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II 单块线性约束凸优化问题的 PPA 算法 和均困的增广拉格朗日乘子法



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1 Preliminaliers

定理 1 Let $\mathcal{X} \subset \Re^n$ be a closed convex set, $\theta(x)$ and f(x) be convex functions and f(x) is differentiable. Assume that the solution set of the minimization problem min{ $\theta(x) + f(x) | x \in \mathcal{X}$ } is nonempty. Then,

$$x^* \in \arg\min\{\theta(x) + f(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$
(1.1a)

if and only if

$$x^* \in \mathcal{X}, \ \theta(x) - \theta(x^*) + (x - x^*)^T \nabla f(x^*) \ge 0, \ \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$
 (1.1b)

引理 1 Let the vectors $a, b \in \Re^n$, $H \in \Re^{n \times n}$ be a positive definite matrix. If $b^T H(a-b) \ge 0$, then we have

$$\|b\|_{H}^{2} \leq \|a\|_{H}^{2} - \|a - b\|_{H}^{2}.$$
(1.2)

The assertion follows from $||a||_{H}^{2} = ||b + (a - b)||_{H}^{2} \ge ||b||_{H}^{2} + ||a - b||_{H}^{2}$.

$||x|| = (x^T x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. *H* is positive definite, $||x||_H = (x^T H x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

The optimal condition of the linearly constrained convex optimization

$$\min\{\theta(x)|Ax = b, x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

is characterized as a special mixed monotone variational inequality:

$$w^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega.$$
 (1.3)
PPA with Relaxation for VI (1.3) For given v^k and $H \succ 0$, find w^{k+1} ,

$$w^{k+1} \in \Omega, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^{k+1}) + (w - w^{k+1})^T F(w^{k+1})$$

$$\geq (v - v^{k+1})^T H(v^k - v^{k+1}), \quad \forall w \in \Omega.$$
(1.4)

Relaxation: (v = w or v is a sub-vector of w)

$$v^{k+1} := v^k - \alpha(v^k - v^{k+1}), \quad \alpha \in (0, 2).$$
(1.5)

2 从原始-对偶混合梯度法到按需定制的邻近点算法

We consider the $\min - \max$ problem (*e. g.* 图像处理中的 ROF Model [3, 16])

$$\min_{x} \max_{y} \{ \Phi(x, y) = \theta_1(x) - y^T A x - \theta_2(y) \, | \, x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y} \}.$$
(2.1)

Let (x^*, y^*) be the solution of (2.1), then we have

$$x^* \in \mathcal{X}, \quad \Phi(x, y^*) - \Phi(x^*, y^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X},$$
 (2.2a)

$$y^* \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \Phi(x^*, y^*) - \Phi(x^*, y) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$
 (2.2b)

Using the notation of $\Phi(x,y)$, it can be written as

$$\begin{cases} x^* \in \mathcal{X}, \quad \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^*) + (x - x^*)^T (-A^T y^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \\ y^* \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^*) + (y - y^*)^T (Ax^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}. \end{cases}$$

Furthermore, it can be written as a variational inequality in the compact form:

$$u^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(u) - \theta(u^*) + (u - u^*)^T F(u^*) \ge 0, \ \forall \, u \in \Omega,$$
 (2.3)

where

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \theta(u) = \theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y), \quad F(u) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T y \\ Ax \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Omega = \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}.$$

Since
$$F(u) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T y \\ Ax \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
, we have $(u-v)^T (F(u) - F(v)) \equiv 0.$

For the convex optimization problem $\min\{\theta(x) \mid Ax = b, x \in \mathcal{X}\},\$ whose Lagrangian function is $L(x, y) = \theta(x) - y^T(Ax - b)$, we can rewrite it as

$$L(x,y) = \theta(x) - y^T A x - (-b^T y),$$

which defined on $\mathcal{X} imes \Re^m$.

Find the saddle point of the Lagrangian function is a special $\min - \max$ problem (2.1) whose $\theta_1(x) = \theta(x), \quad \theta_2(y) = -b^T y$ and $\mathcal{Y} = \Re^m$.

2.1 求解鞍点问题的 原始-对偶混合梯度法 PDHG [18]

For given (x^k, y^k) , PDHG [18] produces a pair of (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) . First,

$$x^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}\{\Phi(x, y^k) + \frac{r}{2} \|x - x^k\|^2 \,|\, x \in \mathcal{X}\},$$
(2.4a)

and then we obtain y^{k+1} via

$$y^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmax} \{ \Phi(x^{k+1}, y) - \frac{s}{2} \|y - y^k\|^2 \,|\, y \in \mathcal{Y} \}.$$
 (2.4b)

Ignoring the constant term in the objective function, the subproblems (2.4) are reduced to

$$\int x^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}\{\theta_1(x) - x^T A^T y^k + \frac{r}{2} \|x - x^k\|^2 \,|\, x \in \mathcal{X}\},$$
 (2.5a)

$$y^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}\{\theta_2(y) + y^T A x^{k+1} + \frac{s}{2} \|y - y^k\|^2 \,|\, y \in \mathcal{Y}\}.$$
 (2.5b)

According to Lemma 1, the optimality condition of (2.5a) is $x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}$ and

$$\theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \{ -A^T y^k + r(x^{k+1} - x^k) \} \ge 0, \ \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$
 (2.6)

这里有人会说,如果 (2.5a) 中的 $\theta_1(x)$ 是可微函数,我们能得到 (2.6) 吗?能!

