

Restarting accelerated gradient methods with a rough strong convexity estimate

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Minimisation of composite functions

Minimise the “strongly” convex composite function F

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \{F(x) = f(x) + \psi(x)\}$$

- $f : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, convex, differentiable, with L -Lipschitz gradient
- $\psi : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$, convex, with simple proximal operator

$$\text{prox}_{\psi}(x) = \arg \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^N} \psi(y) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|_L^2$$

- $F = f + g$ features some kind of strong convexity

The local error bound property

Let \mathcal{X}_* be the set of optimal solutions such that

$$\forall x_* \in \mathcal{X}_*, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, F_* = F(x_*) \leq F(x).$$

Assumption

There exists $s > 0$ and $\mu_F(s) > 0$ such that if $\text{dist}_L(x, \mathcal{X}_*) \leq s$,

$$F(x) \geq F_* + \frac{\mu_F(s)}{2} \text{dist}_L(x, \mathcal{X}_*)^2$$

Examples:

- $F(x) = \phi(Ax)$ with $\nabla^2\phi(x) > 0, \forall x$
- $F(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|Ax - b\|^2 + \lambda\|x\|_1$

Local error bound for $s > 0 \Rightarrow$ local error bound \forall compact set

Algorithms: FISTA

Choose $x_0 \in \text{dom } \psi$. Set $\theta_0 = 1$ and $z_0 = x_0$.

for $k \geq 0$ **do**

$$y_k = (1 - \theta_k)x_k + \theta_k z_k$$

$$x_{k+1} = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \left\{ \langle \nabla f(y_k), x - y_k \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y_k\|_L^2 + \psi(x) \right\}$$

$$z_{k+1} = z_k + \frac{1}{\theta_k} (x_{k+1} - y_k)$$

$$\theta_{k+1} = \frac{\sqrt{\theta_k^4 + 4\theta_k^2} - \theta_k^2}{2}$$

end for

Algorithms: APG

Choose $x_0 \in \text{dom } \psi$. Set $\theta_0 = 1$ and $z_0 = x_0$.

for $k \geq 0$ **do**

$$y_k = (1 - \theta_k)x_k + \theta_k z_k$$

$$z_{k+1} = \arg \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^N} \left\{ \langle \nabla f(y_k), z - y_k \rangle + \frac{\theta_k}{2} \|z - z_k\|_L^2 + \psi(z) \right\}$$

$$x_{k+1} = y_k + \theta_k(z_{k+1} - z_k)$$

$$\theta_{k+1} = \frac{\sqrt{\theta_k^4 + 4\theta_k^2} - \theta_k^2}{2}$$

end for

Algorithms: APPROX

Choose $x_0 \in \text{dom } \psi$. Set $\theta_0 = \frac{\tau}{n}$ and $z_0 = x_0$.

for $k \geq 0$ **do**

$$y_k = (1 - \theta_k)x_k + \theta_k z_k$$

Randomly generate $S_k \sim \hat{S}$

for $i \in S_k$ **do**

$$z_{k+1}^i = \arg \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i}} \left\{ \langle \nabla_i f(y_k), z - y_k^i \rangle + \frac{\theta_k n v_i}{2\tau} |z - z_k^i|^2 + \psi^i(z) \right\}$$

end for

$$x_{k+1} = y_k + \frac{n}{\tau} \theta_k (z_{k+1} - z_k)$$

$$\theta_{k+1} = \frac{\sqrt{\theta_k^4 + 4\theta_k^2} - \theta_k^2}{2}$$

end for

Accelerated gradient methods

	$\mu_F = 0$	$\mu_F > 0$ is known
FISTA	Beck & Teboulle	Vandenberghe
APG	Nesterov	Nesterov
dual APG	Nesterov	Nesterov
APPROX	Fercoq & Richtárik	Lin, Lu & Xiao
	$O(1/k^2)$	$O(1 - \sqrt{\mu_F})^k)$

