STRUCTURED (IN)FEASIBILITY: NONMONOTONE OPERATOR SPLITTING IN NONLINEAR SPACES

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Model Problems

Systems of Linear Inequalities

Given $A : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ find $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ so that

 $Ax \leq b$

The Cone and Sphere Problem:

Find a point nearest (in some sense) to a cone and to spheres in the image of affine transformations.

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Model Problems



Find a point \overline{x} closest, in some sense, to sets C_j (j = 1, 2, ..., m).

Systems of Linear Inequalities

Given the vectors $a_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (j = 1, 2, ..., m) and the scalars $b_j \in \mathbb{R}$ define $C_j := \{x \mid a_j x \leq b_j\}$

Cone and Sphere

Given affine mappings \mathcal{F}_j : $(\mathbb{R}^d)^n \to (\mathbb{R}^d)^n$ (j = 1, 2, ..., m) with $\mathcal{F}_j(z) = \widehat{z} = (\widehat{z}_1, \widehat{z}_2, ..., \widehat{z}_n)$ for $\widehat{z}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Seek vectors satisfying measurement/data given by

$$C_j := \left\{ z \in \left(\mathbb{R}^d\right)^n \mid \left\| (\mathcal{F}_j(z))_i \right\| = b_{ij}, \quad \forall \ i = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}.$$

Qualitative constraints: support, nonnegativity, sparsity, symmetry modeled with the cone C_0

Model Categories

I Feasibility:

Find
$$x^* \in \bigcap_{j=0}^m C_j$$

II Product Space Formulations

Find
$$X^* \in D \cap (C_0 \times C_1 \times \cdots \times C_m)$$

where
$$D = \{X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \mid x_i = x_j \in \mathbb{X}\}.$$

III Smooth Optimization

$$\mathop{ ext{minimize}}_{x\in\mathbb{X}}~\sum_{j=0}^{m} \operatorname{dist}^2(x, \mathcal{C}_j)$$

IV Constrained Optimization

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x \in \mathbb{X}}{\text{minimize}} & f(x) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in \Omega \end{array}$$

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Algorithms

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Main question: starting with the fixed point iteration, when can one follow the implications upward? Answer #1: when *f* and Ω are convex and X is a linear space. More interesting cases: when *f* and/or Ω are non-convex and/or X is a non-Euclidean space.

Splitting Algorithms

Let $(x^k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be generated by the fixed point iteration

 $x^{k+1} \in T(x^k)$

or

$$x^{k+1} \in T_{\alpha}(x^k) := ((1 - \alpha) \operatorname{Id} \oplus \alpha T)(x^k)$$

where $T : C \Rightarrow C \subset X$ is a composition/average of resolvents^{*} (implicit steps) and descent mappings^{*} (explicit steps) with Fix $T \neq \emptyset$: for example

$$T := (\alpha_1 r \oplus (1 - \alpha_1) \operatorname{Id}) \circ (\alpha_2 g \oplus (1 - \alpha_2) \operatorname{Id}).$$

* for instance, $g = -\nabla f$ (descent) and $r = (Id + \nabla f)^{-1}$ (resolvent)

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Convergence Theory

If *A* is full rank then cyclic projections converges either finitely or linearly to some $\overline{x} \in L$ from any starting point.

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Cyclic Projections with errors:

$$x^{k+1} = P_{L_1} P_{L_2} \cdots P_{L_m} x^k + \epsilon_k$$

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Convergence Theory

If A is full rank then cyclic projections with vanishing errors converges.

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Does not explain:





Problem #2: inconsistent, nonconvex feasibility

Coherent Diffraction Imaging





$$\begin{split} \mathcal{F}_1 \ : \ \left(\mathbb{R}^2\right)^{128} & \rightarrow \left(\mathbb{R}^2\right)^{128} \quad \text{(Fresnel transform)} \\ \mathcal{F}_1(z) &= \widehat{z} \text{ for } \widehat{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 128} \end{split}$$

define

$$C_{1} := \left\{ z \in \left(\mathbb{R}^{2}\right)^{128} \mid \left\| (\mathcal{F}_{1}(z))_{i} \right\| = b_{i}, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, 128 \right\}$$
$$C_{0} = \left(\mathbb{R}_{+} \times \{0\}\right)^{128}$$

Most efficient numerical methods: $x^{k+1} \in T_* x^k$ where

$$T_{CP} := P_{C_0}P_{C_1}$$

$$T_{DR} := \frac{1}{2} \left((2P_{C_0} + Id) \circ (2P_{C_1} + Id) + Id \right)$$

$$T_{DR\lambda} := \frac{\lambda}{2} \left((2P_{C_0} + Id) \circ (2P_{C_1} + Id) + Id \right) + (1 - \lambda)P_{C_1}$$



CP [L.Tam& Thao, 2018]



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Relaxed Douglas-Rachford







CP [L.Tam& Thao, 2018]









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Goals

- ▶ When does $\{y \mid 0 \in \partial (f(y) + \iota_{\Omega}(y))\} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \Omega} f$?
 - How do you calculate $\partial (f(y) + \iota_{\Omega}(y))$?
 - How do you calculate $[\partial (f(\cdot) + \iota_{\Omega}(\cdot))]^{-1}(0)$?
- ► How do you construct *T* to find $\overline{x} \in \{y \mid 0 \in \partial (f(y) + \iota_{\Omega}(y))\}$?
- When does Fix $T \sim \{\overline{x} \mid 0 \in \partial (f(\overline{x}) + \iota_{\Omega}(\overline{x}))\}$?
- When does the sequence defined by x^{k+1} ∈ Tx^k converge to a point x̄ ∈ Fix T?