When $\theta_1(x)$ is differentiable, the optimal condition of (2.5a) is: $x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}$ and

$$(x - x^{k+1})^T \left\{ \nabla \theta_1(x^{k+1}) - A^T y^k + r(x^{k+1} - x^k) \right\} \ge 0, \ \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

We rewrite the above VI as $x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}$ and

$$\nabla \theta_1 (x^{k+1})^T (x - x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \{ -A^T y^k + r(x^{k+1} - x^k) \} \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$
(2.7)

Since $\theta_1(x)$ is convex function, we have

$$\theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^{k+1}) \ge \nabla \theta_1(x^{k+1})^T (x - x^{k+1}).$$

 \square

Substituting it in (2.7), we get (2.6).

Similarly, from (2.5b) we get
$$y \in \mathcal{Y}$$
 and

$$\theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{Ax^{k+1} + s(y^{k+1} - y^k)\} \ge 0, \ \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$
 (2.8)

Combining (2.6) and (2.8), we have $(x^{k+1},y^{k+1})\in\mathcal{X} imes\mathcal{Y}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(u) &- \theta(u^{k+1}) + \begin{pmatrix} x - x^{k+1} \\ y - y^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -A^T y^{k+1} \\ A x^{k+1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} r(x^{k+1} - x^k) + A^T (y^{k+1} - y^k) \\ & s(y^{k+1} - y^k) \end{pmatrix} \right\} \ge 0, \quad \forall (x, y) \in \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

The compact form is $\boldsymbol{u}^{k+1}\in\Omega$,

$$u^{k+1} \in \Omega, \quad \theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + (u - u^{k+1})^T F(u^{k+1})$$

$$\geq (u - u^{k+1})^T Q(u^k - u^{k+1}), \quad \forall u \in \Omega.$$
(2.9)

where

$$Q = \left(egin{array}{cc} rI_n & A^T \\ 0 & sI_m \end{array}
ight)$$
 is not symmetric.

It does not be the PPA form (1.4), and we can not expect its convergence.

The following example of linear programming indicates the original PDHG (2.4) is not necessary convergent.

Consider a pair of the primal-dual linear programming:

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \min & c^T x & & \max & b^T y \\ \text{(Primal)} & \text{s. t.} & Ax = b & \text{(Dual)} & \\ & & x \geq 0. & & \text{s. t.} & A^T y \leq c. \end{array}$

We take the following example

where
$$A = [1, 1], \ b = 1, c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and the vector $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Note that its Lagrange function is

$$L(x,y) = c^{T}x - y^{T}(Ax - b)$$
(2.10)

which defined on $\Re^2_+ \times \Re$. $x^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $y^* = 1$. is the unique saddle point of the Lagrange function.

For solving the min-max problem (2.10), by using (2.4), the iterative formula is

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = \arg\min\{c^T x - x^T A^T y^k + \frac{r}{2} \|x - x^k\|^2 |x \ge 0\} \\ = \arg\min\{\frac{r}{2} \|x - [x^k + \frac{1}{r} (A^T y^k - c)] \|^2 |x \ge 0\} \\ = P_{\Re_+^n} [x^k + \frac{1}{r} (A^T y^k - c)] \\ = \max\{[x^k + \frac{1}{r} (A^T y^k - c)], 0\}, \\ y^{k+1} = y^k - \frac{1}{s} (Ax^{k+1} - b). \end{cases}$$

We use $(x_1^0, x_2^0; y^0) = (0, 0; 0)$ as the start point. For this example, the method is not convergent.



$$u^{0} = (0, 0; 0)$$

$$u^{1} = (0, 0; 1)$$

$$u^{2} = (0, 0; 2)$$

$$u^{3} = (1, 0; 2)$$

$$u^{4} = (2, 0; 1)$$

$$u^{5} = (2, 0; 0)$$

$$u^{6} = (1, 0; 0)$$

$$u^{7} = (0, 0; 1)$$

$$u^{k+6} = u^{k}$$



对 r = s = 1, 2, 5, 10, PDHG 方法都不收敛

2.2 Customized Proximal Point Algorithm-Classical Version

If we change the non-symmetric matrix ${\cal Q}$ to a symmetric matrix ${\cal H}$ such that

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n & A^T \\ 0 & sI_m \end{pmatrix} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad H = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n & A^T \\ A & sI_m \end{pmatrix},$$

then the variational inequality (2.9) will become the following desirable form:

$$\theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + (u - u^{k+1})^T \{ F(u^{k+1}) + H(u^{k+1} - u^k) \} \ge 0, \ \forall u \in \Omega.$$

For this purpose, we need only to change (2.8) in PDHG, namely,

$$\theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{Ax^{k+1} + s(y^{k+1} - y^k)\} \ge 0, \ \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

to

$$\theta_{2}(y) - \theta_{2}(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^{T} \{Ax^{k+1} + A(x^{k+1} - x^{k}) + s(y^{k+1} - y^{k})\} \ge 0, \ \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

$$\theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{ A[2x^{k+1} - x^k] + s(y^{k+1} - y^k) \} \ge 0.$$
 (2.11)

