

# ADMM and Primal-Dual Methods

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Recall:  $(I + df)^{-1} y = \text{prox}_f(y)$ . Why? let  $x = \text{prox}_f(y) = \arg\min_x f(x) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|^2$   
 So optimality condition  $0 \in df(x) + x - y$  Since  $df(f + \frac{1}{2} \|\cdot - y\|^2) = df + \nabla \frac{1}{2} \|\cdot - y\|^2$  since CQ hold because  $\frac{1}{2} \|\cdot - y\|^2$  has full domain  
 i.e.,  $y \in (I + df)(x)$   
 i.e.,  $x = (I + df)^{-1}(y)$

ADMM (recap from last time)

motivation  $\min F(x) + G(x)$

$$\min_{x, z} F(x) + G(z) \\ \text{s.t. } Ax + Bz = c$$

make augmented Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_\rho(x, z, y) = \underbrace{F(x)}_{\text{primal}} + \underbrace{G(z)}_{\text{dual}} + \langle y, Ax + Bz - c \rangle + \underbrace{\rho/2 \|Ax + Bz - c\|^2}_{\text{augmented term}}$$

ADMM algo

$$x_{k+1} \in \arg\min_x \mathcal{L}_\rho(x, z_k, y_k)$$

$$z_{k+1} \in \arg\min_z \mathcal{L}_\rho(x_{k+1}, z, y_k)$$

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + \rho (Ax_{k+1} + Bz_{k+1} - c) \quad \text{dual gradient ascent}$$

} if we jointly minimize, this is Aug. Lagr.

What about  $\min_x \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)$

one idea:  $\min_{x_i, i=1, \dots, n}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i)$$

s.t. linear constraints enforcing  $x_i = x_j$

but solving via Gauss-Seidel ... doesn't work

instead, use consensus ideas

let  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $z$  (same size as  $x_i$ ),

$$A = I \\ B = \begin{bmatrix} -I \\ \vdots \\ -I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\min_{\vec{x}, z} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) + G(z)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{bmatrix} I & & & -I \\ & I & & -I \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & I & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x} \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

enforces  $x_i = z \Rightarrow x_i = x_j$

$\vec{x}_{k+1} \in \arg\min_{\vec{x}} \mathcal{L}_\rho(\vec{x}, z_k, y_k)$  } decouples, solve for each  $x_i$  independently

$\vec{z}_{k+1} \in \arg\min_z \mathcal{L}_\rho(x_{k+1}, z, y_k) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  } averaging, "consensus"

$y_{k+1} \dots$  as usual

## Douglas-Rachford (equivalent to ADMM in certain senses)

ref. see Bauschke, Combettes '17 §28.3

$$(P) \min_x f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(D) \min_u f^*(-u) + g^*(u)$$

Algo:  $0 < \lambda < 2$ ,  $\rho > 0$ ,  $y_0$

$$x_k = \text{prox}_{\rho g}(y_k)$$

$$z_k = \text{prox}_{\rho f}(2x_k - y_k)$$

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + \lambda(z_k - y_k)$$

Thm  $f, g \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , assume optimal soln exists and CA hold, then

$y_k \rightarrow y$ ,  $x = \text{prox}_{\rho g}(y)$  is primal optimal,

$u = \rho^{-1}(y - x)$  is dual optimal.

### Derivation

Optimality:  $0 \in \partial(f+g)(x) \stackrel{\text{via CA}}{=} \partial f(x) + \partial g(x)$

or equiv,  $0 \in \rho \partial f(x) + \rho \partial g(x)$  for a fixed  $\rho > 0$

$$-\rho \partial g(x) \in \rho \partial f(x)$$

$$x - \rho \partial g(x) \in x + \rho \partial f(x)$$

$$2x - x - \rho \partial g(x) \in x + \rho \partial f(x)$$

$$2x - (I + \rho \partial g)(x) \in (I + \rho \partial f)(x)$$

$$x = (I + \rho \partial f)^{-1} \left( 2x - \underbrace{(I + \rho \partial g)(x)}_y \right) \xrightarrow{\text{invert}} \text{so } x = \text{prox}_{\rho g}(y)$$

Solve  $x = z$

i.e.  $0 = z - x$   $\lambda > 0$

$0 = \lambda(z - x)$  i.e.,  $y = y + \lambda(z - x)$  Fixed pt. iteration

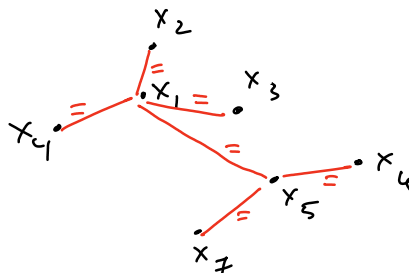
### Similar consensus tricks

$$\min \sum_i f_i(x) \iff \min \sum_i f_i(x_i)$$

s.t.  $x_i = x_j \forall i, j$

different ways to encode

$$x_i = x_{i+1} \quad \text{OR} \quad x_i = x_n$$



### History/extensions

due to Lions + Mercier '79, motivated by PDEs

use "resolvents"

$$J_A = (I + A)^{-1} \text{ which is just the prox if } A = \partial f$$

see Ernest Ryn's arXiv 1802.07534

"Uniqueness of Douglas-Rachford Splitting as the Two Operator Resolvent Splitting and Impossibility of Three operator resolvent splitting"

we're about to see a 3 operator splitting, but it will involve 2 resolvents and 1 forward (gradient) step.

