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Talk 5: GADMM

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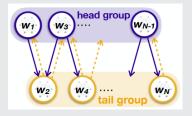
And moreover, to fit the totally distributed (decentralized) clients network topology.



GADMM – Formulation

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The Group ADMM (GADMM) algorithm [1] considers the following clients network topology



where all clients are divided into 2 groups, i.e. head group \mathcal{N}_h and tail group \mathcal{N}_t . The problem hence is formulated as

minimize
$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f_i(x_i)$$



GADMM – Algorithm

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head group primal update (and transmit \rightarrow tail group)

$$x_{i}^{k+1} = \underset{x_{i}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \{ f_{i}(x_{i}) + \langle \lambda_{i-1}^{k}, x_{i-1}^{k} - x_{i} \rangle + \langle \lambda_{i}^{k}, x_{i} - x_{i+1}^{k} \rangle$$

$$+ \frac{\rho}{2} \|x_{i-1}^{k} - x_{i}\|^{2} + \frac{\rho}{2} \|x_{i} - x_{i+1}^{k}\|^{2} \}, \quad i \in \mathcal{N}_{h}$$

tail group primal update (and transmit \rightarrow head group)

$$x_i^{k+1} = \arg\min_{x_i} \{ f_i(x_i) + \langle \lambda_{i-1}^k, x_{i-1}^{k+1} - x_i \rangle + \langle \lambda_i^k, x_i - x_{i+1}^{k+1} \rangle$$

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both groups dual update

$$\lambda_i^{k+1} = \lambda_i^k + \rho(x_i^{k+1} - x_{i+1}^{k+1})$$



GADMM – Remarks

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- Consider the scenario with central (parameter) server, where the network is a star graph. It seems that the (vanilla) GADMM does NOT communicate (per round) less than ADMM for a star graph. However, in the cross-device scenarios, where connection to central server might be slow.
- the (chain) topology is too restrictive. Any graph with a vertex of degree > 2 is not able to be fitted in the GADMM settings.
- more?



Related Work – M-ADMM

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In fact, \exists previous work [2]¹ which proposed Mixed Gauß-Seidel and Jacobian ADMM (M-ADMM).

M-ADMM partitions a multi-block problem (m blocks) into 2 groups $(1, \ldots, m')$ and $(m' + 1, \ldots, m)$. The 2 groups update in serial, while each block within one group updates in parallel.

¹C. Lu, J. Feng, S. Yan, and Z. Lin, A unified alternating direction method of multipliers by majorization minimization, IEEE transactions on pattern analysis and machine intelligence, 2017



Related Work – M-ADMM

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Primal updates of M-ADMM are

$$x_i^{k+1} = \underset{x_i}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \{ f_i(x_i) + \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(x_1^k, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_m^k, \lambda) \},$$

$$1 \leqslant i \leqslant m'$$

$$x_j^{k+1} = \underset{x_i}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \{ f_i(x_i) + \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_{m'}^{k+1}, x_{m'+1}^k, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_m^k, \lambda) \}, \quad m' < j \leqslant m$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$ is some Lagrangian function, e.g. augmented Lagrangian, linearized Lagrangian, or majorant first-order surrogate of f_i .



CQ-GGADMM - Enhanced GADMM

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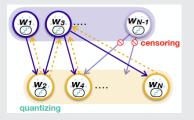
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The connection graph topology (corr. to the "G")





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Other techniques include

- quantization (corr. to the "Q"), reduces bandwidth/power per channel
- censoring (corr. to the "C"), reduces communication per round



Related Work – LAG & LASG

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Censoring, I think, originates from previous work, e.g. LAG [4] (and later LASG [5]) where "censoring" is referred to as "Lazy Aggregation"

²should be studied in details later?



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