The algorithms that guarantee linear convergence depend explicitly on μ_F (e.g. $\theta_k = \sqrt{\mu_F}, \forall k$)

Restart when μ_F is known

Proposition (Nesterov: Conditional restarting at x_k)

Let (x_k, z_k) be the iterates of FISTA. We have

$$F(x_k) - F(x_*) \leq \frac{\theta_{k-1}^2}{\mu_F} (F(x_0) - F(x_*)).$$

Moreover, given $\alpha < 1$, if

$$k \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha\mu_F}} - 1,$$

then $F(x_k) - F(x_*) \leq \alpha(F(x_0) - F(x_*)).$

FISTA with restart

Choose $x_0 \in \text{dom } \psi$. Set $\theta_0 = 1$ and $z_0 = x_0$.

for $k \geq 0$ **do**

$$y_k = (1 - \theta_k)x_k + \theta_k z_k$$

$$x_{k+1} = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \left\{ \langle \nabla f(y_k), x - y_k \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y_k\|_L^2 + \psi(x) \right\}$$

$$z_{k+1} = z_k + \frac{1}{\theta_k}(x_{k+1} - y_k)$$

$$\theta_{k+1} = \frac{\sqrt{\theta_k^4 + 4\theta_k^2} - \theta_k^2}{2}$$

if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2\sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha\mu_F}} - 1}$ **then**

$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_0$$

$$z_{k+1} = x_{k+1}$$

end if

end for

Issue: the algorithm still depends on μ_F

Methods when μ_F is not known

- Dual APG with adaptive restart [Nesterov]
 1. Start with x_0 and an estimate μ of μ_F .
 2. Perform periodic restart as if μ were smaller than μ_F
 3. If the “gradient” is not small enough at the time of restart, decrease μ and go back to step 1.

→ Annoying transient phase (go back to x_0)
- Heuristic adaptive restart [O'Donoghue & Candes]
 - If $F(x_{k+1}) > F(x_k)$, then restart

→ Works well in practice but no guarantee

Our goal

- Perform periodic restart with an arbitrary frequency
- Show convergence at a linear rate
- Result for FISTA, APG and APPROX

Complexity without restart

Proposition

The iterates of FISTA and APG satisfy for all $k \geq 1$,

$$\frac{1}{\theta_{k-1}^2} (F(x_k) - F_*) + \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_0, \mathcal{X}_*)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_0, \mathcal{X}_*)^2$$

- First inequality is a direct consequence of classical results using $\text{dist}_L(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*) \leq \|z_k - x_*\|_L$
- The second is a stability result

Unconditional restarting

Theorem (Restarting for FISTA and APG)

Let (x_k, z_k) be the iterates of FISTA or APG.

Let $\sigma \in [0, 1]$ and $\bar{x}_k = (1 - \sigma)x_k + \sigma z_k$. We have for
 $\mu_F = \mu_F(\text{dist}_L(x_0, \mathcal{X}_*))$,

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(\bar{x}_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \max\left(\sigma, 1 - \frac{\sigma\mu_F}{\theta_{k-1}^2}\right) \text{dist}_L(x_0, \mathcal{X}_*)^2$$

Proof

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(\bar{x}_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \leq \frac{1-\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2$$

definition of $\bar{x}_k = (1 - \sigma)x_k + \sigma z_k$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(\bar{x}_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 &\leq \frac{1-\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \\ &= \left(1 - \sigma - \frac{\sigma\mu_F}{\theta_{k-1}^2}\right) \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{\theta_{k-1}^2} \left(\frac{\mu_F}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\theta_{k-1}^2}{2} \text{dist}(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Rearrange

