

Storage optimal semidefinite programming

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- o Relaxations for combinatorial optimization and other difficult problems

▷ e.g., max-cut, clustering, quadratic assignment, power-flow,...

If unique games conjecture is true, SDP relaxation is the best we can do

▷ e.g., robustness of neural networks, GAN denoising

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- Always delivers solutions 0.87856 times the optimal value after randomized rounding

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- Improved guarantees over LP relaxations

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- An open research area

Ragunathan et al. SDP relaxations for certifying robustness against adversarial examples. ICLR2017

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Storage eliminates standard convex approaches for SDP

- First & second order methods (AGD, PD, NM, ...)
 - ▷ store matrix variable $\Theta(p^2)$
 - ▷ Hessian is worse
 - ▷ $\mathcal{O}(p^{3.5} \log(p/\epsilon))$ total complexity (NM)

Non-convex approach: Burer-Monteiro factorization

- o SDP template:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}} \left\{ \text{tr}(cx) : Ax = b, x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\}$$

- o Burer-Monteiro splitting

$$\min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r}} \left\{ \text{tr}(cuu^*) : Auu^* = b, u \in \mathcal{U} := \{u : \|u\|_F \leq \sqrt{\rho}\} \right\}$$

- ▷ Nonlinear and non-convex problem ($Lu = Auu^* = b$, $\text{tr}(cuu^*)$)
- ▷ Local minima vs. saddle points issues
- ▷ Local minima vs. global minimum: $r = \Omega(\sqrt{p})$, due to Pataki and Barvinok

Barvinok, Problems of distance geometry and convex properties of quadratic maps, Disc Comp Geo, 1995.

Pataki, On the rank of extreme matrices in semidefinite programs and the multiplicity of optimal eigenvalues, Math Oper Res, 1998.

State-of-the-art

- Substitute $uu^* \rightarrow x$ in the convex augmented Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta(u, y) = \text{tr}(c u u^*) + \langle y, A u u^* - b \rangle + \frac{1}{2\beta} \|A u u^* - b\|^2.$$

- Burer-Monteiro's heuristic: $\begin{cases} u^+ = \arg \min_u \mathcal{L}_\beta(u, y) \\ \text{Update } y^+ \text{ or } \beta^+ \text{ according to feasibility progress} \end{cases}$

▷ No inexact analysis for solving subproblems

▷ Subproblem complexities e.g., $\begin{cases} \text{APGM (Ghadimi \& Lan, 2016): } \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) \\ \text{Trust region (Cartis et al., 2012): } \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^3}\right) \end{cases}$

- Manifold optimization (ManOpt):

▷ Smooth manifold assumption: Requires projectable sets

▷ $\mathcal{O}(p^{10}/\epsilon^3)$ total complexity— $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$ flops per iteration

- Others like ALBUM (Bolte-Sabach-Teboulle) with caveats

Burer, Monteiro. Local minima and convergence in low-rank semidefinite programming. Math Prog, 2005.

Boumal, Mishra, Absil, Sepulchre. Manopt, a Matlab toolbox for optimization on manifolds, JMLR, 2014.

Ghadimi, S. and Lan, G. Accelerated gradient methods for nonconvex nonlinear and stochastic programming, Math Prog, 2016.

Cartis, C., Gould, N. I., and Toint, P. L. Complexity bounds for second-order optimality in unconstrained optimization, JoC, 2012.

Inexact augmented Lagrangian framework

- Our idea: Solve primal subproblems with stricter tolerance, i.e., $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

iALM:
$$\begin{cases} \text{Obtain } u^+ \text{ such that} \\ \quad \text{dist}(-\nabla_u \mathcal{L}_\beta(u^+, y), \partial g(u^+)) \leq \epsilon_f, \text{ or} \\ \quad \lambda_{\min}(\nabla_{uu} \mathcal{L}_\beta(u^+, y)) \geq -\epsilon_s & [\text{1st order stationarity}] \\ y^+ = y + \sigma(L(u^+) - b) & [\text{2nd order stationarity}] \\ \text{Pick } \beta^+ < \beta \text{ and } \epsilon^+ = \beta^+ \\ \text{Update } \sigma^+ = \sigma_0 \min\left(\frac{1}{||L(u) - b||k \log^2(k+1)}, 1\right) & \Rightarrow \text{Bounded dual} \end{cases}$$

$$\triangleright L(u) = Auu^* \text{ & } g(u) = \text{tr}(cuu^*)$$

- Our result: FOS with $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^3}\right)$ & SOS $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^5}\right)$ total complexity

Cartis, C., Gould, N. I., and Toint, P. L. "Optimality of orders one to three and beyond: Characterization and evaluation complexity in constrained nonconvex optimization," Journal of Complexity, 2018.

Key assumption for the algorithm

- A novel constraint qualification: **A new non-convex Slater's condition**
 - ▷ Minimum angle between $T_{\mathcal{U}}(u)$ and null space of L
 - ▷ To bound feasibility gap by gradient mapping.
 - ▷ Related to the classical Mangasarian-Fromovitz constraint qualification
- We verify the condition for the following problems:
 - ▷ Clustering
 - ▷ Generalized eigenvalue
 - ▷ Basis pursuit

D. P. Bertsekas. Constrained Optimization and Lagrange Multiplier Methods. Belmont MA: Athena Scientific, originally published by academic press, inc., in 1982 edition, 1996.

Numerical experiment: Clustering

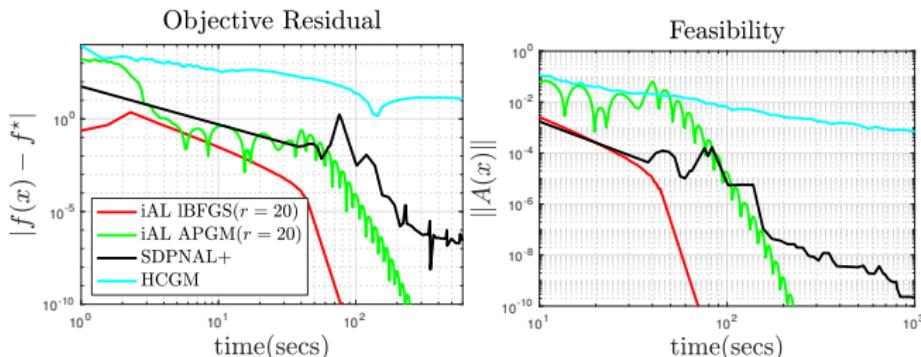
- Model free k-means clustering SDP:

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- Nonconvex formulation:

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- Preprocessing & setup & rounding as in (Mixon et. al., 2017)



D.Mixon, S.Villar and R.Ward, Clustering subgaussian mixtures by semidefinite programming, 2017

DARN with GANs - Numerical Results (MNIST)

- De-adversarial-noise with generative adversarial networks:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_{w,z} & \|w - (w_0 + \eta)\|_* \\ \text{subject to} & w = G(z), \end{array}$$

