

E9 211: Adaptive Signal Processing

Stochastic Gradient Descent



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Least mean squares algorithm

- ▶ Consider the problem of finding the optimal beamformer for linear least mean square estimation.
- ▶ We have seen that the optimal beamformer can be obtained using steepest gradient descent (SGD) iterations of the form

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu[\mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{r}_{xs}],$$

where the step size μ is appropriately selected to ensure convergence.

- ▶ However, true value of \mathbf{R}_x and \mathbf{r}_{xy} are not available in practice and needs to be estimated from available data.

Least mean squares algorithm

- ▶ The vector valued observations corresponding to different time instants are given by

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{a}s_k + \mathbf{n}_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where $\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{C}^M$, $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{C}^M$, $\mathbf{n}_k \in \mathbb{C}^M$, and $s_k \in \mathbb{C}$.

- ▶ In practice, we compute estimates of \mathbf{R}_x and \mathbf{r}_{xs} as

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H, \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{xs} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{x}_k s_k^*.$$

- ▶ In the SGD update equation, we replace true gradient (computed using \mathbf{R}_x and \mathbf{r}_{xs}) with a *noisy* version (computed using $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x$ and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{xs}$) to get

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu[\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{xs}],$$

- ▶ This is known as the stochastic gradient descent algorithm.

Least mean squares algorithm

- ▶ Consider a special case of the stochastic gradient descent algorithm with $N = 1$.
- ▶ We replace \mathbf{R}_x and \mathbf{r}_{xs} using the instantaneous estimates

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x = \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H, \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{xs} = \mathbf{x}_k s_k^*.$$

- ▶ The gradient at the k^{th} iteration is approximated as

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{w}^{(k)}) = \mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{r}_{xs} \approx \nabla \hat{J}(\mathbf{w}^{(k)}) = \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}_k s_k^*.$$

- ▶ This leads to the so-called least mean squares (LMS) algorithm. [Widrow, 1975]¹

¹B. Widrow, J. McCool and M. Ball, "The complex LMS algorithm," in Proceedings of the IEEE, vol. 63, no. 4, pp. 719-720, April 1975, doi: 10.1109/PROC.1975.9807.

Least mean squares algorithm

- ▶ The LMS update equations are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} &= \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu \mathbf{x}_k e_k^* \\ e_k^* &= \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - s_k^*.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Time index and iteration index are same for the LMS algorithm.
- ▶ The update directions are subject to random fluctuations (or gradient noise). The LMS will never converge exactly, i.e., LMS will respond to a new sample.

Computational complexity

- ▶ Each complex addition ($C+$) involves 2 real additions ($R+$).

$$(a + jb) + (c + jd) = (a + c) + j(c + d)$$

- ▶ Each complex multiplication ($C\times$) involves 4 real multiplications ($R\times$) and 2 real additions ($R+$).

$$(a + jb) \times (c + jd) = ((a \times c) - (b \times d)) + j((a \times d) + (b \times c))$$

Computational complexity

- ▶ Each iteration of the LMS algorithm involves 5 steps.
- ▶ Step - 1 [$\mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)}$]
 - ▶ Inner product between two M dimensional complex vectors.
 - ▶ Involves M $C\times$ and $(M - 1)$ $C+$.
 - ▶ Which involves $4M$ $R\times$ and $2M + 2(M - 1) = (4M - 2)$ $R+$.
- ▶ Step - 2 [$e_k^* = \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - s_k^*$]
 - ▶ Complex addition.
 - ▶ Involves 2 $R+$.

Computational complexity

- ▶ Step - 3 [μe_k^*]
 - ▶ Multiplication of a real number with a complex number.
 - ▶ Involves $2 R \times$
- ▶ Step - 4 [$\mathbf{x}_k \mu e_k^*$]
 - ▶ Multiplication of a complex scalar with a M dimensional complex vector.
 - ▶ Involves $M C \times \implies 4M R \times$ and $2M R +$.
- ▶ Step - 5 [$\mathbf{w}_k - \mathbf{x}_k \mu e_k^*$]
 - ▶ Addition of two M dimensional complex vectors.
 - ▶ Involves $M C + \implies 2M R +$.

