Inexact and Stochastic Generalized Conditional Gradient with Augmented Lagrangian and Proximal Step

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The Frank-Wolfe Algorithm

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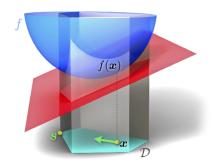
$$k = 0$$

repeat

$$\gamma_{k} = \frac{1}{k+2}
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until convergence;

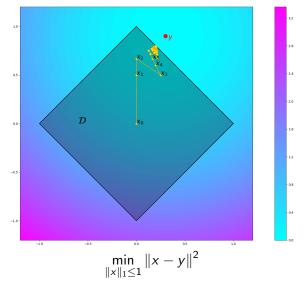
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(Credit: Stephanie Stutz/Wikipedia)



Frank-Wolfe for Sparse Optimizaiton





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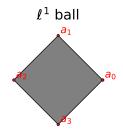


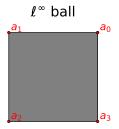
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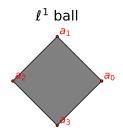
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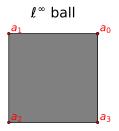






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- $T: \mathcal{H}_p \to \mathcal{H}_V$ and $A: \mathcal{H}_p \to \mathcal{H}_d$ are bounded linear operators.



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 $K_{(F,\zeta,\mathcal{D})}$ is a far-reaching generalization of the standard curvature constant.



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The proximal operator associated to g with parameter β is given by,

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i.e.,
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Let $(x_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of iterates generated by CGALP for a problem which satisfies the previous assumptions on both the functions and the parameters. The the following holds,

• Ax_k converges strongly to b, i.e.,

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A Remark on Subsequential Rates

Our main result shows that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \left[\mathcal{L}\left(x_{k}, \mu^{\star}\right) - \mathcal{L}\left(x^{\star}, \mu^{\star}\right) + \frac{\rho_{k}}{2} \left\|Ax_{k} - b\right\|^{2} \right] = 0$$

and, subsequentially,

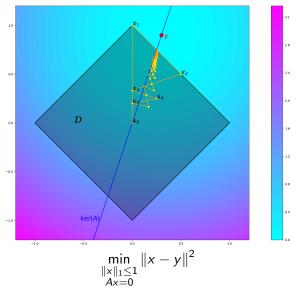
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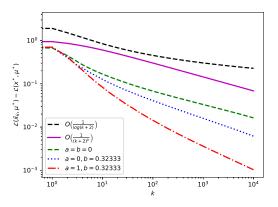


Simple Projection Problem





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Ergodic convergence profile for various step size choices,

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Lift to a product space for CGALP:

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with

$$G(\Omega X) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\|\Omega X^{(1)} - y\|_{1} + \|\Omega X^{(2)} - y\|_{1} \right)$$

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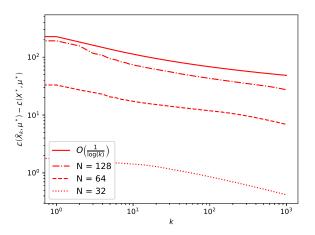




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Ergodic convergence profiles for CGALP.



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Model Problem

Consider the following risk minimization problem,

$$\min_{\substack{x \in \mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{H} \\ Ax = b}} f(x) \left[\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\left[L(x, \eta)\right] \right]$$

assuming that

- ∇f is Hölder-continuous with constant C_f and exponent τ_f .
- $\nabla_x L(\cdot, \eta)$ is Hölder-continuous for every η with constant C_f and exponent τ_f , η being a random variable.
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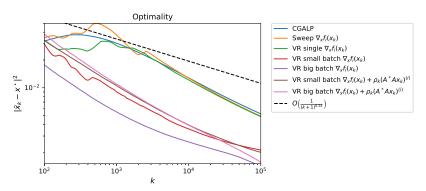
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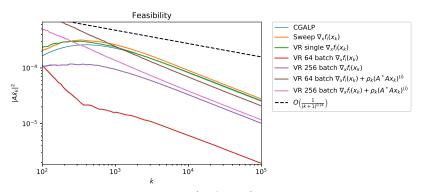
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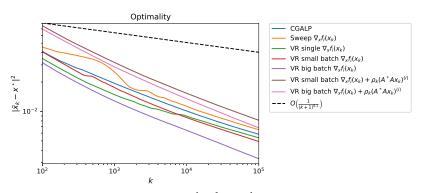


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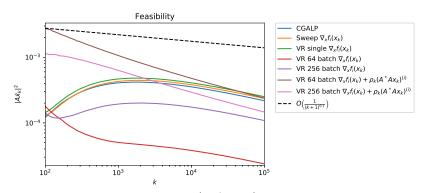


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