

# 典型凸优化问题的分裂收缩算法讲座

## III. 交替方向法 (ADMM) 及 PPA 意义下的 ADMM

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# 1 Two blocks separable convex optimization

We consider the following separable convex optimization

$$\min\{\theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y) \mid Ax + By = b, x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\} \quad (1.1)$$

**Example: Best matrix approximation under some conditions**

$$\min_X \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|X - C\|_F^2 \mid X \in S_\Lambda \cap S_B \right\},$$

where

$$S_\Lambda = \{H \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid \lambda_{\min} I \preceq H \preceq \lambda_{\max} I\}$$

and

$$S_B = \{H \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid H_L \leq H \leq H_U\}.$$

It can be translated to the following equivalent problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X,Y} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|X - C\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|Y - C\|^2 \\ \text{s.t} \quad & X - Y = 0, X \in S_\Lambda, Y \in S_B. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

The problem (1.2) is a concrete problem of type (1.1).

## Smooth Optimization Approach for Covariance Selection — Statistics

$$\min_X \{ \mathbf{Tr}(CX) - \log(\det(X)) + \rho e^T |X| e \mid X \in S_+^n \}$$

where  $C$  is a given symmetric matrix,  $e^T |X| e = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |X_{ij}|$ . Its equivalent optimization problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X,Y} \quad & \mathbf{Tr}(CX) - \log(\det(X)) + \rho e^T |Y| e \\ \text{s.t} \quad & X - Y = 0, \\ & X \in S_+^n, Y \in R^{n \times n}. \end{aligned}$$

## Low rank and sparse optimization problem in statistics

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X,Y} \quad & \|X\|_* + \rho e^T |Y| e \\ \text{s.t} \quad & X + Y = H \\ & X, Y \in R^{n \times n}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

这些矩阵优化的数学模型本身就是一个形如 (1.1) 的结构型优化问题.

## 2 Mathematical Background

两大基本概念：变分不等式 和 邻近点 (PPA) 算法

**Lemma 1** *Let  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathfrak{R}^n$  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  $\min\{\theta(x) + f(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}$  is nonempty. Then,*

$$x^* \in \arg \min\{\theta(x) + f(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\} \quad (2.1a)$$

*if and only if*

$$x^* \in \mathcal{X}, \quad \theta(x) - \theta(x^*) + (x - x^*)^T \nabla f(x^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}. \quad (2.1b)$$

## 2.1 Linearly constrained convex optimization and VI

The Lagrangian function of the problem (1.1) is

$$L^2(x, y, \lambda) = \theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y) - \lambda^T (Ax + By - b).$$

According to Lemma 1, the saddle point is a solution of the following variational inequality:

$$\begin{cases} x^* \in \mathcal{X}, & \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^*) + (x - x^*)^T (-A^T \lambda^*) \geq 0, & \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \\ y^* \in \mathcal{Y}, & \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^*) + (y - y^*)^T (-B^T \lambda^*) \geq 0, & \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}, \\ \lambda^* \in \mathfrak{R}^m, & (\lambda - \lambda^*)^T (Ax^* + By^* - b) \geq 0, & \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{R}^m. \end{cases}$$

Its compact form is the following variational inequality:

$$w^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(w) - \theta(w^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad u = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \quad F(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda \\ -B^T \lambda \\ Ax + By - b \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\theta(u) = \theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y), \quad \Omega = \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathfrak{R}^m.$$

Note that the operator  $F$  is monotone, because

$$(w - \tilde{w})^T (F(w) - F(\tilde{w})) \geq 0, \quad \text{Here } (w - \tilde{w})^T (F(w) - F(\tilde{w})) = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

## 2.2 Preliminaries of PPA for Variational Inequalities

The optimal condition of the problem (1.1) is characterized as a mixed monotone variational inequality:

$$w^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(u) - \theta(u^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega. \quad (2.4)$$

**PPA for monotone mixed VI in  $H$ -norm**

For given  $w^k$ , find the proximal point  $w^{k+1}$  in  $H$ -norm which satisfies

$$w^{k+1} \in \Omega, \quad \theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + (w - w^{k+1})^T \{F(w^{k+1}) + H(w^{k+1} - w^k)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $H$  is a symmetric positive definite matrix.

✦ Again,  $w^k$  is the solution of (2.4) if and only if  $w^k = w^{k+1}$  ✦

### Convergence Property of Proximal Point Algorithm in $H$ -norm

$$\|w^{k+1} - w^*\|_H^2 \leq \|w^k - w^*\|_H^2 - \|w^k - w^{k+1}\|_H^2. \quad (2.6)$$

The sequence  $\{w^k\}$  is Fejér monotone in  $H$ -norm. In customized PPA, via choosing a proper positive definite matrix  $H$ , the solution of the subproblem (2.5) has a closed form. An iterative algorithm is called the contraction method, if its generated sequence  $\{w^k\}$  satisfies  $\|w^{k+1} - w^*\|_H^2 < \|w^k - w^*\|_H^2$ .

## 2.3 Augmented Lagrangian Method (ALM)

We consider the convex optimization, namely

$$\min\{\theta(u) \mid \mathcal{A}u = b, u \in \mathcal{U}\}. \quad (2.7)$$

The related variational inequality of the saddle point of the Lagrangian function is

$$w^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(u) - \theta(u^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega. \quad (2.8a)$$

where

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad F(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathcal{A}^T \lambda \\ \mathcal{A}u - b \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega = \mathcal{U} \times \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (2.8b)$$

### Augmented Lagrangian Method

The augmented Lagrangian function of the problem (2.7) is

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta(u, \lambda) = \theta(u) - \lambda^T (\mathcal{A}u - b) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}u - b\|^2,$$



The  $k$ -th iteration of the **Augmented Lagrangian Method** [15, 18] begins with a given  $\lambda^k$ , obtain  $w^{k+1} = (u^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})$  via

$$(ALM) \quad \begin{cases} u^{k+1} = \arg \min \{ \mathcal{L}_\beta(u, \lambda^k) \mid u \in \mathcal{U} \}, & (2.9a) \\ \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(\mathcal{A}u^{k+1} - b). & (2.9b) \end{cases}$$

In (2.9),  $u^{k+1}$  is only a computational result of (2.9a) from given  $\lambda^k$ , it is called the intermediate variable. In order to start the  $k$ -th iteration of ALM, we need only to have  $\lambda^k$  and thus we call it as the essential variable.

