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- Optimality conditions as a **monotone** inclusion problem

$$\text{find } x \text{ such that } 0 \in M(x) \quad (\text{P})$$

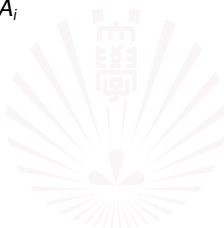
e.g. minimize $\varphi \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{find } x \text{ such that } 0 \in \partial\varphi(x)$

- M is **split** into “simpler” **monotone** operators e.g. $M = \sum_i A_i$
- (P) solved through **fixed-point iterations**

$$x \mapsto x^+ = (1 - \lambda)x + \lambda \mathcal{T}x$$

where $\mathcal{T}$ operates on each A_i **separately**

- **direct evaluations** $x \mapsto A_i x$,
 - **resolvent steps** $x \mapsto \mathcal{J}_{\gamma A_i} x := (\text{id} + \gamma A_i)^{-1} x$,
 - **forward steps** $x \mapsto x - \gamma A_i x$, etc. . .
- **fixed points** $x^+ = x$ are (related to) **solutions** of (P)



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Convex splitting algorithms

Some examples

Forward-backward splitting

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } f(x) + g(x) \\ x \mapsto & \begin{cases} \bar{x} = \text{prox}_{\gamma g}(x - \gamma \nabla f(x)) \\ x^+ = (1 - \lambda)x + \lambda \bar{x} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Douglas-Rachford splitting

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ADMM

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } f(x) + g(z) \text{ s.t. } Ax + Bz = b \\ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mapsto & \begin{cases} x^+ = \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(\cdot, z, y) \\ y^+ = y + \beta(Ax^+ + Bz - b) \\ z^+ = \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(x^+, \cdot, y^+) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Davis-Yin splitting

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($\text{prox}_{\gamma\varphi}$ is the resolvent of $\gamma\partial\varphi$: $\text{prox}_{\gamma\varphi} = \arg \min \{\varphi + \frac{1}{2\gamma}\|\cdot - x\|^2\}$)

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Convex splitting algorithms

Simple, elegant, **unified** convergence analysis

- ▶ $\mathcal{T}$ is α -averaged $\exists \alpha \in (0, 1]$ ($\mathcal{T} = (1 - \alpha)\text{id} + \alpha S$, $\exists S$ 1-Lipschitz)
- ▶ thus, whenever $0 < \lambda < 1/\alpha$

$$\text{dist}(x^{k+1}, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2 \leq \text{dist}(x^k, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2 - \lambda(1/\alpha - \lambda)\|x^{k+1} - x^k\|^2$$

- ▶ by “telescoping”, $\|x^{k+1} - x^k\| \rightarrow 0$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(1/\alpha - \lambda) \sum_{k=0}^K \|x^{k+1} - x^k\|^2 &\leq \text{dist}(x^0, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2 - \cancel{\text{dist}(x^1, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2} \\ &\quad + \cancel{\text{dist}(x^1, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2} - \text{dist}(x^2, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2 \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad + \cancel{\text{dist}(x^K, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2} - \text{dist}(x^{K+1}, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2 \\ &= \text{dist}(x^0, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2 - \text{dist}(x^{K+1}, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2 \\ &\leq \underbrace{\text{dist}(x^0, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2}_{=0} \\ &\quad \text{since } \text{dist}(\cdot, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ “Fejér monotonicity” ensures $x^k \rightarrow x_\star \in \text{fix } \mathcal{T}$ (if $\text{fix } \mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset$)

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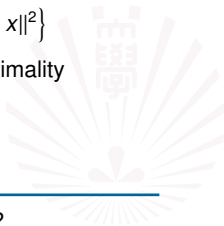
What if problem is nonconvex?

- ▶ no averagedness, no Fejér-monotonicity
- ▶ operators are **set-valued** $\mathcal{T} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{e.g. } \mathcal{T}_{\gamma\varphi}(x) \supseteq \text{prox}_{\gamma\varphi}(x) := \arg \min \left\{ \varphi + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|\cdot - x\|^2 \right\}$$

- ▶ local **VS** global solutions: $x \in \mathcal{T}(x)$ is only **necessary** for optimality

Can we still have a **unified** convergence analysis?



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Splitting algorithm

$$x^+ \in \mathcal{T}(x)$$

Remarks.

