finite optimal value $R(x^*)$.
- R is convex, $dom(R) = \mathbb{R}^n$.
- *R* is Lipschitz consinuout with constant *L*:

$$|R(x) - R(y)| \le L||x - y||, \ \forall x, y \in dom(R).$$

NB: the Lipschitz continuity implies $||g|| \le L$ for all $x \in \text{dom}(R)$.

Convergence propergies

Subgradient descent is **NOT** a descent method.

Fixed step-size $\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \gamma$

$$R_{k,best} - R(\boldsymbol{x}^\star) \leq \frac{\|\boldsymbol{x}_0 - \boldsymbol{x}^\star\|^2}{2k\gamma} + \frac{\gamma L^2}{2}.$$

- Does not guarantee the convergence of $R_{k,best}$.
- For large k, $R_{k,best}$ is approximately $\frac{\gamma L^2}{2}$ suboptimal.

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Fixed step-length $\gamma_k = c/\|g_k\|$

$$R_{k,best} - R(x^*) \le \frac{\|x_0 - x^*\|^2}{2kc} + \frac{cL}{2}.$$

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Diminishing step-size $\gamma_k \to 0$, $\sum_i \gamma_i = +\infty$:

$$R_{k,best} - R(x^*) \le \frac{\|x_0 - x^*\|^2 + L^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i}.$$

- If $\sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i^2 / \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i \to 0$, then $R_{k,best} \to R(x^*)$.
- Choice of γ_k : $\gamma_k = c/k^q$, $q \in]1/2, 1[$.

Optimal step-size

For fixed number of iterations if $c_i = \gamma_i \|g_i\|$ and $\|x_0 - x^*\| \le D$,

$$R_{k,best} - R(x^*) \le \frac{D^2 + L^2 \sum_{i=1}^k c_i^2}{2 \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i / L}.$$

- For given k, rhs is minimised by $c_i = c = D/\sqrt{k}$.
- Hence the rate

$$R_{k,best} - R(x^{\star}) \leq \frac{LD}{\sqrt{k}}.$$

■ Iteration complexity: reach $R_{k,best} - R(x^*) < \epsilon$ in $O(1/\epsilon^2)$ steps.

When $R(x^*)$ is available step-size

$$\gamma_k = \frac{R(x_k) - R(x^*)}{\|g_k\|^2}.$$

Convergence rate

$$R_{k,best} - R(x^*) \leq \frac{LD}{\sqrt{k}}.$$

NB: $O(1/\sqrt{k})$ is the best rate can be obtained by subgradient method.

Remarks

- Handles non-smooth problem
- Simple iterative scheme
- Slow convergence rate
- No clear stopping criterion

NB: need a better approach to handle non-smoothness...

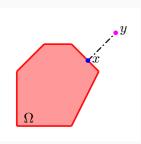
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Projection onto sets

Indicator function : let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\iota_{\Omega}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 : x \in \Omega, \\ +\infty : x \notin \Omega. \end{cases}$$



Projection of y onto Ω :

$$\min_{\mathsf{x}\in\Omega}\|\mathsf{x}-\mathsf{y}\|.$$

Projection

Projection mapping onto a set is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \Omega} \|x - y\|.$$

Projected gradient descent

Constrained smooth optimisation

Let
$$F \in C^1_L$$
 and $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a closed and convex set

$$\min_{x\in\Omega}F(x).$$

Projected gradient descent

initial: $x_0 \in \Omega$;

repeat:

- 1. Choose step-size $\gamma_k \in]0, 2/L[$
- 2. Gradient descent $x_{k+1/2} = x_k \gamma_k \nabla F(x_k)$
- 3. Projection $x_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(x_{k+1/2})$

until: stopping criterion is satisfied.

Composite optimisation problem

As $\iota_{\Omega} \in \Gamma_0$, the constrained optimisation problem is equivalent to

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \iota_{\Omega}(x) + F(x).$$

Composite optimisation

Consider the following optimisation problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \big\{ \Phi(x) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} R(x) + F(x) \big\}.$$

Assumtions

- $\mathbf{F} \in C_{i}^{1}$
- $\blacksquare R \in \Gamma_0$
- Argmin(Φ) $\neq \emptyset$

Examples regularised LSE, image processing...

