

# "Geometrization"

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## Part 1. Constrained Optimization & Mirror Descent

$$\min_{x \in K} f(x) \quad \text{Can use CP.}$$

But "high" polynomial time  
 $n^2$  space.

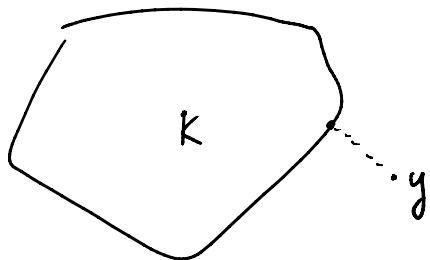
What about GD?

-  $\nabla f(x)$  might point outside.

- may not be defined

$$g \in \nabla f(x) : \forall y \quad f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle g, y - x \rangle$$

$$\text{Projection: } \Pi_K(y) = \arg \min_{x \in K} \|y - x\|_2$$



Lema.  $\forall z \in K$

$$\|y - \Pi(y)\|^2 + \|\Pi(y) - z\|^2 \leq \|z - y\|^2.$$

Pf. Let  $h(t) = \|\Pi(y) + t(z - \Pi(y)) - y\|^2$

$$\text{Then } h(t) \geq \|\Pi(y) - y\|^2 = h(0)$$

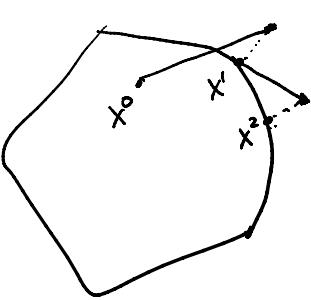
$$\Rightarrow h'(0) \geq 0$$

i.e.  $(\Pi(y) - y)^T (z - \Pi(y)) \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \|z - y\|^2 &= \|z - \Pi(y) + \Pi(y) - y\|^2 \\ &= \|z - \Pi(y)\|^2 + \|\Pi(y) - y\|^2 + 2(z - \Pi(y))^T (\Pi(y) - y) \\ &\geq \|z - \Pi(y)\|^2 + \|\Pi(y) - y\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

## Algo. Subgradient Method (aka Projected GD).

$$\begin{aligned} y^{k+1} &= x^k - h g(x^k) \\ x^{k+1} &= \Pi(y^{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$



Thm,  $f$  is  $G$ -Lipschitz

$$R^2 = \|x^0 - x^*\|_2^2$$

Then

$$f(x^t) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{R}{2hT} + \frac{hG^2}{2}$$

Setting  $h = \frac{R}{TG^2}$

to get error  $\epsilon$   $T = \frac{R^2 G^2}{\epsilon^2}$  suffices.

Note: for any fixed  $h$ ,  $f(x^t) \rightarrow f(x^*)$ .

Pf.  $\|x^{k+1} - x^*\|^2 = \|\Pi(y^{k+1}) - x^*\|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|y^{k+1} - x^*\|^2 - \|\Pi(y^{k+1}) - y^{k+1}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x^k - hg^k - x^*\|^2 \\ &= \|x^k - x^*\|^2 + h^2 \|g^k\|^2 - 2h \langle g^k, x^k - x^* \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x^t) - f(x^*) \geq \langle g^k, x^t - x^* \rangle$$

$$-h \langle g^k, x^k - x^* \rangle \leq -h (f(x^k) - f(x^*))$$

$$\|x^{k+1} - x^*\|^2 \leq \|x^k - x^*\|^2 + h^2 G^2 - 2h (f(x^k) - f(x^*))$$

$$\therefore \|x^k - x^*\| \leq (\|x^k - x^*\|^2 + \|x^{k+1} - x^*\|^2) + h G^2$$

$$\|x - x^*\| \leq \|x^k - x^*\| + \dots$$

$$f(x^k) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{2h} (\|x^k - x^*\|^2 - \|x^{k+1} - x^*\|^2) + \frac{h}{2} G^2$$

adding up for  $k$  from 0 to  $K$

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=0}^{T-1} (f(x^i) - f(x^*)) \leq \frac{1}{2hT} \|x^0 - x^*\|^2 + \frac{hG^2}{2}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=0}^{T-1} x^i\right) - f(x^*) \leq \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

This leaves much to be desired.

e.g. suppose  $f(x) = \|x\|$ ,

then  $\nabla f(x) = \text{sign}(x)$  if  $\forall i: x_i \neq 0$

$$\|\nabla f(x)\| = \sqrt{n}$$

e.g. if  $K = \{x : \sum_{i \in N} |x_i| < \infty\}$  convex infinite-dim.