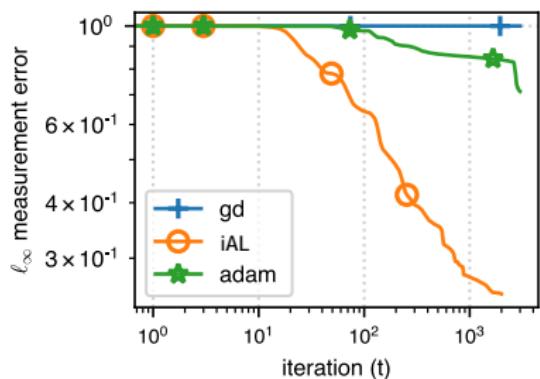


Figure: ℓ_∞ error per iteration

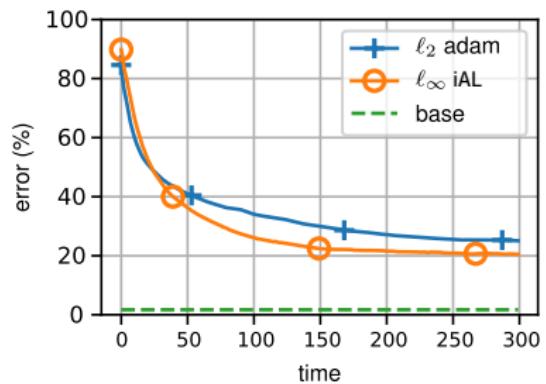


Figure: misclassification error per iteration

Numerical experiment: Basis Pursuit

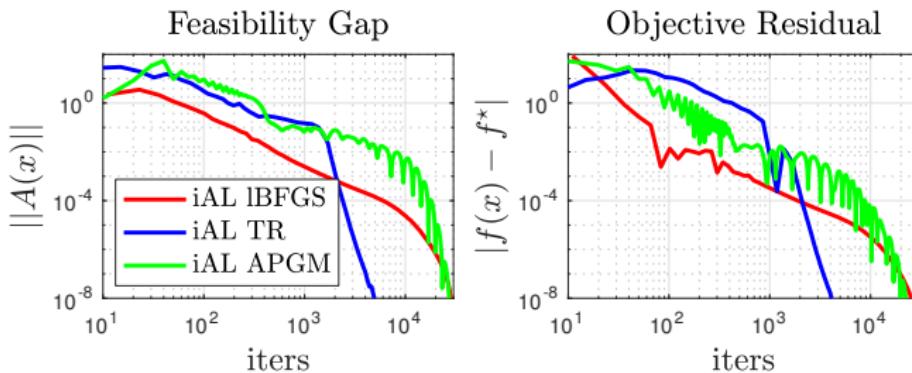
- Convex formulation:

$$\min \left\{ \|x\|_1 : Ax = b \right\}$$

- Non-convex formulation:

change of variables $\begin{cases} x &:= x^+ - x^- \\ x^+ &:= u_1^{\circ 2}, \quad x^- := u_2^{\circ 2} \text{ and } u := [u_1^\top, u_2^\top]^\top \\ \bar{A} &:= [A, -A] \end{cases}$

$$\min \left\{ \|u\|_2^2 : \bar{A}u^{\circ 2} = b \right\}$$



- Potential with more structured norms (e.g., latent group lasso norm)

Linearized augmented Lagrangian method

- Our idea: Alternate primal and dual gradient steps in u and y

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$$\text{Convergence: } \begin{cases} \min_u \|G_\gamma(u)\|^2 = \left\| \frac{u^+ - u}{\gamma} \right\|^2 = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^{1/2}}\right) \\ \min_u \|Lu - b\| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^{1/2}}\right) \end{cases}$$

- Best theoretical rates in the literature
- Alternating direction method-of-multipliers extension

Linearized alternating direction method of multiplies

LADMM:
$$\begin{cases} u^+ = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{U}} \left(u - \gamma \nabla_u \mathcal{L}_\beta(u, v, y) \right) \\ v^+ = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}} \left(v - \iota \nabla_v \mathcal{L}_\beta(u^+, v, y) \right) \\ y^+ = y + \sigma \left(A(u^+) + B(v^+) - b \right) \\ \text{Pick } \gamma^+ < \gamma, \iota^+ < \iota, \beta^+ < \beta \text{ and } \sigma^+ < \sigma \end{cases}$$

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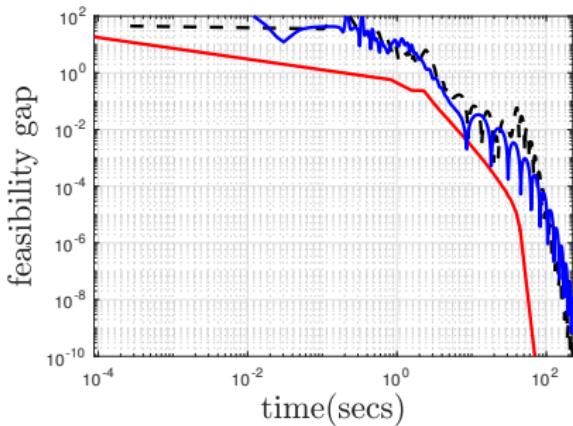
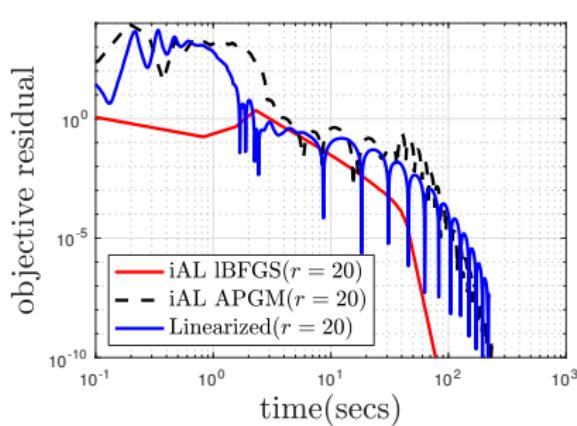
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- Same rates as the linearized augmented Lagrangian

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Summary

- Potentially huge benefits from the non-convex approach
- Stationary points of the augmented Lagragian vs. original problem
- Major issue: Next!

Burer-Monteiro factorization is not storage optimal

(Waldspurger & Walters, Theorem 2)

- Suppose that the feasible set of SDP contains a rank-1 matrix.
- Suppose that the factorization rank satisfies

$$\binom{r+1}{2} + r \leq n.$$

- Then,* there is a set of cost matrices c with positive Lebesgue measure for which
 - ▷ Original SDP has a unique rank-1 minimum.
 - ▷ Factorized SDP has a unique rank-1 global minimum.
 - ▷ Factorized SDP has at least one suboptimal local minimum.

Solution rank is one, **optimal storage is $\Theta(n + p)$,**
but the **Factorized SDP requires $\Omega(p\sqrt{n})$** storage only for decision variable.