- How fast does $x^k \to \overline{x} \in \text{Fix } T$?
- At iteration *K*, what is $d(x^{K}, Fix T)$?

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p-uniformly convex spaces

p-uniformly convex metric spaces

Let $p \in (1, \infty)$. A metric space (G, d) is *p*-uniformly convex with constant c > 0 whenever it is uniquely geodesic, and at any $x, y, z \in G$

 $(\forall t \in [0,1]) \quad d(z,(1-t)x \oplus ty)^p \le (1-t)d(z,x)^p + td(z,y)^p - \frac{c}{2}t(1-t)d(x,y)^p$

Distance and Projectors

Distance and projector

Let Ω be a nonempty subset of X. Then

$$\operatorname{dist}_{\Omega} \colon \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{R} \colon x \mapsto \inf_{y \in \mathbb{X}} \operatorname{dist}(x, y) + \iota_{\Omega}(y)$$

is the distance function of the set $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ and

$$P_{\Omega}: \mathbb{X} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{X}: x \mapsto \{y \in \Omega \mid \mathsf{dist}_{\Omega}(x) = \mathsf{dist}(x, y)\}$$

is the corresponding (metric) projector. An element $y \in P_{\Omega}(x)$ is called a (metric) projection. The inverse projector P_{Ω}^{-1} is defined by

$$P_{\Omega}^{-1}(y) := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{X} \mid P_{\Omega}(x) \ni y \right\}.$$

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Projectors

Nice properties

Let *C* be a nonempty closed subset of (G, d), a *p*-uniformly convex space. If *C* is convex, then

(i) P_C is pointwise α -firmly nonexpansive (defined later) at points in C and

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(ii) $P_C(x)$ is a singleton, for every $x \in G$.

Projectors

Projector onto a sphere

Let $z \in \mathbb{E}$ and $\rho \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$. Set $\mathbb{S}_{\rho}(z) := \{x \mid ||x - z|| = \rho\}$. Then

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{E}) \quad \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}_{\rho}(z)}(x) = \begin{cases} \rho rac{x-z}{\|x-z\|} + z, & ext{if } x \neq z; \\ \mathbb{S}_{\rho}(z), & ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

while

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{S}_{
ho}(z)}^{-1}(y) = \{x \mid x =
ho\left(y - z
ight) + z, ext{ for }
ho \geq 0\}$$

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(i) $P_{\mathbb{S}_{\rho}(z)}$ is neither pointwise α -firmly nonexpansive (ii) nor everywhere a singleton

Proximal Mappings

p-prox mappings

In a complete p-uniformly convex space the p-proximal mapping of a proper and lower semicontinuous function f is defined by

$$\operatorname{prox}_{f,\lambda}^{p}(x) := \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in G} f(y) + \frac{1}{p\lambda^{p-1}} d(y,x)^{p} \quad (\lambda > 0).$$

Example: projectors

For

$$\iota_\Omega(x) := egin{cases} 0 & ext{when } x \in \Omega \subset G \ +\infty & ext{else}, \end{cases}$$

then

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\iota_{\Omega}}^{p} = P_{\Omega}(x).$$

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Multi-mappings

Set-valued mappings

A set- or multi-valued mapping *T* from *X* to the set of subsets of *Y*, 2^{Y} , is denoted $T : X \Rightarrow Y$. The inverse of a multi-valued mapping is defined by $T^{-1}(y) = \{x \mid T(x) \ni y\}$. The domain is the set dom $T := \{x \mid T(x) \neq \emptyset\}$ and the range is range $T := \{y \mid \exists x \in X \text{ with } y \in T(x)\}$. *T* is said to be closed-valued at *x* when T(x) is closed.



Fixed points of set-valued mappings

The set of fixed points of a set-valued mapping $T: X \rightrightarrows X$ is defined by

$$\left\{x\in X\mid x\in T(x)\right\}.$$

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Pointwise almost nonexpansive mappings

Let (G, d) be a metric space and $D \subset G$. The mapping $T : D \rightrightarrows G$ is said to be pointwise almost nonexpansive at $x_0 \in D$ on D if there exists a constant $\epsilon \in [0, 1)$ such that

$$d(x^+, x_0^+) \leq \sqrt[p]{1+\epsilon} d(x, x_0)$$

 $\forall x^+ \in Tx \text{ and } \forall x_0^+ \in Tx_0 \text{ whenever } x \in D.$

When the above inequality holds for all $x_0 \in D$ then *F* is said to be almost nonexpansive on *D*. If $\epsilon = 0$ in (1) the qualifier "almost" is dropped.

Single-valuedness of pointwise almost nonexpansive mappings Any mapping $T : D \Rightarrow G$ ($D \subset G$) that is pointwise almost nonexpansive at $y \in Fix$ T is single-valued there.

