

Consensus Optimization

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Consensus using Monotone Operator Splitting

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \forall \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) = f(x) \\ \gamma \\ x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \forall \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) + I_C(x) \\ f_C = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) | x_1 = \dots = x_n \} \end{pmatrix} \quad \# \text{ Consensus Optimization Problem}$$

the minimizer $x^* \in \arg \min \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i)}_{B(x)} + \underbrace{I_C(x)}_{A(x)} \ni 0$

thm: proximal operator is the resolvent of subdifferential operator

• the resolvent of a subdifferential operator wrt function ψ is the proximal map, i.e.

$$R_{\lambda\psi}(\Theta) = (I + \lambda\psi)^{-1}\Theta = \text{prox}_{\lambda\psi}(\Theta) = \underset{\Theta}{\text{argmin}} \left(\lambda\psi(\Theta) + \frac{1}{2} \|\Theta - \Theta\|_2^2 \right) = \underset{\Theta}{\text{argmin}} \left(\psi(\Theta) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|\Theta - \Theta\|_2^2 \right)$$

by definition $\text{prox}_{\frac{1}{\lambda}A}(\Theta) = \underset{\Theta}{\text{argmin}} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \|\Theta - \Theta\|_2^2 \right)$

• $R_{N_C}(x) = \Pi_C(x)$ resolvent of the normal cone operator of the normal

So, to solve $B(x) + A(x) \ni 0$ we apply D-R splitting as follows: [e.g. Douglas-Rachford splitting (Ernest's notation)]

$$1) \quad x^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = R_B(z^k) = R_{\sum_{i=1}^n f_i}(z^k) = \underset{y}{\text{argmin}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(y_i) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y - z^k\|_2^2 \right) \quad \# \text{ now note that, } \forall \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(y_i) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y - z^k\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(f_i(y_i) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y_i - z_i^k\|_2^2 \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(f_i(y_i) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y_i - z_i^k\|_2^2 \right)$$

note that this is separable so each part can be solved independently

so we can split the iterate $x^{k+\frac{1}{2}}$ into n separate local iterates,

$$\forall_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \quad x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \underset{y_i}{\text{argmin}} \left(f_i(y_i) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y_i - z_i^k\|_2^2 \right)$$

each of them are local iteration

$$2) \quad \tilde{z}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \lambda x^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - z^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda x_1^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - z_1^k \\ \vdots \\ \lambda x_n^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - z_n^k \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \forall_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \quad \tilde{z}_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \lambda x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - z_i^k$$

$$3) \quad x^{k+1} = R_A(\tilde{z}^{k+\frac{1}{2}}) = R_{N_C}(\tilde{z}^{k+\frac{1}{2}}) = \Pi_C(\tilde{z}^{k+\frac{1}{2}})$$

Now we want to find the projection on the consensus set: $C = \{x | x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n\}$

$$\Pi_C(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \vdots \\ \bar{x} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \# \text{ Though this is intuitive, I need to figure out a proof later}$$

$$\Pi_C(\tilde{z}^{k+\frac{1}{2}}) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{z}_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} \right) \mathbf{1} \quad \# \text{ so we can split this one to as well, and localize in } n \text{ blocks, note that this is a vector}$$

$$\forall_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \quad x_i^{k+1} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{p=1}^n \tilde{z}_p^{k+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$4) \quad z^{k+1} = z^k + x^{k+1} - x^{k+\frac{1}{2}}$$

As we have decentralized (1), (2), (3), we can apply the same splitting to the 4th iteration as well:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \quad z_i^{k+1} &= z_i^k + x_i^{k+1} - x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= z_i^k + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{p=1}^n \tilde{z}_p^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= z_i^k + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{p=1}^n (\lambda x_p^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - z_p^k) - x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= z_i^k + \lambda \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{p=1}^n x_p^{k+\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{p=1}^n z_p^k \right) - x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \# \text{ the average of } x_i \text{ s and } z_i \text{ s at } k \text{th iterate} \\ &= z_i^k + \lambda \bar{x}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{z}^k - x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \forall_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \quad \tilde{z}_i^{k+1} = \tilde{z}_i^k + \lambda \bar{x}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{z}^k - x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} \quad \# \text{ note that } \tilde{x}, \tilde{z} \text{ related iterates}$$

interested in $x = R_B(e)$, $e = C_A(C)$ in the end, in our iteration for consensus optimization

$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad z_i^{k+1} = z_i^k + \lambda x_i^k - z_i^k = x_i^k$ # note that x, z related iteratively
 # interestingly, and as we are
 # interested in $x = F_0(z)$, $z = G_0(x)$ in
 # the end, in our iteration for consensus optimization
 # we need only 1) and 4) iteration.

In summary, D-R consensus iteration can be written as:

$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
 $x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \underset{y_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(S_i(y_i) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y_i - z_i^k\|_2^2 \right)$ # note that the entire process is
 # decentralized, there is no need for a central unit!
 # D-R consensus
 $z_i^{k+1} = z_i^k + \lambda x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - z_i^k = x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}}$
 here $\bar{x}^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}}$, $\bar{z}^k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^k$

* Distributed OP:

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \forall \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \|A_i x - b_i\|_2^2 \\ \gamma \\ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} F_i x \leq g_i \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{l} \forall \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \|A_i x - b_i\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{F_i \square - g_i \leq 0}(x) \\ \gamma \\ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} F_i x \leq g_i \end{array} \right) \quad \# y_i, \gamma \text{ independent } x_i \text{ values}$$

$$= \forall x \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2} \|A_i x - b_i\|_2^2 + \mathbb{1}_{F_i \square - g_i \leq 0}(x) \right) \quad \# \text{ Remember the key to distributed optimization is having uncoupled objective (See Primal Dual decomposition). Now in our case we do not have uncoupled objective, we uncouple them by providing local copy of the variable, and maintain the equality in terms of a consensus constraint such as local_copy_1 = local_copy_2 = \dots = local_copy_n}$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{l} \forall \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \|A_i y_i - b_i\|_2^2 \\ \gamma \\ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} F_i y_i \leq g_i \\ y_1 = y_2 = \dots = y_n \text{ # all of them equal to } x \end{array} \right) \quad \# \text{ note } y_1, \dots, y_n \text{ are vectors themselves with same dimension as } x$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \forall \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \|A_i x_i - b_i\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{\square | F_i \square \leq g_i}(x_i) \\ \gamma \\ x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{l} \forall \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2} \|A_i x_i - b_i\|_2^2 + \mathbb{1}_{\square | F_i \square \leq g_i}(x_i) \right) \\ \gamma \\ x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \end{array} \right) \quad \# \text{ this form of the optimization} \\ \# \text{ problem is in the consensus optimization form } \# \text{ Consensus Optimization Problem}$$

so we can apply D-R consensus form # D-R consensus

Then we will have the following optimization problem:

$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
 $x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \underset{y_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(S_i(y_i) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y_i - z_i^k\|_2^2 \right) = \underset{y_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|A_i y_i - b_i\|_2^2 + \mathbb{1}_{\square | F_i \square \leq g_i}(y_i) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y_i - z_i^k\|_2^2 \right)$
 $= \underset{y_i \in \square | F_i \square \leq g_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|A_i y_i - b_i\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|y_i - z_i^k\|_2^2 \right)$

$$z_i^{k+1} = z_i^k + \lambda x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - z_i^k = x_i^{k+\frac{1}{2}}$$

