

On Nonconvex SVGD

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1 Setup

$$\begin{aligned}
F &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i, \quad \pi \sim e^{-F} \\
f_n &= \frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{i \in I} f_i, \quad \#I = n_0, \quad \sigma_n \sim e^{-f_n} \\
\phi_t(x) &= \left(I - t P_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right) (x), \quad \mu_t = (\phi_t)_\# \mu_n \\
\varphi(t) &= \int \log \left(\frac{\mu_t}{\pi} \right) d\mu_t
\end{aligned}$$

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We define the update rule as:

$$S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\sigma_{n+1}} \right) = \begin{cases} S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\pi} \right) & p, \\ S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) + S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\sigma_{I'}} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_{I'}} \right) & 1-p, \end{cases}$$

where $\sigma_{I'} \sim \exp^{-f_{I'}}$, $f_{I'} = \frac{1}{b'} \sum_{i \in I'} f_i$.

3 Main Proof

$$\phi(\gamma) \leq \phi(0) + \gamma \left\langle S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \frac{\mu_n}{\pi}, S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\rangle_H + \frac{C \cdot \gamma^2}{2} \left\langle S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}, S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\rangle_H$$

then by similar calculation as in PAGE, we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(\gamma) &\leq \varphi(0) - \frac{\gamma}{2} \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi} \right) \right\|_H^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2\gamma} - \frac{c}{2} \right) \cdot \gamma^2 \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\|_H^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\gamma}{2} \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\|_H^2
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$G_{n+1} := \mathbf{E} \left[\left\| S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\pi} \right) - S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\sigma_{n+1}} \right) \right\|_H^2 \right]$$

Then a direct calculation now reveals that

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{n+1} &= p \cdot 0 + (1-p) \cdot \mathbb{E} \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) + S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\sigma_{I'}} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_{I'}} \right) - S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\pi} \right) \right\|_H^2 \\
&= (1-p) \cdot \mathbb{E} \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) + S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\sigma_{I'}} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_{I'}} \right) - S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\pi} \right) + S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi} \right) \right\|_H^2 \\
&\quad + (1-p) \cdot \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_I} \right) \right\|_H^2
\end{aligned}$$

4 Key Inequality

Theorem 1 There exists stepsize γ_n (in the following for simplicity we write as γ) only depending on $\int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))\mu_n(x)dx|$ and $\int |\nabla \log(\sigma_{I'}(x))|\mu_n(x)dx$, such that $\mathbf{E}(\Phi_{n+1}) \leq \mathbf{E}(\Phi_n) - \frac{\gamma}{2} \mathbf{E} \|S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi})\|_H^2$, where

$$\Phi_n := KL(\mu_n|\pi) + \frac{\gamma}{2p} \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\|_H^2$$

Proof 1 We need to estimate

$$\left\| S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\pi} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi} \right) \right\|_H^2$$

and

$$\left\| S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\sigma_{I'}} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_{I'}} \right) \right\|_H^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\pi} \right) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi} \right) \\
&= \int k(y, \cdot) \nabla \log(\mu_{n+1}(y)) \mu_{n+1}(y) dy - \int k(\phi_\gamma(x), \cdot) \nabla \log(\mu_n(x)) \mu_n(x) dx \\
&\quad + \int k(\phi_\gamma(x), \cdot) \nabla \log(\pi(x)) \mu_n(x) dx - \int k(y, \cdot) \nabla \log(\pi(y)) \mu_{n+1}(y) dy + \int k(\phi_\gamma(x), \cdot) \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n(x)}{\pi(x)} \right) \mu_n(x) dx - \\
&\int k(x, \cdot) \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n(x)}{\pi(x)} \right) \mu_n(x) dx = I + II + III
\end{aligned}$$

$$\|II\|_H^2 = \int \int k(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) (\nabla \log(x) - \nabla \log(\pi(\phi_\gamma(x)))) (\nabla \log(x') - \nabla \log(\pi(\phi_\gamma(x')))) \mu(x) \mu(x') dx dx'$$