Pointwise almost α -firmly nonexpansive mappings

Let (G, d) be a *p*-uniformly convex metric space with constant *c* $(p \in (1, \infty), c > 0)$ and $D \subset G$. The mapping *T* is said to be pointwise almost α -firmly nonexpansive at $x_0 \in D$ on *D* whenever there exist constants $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $\epsilon \in [0, 1)$ such that

$$d^{p}(x^{+}, x_{0}^{+}) \leq (1 + \epsilon)d^{p}(x, x_{0}) - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha}\psi_{T}^{(p,c)}(x, x_{0})$$

where
$$\psi_{T}^{(p,c)}(x, x_{0}) := \frac{c}{4} \left(d^{p}(x^{+}, x) + d^{p}(x_{0}^{+}, x_{0}) - d^{p}(x^{+}, x_{0}) + d^{p}(x, x_{0}) + d^{p}(x^{+}, x_{0}^{+}) - d^{p}(x, x_{0}^{+})\right)$$

$$\forall x^{+} \in Tx \text{ and } \forall x_{0}^{+} \in Tx_{0} \quad \forall x \in D.$$
(1)

When the above inequality holds for all $x_0 \in D$ then T is said to be almost α -firmly nonexpansive on D. If $\epsilon = 0$ in (1), the qualifier "almost" is dropped.

We call $\psi_T^{(p,c)}$ the transport discrepancy.

On Euclidean spaces

- ▶ prox_f for *f* convex is α -firmly nonexpansive everywhere with $\alpha = 1/2$ no violation, not pointwise
- Projectors onto convex sets: α-firmly nonexpansive everywhere with α = 1/2 - no violation, not pointwise
- Projectors onto smooth manifolds: almost α-firmly nonexpansive on neighborhoods, with violation arbitrarily small for small enough neighborhoods [L., Tam, Thao, 2018]
- T := Id −λ∇f: steepest gradient descent with step length λ is almost α-firmly nonexpansive with violation arbitrarily small for small enough steps [L., Tam, Thao, 2018]

On *p*-uniformly convex spaces

- prox_f for f convex is pointwise almost α-firmly nonexpansive at fixed points with constant and violation dependent on the curvature constant c of the space [Berdellima, Lauster,L., 2021]
- Projectors onto convex sets: pointwise α-firmly nonexpansive at fixed points with α = 1/2 [Berdellima, Lauster,L., 2021]
- ► $T := \beta \operatorname{Id} \oplus (1 \beta) \operatorname{prox}_{f,\lambda}^{p}$: nonlinear gradient descent with step length λ is pointwise almost α -firmly nonexpansive with constant and violation dependent on β and the curvature constant *c* [Lauster, L. 2021]

Calculus

When fixed points coincide, convex combinations and compositions of almost α -firmly nonexpansive mappings are almost α -firmly nonexpansive. In CAT(0) spaces the operators need not have common fixed points.

- This means that we can apply these ideas to all the leading algorithms for the problems of interest.
- In convex settings, pointwise α-firm nonexpansiveness at fixed points is all that is needed to prove convergence of fixed point iterations.

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Inverse Regularity

Metric regularity on a set

Let (G_1, d_1) and (G_2, d_2) be metric spaces and let $\mathcal{T} : G_1 \Rightarrow G_2$, $U_1 \subset G_1, U_2 \subset G_2$. The mapping \mathcal{T} is called metrically regular on $U_1 \times U_2$ with gauge ρ whenever

$$d_1\left(x,\mathcal{T}^{-1}(y)\right) \leq \rho(d_2\left(y,\mathcal{T}(x)\right))$$

holds for all $x \in U_1$ and $y \in U_2$ with $0 < \rho(d_2(y, \mathcal{T}(x)))$ where $\mathcal{T}^{-1}(y) := \{z \mid \mathcal{T}(z) = y\}$. When the set U_2 consists of a single point, $U_2 = \{\bar{y}\}$, then \mathcal{T} is said to be metrically subregular for \bar{y} on U_1 with gauge ρ .

[Aze (06), Klatte&Kummer (09), loffe (11, 13), Ngai& Théra (04, 08)], Dontchev&Rockafellar (14), Kruger, L. &Thao (16)]

Generic Quantitative Convergence [L., Tam, & Thao 2018; Berdellima, Lauster& L. 2020/21]

From the transport discrepancy $\psi_T^{(p,c)}$ and a subset $S \subset G$ we construct the following surrogate mapping $\mathcal{T}_S : G \to \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ by

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{x}) := \left(\inf_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathcal{S}}\psi_{T}^{(p,c)}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})\right)^{1/p}.$$

Basic Result

Let (G, d) be a *p*-uniformly convex space, let $T : D \Rightarrow D$ for $D \subseteq G$ and T(D) boundedly compact, and let Fix T be nonempty. Assume

- (i) *T* is pointwise almost α-firmly nonexpansive at all points y ∈ S = Fix T with the same constant α on D and arbitrarily small violation on small enough neighborhoods of Fix T;
- (ii) T_S is metrically subregular for 0 on *D* with gauge ρ , that is,

$$d(x, \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{S}}^{-1}(0)) \leqslant \rho(|\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{S}}(x)|), \quad \forall x \in D.$$
(2)

Then for any $x_0 \in D$ close enough to Fix *T*, the sequence $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by $x_{k+1} := Tx_k$ converges in the metric *d* to some $x^* \in Fix T$ with rate characterized by ρ and the violation ϵ .

Error bound In particular, if (*ii*) holds with the constant κ satisfying $\sqrt{\frac{1-\alpha}{(1+\epsilon)\alpha}} \le \kappa < \sqrt{\frac{1-\alpha}{\epsilon\alpha}}$, then for all $x^0 \in (\mathcal{O} \cap D) \setminus (\text{Fix } T)$ the iteration $x^{k+1} \in T(x^k) \to \overline{x} \in \text{Fix } T$ R-linearly with rate

$$\boldsymbol{c} := \left(1 + \epsilon - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha \kappa^2}\right)^{1/2} < 1.$$

In other words, when we stop our algorithm at iteration k we can provide an upper bound on the distance of x^k to the model solution $x^* \in S$.