* under a mild technical condition.

Waldspurger & Walters. Rank optimality for the Burer-Monteiro factorization, 2018.

Storage optimality

- Some algorithms provably solve the model problem...
- Some algorithms have optimal storage guarantees...

*Is there an algorithm
that provably computes
a low-rank approximation
to a solution of the model problem
& has optimal storage guarantees?*

Definition.

An algorithm for the model problem has **optimal storage**

if its working storage is $\Theta(n + rp)$.

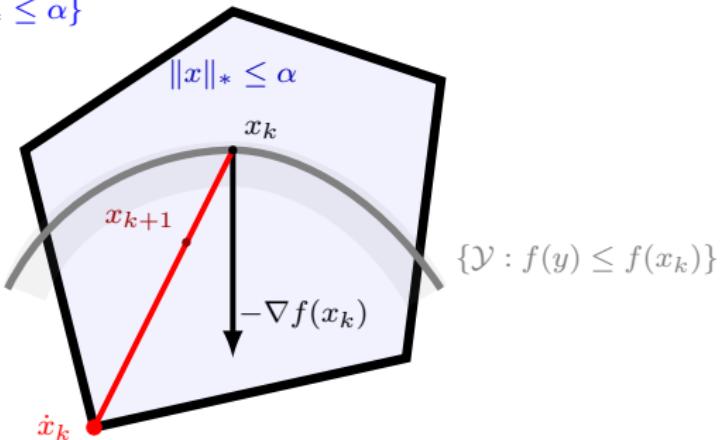
Storage-optimal & scalable SDP solutions

- Sketchy decisions [AISTATS 2017]
 - ▷ new convex rank-1 streaming models:
 - Universal primal-dual method [NIPS 2015]
 - Universality through learning rate adaptation [NIPS 2018]
 - Homotopy-CGM: A penalty approach [ICML 2018]
 - Stochastic-HCGM: Extension to stochastic setting [LoYFC, under review]
 - CGAL: An augmented Lagrangian framework [YFC, under review]
 - ▷ space optimal sketch objects:
 - Bilateral [SIMAX 2017]
 - Nyström [NIPS 2017]
 - Trilateral [TYUC, under review]

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The conditional gradient method (CGM)

$$\min_x \{f(x) : \|x\|_* \leq \alpha\}$$



For $k = 0$ to k_{\max} :

$$x_k = \arg \max_{y: \|y\|_* \leq \alpha} \langle -\nabla f(x_k), y \rangle$$

$$x_{k+1} = (1 - \eta_k)x_k + \eta_k \dot{x}_k$$

End for

For $k = 0$ to k_{\max} :

$$(u_k, v_k) = \text{MaxSingVec}(\nabla f(x_k))$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{k+1} = (1 - \eta_k)x_k - \eta_k \alpha u_k v_k^*$$

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A storage-optimal framework: SketchyCGM

- Model problem: $\min_x \{f(Ax) : \|x\|_* \leq \alpha\}$

CGM

For $k = 0$ **to** k_{\max} :

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End for

$$\hat{x} = \text{SketchRecover}(\mathcal{S}x_k, r)$$

- Drive iterations by the dual component $z = Ax$
- Primal weighting via the streaming model
- Sketch & recover low-rank primal-solutions with guarantees

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Brief detour: The bilateral sketch

- Let $z \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ be a large input matrix (approximately low-rank)

$$\begin{matrix} z \\ \approx \\ \begin{matrix} p \times p \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} u \\ \Sigma_{r \times r} \\ v^* \\ r \times p \end{matrix}$$

- Fix sketch size parameters (t, s) with $t, s \ll p$
- Draw independent random matrices $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times t}$ and $\Psi \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times p}$

Range sketch: $y = z\Omega \in R^{p \times t}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & z & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Omega \end{bmatrix}$$

Co-range sketch: $w = \Psi z \in R^{s \times p}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \end{bmatrix}$$

Brief detour: Analysis of bilateral sketch

- Rigorous error bound from [SIMAX 2017]
 - ▷ draw independent standard normal test matrices Ω and Ψ
 - ▷ denote rank- t approximation produced by our single-view method by \hat{z}
 - ▷ Then, for $t > r + 1$ and $s > t + 1$,

$$\mathbb{E}\|z - \hat{z}\|_F^2 \leq \frac{t}{t-r-1} \frac{s}{s-t-1} \min_{\text{rank}(x) \leq r} \|z - x\|_F^2$$

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More on sketching:

Nyström [NIPS 2017] and Trilateral [under review] sketch
with performance improvements & storage efficiencies

Towards SDP's: A primal-dual formulation

- Consider the following auxiliary template

$$\min_x \left\{ \text{tr}(cx) : Ax = b, x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\} \quad (\text{Primal-SDP})$$

▷ add a redundant **trace constraint**

- Write down the dual formulation

$$\max_y \underbrace{\min_x \left\{ \underbrace{\text{tr}(cx) + y^*(Ax - b)}_{:= \mathcal{L}(x, y)} : x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\}}_{:= d(y)} \quad (\text{Dual-SDP})$$

▷ Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}(x, y)$

▷ dual function $d(y) := \min_x \mathcal{L}(x, y) \implies \text{bounded subgradients!}$

A universal primal-dual (sub)gradient method

$$\max_y \min_x \underbrace{\left\{ \underbrace{tr(cx) + y^*(Ax - b)}_{:= \mathcal{L}(x, y)} : x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\}}_{:= d(y)} \quad (\text{Dual-SDP})$$

- Subgradient of $d(y)$ can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \text{MaxEigVec}(c + A^*y) \\ \dot{x} &= \rho uu^* \\ \nabla d(y) &= A\dot{x} - b \end{aligned}$$

- Universal primal-dual method (UPD) [NIPS 2015]
 - solve Dual-SDP with a subgradient method
 - recover primal as a weighted average of \dot{x}_k

Efficiency considerations for the dual problem

- Iteration complexity lower-bounds:

- ▷ $\mathcal{O}(1/\varepsilon^2)$ for non-smooth problems (subgradients G -bounded) ← Dual-SDP
- ▷ $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{\varepsilon})$ for L -smooth problems

- Adaptation to (local)-smoothness via line-search

- ▷ requires an ascent (descent) lemma

$$\text{smooth} \implies d(y + \alpha \nabla d(y)) \geq d(y) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\nabla d(y)\|^2 \quad (\forall \alpha \leq \frac{1}{L})$$

$$\text{non-smooth} \implies d(y + \alpha \nabla d(y)) \geq d(y) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\nabla d(y)\|^2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (\forall \alpha \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{G^2})$$

UPD: The algorithm

$$\max_y \min_x \left\{ \text{tr}(cx) + y^*(Ax - b) : x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\} \quad (\text{Dual-SDP})$$