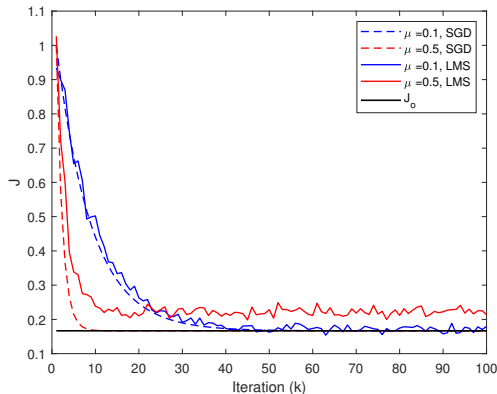
Computational complexity

Operation	Real multiplications	Real additions
$\mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)}$	4M	4M-2
$e_k^* = \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - s_k^*$	-	2
μe_k^*	2	-
$\mathbf{x}_k \mu e_k^*$	4M	2M
$\mathbf{w}_k - \mathbf{x}_k \mu e_k^*$	-	2M
Total	$8M + 2$	8M

- ▶ One iteration of LMS involves $(8M + 2)$ real multiplications and $8M$ real additions.
- ▶ Similarly, it can be seen that for real data (i.e., $\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{n}_k \in \mathbb{R}^M$ and $s_k \in \mathbb{R}$), each update of LMS involves $2M$ real additions and $(2M+1)$ real multiplications.
- ▶ Complexity of LMS is linear in M .

Convergence

- ▶ Step size μ needs to be selected to ensure convergence (we will soon derive the conditions).



- ▶ Solid lines correspond to LMS and dashed line corresponds to SGD.
- ▶ SGD converge monotonically. LMS fluctuates.

- ▶ Let us define the weight error vector $\mathbf{c}^{(k)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{w}_0$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} &= \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu(\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}_k - \mathbf{x}_k s_k^*) \\ \mathbf{w}_0 &= \mathbf{w}_0 - \mu(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H] \mathbf{w}_0 - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k s_k^*]) \\ \hline \mathbf{c}^{(k+1)} &= \mathbf{c}^{(k)} - \mu[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}_k - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H] \mathbf{w}_0 - (\mathbf{x}_k s_k^* - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k s_k^*])]\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Since the LMS update equation is stochastic in nature, we describe the convergence of the LMS algorithm in the mean.
- ▶ To do that, we will consider the mean of the weight error vector ($\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k)}]$) for analysing the convergence.

- ▶ Let us assume that \mathbf{x}_k is independent of $\mathbf{w}^{(k)}$. Then we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H] \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}^{(k)}]$$

- ▶ Mean of the error vector can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k+1)}] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k)} - \mu[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}_k - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H] \mathbf{w}_0 - (\mathbf{x}_k s_k^* - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k s_k^*])]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k)}] - \mu[\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H] (\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}^{(k)}] - \mathbf{w}_0)] - (\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k s_k^*] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k s_k^*]]) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k)}] - \mu \mathbf{R}_x \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k)}] - 0 \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mu \mathbf{R}_x) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k)}] \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mu \mathbf{R}_x)^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(0)}]\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ This expression is similar to the one we obtained for SGD.

- ▶ Using the same derivation that we have performed for the stability analysis of SGD, we can conclude that the LMS algorithm will converge in mean if $|1 - \mu\lambda_i| < 1$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$, where λ_i denotes the eigen values of \mathbf{R}_x .
- ▶ Hence the LMS algorithm will converge in mean if

$$0 < \mu < \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}}$$

where λ_{\max} is the largest eigen value of \mathbf{R}_x .

Stability

- ▶ Due to the stochastic nature of the update equation, the LMS algorithm suffers from an excess error. Cost function at the k^{th} iteration is given by

$$J(\mathbf{c}^{(k)}) = J_0 + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{c}^{(k)})^H \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{c}^{(k)}]}_{\text{Excess Error, } J_{ex}(k)}$$

- ▶ Excess error at the k^{th} iteration, $J_{ex}(k)$ can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} J_{ex}(k) &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{c}^{(k)})^H \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{c}^{(k)}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}((\mathbf{c}^{(k)})^H \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{c}^{(k)})] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{c}^{(k)} (\mathbf{c}^{(k)})^H)] \\ &= \text{Tr}(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H] \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k)} (\mathbf{c}^{(k)})^H]) \\ &= \text{Tr}(\mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{R}_e) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Excess error is the trace of the product of data covariance matrix \mathbf{R}_x , and the weight error covariance matrix $\mathbf{R}_e = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c}^{(k)} (\mathbf{c}^{(k)})^H]$.

