

Part 5: Augmented Lagrangian Methods

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Augmented Lagrangian Methods

- Consider a **linearly constrained** problem,

$$\min f(x) \text{ s.t. } Ax = b.$$

where f is a proper, lower semi-continuous, **convex function**.

- The **augmented Lagrangian** is (with $\rho > 0$)

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda; \rho) := \underbrace{f(x) + \lambda^T (Ax - b)}_{\text{Lagrangian}} + \underbrace{\frac{\rho}{2} \|Ax - b\|_2^2}_{\text{"augmentation"}}$$

- Basic **augmented Lagrangian** (a.k.a. **method of multipliers**) is

$$x_k = \arg \min_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda_{k-1}; \rho);$$

$$\lambda_k = \lambda_{k-1} + \rho(Ax_k - b);$$

(Hestenes, 1969; Powell, 1969)

A Favorite Derivation

...more or less rigorous for convex f .

- Write the problem as

$$\min_x \max_{\lambda} f(x) + \lambda^T (Ax - b).$$

Obviously, the max w.r.t. λ will be $+\infty$, unless $Ax = b$, so this is equivalent to the original problem.

- This equivalence is not very useful, computationally: the \max_{λ} function is highly nonsmooth w.r.t. x . **Smooth it** by adding a “proximal point” term, penalizing deviations from a prior estimate $\bar{\lambda}$:

$$\min_x \left\{ \max_{\lambda} f(x) + \lambda^T (Ax - b) - \frac{1}{2\rho} \|\lambda - \bar{\lambda}\|^2 \right\}.$$

- Maximization w.r.t. λ is now trivial (a concave quadratic), yielding

$$\lambda = \bar{\lambda} + \rho(Ax - b).$$

A Favorite Derivation (Cont.)

- Inserting $\lambda = \bar{\lambda} + \rho(Ax - b)$ leads to

$$\min_x f(x) + \bar{\lambda}^T (Ax - b) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|Ax - b\|^2 = \mathcal{L}(x, \bar{\lambda}; \rho).$$

- Hence can view the augmented Lagrangian process as:
 - ◊ $\min_x \mathcal{L}(x, \bar{\lambda}; \rho)$ to get new x ;
 - ◊ Shift the “prior” on λ by updating to the latest max: $\bar{\lambda} + \rho(Ax - b)$.
 - ◊ repeat until convergence.
- Add subscripts, and we recover the **augmented Lagrangian** algorithm of the first slide!
- Can also increase ρ (to sharpen the effect of the prox term), if needed.

Inequality Constraints, Nonlinear Constraints

- The same derivation can be used for inequality constraints:

$$\min f(x) \text{ s.t. } Ax \geq b.$$

- Apply the same reasoning to the constrained min-max formulation:

$$\min_x \max_{\lambda \geq 0} f(x) - \lambda^T (Ax - b).$$

- After the prox-term is added, can find the minimizing λ in closed form (as for prox-operators). Leads to update formula:

$$\max(\bar{\lambda} + \rho(Ax - b), 0).$$

- This derivation extends immediately to nonlinear constraints $c(x) = 0$ or $c(x) \geq 0$.

“Explicit” Constraints, Inequality Constraints

- There may be other constraints on x (such as $x \in \Omega$) that we prefer to handle explicitly in the subproblem.
- For the formulation $\min_x f(x)$, s.t. $Ax = b$, $x \in \Omega$, the \min_x step can enforce $x \in \Omega$ explicitly:

$$x_k = \arg \min_{x \in \Omega} \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda_{k-1}; \rho);$$

$$\lambda_k = \lambda_{k-1} + \rho(Ax_k - b);$$

- This gives an alternative way to handle inequality constraints: introduce slacks s , and enforce them explicitly. That is, replace

$$\min_x f(x) \text{ s.t. } c(x) \geq 0,$$

by

$$\min_x f(x) \text{ s.t. } c(x) = s, \quad s \geq 0.$$

“Explicit” Constraints, Inequality Constraints (Cont.)

