

Bregman Method from PEP Perspective

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Problem:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} F(x) \triangleq f(x) + \phi(x) \quad (\text{P})$$

Assumptions:

- f is *convex, proper, lsc* and continuously differentiable.
- ϕ is *convex, proper, lsc* (possibly nonsmooth).
- h is a Legendre kernel function and is σ -strongly convex.
- f is L -Lipschitz continuous.
- bounded initial distance and well-posedness of problem and method.

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Method: Bregman Proximal Point Subgradient Method.

$$y_k = \arg \min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^d} \phi(u) + \frac{1}{\lambda_k} D_h(u, x_k) \quad (1)$$

$$x_{k+1} = \nabla h^* (\nabla h(y_k) - \lambda_k f'(y_k)), \quad f'(y_k) \in \partial f(y_k) \quad (2)$$

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\Rightarrow

$$\begin{cases} \nabla h(y_0) = \nabla h(x_0) - \lambda_k \phi'(y_0), \\ \nabla h(y_{k+1}) = \nabla h(y_k) - \lambda_k f'(y_k) - \lambda_{k+1} \phi'(y_{k+1}) \end{cases} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3)$$

When $\lambda_k \equiv \lambda$, it is equivalent to BPG except the first step and replacement from gradient to subgradient of f .

Convergence Result

Convergence rate derived through PEP:

$$\min_{i=0,\dots,N} F(y_i) - F(x_*) \leq \frac{D_h(x_*, x_0) + \frac{L^2}{2\sigma} \sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i^2}{\sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i}$$

this matches the usual subgradient method rate with

$$D_h(x_*, x_0) = \frac{1}{2} \|x_* - x_0\|_2^2.$$

Better constant than degenerated case in [Boç and Böhm, 2019]:

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\min_{0 \leq k \leq N-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m f_i + g \right) (x_{k+1}) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^m f_i + g \right) (y) \right) \leq \frac{2\sigma D_H(y, x_0) + \left(2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{p_i^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3 + 2m \right) (\sum_{i=1}^m L_{f_i})^2 \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} t_k^2}{2\sigma \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} t_k}.$$

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L-smad [Bolte et al., 2018]: $Lh - f$ and $Lh + f$ convex.

Result (checked, suitable for any $N \geq 1$, $\lambda \in (0, 1/L]$):

$$\min_{i=0,\dots,N-1} D_h(x_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \frac{D_h(x_*, x_0)}{N - 2 + 2^{1-N}}$$

When $\lambda = 1/L$, exchanging the criteria to $\min D_h(x_{i+1}, x_i)$ will make PEP unbounded. If $\lambda < 1/L$ then finite solution is given.

Result in [Bolte et al., 2018] is recovered:

$$\min_{i=0,\dots,N-1} D_h(x_{i+1}, x_i) \leq \frac{\lambda(F(x_*) - F(x_0))}{N(1 - \lambda L)}$$

Another criteria $\min F(x_i) - F_*$ is also bounded, but may not converge.

With symmetric Bregman distance as criteria, PEP gives the same upper bound.

$$\min_{i=0,\dots,N-1} D_h(x_{i+1}, x_i) + D_h(x_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \frac{\lambda(F(x_*) - F(x_0))}{N(1 - \lambda L)}$$

The other side the bound has slightly different bound, and $\lambda = 1/L$ is attainable.

$$\min_{i=0,\dots,N-1} D_h(x_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \frac{\lambda(F(x_*) - F(x_0))}{N}$$



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