Proof

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(\bar{x}_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \leq \frac{1-\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2$$

$$= \left(1 - \sigma - \frac{\sigma \mu_F}{\theta_{k-1}^2}\right) \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{\theta_{k-1}^2} \left(\frac{\mu_F}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\theta_{k-1}^2}{2} \text{dist}(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \right)$$

$$\leq \max \left(0, 1 - \sigma - \frac{\sigma \mu_F}{\theta_{k-1}^2}\right) \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{\theta_{k-1}^2} \left(F(x_k) - F_* + \frac{\theta_{k-1}^2}{2} \text{dist}(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2\right)$$

$\max(0, x) \geq x$ and local error bound

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(\bar{x}_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 &\leq \frac{1-\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \\
 &= \left(1 - \sigma - \frac{\sigma\mu_F}{\theta_{k-1}^2}\right) \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{\theta_{k-1}^2} \left(\frac{\mu_F}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\theta_{k-1}^2}{2} \text{dist}(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \right) \\
 &\leq \max \left(0, 1 - \sigma - \frac{\sigma\mu_F}{\theta_{k-1}^2} \right) \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{\theta_{k-1}^2} \left(F(x_k) - F_* + \frac{\theta_{k-1}^2}{2} \text{dist}(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(\bar{x}_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 &\leq \max \left(0, 1 - \sigma - \frac{\sigma\mu_F}{\theta_{k-1}^2} \right) \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_0, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_0, \mathcal{X}_*)^2 \\
 &= \max \left(\sigma, 1 - \frac{\sigma\mu_F}{\theta_{k-1}^2} \right) \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}_L(x_0, \mathcal{X}_*)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Complexity of FISTA/APG + stability

Nb iters to reach $F(x_k) - F(x_*) \leq 10^{-10}$

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_1, \quad N = 4 \text{ (iris dataset)}$$

μ_{est}	1	0.1	0.01	10^{-3}	10^{-4}	10^{-5}	10^{-6}	10^{-8}
Dual APG with adaptive restart	447	398	265	156	162	163	163	163
FISTA- μ	<u>751</u>	352	170	173	264	291	277	277
FISTA restarted: at x , Proposition at \bar{x} , Theorem if $F(x_{k+1}) > F(x_k)$	<u>751</u> 633	687 274	297 168	160 211	198 278	278 278	278 278	278 278
APG- μ	<u>751</u>	351	340	882	2580	7453	>1e4	>1e4
APG restarted: at x , Proposition at \bar{x} , Theorem if $F(x_{k+1}) > F(x_k)$	<u>751</u> 632	684 275	297 173	189 281	311 794	894 1310	1471 3977	4488 >1e4

751: Proximal gradient

> 1e4: APG

Restarting Accelerated coordinate descent

Expected separable overapproximation ($\mathbf{E}[|\hat{S}|] = \tau$):

$$\mathbf{E}[F(x + h_{[\hat{S}]})] \leq F(x_k) + \frac{\tau}{n} \left(\langle \nabla f(x_k), h \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|h\|_v^2 \right)$$

Choose $x_0 \in \text{dom } \psi$. Set $\theta_0 = \frac{\tau}{n}$ and $z_0 = x_0$.

for $k \geq 0$ **do**

$$y_k = (1 - \theta_k)x_k + \theta_k z_k$$

Randomly generate $S_k \sim \hat{S}$

for $i \in S_k$ **do**

$$z_{k+1}^i = \arg \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i}} \left\{ \langle \nabla_i f(y_k), z - y_k^i \rangle + \frac{\theta_k n v_i}{2\tau} |z - z_k^i|^2 + \psi^i(z) \right\}$$

end for

$$x_{k+1} = y_k + \frac{n}{\tau} \theta_k (z_{k+1} - z_k)$$

$$\theta_{k+1} = \frac{\sqrt{\theta_k^4 + 4\theta_k^2} - \theta_k^2}{2}$$

end for

Complexity of APPROX without restart

$$\Delta(x) = \frac{1 - \theta_0}{\theta_0^2} (F(x) - F_*) + \frac{1}{2\theta_0^2} \text{dist}_v(x, \mathcal{X}_*)^2$$

