

# Intrinsic Representation of Tangent Vectors and Vector Transport on Matrix Manifolds

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# Framework of This Talk

## Topic

A technique in implementations of Riemannian optimization algorithms

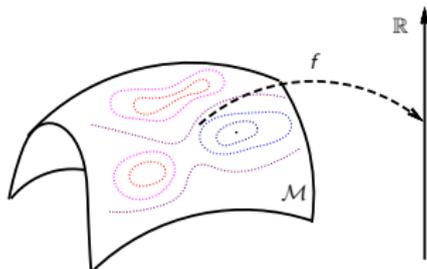
- Riemannian Optimization
- Implementation and Complexities
- Experiments

# Riemannian Optimization

**Problem:** Given  $f(x) : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
solve

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

where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a Riemannian manifold.

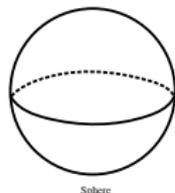


**Unconstrained optimization problem on a constrained space.**

**Riemannian manifold = manifold + Riemannian metric**

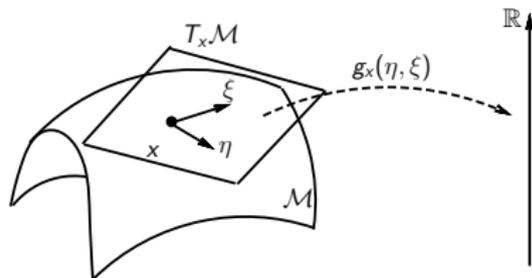
# Riemannian Manifold

## Manifolds:



- Stiefel manifold:  $\text{St}(p, n) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \mid X^T X = I_p\}$ ;
- Grassmann manifold  $\text{Gr}(p, n)$ : all  $p$ -dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ;
- And many more.

## Riemannian metric:



A Riemannian metric, denoted by  $g$ , is a smoothly-varying inner product on the tangent spaces;

# Representative

- Representative method: Limited memory BFGS (LBFGS) method;
- Representative manifold: the Stiefel manifold  
 $\text{St}(p, n) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} | X^T X = I_p\}$  with canonical metric:  
 $g(\eta_X, \xi_X) = \text{trace} \left( \eta_X^T \left( I_n - \frac{1}{2} X X^T \right) \xi_X \right);$
- The idea in this talk can be used for more algorithms and many commonly-encountered manifolds.

# LBFGS method

Euclidean LBFGS method:

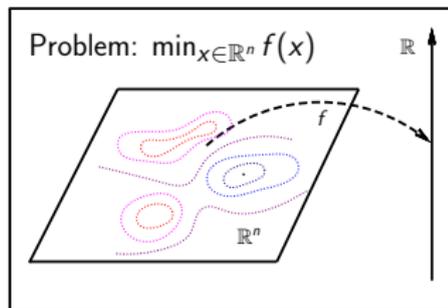
- 1 Given  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $d_k = -\nabla f(x_0)$ ,  $k = 0$ ;
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 some  $\alpha_k$ ;
- 3 Compute  $d_{k+1}$  by (1);
- 4  $k \leftarrow k + 1$  and goto 2;

Euclidean LBFGS update [NW06, (7.19)]

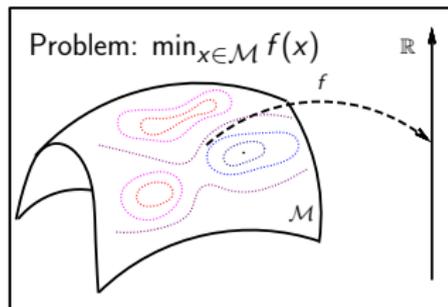
$$d_{k+1} = \phi(y_k, s_k, y_{k-1}, s_{k-1}, \dots, y_{k-m+1}, s_{k-m+1}, \nabla f(x_{k+1})), \quad (1)$$

where  $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ , and  
 $y_k = \nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)$ .

