

# Fixed Point Iteration

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Finding fixed point of operator  $F$ ,  $F(x)=x$

5-1: Contractive Mapping Algorithm (Convergence of contraction mapping iteration)

with contraction factor (Lipschitz constant)  $0 < L < 1$   
 $\{F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \text{contraction, } L\}$   $x^{k+1} = F(x^k)$  (contraction mapping algorithm) for contraction mapping  $F, x^0, (x^k)_{k \geq 0}$  converges

Proof: # Strategy:  $F(x) = x \iff (F(x) - x) = 0 \iff$   $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^k = x^*$  &  $x^*$  is unique a fixed point  
 prove each separately

(Uniqueness)

Assume  $x^1, x^2$  are fixed points of  $F$ ,  $F(x^1) = x^1, F(x^2) = x^2$

$$\|x^1 - x^2\| = \|F(x^1) - F(x^2)\| \leq L \|x^1 - x^2\|$$

$$\implies \|x^1 - x^2\| \leq L \|x^1 - x^2\|$$

$$\implies \|x^1 - x^2\| \leq L \|x^1 - x^2\| \implies \|x^1 - x^2\| = 0 \implies x^1 = x^2$$

(eq uniqueness of contraction mapping fixed point)

(Convergence) ASSUME  $L < 1$

$$\|x^{k+1} - x^k\| = \|x^k - x^{k-1} + x^{k-1} - x^{k-2} + \dots + x^1 - x^0\|$$

$$\leq \|x^k - x^{k-1}\| + \|x^{k-1} - x^{k-2}\| + \dots + \|x^1 - x^0\|$$

# triangle inequality

$$\|x^k - x^{k-1}\| \leq L \|x^{k-1} - x^{k-2}\| \leq L^2 \|x^{k-2} - x^{k-3}\| \leq \dots \leq L^{k-1} \|x^1 - x^0\|$$

$$\implies \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| \leq L^k \|x^1 - x^0\|$$

$$\implies \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| \leq \frac{L^k}{1-L} \|x^1 - x^0\|$$

#  $L < 1 \implies (1-L) < 1$  so this fraction gets smaller as  $k$  increases

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists k_0 \text{ s.t. } \forall k > k_0, \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| < \epsilon$$

positivity of norm

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| = 0$$

how  $\{x^k\}$  converges to some constant point  $x^*$ , now we want to show  $x^* = F(x^*) = \text{fixed point of } F(B)$

$$\|F(x^k) - x^k\| = \|F(x^k) - x^{k+1} + x^{k+1} - x^k\|$$

$$\leq \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| + \|F(x^k) - x^{k+1}\|$$

# triangle inequality

$$\leq \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| + \|x^{k+1} - F(x^k)\|$$

$$\leq \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| + L \|x^k - x^k\| = \|x^{k+1} - x^k\|$$

$$\forall k, 0 \leq \|F(x^k) - x^k\| \leq \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| + L \|x^k - x^k\|$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 0 \leq \|F(x^k) - x^k\| \leq 0$$

$\implies \|F(x^k) - x^k\| = 0 \iff F(x^k) = x^k \iff x^k$  is a fixed point of  $F(B)$   
 (already proven that such fixed point will be unique)

Another important property: The distance to the fixed point decreases at each step: (Such algorithm is called Fejer monotone)

$$\|x^{k+1} - x^*\| = \|F(x^k) - F(x^*)\| \leq L \|x^k - x^*\|$$

(eq Fejer monotone)

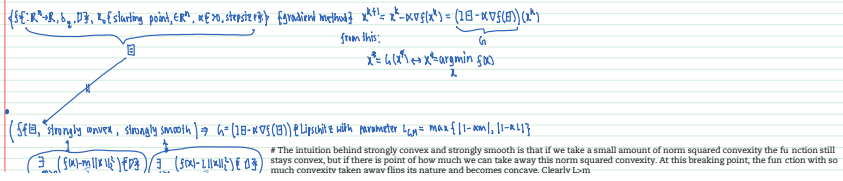
$$\implies \frac{\|x^{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x^k - x^*\|} \leq L \in (0, 1) \implies (-)$$

also using some logic:  $\|x^k - x^*\| \leq L \|x^{k-1} - x^*\| \leq L^2 \|x^{k-2} - x^*\| \leq \dots \leq L^{k-1} \|x^1 - x^*\|$

$\implies$  convergence is atleast geometric with factor  $L$ .