The subproblem (2.9a) is a problem of mathematical form

$$\min \{ \theta(u) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}u - p^k\|^2 \mid u \in \mathcal{U} \} \quad (2.10)$$

where  $\beta > 0$  is a given scalar and  $p^k = b + \frac{1}{\beta} \lambda^k$ .

**Assumption:** The solution of problem (2.10) has closed-form solution or can be efficiently computed with a high precision.

The optimal condition of (2.9) can be written as  $w^{k+1} \in \Omega = \mathcal{U} \times \mathfrak{R}^m$  and

$$\begin{cases} \theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + (u - u^{k+1})^T \{-\mathcal{A}^T \lambda^k + \beta \mathcal{A}^T (\mathcal{A}u^{k+1} - b)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{U}, \\ (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \{(\mathcal{A}u^{k+1} - b) + \frac{1}{\beta}(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{R}^m. \end{cases}$$

The above relations can be written as

$$\theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + \begin{pmatrix} u - u^{k+1} \\ \lambda - \lambda^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} -\mathcal{A}^T \lambda^{k+1} \\ \mathcal{A}u^{k+1} - b \end{pmatrix} \geq (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \frac{1}{\beta} (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}),$$

for all  $w \in \Omega$ . Using the notations in (2.8), we get the compact form

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + (w - w^{k+1})^T F(w^{k+1}) \\ \geq (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \frac{1}{\beta} (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}), \quad \forall w \in \Omega. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Setting  $w = w^*$  in (2.11), we get

$$(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^*)^T (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}) \geq \beta \{\theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^{k+1})\}.$$

By using the monotonicity of  $F$  and the optimality of  $w^*$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^{k+1}) \\ &= \theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^*)^T (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}) \geq 0. \quad (2.12)$$

By using the above inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda^k - \lambda^*\|^2 &= \|(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^*) + (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1})\|^2 \\ &\geq \|\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^*\|^2 + \|\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

It means that

$$\|\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^*\|^2 \leq \|\lambda^k - \lambda^*\|^2 - \|\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}\|^2. \quad (2.13)$$

The above inequality is the key for the convergence proof of the Augmented Lagrangian Method.

### 3 ADMM for two-block problems

Recall the separable convex optimization problem

$$\min\{\theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y) \mid Ax + By = b, x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\}.$$

The augmented Lagrangian function

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta(x, y, \lambda) = \theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y) - \lambda^T (Ax + By - b) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax + By - b\|^2.$$

Applied ALM to solve the problem (1.1), the  $k$ -th iteration begins with given  $\lambda^k$ ,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) = \arg \min\{\mathcal{L}_\beta(x, y, \lambda^k) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\}, \\ \lambda^{k+1} \in \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b). \end{array} \right. \quad (3.1a)$$

$$\lambda^{k+1} \in \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b). \quad (3.1b)$$

ADMM is a relaxed ALM for the problem (1.1), the  $k$ -th iteration begins with given  $(y^k, \lambda^k)$ ,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^{k+1} \in \arg \min\{\mathcal{L}_\beta(x, y^k, \lambda^k) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}, \\ y^{k+1} \in \arg \min\{\mathcal{L}_\beta(x^{k+1}, y, \lambda^k) \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\}, \\ \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b). \end{array} \right. \quad (3.2a)$$

$$y^{k+1} \in \arg \min\{\mathcal{L}_\beta(x^{k+1}, y, \lambda^k) \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\}, \quad (3.2b)$$

$$\lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b). \quad (3.2c)$$

## 两个可分离目标函数问题的 ADMM 方法 [3, 4]

**Applied ADMM to the structured COP:**  $(y^k, \lambda^k) \Rightarrow (y^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})$

First, for given  $(y^k, \lambda^k)$ ,  $x^{k+1}$  is the solution of the following problem

$$x^{k+1} = \operatorname{Argmin} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - (\lambda^k)^T (Ax + By^k - b) \\ + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax + By^k - b\|^2 \end{array} \middle| x \in \mathcal{X} \right\} \quad (3.3a)$$

Use  $\lambda^k$  and the obtained  $x^{k+1}$ ,  $y^{k+1}$  is the solution of the following problem

$$y^{k+1} = \operatorname{Argmin} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_2(y) - (\lambda^k)^T (Ax^{k+1} + By - b) \\ + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax^{k+1} + By - b\|^2 \end{array} \middle| y \in \mathcal{Y} \right\} \quad (3.3b)$$

$$\lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b). \quad (3.3c)$$

### Advantages

The  $x$  and  $y$  sub-problems are separately solved one by one.

**Remark**

Ignoring the constant term in the objective function, the sub-problems (3.22a) and (3.22b) is equivalent to

$$x^{k+1} = \text{Argmin}\left\{\theta_1(x) + \frac{\beta}{2}\|(Ax + By^k - b) - \frac{1}{\beta}\lambda^k\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\right\} \quad (3.4a)$$

and

$$y^{k+1} = \text{Argmin}\left\{\theta_2(y) + \frac{\beta}{2}\|(Ax^{k+1} + By - b) - \frac{1}{\beta}\lambda^k\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\right\} \quad (3.4b)$$

respectively. Note that the equation (3.3c) can be written as

$$(\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})\{(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b) + \frac{1}{\beta}(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{R}^m. \quad (3.4c)$$

Notice that the sub-problems (3.4a) and (3.4b) are the type of

$$x^{k+1} = \text{Argmin}\left\{\theta_1(x) + \frac{\beta}{2}\|Ax - p^k\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\right\}$$

and

$$y^{k+1} = \text{Argmin}\left\{\theta_2(y) + \frac{\beta}{2}\|By - q^k\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\right\},$$

respectively.