## Primal Dual methods

issue w/ ADMM:

$$\underbrace{\min_x g(x) + \tilde{h}(Ax), \quad h(x) = \tilde{h}(Ax)}_{D-R}$$

$$\underbrace{\min_{x,z} g(x) + \tilde{h}(z), \quad Ax - z = 0}_{ADMM}$$

issue: need  $\text{prox}_h(\dots)$ , often hard due to  $A$

(since  $\text{prox}_h$  easy  $\nrightarrow$   $\text{prox}_h$  is easy)

want an algo involving  $\text{prox}_h$  not  $\text{prox}_h$

motivate Aug. Lagr.

Trick: use ADMM w/ a scaled norm:

$$\min_{x,z} g(x) + \tilde{h}(z) + \rho/2 \|Ax - z\|^2, \quad Ax - z = 0$$

use a diff't norm!

Clever choice:  $z$  update uses

$$\|z\|_M^2 = \langle z | M | z \rangle, \quad M = \sigma^{-1} I - A^T A$$

$$\sigma < \frac{1}{\|A\|^2} \Rightarrow M > 0$$

introduced in 2000's

Chambolle and Pock, "primal-dual hybrid gradient", preconditioned ADMM

refs: Paper

- Cevher, Becker, Schmidt '14 review paper, see more refs on course page.

general primal-dual method (Condat '11)

$$\min_x f(x) + g(x) + h(Ax)$$

$\uparrow$  smooth  $\nabla f$        $\uparrow$  easy prox  $\text{prox}_g$        $\uparrow$  easy prox  $\text{prox}_h$

$f, g, h$  convex, proper, lsc

Avoid  $\text{prox}_{h \circ A}$ !

Note:  $x = \text{prox}_h(x) + \text{prox}_{h^*}(x)$

one view:  $h(w) = h^{**}(w) = \sup_y \langle w, y \rangle - h^*(y)$

so  
Solve

$$\min_x \max_y f(x) + g(x) + \underbrace{\langle Ax, y \rangle}_{\text{links primal and dual variables}} - h^*(y) \quad (\text{saddle-pt. problem})$$

Optimality: use Fenchel-Rockafellar, or, rederive it:

$$0 \in \partial(f + g + h \circ A)(x), \quad \text{assume } \text{constraint qualification}$$

$$0 \in \nabla f(x) + \partial g(x) + A^T \underbrace{\partial h(Ax)}_y$$

$z$  optimality eq'n

$$0 \in \nabla f(x) + \partial g(x) + A^T y$$

$$Ax \in \partial h^*(y)$$

$$y \in \partial h(Ax) \\ \text{or } Ax \in \partial h^{-1}(y) \\ \text{i.e. } Ax \in \partial h^*(y)$$

rewrite:

$$-\begin{bmatrix} \nabla f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} \partial g & A^T \\ -A & \partial h^* \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0 \in T_1 \vec{x} + T_2 \vec{x} \\ \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$T_2$

$T_1$

Solve via forward-backward (= proximal descent)

assume  $T_2$  is 1-Lipschitz

$$\vec{x}_{k+1} = (\underbrace{I + T_1}_{\text{backward/implicit}})^{-1} (\underbrace{I - T_2}_{\text{forward/explicit}}) \cdot \vec{x}_k$$

Assuming

$(I + dg)^{-1}$  easy  
=  $\text{prox}_g$

$(I + dh^*)^{-1}$  easy

Need a fix. Trick:  $\uparrow$  derived by  $-T_2 \vec{x} \in T_1 \vec{x}$   
 $\vec{x} - T_2 \vec{x} \in \vec{x} + T_1 \vec{x}$  ← Option 1 (standard, not helpful)  
instead, do  $\rightarrow V \cdot \vec{x} - T_2 \vec{x} \in V \cdot \vec{x} + T_1 \vec{x}$  ← Option 2 (helpful) cleverly chosen

i.e.,  $\vec{x}_{k+1} = (V + T_1)^{-1} (V - T_2) \cdot \vec{x}_k$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \tau^{-1} \cdot I & -A^T \\ -A & \sigma^{-1} \cdot I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} \tau^{-1} I & -A^T \\ -A & \sigma^{-1} I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} dg & A^T \\ -A & dh^* \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau^{-1} I + dg & 0 \\ -2A & \sigma^{-1} I + dh^* \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

observe: it's triangular!

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tau^{-1} I + dg & 0 \\ -2A & \sigma^{-1} I + dh^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$  solve for

Solve:  $x_{k+1} = (\tau^{-1} I + dg)^{-1} v$   
via  $\text{prox}_{dg}$

then solve for  $y_{k+1}$   
(forward substitution)

need  $V > 0$ , guaranteed if  $\sigma \tau > \|A\|^2$

Altogether

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau^{-1} I + dg & 0 \\ -2A & \sigma^{-1} I + dh^* \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \tau^{-1} I - \nabla f & -A^T \\ -A & \sigma^{-1} I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \begin{bmatrix} \tau^{-1} I + dg & 0 \\ -2A & \sigma^{-1} I + dh^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ w \end{bmatrix} \\ (2) \quad & \begin{bmatrix} \tau^{-1} I + dg & 0 \\ -2A & \sigma^{-1} I + dh^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau} x_k - \nabla f(x_k) \\ -A x_k + \frac{1}{\sigma} y_k \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

so  $(1) \quad (I + \tau dg)(x_{k+1}) = \tau \cdot v$

①  $x_{k+1} = \text{prox}_{\tau g}(\tau \cdot v) = \text{prox}_{\tau g}(x_k - \tau \cdot \nabla f(x_k))$

then (2)  $(I + \sigma dh^*)(y_{k+1}) = \sigma \cdot w + 2\sigma A \cdot x_{k+1}$

$y_{k+1} = \text{prox}_{\sigma h^*}(\sigma \cdot w + 2\sigma A \cdot x_{k+1})$

②  $= \text{prox}_{\sigma h^*}(y_k + \sigma \cdot A(2x_{k+1} - x_k))$