Proximal gradient descent

Projection

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(y) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathsf{argmin}_{x \in \Omega} \left\| x - y \right\| \\ &= \mathsf{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \ \iota_{\Omega}(x) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|^2. \end{split}$$

Proximal mapping

$$\operatorname{prox}_{R}(y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}} R(x) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|^{2}.$$

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Interpretation

- A.K.A Forward-Backward splitting
 - Forward step: gradient descent of F.
 - Backward step: proximal mapping of R.
- Iteration in one line

$$x_{k+1} = \operatorname{prox}_{\gamma_k R} (x_k - \gamma_k \nabla F(x_k)).$$

■ Definition of $prox_{\gamma R}$,

$$\begin{split} x_{k+1} &= \text{argmin}_{x} \left\{ \gamma_{k} R(x) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - (x_{k} - \gamma_{k} \nabla F(x_{k}))\|^{2} \right\} \\ &= \text{argmin}_{x} \left\{ \gamma_{k} R(x) + \gamma_{k} \langle \nabla F(x_{k}), x - x_{k} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|x - x_{k}\|^{2} \right\} \\ &= \text{argmin}_{x} \left\{ R(x) + \left[F(x_{k}) + \langle \nabla F(x_{k}), x - x_{k} \rangle + \frac{1}{2\gamma_{k}} \|x - x_{k}\|^{2} \right] \right\}. \end{split}$$

NB: x_{k+1} minimises R(x) plus the majorisation of F(x) at x_k if $\gamma_k \leq \frac{1}{L}$.

Special cases

■ Gradient descent R = 0

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \gamma_k \nabla F(x_k).$$

Proximal point algorithm F = 0

$$x_{k+1} = \operatorname{prox}_{\gamma_k R}(x_k).$$

• Projected gradient descent $R = \iota_{\Omega}$

$$x_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(x_k - \gamma_k \nabla F(x_k)).$$

■ ISTA: iterative shrinkage-thresholding algorithm $R = \|x\|_1$

$$x_{k+1} = \mathcal{T}_{\gamma}(x_k - \gamma_k \nabla F(x_k)),$$

where

$$(\mathcal{T}_{\gamma}(y))_{i} = \begin{cases} sign(y_{i}) \cdot (|y_{i}| - \gamma) : |y_{i}| > \gamma, \\ 0 : |y_{i}| \leq \gamma. \end{cases}$$

Two basic lemmas

Define

$$E_{\gamma}(x,y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R(x) + F(y) + \langle \nabla F(y), x - y \rangle + \frac{1}{2\gamma} ||x - y||^2$$

and $y_{+} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname{argmin}_{x} E_{\gamma}(x, y)$.

Lemma

Let $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\gamma \in]0, 2/L[$ such that

$$\Phi(y_+) \leq E_{\gamma}(y_+, y),$$

then for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\Phi(x) - \Phi(y_+) \ge \frac{1}{2\gamma} (\|x - y_+\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2).$$

Lemma

Given $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\gamma \in]0, 1/L]$, then for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\Phi(y_+) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|y_+ - x\|^2 \le \Phi(y) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|y - x\|^2.$$

Convergence analysis

NB: proximal gradient is a descent method.

Consider $\gamma_k \equiv \gamma \in]0, 1/L]$

For each step

$$\Phi(x_k) - \Phi(x_{k+1}) \ge \frac{\gamma}{2} \|x_k - x_{k+1}\|^2.$$

■ Regarding $\Phi(x^*)$

$$\Phi(x_{k+1}) - \Phi(x^{\star}) \leq \frac{\gamma}{2} (\|x_k - x^{\star}\|^2 - \|x_{k+1} - x^{\star}\|^2).$$

Summing up

$$k(\Phi(x_k) - \Phi(x^*)) \le \sum_{i=1}^k (\Phi(x_i) - \Phi(x^*))$$

$$\le \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k (\|x_{i-1} - x^*\|^2 - \|x_i - x^*\|^2) \le \frac{\gamma}{2} \|x_0 - x^*\|^2$$

■ O(1/k) rate

$$\Phi(x_k) - \Phi(x^*) \leq \frac{\gamma \|x_0 - x^*\|^2}{2k}.$$

NB: not optimal and can be accelerated.