(子问题求解有困难怎么处理放在后面讲)

**Analysis**

According to [Lemma 1](#), the solution of (3.22a) and (3.22b) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}, \quad & \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \\
 & \{-A^T \lambda^k + \beta A^T (Ax^{k+1} + By^k - b)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.5a}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 y^{k+1} \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad & \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \\
 & \{-B^T \lambda^k + \beta B^T (Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.5b}$$

respectively. Substituting  $\lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b)$  (see (3.3c)) in (3.5) (eliminating  $\lambda^k$  in (3.5)), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}, \quad & \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \\
 & \{-A^T \lambda^{k+1} + \beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1})\} \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.6a}$$

and

$$y^{k+1} \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{-B^T \lambda^{k+1}\} \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}. \quad (3.6b)$$

The compact form of (3.6) is  $u^{k+1} = (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  and

$$\theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + \begin{pmatrix} x - x^{k+1} \\ y - y^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda^{k+1} \\ -B^T \lambda^{k+1} \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} A^T B \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (y^k - y^{k+1}) \right\} \geq 0, \quad (3.7)$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ .

By adding and subtracting the term  $\beta B^T B (y^k - y^{k+1})$ , we rewrite the about



variational inequality in our desirable form

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + \begin{pmatrix} x - x^{k+1} \\ y - y^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda^{k+1} \\ -B^T \lambda^{k+1} \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} A^T B \\ B^T B \end{pmatrix} (y^k - y^{k+1}) \right. \\ \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta B^T B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} - x^k \\ y^{k+1} - y^k \end{pmatrix} \right\} \geq 0, \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the last inequality with (3.4c), we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 2** *Let  $w^{k+1} = (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1}) \in \Omega$  be generated by (3.3) with given  $(y^k, \lambda^k)$ , then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + \begin{pmatrix} x - x^{k+1} \\ y - y^{k+1} \\ \lambda - \lambda^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda^{k+1} \\ -B^T \lambda^{k+1} \\ Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} B (y^k - y^{k+1}) \right. \\ \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \beta B^T B & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{k+1} - y^k \\ \lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k \end{pmatrix} \right\} \geq 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega. \quad (3.8) \end{aligned}$$

For convenience we use the notations

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{V}^* = \{(y^*, \lambda^*) \mid (x^*, y^*, \lambda^*) \in \Omega^*\}.$$

Then, we get the following lemma:

**Lemma 3** *Let the sequence  $\{w^{k+1} = (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})\} \in \Omega$  be generated by (3.3). Then, we have*

$$(v^{k+1} - v^*)^T H (v^k - v^{k+1}) \geq (y^k - y^{k+1})^T B^T (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}), \quad \forall w^* \in \Omega^*, \quad (3.9)$$

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta B^T B & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.10)$$

**Proof.** Setting  $w = w^*$  in (3.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& (v^{k+1} - v^*)^T H(v^k - v^{k+1}) \\
& \geq \begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} - x^* \\ y^{k+1} - y^* \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \end{pmatrix} \beta B(y^k - y^{k+1}) \\
& \quad + \theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^{k+1}), \quad \forall w^* \in \Omega^*. \quad (3.11)
\end{aligned}$$

Observe the first part of the right hand side of (3.11),

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} - x^* \\ y^{k+1} - y^* \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \end{pmatrix} \beta B(y^k - y^{k+1}) \\
& = (y^k - y^{k+1})^T B^T \beta(A, B) \begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} - x^* \\ y^{k+1} - y^* \end{pmatrix} \\
& = (y^k - y^{k+1})^T B^T \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - (Ax^* + By^*)) \\
& = (y^k - y^{k+1}) B^T \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b) \\
& = (y^k - y^{k+1}) B^T \underline{(\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1})}. \quad (3.12)
\end{aligned}$$

To the second part, since  $(w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^{k+1}) = (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^*)$  and  $w^*$  is the optimal solution, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^{k+1}) \\ &= \theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

The assertion (3.11) immediately.  $\square$

**Lemma 4** *Let the sequence  $\{w^{k+1} = (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})\} \in \Omega$  be generated by (3.3). Then, we have*

$$(y^k - y^{k+1})^T B^T (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}) \geq 0. \quad (3.14)$$

**Proof.** Because (3.6b) is true for the  $k$ -th iteration and the previous iteration, we have

$$\theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{-B^T \lambda^{k+1}\} \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$\theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^k) + (y - y^k)^T \{-B^T \lambda^k\} \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad (3.16)$$

Setting  $y = y^k$  in (3.15) and  $y = y^{k+1}$  in (3.16), respectively, and then adding the two resulting inequalities, we get the assertion (3.14) immediately.  $\square$

Substituting (3.14) in (3.9), we get

$$(v^{k+1} - v^*)^T H(v^k - v^{k+1}) \geq 0, \quad \forall v^* \in \mathcal{V}^*. \quad (3.17)$$

Using the above inequality, as in the last lecture, we have the following theorem, which is the key for the proof of the convergence of ADMM.

