

# Adaptive Optimization Methods for Machine Learning and Signal Processing

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## *Part IV/IV: Adaptivity in min-max optimization*

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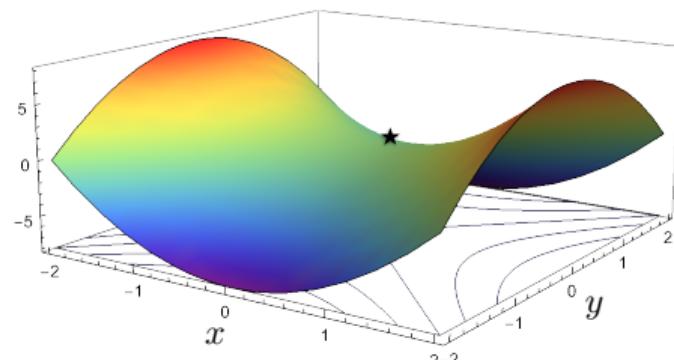
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- The solution is the saddle point

# Outline

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- Behavior of GDA on the toy problem:

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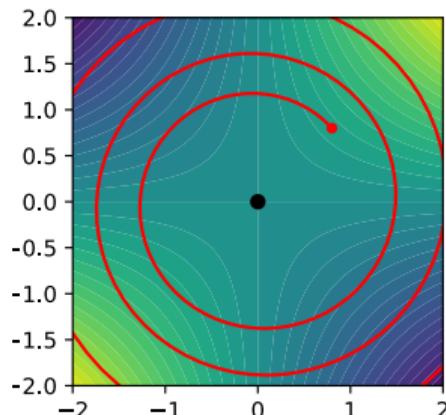
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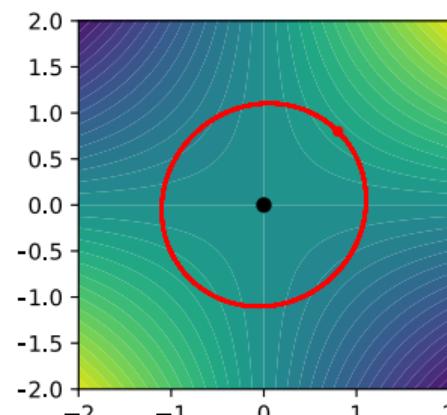
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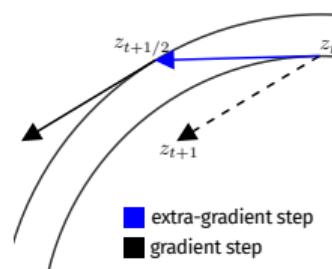
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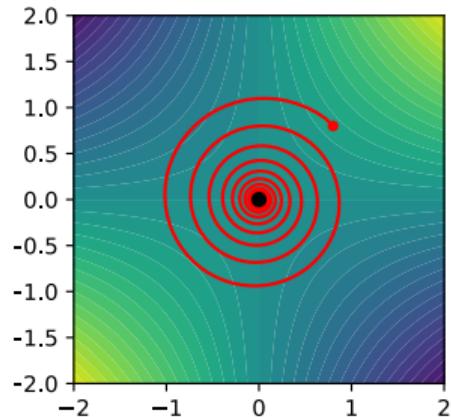
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→ Different step sizes for deterministic & stochastic:  $1/L$  vs  $\eta_0/\sqrt{t}$

→ Need to know  $L$  to set step size

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**Intuition.** Recall AdaGrad step size for  $\min_x f(x)$ :  $\eta_t = \frac{D}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^t \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2}}$ .

- $Z_i^2 \sim \|\tilde{F}(z)\|^2$ , since when  $\mathcal{Z} = \mathbb{R}^{d+n}$ ,

$$\|z_{i+1/2} - z_i\| = \|\eta_i \tilde{F}(z_i)\|$$

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- Same step size for deterministic & stochastic
- No need to know  $L$
- Optimal rate interpolation between for deterministic & stochastic

## ExtraAdam

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**Algorithm** ExtraAdam [Gidel et al., 2018]

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**for**  $t = 0$  to  $T - 1$  **do**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} g_t = \tilde{F}(z_t) \\ m_{t-1/2} = \beta_1 m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) g_t \\ v_{t-1/2} = \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) g_t^2 \\ z_{t+1/2} = z_t - \frac{\eta_t}{\sqrt{v_{t-1/2}}} m_{t-1} \\ g_{t+1/2} = \tilde{F}(z_{t+1/2}) \\ m_t = \beta_1 m_{t-1/2} + (1 - \beta_1) g_{t+1/2} \\ v_t = \beta_2 v_{t-1/2} + (1 - \beta_2) g_{t+1/2}^2 \\ z_{t+1} = z_t - \frac{\eta_t}{\sqrt{v_t}} m_t \end{array} \right\}$$

Extragradient step<sup>1</sup>

Main update step

**end for**

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- Extragradient + Adam
- Limited theoretical understanding
- Compelling practical performance for training GANs

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<sup>1</sup>Bias correction steps are omitted from ExtraAdam for simplicity.