Proposition

The iterates of APPROX satisfy for all $k \geq 1$,

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\frac{1}{\theta_{k-1}^2}(F(x_k) - F_*) + \frac{1}{2\theta_0^2} \text{dist}_v(z_k, \mathcal{X}_*)^2\right] \leq \Delta(x_0)$$

$$\mathbf{E}[\Delta(x_k)] \leq \Delta(x_0) - \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\gamma_k^i}{\theta_{i-1}^2} \mathbf{E}[F(x_i) - F_*] + \frac{1 - \theta_0}{\theta_0^2} \mathbf{E}[F(x_k) - F_*]$$

where $\gamma_k^i \geq 0$, $\sum_i \gamma_k^i = 1$ and $x_k = \sum_i \gamma_k^i z_i$

Contraction result

Notation

$$\mathring{x}_k = \frac{1}{Z} \left(\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\gamma_k^i}{\theta_{i-1}^2} x_i + \left(\frac{1}{\theta_0 \theta_{k-1}} - \frac{1-\theta_0}{\theta_0^2} \right) x_k \right)$$

$$m_k(\mu) = \frac{\mu \theta_0^2}{1+\mu(1-\theta_0)} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{\gamma_k^i}{\theta_{i-1}^2} + \frac{1}{\theta_0 \theta_{k-1}} - \frac{1-\theta_0}{\theta_0^2} \right)$$

$$\Delta(x) = \frac{1-\theta_0}{\theta_0^2} (F(x) - F_*) + \frac{1}{2\theta_0^2} \text{dist}_v(x, \mathcal{X}_*)^2$$

Theorem (Restarting for APPROX)

Let $\sigma \in [0, 1]$, $\bar{x}_k = \sigma x_k + (1 - \sigma) \mathring{x}_k$. If $\mu_F = \mu_F(+\infty) > 0$,

$$\mathbf{E}[\Delta(\bar{x}_k)] \leq \max(\sigma, 1 - \sigma m_k(\mu_F)) \Delta(x_0)$$

→ Possible to deal with local error bound too

APPROX with periodic restart

Choose $x_0 \in \text{dom } \psi$, set $z_0 = x_0$ and $\theta_0 = \frac{\tau}{n}$.

Choose $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ and $K \in \mathbb{N}$.

for $r \geq 0$ **do**

$$k(r) = K \times r$$

$$(x_{k(r+1)}, \dot{x}_{k(r+1)}) = \text{APPROX}(\bar{x}_{k(r)}, \theta_0, K)$$

$$\bar{x}_{k(r+1)} = \sigma x_{k(r)} + (1 - \sigma) \dot{x}_{k(r)}$$

end for

Corollary

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}[\Delta(\bar{x}_{k(r)})] &\leq (\max(\sigma, 1 - \sigma m_k(\mu_F)))^r \Delta(x_0) \\ &\leq \left((\max(\sigma, 1 - \sigma m_k(\mu_F)))^{1/K} \right)^{k(r)} \Delta(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

How good is this rate?

