

HW2-sol-Optimization in machine learning

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1 AGD Monotonically Decreases The Hamiltonian

By smooth:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{t+1}) - f(y_t) &\leq \frac{l}{2} \|x_{t+1} - y_t\|^2 + \langle \nabla f(y_t), x_{t+1} - y_t \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{\eta}{2} \|\nabla f(y_t)\|^2 - \eta \|\nabla f(y_t)\|^2 \\ &= -\frac{\eta}{2} \|\nabla f(y_t)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{t+1} - E_t &= f(x_{t+1}) + \frac{\|x_{t+1} - x_t\|^2}{2\eta} - f(x_t) - \frac{\|x_t - x_{t-1}\|^2}{2\eta} \\ &\leq f(y_t) - \frac{\eta}{2} \|\nabla f(y_t)\|^2 + \frac{\|x_{t+1} - x_t\|^2}{2\eta} - f(x_t) - \frac{\|x_t - x_{t-1}\|^2}{2\eta} \\ (\text{By convex}) &\leq \langle \nabla f(y_t), y_t - x_t \rangle + \frac{\|x_{t+1} - x_t\|^2}{2\eta} - \frac{\|x_t - x_{t-1}\|^2}{2\eta} - \frac{\eta}{2} \|\nabla f(y_t)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Decompose the norm:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1} - x_t\|^2 &= \|r(x_t - x_{t-1}) - \eta \nabla f(y_t)\|^2 \\ &= [\gamma^2 \|x_t - x_{t-1}\|^2 + \eta^2 \|\nabla f(y_t)\|^2 - 2\eta\gamma \langle x_t - x_{t-1}, \nabla f(y_t) \rangle] \\ &= [\gamma^2 \|x_t - x_{t-1}\|^2 + \eta^2 \|\nabla f(y_t)\|^2 - 2\eta \langle y_t - x_t, \nabla f(y_t) \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

Plug in the decomposition:

$$E_{t+1} - E_t \leq \frac{\gamma^2 \|x_t - x_{t-1}\|^2}{2\eta} - \frac{\|x_t - x_{t-1}\|^2}{2\eta} \quad (1)$$

In conclusion:

$$E_{t+1} \leq E_t - \frac{(1 - \gamma^2 \|x_t - x_{t-1}\|^2)}{2\eta} \quad (2)$$

2 Lower Bounds for Smooth and Strongly Convex Functions

2.1 a

Calculate the Hessian of the function:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x) &= \frac{l-\alpha}{8}[2(e_1^T x - 1)e_1 + \sum_{i=1}^{2t-1} 2(e_i - e_{i+1})^T x (e_i - e_{i+1}) + 2\zeta(e_{2t}^T x)e_{2t}] + \alpha x \\ \nabla^2 f(x) &= \frac{l-\alpha}{4}[e_1 e_1^T + \sum_{i=1}^{2t-1} (e_i - e_{i+1})(e_i - e_{i+1})^T + \zeta e_{2t} e_{2t}^T] + \alpha I\end{aligned}$$

The Hessian is in this form:

$$\frac{l-\alpha}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 2 & -1 \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 & \zeta + 2 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha I \quad (3)$$

According to Gerschgorin's Theorem, the inner Matrix's eigenvalue:

$$\begin{aligned}|\lambda_1^* - 2| &\leq 1 \\ |\lambda_i^* - 2| &\leq 2 \quad (2 \leq i \leq 2t-1) \\ |\lambda_{2t}^* - (\zeta + 2)| &\leq 1 \quad (\zeta \in [0, 1])\end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned}1 &\leq \lambda_1^* \leq 3 \\ 0 &\leq \lambda_i^* \leq 4 \quad (2 \leq i \leq 2t-1) \\ 1 &\leq \zeta + 1 \leq \lambda_{2t}^* \leq \zeta + 3 \leq 4 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{all } \lambda^* \in [0, 4]\end{aligned}$$

In the final Hessian, all eigenvalue are :

$$\lambda = \frac{l-\alpha}{4} \lambda^* + \alpha \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\nabla^2 f(x)) \in [\alpha, l] \quad (5)$$

which satisfies the l -smooth and α strong convex

2.2 b

The overall process is only to let $\nabla f(x) = 0$ and plug in x^* to calculate ζ The final ans is:

$$\zeta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\kappa} + 1} \quad (6)$$