**Theorem 1** *Let the sequence  $\{w^{k+1} = (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})\} \in \Omega$  be generated by (3.3). Then, we have*

$$\|v^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2 \leq \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \|v^k - v^{k+1}\|_H^2, \quad \forall v^* \in \mathcal{V}^*. \quad (3.18)$$

## 交替方向法收敛性证明的 再阐述

交替方向法处理的是两个可分离块的凸优化问题

$$\min\{\theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y) \mid Ax + By = b, x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\}. \quad (3.19)$$

将其拉格朗日函数  $L(x, y, \lambda) = \theta_1(x) + \theta_2(y) - \lambda^T (Ax + By - b)$  的鞍点归结为等价的变分不等式的解点：

$$w^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(u) - \theta(u^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \quad (3.20a)$$

其中

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad u = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \quad F(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda \\ -B^T \lambda \\ Ax + By - b \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Omega = \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathfrak{R}^m. \quad (3.20b)$$

ADMM 的  $k$  步迭代从给定的核心变量  $v^k = (y^k, \lambda^k)$  出发

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = \arg \min\{\theta_1(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax + By^k - b\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}, & (3.21a) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y^{k+1} = \arg \min\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^k + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax^{k+1} + By - b\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\}, & (3.21b) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b). & (3.21c) \end{cases}$$

根据最优性引理 1, ADMM  $k$ -步迭代满足

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}, & \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \{-A^T \lambda^k + \beta A^T (Ax^{k+1} + By^k - b)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \\ y^{k+1} \in \mathcal{Y}, & \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{-B^T \lambda^k + \beta B^T (Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}, \\ \lambda^{k+1} \in \mathfrak{R}^m, & (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \{(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b) + \frac{1}{\beta}(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{R}^m. \end{cases}$$

利用  $\lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b)$  上面的式子可以整理改写成

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}, & \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \{-A^T \lambda^{k+1} + \beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1})\} \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, & (3.22a) \\ y^{k+1} \in \mathcal{Y}, & \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{-B^T \lambda^{k+1} & \} \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}, & (3.22b) \\ \lambda^{k+1} \in \mathfrak{R}^m, & (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \{(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b) + \frac{1}{\beta}(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{R}^m. & (3.22c) \end{cases}$$

在 (3.22b) 的后半部加上和为零的两项, 得到

$$\begin{cases} \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T \{-A^T \lambda^{k+1} + \beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1}) & \} \geq 0, \\ \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{-B^T \lambda^{k+1} + \underbrace{\beta B^T B(y^k - y^{k+1}) + \beta B^T B(y^{k+1} - y^k)}_{=0} & \} \geq 0, \\ (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T \{(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b) & + \frac{1}{\beta}(\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

利用变分不等式 (3.20), 进行合理整合, 得到

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + (w - w^{k+1})^T F(w^{k+1}) \\ & + \begin{pmatrix} x - x^{k+1} \\ y - y^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \beta \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \end{pmatrix} B(y^k - y^{k+1}) + \begin{pmatrix} y - y^{k+1} \\ \lambda - \lambda^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \beta B^T B & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{k+1} - y^k \\ \lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k \end{pmatrix} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

将上式中那个任意的  $w$ , 设成解点  $w^*$  便有

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(u^*) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + (w^* - w^{k+1})^T F(w^{k+1}) \\ & + \begin{pmatrix} x^* - x^{k+1} \\ y^* - y^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \beta \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \end{pmatrix} B(y^k - y^{k+1}) + \begin{pmatrix} y^* - y^{k+1} \\ \lambda^* - \lambda^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \beta B^T B & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{k+1} - y^k \\ \lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k \end{pmatrix} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

经转换, 得到

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} y^{k+1} - y^* \\ \lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^* \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \beta B^T B & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^k - y^{k+1} \\ \lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{后面记 } v = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta B^T B & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \\ & \geq \begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} - x^* \\ y^{k+1} - y^* \end{pmatrix}^T \beta \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \end{pmatrix} B(y^k - y^{k+1}) + \underbrace{[\theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^{k+1})]}_{\geq 0}. \quad (3.23) \end{aligned}$$



假如 (3.23) 式右端非负, 证明就基本上完成了. 由于

$$\theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^{k+1}) = \theta(u^{k+1}) - \theta(u^*) + (w^{k+1} - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0.$$

(3.23) 式右端下划线部分非负. 因此从 (3.23) 式得到

$$(v^{k+1} - v^*)^T H(v^k - v^{k+1}) \geq \begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} - x^* \\ y^{k+1} - y^* \end{pmatrix}^T \beta \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \end{pmatrix} B(y^k - y^{k+1}). \quad (3.24)$$

对 (3.24) 式的右端进行处理, 有

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} - x^* \\ y^{k+1} - y^* \end{pmatrix}^T \beta \begin{pmatrix} A^T \\ B^T \end{pmatrix} B(y^k - y^{k+1}) = (y^k - y^{k+1})^T B^T \beta(A, B) \begin{pmatrix} x^{k+1} - x^* \\ y^{k+1} - y^* \end{pmatrix} \\ & = (y^k - y^{k+1})^T B^T \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - (Ax^* + By^*)) \quad \text{利用}(Ax^* + By^* = b) \\ & = (y^k - y^{k+1}) B^T \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b) \\ & = (y^k - y^{k+1}) B^T (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

后面我们要证明  $(y^k - y^{k+1}) B^T (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}) \geq 0$ .