# Real LSUN Dataset: Extra-Adam, $4 \times 10^4, 8 \times 10^4, \times 10^5$ iterations [Hsieh et al., 2019]



(d) Simultaneous Extra-Adam



(e) Alternated Extra-Adam

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- PDHG w/ step sizes  $\tau\sigma\|A\|^2 < 1$  converges to  $(x^*, y^*)$  [Chambolle and Pock, 2011].

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$y_{t+1,i} = y_{t,i}$ , for  $i \neq i_t$

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## Separable bilinear setting

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \langle A_i x, y_i \rangle - h_i(y_i)$$

- Linearly constrained problems, TV regularization, empirical risk minimization...

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**for**  $t = 0$  to  $T - 1$  **do**

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$(x_t, y_t)$  converge linearly to  $(x^*, y^*)$ .

## Takeaway

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \langle A_i x, y_i \rangle - h_i(y_i)$$

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→ Different step sizes for sublinear & linear rate

→ Need knowledge of  $\mu_f, \mu_i$  to set step sizes for linear rate

# Convergence of SPDHG under metric subregularity

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \langle A_i x, y_i \rangle - h_i(y_i)$$

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- Metric subregularity: Generalization of strong convexity.
- Satisfied when  $f, h$  are strongly convex, or when  $f, h$  are piecewise linear-quadratic (PLQ): indicator of polyhedral sets, polyhedral norms, hinge loss, Huber loss etc.

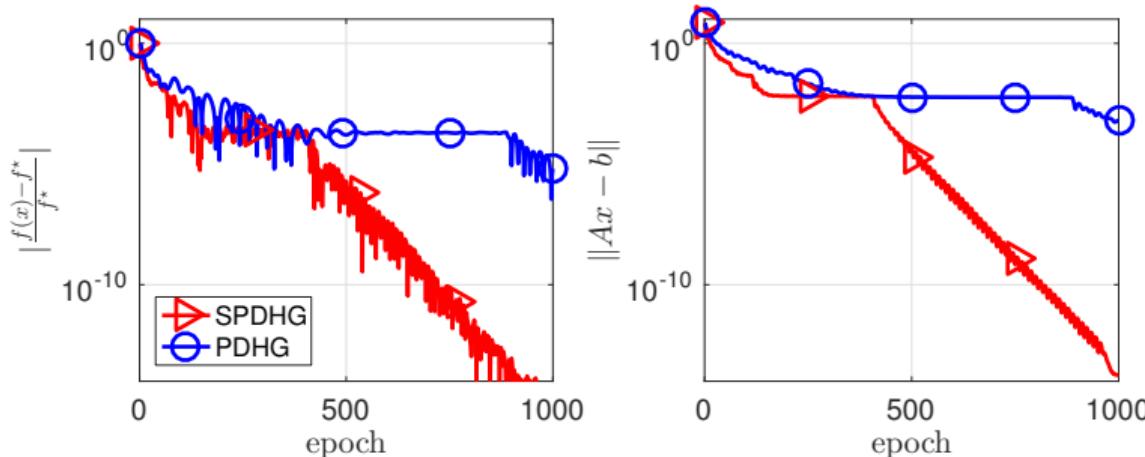
**Theorem.** [Alacaoglu et al., 2019] Assume metric subregularity and pick  $\tau, \sigma$  as  $n\tau\sigma_i\|A_i\|^2 < 1$ , then

$(x_t, y_t)$  converge linearly to  $(x^*, y^*)$ .

## Performance

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \|x\|_1 : \quad Ax = b$$

- Synthetic setup:  $A$  has normal distribution with  $\Sigma_{i,j} = 0.5^{|i-j|}$
- $n, d = 500, 1000$



## Takeaway

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- Randomization speeds up PDHG
- Same step sizes with and without strong convexity
- No need to know  $\mu_f, \mu_i$  to obtain linear convergence

- Our main reference for theoretical results: [Alacaoglu et al., 2019]

# Outline

→ Classic methods

Adaptivity to	Lipschitz constant	noise	strong convexity	sparsity of data
[Bach and Levy, 2019]	✓	✓	✗	✗
[Chambolle et al., 2018]	✗	✗	✓	✗
[Alacaoglu et al., 2020]	✗	✗	✓	✓

## Per iteration cost of SPDHG

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \langle A_i x, y_i \rangle - h_i(y_i)$$