UPD

For $k = 0$ **to** k_{\max} :

$$u_k = \text{MaxEigVec}(c + A^*y_k)$$

$$\dot{x}_k = \rho u_k u_k^* \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla d_k = A\dot{x}_k - b$$

$$\alpha_k = 2\alpha_{k-1}$$

$$\textbf{While } d(y_k + \alpha_k \nabla d_k) < d(y_k) + \frac{\alpha_k}{2} \|\nabla d_k\|^2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\alpha_k = \alpha_k / 2$$

End while

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + \alpha_k \nabla d_k$$

$$\eta_k = \alpha_k / \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i$$

$$\bar{x}_{k+1} = (1 - \eta_k)\bar{x}_k + \eta_k \dot{x}_k$$

End for

$$\Rightarrow |f(x_k) - f^\star| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \& \quad \|Ax_k - b\| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right)$$

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there is also
accelerated version

AUPD

End while

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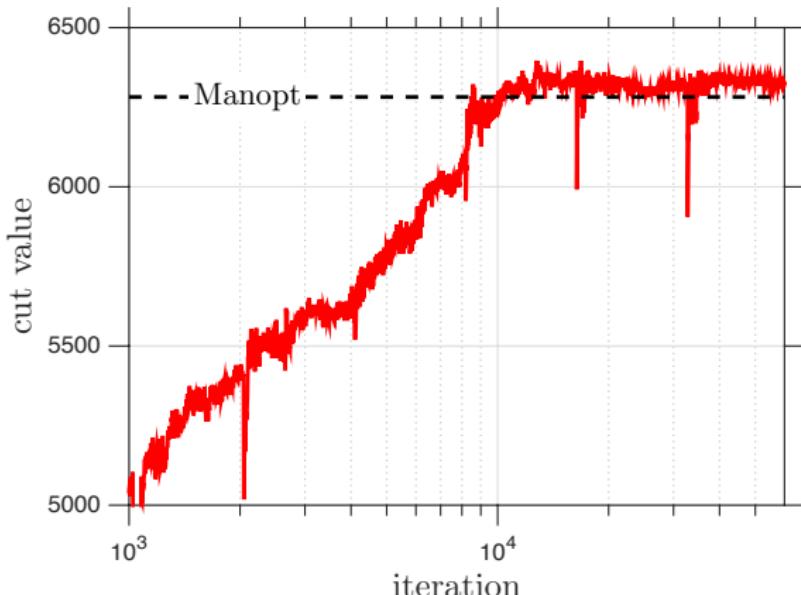
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Numerical experiment: Max-cut

- o G67 - sparse graph with $p = 10,000$ nodes



Solved by SketchyUPD (with tail averaging): $\epsilon = 100$ and $r = 20$.

Universality through learning rate adaptation

- UPD & AUPD based on a line-search strategy
 - ✓ adapts to the smoothness
 - ✗ requires ε to be set in advance
 - ✗ line-search condition requires exact oracles
 - ✗ converges to $\frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ -suboptimal solution
 - ✓ does not require a bound on the dual solution norm
- A new adaptive dual space approach based on online learning
 - ✓ adapts to the smoothness
 - ✓ does not require ε to be set
 - ✓ can work with stochastic oracles \implies more robust!
 - ✓ converges to the true solution
 - ✗ requires a bound on the dual solution norm (doubling trick works in practice)

Online to batch conversion

- Consider concave (possibly non-smooth) maximization

$$\max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} d(y)$$

- $\triangleright \mathcal{Y}$ is a bounded convex set
- $\triangleright D = \max_{y,z \in \mathcal{Y}} \|y - z\|$

AdaGrad

For $k = 0$ to k_{\max} :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{Y}}(y_k + \eta_k \nabla d(y_k)) \\ \bar{y}_{k+1} = (1 - \frac{1}{k})\bar{y}_k + \frac{1}{k}y_k \end{array} \right\} \text{with } \eta_k = D \left(2 \sum_{\tau=0}^k \|\nabla d(y_k)\|^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

End for

- Convergence rates

- smooth $d(\bar{y}_k) - d^* = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{k})$
- non-smooth $d(\bar{y}_k) - d^* = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}})$
- stochastic $\mathbb{E}[d(\bar{y}_k)] - d^* = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}})$

New [LYC, NIPS2018]:

AdaGrad makes use of smoothness and small variance (σ^2) in stochastic setting

$$\mathbb{E}[d(\bar{y}_k)] - d^* = \mathcal{O}(\frac{LD^2}{k} + \frac{\sigma D}{\sqrt{k}})$$

Our accelerated adaptive gradient method (AcceleGrad)

- Consider concave (possibly non-smooth) maximization

$$\max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} d(y)$$

- \mathcal{Y} is a bounded convex set
- $D = \max_{y,z \in \mathcal{Y}} \|y - z\|$
- G is bound on (sub)gradients

AcceleGrad [LYC, NIPS2018]

For $k = 0$ to k_{\max} :

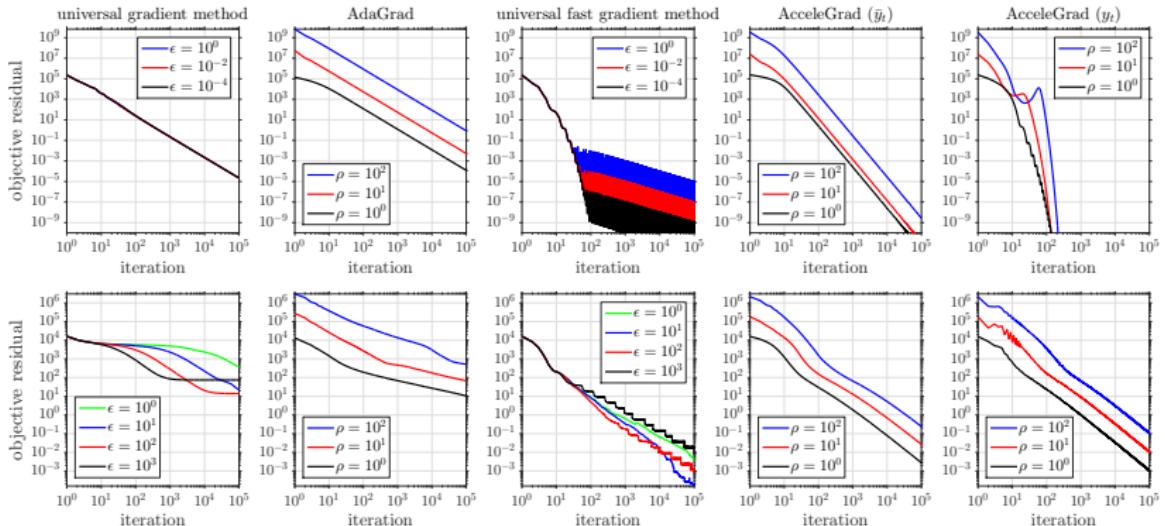
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_{k+1} = \tau_k z_k + (1 - \tau_k) y_k \\ z_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{Y}}(z_k + \alpha_k \eta_k \nabla d(y_k)) \\ y_{k+1} = x_{k+1} + \eta_k \nabla d(y_k) \\ \omega_k = \alpha_k / \sum_{\tau=0}^k \alpha_\tau \\ \bar{y}_{k+1} = (1 - \omega_k) \bar{y}_k + \omega_k y_k \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{with } \alpha_k = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq k \leq 2 \\ \frac{k+1}{4} & k \geq 3 \end{cases} \quad \eta_k = 2D \left(G^2 + 2 \sum_{\tau=0}^k \alpha_\tau^2 \|\nabla d(y_\tau)\|^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