- **Lyapunov potential.** Any **lower bounded** $\mathcal{V} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\mathcal{V}(x^+) \leq \mathcal{V}(x) - c\|x^+ - x\|^2$$

can replace $\text{dist}(\cdot, \text{fix } \mathcal{T})^2$

- **Subsequential convergence.** Having $\|x^{k+1} - x^k\| \rightarrow 0$, then

$$x^{k_j} \rightarrow x_\star \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_\star \in \mathcal{T}(x_\star) \quad (\mathcal{T} \text{ is outer semicontinuous})$$



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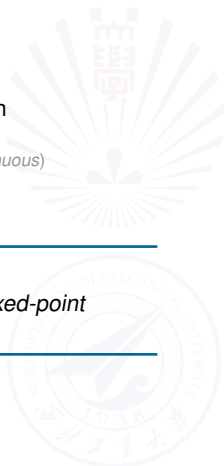
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Theorem

Suppose $\mathcal{T}$ is osc and admits a Lyapunov potential $\mathcal{V}$. Then its fixed-point iterations are **subsequentially convergent**.



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In this talk:

- ▶ comprehensive class of osc algorithms $\mathcal{T}$ that admit potential $\mathcal{V}$
(thus subsequentially convergent)
- ▶ **Newton-type** variants inheriting
 - ▶ (subsequential) convergence
 - ▶ oracle complexity



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Problem.

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{minimize}} \varphi(x)$$

(P)

MM paradigm

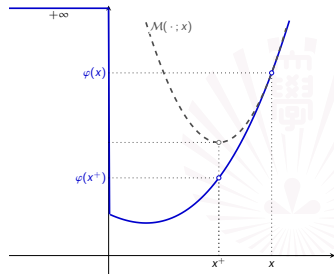
1. Pick *majorizing model* $\mathcal{M}(w; x)$
i.e.
 - ▶ $\mathcal{M}(x; x) = \varphi(x)$
 - ▶ $\mathcal{M}(w; x) \geq \varphi(w)$
2. Let $x^+ \in \arg \min_w \mathcal{M}(w; x)$
3. Then, $\varphi(x^+) \leq \varphi(x)$

Example: proximal point

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{PP}}(w, x) = \varphi(w) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|w - x\|^2$$

Why

- ▶ cope with **nonconvex nonsmooth** problems
- ▶ monotone algorithm



When

- ▶ $\mathcal{M}$ easy to minimize

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$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{minimize}} \varphi(x) \quad (\text{P})$$

Typical requirements

- ▶ φ and $\mathcal{M}(\cdot, x)$ directionally differentiable^{1,3,4}
- ▶ φ continuous^{2,3,4}
- ▶ $\text{dom } \varphi$ convex^{1,2,4}
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}(\cdot, x) - \varphi$ smooth²

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Our working assumptions: $\mathcal{M}$ is a **proximal** majorizing model

▶ $\mathcal{M}$ is lsc

$$\text{▶ } \varphi(w) + \frac{m_1}{2} \|w - x\|^2 \leq \mathcal{M}(w, x) \leq \varphi(w) + \frac{m_2}{2} \|w - x\|^2$$

Example.

FBS is a proximal MM algorithm

(∇f L_f -Lipschitz, $\gamma < 1/L_f$)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}(x) &= \text{prox}_{\gamma g}(x - \gamma \nabla f(x)) \\ &= \arg \min_w \mathcal{M}(w; x) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathcal{M}(w; x) := f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), w - x \rangle + g(w) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|w - x\|^2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} m_1 = 1 - \gamma L_f \\ m_2 = 1 + \gamma L_f \end{pmatrix}$$

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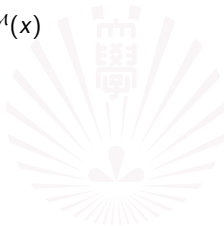
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Theorem.