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Analysis of per iteration cost:

- o Recall  $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $A_i^\top \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- o Compute  $x_{t+1} \rightarrow \text{cost } d$ .
- o  $[Ax_{k+1}]_{i_t} = \langle A_{i_t}^\top, x_{k+1} \rangle \rightarrow \text{cost nnz}(A_{i_t})$ .
- o We maintain  $A^\top y_t$  and compute:

$$A^\top \bar{y}_{t+1} = A^\top y_t + (n+1)A_{i_t}^\top (y_{t+1}^{i_t} - y_t^{i_t})$$

$$\rightarrow \text{cost nnz}(A_{i_t}).$$

# PURE-CD

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**Algorithm** PURE-CD [Alacaoglu et al., 2020]

**for**  $t = 0$  to  $T - 1$  **do**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x}_{t+1} &= \text{prox}_{\tau f}(x_t - \tau A^\top y_t) \\ \bar{y}_{t+1} &= \text{prox}_{\sigma h}(y_t + \sigma A \bar{x}_{t+1})\end{aligned}$$

Pick  $i_t \in [n]$  randomly

$$y_{t+1,i_t} = \bar{y}_{t+1,i_t}$$

$$y_{t+1,j} = y_{t,j}, \forall j \neq i_t$$

$$x_{t+1,j} = \bar{x}_{t+1,j} - \tau_j \theta_j [A^\top (y_{t+1} - y_t)]_j, \forall j \in J(i_t)$$

$$x_{t+1,j} = x_{t,j}, \forall j \notin J(i_t)$$

**end for**

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**Parameters:**

- $I(j) = \{i \in [n] : A_{i,j} \neq 0\}$
- $J(i) = \{j \in [d] : A_{i,j} \neq 0\}$
- $(\tau_i)_{i=1}^d$  and  $(\sigma_i)_{i=1}^n$  are chosen using nonzero entries of  $A$  due to  $I(j)$  and  $J(i)$ .

step size w. dense $A$	iter. cost
$n\tau\sigma_i \ A_i\ ^2 < 1$	$\text{nnz}(A_i)$

... compared to SPDHG that had

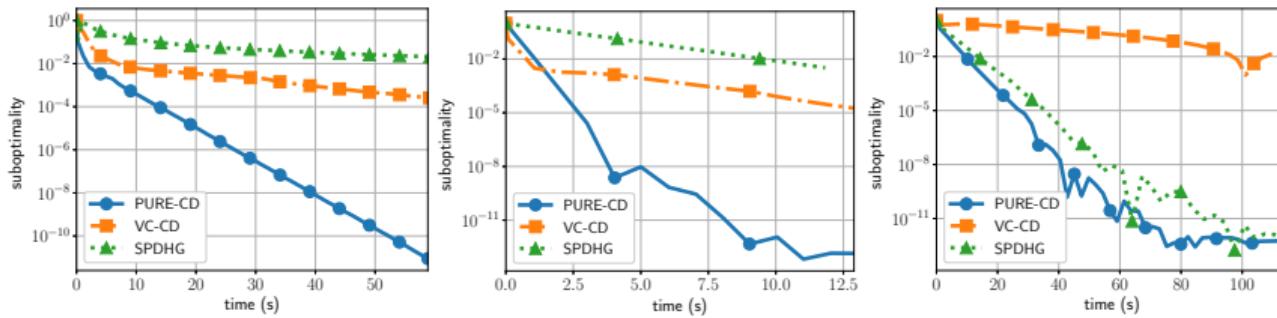
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$n\tau\sigma_i \ A_i\ ^2 < 1$	$d$

→ Significant improvement when  $d$  is big &  $A$  is sparse

→ Similar theoretical rates as SPDHG

# PURE-CD

- Lasso with different levels of sparsity of data.



**Figure:** Lasso: Left:  $rcv1$ ,  $n = 20,242$ ,  $m = 47,236$ , density = 0.16%,  $\lambda = 10$ ; Middle:  $w8a$ ,  $n = 49,749$ ,  $m = 300$ , density = 3.9%,  $\lambda = 10^{-1}$ ; Right:  $covtype$ ,  $n = 581,012$ ,  $m = 54$ , density = 22.1%,  $\lambda = 10$ .

## Takeaway

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**Algorithm** PURE-CD [Alacaoglu et al., 2020]

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**end for**

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- Randomization speeds up PDHG
- No need to know  $\mu_f, \mu_i$  to obtain linear convergence
- Per-iteration cost and step sizes adapt to sparsity.

## Summary

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \Phi(x, y)$$

Adaptivity to	Lipschitz constant	noise	strong convexity	sparsity of data
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