End for

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An empirical comparison



$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{smooth (top)} & \min_{\|x\|_2 \leq D} \|Ax - b\|_2^2 \\ \text{nonsmooth (top)} & \min_{\|x\|_2 \leq D} \|Ax - b\|_1 \end{array}$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$ and $x^\natural \in \mathbb{R}^p$ std. Gaussian

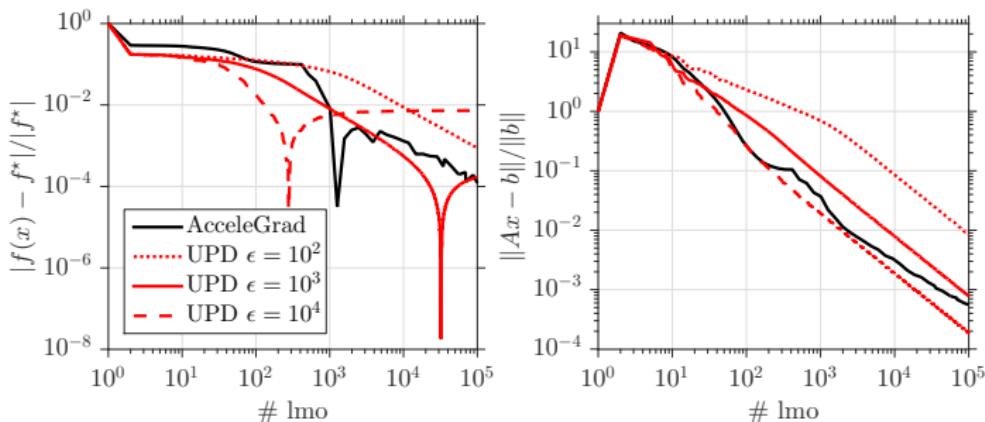
$$b = Ax^\natural + \omega, \quad \omega \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2),$$

$$m = 2000, \quad p = 500 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 = 10^{-2}$$

Numerical experiment: Max-cut

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}} \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} c_{ij}(1 - x_{ij})}_{\text{tr}(cx)} : \underbrace{\text{diag}(x) = 1, x \succeq 0, x^* = x}_{A(x)=b} \right\}$$

- UF sparse matrix collection: G1 dataset (800×800)



From dual to primal via a new penalty method: HCGM

- Consider the penalized problem

$$\min_x \left\{ \underbrace{\text{tr}(cx) + \frac{1}{2\beta} \|Ax - b\|^2 : x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho}_{=: f_\beta(x)} \right\} \quad (\text{Smoothed-SDP})$$

▷ penalized objective $f_\beta(x)$

- Homotopy-CGM:

▷ CGM: $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$ rate on $f_\beta(x)$ when β is fixed

▷ update $\beta_k = \beta_0 / \sqrt{k}$ at every iteration

- Analysis:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \triangleright f_{\beta_k}(x_k) - f^* = \mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{k}) \quad \& \quad \beta_k = \beta_0 / \sqrt{k} \\ \triangleright \text{smoothed gap reduction lemma [SIOPT 2018]} \end{array} \right\} \implies \begin{array}{l} |f(x_k) - f^*| = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}) \\ \& \|Ax - b\| = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}) \end{array}$$

▷ also works with inexact oracle \implies EIGS can be computed in relative accuracy

HCGM: The algorithm

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HCGM

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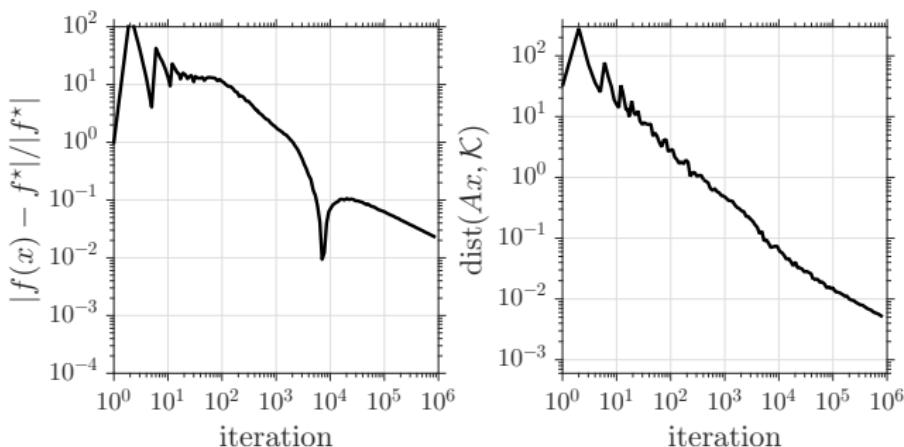
Numerical experiment: Clustering

- Model free k-means clustering SDP:

$$\min \left\{ \text{tr}(cx) : x_1 = 1, x \geq 0, x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\},$$

▷ $c \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$: Euclidean distance matrix ($p = 10^3$)

- Preprocessing & setup & rounding as in (Mixon et. al., 2017)



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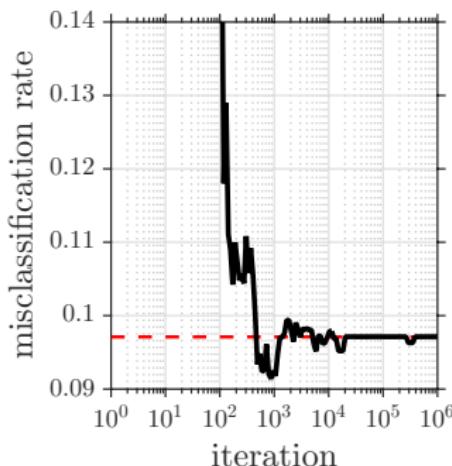
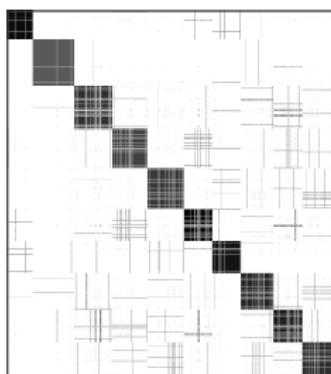
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Extension of HCGM for stochastic SDPs: SHCGM

- Consider the penalized problem

$$\min_x \left\{ \mathbb{E}_\Omega \text{tr}(\Omega x) : Ax = b, x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\} \quad (\text{Stochastic-SDP})$$