Proof sketch

Start with the inequality defining metric subregularity, (2), and insert (1), the defining inequality from assumption (i), to get convergence to zero of the distance of the iterates to Fix T. To get convergence of the iterates to a point $x^* \in \text{Fix } T$, show that it is a Cauchy sequence. \Box

Verifying condition (i) is a masters thesis.

(ii) is a PhD dissertation, but necessary for convergence with rate characterized by ρ [L, Teboulle, Thao, 2019; Berdellima, Lauster, L, 2021]

Back to Example #2: inconsistent nonconvex feasibility

Explains inconsistent (realistic) phase retrieval







CP [L.Tam& Thao, 2018]

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DR_{\lambda}[L.Martins, 2020]





Stochastic Setting:

The above results can be lifted to a stochastic setting:

- \blacktriangleright (G, d) is a Hilbert space
- D ⊂ G is compact
- I is an index set (possibly uncountable)
- $T_i: D \to D$ is continuous for all $i \in I$
- P is the Markov operator with transition kernel p where

 $(x \in D)(A \in \mathcal{B}(D))$ $p(x, A) := \mathbb{P}(T_{\xi}x \in A)$

• Define $\mathscr{T}: \mathscr{P}(D) \to \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ by

$$\mathscr{T}(\mu) := \inf_{\pi \in \operatorname{inv}} \inf_{\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}_*(\mu,\pi)} \left(\int_{D \times D} \mathbb{E}_{\xi} \left[\psi_{T_{\xi}}(x,y) \right] \gamma(dx,dy) \right)^{1/2}.$$

Random Function Iterations: Given $X^0 \sim \mu_0$

Markov Chain: Given μ_0

$$X^{k+1} = T_{\xi_k} X^k$$

 $\mu_{k+1} = \mu_0 \mathcal{P}^k \xrightarrow{?} \operatorname{inv} \mathcal{P}$

Stochastic Setting [Hermer, Sturm, L. arXiv 2020]

Linear/geometric convergence of Markov Chains Suppose

(a) T_{ξ} is almost α -firmly nonexpansive in expectation with constant $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ on D:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\xi}\left[d^{2}(T_{\xi}(x),T_{\xi}(y))\right] \leq (1+\epsilon)d^{2}(x,y) - \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}\mathbb{E}_{\xi}\left[\psi_{T_{\xi}}(x,y)\right], \quad \forall x,y \in \mathcal{D};$$

(b) *T* is metrically subregular with respect to W₂ for 0 on *P*₂(D) with constant κ:

$$d_{W_2}(\mu, \operatorname{inv} \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa |\mathscr{T}(\mu)| \quad \forall \mu \in \mathscr{P}_2(D).$$

where $\kappa \geq \sqrt{(1-\alpha)/(\alpha(1+\epsilon))}$

Then for any $\mu_0 \in \mathscr{P}_2(D)$ the sequence $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges R-linearly to some $\pi^{\mu_0} \in \text{inv } \mathcal{P}$:

$$d_{W_2}\left(\mu_{k+1},\operatorname{inv}\mathcal{P}
ight)\leq \mathit{cd}_{W_2}\left(\mu_k,\operatorname{inv}\mathcal{P}
ight)$$

where $c := \sqrt{1 + \epsilon - (\frac{1-\alpha}{\kappa^2 \alpha})} < 1$. If inv \mathcal{P} consists of a single point then convergence is Q-linear (geometric).

Back to Example #1

Explains iterative methods for linear systems of equations Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $b_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ find

$$\begin{split} x \in L := \bigcap_{j=1,2,\dots,m} L_j & \Longrightarrow \quad \text{Cyclic Projections:} \\ \text{where } L_j = \big\{ y \; \big| \left\langle a_j, \; y \right\rangle = b_j \big\} & \qquad x^{k+1} = P_{L_1} P_{L_2} \cdots P_{L_m} x^k \end{split}$$







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TO DO

- In p-uniformly convex spaces: the prox mappings are assumed to have common fixed points for the calculus of α-firmly nonexpansive mappings to hold. Must determine the calculus for the inconsistent case
- In p-uniformly convex spaces: when does metric subregularity come "for free"?
- In p-uniformly convex spaces: algorithms on manifolds/nonlinear spaces (e.g. angle-resolved photon emission spectroscopy, femtosecond X-ray tomography...)
- In p-uniformly convex spaces and Wasserstein spaces: *T* : *D* ⇒ *D*? (can only handle truly multi-valued mappings in Euclidean spaces)
- In p-uniformly convex spaces and Wasserstein spaces: when does Fix T correspond to critical points?
- In p-uniformly convex spaces and Wasserstein spaces: how do you characterize critical points?
- In Wasserstein spaces: new algorithms and methods for MCMC
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ProxToolbox

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Demos Accompanying Publications:
The Pres/Solbex is a collection of modules for solving mathematical problems using fixed point iterations with proximal operators. It was used to generate many if not all of the numerical experiments conducted in the papers in the ProxMatlab Elevature folder.

For a complete listing of papers with links, go to the Igroups publicational https://wept.math.uni-goettingen.de/en/publications.phpl.