Euclidean



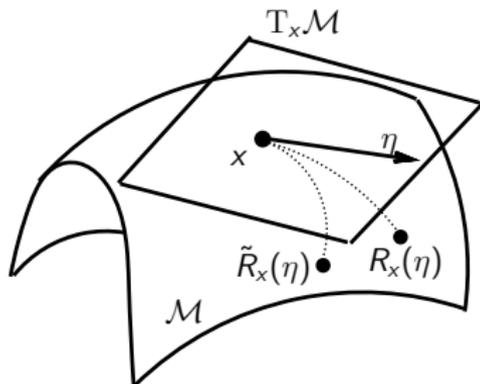
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# Retraction and Vector Transport

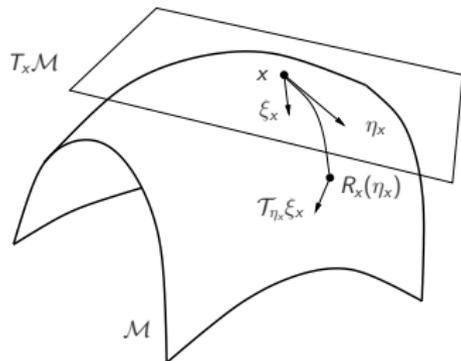
Retraction:  $R : T\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$

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



Two retractions:  $R$  and  $\tilde{R}$

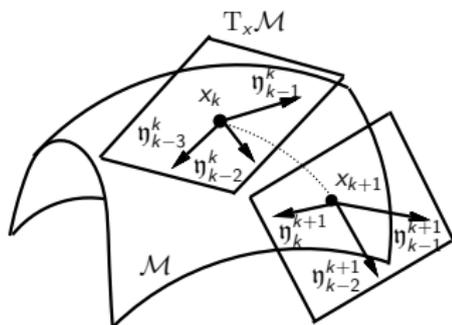
A vector transport:  
 $\mathcal{T} : T\mathcal{M} \times T\mathcal{M} \rightarrow T\mathcal{M} :$   
 $(\eta_x, \xi_x) \mapsto \mathcal{T}_{\eta_x} \xi_x :$



# Limited-memory Riemannian BFGS (LRBFGS) method

LRBFGS method:

- 1 Given  $x_0 \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\eta_0 = -\text{grad } f(x_0)$ ,  $k = 0$ ;
- 2 Repeat:  $x_{k+1} = R_{x_k}(\alpha_k \eta_k)$  for some  $\alpha_k$ ;
- 3  $\eta_i^{(k+1)} = \mathcal{T}_{\alpha_k \eta_k} \eta_i^{(k)}$ ,  $\mathfrak{s}_i^{(k+1)} = \mathcal{T}_{\alpha_k \eta_k} \mathfrak{s}_i^{(k)}$ ,  
 $i = k-1, k-2, \dots, k-m+1$
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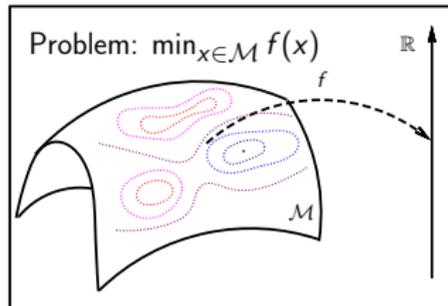


An LRBFGS update [HGA15]

$$\eta_{k+1} = \phi(\eta_k^{(k+1)}, \mathfrak{s}_{k-1}^{(k+1)}, \dots, \eta_{k-m+1}^{(k+1)}, \mathfrak{s}_{k-m+1}^{(k+1)}, \text{grad } f(x_{k+1})), \quad (2)$$

where  $\eta_k^{(k+1)} = \text{grad } f(x_{k+1}) - \mathcal{T}_{\xi_k} \text{grad } f(x_k)$ ,  
 $\mathfrak{s}_k^{(k+1)} = \mathcal{T}_{\xi_k} \xi_k$ ,  $\xi_k = \alpha_k \eta_k$

Riemannian



# An Example on the Stiefel Manifold

$$\text{St}(p, n) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \mid X^T X = I_p\};$$

- Retraction:  $6np^2$

$$R_X(\eta_X) = \text{qf}(X + \eta_X),$$

where  $\text{qf}$  denotes the  $Q$  factor of the QR decomposition with nonnegative elements on the diagonal of  $R$ ;

- Vector transport by projection:  $4np^2$

$$\mathcal{T}_\eta \xi = P_X \xi = \xi - Y(Y^T \xi + \xi^T Y)/2,$$

where  $Y = R_X(\eta)$ ;

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Problem: Too much cost on vector transport evaluations especially when the function and gradient evaluations have low complexities.