2.3 c

To be done

3 Mirror Descent for Smooth Convex Functions

3.1 a

By ρ -strong convex of Φ :

$$\Phi(x) - \Phi(y) - \langle \nabla \Phi(y), x - y \rangle \geq \frac{\rho}{2} \|y - x\|^2$$

which means:

$$D_{\Phi}(x, y) \geq \frac{\rho}{2} \|y - x\|^2$$

and similarly:

$$D_{\Phi}(y, x) \geq \frac{\rho}{2} \|y - x\|^2$$

So we easily get:

$$\frac{l}{2} \|x_{s+1} - x_s\|^2 = \frac{\rho}{2\eta} \|x_{s+1} - x_s\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\eta} D_{\Phi}(x_{s+1}, x_s) \quad (7)$$

By l -smooth of function f :

$$f(x_{s+1}) - f(x_s) \leq \langle g_{x_s}, x_{s+1} - x_s \rangle + \frac{l}{2} \|x_{s+1} - x_s\|^2 \quad (8)$$

For simplicity, the problem considers unconstrained case, with:

$$\nabla \Phi(x_{s+1}) = \nabla \Phi(x_s) - \eta g_{x_s} \quad (9)$$

Plug (9) in (8)

$$f(x_{s+1}) - f(x_s) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \langle \nabla \Phi(x_s) - \nabla \Phi(x_{s+1}), x_{s+1} - x_s \rangle + \frac{l}{2} \|x_{s+1} - x_s\|^2 \quad (10)$$

By definition of D_{Φ} :

$$\langle \nabla \Phi(x_s) - \nabla \Phi(x_{s+1}), x_{s+1} - x_s \rangle = -D_{\Phi}(x_{s+1}, x_s) - D_{\Phi}(x_s, x_{s+1}) \quad (11)$$

Plug in (11) and (7)

$$f(x_{s+1}) - f(x_s) \leq -\frac{1}{\eta}(D_{\Phi}(x_{s+1}, x_s) + D_{\Phi}(x_s, x_{s+1})) + \frac{1}{\eta}D_{\Phi}(x_{s+1}, x_s) \quad (12)$$

$$(13)$$

Finally, we prove the descent lemma:

$$f(x_{s+1}) - f(x_s) \leq -\frac{1}{\eta}D_{\Phi}(x_s, x_{s+1}) \quad (14)$$

3.2 b

First, use the three-point lemma to simplify the right hand, then we want to prove:

$$f(x_s) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \langle \nabla \Phi(x_{s+1}) - \nabla \Phi(x_s), x^* - x_s \rangle \quad (15)$$

Plug in the MD:

$$f(x_s) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \langle -\eta g_{x_s}, x^* - x_s \rangle \quad (16)$$

$$f(x_s) - f(x^*) \leq -\langle g_{x_s}, x^* - x_s \rangle \quad (17)$$

This is obviously correct by convexity of function f

3.3 c

Add up the lemma in section a and section b:

$$f(x_{s+1}) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{\eta}(D_{\Phi}(x^*, x_s) - D_{\Phi}(x^*, x_{s+1})) \quad (18)$$

Telescope:

$$\sum_{s=2}^t [f(x_s) - f(x^*)] \leq \frac{1}{\eta} [D_{\Phi}(x^*, x_1) - D_{\Phi}(x^*, x_t)] \quad (19)$$

We know that $\eta = \rho/l$ and $D_{\Phi} \geq 0$, so we prove that:

$$\frac{1}{t-1} \sum_{s=2}^t [f(x_s) - f(x^*)] \leq \frac{l}{\rho(t-1)} D_{\Phi}(x^*, x_1) \quad (20)$$

3.4 d

From lemma in section a, we know that $f(x_s)$ monotonically decreases with s . So the left hand of 20 can be further limited:

$$\frac{1}{t-1} \sum_{s=2}^t [f(x_t) - f(x^*)] \leq \frac{1}{t-1} \sum_{s=2}^t [f(x_s) - f(x^*)] \quad (21)$$

That equals to: (22)

$$f(x_t) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{t-1} \sum_{s=2}^t [f(x_s) - f(x^*)] \quad (23)$$

In conclusion:

$$f(x_t) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{l}{\rho(t-1)} D_{\Phi}(x^*, x_1) \quad (24)$$