

- Last time:
- Extreme pt., SSC, concave opt.
- Properties of local minima
- Reweighting based methods (RM)

- Today:
- Majorization-minimization (continued)
- Reweighting based algo for sparse recovery.

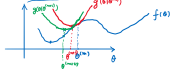
Recall:
 $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^m g(x_i)$ s.t. $Ax = y$
1. $g(x) = g(x) + g(x)$
2. $g(x)$ monotone ↑ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^1$
3. $g(x)$ strictly concave for $x \in \mathbb{R}^1$

Very data:
 $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^m g(x_i) + \lambda \|Ax - y\|_1$
or $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^m g(x_i)$ s.t. $\|Ax - y\|_1 \leq \epsilon$

Majorization-minimization:
Let $f(x)$ be the fn. to be minimized.
Let $g(x) = f(x) + \lambda \|x\|_1$
Let $\tilde{g}(x) = f(x) + \lambda \|x\|_1$
Let $\tilde{g}(x) \geq f(x) + \lambda \|x\|_1$ and $\tilde{g}(x) = f(x) + \lambda \|x\|_1$ at x^* .
Clearly choose such a $\tilde{g}(x)$.

Step:
Init: $\theta^{(0)}$ is something convenient
Iterate: $\theta^{(k+1)} = \arg \min g(\theta | \theta^{(k)})$

Determine $g(\theta | \theta^{(k)})$
With convergence:
Works: $\tilde{g}(\theta^{(k+1)}) \leq g(\theta^{(k+1)} | \theta^{(k)}) \leq g(\theta^{(k)} | \theta^{(k)}) = f(\theta^{(k)})$



An important property of differentiable concave fn.:
(Useful in selecting $g(\theta | \theta^{(k)})$)
Let $f \in C^1$. Then f is concave over a convex set Ω
iff $f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)(y-x) + \lambda \|y-x\|_1$
Proof: f concave $\Rightarrow f(x) + \nabla f(x)(y-x) \geq f(y)$
 $f(x) + \nabla f(x)(y-x) \leq f(y) + \lambda \|y-x\|_1$
Letting $\lambda \rightarrow 0$
 $\nabla f(x)(y-x) \leq f(y) - f(x)$. [only if]

Now, assume:
 $f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)(y-x)$
for $x, y \in \Omega$, $\lambda \in [0, \infty]$
Then $x = \alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2 \in \Omega$
Set $y = x_1$, $z = y = x_2$ alternatively to get
 $f(x) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)(x_1-x)$
 $f(x) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)(x_2-x)$
 $\alpha f(x_1) + (1-\alpha)f(x_2) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2 - x)$
 $\alpha f(x_1) + (1-\alpha)f(x_2) \geq f(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2)$
 $\Rightarrow f$ is concave. \square

Iteratively reweighted least squares (IRLS)

$$g(x) = \|x\|_1^p, \quad 0 < p < 2$$

$$= (x^2)^{p/2}$$

$$h(\tilde{y}) = \tilde{y}^{2p/2}, \quad \tilde{y} \geq 0$$

$$g(x) = h(x^2)$$

Check: $h(\tilde{y})$ strictly concave for $0 < p < 2$.

$$\Rightarrow h'(\tilde{y}) < h'(\tilde{y}_1) + h'(\tilde{y}_2)(\tilde{y} - \tilde{y}_1)$$

$$= h'(\tilde{y}_1) + \frac{1}{2} h''(\tilde{y}_1)(\tilde{y} - \tilde{y}_1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} h''(\tilde{y}_1) \tilde{y} + h'(\tilde{y}_1) - \frac{1}{2} h''(\tilde{y}_1) \tilde{y}_1$$

MF imp. for opt.

Hence,
 $\|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n h(x_i^2)$
 $\leq \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{2} h''(x_i^2) x_i^2 + h'(x_i^2) x_i^2 \right]$
+ const. terms \perp of x

Let $\tilde{x} = \frac{\lambda}{2}$
 $= \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \lambda' \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}_i^2 x_i^2$
where $\tilde{w}_i^2 \triangleq \text{diag} \left(\frac{1}{2} h''(x_i^2) \right) : n \times n$

Let $\tilde{w}_i^2 x = z$ or $x = \tilde{w}_i^{-2} z$
 $\|A \tilde{w}_i^{-2} z - y\|_2^2 + \lambda' \|z\|_2^2$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T (A \tilde{w}_i^{-2} z - y) + \lambda' z = 0$
 $(\tilde{w}_i^4 A^T A \tilde{w}_i^{-2} + \lambda' I_n) z = \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T y$
 $\Rightarrow z = \tilde{w}_i^{-2} e = \tilde{w}_i^{-2} (\tilde{w}_i^4 A^T A \tilde{w}_i^{-2} + \lambda' I_n)^{-1} \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T y$
MMI matrix