利用 (3.22b) 有

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T \{-B^T \lambda^{k+1}\} &\geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}, \\ \text{和 } \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^k) + (y - y^k)^T \{-B^T \lambda^k\} &\geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{将任意的 } y \text{ 分别} \\ \text{设成 } y^k \text{ 和 } y^{k+1} \end{array} \right) \begin{aligned} \theta_2(y^k) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y^k - y^{k+1})^T \{-B^T \lambda^{k+1}\} &\geq 0. \\ \theta_2(y^{k+1}) - \theta_2(y^k) + (y^{k+1} - y^k)^T \{-B^T \lambda^k\} &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

(将上面两式相加, 就有)  $(y^k - y^{k+1})B^T(\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1}) \geq 0$ . ((3.25) 式右端非负)

证明了(3.25) 式右端非负, 进而得到 (3.24) 式右端非负. 所以

$$(v^{k+1} - v^*)^T H(v^k - v^{k+1}) \geq 0. \quad (3.26)$$

Lemma 2 告诉我们:

$$b^T H(a - b) \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|b\|_H^2 \leq \|a\|_H^2 - \|a - b\|_H^2. \quad (3.27)$$

在 (3.27) 中置  $a = (v^k - v^*)$  和  $b = (v^{k+1} - v^*)$ , 根据 (3.26) 就得到收敛的关键不等式

$$\|v^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2 \leq \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \|v^k - v^{k+1}\|_H^2.$$

由  $\|v^k - v^{k+1}\|_H^2 \leq \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \|v^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2$  得  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|v^k - v^{k+1}\|_H^2 \leq \|v^0 - v^*\|_H^2$ .

**How to choose the parameter  $\beta$ .** The efficiency of ADMM is heavily dependent on the parameter  $\beta$  in (3.3). We discuss how to choose a suitable  $\beta$  in the practical computation.

Note that if  $\beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1}) = \mathbf{0}$ , then it follows from (3.7)

$$\theta(u) - \theta(u^{k+1}) + \begin{pmatrix} x - x^{k+1} \\ y - y^{k+1} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda^{k+1} \\ -B^T \lambda^{k+1} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0, \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}.$$

In this case, if additionally  $Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b = \mathbf{0}$ , then we have

$$\begin{cases} \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(x^{k+1}) + (x - x^{k+1})^T (-A^T \lambda^{k+1}) \geq 0, & \forall x \in \mathcal{X} \\ \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(y^{k+1}) + (y - y^{k+1})^T (-B^T \lambda^{k+1}) \geq 0, & \forall y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ (\lambda - \lambda^{k+1})^T (Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b) \geq 0, & \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{R}^m \end{cases}$$

and consequently  $(x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})$  is a solution of the VI (2.2).

In other words,  $(x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})$  is not a solution of (2.2) because

$$\beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1}) \neq 0 \quad \text{and/or} \quad Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b \neq 0.$$

We call

$$\|\beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1})\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b\|$$

the primal-residual and the dual-residual, respectively. It seems that we should balance the primal and the dual residuals dynamically. If

$$\mu \|\beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1})\| < \|Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b\| \quad \text{with a } \mu > 1,$$

it means that the dual residual is too large and thus we should enlarge the parameter  $\beta$  in the augmented Lagrangian function. Otherwise, we should reduce the parameter  $\beta$ . A simple scheme that often works well is (see, e.g., [10]):

$$\beta_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \beta_k * \tau, & \text{if } \mu \|\beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1})\| < \|Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b\|; \\ \beta_k / \tau, & \text{if } \|\beta A^T B(y^k - y^{k+1})\| > \mu \|Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b\|; \\ \beta_k, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu > 1, \tau > 1$  are parameters. Typical choices might be  $\mu = 10$  and  $\tau = 2$ . The idea behind this penalty parameter update is to try to keep the primal and dual residual norms within a factor of  $\mu$  of one another as they both converge to zero. This self adaptive adjusting rule has been used by S. Boyd's group [1] and in their Optimization Solver [5].

## 4 Customized PPA for Variational Inequality

We study the algorithms using the guidance of variational inequality. The optimal condition of the linearly constrained convex optimization is resulted in a variational inequality:

$$w^* \in \Omega, \quad \theta(w) - \theta(w^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall w \in \Omega. \quad (4.1)$$

### 4.1 Customized PPA for VI (4.1)

[Prediction Step.] With given  $v^k$ , find a vector  $\tilde{w}^k \in \Omega$  which satisfying

$$\theta(w) - \theta(\tilde{w}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \geq (v - \tilde{v}^k)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k), \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \quad (4.2a)$$

where the matrix  $H$  is positive definite.

[Correction Step.] Determine a nonsingular matrix  $M$  and a scalar  $\alpha > 0$ , let

$$v^{k+1} = v^k - \alpha(v^k - \tilde{v}^k), \quad \alpha \in (0, 2). \quad (4.2b)$$

$v$  is a part of the elements of the vector  $w$ ,  $v = w$  is also possible.

**Problem:**  $w^* \in \Omega$ ,  $\theta(u) - \theta(u^*) + (w - w^*)^T F(w^*) \geq 0$ ,  $\forall w \in \Omega$ .

$$\theta(u) - \theta(\tilde{u}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \geq (v - \tilde{v}^k)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k), \quad \forall w \in \Omega.$$

Prediction-Correction  $v_\alpha^{k+1} = v^k - \alpha(v^k - \tilde{v}^k).$

$H$  范数矩阵       $G$  效益矩阵

$$H \succ 0, \quad G = (2 - \alpha)H \succ 0.$$

$$\|v^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2 \leq \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \alpha \|v^k - \tilde{v}^k\|_G^2.$$

$$\|v^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2 \leq \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \alpha(2 - \alpha) \|v^k - \tilde{v}^k\|_H^2.$$

## 4.2 Convergence proof

We prove the following main convergence property.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $\{v^k\}$  be the sequence generated by (4.2) for the problem (4.1) and  $\tilde{w}^k$  is obtained from (4.2a). Then we have*

$$\|v^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2 \leq \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \alpha(2 - \alpha)\|v^k - \tilde{v}^k\|_H^2, \quad \forall v^* \in \mathcal{V}^*. \quad (4.3)$$

where  $\mathcal{V}^* = \{v^* \mid v^* \text{ is a part of } w^*, w^* \in \Omega^*\}$ .