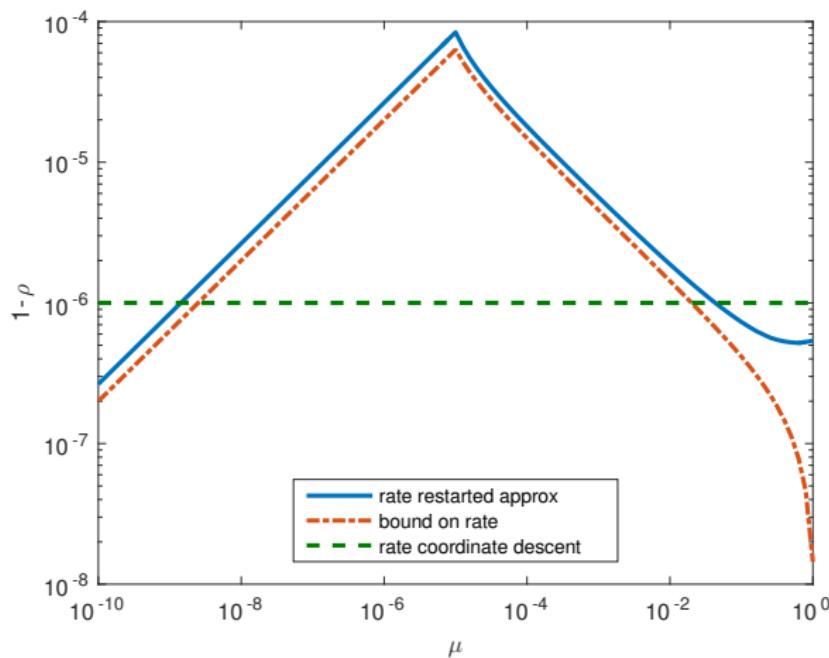
- Given an estimate μ_{est} of μ_F , take $\sigma = \frac{1}{1+m_K(\mu_{\text{est}})}$.
- $m_K(\mu) \in O(\mu\theta_0^2 K^2)$
- Take $K = \left\lceil \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\theta_0} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{\mu_{\text{est}}}} - \frac{2}{\theta_0} + 1 \right\rceil$

Corollary

If $k \geq \frac{n}{\tau} \left(6\sqrt{6} \max \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_{\text{est}}}}, \frac{\sqrt{\mu_{\text{est}}}}{\mu_F} \right) \log \left(\frac{\theta_0^2 \Delta(x_0)}{\epsilon} \right) + \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{\mu_{\text{est}}}} \right)$,

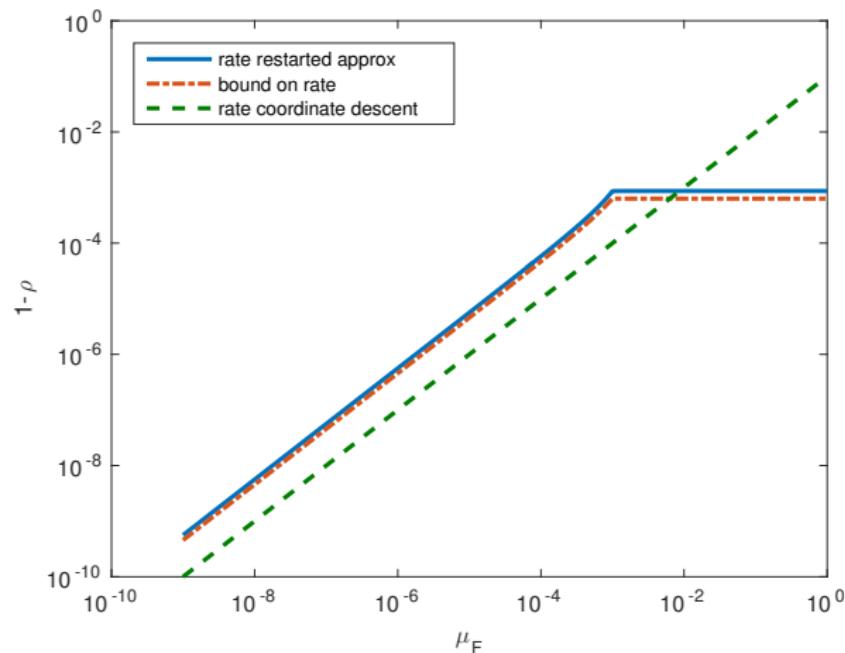
$$(1 - \theta_0)(F(x_k) - F_*) + \frac{1}{2} \|x_k - x_*\|_v^2 \leq \epsilon.$$

Rate of APPROX with periodic restart



Rate as a function of the estimate μ ($\mu_F = 10^{-5}$, $n = 10$)

Rate of APPROX with restart every $107n$ it.