Thus, for given (x^k, y^k) , producing a proximal point (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) via (2.4a) and (2.11) can be summarized as:

$$x^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \Phi(x, y^k) + \frac{r}{2} \| x - x^k \|^2 \, | \, x \in \mathcal{X} \right\}.$$
 (2.12a)

$$y^{k+1} = \arg\max\left\{\Phi\left([2x^{k+1} - x^k], y\right) - \frac{s}{2} \left\|y - y^k\right\|^2\right\}$$
(2.12b)

By ignoring the constant term in the objective function, getting x^{k+1} from (2.12a) is equivalent to obtaining x^{k+1} from

$$x^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \theta_1(x) + \frac{r}{2} \| x - \left[x^k + \frac{1}{r} A^T y^k \right] \|^2 \, | \, x \in \mathcal{X} \right\}.$$

The solution of (2.12b) is given by

$$y^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \theta_2(y) + \frac{s}{2} \left\| y - \left[y^k + \frac{1}{s} A(2x^{k+1} - x^k) \right] \right\|^2 \left\| y \in \mathcal{Y} \right\}.$$

According to the assumption, there is no difficulty to solve (2.12a)-(2.12b).

In the case that $rs > ||A^TA||$, the matrix

$$H = \left(\begin{array}{cc} rI_n & A^T \\ A & sI_m \end{array}\right) \quad \text{is positive definite.}$$

定理 2 The sequence $\{u^k = (x^k, y^k)\}$ generated by the customized PPA (2.12) satisfies

$$||u^{k+1} - u^*||_H^2 \le ||u^k - u^*||_H^2 - ||u^k - u^{k+1}||_H^2.$$
 (2.13)

For the minimization problem $\min\{\theta(x) \mid Ax = b, x \in \mathcal{X}\},$ the iterative scheme is $x^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}\{\theta(x) + \frac{r}{2} \|x - [x^k + \frac{1}{r} A^T y^k]\|^2 \|x \in \mathcal{X}\}. \quad (2.14a)$ $y^{k+1} = y^k - \frac{1}{s} [A(2x^{k+1} - x^k) - b]. \quad (2.14b)$ For solving the min-max problem (2.10), by using (2.12), the iterative formula is

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = \max\{[x^k + \frac{1}{r}(A^T y^k - c)], 0\}, \\ y^{k+1} = y^k - \frac{1}{s}[A(2x^{k+1} - x^k) - b]. \end{cases}$$



Fig. 2.2 The sequence generated by C-PPA Method with r = s = 1



对 r = s = 1, 2, 5, 10, C-PPA 方法都收敛. 参数越大, 收敛越慢

Besides (2.12), (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) can be produced by using the dual-primal order:

$$y^{k+1} = \arg\max\left\{\Phi(x^k, y) - \frac{s}{2} \|y - y^k\|^2\right\}$$
 (2.15a)

$$x^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}\left\{\Phi(x, (2y^{k+1} - y^k)) + \frac{r}{2} \|x - x^k\|^2 \, \big| \, x \in \mathcal{X}\right\}.$$
 (2.15b)

By using the notation of u, F(u) and Ω in (2.3), we get $u^{k+1}\in \Omega$ and

$$\theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + (u - u^{k+1})^T \{ F(u^{k+1}) + H(u^{k+1} - u^k) \} \ge 0, \ \forall u \in \Omega,$$

where

$$H = \left(\begin{array}{cc} rI_n & -A^T \\ -A & sI_m \end{array}\right)$$

Note that in the primal-dual order,

$$H = \left(\begin{array}{cc} rI_n & A^T \\ A & sI_m \end{array}\right)$$

In the both cases, $rs > \|A^T A\|$, the matrix H is positive definite.

Remark

We use CP-PPA to solve linearly constrained convex optimization.

If the equality constraints Ax = b is changed to $Ax \ge b$, namely,

$$\min\{\theta(x) \mid Ax = b, \ x \in \mathcal{X}\} \implies \min\{\theta(x) \mid Ax \ge b, \ x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

In this case, the Lagrange multiplier y should be nonnegative. $\Omega = \mathcal{X} \times \Re^m_+$. We need only to make a slight change in the algorithms.

In the primal-dual order (2.12b), it needs to change the update dual update form

$$y^{k+1} = y^k - \frac{1}{s} \left(A(2x^{k+1} - x^k) - b \right) \implies y^{k+1} = \left[y^k - \frac{1}{s} \left(A(2x^{k+1} - x^k) - b \right) \right]_+$$

In the dual-primal order (2.15a), it needs to change the update dual update form

$$y^{k+1} = y^k - \frac{1}{s} (Ax^k - b) \implies y^{k+1} = \left[y^k - \frac{1}{s} (Ax^k - b) \right]_+$$

2.3 Simplicity recognition

Frame of VI is recognized by some Researcher in Image Science

Diagonal preconditioning for first order primal-dual algorithms in convex optimization*

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preconditioned algorithm. In very recent work [10], it has been shown that the iterates (2) can be written in form of a proximal point algorithm [14], which greatly simplifies the convergence analysis.