- The **augmented Lagrangian** is now

$$\mathcal{L}(x, s, \lambda; \rho) := f(x) + \lambda^T(c(x) - s) + \frac{\rho}{2}\|c(x) - s\|_2^2.$$

- Enforce $s \geq 0$ explicitly in the subproblem:

$$(x_k, s_k) = \arg \min_{x, s} \mathcal{L}(x, s, \lambda_{k-1}; \rho), \quad \text{s.t. } s \geq 0;$$

$$\lambda_k = \lambda_{k-1} + \rho(c(x_k) - s_k)$$

- There are good algorithmic options for dealing with bound constraints $s \geq 0$ (gradient projection and its enhancements). This is used in the **Lancelot** code (Conn et al., 1992).

Quick History of Augmented Lagrangian

- Dates from at least 1969: Hestenes, Powell.
- Developments in 1970s, early 1980s by Rockafellar, Bertsekas, and others.
- Lancelot code for nonlinear programming: Conn, Gould, Toint, around 1992 (Conn et al., 1992).
- Lost favor somewhat as an approach for general nonlinear programming during the next 15 years.
- Recent revival in the context of sparse optimization and its many applications, in conjunction with splitting / coordinate descent.

Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM)

- Consider now problems with a separable objective of the form

$$\min_{(x,z)} f(x) + h(z) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad Ax + Bz = c,$$

for which the **augmented Lagrangian** is

$$\mathcal{L}(x, z, \lambda; \rho) := f(x) + h(z) + \lambda^T (Ax + Bz - c) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|Ax - Bz - c\|_2^2.$$

- Standard AL would minimize $\mathcal{L}(x, z, \lambda; \rho)$ w.r.t. (x, z) jointly. However, these are coupled in the quadratic term, separability is lost
- In ADMM, minimize over x and z separately and sequentially:

$$x_k = \arg \min_x \mathcal{L}(x, z_{k-1}, \lambda_{k-1}; \rho);$$

$$z_k = \arg \min_z \mathcal{L}(x_k, z, \lambda_{k-1}; \rho);$$

$$\lambda_k = \lambda_{k-1} + \rho(Ax_k + Bz_k - c).$$

Main features of ADMM:

- Does one cycle of block-coordinate descent in (x, z) .
- The minimizations over x and z add only a quadratic term to f and h , respectively. Usually does not alter the cost much.
- Can perform the (x, z) minimizations inexactly.
- Can add explicit (separated) constraints: $x \in \Omega_x$, $z \in \Omega_z$.
- Many (**many!**) recent applications to compressed sensing, image processing, matrix completion, sparse principal components analysis....

ADMM has a rich collection of antecedents, dating even to the 1950s (operator splitting).

For an comprehensive recent survey, including a diverse collection of machine learning applications, see Boyd et al. (2011).

ADMM for Consensus Optimization

Given the unconstrained (but separable) problem

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(x),$$

form m copies of the x , with the original x as a “master” variable:

$$\min_{x, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m} \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(x^i) \text{ subject to } x^i - x = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Apply ADMM, with $z = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m)$. Get

$$\mathcal{L}(x, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m, \lambda^1, \dots, \lambda^m; \rho) = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(x^i) + (\lambda^i)^T (x^i - x) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|x^i - x\|_2^2.$$

The minimization w.r.t. $z = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m)$ is separable!

$$x_k^i = \arg \min_{x^i} f_i(x^i) + (\lambda_{k-1}^i)^T (x^i - x_{k-1}) + \frac{\rho_k}{2} \|x^i - x_{k-1}\|_2^2, i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Can be implemented in parallel.

Consensus, continued

The minimization w.r.t. x can be done explicitly — averaging:

$$x_k = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(x_k^i + \frac{1}{\rho_k} \lambda_{k-1}^i \right).$$

Update to λ^i can also be done in parallel, once the new x_k is known (and communicated):

$$\lambda_k^i = \lambda_{k-1}^i + \rho_k (x_k^i - x_k), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

If the initial λ_0^i have $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_0^i = 0$, can see that $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_k^i = 0$ at all iterations k . Can simplify the update for x_k :

$$x_k = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_k^i.$$

“Gather-Scatter” implementation.

ADMM for Awkward Intersections

The feasible set is sometimes an intersection of two or more convex sets that are easy to handle separately (e.g. projections are easily computable), but whose intersection is more difficult to work with.