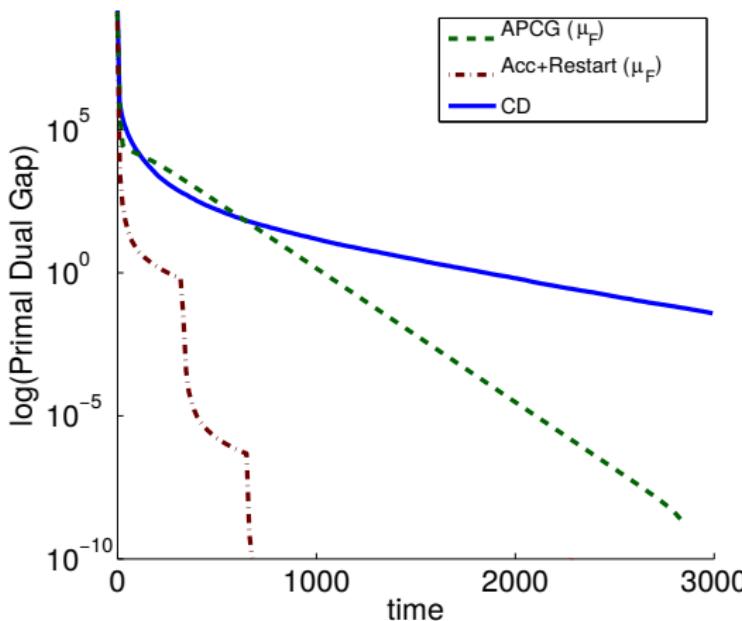


Rate as a function of the true μ_F ($\mu = 10^{-3}$, $n = 10$)

Logistic regression problem ($\mu_{\text{est}} = \mu_\psi$)

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \frac{\lambda_1}{2\|A^\top b\|_\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \log(1 + \exp(b_j a_j^\top x)) + \|x\|_1 + \frac{\mu_\psi}{2} \|x\|^2$$

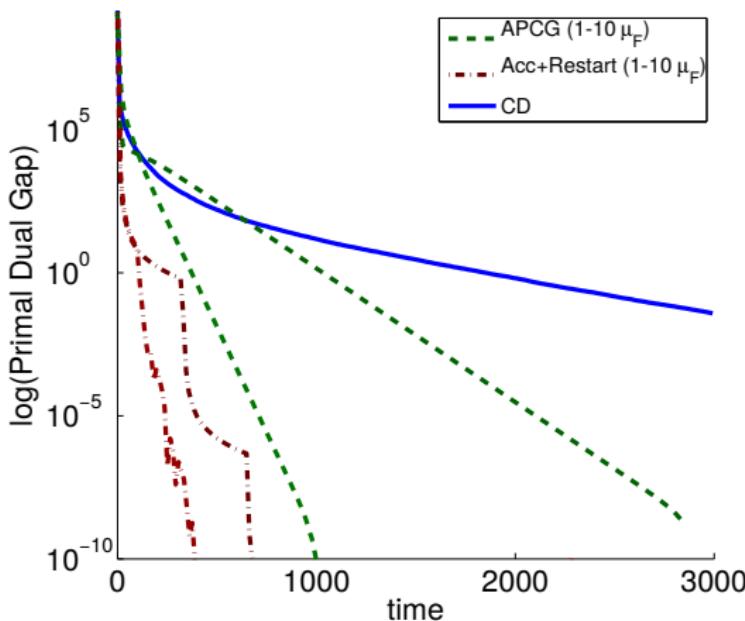
rcv1; n = N = 47236; m = 20242; $\lambda_1 = 10000$ $\mu_\psi = 1/(10n)$



Logistic regression problem ($\mu_{\text{est}} = 10\mu_\psi$)