From the optimality conditions of the iterates (4) and the convexity of G and F^* it follows that for any $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ the iterates x^{k+1} and y^{k+1} satisfy

$$\left\langle \left(\begin{array}{c} x - x^{k+1} \\ y - y^{k+1} \end{array}\right), F\left(\begin{array}{c} x^{k+1} \\ y^{k+1} \end{array}\right) + M\left(\begin{array}{c} x^{k+1} - x^k \\ y^{k+1} - y^k \end{array}\right) \right\rangle \ge 0 ,$$
(5)

where

$$F\left(\begin{array}{c}x^{k+1}\\y^{k+1}\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c}\partial G(x^{k+1}) + K^T y^{k+1}\\\partial F^*(y^{k+1}) - K x^{k+1}\end{array}\right)$$

and

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} T^{-1} & -K^T \\ -\theta K & \Sigma^{-1} \end{bmatrix} .$$
 (6)

It is easy to check, that the variational inequality (5) now takes the form of a proximal point algorithm [10, 14, 16].

作者 C-P 说到 我们的 PPA 解 释极大地简化 了收敛性分析. 我们依然认为, 只有当左边(6) 式的矩阵 M 对 称正定,才是收 敛的 PPA 方法. 否则,就像我们 前面给出的例 子,方法是不 定收敛的

由 CP 方法演译得来的矩阵M, 当 $\theta = 0$, 方法不能保证收敛. 对 $\theta \in (0,1)$, 收敛性没有证明, 至今还是一个 Open Problem.

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1 Introduction

In this work we revisit a first-order primal-dual algorithm which was introduced in [15, 26] and its accelerated variants which were studied in [5]. We derive new estimates for the rate of convergence. In particular, exploiting a proximal-point interpretation due to [16], we are able to give a very elementary proof of an ergodic O(1/N) rate of convergence (where *N* is the number of iterations), which also generalizes to non-

Algorithm 1: O(1/N) Non-linear primal-dual algorithm

- Input: Operator norm L := ||K||, Lipschitz constant L_f of ∇f , and Bregman distance functions D_x and D_y .
- Initialization: Choose $(x^0, y^0) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}, \tau, \sigma > 0$
- Iterations: For each $n \ge 0$ let

$$(x^{n+1}, y^{n+1}) = \mathcal{PD}_{\tau,\sigma}(x^n, y^n, 2x^{n+1} - x^n, y^n)$$
(11)

The elegant interpretation in [16] shows that by writing the algorithm in this form

♣ 该文的文献 [16] 是我们发表在 SIAM J. Imaging Science 上的文章.

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Proximal point form $0 \in H(u^{i+1}) + M_{\text{basic},i+1}(u^{i+1} - u^i),$ $H(u) := \begin{pmatrix} \partial G(x) + K^* y \\ \partial F^*(y) - Kx \end{pmatrix}, \quad u = (x, y)$ $M_{\text{basic},i+1} := \begin{pmatrix} 1/\tau_i & -K^* \\ -\omega_i K & 1/\sigma_{i+1} \end{pmatrix}$ (He and Yuan 2012)

2017年7月,南方 科技大学数学系的 一位副主任去英国 访问. 在他参加的 一个学术会议上,首 位报告人讲:用 He and Yuan 提出的邻 近点形式 (PPF), 处 理图像问题。 见到一幅幻灯片 介绍我们的工作,我

的同事抢拍了一张 照片发给我。

这也说明,只有简 单的思想才容易得 到传播,被人接受。

The Chen-Teboulle algorithm is the proximal point algorithm

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Abstract

We revisit the on the step-size p powerful technique for analyzing optimization methods.

1 Background

Recent works such as [HY12] have proposed a very simple yet powerful technique for analyzing optimization methods. The idea consists simply of working with a different norm in the *product* Hilbert space. We fix an inner product $\langle x, y \rangle$ on $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}^*$. Instead of defining the norm to be the induced norm, we define the primal norm as follows (and this induces the dual norm)

$$\|x\|_{V} = \sqrt{\langle Vx, x \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle_{V}}, \quad \|y\|_{V}^{*} = \|y\|_{V^{-1}} = \sqrt{\langle y, V^{-1}y \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle y, y \rangle_{V^{-1}}}$$

for any Hermitian positive definite $V \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H})$; we write this condition as $V \succ 0$. For finite dimensional spaces \mathcal{H} , this means that V is a positive definite matrix.

2.4 Relationship to Chambolle-Pock Method

Chambolle and Pock [3] have proposed a method for solving the convex-concave $\min - \max$ problem, in short, C-P method. Applied C-P method to the problem (2.1), it is also required $rs > ||A^T A||$.

CP method. For given (x^k, y^k) , C-P method obtains x^{k+1} via

$$x^{k+1} = \arg\min\{\Phi(x, y^k) + \frac{r}{2} \|x - x^k\|^2 \,|\, x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$
 (2.16a)

Then,
$$y^{k+1}$$
 is given by
 $y^{k+1} = \arg \max\{\Phi([x^{k+1} + \tau(x^{k+1} - x^k)], y) - \frac{s}{2} ||y - y^k||^2 | y \in \mathcal{Y}\}$
(2.16b)
where $\tau \in [0, 1]$.