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Video: Representative iterate of a noise IWST test wavefront recovered with the Douglas-Rachford algorithm.

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Model Category I: feasibility

Find $x^* \in \bigcap_{j=0}^m C_j$

- cyclic projectors: $T := P_{C_0} P_{C_1} \cdots P_{C_m}$
- ► Douglas-Rachford (Lions 1979): $T_{DR} := \frac{1}{2} \left(R_{C_0} R_{C_1} + \text{Id} \right) \text{ where } R_C := 2P_C - \text{Id}$
- ► Relaxed Dougals-Rachford, DR λ (L. 2005, L. Martins 2020): $T_{DR\lambda} := \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(R_{C_0} R_{C_1} + \text{Id} \right) + (1 - \lambda) P_B$
- Douglas-Rachford-Alternating-Projectors (DRAP, Thao Nguyen 2019)

$$T_{DRAP} := P_{C_0} \left((1 + \lambda) P_{C_1} - \lambda \operatorname{Id} \right) - \lambda \left(P_{C_1} \operatorname{Id} - \operatorname{Id} \right)$$

- * Algorithms in red only work for two sets.
- * The sets C_j are nonconvex so the projectors and fixed point mappings T_* are set-valued.

Model Category I: feasibility

Multi-set extensions of Douglas-Rachford:

Cyclic Douglas-Rachford (Tam& Borwein 2014):

$$T_{CDR} = T_{DR}^{01} \circ T_{DR}^{12} \circ \cdots \circ T_{DR}^{m0}$$

Anchored Cyclic Douglas-Rachford (Bauschke,Noll& Phan 2015):

$$T_{CDR} = T_{DR}^{01} \circ T_{DR}^{02} \circ \cdots \circ T_{DR}^{0m}$$

► Cyclic DR λ (L., Martins, Tam 2018, L. Sabach, Teboulle 2019):

$$T = T_{DR\lambda}^{01} \cdot T_{DR\lambda}^{12} \cdot \cdots \cdot T_{DR\lambda}^{m0}.$$

Another motivation for T_{CDR} was to deal with inconsistency:

$$\cap_{j=0}^m C_j = \emptyset$$

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Model Category I: feasibility

Before moving to the next model category, brief mention of alternating directions method of multipliers (ADMM₁, Glowinski& Marroco 1975) via nonsmooth constrained optimization and the the nonsmooth augmented Lagrangian:

$$\min_{x,z_{j}\in\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)^{n}}\left\{\iota_{C_{0}}\left(x\right)+\sum_{j=1}^{m}\iota_{C_{j}}\left(z_{j}\right) \mid z_{j}=x, \ j=1,2,\ldots,m\right\},$$

$$\widetilde{L}_{\eta}\left(x, z_{j}, v_{j}\right) := \iota_{C_{0}}\left(x\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\iota_{C_{j}}\left(z_{j}\right) + \left\langle v_{j}, x - z_{j}\right\rangle + \frac{\eta}{2}\left\|x - z_{j}\right\|^{2}\right),$$

where

$$\iota_{\mathcal{C}}(x) := egin{cases} \mathsf{0} & ext{wherever } x \in \mathcal{C} \ +\infty & ext{else} \end{cases}$$

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Model Category II: product space formulations

Find $Z^* \in C \cap D$,

where $Z^* = (z_0^*, z_1^*, \dots, z_m^*)$, $C := C_0 \times C_1 \times \dots \times C_m$ and D is the diagonal set of $(\mathbb{R}^d)^{n(m+1)}$ which is defined by $\{Z = (z, z, \dots, z) : z \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n\}$. Two important features:

(i) the projector onto the set C is easily computed (in parallel):

$$P_{C}(Z) = (P_{C_{0}}(z_{0}), P_{C_{1}}(z_{1}), \dots, P_{C_{m}}(z_{m})),$$

(ii) *D* is a subspace which also has simple projection given by $P_D(Z) = \overline{Z}$ where

$$\bar{Z}_j = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=0}^m z_j.$$

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Model Category II: product space

Find $x^* \in \bigcap_{j=0}^m C_j$

- ▶ alternating/averaged projectors: $T_{AvP} := P_D P_C = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=0}^m P_{C_j}$
- ► projected gradients: $T_{PG} := P_C \left(Id \lambda \nabla \operatorname{dist}_D^2 \right) = P_C P_D \left(\lambda = 1/2 \right)$
- ► Relaxed Dougals-Rachford, DR λ : $T_{DR\lambda} := \frac{\lambda}{2} (R_D R_C + \text{Id}) + (1 - \lambda) P_C$
- Douglas-Rachford-Alternating-Projectors (DRAP)

 $T_{DRAP} := P_D\left(\left(1 + \lambda\right) P_C - \lambda \operatorname{Id}\right) - \lambda \left(P_C \operatorname{Id} - \operatorname{Id}\right)$

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We see from projected gradients that this strategy is a hidden way of smoothing the feasibility problem...

Model Category III: smooth optimization

$$\begin{array}{l} \underset{z \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n}{\text{minimize } f(z) := \frac{1}{2(m+1)} \sum_{j=0}^m \operatorname{dist}^2(z, C_j) \\ \Leftrightarrow \\ \underset{z \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n}{\text{minimize } \frac{1}{2(m+1)} \sum_{j=0}^m \left\| \mathcal{F} \mathcal{P}_j z - b_j \right\|^2} \end{array}$$

Note that

$$abla f(z) := rac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=0}^m \left(\operatorname{Id} - P_{\mathcal{C}_j}
ight)(z).$$

So that

$$T_{AvP} := \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=0}^{m} P_{C_j} = (\operatorname{Id} - \nabla f),$$

which is just the method of steepest descent without stepsize optimization.