- Contraction Mapping Algorithm is used in huge number of applications
- Approach is: set up the problem you want to solve as a fixed point equation with a contractive operator.
  - hard partitioning the operator is contractive!

\* (Gradient Method):  
 # for a differentiable convex function  $f$ :  $x^* = \text{argmin}_x f(x) \iff \nabla f(x^*) = 0 \iff (I + \nabla^2 f)^{-1} \nabla f(x)$   
 proximal operator



$f \in \mathcal{C}^1$ , strongly convex, strongly smooth  $\Rightarrow G = \{ \theta - \kappa \nabla f(\theta) \}$  Lipschitz with parameter  $L_{G, \kappa} = \max\{ |1 - \kappa L|, |1 - \kappa \mu| \}$

The intuition behind strongly convex and strongly smooth is that if we take a small amount of norm squared convexity the function still stays convex, but if there is point of how much we can take away this norm squared convexity. At this breaking point, the fun curve with so much convexity takes away flips its nature and becomes concave. Clearly  $L < \mu$

Proof: Required information:  
 $f \in \mathcal{C}^1$ ,  $f$  Lipschitz with parameter  $L \Rightarrow \forall \theta, \phi \in \mathcal{D}(f) \Rightarrow \| \nabla f(\theta) - \nabla f(\phi) \| \leq L \| \theta - \phi \|^2$   
 $(D \circ \nabla)(\theta) = \nabla^2 f(\theta)$   
 $(D \circ \nabla)(\theta)(x) = (D \circ \nabla)(\theta)(x) = \nabla^2 f(x)$

So, regarding the update rule:  $\forall x, \| D_G(x) \| \leq L$  then  $L$  will be the Lipschitz constant for relation  $f$   
 $D_G(x) = (D \circ \nabla)(x) = D(L(x)) = D(x - \kappa \nabla f(x)) = D(x) - \kappa (D \circ \nabla f(x)) = I - \kappa \nabla^2 f(x)$   
 $\| (I - \kappa \nabla^2 f(x)) \| = \| I - \kappa \nabla^2 f(x) \|$

$f$  is strongly convex  $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \left( f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x\|^2 \right) \in \mathcal{D}_f$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 \left( f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x\|^2 \right) \succeq 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) - \frac{\mu}{2} I \succeq 0 \Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) \succeq \frac{\mu}{2} I \Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) \succeq \mu I$   
 $(D \circ \nabla)(x) = \nabla^2 f(x) \succeq \mu I \Rightarrow \| D_G(x) \| \leq 1 - \kappa \mu$   
 $\Rightarrow \| I - \kappa \nabla^2 f(x) \| \leq 1 - \kappa \mu = (1 - \kappa \mu) I$

$f$  is strongly smooth  
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \left( f(x) - \frac{L}{2} \|x\|^2 \right) \in \mathcal{D}_f$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 \left( f(x) - \frac{L}{2} \|x\|^2 \right) \preceq 0 \Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) - \frac{L}{2} I \preceq 0 \Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) \preceq \frac{L}{2} I$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) \preceq L I$   
 $\Rightarrow \| \nabla^2 f(x) \| \leq L \Rightarrow \| I - \kappa \nabla^2 f(x) \| \leq 1 + \kappa L = (1 + \kappa L) I$

$\Rightarrow \| D_G(x) \| \leq \max\{ |1 - \kappa \mu|, |1 + \kappa L| \}$   
 $\Rightarrow \| D_G(x) \| \leq \max\{ |1 - \kappa \mu|, |1 + \kappa L| \} \Rightarrow f$  Lipschitz with constant  $L = \max\{ |1 - \kappa \mu|, |1 + \kappa L| \}$