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- (ii). **Cost decrease.** $\varphi(x^+) \leq \varphi(x) - \frac{m_1}{2} \|x - x^+\|^2$ for all $x^+ \in \mathcal{T}^{\mathcal{M}}(x)$
- (iii). **Stationarity.** $x \in \mathcal{T}^{\mathcal{M}}(x) \Rightarrow 0 \in \hat{\partial}\varphi(x)$

Corollary. Consider $x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{T}^{\mathcal{M}}(x^k)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then,

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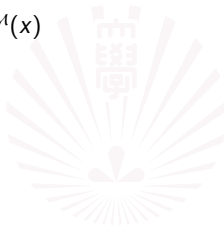
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Issues:

- ▶ Can't cope with **relaxation** $(1 - \lambda)x + \lambda x^+$
- ▶ Limited to **"pure"** (proximal) MM algorithms (e.g. only **monotone algorithms**)



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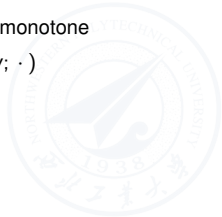
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...leads to **Generalized Proximal MM** schemes

$$s \mapsto \begin{cases} x = G(s) \\ \bar{x} \in \mathcal{T}(x) \\ s^+ = s + \lambda(\bar{x} - x) \end{cases} \quad \text{with}$$

- ▶ G L_G -Lipschitz and μ_G -str. monotone
- ▶ $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}^M := \arg \min_w \mathcal{M}(w; \cdot)$

$\mathcal{A} \sim (\mathcal{T}, G)$ is a **GPMM algorithm**



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Reduces to

- ▶ Moreau envelope for proximal point algorithm
- ▶ **Forward-Backward Envelope (FBE)** for FBS^{1,2}
- ▶ **Douglas-Rachford Envelope (DRE)** for DRS^{3,4}
- ▶ **Davis-Yin Envelope (DYE)** for DYS⁵

Basic properties

1. $\inf \varphi = \inf \varphi^{\mathcal{A}}, \arg \min \varphi = G(\arg \min \varphi^{\mathcal{A}})$
2. $\varphi^{\mathcal{A}}$ real valued, lsc (in fact, **continuous!**)
3. φ level bounded iff $\varphi^{\mathcal{A}}$ level bounded

since $x \mapsto \mathcal{M}(w; x)$ continuous $\forall w$

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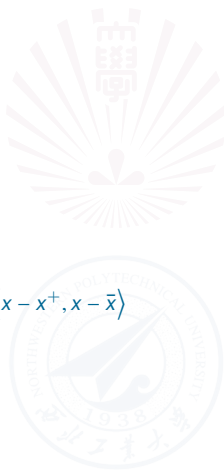
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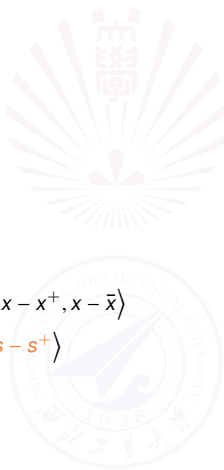
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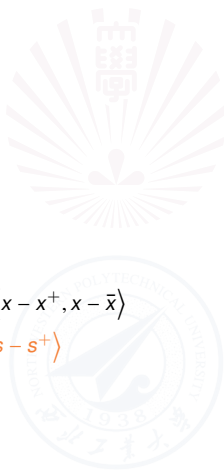
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Convergence analysis

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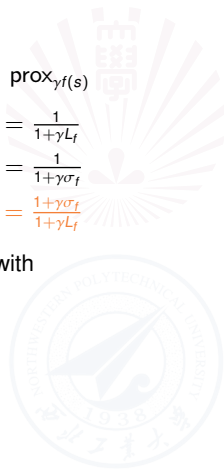
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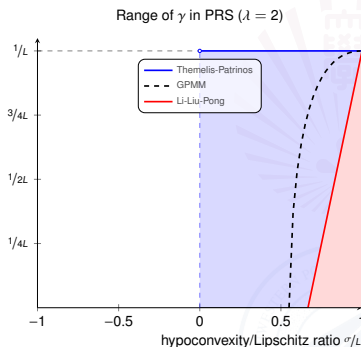
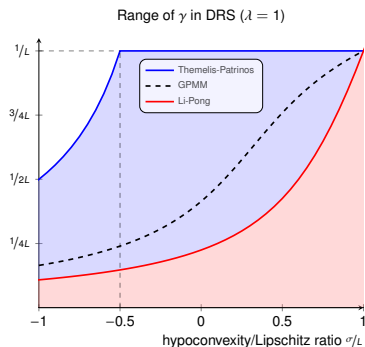
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Theorem (Yan & Yin, 2016 — Themelis & Patrinos, 2017)

ADMM is **equivalent** to DRS (with stepsize $\gamma = 1/\beta$) applied to

$$\text{minimize}_s (Af)(s) + (Bg)(b - s)$$

where

$$(Ch)(s) := \inf_x \{h(x) \mid Cx = s\}$$

Convergence results for DRS readily translate!