Example: Optimization over the cone of doubly nonnegative matrices:

$$\min_X f(X) \text{ s.t. } X \succeq 0, \ X \geq 0.$$

General form:

$$\min f(x) \text{ s.t. } x \in \Omega_i, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

Again, use a different copy x^i for each set, and constrain them all to be the same:

$$\min_{x, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m} f(x) \text{ s.t. } x^i \in \Omega_i, \ x^i - x = 0, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

ADMM for Awkward Intersections

Separable minimizations over Ω_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$:

$$x_k^i = \arg \min_{x_i \in \Omega_i} (\lambda_{k-1}^i)^T (x^i - x_{k-1}) + \frac{\rho_k}{2} \|x_k - x^i\|_2^2, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Optimize over the master variable (unconstrained, with quadratic added to f):

$$x_k = \arg \min_x f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_{k-1}^i)^T (x - x_{k-1}^i) + \frac{\rho_k}{2} \|x - x_{k-1}^i\|_2^2,$$

Update multipliers:

$$\lambda_k^i = \lambda_{k-1}^i + \rho_k (x_k - x_k^i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

ADMM: A Simpler Form

- Often, a simpler version is enough: $\min_{(x,z)} f(x) + h(z)$ s.t. $Ax = z$,
equivalent to $\min_x f(x) + h(Ax)$, often the one of interest.
- In this case, the ADMM can be written as

$$x_k = \arg \min_x f(x) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|Ax - z_{k-1} - d_{k-1}\|_2^2$$

$$z_k = \arg \min_z h(z) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|Ax_{k-1} - z - d_{k-1}\|_2^2$$

$$d_k = d_{k-1} - (Ax_k - z_k)$$

the so-called “scaled version” (Boyd et al., 2011).

- Updating z_k is a **proximity computation**: $z_k = \text{prox}_{h/\rho}(Ax_{k-1} - d_{k-1})$
- Updating x_k may be **hard**: if f is quadratic, involves matrix inversion; if f is not quadratic, may be as hard as the original problem.

ADMM: Convergence

- Consider the problem $\min_x f(x) + h(Ax)$, where f and h are lower semi-continuous, proper, convex functions and A has full column rank.
- The ADMM algorithm presented in the previous slide converges (for any $\rho > 0$) to a solution x^* , if one exists, otherwise it diverges.

This is a cornerstone result by Eckstein and Bertsekas (1992).

- As in IST/FBS/PGA, convergence is still guaranteed with inexactly solved subproblems, as long as the errors are absolutely summable.
- The recent explosion of interest in ADMM is quite clear in the citation record of the paper by Eckstein and Bertsekas (1992).



On the douglas—rachford splitting method and the proximal point algorithm for maximal monotone operators
J Eckstein, DP Bertsekas - Mathematical Programming, 1992

ADMM for a More General Problem

- Consider the problem $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{i=1}^J g_i(H^{(i)}x)$, where $H^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_j \times n}$, and g_1, \dots, g_J are l.s.c proper convex functions.
- Map it into $\min_x f(x) + h(Ax)$ as follows (with $p = p_1 + \dots + p_J$):
 - $f(x) = 0$
 - $A = \begin{bmatrix} H^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ H^{(J)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$,
 - $h : \mathbb{R}^{p_1 + \dots + p_J} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}, \quad h\left(\begin{bmatrix} z^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ z^{(J)} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^J g_j(z^{(j)})$
- We'll see next that this leads to a very convenient version of ADMM.

ADMM for a More General Problem (Cont.)