▷ Ω denotes stream of data

- Stochastic-HCGM with insights from Mokhtari et al. (2018)
 - Accumulation of gradient estimates: **Biased** but with **decreasing variance**
 - No need to increase mini-batch size

SHCGM: The algorithm

$$\min_x \left\{ \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_\Omega \text{tr}(\Omega x)}_{:= f(x, \Omega)} : Ax = b, x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\} \quad (\text{Stochastic-SDP})$$

SHCGM

For $k = 0$ **to** k_{\max} :

$$\eta_k = \frac{9}{k+8}, \quad \beta_k = \frac{\beta_0}{\sqrt{k+8}} \text{ and } \rho_k = \frac{4}{(k+7)^{2/3}}$$

$$d_k = (1 - \rho_k)d_{k-1} + \rho_k \Omega_k$$

$$v_k = d_k + \frac{1}{\beta_k} A^*(Ax_k - b)$$

$$u_k = \text{MaxEigVec}(v_k)$$

$$\dot{x}_k = \rho u_k u_k^*$$

$$x_{k+1} = (1 - \eta_k)x_k + \eta_k \dot{x}_k$$

End for

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}|f(x_k, \Omega) - f^*| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^{1/3}}\right) \& \mathbb{E}\|Ax - b\| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^{5/12}}\right)$$

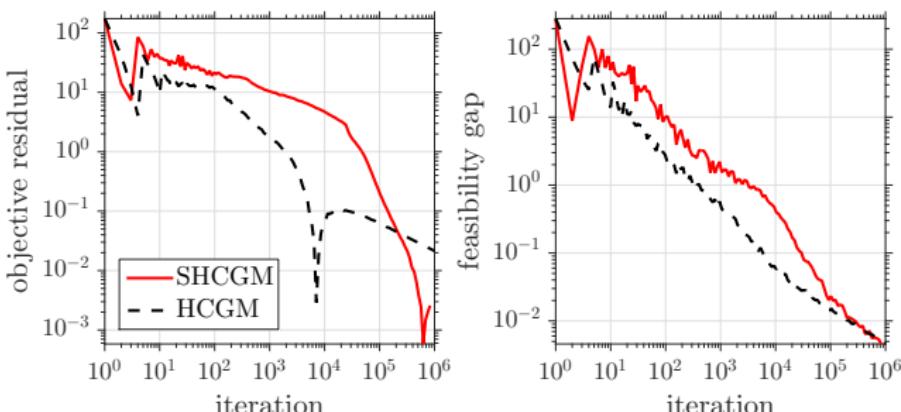
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SHCGM observes 1% of entries of c at each iteration.

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An augmented Lagrangian framework: CGAL

- Consider the augmented Lagrangian

$$\min_x \left\{ \underbrace{\text{tr}(cx) + \frac{1}{2\beta} \|Ax - b\|^2 + y^*(Ax - b)}_{=: f_\beta(x)} : x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\} \quad (\text{SDP-AL})$$
$$= \underbrace{\text{tr}(cx) + \frac{1}{2\beta} \|Ax - b\|^2}_{=: \mathcal{L}_\beta(x, y)}$$

- ▷ penalized objective $f_\beta(x)$
- ▷ augmented Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_\beta(x, y)$
- HCGM:
 - ▷ update $\beta_k = \beta_0 / \sqrt{k}$ at every iteration
- Conditional gradient with augmented Lagrangian (CGAL):
 - ▷ update y_k and $\beta_k = \beta_0 / \sqrt{k}$ at every iteration

CGAL: The algorithm

$$\min_x \left\{ \underbrace{\text{tr}(cx) + \frac{1}{2\beta} \|Ax - b\|^2 + y^*(Ax - b)}_{=: \mathcal{L}_\beta(x, y)} : x \succeq 0, x^* = x, \text{tr}(x) = \rho \right\} \quad (\text{SDP-AL})$$

CGAL [YFC, ICML 2019]

For $k = 0$ **to** k_{\max} :

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$$u_k = \text{MaxEigVec}(\nabla_x \mathcal{L}_{\beta_k})$$

$$\dot{x}_k = \rho u_k u_k^*$$

$$x_{k+1} = (1 - \eta_k)x_k + \eta_k \dot{x}_k$$

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + \sigma_k(Ax_{k+1} - b)$$

End for

Challenge:

Choice of dual step-size σ_k

$$\Rightarrow |f(x^k) - f^\star| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right) \& \|Ax - b\| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right)$$

CGAL: Choice of dual step-size

- Recurrence + smoothed gap reduction lemma [SIOPT 2018]

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\beta_k}(x_{k+1}, \textcolor{red}{y_{k+1}}) - \mathcal{L}^* &\leq (1 - \eta_k) (\mathcal{L}_{\beta_{k-1}}(x_k, y_k) + \mathcal{L}^*) - \frac{\eta_k}{2\beta_k} \|Ax_k - b\|^2 \\ &\quad + \eta_k^2 \frac{\|A\|^2}{2\beta_k} \|\dot{x}_k - x_k\|^2 + \sigma_k \|Ax_{k+1} - b\|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \eta_k) \left(\frac{1}{\beta_k} - \frac{1}{\beta_{k-1}} \right) \|Ax_k - b\|^2.\end{aligned}$$

- Choose σ_k

$$\triangleright \text{negative terms} + \text{positive terms} \quad \sim \quad \eta_k^2 \frac{\|A\|^2}{2\beta_k} \|\dot{x}_k - x_k\|^2$$

CGAL: Approximate eigenvector computations

CGAL [YFC, under review]

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$$\nabla_k = c + \frac{1}{\beta_k} A^*(Ax_k - b) + A^*y_k$$

$$u_k = \text{MaxEigVecApprox}(\nabla_k) \implies u_k^* \nabla_k u_k \leq \lambda_{\min}(\nabla_k) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \|\nabla_k\|$$

$$\dot{x}_k = \rho u_k u_k^*$$

$$x_{k+1} = (1 - \eta_k)x_k + \eta_k \dot{x}_k$$

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + \sigma_k(Ax_{k+1} - b)$$

End for

Lanczos algorithm with random start:

$\mathcal{O}(k^{1/4} \log(kp))$ matrix-vector mult.

$$\Rightarrow |f(x^k) - f^\star| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right) \& \|Ax - b\| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{-2.5} \log \frac{p}{\epsilon}\right)$ matrix-vector mult. + $\mathcal{O}\left((p^2 + d)\epsilon^{-2}\right)$ arithmetic oper.