Generalized inequalities satisfy the common properties of normal inequalities (one exception: total ordering of objects partial ordering works in generalized inequality)

For any matrix,  $\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)}$   
 if  $A$  is symmetric,  $\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^2)} = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A)} = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A)}$   
 for  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\|Ax\|_2^2 = x^T A^T A x = x^T A^2 x = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i^2 = \lambda_{\max} \|x\|_2^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \|Ax\|_2 \leq \|A\|_2 \|x\|_2$   
 $\Rightarrow \|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A)}$

So, if  $L = \max\{ |1 - \kappa \mu|, |1 + \kappa L| \} < 1$  then we have a contraction mapping.

$$\Leftrightarrow |1 - \kappa \mu| < 1 \wedge |1 + \kappa L| < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \max\{ |1 - \kappa \mu|, |1 + \kappa L| \} < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{1 - \kappa \mu < 1}_{\kappa > 0} \wedge \underbrace{-1 + \kappa \mu < 1}_{\kappa < \frac{2}{\mu}} \wedge \underbrace{1 + \kappa L < 1}_{\kappa < 0} \wedge \underbrace{-1 + \kappa L < 1}_{\kappa < \frac{2}{L}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 < \kappa < \min\left\{ \frac{2}{L}, \frac{2}{\mu} \right\} = \frac{2}{L}$$

$\therefore 0 < \kappa < \frac{2}{L}$  stepsize selection ensures that  $h$  is contraction.  
 and the  $x^{k+1} = h(x^k)$  will converge to unique point  $x^*$  # note that we are not showing that  $x^*$  is the minimizer, for that we would require other methods.

Prop 9.15: Fixed point set of a nonexpansive operator

$f(x) = x, f(y) = y, f(0) = 0, \dots$   
 $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|x - y\|$   
 Again by triangle inequality:  
 $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|x - y\| \leq \|x - \bar{y}\| + \|\bar{y} - y\|$   
 $\Rightarrow \|x - \bar{y}\| \leq \|x - y\|$   
 $\Rightarrow \bar{y} = x$   
 Some contraction mapping:  
 $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|x - y\| \leq \alpha \|x - y\|$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow f$  is contraction mapping

Prop 9.16: The contraction mapping algorithm  $x^{k+1} = \bar{y}(x^k)$  may not work for a nonexpansive mapping! We need damped iteration for them (from the slides of Boyd)  
 Damped iteration for nonexpansive mapping:  
 $x^{k+1} = (1 - \theta)x^k + \theta f(x^k)$  (damped version)  
 $\Rightarrow \min_{\theta \in (0, 1)} \|f(x^k) - x^k\| = 0$   
 this is what we care about as

§ 5.3: Damped iteration for nonexpansive mapping

$$x^{k+1} = (1-\theta)x^k + \theta F(x^k) \quad // \text{damped version}$$

$$x^k = ((1-\theta)I + \theta F) (x^k)$$

original expansive operator  
damped version of the operator

minimize  $\|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2 = 0$   
 $\theta \in (0, 1)$   
 This is what we care about as stopping criterion will be  $\|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2 \in \epsilon$

Conclusion:  $\text{dist}(x^k, X) \rightarrow 0$   
 $\{x^k\}$  is Fejer monotone and the iterates converge to a solution.