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \frac{\lambda_1}{2\|A^\top b\|_\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \log(1 + \exp(b_j a_j^\top x)) + \|x\|_1 + \frac{\mu_\psi}{2} \|x\|^2$$

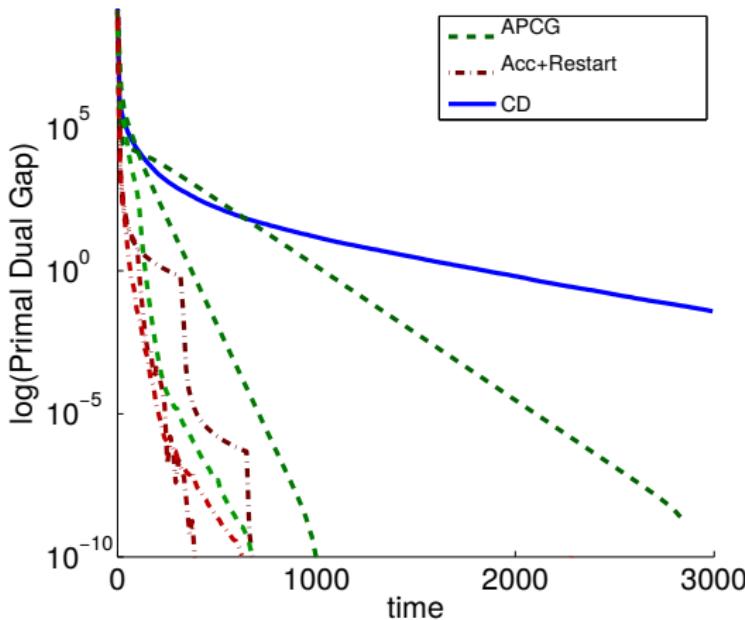
rcv1; $\lambda_1 = 10000$ $\mu_\psi = 1/(10n)$



Logistic regression problem ($\mu_{\text{est}} = 100\mu_\Psi$)

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \frac{\lambda_1}{2\|A^\top b\|_\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \log(1 + \exp(b_j a_j^\top x)) + \|x\|_1 + \frac{\mu_\Psi}{2} \|x\|^2$$

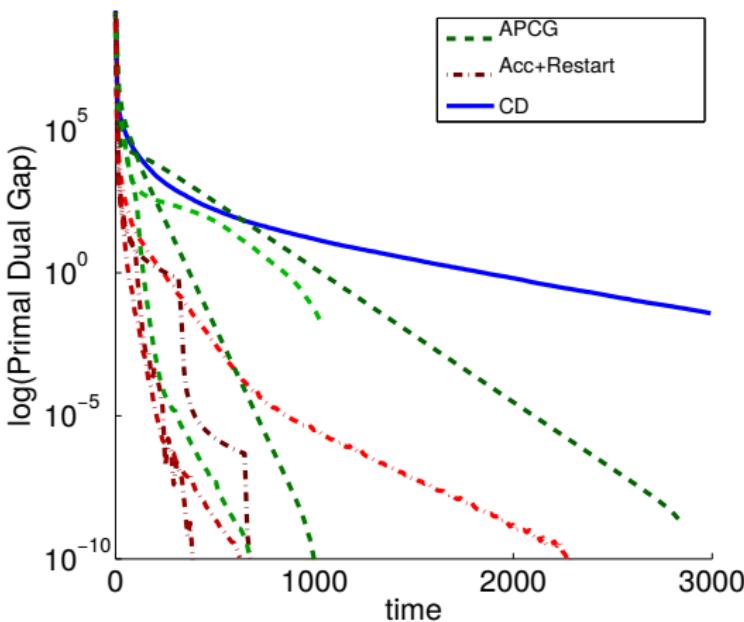
rcv1; $\lambda_1 = 10000$ $\mu_\Psi = 1/(10n)$



Logistic regression problem ($\mu_{\text{est}} = 1000\mu_\Psi$)