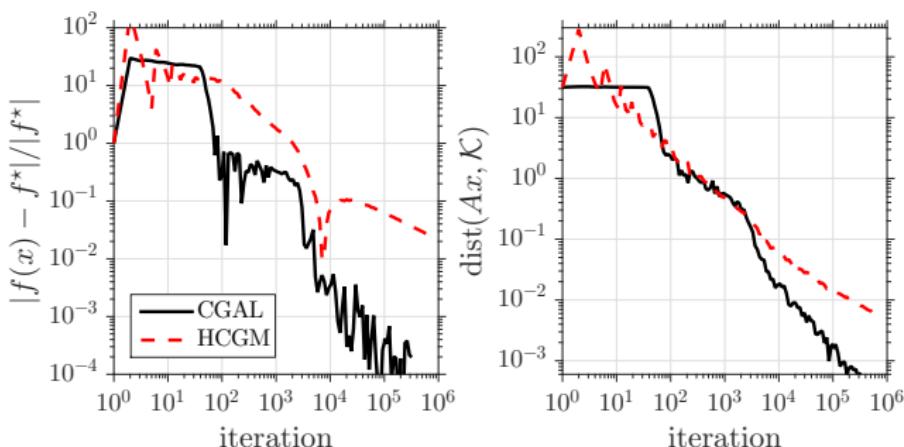
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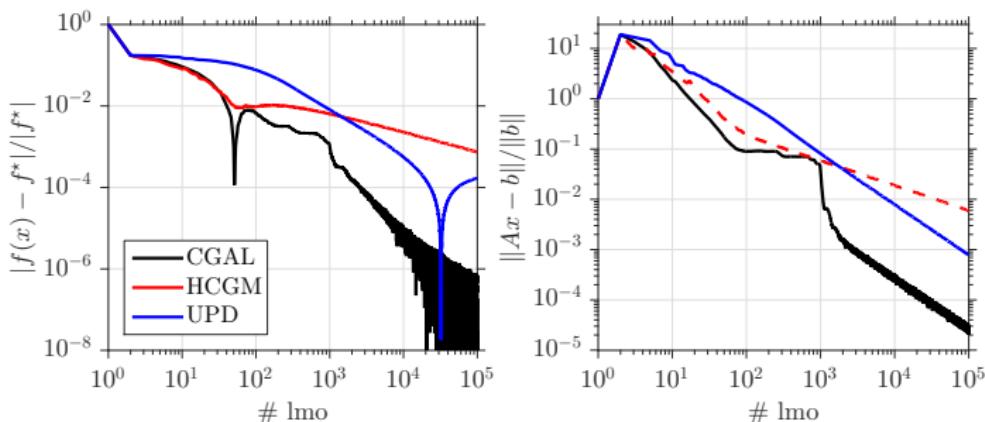


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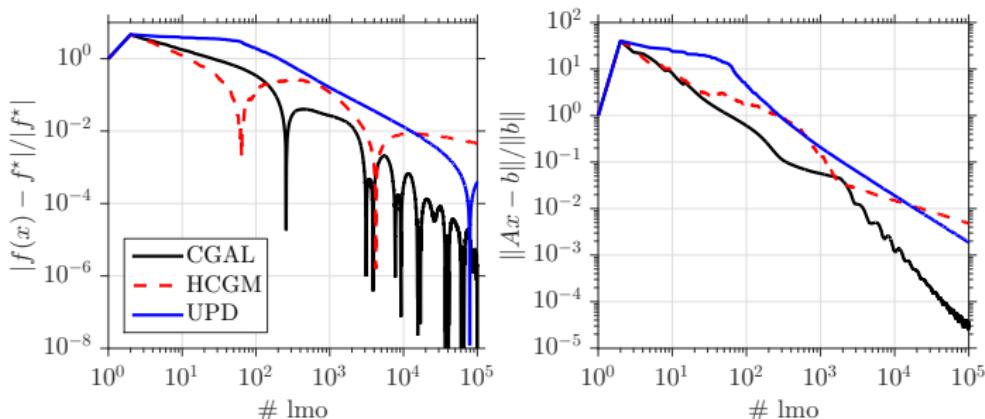
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- UF sparse matrix collection: G40 dataset (2000×2000)

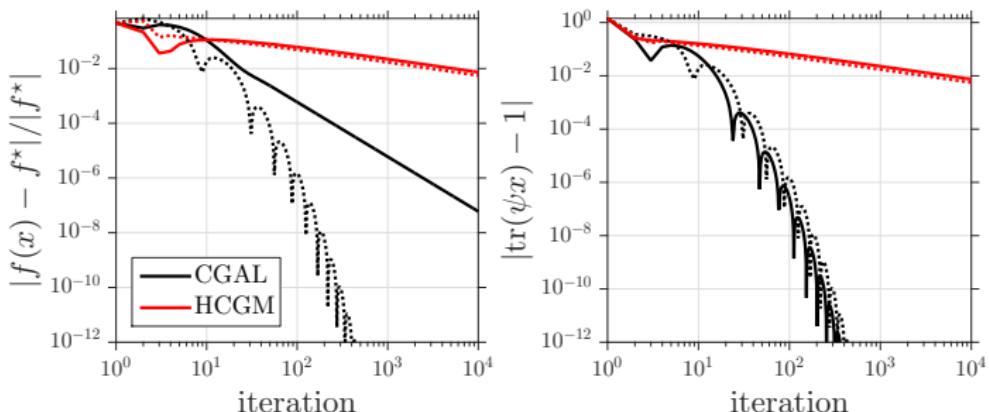


Numerical experiment: Generalized eigenvalue problem

- SDP relaxation:

$$\min \left\{ \text{tr}(\phi x) : \text{tr}(\psi x) = 1, x \geq 0, x \succeq 0, x^* = x \right\},$$

- $\psi \sim \text{Gaussian iid.}$
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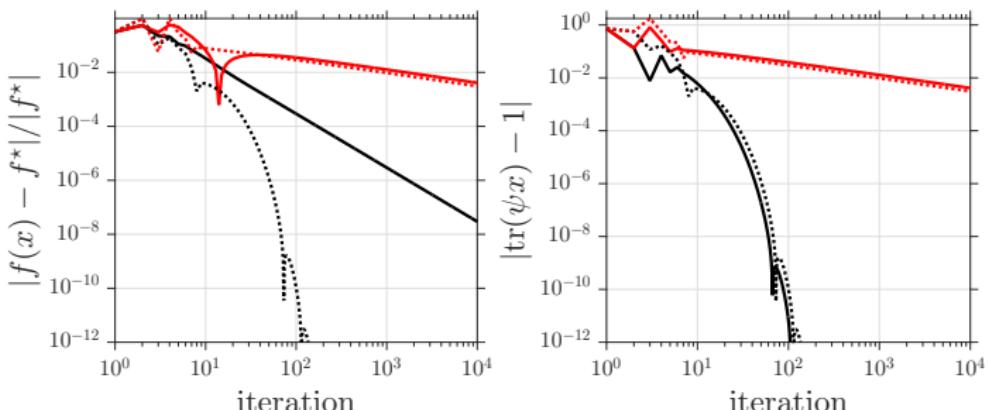


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Other convex methods with streaming rank-1 updates