Resulting instance of

$$\begin{aligned}x_k &= \arg \min_x \|Az - z_k - d_k\|_2^2 = \left(\sum_{j=1}^J (H^{(j)})^T H^{(j)} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^J (H^{(j)})^T (z_{k-1}^{(j)} + d_{k-1}^{(j)}) \right) \\z_k^{(1)} &= \arg \min_u g_1 + \frac{\rho}{2} \|u - H^{(1)}x_{k-1} + d_{k-1}^{(1)}\|_2^2 = \text{prox}_{g_1/\rho}(H^{(1)}x_{k-1} - d_{k-1}^{(1)}) \\&\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \\z_k^{(J)} &= \arg \min_u g_J + \frac{\rho}{2} \|u - H^{(J)}x_{k-1} + d_{k-1}^{(J)}\|_2^2 = \text{prox}_{g_J/\rho}(H^{(J)}x_{k-1} - d_{k-1}^{(J)}) \\d_k &= d_{k-1} - Ax_k + z_k\end{aligned}$$

Key features: matrices are handled separately from the prox operators; the prox operators are decoupled (can be computed in parallel); requires a matrix inversion (can be a **curse or a blessing**).

(Afonso et al., 2010; Setzer et al., 2010; Combettes and Pesquet, 2011)

Example: Image Restoration using SALSA

Problem: $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{Px}\|_1$

Template: $\min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{j=1}^J g_j(\mathbf{H}^{(j)} \mathbf{z})$

Mapping: $J = 2, \quad g_1(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2, \quad g_2(\mathbf{z}) = \tau \|\mathbf{z}\|_1$

$$\mathbf{H}^{(1)} = \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{H}^{(2)} = \mathbf{P},$$

Convergence conditions: g_1 and g_2 are closed, proper, and convex.

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{P} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{has full column rank.}$$

Resulting algorithm: SALSA

(*split augmented Lagrangian shrinkage algorithm*) [Afonso, Bioucas-Dias, F, 2009, 2010]

Example: Image Restoration using SALSA

Key steps of SALSA:

Moreau proximity operator of $g_1(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$,

$$\text{prox}_{g_1/\mu}(\mathbf{u}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 = \frac{\mathbf{y} + \mu \mathbf{u}}{1 + \mu}$$

Moreau proximity operator of $g_2(\mathbf{z}) = \tau \|\mathbf{z}\|_1$,

$$\text{prox}_{g_2/\mu}(\mathbf{u}) = \text{soft}\left(\mathbf{u}, \tau/\mu\right)$$

Matrix inversion:

$$\mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \left[\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{P} \right]^{-1} \left(\mathbf{A}^* \left(\mathbf{u}_k^{(1)} + \mathbf{d}_k^{(1)} \right) + \mathbf{P}^* \left(\mathbf{u}_k^{(2)} + \mathbf{d}_k^{(2)} \right) \right)$$

...next slide!

Example: Image Restoration using SALSA

Problem: $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$

Template: $\min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{j=1}^J g_j(\mathbf{H}^{(j)}\mathbf{z})$

$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{W}$

observation matrix

synthesis matrix

Mapping: $J = 2, \quad g_1(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2, \quad g_2(\mathbf{z}) = \tau \|\mathbf{z}\|_1$

$$\mathbf{H}^{(1)} = \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{W} \quad \mathbf{H}^{(2)} = \mathbf{I},$$

Convergence conditions: g_1 and g_2 are closed, proper, and convex.

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}\mathbf{W} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \text{ has full column rank.}$$

Example: Image Restoration using SALSA

Frame-based analysis: $\left[\sum_{j=1}^J (\mathbf{H}^{(j)})^* \mathbf{H}^{(j)} \right]^{-1} = [\mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{B}^* \mathbf{B} \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{I}]^{-1}$

Periodic deconvolution: $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{D} \mathbf{U}$ ↖ DFT

$O(n \log n)$ $\left[\mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{B}^* \mathbf{B} \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{I} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{D}^* \left[|\mathbf{D}|^2 + \mathbf{I} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{W}$
matrix inversion lemma + $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^* = \mathbf{I}$

Compressive imaging (MRI): $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{U}$ ↖ subsampling matrix: $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^* = \mathbf{I}$

$O(n \log n)$ $\left[\mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{M}^* \mathbf{M} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{I} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{M}^* \mathbf{M} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{W}$

Inpainting (recovery of lost pixels): $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S}$ ↖ subsampling matrix: $\mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}^* = \mathbf{I}$

$O(n \log n)$ $\left[\mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{S}^* \mathbf{S} \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{I} \right]^{-1} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{S}^* \mathbf{S} \mathbf{W}$

