

# Gradient methods with FEM-Subspaces

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- \* Switch the loops: view from optimization
- \* Complexity estimates are crucial in optimization  
(Linear programming, "large-scale"-problems)

$$l_k \leq \frac{C}{1+\kappa} \quad \text{vs.} \quad l_k \leq \frac{C}{1+\kappa^2}$$

$$l_k \leq C_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{C_1 \kappa}\right)^k \quad \text{vs.} \quad l_k \leq C_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{C_1 \kappa^2}\right)^k \quad \kappa: \text{condition no.}$$

Ref. : AFEM (Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris, Wien, ...)  
Optimization (Nesterov, ...)

## Motivation : Semilinear PDEs

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f(u) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

Stationary points of

$$E: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad x = H_0(\omega)$$

$$E(u) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 - \int_{\Omega} F(u), \quad F' = f$$

In the simplest case,  $E$  is strictly convex, we can use steepest descent

$$\begin{cases} u_{k+1} = u_k - t_k g_k, \quad u_0 \text{ given.} \\ \int_{\Omega} \nabla g_k \cdot \nabla v = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_k \cdot \nabla v - \int_{\Omega} f(u_k) v \quad \forall v \in X \quad g_k = \nabla E(u_k) \end{cases}$$

We want to use FEM-spaces  $X_h \subset X$

$$g_k \in X_h: \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla g_k \cdot \nabla v = E'(u_k)(v) \quad \forall v \in X_h \quad (\text{Right})$$

from now: " $u$ "  $\rightarrow$  " $x$ "    " $E$ "  $\rightarrow$  " $f$ "

## Gradient method

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{smooth strictly convex} \quad \langle \nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y), x-y \rangle \geq \mu \|x-y\|^2$$

$$Q_t(x, y) := f(y) + \langle \nabla f(y), x-y \rangle + \frac{1}{2t} \|x-y\|^2$$

$$G_t(y) := \underset{x \in X}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} Q_t(x, y) = y - t \nabla f(y)$$

$$Q_t^*(y) := \min_{x \in X} Q_t(x, y) = f(y) - \frac{1}{2t} \|G_t(y) - y\|^2 = f(y) - \frac{t}{2} \|\nabla f(y)\|^2$$

INPUT :  $t_0 > 0, x_0 \in X \quad k=0$

1. while  $Q_{t_k}^*(x_k) < f(G_{t_k}(x_k)) : t_{k+1} = t_k/2$

(Armijo-Goldstein)

2.  $x_{k+1} = G_{t_k}(x_k)$

3.  $t_k = 2t_{k+1}, k = k+1$

Rq: If  $\nabla f$  L-Lipschitz we have  $t_k \geq \frac{1}{L}$

We have:  $f(x_{k+1}) \leq \min_{x \in X} Q_{t_k}(x, x_k) = Q_{t_k}(x_{k+1}, x_k) = f(x_k) - \frac{1}{2t_k} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2$

Let  $\Delta f_k := f(x_k) - f^*$  then

$$\Delta f_{k+1} \leq \Delta f_k - \frac{1}{2t_k} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2$$

If  $t_k \geq t_0 > 0$  (and...) this gives  $x_k \rightarrow x_0$  &  $\nabla f(x_0) = 0 \dots (\text{DMV})$

We want more :

Suppose  $x^* \in \arg \min_{x \in X} f(x) \quad (\nabla f(x^*) = 0)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(x_{k+1}) &\leq f(x_k) - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\ f(x^*) &\geq f(x_k) + \langle \nabla f(x_k), x^* - x_k \rangle \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \underbrace{f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)}_{\Delta f_{k+1}} \leq \langle \nabla f(x_k), x_k - x^* \rangle - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2$$

$$\Delta f_{k+1} \leq \langle \nabla f(x_k), x_k - x^* \rangle - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2$$

$$= \frac{t_k}{2} \left( 2 \langle \nabla f(x_k), t_k^{-1}(x_k - x^*) \rangle - \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \right)$$

$$2\langle a, b \rangle - \|a\|^2 = \|b\|^2 - \|b-a\|^2$$

$$= \frac{t_k}{2} \left( \|t_k^{-1}(x_k - x^*)\|^2 - \underbrace{\|t_k^{-1}(x_k - x^*) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2}_{= t_k^{-1}(x_{k+1} - x^*)} \right)$$