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- Dimension of  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $d$ ;
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How to find a basis  $B$ ?

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$$T_X \text{St}(p, n) = \{X\Omega + X_\perp K \mid \Omega^T = -\Omega, X^T X_\perp = 0\};$$

$$B_x = \left\{ [X \quad X_\perp] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, [X \quad X_\perp] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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**Intrinsic**  $\tilde{\eta}_X$ :

$$\tilde{\eta}_X = \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{23} \\ \vdots \\ a_{(p-1)p} \\ b_{11} \\ b_{21} \\ \vdots \\ b_{(n-p)p} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- $\bullet$  Intrinsic to Extrinsic: reshape  $\tilde{\eta}_X$  and  $\eta_X = Q_1 Q_2 \dots Q_p \begin{bmatrix} \Omega \\ K \end{bmatrix}$ ;  
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# Benefits of Intrinsic Representation

- Operations on tangent vectors are cheaper since  $d \leq w$ ;
- If the basis is orthonormal, then the Riemannian metric reduces to the Euclidean metric:

$$g(\eta_x, \xi_x) = g(B_x \tilde{\eta}_x, B_x \tilde{\xi}_x) = \tilde{\eta}_x^T \tilde{\xi}_x.$$

$$\text{Stiefel: } \text{trace} \left( \eta_X^T \left( I_n - \frac{1}{2} X X^T \right) \xi_X \right) \longrightarrow \tilde{\eta}_X^T \tilde{\xi}_X$$

- A vector transport has identity implementation, i.e.,  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_\eta = \text{id}$ .

# Vector Transport by Parallelization

- Vector transport by parallelization:

$$\mathcal{T}_{\eta_x} \xi_x = B_y B_x^\dagger \xi_x;$$

where  $y = R_x(\eta_x)$  and  $\dagger$  denotes pseudo-inverse, has identity implementation [HAG16]:

$$\mathcal{T}_{\tilde{\eta}_x} \tilde{\xi}_x = \tilde{\xi}_x.$$

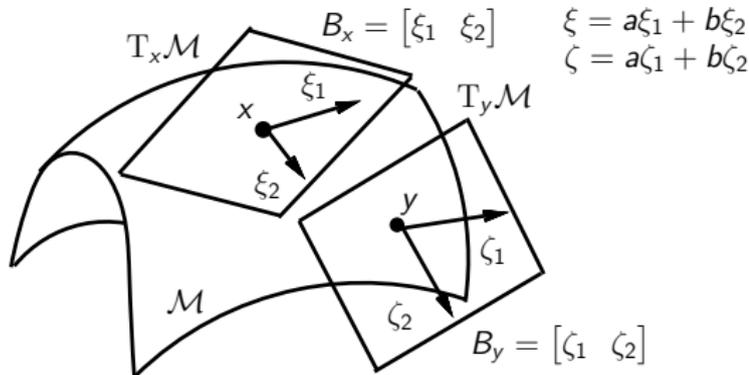
## Example:

Extrinsic:

$$\zeta = \mathcal{T}_\eta \xi = B_y B_x^\dagger \xi$$

Intrinsic:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\zeta} &= \widetilde{\mathcal{T}_\eta \xi} \\ &= B_y^\dagger B_y B_x^\dagger B_x \tilde{\xi} \\ &= \tilde{\xi} \end{aligned}$$



# Using the Intrinsic Representation for LRBFGS Method

Extrinsic approach:

- 1  $\eta_0 = -\text{grad}f(x_0)$ ,  $k = 0$ ;
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- **Retraction**;  
Evaluate  $R_X(\eta_X)$

Intrinsic approach:

- Function;
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Compute  $\eta_X$  from  $\tilde{\eta}_X$  and  
evaluate  $R_X(\eta_X)$

$$\text{Intrinsic cost} = \text{Extrinsic cost} + 4np^2$$

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Complexity comparison:

- $f + \nabla f + 10np^2 + 8mnp^2$ ;

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# Sparse Eigenvalue Problem

## Problem

Fine eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a sparse symmetric matrix  $A$ .