Example: Image Restoration using SALSA

9x9 uniform blur,
40dB BSNR

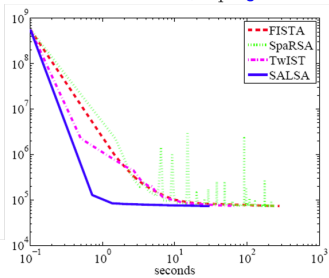
blurred



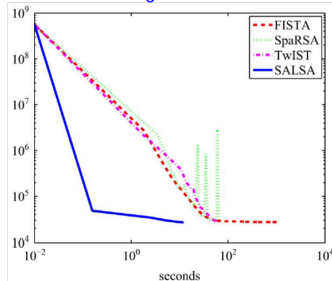
restored



undecimated Haar frame, ℓ_1 regularization.

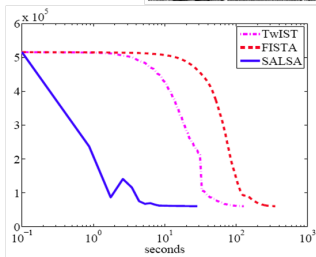


TV regularization



Example: Image Restoration using SALSA

Image inpainting
(50% missing)



Alg.	Calls to \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}^H	Iter.	CPU time (sec.)	MSE	ISNR (dB)
FISTA	1022	340	263.8	92.01	18.96
TwIST	271	124	112.7	100.92	18.54
SALSA	84	28	20.88	77.61	19.68

Conjecture: SALSA is fast because it's *blessed* by the matrix inversion

The inverted matrix (e.g., $\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}$) is (almost) the Hessian of the data term;
...second-order (curvature) information (as Newton's method)

ADMM for the Morozov Formulation

Unconstrained optimization formulation: $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \tau c(\mathbf{x})$

Constrained optimization (Morozov) formulation: $\min_{\mathbf{x}} c(\mathbf{x})$
basis pursuit denoising, if $c(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$
s.t. $\|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon$
[Chen, Donoho, Saunders, 1998]

Both analysis and synthesis can be used:

- frame-based analysis, $c(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{Px}\|_1$

- frame-based synthesis $c(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{W}$$

ADMM for the Morozov Formulation

Constrained problem:
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & c(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

...can be written as
$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} c(\mathbf{x}) + \iota_{\mathcal{B}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{y})}(\mathbf{Ax})$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{y}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 \leq \varepsilon\}$$

...which has the form
$$\min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{j=1}^J g_j(\mathbf{H}^{(j)} \mathbf{u}) \quad (P1)$$

with $J = 2$, $g_1(\mathbf{z}) = c(\mathbf{z})$, $\mathbf{H}^{(1)} = \mathbf{I}$
 $g_2(\mathbf{z}) = \iota_{\mathcal{B}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{y})}(\mathbf{z})$, $\mathbf{H}^{(2)} = \mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}$$

full column rank

Resulting algorithm: C-SALSA (constrained-SALSA)

[Afonso, Bioucas-Dias, F, 2010,2011]

ADMM for the Morozov Formulation

Moreau proximity operator of $\iota_{\mathcal{B}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{y})}$ is simply a projection on an ℓ_2 ball:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{prox}_{\iota_{\mathcal{B}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{y})}}(\mathbf{u}) &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \iota_{\mathcal{B}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{y})} + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 \\ &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{u} & \Leftarrow \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 \leq \varepsilon \\ \mathbf{y} + \frac{\varepsilon(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{y})}{\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{y}\|_2} & \Leftarrow \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 > \varepsilon \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

As SALSA, also C-SALSA involves inversion of the form

$$\left[\mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{B}^* \mathbf{B} \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{I} \right]^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad \left[\mathbf{B}^* \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{P} \right]^{-1}$$

...all the same tricks as above.

