Convergence and complexity of Block Majorization-Minimization on Riemannian manifolds

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Problem Set-up

- (Objective function) $f: \mathcal{M}^{(1)} \times \cdots \times \mathcal{M}^{(m)} \to \mathbb{R}$ geodesically smooth in each block
- (Constraint Sets) Θ = Θ⁽¹⁾ × · · · × Θ^(m) ⊆ M⁽¹⁾ × · · · × M^(m) − M⁽ⁱ⁾ complete Riemannian manifold, Θ⁽ⁱ⁾ geodesically convex for rate of convergence
- (Constrained nonconvex problem)

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* \in \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}=[\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_m]\in\boldsymbol{\Theta}} f(\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_m).$$

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Related works

- (Euclidean BMM) Rate of convergence for convex problem is $\tilde{O}(\varepsilon^{-1})$ ([HRLP15]).
- (Riemannian MM) Rate of convergence for certain type of majorizer on specific manifolds:

(i) Majorizer on manifolds:

- Linear majorizer on Stiefel manifolds [BKSP21]
- Proximal majorizer on Hadamard manifolds [BFO15]

(ii) Majorizer on tangent spaces:

- Tangent prox-linear on Stiefel manifolds ([CMMCSZ20])
- Tangent prox-linear on Riemannian manifolds [HW22] (assuming retraction convexity)



Figure: Example of a retraction.

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Majorization-Minimization (MM)

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- Choose a majorizing surrogate $g_n(\theta)$ of f at θ_{n-1}
- $\theta_n^{''} \leftarrow \arg\min_{\theta \in \Theta} g_n(\theta)$

Ex: PGD

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$$g_n(\theta) = f(\theta_{n-1}) + \langle \nabla f(\theta_{n-1}), \theta - \theta_{n-1} \rangle + \frac{l}{2} \|\theta - \theta_{n-1}\|^2$$

(prox-linear surr)

•
$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_n = \operatorname{Proj}_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n-1} - \frac{1}{L}\nabla f(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n-1}))$$

Ex: Linear surrogate over Stiefel Manifold

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$$g_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := f_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n-1}) + \langle \nabla f_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n-1}), \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{n-1} \rangle$$

• $\boldsymbol{\theta}_n = \operatorname{Proj}_{\mathcal{Y}^n \times k} (-\nabla f_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n-1}))$



Figure: Example of linear surrogate over Stiefel manifold (Excerpted from [BKSP21])

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- $\begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad (\text{Euclidean}) \text{ Block Majorization-minimization: For } n=1,\ldots,N \text{ and } i=1,\ldots,m \\ \begin{cases} g_n^{(i)} \leftarrow \left[\text{Majorizing surrogate of } f_n^{(i)}(\theta) := f\left(\theta_n^{(1)},\cdots,\theta_n^{(i-1)},\theta,\theta_{n-1}^{(i+1)},\cdots,\theta_{n-1}^{(m)}\right)\right] \\ \theta_n^{(i)} \in \arg\min_{\theta \in \Theta^{(i)} \subset \mathbb{R}^{l_i}} g_n^{(i)}(\theta) \end{cases}$
 - Sequentially update each block while fixing the rest.
 - Special case: Block PGD (block coordinate descent)

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Rmk: The two options coincide in the Euclidean setting with prox-linear surrogates.

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(Subspace Estimation with Grassmannian Geodesics[BRFB23])

$$X_i = U_i G_i + N_i$$

where $U_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$ has orthonormal columns representing a point on the Grassmannian $\mathcal{G}(k, d)$; $G_i \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times \ell}$ holds weight or loading vectors; and $N_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times \ell}$ is an independent additive noise matrix.

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Model U_i :

$$U_i = U(t_i) = H\cos(\Theta t_i) + Y\sin(\Theta t_i)$$

Objective function f,

$$f(U) = f(H, Y, \Theta) = \min_{\{G_i\}_{i=1}^T} \|X_i - U(t_i)G_i\|_F^2 = -\sum_{i=1}^T \|X_i^T U(t_i)\|_F^2 + c$$

- Two blocks: Q = [H Y] and Θ
- $Q \in \mathcal{V}^{d imes 2k}$, a stiefel manifold

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Examples

Other examples:

• (Optimilstic likelihood under Fisher-Rao distnce [NSAY+19])

$$\min_{\mu, \Sigma} f(\mu, \Sigma) \triangleq \left\langle M^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^{M} (x_m - \mu) (x_m - \mu)^T, \Sigma^{-1} \right\rangle + \log \det \Sigma$$

where $\Sigma \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^n$ the manifold of positive definite matrices.

