

# Incremental gradient method for Karcher mean on symmetric cones

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- To our knowledge, this IUG method is not adopted to deal with the problem of finding the Karcher mean yet.

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- This is mainly due to the fact that an addition of vectors in different tangent spaces of Riemannian manifolds is not possible. Even if it were possible using a parallel transport, it may have no practical meaning in computation.
- At present, it seems to be difficult to consider an effective IG method in a fully Riemannian sense on a symmetric cone.

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for some  $L_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Let  $L = \sum_{i=1}^m L_i$ .

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$$\|\nabla f_i(y) - \nabla f_i(z)\| \leq L_i \|y - z\| \quad \forall y, z \in \mathcal{D}, \quad (4.1)$$

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$$d^k = \arg \min_{d \in V, x^k + d \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ \langle g^k, d \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|d\|^2 \right\}. \quad (4.3)$$

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For any  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ , and  $g \in V$ , let  $d_g$  be the solution of the problem

$$\min_{d \in V, x+d \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ \langle g, d \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|d\|^2 \right\}.$$

Then

$$\langle g, d \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|d\|^2 \leq -\frac{1}{2} \|d_g\|^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \langle g, d_g \rangle \leq -\|d_g\|^2. \quad (4.4)$$

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### Theorem 1. (Constant Stepsize Case)

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Choose  $x^0, x^{-1}, \dots \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\underline{t} \in ]0, 1]$ ,  $\beta \in ]0, 1[$ , and  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ . Initialize  $k = 0$ .  
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Step 4. Choose  $t_k^{\text{init}} \in [\underline{t}, 1]$  and let  $t_k$  be the largest element of  $\{t_k^{\text{init}} \beta^j\}_{j=0,1,\dots}$  satisfying

$$f(x^k + t_k d^k) - f(x^k) \leq -\sigma KL \|t_k d^k\|^2 + \frac{L}{2} \sum_{j=(k-K)_+}^{k-1} \|t_j d^j\|^2 \quad (4.5)$$

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- The stepsize  $t_k$  in the first IUG method is adaptively selected by decreasing  $t_k$  whenever the condition (4.5) is violated.
- In practice, the Lipschitz constant  $L$  is not given a priori but we are able to estimate  $L$  by increasing  $L$  by a certain positive factor whenever the condition (4.5) is not satisfied with starting at an arbitrary estimate of  $L$ .
- When  $t_k$  is below  $\bar{t}$  defined in Theorem 2 below, the condition (4.5) is satisfied with some constant  $L$ . Whether  $L$  is defined by Proposition 1 is irrelevant.

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### Theorem 2. (Adaptive Stepsize Case)

Let  $\{x^k\}$ ,  $\{d^k\}$ ,  $\{t_k\}$  be sequences generated by Algorithm 2 under Assumption 1. Then the following results hold.

- (a) For each  $k \geq 0$ , (4.5) holds whenever  $t_k \leq \bar{t}$ , where 
$$\bar{t} = \frac{2}{L(2\sigma K + K + 1)}.$$
- (b) We have  $t_k \geq \min\{\underline{t}, \beta\bar{t}\}$  for all  $k$ .
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