Model Category III: smooth optimization

Replacing the indicator functions in the nonsmooth ADMM₁ model with squared distance functions yields (L.Sabach, Teboulle, Zatlawey, 2017)

$$z^{k+1} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(u_j^k + \frac{1}{\rho_j} \left(z^k - z^{k-1} \right) \right).$$
$$u_j^{k+1} = P_{C_j} \left(u_j^k + \frac{1}{\rho_j} \left(2z^k - z^{k-1} \right) \right) \quad (j = 1, 2, ..., m)$$

which is recognizable as a two-step averaged projections recursion AvP^2 .

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Summary and theoretical status

		Global		Local		
	Literature	crit./fixed pts	rates	crit/fixed pts	rates	
Model Category I						
CP	L. Tam, Thao 2018	+	0	+	+	
CDR	Borwein& Tam, 2014, 2015	0	-	0	-	
CDRA	L., Martins& Tam 2018	0	-	0	-	
ADMM ₁	Bolte, Sabach, Teboulle 2018	+	0	+	0	
Model Category II						
DR	Hesse&L. 2013; L., Tam& Thao 2018	0	-	+	+	
DRA	L.& Martins 2020,	0	-	+	+	
DRAP	Thao 2018	0	-	+	+	
Model Category III						
Wirtinger	Candes et al 2014	-	-	+	•	
AP/AvP/PG	many	+	+	+	+	
AvP ²	L., Sabach, Teboulle, Zatlawey 2017	+	-	+	-	
DyRePr	Beck, Teboulle, Chikishev 2008, L. Burke& Lyons 2002	-	-	0	-	
QNAvP	L. Burke& Lyons 2002	-	-	+	0	

Table: State of the theory for the algorithms in this study. A + indicates that the theory is well developed for settings that cover the cone and sphere problem; a 0 indicates that the theory is developed for certain settings - convex, for instance - but that the setting of the cone and sphere problem remains open. A - indicates that the theory remains unexplored.

On Death, Taxes... and Metric Subregularity

A brief detour:

Linear monotonicity

 $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is said to be linearly monotone with respect to Ω if there is a $c \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$(\forall k \in \mathbb{N}) \quad \operatorname{dist}(x_{k+1}, \Omega) \leq c \operatorname{dist}(x_k, \Omega).$$

Compare to Féjer monotonicity:

 (x_k)_{k∈ℕ} is said to be Féjer monotone with respect to Ω if there is a c ∈ [0, 1] such that

$$(\forall k \in \mathbb{N})(\forall y \in \Omega) \quad \text{dist}(x_{k+1}, y) \leq c \operatorname{dist}(x_k, y).$$

On Death, Taxes... and Metric Subregularity

Linearly monotone fixed point sequences \implies metric subregularity [L.-Teboulle-Thao, 2018]

Let $T : \Lambda \rightrightarrows \Lambda \subset \mathbb{E}$ with Fix $T \neq \emptyset$. Fix $\delta \in (0, \infty]$. Generate the sequence $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ by $x_{k+1} \in T(x_k)$.

For all x₀ ∈ ((Fix T + δB) ∩ Λ) \ Fix T the sequence (x_k)_{k∈N} is linearly monotone with respect to Fix T ∩ Λ with constant c ∈ (0, 1)

 \implies

 $\Phi := T - \text{Id is metrically subregular on } (\text{Fix } T + \delta \mathbb{B}) \setminus \text{Fix } T \text{ for } 0$ relative to Λ with constant $\kappa \leq \frac{1}{1-c}$.

► If, in addition, *T* is pointwise almost averaged on (Fix $T + \delta \mathbb{B}$) $\cap \Lambda$ \implies $x_k \to \overline{x} \in \text{Fix } T \cap \Lambda$ R-linearly with rate *c*.

History of $DR\lambda$

- [L. 2005] DRλ introduced (called RAAR) and global convergence for convex (inconsistent) feasibility.
- [L. 2008] DRλ shown to be equivalent to Douglas-Rachford applied to the problem

$$\underset{x \in C_1}{\text{minimize}} \ \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\lambda)} \operatorname{dist}^2(x, C_0)$$

Fixed points characterized¹; local nonexpansivity and C_0 convex \implies local convergence to Fix $T_{DR\lambda}$

- [Hesse-L. (2013), Phan (2016)] Showed local linear convergence of Douglas-Rachford for super-regular sets with transversal intersection
- ▶ [Li-Pong 2016] rediscovered DR λ and studied convergence when
 - ► C₀ is convex, and at least one of the sets is compact
 - ► C₀ convex, one of the sets is compact, and both semi-algebraic
 - ► C_0 is convex, and at least one of the sets is compact, and both semi-algebraic and $C_0 \cap C_1 \neq \emptyset$
- [Dao and Phan 2018] showed local R-linear convergence for superregular sets with linearly regular intersection.

A Simple Counterexample

$$A := \left\{ x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1 \right\}, \text{ and } B := \{(0, 0)\}$$

Fix $T_{DR\lambda} = \emptyset$ for all $\lambda \in (0, 1)$.