Suppose  $t_k \geq t_L > 0$  :

$$\Delta f_{k+1} \leq \frac{1}{2t_L} (\|x_k - x^*\|^2 - \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|^2)$$

Saving up :  $\sum_{k=M+1}^{\infty} \Delta f_k \leq \frac{1}{2t_L} \|x_M - x^*\|^2 = \frac{1}{2t_L} \mu \Delta f_M \Rightarrow \Delta f_M \leq C \rho^M \Delta f_0$

$$\sum_{k=M+1}^{\infty} \alpha_{kL} \leq C \alpha_M \Rightarrow \alpha_{M+L} \leq (C+1) \rho^L \alpha_M \quad \rho = \frac{C}{C+1} \Rightarrow \rho = 1 - \frac{1}{C+1}$$

$\kappa = \frac{C}{C+1}$   
if  $t_L \geq 1/L$

If

$$t_k = \frac{2}{\mu + L}$$

we have a simpler proof:

$$\|x^* - x_{k+1}\|^2 = \|x^* - x_k + t_k \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 = \|x^* - x_k\|^2 + 2t_k \langle \nabla f(x_k), x^* - x_k \rangle + t_k^2 \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \nabla f(x_k), x^* - x_k \rangle &= \langle \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla f(x^*), x^* - x_k \rangle \leq -\frac{\mu}{L+\mu} \|x^* - x_k\|^2 - \frac{1}{L+\mu} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\ &\leq \left(1 - \frac{2t_k \mu}{L+\mu}\right) \|x^* - x_k\|^2 + t_k \underbrace{\left(t_k - \frac{2}{L+\mu}\right)}_{\leq 0} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x^* - x_{k+1}\|^2 \leq s_S \|x^* - x_k\|^2 \quad s_S = 1 - \frac{1}{6K}$$

With the same argument:  $\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \leq s_S \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2$

## Gradient method on sub-spaces

$$X_0 \subset \dots \subset X_k \subset X_{k+1} \subset \dots \subset X, \quad x_{k+1} \in X_k$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - t_k P_k \nabla f(x_k)$$

$$x_{k+1} \in X_k : \langle x_{k+1}, y \rangle = \langle x_k, y \rangle - t_k \langle \nabla f(x_k), y \rangle \quad \forall y \in X_k$$

We still have:  $\Delta f_{k+1} \leq \Delta f_k - \frac{1}{2t_k} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2$  since

$$x_{k+1} = \underset{x \in X_k}{\operatorname{argmin}} Q_{t_k}(x, x_k) = G_{t_k}^{x_k}(x_k)$$

$$\underset{x \in X_k}{\operatorname{min}} Q_{t_k}(x, x_k) = f(x_k) - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in X_k : \quad Q_t(x, x_k) &= f(x_k) + \langle \nabla f(x_k), x - x_k \rangle + \frac{1}{2t} \|x - x_k\|^2 \\ &= f(x_k) + \langle P_k \nabla f(x_k), x - x_k \rangle + \frac{1}{2t} \|x - x_k\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

BUT NOW:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*) &\stackrel{\text{(convex)}}{\leq} \langle \nabla f(x_k), x^* - x_k \rangle - \frac{1}{2t_k} \|P_k \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\ &= \langle P_k \nabla f(x_k), x^* - x_k \rangle - \frac{1}{2t_k} \|P_k \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 + D_k \\ &= \frac{1}{2t_k} \left( \|x^* - x_k\|^2 - \|x^* - x_{k+1}\|^2 \right) + D_k \quad (\text{as before}) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$D_k := \langle (I - P_k) \nabla f(x_k), x^* - x_k \rangle$$