**Proof.** Setting  $w = w^*$  in (4.2a), we get

$$(\tilde{v}^k - v^*)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k) \geq \theta(\tilde{u}^k) - \theta(u^*) + (\tilde{w}^k - w^*)^T F(\tilde{w}^k), \quad \forall w^* \in \Omega^*.$$

By using  $(\tilde{w}^k - w^*)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) = (\tilde{w}^k - w^*)^T F(w^*)$  and the optimality of  $w^*$ , we have

$$(\tilde{v}^k - v^*)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k) \geq 0, \quad \forall v^* \in \mathcal{V}^*.$$

It can be written as

$$\{(v^k - v^*) - (v^k - \tilde{v}^k)\}^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k) \geq 0, \quad \forall v^* \in \mathcal{V}^*,$$

and thus

$$(v^k - v^*)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k) \geq \|v^k - \tilde{v}^k\|_H^2, \quad \forall v^* \in \mathcal{V}^*. \quad (4.4)$$

Let

$$\vartheta(\alpha) = \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \|v_\alpha^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2.$$

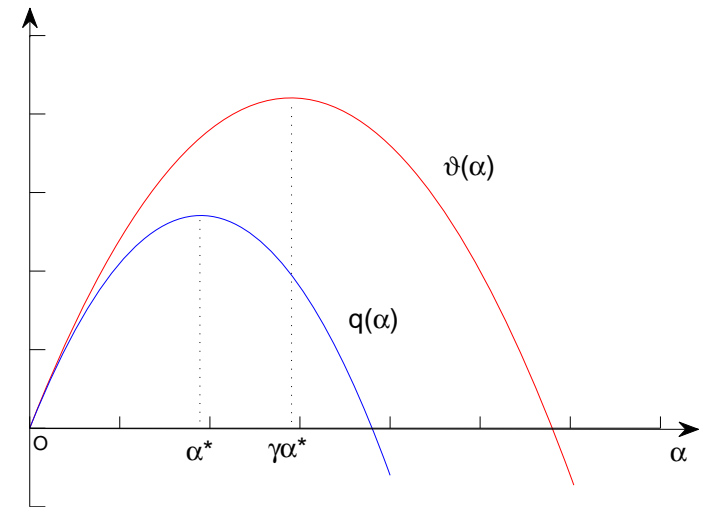
It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta(\alpha) &= \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 - \|v_\alpha^{k+1} - v^*\|_H^2 \\ &= \|v^k - v^*\|_H^2 \\ &\quad - \|(v^k - v^*) - \alpha(v^k - \tilde{v}^k)\|_H^2 \\ &= 2\alpha(v^k - v^*)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k) \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 \|v^k - \tilde{v}^k\|_H^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Using (4.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta(\alpha) &\geq 2\alpha \|v^k - \tilde{v}^k\|_H^2 - \alpha^2 \|v^k - \tilde{v}^k\|_H^2 \\ &:= q(\alpha) \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

The assertion (4.3) follows from (4.5) and (4.6) immediately.  $\square$



取  $\gamma \in [1, 2)$  的示意图

我们本想极大化  $\vartheta(\alpha)$ , 虽然  $\vartheta(\alpha)$  是  $\alpha$  的二次函数, 但线性项系数  $2(v^k - v^*)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k)$  中含有未知的  $v^*$ , 利用 (4.4), 得到  $\vartheta(\alpha)$  的下界函数  $q(\alpha)$ . 极大化  $q(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha_k^* \equiv 1$ . 可以松弛延拓.



## 5 Applications for separable problems

### 5.1 ADMM in PPA-sense

根据 PPA 算法的要求 设计的右端矩阵为对称正定. 具体算法可参阅 [19]

In order to solve the separable convex optimization problem (1.1), we construct a method whose prediction-step is

$$\theta(u) - \theta(\tilde{u}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \geq (v - \tilde{v}^k)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k), \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \quad (5.1a)$$

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2} & -B^T \\ -B & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{a small } \delta > 0). \quad (5.1b)$$

Since  $H$  is positive definite, we can use the update form of Algorithm I to produce the new iterate  $v^{k+1} = (y^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})$ . (In the algorithm [2], we took  $\delta = 0$ ).

The concrete form of (5.1) is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \\ \quad \{-A^T \tilde{\lambda}^k\} \geq 0, \\ \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(\tilde{y}^k) + (y - \tilde{y}^k)^T \\ \quad \{-B^T \tilde{\lambda}^k + (\beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2})(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) - B^T(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \\ \underline{(A\tilde{x}^k + B\tilde{y}^k - b)} \quad -B(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) \quad + \quad (1/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

The underline part is  $F(\tilde{w}^k)$ :

$$F(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda \\ -B^T \lambda \\ Ax + By - b \end{pmatrix}$$

In fact, the prediction can be arranged by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x}^k \in \text{Argmin}\{\theta_1(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{1}{2}\beta \|Ax + By^k - b\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}, \quad (5.2a) \\ \tilde{\lambda}^k = \lambda^k - \beta(A\tilde{x}^k + By^k - b), \quad (5.2b) \\ \tilde{y}^k \in \text{Argmin}\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_2(y) - y^T B^T [2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k] \\ + \frac{1}{2}\beta \|B(y - y^k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \|y - y^k\|^2 \end{array} \mid y \in \mathcal{Y} \right\}. \quad (5.2c) \end{array} \right.$$

这个预测与经典的交替方向法 (3.3) 相当, 采用(4.2b) 校正, 会加快速度.