- [FW-AL] Frank-Wolfe splitting via augmented Lagrangian (Gidet et al. 2018)
 - ✓ $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{k})$ rate in augmented Lagrangian residual
 - ✓ $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}})$ rate in feasibility gap
 - ✗ no guarantees on the objective residual
 - ✗ dual step-size depends on unknown parameters (error bound constant)
- [IAL] An inexact augmented Lagrangian framework (Liu et al. 2018)
 - ✓ a double loop method, where subproblems are solved by CGM
 - ✗ many parameters to tune
 - ✓ converges with $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}})$ rate (outer loop)
 - ✗ multiple iterations of CGM at each iteration (bounded by $\mathcal{O}(k^2)$)

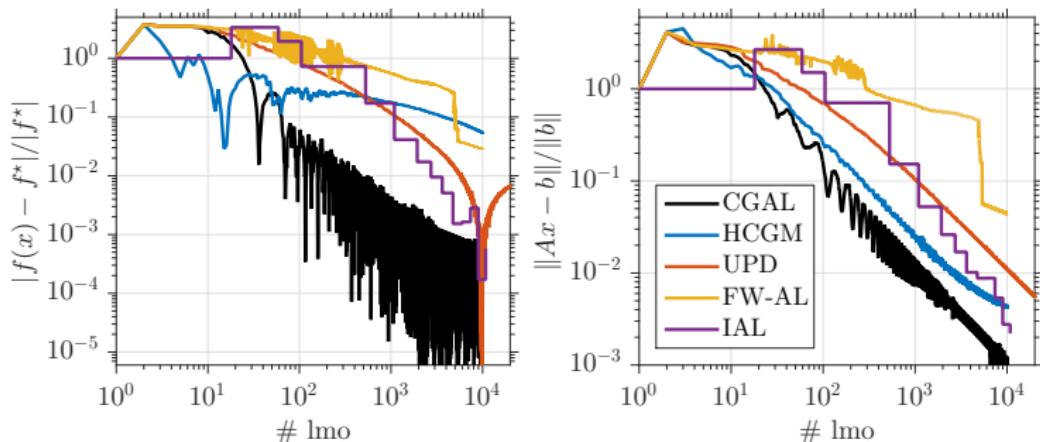
Gidel, G., Pedregosa, F., and Lacoste-Julien, S. Frank-Wolfe splitting via augmented Lagrangian method, AISTATS, 2018.

Liu, Y.-F., Liu, X., and Ma, S. On the non-ergodic convergence rate of an inexact augmented Lagrangian framework for composite convex programming, Math. Oper. Res., 2018.

Numerical experiment: Max-cut

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}} \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} c_{ij}(1 - x_{ij})}_{\text{tr}(cx)} : \underbrace{\text{diag}(x) = 1, x \succeq 0, x^* = x}_{A(x)=b} \right\}$$

- UF sparse matrix collection: GD97_b dataset (47×47)



Summary

- Use randomization as a key tool & Sketch the decision variable
- Benefits from convexity can be preserved
- A bonus extension in the sequel: Handling constraints stochastically

Stochastic gradient for almost sure constraints: SASC

- Consider the following problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \{P(x) := \mathbb{E}f(x, \xi) + h(x)\}$$

$$A(\xi)x = b(\xi) \quad \xi\text{-almost surely}$$

- Penalized problem:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \{P_\beta(x) := \mathbb{E}f(x, \xi) + h(x) + \frac{1}{2\beta} \mathbb{E}\|A(\xi)x - b(\xi)\|^2\}$$

- Idea: Apply SPG updates to penalized problem.
- Challenge: Variance and Lipschitz constant of penalty term are unbounded as $\beta \rightarrow 0$.
- Technique: Homotopy on the penalty parameter.

Olivier Fercoq, Ahmet Alacaoglu, Ion Necoara, and VC, Almost surely constrained convex optimization, ICML 2019.

SASC: The algorithm

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \{P(x) := \mathbb{E}f(x, \xi) + h(x)\}$$

$$A(\xi)x = b(\xi) \quad \xi\text{-almost surely}$$

SASC

For $s = 0$ **to** s_{\max} :

$$m_s = \lfloor m_0 \omega^s \rfloor, \alpha_s = \alpha_0 \omega^{-s/2} \text{ and } \beta_s = 4\alpha_s \sup_{\xi} \|A(\xi)\|^2$$

For $k = 0$ **to** $m_s - 1$:

Draw ξ .

$$D(x_k^s, \xi) = \nabla f(x, \xi) + \frac{1}{\beta_s} A(\xi)^{\top} (A(\xi)x_k^s - b(\xi)).$$

$$x_{k+1}^s = \text{prox}_{\alpha_s h}(x_k^s - \alpha_s D(x_k^s, \xi))$$

End for

$$x_0^{s+1} = x_{m_s}^s.$$

$$\bar{x}^s = \frac{1}{m_s} \sum_{k=1}^{m_s} x_k^s.$$

$$M_s = \sum_{i=0}^s m_i.$$

End for

$$\text{General convex} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}|P(\bar{x}^s) - P^*| = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{M_s}}\right) \& \mathbb{E}\|A(\xi)\bar{x}^s - b(\xi)\| = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{M_s}}\right)$$

$$\text{Restricted strongly convex} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}|P(\bar{x}^s) - P^*| = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{M_s}\right) \& \mathbb{E}\|A(\xi)\bar{x}^s - b(\xi)\| = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{1}{M_s}\right)$$

Numerical experiment: Basis pursuit

- Streaming basis pursuit with potentially multiple solutions:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ \|x\|_1 : a_\xi^\top x = b_\xi, a.s. \right\},$$

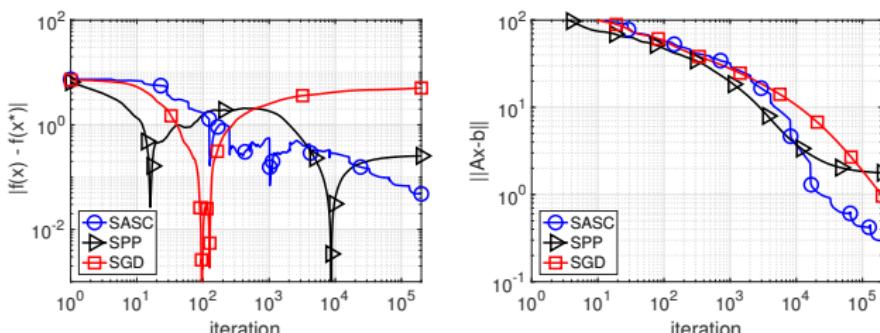
- Synthetic data generation

$\Sigma_{i,j} = \rho^{|i-j|}$, where $\rho = 0.9$.

$a_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$, a_i then centered and normalized.

$b_i = a_i^\top x^*$, where $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^{100}$ is sparse.

Because of centering, multiple solutions exist to the infinite system $a_\xi^\top x = b_\xi$, a.s.



- SGD does not converge to the sparse solution.