当 $\tau = 1$ 并且 $rs > ||A^TA||$, PPA 算法收敛. 当 $\tau = 0$, 方法不能保证收敛. 对 $\tau \in (0,1)$, 收敛性没有证明, 至今还是一个 Open Problem.

- 原始-对偶混合梯度法(PDHG) (2.4) 和按需定制的邻近点算法(C-PPA) (2.12) 都是 Chambolle-Pock 方法 [3] 分别取 τ = 0 和 τ = 1 的特例.
- 对 τ = 0 的 PDHG 方法 (2.4), §2.1 中已经说明不能保证收敛. 对 τ = 1 的 CPPA 方法 (2.12), 其收敛性在 §2.2 中有了结论.
- 根据我们的知识, 对于 $\tau \in (0,1)$ 的 CP 方法 (2.16), 收敛性还没有定论.

CP 方法十年记 2020 年9 月

- Chambolle 和 Pock 在 2010 年提出的求解 min max 问题的原始-对偶方法, 在图像处理领域有着广泛的应用和很大的影响, 被称为CP 方法。
- Chambolle 和 Pock 方法的第一个版本公布于2010 年6 月. 他们的方法中有个 [0,1] 之间的参数, 但在文章中, 只对参数为1的方法给了证明. 读了他们的这篇文章以后, 我们对这类方法的收敛性进行了研究.
- 由于我们多年研究单调变分不等式的求解方法,很快发现,参数为1的
 CP 方法,可以解释为变分不等式 *H*-模(*H* 为对称正定矩阵)的邻近点算法(PPA),因此收敛性证明特别简单.五个月不到的2010年11月4日,我

们把相关证明的第一稿, OO-2790, 公布在 Optimization Online 上. 同时, 对 参数为0的 CP 方法, 我们找到了不收敛的例子.

- 参数在 (0,1) 间的 CP 方法, 能不能保证收敛, 这个问题至今没有解决.
- Chambolle 和 Pock 很快发现了我们的工作, 一个多月后的 2010 年 12 月 21 日, 他们的文章在 J. MIV online 正式发表. 我们高兴地看到, Chambolle 和 Pock 已经引用了我们的文章, 也提到了我们的证明. 我们的文章正式 发表以后, CP 后来就不再提参数在 [0,1) 间的方法了.
- 特别感谢CP方法的原创者认可我们给出的简单证明. 他们在2011年的IEEE ICCV 会议论文中, 称赞我们的工作极大地简化了收敛性分析 (which greatly simplifies the convergence analysis).
- 后来CP 方法的作者又有多篇相关的文章发表(后面的文章他们都只讨论参数为1的方法). 他们于2016 年在Math. Progr. 发表的文章中, 继续利用我们的 PPA 解释, 文章的引言中就开诚布公 (In particular, exploiting a proximal-point interpretation due to [16], we are able to give a very elementary proof). 这里的[16] 是我们 2010 年的预印本 OO-2790, 2012 年春发表在 SIAM Imaging Science.

3 From ALM to Balanced ALM

We consider the generic convex minimization model with linear constraints

$$\min\{\theta(x) \mid Ax = b, \ x \in \mathcal{X}\},\tag{3.1}$$

where $\theta: \Re^n \to \Re$ is a closed proper convex but not necessarily smooth function; $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \Re^n$ is a closed convex set; $A \in \Re^{m \times n}$ and $b \in \Re^m$.

The Lagrangian function of (3.1) is

$$L(x,\lambda) = \theta(x) - \lambda^T (Ax - b), \qquad (3.2)$$

which is defined on $\Omega = \mathcal{X} \times \Re^m$. A pair of (x^*, λ^*) defined on $\mathcal{X} \times \Lambda$ is called a saddle point of the Lagrangian function (3.2) if it satisfies the inequalities

$$L_{\lambda \in \Re^m}(x^*,\lambda) \le L(x^*,\lambda^*) \le L_{x \in \mathcal{X}}(x,\lambda^*).$$

Alternatively, we can rewrite these inequalities as the variational inequalities:

$$w^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega,$$
 (3.3a)

where

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad F(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda \\ Ax - b \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \Omega = \mathcal{X} \times \Re^m.$$
 (3.3b)

Note that for the operator ${\cal F}$ defined in (3.3b) is affine with a skew-symmetric matrix. Thus we have

$$(w - \tilde{w})^T (F(w) - F(\tilde{w})) \equiv 0.$$
(3.4)

We denote by Ω^* the solution set of the variational inequality (3.3).

