Mathematical Modeling HW5

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1 Task: Prove proposition 4.1

Proposition 4.1. The following are equivalent:

- (i) T is firmly nonexpansive.
- (ii) T is $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged nonexpansive.
- (iii) $\mathcal{I} \tilde{T}$ is firmly nonexpansive.
- (iv) $2T \mathcal{I}$ is nonexpansive.

Proof₁ We first prove (ii) and (i) are equivalent, i.e. T is $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged nonexpansive if and only if T is firmly nonexpansive. T is $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged nonexpansive which means T can be written as $\frac{\mathcal{I}+\mathcal{N}}{2}$, where \mathcal{N} is a non-expansive operator:

$$\|\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}\| \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| \iff \|\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}\|^2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2$$

add some components to construct the inequality above, we have

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y} \rangle + \|\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}\|^2 \le 2\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y} \rangle$$

where

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{LHS} &= \langle (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) + (\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}), (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) + (\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}) \rangle \\ &= \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}\| \\ \mathrm{RHS} &= 2\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle + 2\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= 2\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle \end{split}$$

Since LHS \leq RHS, we have

$$\left\| \frac{\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{x}}{2} - \frac{\mathbf{y} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}}{2} \right\|^2 \le \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{x}}{2} - \frac{\mathbf{y} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}}{2}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \right\rangle$$

which is equivalent to

$$\|T\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{y}\|^2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|.$$

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Proof₂ Now we prove (iii) and (ii) are equivalent, i.e. $\mathcal{I} - T$ is firmly nonexpansive if and only if T is $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged nonexpansive. $\mathcal{I} - T$ is firmly nonexpansive infers

$$\|(\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{x}) - (\mathbf{y} - T\mathbf{y})\|^2 \le \langle (\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{x}) - (\mathbf{y} - T\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

let \mathcal{N} such that that $T = \frac{\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{N}}{2}$, we have

LHS =
$$\left\| \left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{x}}{2} \right) - \left(\mathbf{y} - \frac{\mathbf{y} + \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}}{2} \right) \right\|^{2}$$

= $1/4 \cdot \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - (\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y})\|$
RHS = $1/2 \cdot \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - (\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - (\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y})\|^{2} \le 2 \left\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - (\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \right\rangle \\ &\iff \\ &\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^{2} + \|\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}\|^{2} - 2 \left\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - (\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \right\rangle \le 2 \left\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \right\rangle^{2} - 2 \left\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - (\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \right\rangle \\ &\iff \\ &\|\mathcal{N}\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{N}\mathbf{y}\|^{2} < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^{2} \end{aligned}$$

If $\mathcal{I}-T$ is firmly nonexpansive, we can assume that \mathcal{N} does not exist, the above inequality cannot satisfied, i.e. there exist a nonexpansive operator \mathcal{N} s.t. $T = \frac{\mathcal{I}+\mathcal{N}}{2}$. If T is $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged nonexpansive, then let \mathcal{N} be a nonexpansive operator s.t. $T = \frac{\mathcal{I}+\mathcal{N}}{2}$, we can infer that $\mathcal{I}-T$ is firmly nonexpansive,

Proof₃ Finally we prove (i) and (iv) are equivalent, i.e. $2T - \mathcal{I}$ is nonexpansive if and only if T is firmly nonexpansive. $2T - \mathcal{I}$ is nonexpansive means

$$\|(2T\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}) - (2T\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y})\| \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

$$\iff \|2(T\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{y}) - (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\|^2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2$$

$$\iff 4\|T\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 - 4\langle T\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2$$

$$\iff \|T\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{y}\|^2 \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2$$

$$\iff \|T\mathbf{x} - T\mathbf{y}\| \le \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| \quad (T \text{ is nonexpansive})$$

2 Task: $prox_{\|\cdot\|_1}$ is firmly nonexpansive

Prove that $\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}$ is firmly nonexpansive according to (3.7) and (3.8). (Don't use Theorem 4.1 !!!)

• One-dimensional case For $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$prox_{|.|}(x) = max\{|x| - 1, 0\} \cdot sgn(x)$$

• *n*-dimensional case For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \left(\operatorname{prox}_{|\cdot|}(x_{1}), \operatorname{prox}_{|\cdot|}(x_{2}), \dots, \operatorname{prox}_{|\cdot|}(x_{n})\right)^{\top}$$

Proof We prove by mathematical induction.

Base case: 1-dimension case $prox_{\|.\|_1}$ is defined by

$$\text{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}(x) = \max\{|x| - 1, 0\} \cdot \text{sgn}(x)$$

We hope $\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}$ is firmly nonexpansive i.e. we hope that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} \mathbf{x} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} \mathbf{y} \right\|^{2} \leq \left\langle \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} \mathbf{x} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \right\rangle \\ \iff & \left\langle \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} \mathbf{x} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} \mathbf{y}, \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} \mathbf{x} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} \mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \right\rangle \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We expand the LHS above,

LHS

$$= (\operatorname{sgn}(x) \max(0, |x| - 1) - \operatorname{sgn}(y) \max(0, |y| - 1))(\operatorname{sgn}(x) \max(0, |x| - 1) - \operatorname{sgn}(y) \max(0, |y| - 1) - x - y) \\ = \begin{cases} (|x| - 1)\operatorname{sgn}(x)((|x| - 1)\operatorname{sgn}(x) - x + y) & |x| > 1 \wedge |y| \le 1 \\ ((|x| - 1)\operatorname{sgn}(x) - (|y| - 1)\operatorname{sgn}(y))((|x| - 1)\operatorname{sgn}(x) - |y|\operatorname{sgn}(y) + \operatorname{sgn}(y) - x + y) & |x| > 1 \wedge |y| > 1 \\ (|y| - 1)\operatorname{sgn}(y)((|y| - 1)\operatorname{sgn}(y) + x - y) & |x| \le 1 \wedge |y| > 1 \end{cases}$$

 ≤ 0 (Since the maximum of all cases are less or equal than 0).

Therefore, $\mathrm{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}$ is a firmly nonexpansive when dimension is 1.

Induction step if $\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}$ is firmly nonexpensive when $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, i.e. by definition of $\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}$, we have

$$\left\|\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}\mathbf{x} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}\mathbf{y}\right\|^2 \leq \left\langle \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}\mathbf{x} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\right\rangle$$

which is equivalent to

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} x_{i} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} y_{i} \right)^{2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} x_{i} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} y_{i} \right) \cdot (x_{i} - y_{i})$$

for $\mathrm{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}$ is firmly nonexpansive when dimension is 1,

$$\left(\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} x_{n+1} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} y_{n+1}\right)^{2} \leq \left(\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} x_{n+1} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_{1}} y_{n+1}\right) (x_{n+1} - y_{n+1})$$

by adding the 2 inequality above we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \left(\text{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1} \, x_i - \text{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1} \, y_i \right)^2 \le \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \left(\text{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1} \, x_i - \text{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1} \, y_i \right) \cdot (x_i - y_i)$$

which infers that $\left\|\operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1} \mathbf{x} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1} \mathbf{y}\right\|^2 \le \left\langle \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1} \mathbf{x} - \operatorname{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1} \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\right\rangle$ holds when $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.

Hence $\mathrm{prox}_{\|\cdot\|_1}$ is firmly nonexpansive.