Stability

- ▶ Under certain conditions, approximate expression for the asymptotic excess error, $J_{ex}(\infty)$ can be computed.
- ▶ It can be shown that [Haykin, 2002]²

$$J_{ex}(\infty) = J_0 \left(\frac{\gamma}{1 - \gamma} \right)$$

if $\gamma < 1$ where

$$\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{\mu \lambda_i}{2 - \mu \lambda_i}$$

- ▶ If $\mu \lambda_i \ll 1$ and $\gamma \ll 1$,

$$J_{ex}(\infty) \approx \gamma J_0 \approx J_0 \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i=1}^M \lambda_i = J_0 \frac{\mu}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{R}_x)$$

- ▶ The ratio of $J_{ex}(\infty)$ to J_0 is defined as the misadjustment, \mathcal{M} , which indicates the asymptotic convergence of the LMS algorithm.

²Adaptive Filter Theory, Simon Haykin, fourth edition, Pearson India, 2002.

- ▶ We note that

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{R}_x) = \text{Tr}(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H]) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H)] = \mathbb{E}[\text{Tr}(\mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{x}_k)] = \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2].$$

- ▶ Then the total cost at $k = \infty$ can be written as

$$J(\infty) = J_0 + J_{ext}(\infty) = J_0(1 + \mathcal{M}) \approx J_0(1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2]),$$

where $\mathcal{M} = J_0/J_{ext}(\infty)$ is the misadjustment.

- ▶ The step size is assumed to satisfy

$$0 < \mu < \frac{2}{\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2]}$$

Normalized LMS

- ▶ Update direction in the LMS algorithm is a scaled version of the regressor \mathbf{x}_k . Thus the change from $\mathbf{w}^{(k)}$ to $\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)}$ is sensitive to the changes in signal scale.
- ▶ To avoid this issue, a normalized version of the LMS algorithm is considered where the update equation is given by

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \mathbf{x}_k e_k^*$$

- ▶ To avoid the scale dependency, NLMS use a varying step size $(\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2})$ at each iteration.

Normalized LMS

- ▶ Consider a scenario where we select varying step size in each iteration.
- ▶ For the k^{th} iteration, we choose the step size μ_k so that the quadratic cost function is minimized.
- ▶ We have

$$J(\mathbf{w}^{(k)}) = (\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu_k \nabla J_k)^H \mathbf{R}_x (\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu_k \nabla J_k) - (\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu_k \nabla J_k)^H \mathbf{r}_{xs} - \mathbf{r}_{xs}^H (\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu_k \nabla J_k) + 1$$

where $\nabla J_k = \mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{r}_{xs}$.

Normalized LMS

- ▶ We choose μ_k so that $J(\mathbf{w}^{(k)})$ is minimized. In other words, we select μ_k so that

$$\left. \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{w}^{(k)})}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\mu=\mu_k} = 0$$

- ▶ We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{w}^{(k)})}{\partial \mu} &= -(\nabla J_k)^H \mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu_k \nabla J_k) - (\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu_k \nabla J_k)^H \mathbf{R}_x \nabla J_k \\ &\quad + (\nabla J_k)^H \mathbf{r}_{xs} + \mathbf{r}_{xs}^H \nabla J_k \\ &= 2\mu_k (\nabla J_k)^H \mathbf{R}_x \nabla J_k - 2(\nabla J_k)^H \nabla J_k \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Thus

$$\mu_k = \frac{(\nabla J_k)^H \nabla J_k}{(\nabla J_k)^H \mathbf{R}_x \nabla J_k}$$

Normalized LMS

- ▶ For the LMS algorithm, we now replace \mathbf{R}_x , \mathbf{r}_{xs} and ∇J_k with corresponding instantaneous approximations. We write $\mathbf{R}_x \approx \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H$ and $\mathbf{r}_{xs} \approx \mathbf{x}_k s_k^*$ to obtain

$$\nabla J_k = \mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{r}_{xs} \approx \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}_k s_k^* = \mathbf{x}_k e_k^*$$

- ▶ The optimal step size μ_k can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_k &= \frac{(\nabla J_k)^H \nabla J_k}{(\nabla J_k)^H \mathbf{R}_x \nabla J_k} \\ &\approx \frac{(\mathbf{x}_k e_k^*)^H (\mathbf{x}_k e_k^*)}{(\mathbf{x}_k e_k^*)^H \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H (\mathbf{x}_k e_k^*)} \\ &= \frac{|e_k|^2 \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{x}_k}{|e_k|^2 |\mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{x}_k|^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \end{aligned}$$

Normalized LMS

- ▶ Hence, we can write the update equations for the modified LMS algorithm with varying step size as

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \mathbf{x}_k e_k^*,$$

where $\tilde{\mu}$ is some real constant. This is the NLMS algorithm.

