

# Activity 17

## Setup

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In [1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

In [2]: def prxgraddescent_l2(X,y,tau,lam,w_init,it):

    ## compute it iterations of L2 proximal gradient descent starting at w1
    ## w_{k+1}= (w_k - tau*X*(X*w_k - y))/(1+lam*tau)
    ## Step size tau
    W = np.zeros((w_init.shape[0], it+1))
    Z = np.zeros((w_init.shape[0], it+1))
    W[:,0] = w_init
    for k in range(it):
        Z[:,k+1] = W[:,k] - tau * X.T @ (X @ W[:,k] - y);
        W[:,k+1] = Z[:,k+1]/(1+lam*tau)

    return W,Z

In [3]: ## Proximal gradient descent trajectories
## Least Squares Problem
U = np.array([[1, 0], [0, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]])
S = np.array([[1, 0], [0, 0.5]])
Sinv = np.linalg.inv(S)
V = 1/np.sqrt(2)*np.array([[1, 1], [1, -1]])
y = np.array([[np.sqrt(2)], [0], [1], [0]])

X = U @ S @ V.T

### Find Least Squares Solution
w_ls = V @ Sinv @ U.T @ y
c = y.T @ y - y.T @ X @ w_ls

### Find values of f(w), the contour plot surface for
w1 = np.arange(-1,3,.1)
w2 = np.arange(-1,3,.1)
fw = np.zeros((len(w1), len(w2)))
for i in range(len(w2)):
    for j in range(len(w1)):
        w = np.array([ w1[j]], [w2[i]] ])
        fw[i,j] = (w-w_ls).T @ X.T @ X @ (w-w_ls) + c

# 1/ ||A||_op**2 = 1/sigma1**2

C:\Users\ftstc\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_7724\2784363303.py:22: DeprecationWarning: Conversion of an array with ndim > 0 to a scalar is deprecated, and will e
rror in future. Ensure you extract a single element from your array before performing this operation. (Deprecated NumPy 1.25.)
fw[i,j] = (w-w_ls).T @ X.T @ X @ (w-w_ls) + c
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## Question 3a)

What is the maximum value for the step size  $\tau$  that will guarantee convergence?

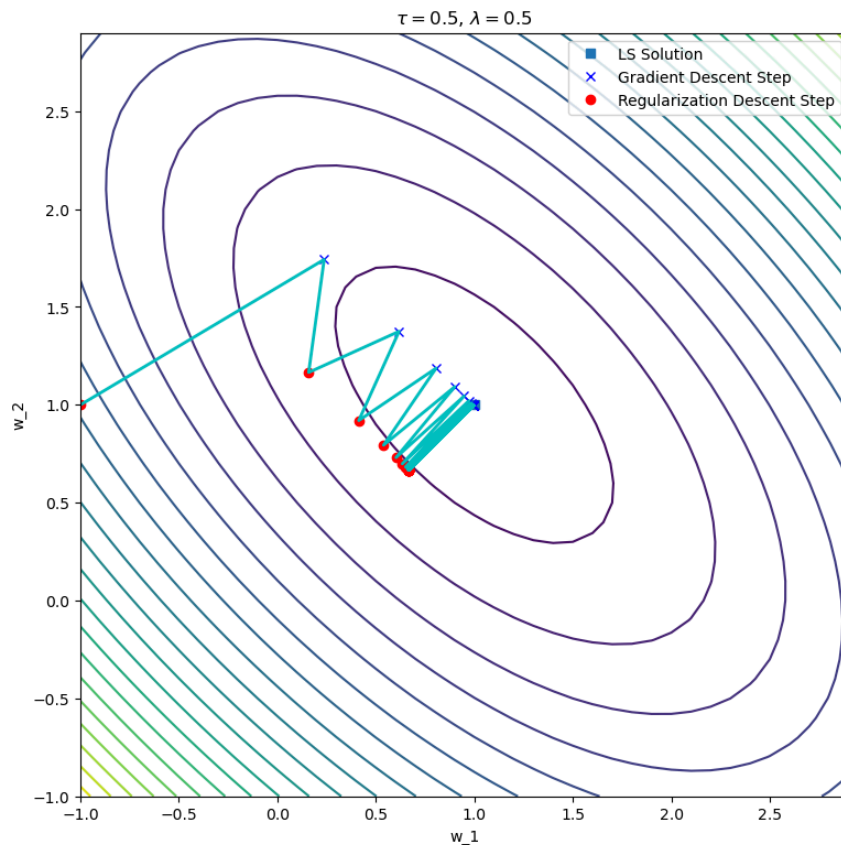
$\tau$  should be less than  $1/\sigma_1^2 = 1$ .

