# Riemannian Optimization: A Proximal Newton Method

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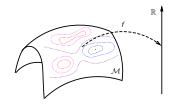
#### Outline

- Riemannian optimization;
- Applications;
- Smooth optimization framework;
- Research foci of Riemannian optimization;
- A Riemannian proximal Newton method;
- Summary;

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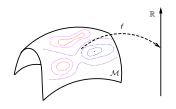
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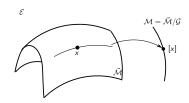


#### Two kinds of commonly-encountered manifolds

Embedded submanifold of a Euclidean space



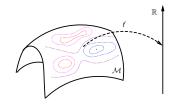
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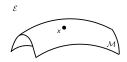
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#### Examples:

- Sphere:  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid ||x|| = 1\};$
- Stiefel manifold:  $St(p, n) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \mid X^T X = I_p\};$
- Fixed rank:  $\mathbb{R}_r^{m \times n} = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \operatorname{rank}(X) = r\};$
- etc;

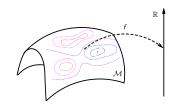
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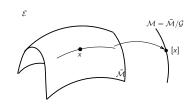
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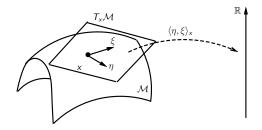
#### **Examples**:

- Grassmann manifold: the set of p dimensional linear spaces in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  $Gr(p, n) = St(p, n)/\mathcal{O}_p$ ;
- Shape space;
- etc;

Quotient manifold from an embedded submanifold



Roughly, a Riemannian manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  is a smooth set with a smoothly-varying inner product on the tangent spaces.



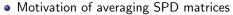
 $Riemannian\ manifold = Manifold + Riemannian\ metric\ (inner\ products)$ 

#### Embedded submanifold: Computation on SPD manifold

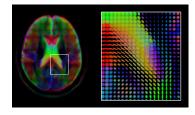
SPD manifold:

$$\mathcal{S}^n_{++} = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : X = X^T, X \succ 0\};$$

- Applications of SPD matrices
  - Diffusion tensors in medical imaging [CSV12, FJ07, RTM07]
  - Describing images and video [LWM13, SFD02, ASF+05, TPM06, HWSC15]



- denoising / interpolation
- clustering / classification



#### Embedded submanifold: Computation on SPD manifold

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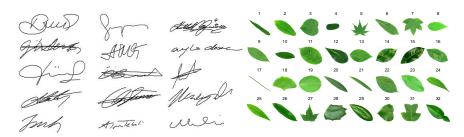
#### Why shall we use Riemannian optimization approach?

Metric: 
$$\langle \eta_X, \xi_X \rangle_X = \operatorname{trace}(\eta_X X^{-1} \xi_X X^{-1})$$
 Metric:  $\langle \eta, \xi \rangle_X = \operatorname{trace}(\eta^T \xi)$ 

#### Condition number of the Riemannian Hessian [YHAG2020]

$$\begin{array}{ll} -\kappa(H^R) \leq 1 + \frac{\ln(\max \kappa_i)}{2}, \text{ where} \\ \kappa_i = \kappa(\mu^{-1/2}A_i\mu^{-1/2}) \\ -\kappa(H^R) \leq 20 \text{ if } \max(\kappa_i) = 10^{16} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ll} -\frac{\kappa^2(\mu)}{\kappa(H^R)} \leq \kappa(H^R) \kappa^2(\mu) \\ -\kappa(H^E) \geq \kappa^2(\mu)/20 \end{array}$$

#### Quotient manifold: Computation on shape space



- Classification [LKS<sup>+</sup>12, HGSA15]
- Face recognition [DBS+13]







#### Quotient manifold: Computation on shape space

- Elastic shape analysis invariants:
  - Rescaling
  - Translation
  - Rotation
  - Reparametrization
- The shape space is a quotient space

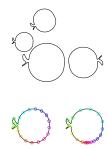
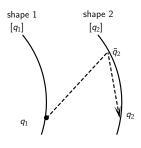


Figure: All are the same shape.