- ▶ If we choose $0 < \tilde{\mu} < 2$, then it can be shown that $J_{ex}(\infty)$ is bounded with total cost at $k = \infty$ given by

$$J(\infty) = J_0 + J_{ex}(\infty) \approx J_0 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mu}\right)$$

- ▶ In practice, a small positive number ϵ is added to the denominator of step size in the NLMS algorithm to avoid divide by zero errors, resulting in the update equation

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\epsilon + \|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \mathbf{x}_k e_k^*.$$

Normalized LMS

- ▶ Let us recall the update equation of Newton's method, which is given by

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu(\epsilon\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{R}_x)^{-1}(\mathbf{R}_x\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{r}_{xs}),$$

where ϵ is a small positive number.

- ▶ We can arrive at the update equations of NLMS by replacing \mathbf{R}_x and \mathbf{r}_{xs} with corresponding instantaneous estimates.
- ▶ Replacing \mathbf{R}_x and \mathbf{r}_{xs} with $\mathbf{x}_k\mathbf{x}_k^H$ and $\mathbf{x}_k s_k^*$ respectively, yields

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu(\epsilon\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{x}_k\mathbf{x}_k^H)^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_k\mathbf{x}_k^H\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}_k s_k^*)$$

- ▶ Using matrix inversion lemma, we have

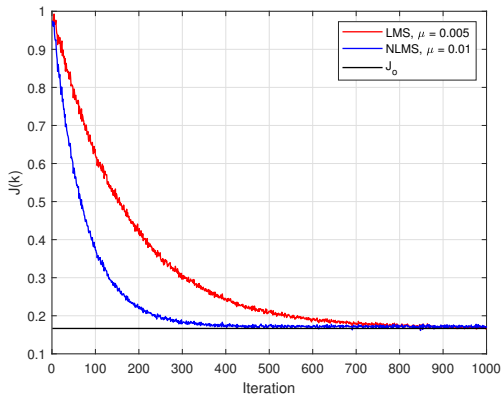
$$(\epsilon \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H)^{-1} = \epsilon^{-1} - \frac{\epsilon^{-2}}{1 + \epsilon^{-1} \|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H$$

- ▶ Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} &= \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu \left(\epsilon^{-1} - \frac{\epsilon^{-2}}{1 + \epsilon^{-1} \|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \right) (\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}_k s_k^*) \\ &= \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu \left(\epsilon^{-1} - \frac{\epsilon^{-2}}{1 + \epsilon^{-1} \|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \right) \mathbf{x}_k e_k^* \\ &= \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mu \left(\epsilon^{-1} \mathbf{x}_k - \frac{\epsilon^{-2}}{1 + \epsilon^{-1} \|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \mathbf{x}_k \|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2 \right) e_k^* \\ &= \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \frac{\mu}{\epsilon + \|\mathbf{x}_k\|^2} \mathbf{x}_k e_k^* \end{aligned}$$

Normalized LMS

- ▶ Just like we have derived LMS from SGD, we have now derived NLMS from Newton's method. Recall that the convergence of Newton's method is superior to that of SGD.



- ▶ It turns out that the NLMS converges faster in comparison to the LMS for comparable values of excess errors.

Kaczmarz method

- ▶ Kaczmarz method is an algorithm to iteratively solve a system of linear equations $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$.
- ▶ Starting from an initial guess \mathbf{x}_0 , Kaczmarz method refines this estimate by considering each row of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$, one after other.
- ▶ In the i^{th} step, given the estimate \mathbf{x}_{i-1} and the equation $\mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{x} = y_i$, Kaczmarz method obtains \mathbf{x}_i by solving the following optimization problem

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{i-1}\|^2 \quad \text{subject to } \mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{x}_i = y_i$$

where \mathbf{a}_i^H denotes the i^{th} row of \mathbf{A} .

Kaczmarz method

- ▶ Geometrically, in the i^{th} iteration, the Kaczmarz method computes the point in the hyperplane $\mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{x} = y_i$ which is nearest to \mathbf{x}_{i-1} in the sense of Euclidean distance, i.e., \mathbf{x}_i is the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{x}_{i-1} onto the hyperplane $\mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{x} = y_i$.
- ▶ Update equations of the Kaczmarz method is given by

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_{i-1} + \frac{y_i - \mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{x}_{i-1}}{\|\mathbf{a}_i\|^2} \mathbf{a}_i$$

- ▶ This is exactly similar to the update equations of NLMS method with $\mu = 1$ and $\epsilon = 0$.
- ▶ Even though NLMS and Kaczmarz method were developed using different approaches, both methods solve the same optimization problem.