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From projection to proximal mapping

Proximal mapping

The proximal mapping (proximity operator) of a function $R \in \Gamma_0$ is defined by

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\gamma R}(y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \gamma R(x) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|^2.$$

Optimality condition denote $y_{+} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{prox}_{\gamma R}(y)$,

$$\begin{split} O &\in \gamma \partial R\big(y_+\big) + y_+ - y &\iff y \in (Id + \gamma \partial R)(y_+) \\ &\iff y_+ = (Id + \gamma \partial R)^{-1}(y). \end{split}$$

Examples

Projection
$$R(x) = \iota_{\Omega}(x)$$
, $\partial \iota_{\Omega}(x) = \Re_{\Omega}(x) = \{g : \langle g, v - x \rangle \leq 0\}$
 $\Re_{\Omega} = (\mathrm{Id} + \Re_{\Omega})^{-1}$.

Examples

■ Hyperplane: $\Omega = \{x : a^T x = b\}, a \neq 0$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Omega} = x + \frac{b - a^{T}x}{\|a\|^{2}}a.$$

■ Affine subspace: $\Omega = \{x : Ax = b\}$ with $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, rank(A) = m < n

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Omega} = x + A^{\mathsf{T}} (AA^{\mathsf{T}})^{-1} (b - Ax).$$

■ Half space: $\Omega = \{x : a^T x \leq b\}, a \neq 0$

$$\mathfrak{P}_{\Omega} = x + \frac{b - a^{\mathsf{T}} x}{\|a\|^2} a \text{ if } a^{\mathsf{T}} x > b \quad \text{ and} \quad x \text{ if } a^{\mathsf{T}} x \leq b.$$

■ Nonnegative orthant: $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n_+$

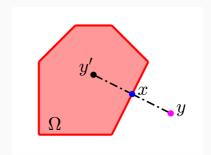
$$\mathcal{P}_{\Omega} = (\max\{0, x_i\})_i.$$

Examples

Projection
$$R(x) = \iota_{\Omega}(x)$$
, $\partial \iota_{\Omega}(x) = \mathbb{N}_{\Omega}(x) = \{g : \langle g, v - x \rangle \leq 0\}$
 $\mathcal{P}_{\Omega} = (Id + \mathbb{N}_{\Omega})^{-1}$.

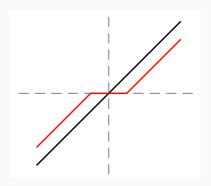
Reflection

$$\mathfrak{R}_{\mathcal{N}_{\Omega}}=2\mathfrak{P}_{\Omega}-Id=\mathfrak{P}_{\Omega}+(\mathfrak{P}_{\Omega}-Id).$$



Soft-threshold: R(x) = |x|,

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{R}}}(\mathsf{y}) = \mathcal{T}_{\gamma}(\mathsf{y}) = egin{cases} \mathsf{y} - \gamma : \mathsf{y} > \gamma, \ \mathsf{0} : \mathsf{y} \in [-\gamma, \gamma], \ \mathsf{y} + \gamma : \mathsf{y} < -\gamma. \end{cases}$$



Quadratic function
$$R(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{T}Ax + b^{T}x + c$$
, $A \succeq 0$
 $\operatorname{prox}_{\gamma R}(y) = (\operatorname{Id} + \gamma A)^{-1}(y - \gamma b)$.

Euclidean norm R(x) = ||x||

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\gamma R}(y) = \begin{cases} (1 - \frac{\gamma}{\|y\|})y : \|y\| > \gamma, \\ 0 : o.w. \end{cases}$$

Logarithmic barrier $R(x) = -\sum_{i} \log(x_i)$

$$\left(\text{prox}_{\gamma R}(y)\right)_i = \frac{y_i + \sqrt{y_i^2 + 4\gamma}}{2}, \ i = 1,...,n.$$

Nuclear norm $R(x) = \sum_i \sigma_i$

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\gamma R}(y) = U \mathcal{T}_{\gamma}(\Sigma) V^{\mathsf{T}}.$$

Calculus rules

Quadratic perturbation
$$H(x) = R(x) + \frac{\alpha}{2} ||x||^2 + \langle x, u \rangle + \beta, \ \alpha \ge 0$$

$$\operatorname{prox}_{H} = \operatorname{prox}_{R/(\alpha+1)} \left(\frac{x-u}{\alpha+1} \right).$$