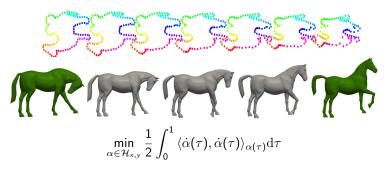
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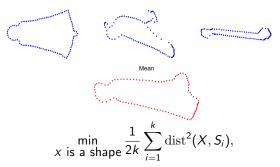
• Optimization problem  $\min_{q_2 \in [q_2]} \operatorname{dist}(q_1, q_2)$  is defined on a Riemannian manifold

#### Quotient manifold: Computation on shape space Geodesic / Interpolation



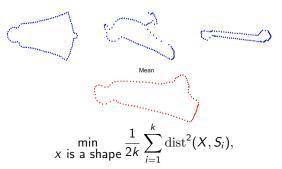
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- Interpolation in shape space

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Riemannian optimization is used since these problems naturally involve a Riemannian manifold

Iterations on the Manifold

Consider the following generic update for an iterative Euclidean optimization algorithm:

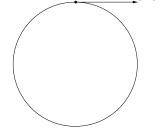
$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \Delta x_k = x_k + \alpha_k s_k.$$

This iteration is implemented in numerous ways, e.g.:

- Steepest descent:  $x_{k+1} = x_k \alpha_k \nabla f(x_k)$
- Newton's method:  $x_{k+1} = x_k \left[ \nabla^2 f(x_k) \right]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$
- Trust region method:  $\Delta x_k$  is set by optimizing a local model.

#### Riemannian Manifolds Provide

- Riemannian concepts describing directions and movement on the manifold
- Riemannian analogues for gradient and Hessian



Riemannian gradient and Riemannian Hessian

#### Definition

The Riemannian gradient of f at x is the unique tangent vector in  $T_x \mathcal{M}$  satisfying  $\forall \eta \in T_x \mathcal{M}$ , the directional derivative

$$D f(x)[\eta] = \langle \operatorname{grad} f(x), \eta \rangle$$

and  $\operatorname{grad} f(x)$  is the direction of steepest ascent.

#### Definition

The Riemannian Hessian of f at x is a symmetric linear operator from  $T_x \mathcal{M}$  to  $T_x \mathcal{M}$  defined as

$$\operatorname{Hess} f(x): \operatorname{T}_{x} \mathcal{M} \to \operatorname{T}_{x} \mathcal{M}: \eta \to \nabla_{\eta} \operatorname{grad} f,$$

where  $\nabla$  is the affine connection.

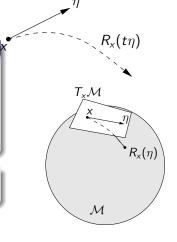
Retractions

Euclidean	Riemannian
$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k$	$x_{k+1} = R_{x_k}(\alpha_k \eta_k)$

#### Definition

A retraction is a mapping R from  $T\mathcal{M}$  to  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfying the following:

- R is continuously differentiable
- $R_x(0) = x$
- $D R_{x}(0)[\eta] = \eta$
- maps tangent vectors back to the manifold
- defines curves in a direction



Categories of Riemannian smooth optimization methods

#### Retraction-based: local information only

Line search-based: use local tangent vector and  $R_x(t\eta)$  to define line

- Steepest decent
- Newton

Local model-based: series of flat space problems

- Riemannian trust region Newton (RTR)
- Riemannian adaptive cubic overestimation (RACO)

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#### **Vector Transport:**

- Vector transport: Transport a tangent vector from one tangent space to another;
- $\mathcal{T}_{\eta_x}\xi_x$ , denotes transport of  $\xi_x$  to tangent space of  $R_x(\eta_x)$ . R is a retraction associated with  $\mathcal{T}$ :

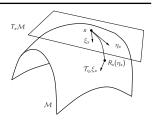


Figure: Vector transport.

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No, generally

- Lose many theoretical results and important properties;
- Impose restrictions on retraction/vector transport;

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Riemannian optimization mainly focuses on this topic.

Discuss later.

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- Computations on the SPD manifold;
- Computations on the shape space;
- Clustering and graph partitions;
- Beamforming in wireless communication;
- Blind source separation;
- etc

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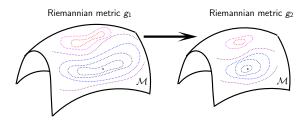


Figure: Changing Riemannian metric may influence the difficulty of a problem.