$\nabla f(x)$  unbounded.

$$\text{So } x \leftarrow x - h \nabla f(x)$$

is nonsense.

Why? we are using same norm  $\|\cdot\|$  for  $x$  and  $\nabla f(x)$

But they live in different spaces.

$$x \in D \quad y = \nabla f(x) \in D^*$$

$$\hat{y} \leftarrow y - \nabla f(x)$$

$$\hat{x}: \nabla f(\hat{x}) = \hat{y} = 0 \quad = 0$$

that's what we want!

there will be many.

Going to dual norm might be difficult.

So use an "intermediate map".

$$\phi(x) \quad y^{k+1}: \quad \nabla \phi(y^{k+1}) = \nabla \phi(x^{k+1}) - h \cdot \nabla f(x^{k+1})$$

$$\text{may not} \quad x^{k+1} = \underset{x \in K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad d(y^{k+1}, x)$$

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what distance?

Bregman Divergence ( $\phi$  strictly convex)

$$D_\phi(y, x) = \phi(y) - \phi(x) - \langle \nabla \phi(x), y - x \rangle$$

E.g. 1.  $\phi(x) = \|x\|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} D_\phi(y, x) &= \|y\|^2 - \|x\|^2 - 2 \langle x, y - x \rangle \\ &= \|y - x\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

2.  $\phi(x) = \sum x_i \log x_i$

$$\begin{aligned} D_\phi(y, x) &= \sum y_i \log y_i - \sum x_i \log x_i - \sum_i (1 + \log x_i)(y_i - x_i) \\ &= \sum_i y_i \log \frac{y_i}{x_i} - \sum_i (y_i - x_i) \end{aligned}$$

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Mirror Descent

$$y^{k+1}: \quad \nabla \phi(y^{k+1}) = \nabla \phi(x^k) - h g^k$$
$$g^k \in \nabla f(x^k)$$

$$x^{k+1} = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad D_\phi(x, y^{k+1})$$

$$x^{k+1} = \underset{x \in K}{\operatorname{argmin}} D_\phi(x, y^{k+1})$$

(call this  $\Pi_\phi(y^{k+1})$ )

Lemma:  $\nexists z \in K$

$$D_\phi(z, \Pi_y) + D_\phi(\Pi_y, y) \leq D_\phi(z, y)$$

PF.  $h(t) = D_\phi(\Pi_y + t(z - \Pi_y), y)$  is minimized at  $t=0$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(0) &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} D_\phi(\Pi_y + t(z - \Pi_y), y) \right|_{t=0} \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \left( \phi(\Pi_y + t(z - \Pi_y)) - \phi(y) - \langle \nabla \phi(y), \Pi_y - y + t(z - \Pi_y) \rangle \right) \\ &= \langle \nabla \phi(\Pi_y) - \nabla \phi(y), z - \Pi(y) \rangle \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D_\phi(z, y) &= D_\phi(z, \Pi(y)) + D_\phi(\Pi_y, y) + \\ &\quad \langle \nabla \phi(\Pi_y) - \nabla \phi(y), z - \Pi(y) \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle \nabla \phi(y), z - y \rangle - \langle \nabla \phi(\Pi(y)), z - \Pi(y) \rangle \\ &\geq D_\phi(z, \Pi(y)) + D_\phi(\Pi_y, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thm.  $f$  is  $l$ -Lipschitz convex function in norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .  
 $\phi: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $r$ -strongly convex in some norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

$$\max_{x^*} \|\phi(x^*) - \phi(x)\|^2$$

$$R = \max_{x \in D} \|\phi(x^*) - \phi(x)\|^2$$

$$f(x^+) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{R^2}{2hT} + \frac{hG^2}{2}$$

Pf.

$$\begin{aligned} D_\phi(x^+, x^{k+1}) &\leq D_\phi(x^*, y^{k+1}) - D_\phi(x^k, y^{k+1}) \\ &= D_\phi(x^k, x^k) + \underbrace{\langle \nabla \phi(x^k) - \nabla \phi(y^{k+1}), x^+ - x^k \rangle}_{-D_\phi(x^k, y^{k+1})} + D_\phi(x^k, y^{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Recall } \nabla \phi(y^{k+1}) = \nabla \phi(x^k) - h g^k$$

$$= D_\phi(x^k, x^k) + h \langle g^k, x^+ - x^k \rangle + D_\phi(x^k, y^{k+1}) - D_\phi(x^{k+1}, y^{k+1})$$