Matrix inversion lemma:
 $(A + UC)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1} U (C^{-1} + U^T A^{-1} U)^{-1} U^T A^{-1}$
 $(\tilde{w}_i^4 A^T A \tilde{w}_i^{-2} + \lambda' I_n)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda'} I_n - \frac{1}{\lambda'} (\tilde{w}_i^4 A^T (I_n - \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T A \tilde{w}_i^{-2}) \frac{1}{\lambda'} I_n)^{-1} \frac{1}{\lambda'} \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T$

$$z = \tilde{w}_i^{-2} \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T y - \frac{\tilde{w}_i^4 A^T (\tilde{w}_i^4 A^T A \tilde{w}_i^{-2}) \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T y}{\lambda' I_n - \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T (I_n - \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T A \tilde{w}_i^{-2}) \frac{1}{\lambda'} I_n}$$

$$= \frac{\tilde{w}_i^4 A^T (I_n - \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T A \tilde{w}_i^{-2}) \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T y}{\lambda' I_n - \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T (I_n - \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T A \tilde{w}_i^{-2}) \frac{1}{\lambda'} I_n}$$

$$= \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T (\lambda' I_n + A \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T)^{-1} y$$

$x^{(k+1)} = \tilde{w}_i^{-2} A^T (A \tilde{w}_i^4 A^T + \lambda' I_n)^{-1} y$ $\leftarrow \textcircled{1}$
 $\tilde{w}_i^2 = \text{diag} \left(\frac{1}{2} h''(x_i^2) \right)$ $\leftarrow \textcircled{2}$

FOCUS algorithm (Focal Undetermined System Solver)

Another option for the regularizer C (Chandrasekhar):

$$g(x) = (x^2 + \beta)^{p/2}, \quad 0 < p < 2, \beta > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$h(\tilde{y}) = (\tilde{y} + \beta)^{p/2}, \quad \tilde{y} \geq 0$$

$$h'(\tilde{y}) = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{y} + \beta)^{p/2 - 1}$$

$$h''(\tilde{y}) = \frac{1}{4} (\tilde{y} + \beta)^{p/2 - 2} < 0 : \text{concave.}$$

As before,
 $h(\tilde{y}) \leq h'(\tilde{y}_1) (\tilde{y} - \tilde{y}_1) + h(\tilde{y}_1)$
Thus, at the $(k+1)$ th update:
 $\min_x \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{4} (\tilde{w}_i^2 x_i^2 + \beta)^{p/2 - 1} x_i^2 \right]$
 $= \min_x \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}_i^2 x_i^2$
 $\tilde{w}_i^2 \triangleq \text{diag} \left(\left(\frac{1}{4} (\tilde{w}_i^2 x_i^2 + \beta)^{p/2 - 1} \right) \right)$
... here.

Same approach as before.

Revised f_1 :

Bound $g(x), x \geq 0$ as a fn. of x , not x^2 .

Let $g(x) \leq f_1(x), x \geq 0$

Then $x \in \mathbb{R}$ covered by $f(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then $g(x) = g(x) \leq f(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Constrains on $x \geq 0$

Concave: $g(x) \leq g(x_0) + g'(x_0)(x-x_0)$

E.g. $g(x) = |x|^p, 0 < p < 1$

$g'(x) = p|x|^{p-1}$

For $x \geq 0, g(x) \leq p|x_0|^{p-1}(x-x_0) + g(x_0)$

$\Rightarrow f_1(x) = p|x_0|^{p-1}(x-x_0) + g(x_0)$

$f(x) = f_1(x) = p|x_0|^{p-1}(x-x_0) + g(x_0)$

Hence, $g(x) \leq p|x_0|^{p-1}|x| - p|x_0|^p + g(x_0)$

At $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$ update $\frac{\|x_k\|}{\|x_{k+1}\|} \rightarrow \frac{\|x_k\|}{\|x_{k+1}\|} \rightarrow \frac{\|x_k\|}{\|x_{k+1}\|} \rightarrow \frac{\|x_k\|}{\|x_{k+1}\|}$

$\min_x \|Ax - y\|_2 + \lambda \|w_k^T x\|_1$

where $w_k^T \triangleq \text{diag}((1/\lambda_k)^{p-1})$.

Similarly, if $g(x) = (|x| + \beta)^p, p > 0, 0 < p < 1$

$g'(x) = p(|x + \beta|)^{p-1}$

$\min_x \|Ax - y\|_2 + \lambda \|w_k^T x\|_1$

with $w_k^T \triangleq \text{diag}((1/\lambda_k + \beta)^{p-1})$.

Can use the "weighted ℓ_1 min" approach we discussed previously to efficiently solve $\textcircled{2}$.