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In [23]: ## Find and display weights generated by gradient descent
w_init = np.array([[ -1], [1]])
lam = 0.5;
it = 20
# tau = 0.5
# tau = 1
tau = 0.99
W,Z = prxgraddescent_l2(X,y,tau,lam,w_init,it)

# Concatenate gradient and regularization steps to display trajectory
G = np.zeros((2,0))
print(G.shape)
for i in range(it):
    G = np.hstack((G,np.hstack((W[:,i],Z[:,i+1]))))

plt.figure(figsize=(9,9))
plt.contour(w1,w2,fw,20)
plt.plot(w_ls[0],w_ls[1], "s", label="LS Solution")
plt.plot(Z[0,1:],Z[1,1:], 'bx', linewidth=2, label="Gradient Descent Step")
plt.plot(W[0, :],W[1, :], 'ro', linewidth=2, label="Regularization Descent Step")
plt.plot(G[0, :],G[1, :], '-c', linewidth=2)
plt.legend()
plt.xlabel('w_1')
plt.ylabel('w_2')
plt.title('$\\tau = $'+str(.5)+' , $\\lambda = $'+str(lam));
print(G.shape)

(2, 0)
(2, 40)
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### Question 3b)

Start proximal gradient descent from the point  $w = [-1 \ 1]$  using a step size of  $\tau = 0.5$  and tuning parameter  $\lambda = 0.5$ . How do you explain the trajectory the weights take toward the optimum, e.g., why is it shaped this way? What direction does each iteration move in the regularization step

--> In each iteration, 2 operations happen, Gradient descent ( $z(k)$  calculation blue) and Regularization descent ( $w(k+1)$  calculation red), and the line goes through the 2 points also goes through origin,  $w(k+1)$  is shrunk from  $z(k)$ ?

### Question 3c)

Repeat the previous case with  $\lambda = 0.1$  What happens? How does  $\lambda$  affect each iteration and why?

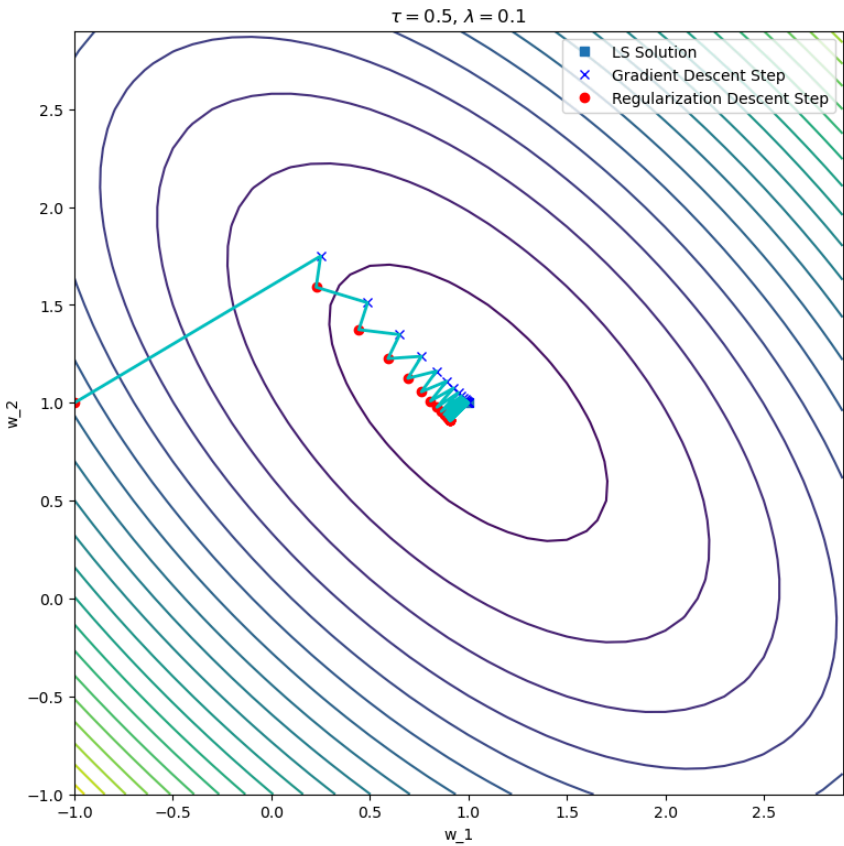
--> In each iteration, the step distance turns smaller.