According to Lemma 1, the solution of (5.2a),  $\tilde{x}^k$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}^k \in \mathcal{X}, \quad & \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(\tilde{x}^k) \\ & + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \{-A^T \lambda^k + \beta A^T (A\tilde{x}^k + By^k - b)\} \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}. \end{aligned}$$

By using (5.2b),  $\tilde{\lambda}^k = \lambda^k - \beta(A\tilde{x}^k + By^k - b)$ , the above variational inequality can be written as

$$\tilde{x}^k \in \mathcal{X}, \quad \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \{-A^T \tilde{\lambda}^k\} \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

The equation (5.2b) can be written as

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

The remainder part of the prediction (5.2c), namely,

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(\tilde{y}^k) + (y - \tilde{y}^k)^T \\ & \{\underline{-B^T \tilde{\lambda}^k} + (\beta \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B} + \delta \mathbf{I}_{n_2})(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) - \mathbf{B}^T(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

can be achieved by

$$\tilde{y}^k = \text{Argmin} \left\{ \theta_2(y) - y^T B^T [2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k] + \frac{1}{2} \beta \|B(y - y^k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \delta \|y - y^k\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y} \right\}.$$

如果把 (5.2) 中取  $\delta = 0$ , 并将其输出记为  $(x^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1}, y^{k+1})$ , 则迭代式为

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^{k+1} \in \text{Argmin}\{\theta_1(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax + By^k - b\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}, \end{array} \right. \quad (5.3a)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^k - b), \end{array} \right. \quad (5.3b)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y^{k+1} \in \text{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T [2\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k] + \frac{\beta}{2} \|B(y - y^k)\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\} \end{array} \right. (5.3c)$$

注意在 (5.3c) 中,

$$\begin{aligned} y^{k+1} &\in \text{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T [2\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k] + \frac{\beta}{2} \|B(y - y^k)\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\} \\ &= \text{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^{k+1} - y^T B^T (\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|B(y - y^k)\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\} \\ &= \text{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^{k+1} + \frac{\beta}{2} \|B(y - y^k) - \frac{1}{\beta} (\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k)\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\} \\ &= \text{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^{k+1} + \frac{\beta}{2} \|B(y - y^k) + \frac{1}{\beta} (\lambda^k - \lambda^{k+1})\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\} \\ &= \text{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^{k+1} + \frac{\beta}{2} \|B(y - y^k) + (Ax^{k+1} + By^k - b)\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\} \\ &= \text{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^{k+1} + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax^{k+1} + By - b\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\}. \end{aligned}$$

所以, (5.3) 就是

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^{k+1} \in \operatorname{Argmin}\{\theta_1(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax + By^k - b\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}, \end{array} \right. \quad (5.4a)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^k - b), \end{array} \right. \quad (5.4b)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y^{k+1} \in \operatorname{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^{k+1} + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax^{k+1} + By - b\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\}. \end{array} \right. \quad (5.4c)$$

请注意, 经典的 ADMM 是

$$x^{k+1} \in \operatorname{Argmin}\{\theta_1(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax + By^k - b\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\},$$

$$y^{k+1} \in \operatorname{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^k + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Ax^{k+1} + By - b\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\},$$

$$\lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k - \beta(Ax^{k+1} + By^{k+1} - b).$$

所以, (5.3), 就是交换了  $y, \lambda$  顺序的交替方向法. 由于可以采用

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

通常取  $\alpha = 1.5$ , 收敛更快.

## 5.2 Linearized ADMM-Like Method

当子问题 (5.2c) 求解有困难时, 用  $\frac{s}{2}\|y - y^k\|^2$  代替  $\frac{1+\delta}{2}\beta\|B(y - y^k)\|^2$ .

By using the linearized version of (5.2c), the prediction step becomes

$$\theta(u) - \theta(\tilde{u}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \geq (v - \tilde{v}^k)^T H(v^k - \tilde{v}^k), \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \quad (5.5)$$

where

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} sI & -B^T \\ -B & \frac{1}{\beta}I_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{代替 (5.1) 中的} \begin{bmatrix} (1 + \delta)\beta B^T B & -B^T \\ -B & \frac{1}{\beta}I_m \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5.6)$$

The concrete formula of (5.5) is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \\ \quad \{-A^T \tilde{\lambda}^k\} \geq 0, \\ \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(\tilde{y}^k) + (y - \tilde{y}^k)^T \\ \quad \{-B^T \tilde{\lambda}^k + \mathbf{s}(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) - \mathbf{B}^T(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \\ \underline{(A\tilde{x}^k + B\tilde{y}^k - b)} - \mathbf{B}(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) + (\mathbf{1}/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

The underline part is  $F(\tilde{w}^k)$ :

$$F(w) = \begin{pmatrix} -A^T \lambda \\ -B^T \lambda \\ Ax + By - b \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.7)$$

**How to implement the prediction?**

To get  $\tilde{w}^k$  which satisfies (5.7),

we need only use the following procedure:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x}^k \in \operatorname{Argmin}\{\theta_1(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{1}{2}\beta \|Ax + By^k - b\|^2 \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}, \\ \tilde{\lambda}^k = \lambda^k - \beta(A\tilde{x}^k + By^k - b), \\ \tilde{y}^k = \operatorname{Argmin}\{\theta_2(y) - y^T B^T [2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k] + \frac{s}{2}\|y - y^k\|^2 \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}\}. \end{array} \right. \quad (5.8)$$

用  $\frac{s}{2}\|y - y^k\|^2$  代替  $\frac{1}{2}(\beta\|B(y - y^k)\|^2 + \delta\|y - y^k\|^2)$ , 为保证收敛, 需要  $s > \beta\|B^T B\|$ . 对给定的  $\beta > 0$ , 太大的  $s$  会影响收敛速度. 只有当由二次项  $\frac{1}{2}\beta\|B(y - y^k)\|^2$  引发求解困难, 才用线性化方法.

Then, we use the form

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

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

## 6 Solving the primal subproblem in parallel

根据 PPA 算法的要求 设计的右端矩阵为对称正定.