$$(f(x^+) - f(x^*)) \geq \langle g^k, x^+ - x^k \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_\phi(x^k, x^{k+1}) - D_\phi(x^k, x^k) &\leq -h(f(x^+) - f(x^*)) + D_\phi(x^k, y^{k+1}) - D_\phi(x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) \\ &= \phi(x^k) - \phi(x^{k+1}) - \langle \nabla \phi(y^{k+1}), x^k - x^{k+1} \rangle \\ &\leq \langle \nabla \phi(x^k) - \nabla \phi(y^{k+1}), x^k - x^{k+1} \rangle - \frac{\rho}{2} \|x^k - x^{k+1}\|^2 \\ &= h \langle g^k, x^k - x^{k+1} \rangle - \frac{\rho}{2} \|x^k - x^{k+1}\|^2 \\ &\leq h \cdot G \cdot \|x^k - x^{k+1}\| - \frac{\rho}{2} \|x^k - x^{k+1}\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{h^2 G^2}{2\rho}. \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x^k) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{h} (D_\phi(x^k, x^k) - D_\phi(x^k, x^{k+1})) + \frac{h^2 G^2}{2\rho}$$

adding up

$$\sum_{t=1}^T (f(x^t) - f(x^*)) \leq \frac{1}{h} (D_\phi(x^0, x^0) - D_\phi(x^T, x^{T+1})) + h G^2$$

according w.p

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} (f(x^t) - f(x^*)) &\leq \frac{1}{hT} \left( D_\phi(x^*, x^0) - D_\phi(x^*, x^{T+1}) \right) + \frac{hG^2}{2P} \\ &\leq \frac{D_\phi(x^*, x^0)}{hT} + \frac{hG^2}{2P} \end{aligned}$$

Example .  $D = \{x : \sum x_i = 1, x_i \geq 0\}$

$$\phi(x) = \sum x_i \log x_i$$

$$D_\phi(y, x) = \sum y_i \log \frac{y_i}{x_i}$$

$$x^{k+1} = \arg \min h(g^k, x) + D_\phi(x, x^k)$$

$$= \underset{\sum x_i = 1, x_i \geq 0}{\arg \min} h(g^k, x) + \sum_i x_i \log \frac{x_i}{x^k}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad h \cdot g_i^k + \log \frac{x_i^{k+1}}{x^k} + 1 = 0$$

$$x_i^{k+1} = x_i^k \cdot e^{-h g_i^k} \cdot C$$

start with  $x^0 = \frac{1}{n} \cdot 1$ .

then  $D_\phi(x, x^0) \leq \log n = R^2$

$$1/\text{Var} \quad D_\phi(x, y) = \|y - x\|$$

$\phi$  is 1-strongly convex  $\Leftrightarrow \|\nabla \phi\|_1 \leq 1$

$$\nabla^2 \phi(z)_i = \frac{1}{z_i}$$

$$\phi(y) = \phi(x) + \langle \nabla \phi(x), y - x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} (y - x)^T \nabla^2 \phi(z) (y - x)$$

$$\sum z_i = 1 \quad \text{So,} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{(y_i - x_i)^2}{z_i} \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum |y_i - x_i|$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 1.$$

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} x^k\right) - f(x^*) \leq R \sqrt{\frac{2}{\eta T}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2 \log n}{T}}.$$

(Much better than  $\sqrt{\frac{n}{T}}$ !) for  $f$  1-Lipschitz.

$$x^{k+1} = \underset{x \in D}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad D_\phi(x, y^{k+1})$$

$$= \underset{x \in D}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \phi(x) - \phi(y^{k+1}) - \langle \nabla \phi(y^{k+1}), x - y^{k+1} \rangle$$

$$= \underset{x \in D}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \phi(x) - \langle \nabla \phi(y^{k+1}), x \rangle$$

$$= \underset{x \in D}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \phi(x) - \langle \nabla \phi(x^k) - h g^k, x \rangle$$

$$= \underset{x \in D}{\operatorname{argm}} \quad \phi(x) - \langle \nabla \phi(x^k) - h g^k, x \rangle$$

$$= \underset{x \in D}{\operatorname{argm}} \quad h \langle g^k, x \rangle + \phi(x) - \langle \nabla \phi(x^k), x \rangle$$

$$= \underset{x \in D}{\operatorname{argm}} \quad h \langle g^k, x \rangle + D_\phi(x, x^k)$$

in analogy with

$$x^{k+1} = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argm}} \quad h \langle g^k, x \rangle + \|x - x^k\|^2$$