- ▶ A surjective
- ▶ $\nabla(Af)$ $L_{(Af)}$ -Lipschitz
- ▶ (Bg) lsc



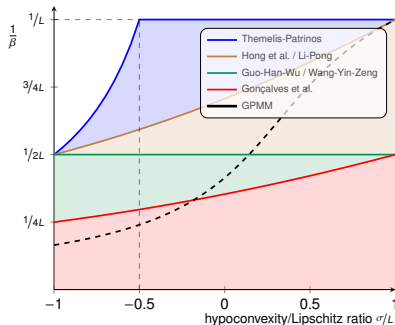
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Ours ¹	Hong et al. ²	Li and Pong ³	Wang et al. ⁴	Gonçalves et al. ⁵
	g cvx or smooth			
f “A-smooth”	∇f Lipsch.	∇f Lipsch. $f \in \mathcal{C}^2$	∇f Lipsch.	$\Pi_{A^\top} \nabla f$ Lipsch. f lower- $\mathcal{C}^2$
$\mathcal{L}_\beta$ lev. bounded in x	$A = I$	$A = I$	$x(s)$ Lipsch.	A invertible
$z(s)$ loc. bound.	B full col. rank	B full row rank	$z(s)$ Lipsch.	

- ▶ $x(s) := \arg \min_x \{f(x) \mid Ax = s\}$ $z(s) := \arg \min_z \{g(z) \mid Bz = s\}$
- ▶ f is “A-smooth” if
 $\nabla f(u), \nabla f(v) \in \text{range } A^\top \Rightarrow |\langle \nabla f(u) - \nabla f(v), u - v \rangle| \leq L \|A(u - v)\|^2$
- ▶ **Ex.** $A = [1 \ 0]$, $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2$ is A-smooth, but $\Pi_{A^\top} \nabla f$ is not Lipschitz

Notice that

- ▶ A full column rank $\Rightarrow x(s)$ Lipschitz & $\mathcal{L}_\beta$ level bounded in x
- ▶ B full column rank $\Rightarrow z(s)$ Lipschitz $\Rightarrow z(s)$ locally bounded

Disclaimer: Only compared against similar settings

- ▶ Fixed stepsize, no extrapolation, no inexactness
- ▶ For recent developments in this direction, see e.g.

J. Bai, M. Zhang and H. Zhang. *An inexact ADMM for separable nonconvex and nonsmooth optimization*, 2022

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The inner step is a FBS step relative to $F + g$, where $F := f + h$

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Theorem (Bertsekas, 2016 — Themelis & Patrinos, 2019)

Proximal ADMM is **equivalent** to ADMM applied to

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize } f(x) + g(z) & \text{subject to } \begin{cases} Ax + Bz = b \\ Qx - \zeta = 0 \\ \xi - Rz = 0 \end{cases} \end{array} \quad (P')$$

$(x, \xi), (z, \zeta)$

However, need extra work (matrix $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ Q \end{pmatrix}$ is likely *not* surjective...)

Convergence analysis

Notable examples – Chambolle-Pock

Chambolle-Pock as a transformed GPMM scheme

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Theorem (Shefi & Teboulle, 2014 — Boj & Nguyen, 2018)

Chambolle-Pock is **equivalent** to proximal ADMM with

- ▶ $\beta = \sigma$
- ▶ $R = 0$
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However, again need extra work (same issues...)