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We assume throughout that Fix $T_{DR\lambda} \neq \emptyset$

$DR\lambda$ in [L-Martins. 2020]

- Sufficient regularity conditions (super-regularity at a distance) to guarantee that *T*_{DRλ} is single-valued at *x* ∈ Fix *T*_{DRλ} and almost averaged for any given *ε* on a small enough neighborhood of *x*
- Characterization of Fix $T_{DR\lambda}$ when C_0 and C_1 are closed and $T_{DR\lambda}$ is single-valued on Fix $T_{DR\lambda}$
- Sufficient regularity conditions (subtransversality of $\{C_0, C_1, C'_0, C'_1\}$ and a technical condition) to guarantee that $T_{DR\lambda}$ is metrically subregular at $\overline{x} \in \text{Fix } T_{DR\lambda}$
- Sufficient conditions for local linear convergence of *T*_{DRλ} for *C*₀ and *C*₁ nonconvex and nonintersecting.

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Fix
$$T_{DR\lambda} = \{\overline{x}\} = \left\{ (2,0) - \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} (1,0) \right\}$$

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Super-regularity at a distance

super-regularity [Lewis-L.-Malick,2009]

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\overline{x} \in \Omega$. The set Ω is said to be super-regular at \overline{x} if it is locally closed at \overline{x} and, for every $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that for all $(x, 0) \in \operatorname{gph} N_{\Omega} \cap \{(\mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\overline{x}), 0)\}$

$$\langle y' - y, x - y \rangle \leq \varepsilon ||y' - y|| ||x - y||, \quad (\forall y' \in \mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\overline{x})) (\forall y \in P_{\Omega}(y')).$$

ε-subregularity [Daniilidis-L.Tam, 2018]

A set Ω is ϵ -subregular relative to Λ at \overline{x} for $(x, v) \in \operatorname{gph} N_{\Omega}$ if it is locally closed at \overline{x} and, there exists an $\epsilon > 0$ together with a neighborhood U_{ϵ} of \overline{x} , such that

$$\langle \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{y}), \ \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle \leq \epsilon \| \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{y}) \| \| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \| \quad (\forall \mathbf{y}' \in \Lambda \cap U_{\epsilon}) (\forall \mathbf{y} \in P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{y}' \in \mathbf{y}))$$

Ω is subregular relative to Λ at \overline{x} for $(x, v) \in \operatorname{gph} N_{\Omega}$ if it is locally closed and for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists U_{ϵ} such that the above holds.

Super-regularity at a distance

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 $\langle \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \rangle \leq \epsilon \| \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{y}) \| \| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \| \quad (\forall \mathbf{y}' \in \Lambda \cap U_{\epsilon}) (\forall \mathbf{y} \in P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{y}'))$

Ω is subregular relative to Λ at \overline{x} for $(x, v) \in \operatorname{gph} N_{\Omega}$ if it is locally closed and for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists U_{ϵ} such that teh above holds.

Super-regularity at a distance [L.-Martins, 2020]

A set Ω is called ϵ -super-regular at a distance relative to Λ at \overline{x} if it is ϵ -subregular relative to Λ at \overline{x} for all $(x, v) \in V_{\epsilon}$ where

$$V_{\epsilon} := \left\{ (x, v) \in \operatorname{gph} N_{\Omega}^{\operatorname{prox}} \mid x + v \in U_{\epsilon}, \ x \in P_{\Omega}(x + v) \right\}.$$
(3)

The set Ω is called super-regular at a distance relative to Λ at \overline{x} if it is ϵ -super-regular relative to Λ at \overline{x} for all $\epsilon > 0$.

Super-regularity at a distance: remarks

- \overline{x} is not necessarily in Ω
- Super-regularity first instroduced in [Lewis-L.Malick, 2009] only refers to points in Ω
- ► Super-regularity at a distance ⇒ super-regularity



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Super-regularity at a distance \implies almost averagedness of projectors

[L.-Martins 2020]

Let *U* be a neighborhood of $\overline{x} \in \Omega$. Let $\Lambda := P_{\Omega}^{-1}(\overline{x}) \cap U$. If Ω is ϵ -super-regular at a distance at \overline{x} relative to Λ with constant ϵ on the neighborhood *U*, then

- ► If $\epsilon \in [0, 1)$, then P_{Ω} is pointwise almost nonexpansive at each $y' \in \Lambda$ with violation $\tilde{\epsilon}$ on U for $\tilde{\epsilon} := 4\epsilon/(1-\epsilon)^2$
- If ε ∈ [0, 1), then P_Ω is pointwise almost averaged with α = 1/2 at each y' ∈ Λ with violation ε̃₂ on U for ε̃₂ := 4ε(1 + ε)/(1 ε)²
- *R*_Ω is pointwise almost nonexpansive at each y' ∈ Λ with violation iet is a set in the formula in the

From these facts we can conclude almost averagedness of $T_{DR\lambda}$ with arbitrarily small violation ϵ .