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  - Manopt (Matlab library) [Boumal, Mishra, Absil, Sepulchre(2014)]
  - Pymanopt (Python version of Manopt) [Townsend, Koep, Weichwald (2016)]
  - Manoptjl (Julia, nonsmooth methods) [Bergmann (2019)]
  - ROPTLIB (C++ library, interfaces to Matlab and Julia)
     [Huang, Absil, Gallivan, Hand (2018)]
- ManifoldOptim (R wrapper of ROPTLIB) [Martin, Raim, Huang, Adragni (2018)]
- McTorch (Python, GPU acceleration)
   [Meghawanshi, Jawanpuria, Kunchukuttan, Kasai, Mishra (2018)]
- CDOpt (Python, embedded submanifold in the form of c(x)=0) [Xiao, Hu, Liu, Toh (2022)]

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## Provide theories to explain behaviors of existing algorithms for particular applications

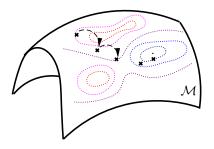
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## Comparison with Constrained Optimization

## Not all Riemannian optimization problem can be formulated as constrained optimization problems, and vice versa.

- All iterates on the manifold
- Convergence properties of unconstrained optimization algorithms
- No need to consider Lagrange multipliers or penalty functions
- Exploit the structure of the constrained set



### A Non-exhaustive Review

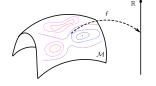
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  - Conjugate gradient: Smith 1994; Gallivan-Absil 2010; Ring-Wirth 2012; Sato-Iwai 2015;
  - Quasi-Newton: Ring-Wirth 2012; Huang-Absil-Gallivan 2018; Huang-Gallivan 2022
  - Newton-CG: Absil-Baker-Gallivan 2007; Huang-Huang 2023
- Nonsmooth unconstrained problems
  - Proximal point method: Ferreira-Oliveira 2002;
  - Optimality conditions: Yang-Zhang-Song 2014;
  - Gradient sampling: Huang 2013; Hosseini and Uschmajew 2017;
  - ε-subgradient-based methods: Grohs-Hosseini 2015;
  - Proximal gradient methods: Huang-Wei 2022;
  - Proximal Newton method: Si-Absil-Huang-Jiang-Vary 2023;
- Constrained problems:
  - Augmented Lagrangian methods: Boumal-Liu 2019;
  - Sequential quadratic programming: Obara-Okuno-Takeda 2022;
  - Frank-Wolfe Methods: Weber-Sra 2023;

### A Non-exhaustive Review

- Smooth unconstrained problems:
  - Stiefel manifold: Wen-Yin 2012; Jiang-Dai 2014; Xiao-Liu-Yuan 2020; Dai-Wang-Zhou 2020
  - Symplectic Stiefel manifold: Gao-Son-Absil-Stykel 2021
  - Symmetric positive definite manifold: Bini-lannazzo 2013; Zhang 2017; Yuan-Huang-Absil-Gallivan 2020;
  - Fixed rank manifold: Wen-Yin-Zhang 2012; Mishra 2014;
     Sutti-Vandereycken 2021; Levin-Kileel-Boumal 2022
- Nonsmooth unconstrained problems:
  - Stiefel Manifold: Huang-Wei 2019; Chen-Ma-So-Zhang 2020; Xiao-Liu-Yuan 2020;
  - Fixed rank manifold: Cambier-Absil 2016;
  - Matrix manifolds: Zhou-Bao-Ding-Zhu 2022
  - Smooth equation constraints: Xiao-Liu-Toh 2023
- Constrained problems:
  - Stiefel + non-negativity: Jiang-Meng-Wen-Chen 2019;
  - Symmetric positive definite + zeros: Phan-Menickelly 2020;

#### Optimization on Manifolds with Structure:

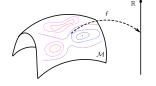
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**Applications:** sparse PCA [ZHT06], compressed model [OLCO13], sparse partial least squares regression [CSG $^+$ 18], sparse inverse covariance estimation [BESS19], sparse blind deconvolution [ZLK $^+$ 17], and clustering [HWGVD22].

## Euclidean Proximal Gradient/Newton Method

#### **Optimization with Structure:** $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^n$

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Given  $x_0$ ,

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#### proximal gradient: $H_k = LI_n$

- $h \equiv 0 \Rightarrow$  Steepest descent;
- Linear convergence;

## proximal Newton: $H_k = \nabla^2 f(x_k)$

- $h \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \text{Newton}$ ;
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How to generalize to the Riemannian setting?

### Generalizations of Proximal Gradient Method

#### **Euclidean Proximal gradient:**

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#### Riemannian generalization 1: (for embedded submanifold)

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \nabla f(x_k) \Longrightarrow \operatorname{grad} f(x_k) \\ x_{k+1} = x_k + d_k \Longrightarrow x_{k+1} = R_{x_k}(d_k) \\ p \in \mathbb{R}^n \Longrightarrow p \in \mathrm{T}_{x_k} \, \mathcal{M} \end{array} \right\} \Longrightarrow \text{ Converge globally }$$

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Not necessarily!