定理 3 [PPA for VI (3.3)] The sequence

$$w^{k+1} \in \Omega, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^{k+1}) + (w - w^{k+1})^T F(w^{k+1})$$

$$\geq (v - v^{k+1})^T H(v^k - v^{k+1}), \quad \forall w \in \Omega.$$
(3.5)

Then we have

$$\|v^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2 \le \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \|v^k - v^{k+1}\|_H^2, \quad \forall w^* \in \Omega^*.$$

$$\|v^k - v^{k+1}\|_H^2 \le \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \|v^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2.$$
(3.6)

3.1 Augmented Lagrangian Method

The augmented Lagrangian method originally proposed in [12, 13, 14] for (3.1) reads as

(ALM)
$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} \in \arg\min\left\{L(x,\lambda^k) + \frac{r}{2} \|Ax - b\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\right\} \\ 1 \end{cases}$$
 (3.7a)

$$\int \lambda^{k+1} = \arg \max \{ L(x^{k+1}, \lambda) - \frac{1}{2r} \| \lambda - \lambda^k \|^2 \}.$$
 (3.7b)

The method is implemented by

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} \in \arg\min\{\theta(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{r}{2} \|Ax - b\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}, (3.8a) \\ \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - r(Ax^{k+1} - b). \end{cases}$$
(3.8b)

$$\begin{aligned} (x^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1}) \in \mathcal{X} \times \Re^m, \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta(x) - \theta(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \{ -A^T [\lambda^k - r(Ax^{k+1} - b)] \} \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X} \\ & (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \{ (Ax^{k+1} - b) + \frac{1}{r} (\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k) \} \ge 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in \Re^m \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$

引理 2 For given λ^k , let w^{k+1} be generated by (3.7), then we have $w^{k+1} \in \Omega, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^{k+1}) + (w - w^{k+1})^T F(w^{k+1})$ $\geq (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \frac{1}{r} (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}), \quad \forall w \in \Omega.$ (3.9)

It is a form of (3.3) with $v = \lambda$, $H = \frac{1}{r}I_m$.

According to Theorem 3, the sequence $\{\lambda^k\}$ generated by ALM (3.7) satisfied

$$\|\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^*\|^2 \le \|\lambda^k - \lambda^*\|^2 - \|\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}\|^2, \quad \forall \lambda^* \in \Lambda^*.$$
 (3.10)

Disadvantages: The x-subproblem of the k-th iteration of ALM has the mathematical form

$$\min\{\theta(x) + \frac{r}{2} \|Ax - p^k\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$
(3.11)

Because of the quadratic term $\frac{r}{2} ||Ax - p^k||^2$, sometimes it is difficult to get a solution of (3.8a).

3.2 CP-PPA method [9]

The scheme of CP-PPA method [3, 4, 9] is appropriate for (3.1). It reads as

(CP-PPA)
$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = \arg \min \{ L(x, \lambda^k) + \frac{r}{2} \| x - x^k \|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X} \}, & (3.12a) \\ \lambda^{k+1} = \arg \max \{ L([2x^{k+1} - x^k], \lambda) - \frac{s}{2} \| \lambda - \lambda^k \|^2 \}. (3.12b) \end{cases}$$

The method is implemented by

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = \arg\min\{\theta(x) + \frac{r}{2} \|x - (x^k + \frac{1}{r}A^T\lambda^k)\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}, (3.13a) \\ \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \frac{1}{s} (A[2x^{k+1} - x^k] - b). \end{cases}$$
(3.13b)

引理 3 For given w^k , let w^{k+1} be generated by (3.12), then we have

$$w^{k+1} \in \Omega, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^{k+1}) + (w - w^{k+1})^T F(w^{k+1})$$

$$\geq (w - w^{k+1})^T H(w^k - w^{k+1}), \quad \forall w \in \Omega,$$
(3.14a)

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n & A^T \\ A & sI_m \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (3.14b)

According to Theorem 3, the sequence $\{w^k\}$ generated by CP-PPA (3.12) satisfied (3.6) where H is defined in (3.14b).

Disadvantages. In order to guarantee the convergence, the parameters r and s should satisfy

$$rs > \|A^T A\|. \tag{3.15}$$

Unless the matrix $A^T A$ is well-conditioned, the condition (3.15) will lead slow convergence.

- CP-PPA 算法的 *x*-子问题 (3.12a) 中, 用 $\frac{1}{2}r||x x^k||^2$ 去替代ALM 算法 *x*-子问 题(3.7a) 中的 $\frac{1}{2}r||Ax b||^2$. 方法是简单了, 但为了使矩阵 *H* 正定, 我们必须取 $rs > ||A^TA||$. rs 要大于 A^TA 的谱半径.
- 从迭代公式(3.12)可以看出, r 和 s 大, 会迫使新的迭代点 w^{k+1} = (x^{k+1}, λ^{k+1}) 靠近原来的点w^k = (x^k, λ^k) 太近. 在很多时候, 这会影响收敛速度.

3.3 Balanced ALM [10]

Our balanced ALM [10, 17] is to share the difficulty equally in the primal-dual steps.

$$x^{k+1} = \arg\min\{L(x,\lambda^k) + \frac{r}{2} \|x - x^k\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\},$$
 (3.16a)

$$\lambda^{k+1} = \arg \max \left\{ L([2x^{k+1} - x^k], \lambda) - \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda - \lambda^k\|_{(\frac{1}{r}AA^T + \delta I_m)}^2 \right\}.$$
(3.16b)

Replaced $\lambda^{k+1} = \arg \max \left\{ L([2x^{k+1} - x^k], \lambda) - \frac{s}{2} \|\lambda - \lambda^k\|^2 \right\},$ in (3.12b) by $\lambda^{k+1} = \arg \max \left\{ L([2x^{k+1} - x^k], \lambda) - \frac{1}{2} \|\lambda - \lambda^k\|^2_{(\frac{1}{r}AA^T + \delta I_m)} \right\}.$