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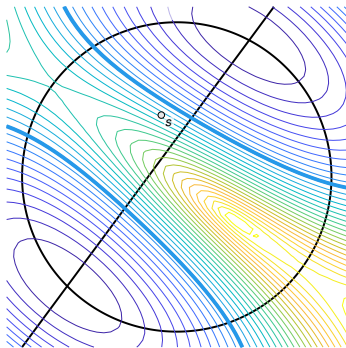
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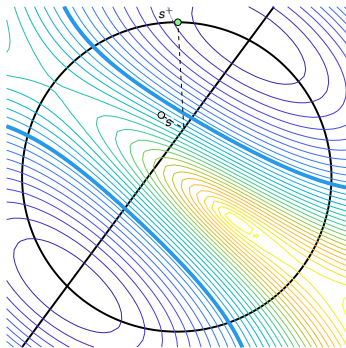
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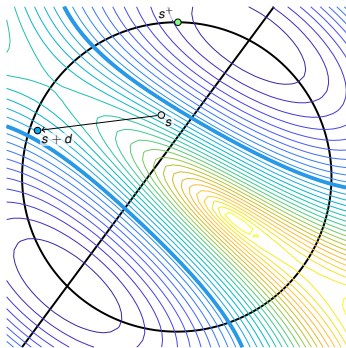
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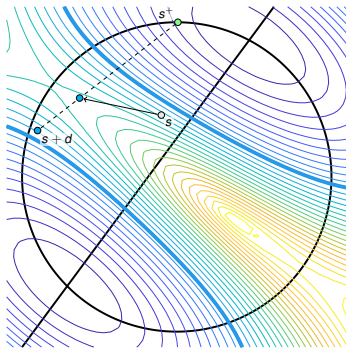
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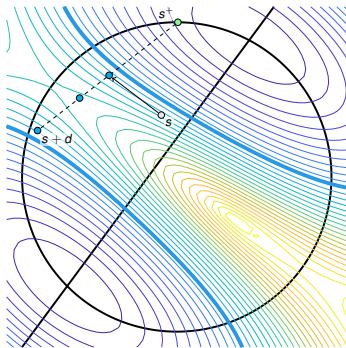
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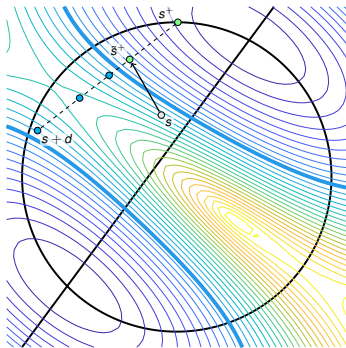
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Features.

1. **CLyD** well defined for **any choice** of d (since $\varphi^{\mathcal{A}}$ is **continuous**)
2. **Same convergence** of FP iterations!
3. **Same computations** as in FP iterations! (no geometry change)
4. **No Maratos effect**: eventually $\tau = 1$ if directions are “good”
 - ▶ **Superlinear** rates with Broyden directions (under assumptions)
 - ▶ L-BFGS **very** effective in practice

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Sparse principal component analysis

$$\text{maximize } \langle z, \Sigma z \rangle \quad \text{subject to } \|z\|_2 = 1, \|z\|_0 \leq k$$

- ▶ $\Sigma = A^T A$ covariance matrix of data matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
- ▶ explain as much variability in data by using only $k \ll n$ variables

Centralized SPCA formulation

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize } -\|Az\|_2^2 && \text{concave cost} \\ &\text{subject to } \|z\|_2 = 1, \quad \|z\|_0 \leq k && \text{nonconvex constraints} \end{aligned}$$

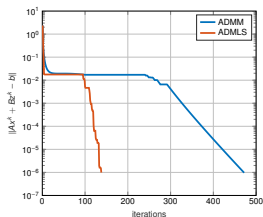
Distributed SPCA formulation: introduce copies $x_1, \dots, x_N$ of z

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{-\|A_i x_i\|_2^2}_{f_i(x_i)} + g(z) \quad \text{subject to } x_i = z$$

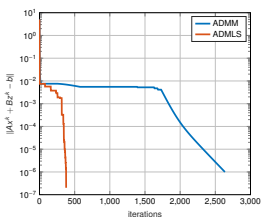
- ▶ data distributed across different agents/workers or A is huge
- ▶ each term $\frac{1}{2}\|A_i x_i\|^2$ prox-ed **separately**
- ▶ no exchange of data A_i , only variables



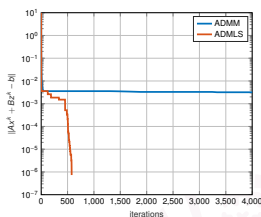
Consensus SPCA: example



$N = 5$



$N = 25$



$N = 100$

- ▶ $n = 100,000$ features, $m = 50,000$ data points
- ▶ rows are split into N subsets

Pre-processing: Computing prox of $- \|A_i x_i\|^2$ requires factoring (once)

$$I - \gamma A_i A_i^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{m_i \times m_i}$$