Here  $X = \text{set of all fixed points}$   
 $x^k = \text{one fixed point}$

§ 5.4: Convergence Proof for damped iteration

Identity used:  $\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}, a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \|\theta a + (1-\theta)b\|_2^2 = \theta \|a\|_2^2 + (1-\theta) \|b\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \|a-b\|_2^2$  [Corollary 2.4. Baascher #]

$$LHS = (\theta a + (1-\theta)b)^T (\theta a + (1-\theta)b) = \theta^2 \|a\|_2^2 + (1-\theta)^2 \|b\|_2^2 + 2\theta(1-\theta) a^T b$$

$$RHS = \theta \|a\|_2^2 + (1-\theta) \|b\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \|a-b\|_2^2$$

$$= \theta \|a\|_2^2 + (1-\theta) \|b\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) (\|a\|_2^2 + \|b\|_2^2 - 2a^T b)$$

$$= \theta \|a\|_2^2 + (1-\theta) \|b\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \|a\|_2^2 - (1-\theta) \|b\|_2^2 + 2\theta(1-\theta) a^T b$$

$$= \theta \|a\|_2^2 + (1-\theta) \|b\|_2^2 + 2\theta(1-\theta) a^T b = LHS$$

The damped iteration for non-expansive mapping is:

$$x^{k+1} = \theta x^k + (1-\theta)F(x^k) \quad \theta \in (0, 1)$$

So,  $\|x^{k+1} - x^k\|_2^2 = \|\theta x^k + (1-\theta)F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2 = \|\theta(x^k - F(x^k)) + (1-\theta)(F(x^k) - x^k)\|_2^2 = \theta \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 + (1-\theta) \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2 - 2\theta(1-\theta) \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2$

$\|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{\theta} \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 = \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2$

$\leq \theta \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 + (1-\theta) \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2$

$= \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2$

negative term when  $F(x^k) \neq x^k$  i.e. for normal iterations, so the fixed strictly larger number error

$\leq \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2$  [equality only for  $x^k = F(x^k)$ ]

$\forall k \quad \|x^{k+1} - x^k\|_2 \leq \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2$  [equality only for  $x^k = F(x^k)$  some fixed point]

So for normal iterations  $\|x^{k+1} - x^k\|_2 < \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2$  so, distance to fixed point every normal iteration  $\rightarrow$  error zero, so this is Fejer monotone!

$\text{dist}(x^k, X) \downarrow$  Note that  $\text{dist}(x^k, X)$  decrease is not enough, under suitable bound  $\text{dist}(x^k, X) \rightarrow 0$ , as it might reduce to zero instead of being  $\text{dist}(x^k, X) > 0$  meaning no matter what you do it's not reach the fixed point yet! i.e., suppose  $x^k = 1$ , then at some point  $x^{k+1} = 0$ , then  $\|x^{k+1} - x^k\|_2 = \|0 - 1\|_2 = \|1 - 0\|_2$  it has not reached the fixed point.

$$\|x^{k+1} - x^k\|_2^2 \leq \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2 \leq \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2$$

$$\|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 \leq \|x^k - x^k\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2$$

$$\|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 \leq \|x^0 - F(x^0)\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2$$

$$0 \leq \|x^k - F(x^k)\|_2^2 \leq \|x^0 - F(x^0)\|_2^2 - \theta(1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2$$

$$\rightarrow \theta(1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \leq \|x^0 - F(x^0)\|_2^2$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \leq \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \leq \frac{\|x^0 - F(x^0)\|_2^2}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

( $\therefore$  sum of norms)

Intuitively it means that if a finite sum of positive terms is globally bounded for any number of terms considered, then infinite sum of those positive terms will converge

from real analysis:  $\left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n a_k, a_k \geq 0, k \geq 0, \exists M > 0, \forall n, \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \leq M \right\} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$  converges

$\left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n a_k; \text{converges} \right\} \Rightarrow \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} a_K = 0$

$$\left\{ \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2, \exists M, \forall k, \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \leq M \right\} \Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \text{ converges} \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Q.E.D. } F(x^k) \rightarrow x^k$

$$\text{As: } \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \leq \frac{\|x^0 - F(x^0)\|_2^2}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

Now, by defn,  $\min_{j \in \{0, \dots, k\}} \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \leq \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2^2$

$\rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^k \min_{j \in \{0, \dots, k\}} \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \leq \sum_{j=0}^k \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \leq \frac{\|x^0 - F(x^0)\|_2^2}{\theta(1-\theta)}$

