

# q1

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## 0.1 Question 1 (8 marks): implement gradient descent with Armijo line-search for the Total-Variation denoising problem. Use the pseudo-Huber function to smooth the problem.

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[ ]: def line_search_arm(lambda_, mu, x, f_x, grad_f_x, norm_grad_f_x, gamma):  
    # lambda_: the regularization parameter  
    # x: the current estimate of the variable  
    # f_x: the value of the objective function at x  
    # grad_f_x: the gradient of the objective function at x  
    # norm_grad_f_x: the norm of grad_f_x  
    # gamma: parameter of Armijo line-search as was defined in the lectures.  
  
    alpha = 1.0  
    loss = gamma * (norm_grad_f_x ** 2.0)  
    while f_tv(lamb=lambda_, mu=mu, x=x-alpha*grad_f_x, z_n=noisy_image_vec) >   
→ f_x - alpha * loss:  
        alpha /= 2.0  
    return alpha  
  
def gradient_descent_arm(x0, epsilon, lambda_, mu, max_iterations, gamma):  
    # x0: is the initial guess for the x variables  
    # epsilon: is the termination tolerance parameter  
    # lambda_: is the regularization parameter of the denoising problem.  
    # max_iterations: is the maximum number of iterations that you allow the   
→ algorithm to run.  
    # gamma: parameter of Armijo line-search as was defined in the lectures.  
  
    x_updated = x0.copy().toarray()  
    f_vals = []  
    norm_vals = []  
    t1 = time.time()  
    for i in range(1, max_iterations+1):  
        current_grad = grad_f_tv2(lamb=lambda_, mu=mu, x=x_updated,   
→ z_n=noisy_image_vec)  
        tx = time.time()  
        current_grad_norm = np.linalg.norm(current_grad)  
        if current_grad_norm <= epsilon:
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        break
    norm_vals.append(current_grad_norm)
    f_vals.append(f_tv(lamb=lambda_, mu=mu, x=x_updated,
→z_n=noisy_image_vec))
    alpha = line_search_arm(lambda_=lambda_, mu=mu, x=x_updated,
→f_x=f_vals[-1], grad_f_x=current_grad, norm_grad_f_x=current_grad_norm,
→gamma=gamma)
    x_updated = x_updated - alpha * current_grad
    f_diff = (f_vals[-1] - f_vals[-2]) if len(f_vals) > 1 else None
    grad_diff = (norm_vals[-1] - norm_vals[-2]) if len(norm_vals) > 1 else
→None
    print(f"Step = {i}: alpha = {alpha}, Function = {f_vals[-1]}, Function
→Diff. = {f_diff}, Grad. Norm = {norm_vals[-1]}, Grad. Norm. Diff. =
→{grad_diff}")
    t2 = time.time()
    print(f"Iterations (Total) time = {t2-t1}")
    return x_updated, np.array(f_vals)

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**0.2 Call Gradient Descent with Armijo line-search to denoise the image. Parameter tuning is not given for this assignment. You will have to tune all parameters yourself. Regarding the quality of the output image, pick the  $\lambda$  parameter that makes the error**

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \|z_{\text{output}} - z_{\text{clean}}\|_2$$

**as small as possible, where  $z_{\text{output}}$  is the output of the algorithm. Find  $\lambda$  by trial and error. Note that the smoothing parameter  $\mu$  affects the quality of the output as well. Pick  $\mu$  small enough such that the above error does not improve much for smaller values of  $\mu$ . I will measure the running time only for your chosen parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , therefore, make sure to separate any code that does trial and error and the code that reports the result for the chosen parameters.**

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[:]: # Initialize parameters of gradient descent (search was done separately)
lambda_ = 45
mu = 0.1
epsilon = 1.0e-2
gamma = 0.3
max_iterations = 200

# Set x0 equal to the vectorized noisy image.
# Write your code here.
optimized_gd_arm, f_vals_arm = gradient_descent_arm(x0=noisy_image_vec,
                                                    lambda_=lambda_,
                                                    mu=mu,
                                                    epsilon=epsilon,
                                                    gamma=gamma,

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→max_iterations=max_iterations)
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