• (Robust PCA)

$$\min_{L,S} f(L,S) \triangleq \lambda \|S\|_1 + \frac{1}{2\mu} \|M - L - S\|_F^2$$

 $\operatorname{rank}(L) \leq r$, so L represents a point on low-rank manifold.

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Preliminaries

Assumption 1 (g-smooth objective and sublevel compactness) There exists a constant $L_f > 0$ such that the function $f : \Theta = \Theta^{(1)} \times \cdots \times \Theta^{(m)} \to \mathbb{R}$ is geodesically L_f -smooth of order β in each block coordinate. Furthermore, the sublevel sets $f^{-1}((-\infty, a)) = \{\theta \in \Theta : f(\theta) \le a\}$ are compact for each $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definition (Geodesic *L*-smoothness of order β)

The objective function $f : \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}$ is geodesically *L*-smooth of order β ($\beta > 1$) if it satisfies

$$\left\|\operatorname{grad} f(x) - \Gamma_y^{\mathsf{x}}(\operatorname{grad} f(y))\right\| \leq \frac{L}{2} d^{\beta-1}(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in M$, where $\Gamma_x^y : T_x \to T_y$ is the parallel transport along a minimal geodesic joining x and y, d(x, y) is the distance between x and y.



Assumption 2 (g-convex constraints) Each $\Theta^{(i)}$ is geodesically convex. That is, given any two points in $\Theta^{(i)}$, there exists a distance minimizing geodesic contained in $\Theta^{(i)}$ that joins the two points.

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▶ Why proximal surrogates in (ii) may not be g-smooth (i)?

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Figure: Examples on g-smoothness of $d^2(x, p)$. Panel (a) is an example in Euclidean space; Panel (b) is a counterexample in hyperbolic space.

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Figure: Examples on g-smoothness of $d^2(x, p)$ on S^1 . Panel (a) is an counterexample; Panel (b) (c) are the cases when g-smoothness inequality becomes an equality with L = 2.

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Theorem ((LLBN '23+) Asymptotic convergence to stationary points; two blocks)

f = Objective function with m = 2 blocks. $(\theta_n)_{n\geq 0} = Output of RBMM.$ Suppose Assumptions 1-3 hold. Then every limit point of $(\theta_n)_{n\geq 0}$ is a stationary point of f over Θ .

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Assumption 4 (Distance-regularizing surrogates) There exists a strictly increasing function $\phi : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $\phi(0) = 0$ and

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Theorem (Asymptotic convergence to stationary points; many blocks)

Let f denote the objective function with $m \ge 2$. Let $(\theta_n)_{n\ge 0}$ be a output of RBMM. Suppose Assumptions 1, 3, 4(for Option 1) hold. Then every limit point of $(\theta_n)_{n\ge 0}$ is a stationary point of f over Θ .

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Definition (ε -approxiate stationary point): we say $\theta^* \in \Theta$ is an ε -approxiate stationary point of f over Θ if

$$-\inf_{\eta\in {\mathcal T}^*_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_n}}\left\langle \mathsf{grad}\, f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*), \frac{\eta}{\|\eta\|}\right\rangle \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}.$$

where $T^*_{\theta}\mathcal{M}^{(i)} := \{\eta \in T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}^{(i)} : \mathsf{Exp}_{\theta}(\eta) \in \Theta^{(i)}\}.$

Definition (worst-case iteration complexity) :

 $N_{\varepsilon} := \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \inf \{ n \ge 1 \, | \, \theta_n \text{ is an } \varepsilon \text{-approximate stationary point of } f \text{ over } \Theta \},$

where $(\theta_n)_{n\geq 0}$ is a sequence of estimates produced by the algorithm with initial estimate θ_0 .