Metric subregularity of $T_{DR\lambda}$

To show metric subregularity of

$$T_{DR\lambda} = \left(rac{\lambda}{2} \left(R_{C_0}R_{C_1} + \mathrm{Id}\right) + (1-\lambda)P_{C_1}
ight)$$

there are two routes:

- (a) Compute the coderivative of $T_{DR\lambda}$ and verify that this is injective at $\overline{z} \in Fix T_{DR\lambda}$, or
- (b) Conclude metric subregularity of

$$T_{\overline{\zeta}}: \mathbb{E}^{4} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{E}^{4}: u \mapsto \left\{ \left(u_{1}^{+}, u_{1}^{+} - \overline{\zeta}_{1}, u_{1}^{+} - \overline{\zeta}_{1} - \overline{\zeta}_{2}, u_{1}^{+} + \overline{\zeta}_{4} \right) \mid u_{1}^{+} \in T_{DR\lambda} u \in \mathcal{T}_{DR\lambda} u$$

from subtransversality of $\{B - \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}g, A - \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}g, A, B\}$ and another technical condition.

$$A = \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}g z_2 \tilde{\zeta_1} \qquad z_1 \qquad B = \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}g \qquad \tilde{\zeta_4} \qquad A z_3 \qquad z_4 \qquad B$$

We chose path (b).

Geometry of Set Feasibility

Subtransversal collection of sets [Kruger-L.Thao, 18]

Let $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \ldots, \Omega_m\}$ be a collection of nonempty closed subsets of \mathbb{E} and define $\Psi : \mathbb{E}^m \rightrightarrows \mathbb{E}^m$ by $\Psi(x) := P_{\Omega}(\Pi x) - \Pi x$ where $\Omega := \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \times \cdots \times \Omega_m$, the projection P_{Ω} is with respect to the Euclidean norm on \mathbb{E}^m and $\Pi : x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_m) \mapsto (x_2, x_3, \ldots, x_m, x_1)$ is the permutation mapping on the product space \mathbb{E}^m for $x_j \in \mathbb{E}$ $(j = 1, 2, \ldots, m)$. Let $\overline{x} = (\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2, \ldots, \overline{x}_m) \in \mathbb{E}^m$ and $\overline{y} \in \Psi(\overline{x})$. The collection of sets is said to be subtransversal with constant κ relative to $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{E}^m$ at \overline{x} for \overline{y} if Ψ is metrically subregular at \overline{x} for \overline{y} on some neighborhood U of \overline{x} with constant κ relative to Λ .

Metric subregularity from subtransversality

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Let $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, $\overline{x} \in \text{Fix } T_{DR\lambda}$ with $T_{DR\lambda}$ being single-valued at \overline{x} and set $g := P_B(\overline{x}) - P_A(P_B(\overline{x}))$. Furthermore, let $\overline{\zeta} \in \mathcal{Z}(\overline{x}, g)$ and $\overline{u} = (\overline{u}_1, \overline{u}_2, \overline{u}_3, \overline{u}_4) \in W_0(g)$ satisfy $\overline{\zeta} = \overline{u} - \Pi \overline{u}$ with $\overline{u}_1 = \overline{x}$. Let $T_{\overline{\zeta}}$ be defined as above and define $\Phi_{\overline{\zeta}} := T_{\overline{\zeta}} - \text{Id}$. Suppose the following hold:

(i) the collection of sets $\left\{B - \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}g, A - \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}g, A, B\right\}$ is

subtransversal at \overline{u} for $\overline{\zeta}$ relative to $\Lambda \subseteq W(\overline{\zeta})$ with constant κ and neighborhood U of \overline{u} ;

(ii) there exists a positive constant σ such that

 $\operatorname{dist}\left(\overline{\zeta},\Psi_g(u)\right) \leq \sigma \operatorname{dist}\left(0,\Phi_{\overline{\zeta}}(u)\right), \quad \forall u \in \Lambda \cap U \text{ with } u_1 \in B - \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}g.$

Then the mapping $\Phi_{\overline{\zeta}} := T_{\overline{\zeta}} - Id$ is metrically subregular for 0 on U relative to $\Lambda \cap \mathcal{N}$ with constant $\overline{\kappa} = \kappa \sigma$, where $\mathcal{N} := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{E}^4 \mid P_A(2z_4 + \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda})g = z_3 \right\}.$

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Remark

The technical condition (ii) above only appears for inconsistent feasibility.

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Harvest time

Local linear convergence of $T_{DR\lambda}$

Under the assumptions discussed above, there exists an $\epsilon' \leq \epsilon$ and a neighborhood $U' \subset U$ ($U' = U'_1 \times U'_2 \times U'_3 \times U'_4 \subset \mathbb{E}^4$) on which the sequence $(u^k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ generated by $u^{k+1} \in T_{\overline{\zeta}} u^k$ seeded by a point $u^0 \in W(\overline{\zeta}) \cap U'$ with $u_1^0 \in U'_1 \cap \left(B - \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}g\right)$ satisfies

$${\sf dist}\left(u^{k+1},{\sf Fix}\,\, \mathit{T}_{\overline{\zeta}}\cap \mathcal{S}
ight)\leq {\it c}\, {\sf dist}\left(u^k,\mathcal{S}
ight) \quad (orall k\in\mathbb{N})$$

for

$$c:=\sqrt{1+\epsilon'-rac{1}{2ar\kappa^2}}<1$$

where $\bar{\kappa} = \kappa \sigma$ with κ and σ . Consequently, dist $(u^k, \tilde{u}) \to 0$ for some $\tilde{u} \in \text{Fix } T_{\overline{c}} \cap S$, and hence

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$$\mathsf{dist}\left(u_1^k, \tilde{u}_1\right) \to 0$$

at least R-linearly with rate c < 1. If Fix $T_{DR\lambda} \cap S_1$ is a singleton, then convergence is Q-linear.