Primal-Dual Order

$$\theta(u) - \theta(\tilde{u}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \geq (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T H(w^k - \tilde{w}^k), \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \quad (6.1a)$$

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1} & 0 & A^T \\ 0 & \beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2} & B^T \\ A & B & \frac{2}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.1b)$$

The both matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1} & A^T \\ A & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \succ 0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2} & B^T \\ B & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \succ 0.$$



The concrete form of (6.1) is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \\ \quad \{-A^T \tilde{\lambda}^k + (\beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1})(\tilde{x}^k - x^k) + A^T(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \\ \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(\tilde{y}^k) + (y - \tilde{y}^k)^T \\ \quad \{-B^T \tilde{\lambda}^k + (\beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2})(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) + B^T(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \\ \underline{(A\tilde{x}^k + B\tilde{y}^k - b)} + A(\tilde{x}^k - x^k) + B(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) + (2/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

整理一下得到

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \{-A^T \lambda^k + (\beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1})(\tilde{x}^k - x^k)\} \geq 0, \\ \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(\tilde{y}^k) + (y - \tilde{y}^k)^T \{-B^T \lambda^k + (\beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2})(\tilde{y}^k - y^k)\} \geq 0, \\ [2(A\tilde{x}^k + B\tilde{y}^k - b) - (Ax^k + By^k - b)] + (2/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

In fact, the prediction can be arranged by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x}^k = \arg \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k \\ + \frac{1}{2} \beta \|A(x - x^k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \delta \|x - x^k\|^2 \end{array} \middle| x \in \mathcal{X} \right\} \\ \tilde{y}^k = \arg \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^k \\ + \frac{1}{2} \beta \|B(y - y^k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \delta \|y - y^k\|^2 \end{array} \middle| y \in \mathcal{Y} \right\} \\ \tilde{\lambda}^k = \lambda^k - \frac{1}{2} \beta [2(A\tilde{x}^k + B\tilde{y}^k - b) - (Ax^k + By^k - b)] \end{array} \right. \quad (6.2a)$$

$$\quad (6.2b)$$

$$\quad (6.2c)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x}^k = \arg \min \{ \theta_1(x) - x^T A^T \lambda^k + \frac{1}{2} (x - x^k)^T (\beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1}) (x - x^k) | x \in \mathcal{X} \} \\ \tilde{y}^k = \arg \min \{ \theta_2(y) - y^T B^T \lambda^k + \frac{1}{2} (y - y^k)^T (\beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2}) (y - y^k) | y \in \mathcal{Y} \} \\ \tilde{\lambda}^k = \lambda^k - \frac{1}{2} \beta [2(A\tilde{x}^k + B\tilde{y}^k - b) - (Ax^k + By^k - b)] \end{array} \right.$$

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

## Dual-Primal Order

$$\theta(u) - \theta(\tilde{u}^k) + (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T F(\tilde{w}^k) \geq (w - \tilde{w}^k)^T H(w^k - \tilde{w}^k), \quad \forall w \in \Omega, \quad (6.3a)$$

where

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1} & 0 & -A^T \\ 0 & \beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2} & -B^T \\ -A & -B & \frac{2}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.3b)$$

The both matrices

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1} & -A^T \\ -A & \frac{1}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \succ 0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2} & -B^T \\ -B & \frac{2}{\beta} I_m \end{pmatrix} \succ 0.$$

The concrete form of (6.3) is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \\ \quad \{-A^T \tilde{\lambda}^k + (\beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1})(\tilde{x}^k - x^k) - A^T(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \\ \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(\tilde{y}^k) + (y - \tilde{y}^k)^T \\ \quad \{-B^T \tilde{\lambda}^k + (\beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2})(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) - B^T(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k)\} \geq 0, \\ \underline{(A\tilde{x}^k + B\tilde{y}^k - b)} - A(\tilde{x}^k - x^k) - B(\tilde{y}^k - y^k) + (2/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

经整理归并一下得到

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - \theta_1(\tilde{x}^k) + (x - \tilde{x}^k)^T \{-A^T(2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) \\ \quad + (\beta A^T A + \delta I_{n_1})(\tilde{x}^k - x^k)\} \geq 0, \\ \theta_2(y) - \theta_2(\tilde{y}^k) + (y - \tilde{y}^k)^T \{-B^T(2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) \\ \quad + (\beta B^T B + \delta I_{n_2})(\tilde{y}^k - y^k)\} \geq 0, \\ (Ax^k + By^k - b) + (2/\beta)(\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

In fact, the prediction can be arranged by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\lambda}^k = \lambda^k - \frac{1}{2}\beta(Ax^k + By^k - b), \\ \tilde{x}^k \in \arg \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - x^T A^T [2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k] \\ + \frac{1}{2}\beta \|A(x - x^k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \|x - x^k\|^2 \end{array} \right\} \Big| x \in \mathcal{X} \\ \tilde{y}^k \in \arg \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_2(y) - y^T B^T [2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k] \\ + \frac{1}{2}\beta \|B(y - y^k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \|y - y^k\|^2 \end{array} \right\} \Big| y \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right. \quad (6.4a)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x}^k \in \arg \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_1(x) - x^T A^T [2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k] \\ + \frac{1}{2}\beta \|A(x - x^k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \|x - x^k\|^2 \end{array} \right\} \Big| x \in \mathcal{X} \end{array} \right\} (6.4b)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{y}^k \in \arg \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_2(y) - y^T B^T [2\tilde{\lambda}^k - \lambda^k] \\ + \frac{1}{2}\beta \|B(y - y^k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \|y - y^k\|^2 \end{array} \right\} \Big| y \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right\}. (6.4c)$$

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

我们关于 ADMM 的研究, 始于 1997 年, 第一篇 ADMM 方面的论文发表于 1998 年. 这一讲中 §4-§6 介绍的 ADMM 类方法, 可以从 [19] 中找到.

利用变分不等式 (VI) 和邻近点算法 (PPA), 更自由地设计 ADMM 类分裂收缩算法

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