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \frac{\lambda_1}{2\|A^\top b\|_\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \log(1 + \exp(b_j a_j^\top x)) + \|x\|_1 + \frac{\mu_\Psi}{2} \|x\|^2$$

rcv1; $\lambda_1 = 10000$ $\mu_\Psi = 1/(10n)$



Nesterov's adaptive restart

Here F is μ_F -strongly convex

Proposition

For $L \geq L(\nabla(f))$, define $T_L(x) = \text{prox}_{\frac{1}{L}\Psi}(x - \frac{1}{L}\nabla f(x))$

For all x , we have

$$\frac{L}{2} \|x - T_L(x)\|^2 \leq F(x) - F_*$$

$$4L^2 \|x - T_L(x)\|^2 \geq \mu_F^2 \|T_L(x) - x_*\|^2$$

Checking the estimate μ_{est}

Corollary

If $F(x_k) - F_* \leq \rho(\mu_{\text{est}}, \mu_F)^{k-1} \frac{L}{2} \|x_1 - x_*\|^2$, and $x_1 = T_L(x_0)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_k - T_L(x_k)\|^2 &\leq \frac{2}{L}(F(x_k) - F_*) \leq \rho(\mu_{\text{est}}, \mu_F)^{k-1} \|x_1 - x_*\|^2 \\ &\leq \rho(\mu_{\text{est}}, \mu_F)^{k-1} \|T_L(x_0) - x_*\|^2 \leq \rho(\mu_{\text{est}}, \mu_F)^{k-1} \frac{4L^2}{\mu_F^2} \|x_0 - T_L(x_0)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm

Choose μ_{est} . Run as if we had $\mu_{\text{est}} \leq \mu_F$.

Check if $\|x_k - T_L(x_k)\|^2 \leq \rho(\mu_{\text{est}}, \mu_{\text{est}})^{k-1} \frac{4L^2}{\mu_{\text{est}}^2} \|x_0 - T_L(x_0)\|^2$

If not: reduce μ_{est} and restart from x_0 .

Improvement

Denote $a_r(\mu) = \prod_{i=0}^r \max \left(\sigma_i, 1 - \sigma_i \frac{\mu}{\theta_{K_i}^2} \right)$

Choose $\bar{x}_0 \in \text{dom } \Psi$ and $\mu_0 \in (0, 1)$.

for $r \geq 0$ **do**

 Choose $K_r = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\mu_r}}$ and $\sigma_r = \frac{1}{1 + \mu_r / \theta_{K_r-1}^2}$

$x_{k(r+1)}, z_{k(r+1)} = \text{FISTA}(\bar{x}_{k(r)}, K_r)$

$\bar{x}_{k(r+1)} = (1 - \sigma_r)x_{k(r+1)} + \sigma_r z_{k(r+1)}$

 Choose μ_{r+1} to be the largest $\mu \leq \mu_r$ such that

$\|\bar{x}_{k(r+1)} - T_L(\bar{x}_{k(r+1)})\|^2 \leq \frac{4L^2}{\mu_{r+1}^2} a_r(\mu) \|\bar{x}_0 - T_L(\bar{x}_0)\|^2$

end for

→ If we detect that μ_r is too big, we decrease it and go on

Theoretical results

- $\lim \mu_r = \mu_\infty \geq \min(\mu_0, \mu_F)$
- The number of iteration to get an ϵ -solution is at most

$$O\left(\sqrt{L/\mu_\infty} \log(L/\mu_\infty) + \sqrt{L/\mu_\infty} \log(1/\epsilon)\right)$$

Open question:

Same development for randomized coordinate descent

Conclusion

Summary

- Linear convergence rate for accelerated gradient restarted at any frequency
- Restarted accelerated coordinate descent
- Good behaviour in practice

Future research

- Nesterov's adaptive restart for coordinate descent
- Restart smoothed duality gap primal-dual methods