The balanced ALM (3.16) is implemented by

$$x^{k+1} = \arg\min\{\theta(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{r}{2} \|x - x^k\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\},$$
 (3.17a)

$$\left(\lambda^{k+1} = \arg\min\left\{\lambda^{T} \left(A[2x^{k+1} - x^{k}] - b\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left\|\lambda - \lambda^{k}\right\|_{\left(\frac{1}{r}AA^{T} + \delta I_{m}\right)}^{2}\right\}.$$
(3.17b)

Remark. λ^{k+1} in (3.17b) is the solution of the following system of linear equations:

$$H_0(\lambda - \lambda^k) + \left(A[2x^{k+1} - x^k] - b\right) = 0, \tag{3.18}$$

where

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{r}AA^T + \delta I_m. \tag{3.19}$$

Because the matrix H_0 is positive definite, there are efficient algorithms in literature for solving such a systems of linear equations.

引理 4 For given w^k , let w^{k+1} be generated by (3.16), then we have $w^{k+1} \in \Omega, \ \theta(x) - \theta(x^{k+1}) + (w - w^{k+1})^T F(w^{k+1})$ $\ge (w - w^{k+1})^T H(w^k - w^{k+1}), \quad \forall w \in \Omega,$ (3.20a)

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n & A^T \\ A & \frac{1}{r}AA^T + \delta I_m \end{pmatrix}$$
 is positive definite. (3.20b)

Proof. According to Lemma 1, x^{k+1} offered by (3.17a) is characterized as $x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}$ and

$$\theta(x) - \theta(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \left\{ -A^T \lambda^k + r(x^{k+1} - x^k) \right\} \ge 0, \ \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Then, for any unknown $\lambda^{k+1},$ we have

$$x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T (-A^T \lambda^{k+1}) \\ \ge (x - x^{k+1})^T \{ r(x^k - x^{k+1}) + A^T (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}) \}, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}. \quad (3.21)$$

Similarly, according to Lemma 1, λ^{k+1} offered by (3.17b) is characterized by the variational inequality $\lambda^{k+1} \in \Re^m$,

$$(\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \left\{ \left(A[2x^{k+1} - x^k] - b \right) + \left(\frac{1}{r} A A^T + \delta I_m \right) (\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k) \right\} \ge 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in \Re^m$$

It can be rewritten as $\lambda^{k+1} \in \Lambda$ as

$$(\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T (Ax^{k+1} - b)$$

$$\geq (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \left\{ (A(x^k - x^{k+1}) + \left(\frac{1}{r}AA^T + \delta I_m\right)(\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}) \right\},$$

$$\forall \lambda \in \Lambda. \quad (3.22)$$

Combining (3.21) and (3.22), and using the notation in (3.3), we get the assertion of this lemma. \Box

Notice that the matrix H in

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{r}I_n \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{r}}A \end{pmatrix} \left(\sqrt{r}I_n, \sqrt{\frac{1}{r}}A^T\right) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta I_m \end{pmatrix},$$

for any $w=(x,\lambda) \neq 0.$ Thus, we have

$$w^T H w = \left\|\sqrt{r}x + \sqrt{\frac{1}{r}}A^T\lambda\right\|^2 + \delta\|\lambda\|^2 > 0,$$

and therefore the matrix H is positive definite.

均困的增广拉格朗日乘子法, *x*-子问题 (3.16a) 和 CP-PPA 中的 *x*-子问题 (3.12a) 完全一样. λ -子问题 (3.17b) 要求解一个系数矩阵正定的线性方程 组. 我们用这个替换了严重影响收敛速度的 $rs > ||A^T A||$ (see (3.15)). 注意 到, 在整个迭代过程中, 我们只要对矩阵 H_0 (see (3.19)) 做一次 Cholesky 分解.

4 ALM in PPA-sense

The methods introduced in this section are recently published in [19].

根据预设正定矩阵 构造 PPA 算法. 方法可以在 [19] 中查到.

The convex optimization problem,

$$\min\{\theta(x) \mid Ax = b, \, x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

is translated to the equivalent variational inequality :

$$w^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall u \in \Omega,$$
 (4.1a)

where

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad F(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda \\ Ax - b \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\Omega = \mathcal{X} \times \Re^m$. (4.1b)

4.1 Relaxed PPA in Primal-Dual Order

Relaxed PPA for the variational inequality (4.1) :

$$\theta(x) - \theta(\tilde{x}^{k}) + (w - \tilde{w}^{k})^{T} F(\tilde{w}^{k}) \ge (w - \tilde{w}^{k})^{T} H(w^{k} - \tilde{w}^{k}), \ \forall w \in \Omega, \ \text{(4.2a)}$$

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta A^T A + \delta I_n & A^T \\ A & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}$$
(4.2b)