Translation
$$H(x) = R(x - z)$$

$$prox_H = z + prox_R(x - z).$$

Scaling
$$H(x) = R(x/\rho)$$

$$\operatorname{prox}_{H} = \rho \operatorname{prox}_{R/\rho^{2}} \left(\frac{X}{\rho} \right).$$

Reflection
$$H(x) = R(-x)$$

$$prox_H = -prox_R(-x).$$

Composition $H = R \circ L$ with L being bijective bounded linear mapping such that $L^{-1} = L^*$,

$$prox_{H} = L^{*} \circ prox_{P} \circ L.$$

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From heavy-ball to inertial proximal gradient

An inertial proximal gradient

Initial: $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\gamma \in]0, 2/L[$;

$$y_k = x_k + a_k(x_k - x_{k-1}), a_k \in [0, 1],$$

 $x_{k+1} = \text{prox}_{\gamma R}(y_k - \gamma \nabla F(x_k)).$

- Recovers inertial PPA when F = 0, and heavy-ball method when R = 0.
- Convergence via studying the Lyapunov function

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Phi(\mathbf{x}_k) + \frac{a_k}{2\gamma} \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_{k-1}\|^2.$$

In general, no convergence rate.

A general inertial scheme

A general inertial proximal gradient

Initial:
$$x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, x_{-1} = x_0 \text{ and } \gamma \in]0, 2/L[;$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_k &= x_k + a_k(x_k - x_{k-1}), \ a_k \in [0, 1], \\ z_k &= x_k + b_k(x_k - x_{k-1}), \ b_k \in [0, 1], \\ x_{k+1} &= \mathsf{prox}_{\gamma R}(y_k - \gamma \nabla F(z_k)). \end{aligned}$$

■ Convergence via studying the Lyapunov function

$$\mathcal{E}(x_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Phi(x_k) + \frac{a_k}{2\gamma} \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2.$$

- In general, no convergence rate.
- Can be extend to multiple steps, e.g.

$$y_k = x_k + a_{0,k}(x_k - x_{k-1}) + a_{1,k}(x_{k-1} - x_{k-2}) + \cdots$$

Convergence rate

Assumption
$$R = 0, F = \frac{1}{2} ||Ax - f||^2 \text{ and } (a_k, b_k) \equiv (a, b).$$

- A^TA is symmetric positive definite with $A^TA \succeq \alpha Id$.
- Taylor expansion

$$x_{k+1} = y_k - \gamma \nabla^2 F(x^*)(z_k - x^*).$$

■ Let $d_k = (x_k - x^*, x_{k-1} - x^*)^T$ and $H = \nabla^2 F$, $G = \operatorname{Id} - \gamma H$, then

$$d_{k+1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (a-b)\mathsf{Id} + (1+b)\mathsf{G}, & -(a-b)\mathsf{Id} - b\mathsf{G} \\ \mathsf{Id}, & \mathsf{O} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathsf{Id}_k} d_k.$$

■ Spectral radius: $\eta = \rho(G) = 1 - \gamma \alpha$ and $\rho = \rho(M)$...

Spectral analysis

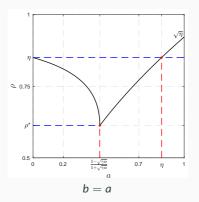
Spectral radius ρ

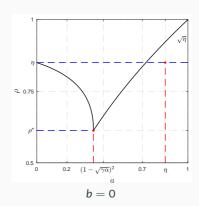
Between η and ρ ,

 \blacksquare η and ρ satisfy the relation

$$\rho^2 - ((a-b) + (1+b)\eta)\rho + (a-b) + b\eta = 0.$$

■ Given any $(a, b) \in [0, 1[^2$, then $\rho(M) < 1$ if, and only if $\frac{2(b-a)-1}{1+2b} < \eta$.





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Remarks

• Given $b \in [0, 1]$, there exists optimal choice of $a \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$\rho = 1 - \sqrt{\gamma \alpha}$$

can be obtained.

■ Take b = a, for

$$a \in \left] \frac{1 - \sqrt{\gamma \alpha}}{1 + \sqrt{\gamma \alpha}}, 1 \right],$$

the leading eigenvalue of M is complex.