since F is L -smooth, so

$$|\nabla \log(x') - \nabla \log(\pi(\phi_\gamma(x')))| \leq L \cdot |x - \phi_\gamma(x)| = L \cdot \gamma \cdot |P_{\mu_\gamma} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n(x)}{\sigma_n(x)})| \leq C \cdot \gamma \cdot \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\|_H$$

then by Cauchy-Schwartz inequality and $k(x, x)$ is bounded, we derive

$$\|II\|_H^2 \leq C \cdot \gamma^2 \cdot \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\|_H^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|I\|_H^2 &= \left\| \int k(y, \cdot) \nabla \log(\mu_{n+1}(y)) \mu_{n+1}(y) dy - \int k(\phi_\gamma(x), \cdot) \nabla \log(\mu_n(x)) \mu_n(x) dx \right\|_H^2 \\
&= \int \int k(y, y') \nabla \log(\mu_{n+1}(y)) \nabla \log(\mu_{n+1}(y')) \mu_{n+1}(y) \mu_{n+1}(y') dy dy' \\
&\quad - \int \int k(y, \phi_\gamma(x)) \nabla \log(\mu_{n+1}(y)) \nabla \log(\mu_n(x')) \mu_{n+1}(y) \mu_n(x) dy dx' \\
&\quad - \int \int k(\phi_\gamma(x), y') \nabla \log(\mu_{n+1}(y')) \nabla \log(\mu_n(x)) \mu_{n+1}(y') \mu_n(x) dy dx' \\
&\quad + \int \int k(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) \nabla \log(\mu_n(x)) \nabla \log(\mu_n(x')) \mu_n(x) \mu_n(x') dx dx' \\
&= \int \int \text{tr} \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(y, y') \mu_{n+1}(y) \mu_{n+1}(y') dy dy' \\
&\quad - \int \int \text{tr} (\nabla_{1,2}^2 k(y, \phi_\gamma(x')) J \phi_\gamma(x')) \mu_{n+1}(y) \mu_n(x') dy dx' \\
&\quad - \int \int \text{tr} (\nabla_{1,2}^2 k(\phi_\gamma(x), y') J \phi_\gamma(x)) \mu_n(x) \mu_{n+1}(y') dy dx' \\
&\quad + \int \int \text{tr} (\nabla_{1,2}^2 K(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) J \phi_\gamma(x) J \phi_\gamma(x')) \mu_n(x) \mu_n(x') dx dx' \\
&= \int \int \text{tr} (\nabla_{1,2}^2 K(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) (I - J \phi_\gamma(x)) (I - J \phi_\gamma(x'))) \mu_n(x) \mu_n(x') dx dx'
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{assume } |\nabla_{1,2}^2 K(\cdot, \cdot)| \leq C, \text{ then } \text{tr} (\nabla_{1,2}^2 K(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) (I - J \phi_\gamma(x)) (I - J \phi_\gamma(x'))) \leq C \cdot \gamma^2 \cdot \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\|_H^2$$

$$\text{so } \|I\|_H^2 \leq C \cdot \gamma^2 \cdot \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n} \right) \right\|_H^2$$

$$\|III\|_H^2 = \int \int (k(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) - k(\phi_\gamma(x), x') - k(x, \phi_\gamma(x')) + k(x, x')) \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n(x)}{\pi(x)}) \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n(x')}{\pi(x')}) \mu_n(x) \mu_n(x') dx dx'.$$

denote $F(x, x') := k(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) - k(\phi_\gamma(x), x') - k(x, \phi_\gamma(x')) + k(x, x')$

then by integration by part, we have

$$\|III\|_H^2 = \int \int (tr(\nabla_{1,2}^2 F(x, x')) + \nabla_2 F(x, x') \nabla \log(\pi(x)) + \nabla_1 F(x, x') \nabla \log(\pi(x')) + F(x, x') \nabla \log(\pi(x)) \nabla \log(\pi(x'))) \mu_n(x) \mu_n(x') dx dx'.$$