First idea!: if  $|D_k| \leq \lambda \Delta f_k$  ( $0 < \lambda < 1$ ) then ( $t_k \geq t_L > 0$ )

$$(1-\lambda) \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \Delta f_k \leq \left( \frac{1}{2t_L} + \lambda \right) \Delta f_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta f_n \leq c_0 \beta^n \Delta f_0 \quad \beta = (1 - \frac{1}{c_1 t_L})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_k &= \langle (I - P_k) \nabla f(x_k), x^* - x_k \rangle \\
 &= \langle \nabla f(x_k), (I - P_k)(x^* - x_k) \rangle \quad x_k^* \in \underset{x \in X_k}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(x) \\
 &= \langle \nabla f(x_k), x^* - x_k - y \rangle \quad y \in X_k
 \end{aligned}$$

then  $|P_k| \leq C_{Bk} \gamma_k(x_k) \|x^* - x_k\|$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{C_{Bk}^2}{\mu} \gamma_k^2(x_k) + \frac{1}{2} (f(x_k) - f(x^*)) \quad (\text{strict convexity})
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\Delta f_{k+1} \leq \frac{1}{2} \Delta f_k + \frac{1}{2} \left( \|x^* - x_k\|^2 - \|x^* - x_{k+1}\|^2 \right) + \frac{C_{Bk}^2}{\mu} \gamma_k^2(x_k)$$

We would need  $\gamma_k^2(x_k) \leq \lambda (f(x_k) - f(x^*))$  ( $\lambda$  small)

Second idea: Use estimator reduction

If REF :  $\gamma_{k+1}^2(\bar{x}_{k+1}) \leq q_M \gamma_k^2(\bar{x}_k) + C_s^2 \|\bar{x}_{k+1} - \bar{x}_k\|^2$  (Dörfel working)

But we have:  $f(\bar{x}_{k+1}) - f(\bar{x}_k) = -\frac{1}{2t_0} \|\bar{x}_{k+1} - \bar{x}_k\|^2$

So  $\boxed{\gamma_k^2(\bar{x}_{k+1}) \leq q_M \gamma_k^2(\bar{x}_k) + \lambda t_0 (f(\bar{x}_k) - f(\bar{x}_{k+1}))}$

$$\lambda = 2C_s^2$$

If no REF: Use the red inequality as refinement criterion!?

We have :

$$f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{t} \left( \|x^* - x_k\|^2 - \|x^* - x_{k+1}\|^2 \right) + \frac{2C_p^2}{\mu} \gamma_k^2(x_p)$$

$$\gamma_{k+1}^2(x_{k+1}) \leq q_M \gamma_k^2(x_k) + \lambda t_u (f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}))$$

with  $0 < t_L \leq t_R \leq t_u$   $\forall k$

$$l_k := f(x_k) - f(x^*) + c_1 \gamma_k^2(x_k) + c_2 \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|^2 \quad (c_1, c_2 \text{ big enough})$$

$$l_{k+1} \leq \tilde{\alpha}_k l_k + \frac{1}{2t_k} \left( \|x^* - x_k\|^2 - \|x^* - x_{k+1}\|^2 \right)$$

Summing up : ...

INPUT :  $t_0 > 0, x_0 \in X, \lambda > 0 \quad k=0$

1. while  $\min_{x \in X} Q_{t_k}(x, x_k) < f(G_{t_k}(x_k))$  :  $t_k = t_k/2$

$$2. \quad x_{k+1} = G_{t_k}(x_k)$$

3. If  $\gamma_k^2(x_{k+1}) \geq g_k \gamma_k^2(x_k) + \lambda t_k (f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1}))$ : REFINE

$$4. \quad t_k = 2t_k, \quad k = k+1$$

then:

For any  $\lambda > 0$   $t \geq t_k \geq t_0 > 0, \dots$ , we have

$$\epsilon_{k+m} \leq C \rho^m \epsilon_k \quad \rho = 1 - \frac{1}{C \lambda}$$

$$\epsilon_k := f(x_k) - f(x^*) + g_1 \gamma_k^2(x_k) + g_2 \|x_k - x^*\|^2$$

### Special case : linear equation

$$f(\eta) = \frac{1}{2} \langle t\eta, \eta \rangle - \langle b, \eta \rangle \text{ with appropriate } t, b.$$

$$\text{Then } f(x_k) - f(x^*) = \frac{1}{2} \|x^* - x_k\|^2 \text{ etc. } \dots$$