• Continue b = a, for

$$a \in]\eta, 1],$$

the inertial scheme is actually slower than the original scheme.

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FISTA

Initial:
$$x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
, $x_{-1} = x_0$, $\gamma = 1/L$ and $t_0 = 1$;
$$t_k = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4t_{k-1}^2}}{2}, \ a_k = \frac{t_{k-1} - 1}{t_k},$$

$$y_k = x_k + a_k(x_k - x_{k-1}),$$

- A special case of inertial proximal gradient descent.
- Inertial parameters

$$t_k pprox rac{k+1}{2}$$
 and $a_k o 1$.

 $x_{k+1} = \text{prox}_{\gamma R}(y_k - \gamma \nabla F(y_k)).$

Relation with Nesterov's optimal scheme

Nesterov compute $\phi_k \in]0,1[$ from equation

$$\phi_k^2 = (1 - \phi_k)\phi_{k-1}^2$$

and $a_k = \frac{\phi_{k-1}(1-\phi_{k-1})}{\phi_{k-1}^2+\phi_k}$.

 \bullet ϕ_k reads

$$\phi_{k} = \frac{-\phi_{k-1}^{2} + \sqrt{\phi_{k-1}^{4} + 4\phi_{k-1}^{2}}}{2} = \frac{2\phi_{k-1}^{2}}{\phi_{k-1}^{2} + \sqrt{\phi_{k-1}^{4} + 4\phi_{k-1}^{2}}}.$$

• Let $t_k = 1/\phi_k$,

$$\frac{1}{t_k} = \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4t_{k-1}^2}}.$$

Which leads to

$$t_k = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4t_{k-1}^2}}{2}.$$

■ Moreover, $a_k = \frac{t_{k-1} - 1}{t_k}$.

Convergence rate

NB: FISTA is not a descent method.

- Denote $f_k = \Phi(x_k) \Phi(x^*)$ and $u_k = t_k x_k (t_k 1) x_{k-1} x^*$, then $\frac{2}{L} t_k^2 f_k \frac{2}{L} t_{k+1}^2 f_{k+1} \ge \|u_{k+1}\|^2 \|u_k\|^2.$
- Let c_k , d_k be positive sequences, if

$$c_k - c_{k+1} \ge d_{k+1} - d_k \forall k \ge 1$$
, with $c_1 + d_1 < C$, $C > 0$

then $c_k < C$ for all $k \ge 1$.

- $t_k \ge \frac{k+1}{2},$

$$\Phi(x_k) - \Phi(x^*) \le \frac{L\|x_0 - x^*\|^2}{2(k+1)^2}.$$

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Restarting FISTA

Why FISTA oscillates

- for LSE, leading eigenvalue fo the system is complex.
- over extropolation, momentum beats gradient.

Restarting FISTA

Initial: $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, x_{-1} = x_0, \gamma = 1/L \text{ and } t_0 = 1;$

repeat:

- 1. Run FISTA iteration
- 2. If $\langle y_k x_{k+1}, x_{k+1} x_k \rangle > 0$: $t_k = 1, y_k = x_k$.

until: stopping criterion is satisfied.

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Regression problems

ℓ_1 -regularised least square (LASSO)

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \ \mu \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{f}\|^2.$$

Sparse logistic regression

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mu \|x\|_1 + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log (1 + e^{-l_i h_i^T x}),$$

where $\mu = 10^{-2}$. The australian data set from LIBSVM ¹ is considered.

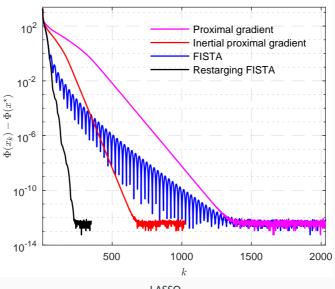
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¹https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/cjlin/libsvmtools/datasets/

Compared methods

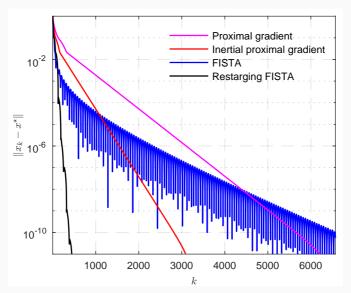
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Numerical results



LASSO

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