We need to know the order of $F(x, x'), \nabla_1 F(x, x'), \nabla_2 F(x, x'), \nabla_{1,2}^2 F(x, x')$

in the following we assume supremum norm the second, third and fourth order derivatives of k are finite, and we miss $O(|\phi_\gamma(x) - x|^2)$ and $O(|\phi_\gamma(x') - x'|^2)$ in the derivation.

$$|F(x, x')| = |<\phi_\gamma(x' - x'), \nabla_2 k(\phi_\gamma(x), x')> + <x' - \phi_\gamma(x'), \nabla_2 k(x, x')>|$$

$$\leq |\nabla_{1,2}^2 k(x, x') (\phi_\gamma(x) - x)(\phi_\gamma(x') - x')| \leq C \cdot \gamma^2 \cdot \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2$$

$$|\nabla_1 F(x, x')| = |\nabla_1 k(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) J \phi_\gamma(x) - \nabla_1 k(\phi_\gamma(x), x') J \phi_\gamma(x) - \nabla_1 k(x, \phi_\gamma(x')) + \nabla_1 k(x, x')| \\ = |\nabla_{1,2}^2 k(\phi_\gamma(x), x') (\phi_\gamma(x' - x')) J \phi_\gamma(x) - \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(x, x') (\phi_\gamma(x') - x')|$$

$$= |\nabla_{11,2}^3 k(x, x') (\phi_\gamma(x') - x') (\phi_\gamma(x) - x) + \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(\phi_\gamma(x), x) (\phi_\gamma(x') - x') (J \phi_\gamma(x) - I)| \leq C \cdot \gamma^2 \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2$$

$$\text{similarly } |\nabla_2 F(x, x')| \leq C \cdot \gamma^2 \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2$$

$$tr \nabla_{1,2}^2 F(x, x') = tr(J \phi_\gamma(x) \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) J \phi_\gamma(x') - J \phi_\gamma(x) \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(\phi_\gamma(x), x') - \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(x, \phi_\gamma(x')) J \phi_\gamma(x') + \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(x, x')),$$

$$\text{denote } J \phi_\gamma(x') = I - \gamma J P_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n})(x') = I - \gamma P', J \phi_\gamma(x) = I - \gamma J P_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n})(x) = I - \gamma P$$

then

$$tr \nabla_{1,2}^2 F(x, x') = tr((I - \gamma P) \nabla_{1,22}^3 k(\phi_\gamma(x), x') (\phi_\gamma(x') - x') - (I - \gamma P) \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(\phi_\gamma(x), \phi_\gamma(x')) (\gamma P')$$

$$- \nabla_{1,22}^3 k(x, x') (\phi_\gamma(x') - x') + (\gamma P') \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(x, \phi_\gamma(x')))$$

$$= tr(\nabla_{11,22}^4 k(x, x') (\phi_\gamma(x) - x) (\phi_\gamma(x') - x') - (\gamma P') \nabla_{11,2}^3 k(x, \phi_\gamma(x')) (\phi_\gamma(x) - x) - (\gamma P) \nabla_{1,22}^3 k(\phi_\gamma(x), x') (\phi_\gamma(x') - x') + (\gamma P) \nabla_{1,2}^2 k(x, x') (\gamma P'))$$

$$|tr \nabla_{1,2}^2 F(x, x')| \leq C \cdot \gamma^2 \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2$$

then, we know,

$$\|III\|_H^2 \leq (C_1 + C_2 \cdot \int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))| \mu_n(x) dx + C_3 \cdot (\int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))| \mu_n(x) dx)^2) \cdot \gamma^2 \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2$$

similarly, since the set of $\{\sigma_{I'}\}$ is finite and have similar property with π , so

$$\left\| S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\sigma_{I'}}) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_{I'}}) \right\|_H^2 \leq (C'_1 + C'_2 \cdot \int |\nabla \log(\sigma_{I'}(x))| \mu_n(x) dx + C'_3 \cdot (\int |\nabla \log(\sigma_{I'}(x))| \mu_n(x) dx)^2).$$