### Complexity estimate

We want  $\sum_{k=1}^n \dim X_k = C \varepsilon^{-1/s}$  if  $\ell_n \leq \varepsilon$

and "s": approximation speed  $\sup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \ell_N^* N^s < +\infty$

$$\ell_N^* = \min \left\{ \ell(x_N^*), x \in \arg \min_{x \in Y} f(x) \mid \dim Y = N, Y \text{ admissible} \right\}$$

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accelerated gradient method (Nesterov)

$(x_k = y)$

$$GM: \quad \gamma_{k+1} = \underset{x \in X}{\operatorname{argmin}} Q_{t_k}(x, \gamma_k) \quad AGM: \quad \gamma_{k+1} = \underset{x \in X}{\operatorname{argmin}} Q_{t_k}(x, y_k)$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{(SL rule)} & f(\gamma_{k+1}) \leq Q_{t_k}(\gamma_{k+1}, y_k) = f(y_k) - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(y_k)\|^2 \\ \text{(convexity)} & f(x) \geq f(y_k) + \langle \nabla f(y_k), x - y_k \rangle \quad \forall x \in X \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\gamma_{k+1}) - f(x) \leq \langle \nabla f(y_k), y_k - x \rangle - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(y_k)\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Delta f_{k+1} & \leq \langle \nabla f(y_k), y_k - x^* \rangle - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(y_k)\|^2 \quad (x = x^*) \\ \Delta f_{k+1} - \Delta f_k & \leq \langle \nabla f(y_k), y_k - x_k \rangle - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(y_k)\|^2 \quad (x = x_k) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta f(\gamma_{k+1}) - \alpha \Delta f_k \leq \langle \nabla f(y_k), y_k - \alpha \gamma_k - (1-\alpha)x^* \rangle - \frac{t_k}{2} \|\nabla f(y_k)\|^2$$

$(0 < \alpha < 1)$

$$\Delta f(x_{k+1}) - \alpha \Delta f_k \leq \langle \nabla f(y_k), y_k - \alpha x_k - (1-\alpha)x^* \rangle - \frac{t_k}{2} \| \nabla f(y_k) \|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2t_k} \left( 2 \langle t_k \nabla f(y_k), y_k - \alpha x_k - (1-\alpha)x^* \rangle - \| t_k \nabla f(y_k) \|^2 \right)$$

$$2ab - a^2 = b^2 - (b-a)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2t_k} \left( \| y_k - \alpha x_k - (1-\alpha)x^* \|^2 - \underbrace{\| y_k - \alpha x_k - \frac{t_k}{2} \nabla f(y_k) - (1-\alpha)x^* \|^2}_{x_{k+1} - \alpha x_k} \right)$$

so we want  $x_{k+1} - \alpha x_k = y_k - \alpha x_{k+1}$

or  $y_{k+1} = x_{k+1} + \alpha(x_k - x_{k+1})$  let  $\tilde{x}_k := x_k + \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}(x_k - x_{k-1})$

then

$$\Delta f(x_{k+1}) \leq \alpha \Delta f(x_k) + \frac{(1-\alpha)^2}{2t_k} \left( \| \tilde{x}_k - x^* \|^2 - \| \tilde{x}_{k+1} - x^* \|^2 \right)$$

Suppose  $t_k = \frac{1}{\lambda}$  &  $\|\tilde{x}_k - x^*\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\mu} \Delta f_R$  (?)

then  $\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \Delta f_R \leq \alpha \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \Delta f_R + \frac{(1-\alpha)^2}{2} k \Delta f_M$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \Delta f_R \leq \underbrace{\left( \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} + \frac{1-\alpha}{2} K \right)}_{\varphi(\alpha) \text{ stiff case}} \Delta f_M$$

$$\varphi(\alpha) \leq 2 K^{1/2}$$

so we end up with

$$\Delta f_M \leq C_0 \rho^n \Delta f_0 \quad \rho = 1 - \frac{1}{C_0 \sqrt{K}}$$

## AGM on FEM-subspaces:

In order to deal with  $X_k \subset X$  we have to think about:

$$\langle (I - P_k) \nabla f(y_k), y_k - x^* \rangle = \langle \nabla f(y_k), x_k^* - x^* - y \rangle \quad y \in X_k$$

$\Rightarrow$  Evaluate the estimator at  $y_k$ ! ...

THANK YOU!