A native generalization

Consider the Sparse PCA over sphere:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}} -\mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mu \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1},$$

where 
$$f(x) = -x^{T}A^{T}Ax$$
,  $h(x) = \mu ||x||_{1}$ .

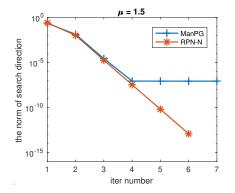


Figure: Comparisons of native generalization (RPN-N) and the proximal gradient method (ManPG) in [CMSZ20].

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The proposed approach

#### A Riemannian proximal Newton method (RPN)

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Next, we will show:

- G-semismoothness of  $v(x_k)$  and its generalized Jacobi;
- Superlinear convergence rate;

G-semismoothness of v(x)

### Definition (G-Semismoothness [Gow04])

Let  $F:\mathcal{D}\to\mathbb{R}^m$  where  $\mathcal{D}\subset\mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set,  $\mathcal{K}:\mathcal{D}\rightrightarrows\mathbb{R}^{m\times n}$  be a nonempty set-valued mapping. We say that F is G-semismooth at  $x\in\mathcal{D}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{K}$  if for any  $J\in\mathcal{K}(x+d)$ ,

$$F(x+d) - F(x) - Jd = o(||d||) \text{ as } d \to 0.$$

If F is G-semismooth at any  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{K}$ , then F is called a G-semismooth function with respect to  $\mathcal{K}$ .

The standard definition of semismoothness additional requires:

- ullet  ${\cal K}$  is compact valued, upper semicontinuous set-valued mapping;
- F is a locally Lipschitz continuous function;
- F is directionally differentiable at x;

[Gow04] M Seetharama Gowda. Inverse and implicit function theorems for h-differentiable and semismooth functions. Optimization Methods and Software, 19(5):443-461, 2004.

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### v(x) (dropping the subscript for simplicity)

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Above problem can be rewritten as

$$\arg\min_{B_x^T v = 0} \langle \xi_x, v \rangle + \frac{1}{2t} \|v\|_F^2 + h(x+v)$$

where  $B_x^T v = (\langle b_1, v \rangle, \langle b_2, v \rangle, \dots, \langle b_m, v \rangle)^T$ , and  $\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$  forms an orthonormal basis of  $T_{\perp}^{\perp} \mathcal{M}$ .

G-semismoothness of v(x)

The Lagrangian function:

$$\mathcal{L}(v,\lambda) = \langle \xi_x, v \rangle + \frac{1}{2t} \langle v, v \rangle + h(X+v) - \langle \lambda, B_x^T v \rangle.$$

Therefore

KKT: 
$$\begin{cases} \partial_{\nu} \mathcal{L}(\nu, \lambda) = 0 \\ B_{x}^{T} \nu = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} v = \operatorname{Prox}_{th} (x - t(\xi_{x} - B_{x}\lambda)) - x \\ B_{x}^{T} \nu = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\operatorname{Prox}_{tg}(z) = \operatorname{argmin}_{v \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \frac{1}{2} \|v - z\|_F^2 + th(v)$ .

Define

$$\mathcal{F}: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n+d} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{n+d}: (x; v, \lambda) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} v + x - \operatorname{Prox}_{th} \big( x - t \big[ \nabla f(x) + B_x \lambda \big] \big) \\ B_x^T v \end{pmatrix}.$$

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#### Lemma (Semismooth Implicit Function Theorem)

Suppose that  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is a semismooth function with respect to  $\partial_B F$  in an open neighborhood of  $(x^0,y^0)$  with  $F(x^0,y^0)=0$ . Let  $H(y)=F(x^0,y)$ , if every matrix in  $\partial_C H(y^0)$  is nonsingular, then there exists an open set  $\mathcal{V}\subset \mathbb{R}^n$  containing  $x^0$ , a set-valued function  $\mathcal{K}: \mathcal{V}\to \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}$ , and a G-semismooth function  $f: \mathcal{V}\to \mathbb{R}^m$  with respect to  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfying  $f(x^0)=y^0$ , for every  $x\in \mathcal{V}$ ,

$$F(x, f(x)) = 0,$$

and the set-valued function K is

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#### v(x) is a G-semismooth function of x in a neighborhood of $x_*$

Under the above Assumption, there exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $x_*$  such that  $v:\mathcal{U}\to\mathbb{R}^n:x\mapsto v(x)$  is a G-semismooth function with respect to  $\mathcal{K}_v$ , where

$$\mathcal{K}_{v}: x \mapsto \left\{-[I_{n}, \ 0]B^{-1}A: [A \ B] \in \partial_{\mathrm{B}}\mathcal{F}(x, v(x), \lambda(x))\right\}.$$

For  $x \in \mathcal{U}$ , any element of  $\mathcal{K}_{\nu}(x)$  is called a generalized Jacobi of  $\nu$  at x.