$\Rightarrow \min_{j \in \{0, \dots, k\}} \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2^2 \leq \frac{\|x^0 - F(x^0)\|_2^2}{\theta(1-\theta)(k+1)}$

Note that this equation only says that the best solution so far will approach as we take more and more iterations, but it does not imply that the best solution will improve to get better solutions as we give more iterations, we need to show that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^k = x^*$

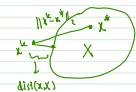
We want  $(\cdot)$  as close to zero as possible, but this approaches to zero

$$\min_{x \in \{0, \dots, X\}} \left( \|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2 \right) \leq \frac{\|x^k - x^*\|_2}{(1+\epsilon) \cdot \|(1-\epsilon)\|}$$
  
 [Note that this equation only says that the best solution so far will approach as we take more and more iterates, but it does not explain that the iterate improves to get better solutions as we give more iterations, we want to show that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^k = x^*$ 
  
 We want  $(\cdot)$  as close to zero as possible, but this approaches to zero at a linear  $O(\frac{1}{k})$  rate, we would have liked  $O(\frac{1}{k^2})$  or something like that.
   
 → pretty bad. (2)

Now we want to show:  $\exists x^* \in X \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^k = x^*$ 
  
 if  $x \in X$  the  $\{x^k\}$  sequence of iterates lie within the compact set  $\{z \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|z - x\|_2 \leq \|x^k - x_k\|_2\}$ 
  
 this is a compact subset in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (which is a metric space)
   
 so the sequence  $\{x^k\}$  lies in a compact set
   
 ⇒ the sequence  $\{x^k\}$  must have a limit point
   
 [Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem 3-11: (X compact metric space),  $(x_n)$  Cauchy sequence in X ⇒  $\exists p \in X \quad x_n \rightarrow p$ ]
   
 ⇒  $\exists x^* \in \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|z - x\|_2 \leq \|x^k - x_k\|_2\} \quad x^k \rightarrow x^*$

$(F(x^k) \subset x^k \wedge x^k \rightarrow x^*) \Rightarrow F(x^*) = x^*$ 
  
 So,  $\{x^k\}$  satisfies Fejer monotonicity  $\|x^{k+1} - x^*\| \leq \|x^k - x^*\|$  and  $x^k \subset x^k \Rightarrow \{x^k\}_k \subset x^*$ 
  
 equivalently when  $x^k = x^*$

Now,  $0 \leq \text{dist}(x^k, X) \leq \|x^k - x^*\|_2 \quad \therefore \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 0 \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{dist}(x^k, X) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^k - x^*\|_2 = 0$ 
  
 $\therefore 0 \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{dist}(x^k, X) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{dist}(x^k, X) \rightarrow 0 \quad (3)$



[Second reading]
   
 ■ Averaged operators:
   
 An operator F is averaged if it can be written as the convex combination of identity and some nonexpansive operator.
   
 I: identity, G: nonexpansive //  $(1-\theta)I + \theta G, \theta \in (0,1)$  - Averaged operator
   
 \* F: averaged operator.
   
 $F = \theta I + (1-\theta)G$ 
  
 $F$ : averaged operator →  $F \circ F$ : averaged operator

Fixed point finding for averaged operator:
   
 $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  averaged, then to find a fixed point of  $F(x) = x$  it suffices to run  $x^{k+1} = F(x^k)$  and it will converge to a fixed point if there exists one.
   
 G: nonexpansive  $F = \theta I + (1-\theta)G$

Suppose the set of fixed points is nonempty. Then  $\exists x^* \in X \quad x^k \rightarrow x^*$ , also the algorithm will be Fejer monotone, i.e.,
   

$$\text{dist}(x^k, X) = \inf_{z \in X} \|z - x^k\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{monotonously}$$

Also the rate of convergence.
   

$$\|F(x^k) - x^k\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{with rate} \quad \min_{j \in \{0, \dots, K\}} \|F(x^j) - x^j\|_2 = O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$$