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In [15]: ## Find and display weights generated by gradient descent

w_init = np.array([[ -1],[1]])
lam = 0.1
it = 20
tau = 1
W,Z = prxgraddescent_l2(X,y,tau,lam,w_init,it)

# Concatenate gradient and regularization steps to display trajectory
G = np.zeros((2,0))
for i in range(it):
    G = np.hstack((G,np.hstack((W[:,i],Z[:,i+1]))))

plt.figure(figsize=(9,9))
plt.contour(w1,w2,fw,20)
plt.plot(w_ls[0],w_ls[1],"s", label="LS Solution")
plt.plot(Z[0,1:],Z[1,1:], 'bx',linewidth=2, label="Gradient Descent Step")
plt.plot(W[0,:],W[1,:], 'ro',linewidth=2, label="Regularization Descent Step")
plt.plot(G[0,:],G[1,:], '-c',linewidth=2)
plt.legend()
plt.xlabel('w_1')
plt.ylabel('w_2')
plt.title('\tau = %.5f, \lambda = %.5f' % (tau, lam));
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In [ ]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad a) \quad (A^T A A^T + \lambda A^T) &= (A^T A + \lambda I) A^T = A^T (A A^T + \lambda I) \\
 &\Rightarrow (A^T A + \lambda I)^T A^T (A A^T + \lambda I) = (A^T A + \lambda I)^T \underbrace{A^T (A A^T + \lambda I) A^T}_{I} \\
 &\Rightarrow (A^T A + \lambda I)^T A^T (A A^T + \lambda I) (A A^T + \lambda I)^T = A^T (A A^T + \lambda I)^T \\
 &\Rightarrow (A^T A + \lambda I)^T A^T = A^T (A A^T + \lambda I)^T
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) \quad W &= \cancel{(A^T A)^{-1}} A^T y \\
 W &= (A^T A + \lambda I)^{-1} A^T y \rightarrow (100 \times 100 + \lambda I)^{-1} (100 \times 1) \rightarrow \text{faster, because of smaller dim} \\
 &= A^T (A A^T + \lambda I)^{-1} y \rightarrow \underbrace{(8000 \times 8000 + \lambda I)^{-1}}_{100 \times 8000} (8000 \times 1) \\
 A &: 8000 \times 100 \\
 y &: 8000 \times 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c) \quad g_i &\& W: 8000 \times 1 \\
 \hat{y}_i &= \text{sign} \{ g_i^T W \}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 100 \\
 \text{rank}(G) &\leq 100 \leq \text{rank}(G) \leq W: 8000 \times 1 \\
 G &= 8000 \times 100 \\
 W &= (G^T G)^{-1} G^T y = w \\
 &\quad 8000 \times 8000 \\
 i) \quad G W &= y \quad \rightarrow \text{Not unique sol} \\
 \text{Rig-reg:} \\
 ii) \quad G^T (G G^T + \lambda I)^{-1} G^T y &= w \\
 &\quad 100 \times 100 \quad \rightarrow \text{unique} \\
 \text{rank}(G) &\leq 100 = W: 100 \times 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad a) \quad \sum_{i=1}^M (z_i - w_i)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M w_i^2 \\
 w^{(k+1)} &= \arg \min_{w_i, i=1, \dots, M} \sum_{i=1}^M (z_i^{(k)} - w_i)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M w_i^2 \Rightarrow w_i^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{1 + \lambda 2} z_i^{(k)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \quad w^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_{w_i, i=1, \dots, M} \sum_{i=1}^M (z_i^{(k)} - w_i)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M w_i^2$$