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Theorem (Rate of convergence for proximal surrogates on Riemannian manifolds with lower bounded injectivity radius)

 $f = Objective function with m \ge 2 blocks.$ $(\theta_n)_{n\ge 0} = output of RBMM.$ Suppose Assumptions 1-3 hold. Assume [Option 1 with prox surrogates] or [Option 2 with prox-linear surrogates].

(i) (Worst-case rate of convergence) There exists constants M and c > 0 independent of θ_0 such that

$$\min_{1 \le k \le n} \left[-\inf_{\eta \in T^*_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_n}} \left\langle \operatorname{grad} f(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n), \frac{\eta}{\|\eta\|} \right\rangle \right] \le \frac{M}{\sqrt{n}/\log n}$$

(ii) (Worst-case iteration complexity) The worst-case iteration complexity N_ε for RBMM satisfies N_ε = O(ε⁻¹ (log ε⁻¹)²)

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Theorem (Rate of convergence for smooth surrogates)

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(i) (Worst-case rate of convergence) There exists constants M, c > 0 independent of θ_0 such that

$$\min_{1 \le k \le n} \left[-\inf_{\eta \in \mathcal{T}_{\theta_n}^*} \left\langle \operatorname{grad} f(\theta_n), \frac{\eta}{\|\eta\|} \right\rangle \right] \le \frac{M + c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta_n(\theta_0)}{n^{\alpha} / (\log n)^{1/2}}$$

- (ii) (Worst-case iteration complexity) The worst-case iteration complexity N_ε for RBMM satisfies N_ε = O (ε^{-1/2α} (log ε⁻¹)).
- (iii) (Optimal convergence rate) Further assume that the surrogate gaps $h_n^{(i)} = g_n^{(i)} f_n^{(i)}$ satisfy $h_n^{(i)}(\theta) \le Cd^{\beta}(\theta, \theta_n^{(i)})$ for some constant C > 0. Then the results in (i)-(ii) hold with the improved exponent $\alpha = (\beta - 1)/\beta$.

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- Asymptotic convergence to stationary points
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$$\begin{split} \theta_n^{(i)} &\leftarrow \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\theta \in \Theta^{(i)}} \left(\langle \nabla, \, \theta \rangle + \frac{\lambda}{2} \| \theta \|^2 - \lambda \langle \theta, \, \theta_{n-1}^{(i)} \rangle \right) = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\theta \in \Theta^{(i)}} \left\| \theta - \left(\theta_{n-1}^{(i)} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \nabla \right) \right\|^2 \\ &= \operatorname{Proj}_{\Theta^{(i)}} \left(\theta_{n-1}^{(i)} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \nabla \right). \end{split}$$

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- Asymptotic convergence to stationary points
- Block Proximal Updates on Hadamard manifolds/Stiefel manifolds)

$$g_n^{(i)}(\theta) = f_n^{(i)}(\theta) + \frac{\lambda_n}{2} \cdot d^2\left(\theta, \theta_{n-1}^{(i)}\right)$$

- Asymptotic convergence to stationary points
- Iteration complexity of $\widetilde{O}(\varepsilon^{-1})$

Hadamard manifolds includes: Euclidean spaces, Hyperbolic spaces, manifold of PD matrices

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Optimistic likelihood

Optimistic likelihood problem:

$$g_{n}^{(1)}(\mu) = \left\langle M^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^{M} (x_{m} - \mu) (x_{m} - \mu)^{T}, \Sigma_{n-1}^{-1} \right\rangle + \log \det \Sigma_{n-1} + \frac{\lambda_{n}}{2} \|\mu - \mu_{n-1}\|^{2}$$
$$g_{n}^{(2)}(\Sigma) = \left\langle S_{n}, \Sigma^{-1} \right\rangle + \log \det \Sigma + \frac{\lambda}{4} \left\| \log \left(\Sigma_{n-1}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Sigma \Sigma_{n-1}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right\|_{F}^{2}$$



Figure: Comparison of block minimization and RBMM applied to optimistic likelihood problem under Fisher-Rao distance. RBMM is implemented with $\lambda = 0.01, 0.1, 1$ respectively.

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Geodesic subspace tracking problem



Figure: Convergence of RBMM in geodesic error under different settings. Average geodesic error is computed over 50 independent trials. The dimension is d = 30 and the additive Gaussian noise has standard deviation $\sigma = 0.1$. The value of other parameters are shown in the title for each panel.

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