Here, the semismooth implicit function theorem is used

G-semismoothness of v(x)

The generalized Jacobi of v at x is

$$\begin{split} \Big\{ \mathcal{J}_x \, | \mathcal{J}_x[\omega] &= - \left[ \mathrm{I}_n - \Lambda_x + t \Lambda_x (\nabla^2 f(x) - \mathcal{L}_x) \right] \omega - M_x B_x H_x (\mathrm{D} B_x^{\mathrm{T}}[\omega]) v, \forall \omega \\ M_x &\in \partial_C \mathrm{prox}_{th}(x) \Big\}, \end{split}$$

where  $\Lambda_x = M_x - M_x B_x H_x B_x^T M_k$ ,  $H_x = (B_x^T M_x B_x)^{-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_x(\cdot) = \mathcal{W}_x(\cdot, B_x \lambda(x))$ , and  $\mathcal{W}_x$  denotes the Weingarten map;

- $v(x_*) = 0$ ;
- Set  $J(x) = I_n \Lambda_x + t\Lambda_x(\nabla^2 f(x) \mathcal{L}_x);$
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- Let  $u(x) = (\bar{u}(x); \hat{u}(x))$ , then

$$\hat{u}(x) = \hat{v}$$
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The proposed method for smooth problems

Smooth case: 
$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{M}} f(x)$$

KKT conditions:

$$\nabla f(x) + \frac{1}{t}v + B_x\lambda = 0$$
, and  $B_x^T v = 0$ ;

Closed form solutions:

$$\lambda(x) = -B_x^{\mathrm{T}} \nabla f(x), \qquad v = -t \operatorname{grad} f(x);$$

• Action of J(x): for  $\omega \in T_x \mathcal{M}$ 

$$J(x)[\omega] = -tP_{T_x \mathcal{M}}(\nabla^2 f(x) - \mathcal{L}_x)P_{T_x \mathcal{M}}\omega = -t \operatorname{Hess} f(x)[\omega]$$

- $J(x)u(x) = -v(x) \Longrightarrow \operatorname{Hess} f(x)[u(x)] = -\operatorname{grad} f(x);$
- It is the Riemannian Newton method;

## Numerical experiments

The proposed method for smooth problems

- Euclidean proximal gradient method and its variants;
- Riemannian proximal gradient method and its variants;
- A Riemannian proximal Newton method;
- Numerical experiments;

# Numerical Experiments

#### Sparse PCA problem

$$\min_{X \in \text{St}(r,n)} - \text{trace}(X^T A^T A X) + \mu ||X||_1,$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is a data matrix and  $\operatorname{St}(r,n) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \mid X^T X = I_r\}$  is the compact Stiefel manifold.

- $R_x(\eta_x) = (x + \eta_x)(I + \eta_x^T \eta_x)^{-1/2}$ ;
- $t = 1/(2||A||_2^2)$ ;
- Run ManPG until ||v|| reaches  $10^{-4}$ , i.e., it reduces by a factor of  $10^3$ . The resulting x as the input of RPN;

# Numerical Experiments

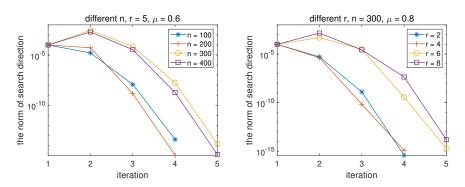


Figure: Random data. Left: different  $n=\{100,200,300,400\}$  with r=5 and  $\mu=0.6$ ; Right: different  $r=\{2,4,6,8\}$  with n=300 and  $\mu=0.8$ 

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## Summary

- Riemannian optimization;
- Applications;
  - An example on an embedded submanifold;
  - An example on a quotient manifold;
- Smooth optimization framework;
  - Search direction/Riemannian metric;
  - Riemannian gradient/Hessian;
  - Retraction/vector transport;
- Research foci of Riemannian optimization;
  - Manifold recognition/structures;
  - Algorithm generalizations;
  - Applications/Libraries;
- A Riemannian proximal Newton method;
  - Naive generalization;
  - Superlinear convergence approach;
- Summary;

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