$$\gamma^2 \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2$$

Finally,

$$\mathbf{E} \left\| S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\pi}) - S_{\mu_{n+1}} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_{n+1}}{\sigma_{n+1}}) \right\|_H^2 \leq (1 - p) \cdot \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi}) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2 + (C_1 + C_2 \cdot$$

$$\int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))| \mu_n(x) dx + C_3 \cdot (\int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))| \mu_n(x) dx)^2 + C'_1 + C'_2 \cdot \int |\nabla \log(\sigma_{I'}(x))| \mu_n(x) dx + C'_3 \cdot (\int |\nabla \log(\sigma_{I'}(x))| \mu_n(x) dx)^2).$$

$$\gamma^2 \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2$$

So if γ is small enough, s.t $\frac{\gamma}{2p} \cdot (C_1 + C_2 \cdot \int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))| \mu_n(x) dx + C_3 \cdot (\int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))| \mu_n(x) dx)^2 + C'_1 +$

$$C'_2 \cdot \int |\nabla \log(\sigma_{I'}(x))| \mu_n(x) dx + C'_3 \cdot (\int |\nabla \log(\sigma_{I'}(x))| \mu_n(x) dx)^2) - (\frac{1}{2\gamma} - \frac{C}{2}) \leq 0$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\Phi_{n+1}) \leq \mathbf{E}(\Phi_n) - \frac{\gamma}{2} \mathbf{E} \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi}) \right\|_H^2,$$

where

$$\Phi_n := KL(\mu_n | \pi) + \frac{\gamma}{2p} \left\| S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\pi}) - S_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n}) \right\|_H^2$$

Lemma 1 If there exists a constant $a > 0$ and a point x_0 such that $\int e^{ad(x_0, x)^2} \pi(dx) < +\infty$, then we have we have T_1 inequality

$$W_1(\mu, \pi) \leq C \cdot \sqrt{KL(\mu | \pi)}$$

Proof 2 see "optimal transport old and new" page 592.

We assume there exists a constant $a > 0$ and a point x_0 such that $\int e^{ad(x_0, x)^2} \pi(dx) < +\infty$, so the last lemma holds.

Lemma 2 if we have $\Phi_n \leq C$, then we have $\int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))| \mu_n(x) dx \leq \tilde{C}$

Proof 3 $KL(\mu_n | \pi) \leq \Phi_n \leq C$, so $W_1(\mu_n, \pi) \leq C \cdot \sqrt{KL(\mu_n, \pi)} \leq C_1$, so by L -smoothness of F , we have $\int |\nabla \log(\pi(x))| \mu_n(x) dx \leq C \int |x| \mu_n(x) dx = CW_1(\mu_n, \delta_0) \leq C(W_1(\mu_n, \pi) + W_1(\pi, \delta)) \leq \tilde{C}$

Lemma 3 if $\Phi_n \leq A$, then we can choose $\gamma_n \geq \gamma_0$, where γ_0 depend on A (as you see in proof of the main theorem, it depends on $\int |\nabla \log(\pi)| \mu_n dx$, as you see in the last lemma, $\int |\nabla \log(\pi)| \mu_n dx$ depends on Φ_n), such that $\Phi_{n+1} \leq A$

Proof 4 (note $\mu_{n+1} = (I - \gamma_n P_{\mu_n} \nabla \log(\frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n})) \sharp \mu_n$, so you see μ_n is independent of γ_n , but depend on γ_{n-1}). from the last lemma we can choose $\gamma_n \geq \gamma_0$, such that $\Phi_{n+1} \leq \Phi_n - \frac{\gamma_n}{2} I_{Stein}^2(\mu_n | \pi)$, so $KL(\mu_{n+1} | \pi) \leq \Phi_{n+1} \leq \Phi_n \leq A$

Theorem 2 if we set a constant A , s.t $\Phi_0 \leq A$, then we can set $\gamma_n = \gamma_0$, for all n , such that,

$$\Phi_{n+1} \leq \Phi_n - \frac{\gamma_0}{2} I_{Stein}^2(\mu_n | \pi)$$

Proof 5 we can use the last lemma recursively, so finish the proof.