The concrete formula of (4.2) is

The underline part is
$$F(\tilde{w}^k)$$
:
 $F(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda \\ Ax - b \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{cases} \theta(x) - \theta(\tilde{x}^{k}) + (x - \tilde{x}^{k})^{T} \\ \frac{\{-A^{T}\tilde{\lambda}^{k} + (\beta A^{T}A + \delta I_{n})(\tilde{x}^{k} - x^{k}) + A^{T}(\tilde{\lambda}^{k} - \lambda^{k})\} \geq 0, \\ (\underline{A\tilde{x}^{k} - b}) + A(\tilde{x}^{k} - x^{k}) + (1/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^{k} - \lambda^{k}) = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$(4.3)$$

$$\begin{cases} \theta(x) - \theta(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \{-A^T \lambda^k + (\beta A^T A + \delta I_n)(\tilde{x}^k - x^k)\} \ge 0, \\ (A[2\tilde{x}^k - x^k] - b) + (1/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0. \end{cases}$$

How to implement the prediction? To get \tilde{w}^k which satisfies (4.3),

we need only use the following procedure: (Primal-Dual)

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x}^k = \operatorname{Argmin} \begin{cases} \theta(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k \\ +\frac{1}{2} (x - x^k)^T (\beta A^T A + \delta I_n) (x - x^k) \end{cases} & x \in \mathcal{X} \\ \tilde{\lambda}^k = \lambda^k - \beta \left(A[2\tilde{x}^k - x^k] - b \right). \end{cases}$$

Then, we use the form

$$w^{k+1} = w^k - \alpha(w^k - \tilde{w}^k), \quad \alpha \in (0, 2)$$

to update the new iterate w^{k+1} .

4.2 Relaxed PPA in Dual-Primal Order

Relaxed PPA for the variational inequality (4.1) :

$$\theta(x) - \theta(\tilde{x}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \ge (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T H(w^k - \tilde{w}^k), \ \forall w \in \Omega,$$
(4.4a)

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta A^T A + \delta I_n & -A^T \\ -A & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{(a small } \delta > 0\text{, say } \delta = 0.05\text{).} \quad \text{(4.4b)}$$

Then, we use the form

$$w^{k+1} = w^k - \alpha(w^k - \tilde{w}^k), \quad \alpha \in (0, 2)$$

to update the new iterate w^{k+1} .

The concrete form of (4.4) is

$$\begin{cases}
\theta(x) - \theta(\tilde{x}^{k}) + (x - \tilde{x}^{k})^{T} \\
\frac{(-A^{T}\tilde{\lambda}^{k}}{2} + (\beta A^{T}A + \delta I_{n_{2}})(\tilde{x}^{k} - x^{k}) - A^{T}(\tilde{\lambda}^{k} - \lambda^{k})\} \ge 0, \\
\frac{(A\tilde{x}^{k} - b)}{2} - A(\tilde{x}^{k} - x^{k}) + (1/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^{k} - \lambda^{k}) = 0.
\end{cases}$$

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$$(\underline{A\tilde{x}^k - b}) \qquad -\boldsymbol{A}(\tilde{x}^k - x^k) + (\boldsymbol{1/\beta})(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0.$$

$$\begin{cases} \theta(x) - \theta(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \\ \{-A^T (2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) + (\beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_2})(\tilde{x}^k - x^k)\} \ge 0, \\ (Ax^k - b) + (1/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Implementation of (4.4) is (Dual-Primal)

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\lambda}^{k} = \lambda^{k} - \beta(Ax^{k} - b), \qquad (4.5a) \\ \tilde{x}^{k} = \operatorname{Argmin} \begin{cases} \theta(x) - x^{T}A^{T}[2\tilde{\lambda}^{k} - \lambda^{k}] + \\ \frac{1}{2}(x - x^{k})^{T}(\underline{\beta}A^{T}A + \delta I_{n})(x - x^{k}) \end{vmatrix} x \in \mathcal{X} \end{cases}.$$
(4.5b)

4.3 PPA in Primal-Dual Order

Relaxed PPA for the variational inequality (4.1) :

$$\theta(x) - \theta(\tilde{x}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \ge (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T H(w^k - \tilde{w}^k), \ \forall w \in \Omega,$$
(4.6a)

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \delta I_n & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (4.6b)

Then, we use the form

$$w^{k+1} = w^k - \alpha(w^k - \tilde{w}^k), \quad \alpha \in (0, 2)$$

to update the new iterate w^{k+1} .

Implementation

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x}^{k} = \operatorname{Argmin} \begin{cases} \theta(x) - x^{T} A^{T} [\lambda^{k} - \beta(Ax^{k} - b)] + \\ \frac{1}{2} (x - x^{k})^{T} (\underline{\beta} A^{T} A + \delta I_{n}) (x - x^{k}) \end{cases} \middle| x \in \mathcal{X} \end{cases}, \\ \tilde{\lambda}^{k} = \lambda^{k} - \beta(A \tilde{x}^{k} - b). \end{cases}$$

5 Different positive definite matrices *H* in PPA

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n & A^T \\ A & sI_m \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n & -A^T \\ -A & sI_m \end{pmatrix}, \quad rs > ||A^TA||.$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n & A^T \\ A & \frac{1}{r}AA^T + \delta I_m \end{pmatrix}, \qquad H = \begin{pmatrix} rI_n & -A^T \\ -A & \frac{1}{r}AA^T + \delta I_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta A^T A + \delta I_n & A^T \\ A & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}, \qquad H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta A^T A + \delta I_n & -A^T \\ -A & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \delta I_n & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}, \qquad H = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_m \end{pmatrix}$$

可以根据问题的实际需要,选择不同的正定矩阵 H

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