- ▶ $N = 1$ workers $\Rightarrow m_1 = m = 50,000$, > 1 hour
- ▶ $N = 5$ workers $\Rightarrow m_i = 10,000$, ≈ 7 seconds
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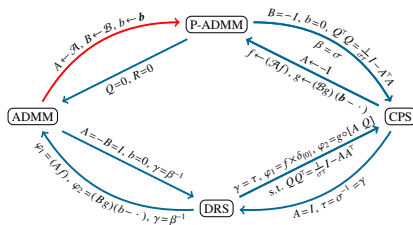


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Nonconvex splitting algorithms: **unified** interpretation as **GPM** schemes

- ▶ Proximal envelopes: continuous Lyapunov functions
- ▶ “Acceleration” with **CLyD** (nonsmooth linesearch)
- ▶ Equivalences $\text{DRS} \Leftrightarrow \text{ADMM} \Leftrightarrow \text{proximal ADMM} \Leftrightarrow \text{Chambolle-Pock}$



Extensions

- ▶ Bregman metrics (relative smoothness)^{1,2}
- ▶ Block-coordinate updates²
- ▶ **Locally** Lipschitz ∇f ^{3,4}

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 & \quad + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Qx - \zeta\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\xi - Rz\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

ADMM on (P')

$$\begin{cases} (x_+^+) \in \arg \min \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\beta(\cdot, (z^+), \begin{pmatrix} y \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix}) \\ \begin{pmatrix} y^+ \\ u^+ \\ v^+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} Ax^+ + Bz - b \\ Qx^+ - \zeta \\ \xi^+ - Rz \end{pmatrix} \\ (z_+^+) \in \arg \min \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\beta((x_+^+), \cdot, \begin{pmatrix} y^+ \\ u^+ \\ v^+ \end{pmatrix}) \end{cases}$$

Proof ($\lambda = 1$ for simplicity).

replace ξ^+ and v^+ from **(1b)** in **(2a)**

1. **a)** $x^+ \in \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(\cdot, z, y) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Q \cdot - \zeta + u/\beta\|^2$
b) $\xi^+ = Rz - v/\beta \Rightarrow v^+ = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0, \xi^+ = Rz$
2. **a)** $z^+ \in \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(x^+, \cdot, y^+) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\xi^+ - R \cdot + v^+/\beta\|^2$
b) $\zeta^+ = Qx^+ + u^+/\beta \Rightarrow \zeta - u/\beta = Qx$
3. $x^+ \in \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(\cdot, z, y) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Q(\cdot - x)\|^2$
4. $y^+ = y + \beta(Ax^+ + Bz - b)$
5. $z^+ \in \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(x^+, \cdot, y) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|R(\cdot - z)\|^2$

Appendix

Universal equivalence of ADMM and proximal ADMM

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{minimize } f(x) + g(z) & (P') \\
 & \text{subject to } \begin{cases} Ax + Bz = b \\ Qx - \zeta = 0 \\ \xi - Rz = 0 \end{cases} \\
 & \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\beta := \mathcal{L}_\beta(x, z, y) + \langle u, Qx - \zeta \rangle + \langle v, \xi - Rz \rangle \\
 & \quad + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Qx - \zeta\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\xi - Rz\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

ADMM on (P')

$$\begin{cases} (x_+^+) \in \arg \min \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\beta(\cdot, (z^+), (y^+)) \\ (u_+^+) = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} Ax^+ + Bz - b \\ Qx^+ - \zeta \\ \xi^+ - Rz \end{pmatrix} \\ (z_+^+) \in \arg \min \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\beta((x_+^+), \cdot, (y_+^+)) \end{cases}$$

Proof ($\lambda = 1$ for simplicity).

This is (Q, R)-proximal ADMM!

1. a) $x^+ \in \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(\cdot, z, y) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Q \cdot - \zeta + u/\beta\|^2$
 b) $\xi^+ = Rz - v/\beta \Rightarrow v^+ = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0, \xi^+ = Rz$
2. a) $z^+ \in \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(x^+, \cdot, y^+) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\xi^+ - R \cdot + v^+/\beta\|^2$
 b) $\zeta^+ = Qx^+ + u^+/\beta \Rightarrow \zeta - u/\beta = Qx$
3. $x^+ \in \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(\cdot, z, y) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Q(\cdot - x)\|^2$
4. $y^+ = y + \beta(Ax^+ + Bz - b)$
5. $z^+ \in \arg \min \mathcal{L}_\beta(x^+, \cdot, y) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|R(\cdot - z)\|^2$

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