- The Brockett cost function:

$$f : \text{St}(p, n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : X \mapsto \text{trace}(X^T A X D);$$

- $D = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_p)$  with  $\mu_1 > \dots > \mu_p > 0$ ;
- Unique minimizer:  $X^*$  are eigenvectors for the  $p$  smallest eigenvalues.

# Setting and Complexities

$$f : \text{St}(p, n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : X \mapsto \text{trace}(X^T A X D);$$

## Setting

- $A = \text{diag}(1, 2, \dots, n) + B + B^T$ , where entries of  $B$  has probability  $1/n$  to be nonzero;
- $D = \text{diag}(p, p - 1, \dots, 1)$ ;

## Complexities

- Function evaluation:  $\approx 8np$
- Euclidean gradient evaluation:  $np$  (After function evaluation)
- Retraction evaluation (QR):  $6np^2$

Extrinsic:

- $(10 + 8m)np^2 + O(p^3) + O(np)$ ;

Intrinsic:

- $14np^2 + O(p^3) + O(np)$ ;

# Results

**Table:** An average of 100 random runs. Note that  $m$  is the upper bound of the limited-memory size  $m$ .  $n = 1000$  and  $p = 8$ .

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Intrinsic representation yields faster LRBFGS implementation.

# Blind Deconvolution Problem

## Problem

Find signals  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  given the convolution of them:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{w} * \mathbf{x}$ .

- The cost function

$$f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m}) = \|\mathbf{y} - L \operatorname{diag}((\mathbf{F}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{h})(\bar{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{m})^*)\|_2^2 + \rho G(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m}).$$

- $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^L$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{L \times K}$  and  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{L \times N}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is the unitary  $L$ -by- $L$  DFT matrix;
- $G(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m})$  is a penalty function;

# Setting and Complexities

$$f(h, m) = \|y - L \text{diag}((\mathbf{FB}h)(\bar{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{C}m)^*)\|_2^2 + \rho G(h, m)$$

## Setting

- $\mathbf{B} = I_{L \times K}$ ;
- $\mathbf{C}$ : the first  $N$  Haar wavelet basis;

## Complexities (Penalty is ignored)

- Function evaluation:  $2\text{FFT} + 14L$
- Euclidean gradient evaluation:  $2\text{FFT} + 8L + K + N$  (After function evaluation)
- Retraction evaluation (Addition):  $K + N$

Extrinsic<sup>1</sup>:

$$4\text{FFT} + 22L + (28m + 1)(K + N);$$

Intrinsic:

$$4\text{FFT} + 22L + 7(K + N);$$

<sup>1</sup>Vector transport in [Van13]:

B. Vandereycken, Low-rank matrix completion by Riemannian optimization, *SIAM Journal on Optimization*, 23(2):1214-1236, 2013

# Results

**Table:** An average of 100 random runs. *RMSE* denotes the relative error

$$\frac{\|hm^T - h_* m_*^T\|}{\|h_*\| \|m_*\|}.$$

	$L = 512, K = 4, N = 64$		
	[ARR14]	[LLSW16]	LRBFGS
<i>nFFT</i>	500	510	290
<i>RMSE</i>	1.59 <sub>-6</sub>	3.19 <sub>-6</sub>	2.61 <sub>-6</sub>

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[LLSW16]: X. Li et. al., Rapid, robust, and reliable blind deconvolution via nonconvex optimization, *preprint arXiv:1606.04933*, 2016

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# Results

**Table:** An average computational time of 20 random runs for the LRBFSGS method.

	$(L, N, K)$			
	$(128^2, 16^2, 8)$	$(256^2, 32^2, 16)$	$(512^2, 64^2, 32)$	$(1024^2, 128^2, 64)$
$t$	0.38	2.57	16.6	103

LRBFSGS is written in C++ and implemented in ROPTLIB [HAGH16].

# Conclusion

## Topic

A technique in implementations of Riemannian optimization algorithms

- Intrinsic representation of tangent vectors;
- Implementation in LRBFGS
- Theoretical complexity analysis and benefits
- Numerical evidences of low complexity
- Riemannian method using this implementation can be efficient for real-world problems

Thank you

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