ADMM for the Morozov Formulation

Image deconvolution benchmark problems:

Experiment	blur kernel	σ^2
1	9×9 uniform	0.56^2
2A	Gaussian	2
2B	Gaussian	8
3A	$h_{ij} = 1/(1+i^2+j^2)$	2
3B	$h_{ij} = 1/(1+i^2+j^2)$	8

NESTA: [Becker, Bobin, Candès, 2011]

SPGL1: [van den Berg, Friedlander, 2009]

Frame-synthesis

Expt.	Avg. calls to \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}^H (min/max)			Iterations			CPU time (seconds)		
	SPGL1	NESTA	C-SALSA	SPGL1	NESTA	C-SALSA	SPGL1	NESTA	C-SALSA
1	1029 (659/1290)	3520 (3501/3541)	398 (388/406)	340	880	134	441.16	590.79	100.72
2A	511 (279/663)	4897 (4777/4981)	451 (442/460)	160	1224	136	202.67	798.81	98.85
2B	377 (141/532)	3397 (3345/3473)	362 (355/370)	98	849	109	120.50	557.02	81.69
3A	675 (378/772)	2622 (2589/2661)	172 (166/175)	235	656	58	266.41	423.41	42.56
3B	404 (300/475)	2446 (2401/2485)	134 (130/136)	147	551	41	161.17	354.59	29.57

Frame-analysis

Expt.	Avg. calls to \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}^H (min/max)		Iterations		CPU time (seconds)	
	NESTA	C-SALSA	NESTA	C-SALSA	NESTA	C-SALSA
1	2881 (2861/2889)	413 (404/419)	720	138	353.88	80.32
2A	2451 (2377/2505)	362 (344/371)	613	109	291.14	62.65
2B	2139 (2065/2197)	290 (278/299)	535	87	254.94	50.14
3A	2203 (2181/2217)	137 (134/143)	551	42	261.89	23.83
3B	1967 (1949/1985)	116 (113/119)	492	39	236.45	22.38

Total-variation

Expt.	Avg. calls to \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}^H (min/max)		Iterations		CPU time (seconds)	
	NESTA	C-SALSA	NESTA	C-SALSA	NESTA	C-SALSA
1	7783 (7767/7795)	695 (680/710)	1945	232	311.98	62.56
2A	7323 (7291/7351)	559 (536/578)	1830	150	279.36	38.63
2B	6828 (6775/6883)	299 (269/329)	1707	100	265.35	25.47
3A	6594 (6513/6661)	176 (98/209)	1649	59	250.37	15.08
3B	5514 (5417/5585)	108 (104/110)	1379	37	210.94	9.23

ADMM for Sparse Inverse Covariance

$$\max_{X \succ 0} \log \det(X) - \langle X, S \rangle - \tau \|X\|_1,$$

Reformulate as

$$\max_{X \succ 0} \log \det(X) - \langle X, S \rangle - \tau \|Z\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad X - Z = 0.$$

Subproblems are:

$$\begin{aligned} X_k &:= \arg \max_X \log \det(X) - \langle X, S \rangle - \langle U_{k-1}, X - Z_{k-1} \rangle \\ &\quad - \frac{\rho_k}{2} \|X - Z_{k-1}\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$:= \arg \max_X \log \det(X) - \langle X, S \rangle - \frac{\rho_k}{2} \|X - Z_{k-1} + U_k / \rho_k\|_F^2$$

$$Z_k := \text{prox}_{\tau/\rho_k}(X_k + U_k);$$

$$U_{k+1} := U_k + \rho_k(X_k - Z_k).$$

Solving for X

Get optimality condition for the X subproblem by using $\nabla_X \log \det(X) = X^{-1}$, when X is s.p.d. Thus,

$$X^{-1} - S - \rho_k(X - Z_{k-1} + U_k/\rho_k) = 0,$$

which is equivalent to

$$X^{-1} - \rho_k X - (S - \rho_k Z_{k-1} + U_k) = 0.$$

Form eigendecomposition

$$(S - \rho_k Z_{k-1} + U_k) = Q \Lambda Q^T,$$

where Q is $n \times n$ orthogonal and Λ is diagonal with elements λ_i . Seek X with the form $Q \tilde{\Lambda} Q^T$, where $\tilde{\Lambda}$ has diagonals $\tilde{\lambda}_i$. Must have

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{\lambda}_i} - \rho_k \tilde{\lambda}_i - \lambda_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Take positive roots: $\tilde{\lambda}_i = [\lambda_i + \sqrt{\lambda_i^2 + 4\rho_k}]/(2\rho_k)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

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