## Riemannian Optimization: A Proximal Newton Method

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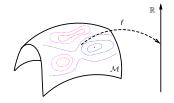
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- Riemannian optimization;
- Applications;
- Smooth optimization framework;
- Research foci of Riemannian optimization;
- A Riemannian proximal Newton method;
- Summary;

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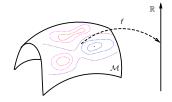
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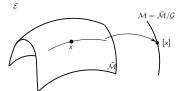


#### Two kinds of commonly-encountered manifolds

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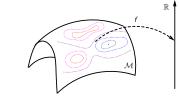
• Sphere: 
$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid ||x|| = 1\};$$

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

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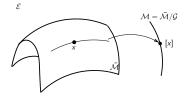
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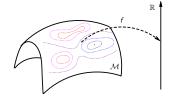
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### Examples:

- Grassmann manifold: the set of *p* dimensional linear spaces in ℝ<sup>n</sup> Gr(*p*, *n*) = St(*p*, *n*)/O<sub>p</sub>;
- Shape space;
- etc;

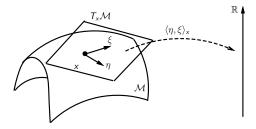
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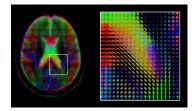
Roughly, a Riemannian manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  is a smooth set with a smoothly-varying inner product on the tangent spaces.



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<sup>+</sup>05, TPM06, HWSC15]
- Motivation of averaging SPD matrices
  - denoising / interpolation
  - clustering / classification



#### Embedded submanifold: Computation on SPD manifold

One averaging SPD matrices method:

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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]

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

<sup>[</sup>YHAG2020]: X. Yuan, W. Huang\*, P.-A. Absil, K. A. Gallivan. "Computing the matrix geometric mean: Riemannian vs Euclidean conditioning, implementation techniques, and a Riemannian BFGS method", *Numerical Linear Algebra with Applications*, 27:5, 1-23, 2020.

#### Quotient manifold: Computation on shape space



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



#### Quotient manifold: Computation on shape space

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

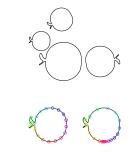
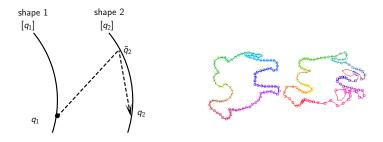


Figure: All are the same shape.

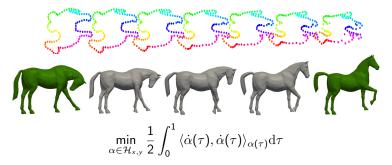
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• Optimization problem  $\min_{q_2 \in [q_2]} \operatorname{dist}(q_1, q_2)$  is defined on a Riemannian manifold

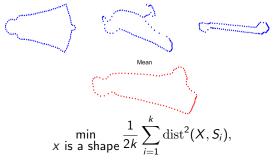
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### Quotient manifold: Computation on shape space Geodesic / Interpolation



- Computation of a geodesic between two shapes
- Interpolation in shape space

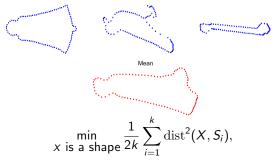
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### Riemannian optimization is used since these problems naturally involve a Riemannian manifold

## Smooth Optimization Framework

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

 $x_k + d_k$ 

## Smooth Optimization Framework

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

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

where  $\nabla$  is the affine connection.

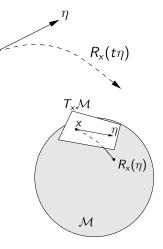
#### Retractions

| 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  $\mathcal{T}$ ;

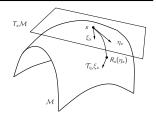


Figure: Vector transport.

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No, generally

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

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  - Vector transport / Parallel translation

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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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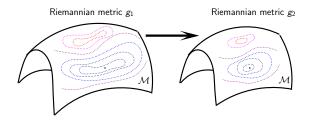


Figure: Changing Riemannian metric may influence the difficulty of a problem.

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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

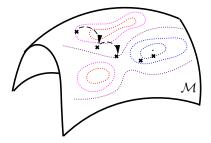
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### Comparison with Constrained Optimization

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

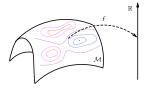
- Smooth unconstrained problems
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  - Conjugate gradient: Smith 1994; Gallivan-Absil 2010; Ring-Wirth 2012; Sato-Iwai 2015;
  - Quasi-Newton: Ring-Wirth 2012; Huang-Absil-Gallivan 2018; Huang-Gallivan 2022
  - Newton-CG: Absil-Baker-Gallivan 2007; Huang-Huang 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;

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- 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-Iannazzo 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:** 

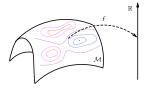
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**Applications:** sparse PCA [ZHT06], compressed model [OLCO13], sparse partial least squares regression [CSG<sup>+</sup>18], sparse inverse covariance estimation [BESS19], sparse blind deconvolution [ZLK<sup>+</sup>17], and clustering [HWGVD22].

#### Euclidean Proximal Gradient/Newton Method

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#### How to generalize to the Riemannian setting?

## Generalizations of Proximal Gradient Method

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Riemannian generalization 1: (for embedded submanifold)

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

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Riemannian generalization 2: (for general manifold)

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 $\begin{cases} d_k = \arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{T}_{x_k} \mathcal{M}} f(x_k) + \langle \operatorname{grad} f(x_k), p \rangle + \frac{L}{2} \langle p, p \rangle + h(\mathcal{R}_{x_k}(p)) \\ x_{k+1} = \mathcal{R}_{x_k}(d_k). \end{cases}$ 

A native generalization

#### **Euclidean proximal Newton:**

$$\begin{cases} d_k = \operatorname{argmin}_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x_k) + \langle \nabla f(x_k), p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle p, \nabla^2 f(x_k) p \rangle + h(x_k + p) \\ x_{k+1} = x_k + d_k \end{cases}$$

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# Does it converge superlinearly locally? Not necessarily!

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A native generalization

Consider the Sparse PCA over sphere:

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

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

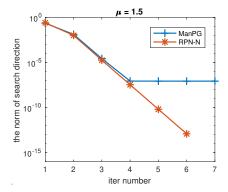


Figure: Comparisons of native generalization (RPN-N) and the proximal gradient method (ManPG) in [CMSZ20].

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A native generalization

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The proposed approach

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

#### Compute

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• Find 
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   defined later ;
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- Step 1: compute a Riemannian proximal gradient direction (ManPG)
  Step 2: compute the Riemannian proximal Newton direction, where J(x<sub>k</sub>) is from a generalized Jacobi of v(x<sub>k</sub>);

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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  $J \in \mathcal{K}(x + d)$ ,

$$F(x+d) - F(x) - Jd = o(||d||)$$
 as  $d \rightarrow 0$ .

If F is G-semismooth at any  $x \in D$  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:

- 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.

G-semismoothness of v(x)

v(x) (dropping the subscript for simplicity)

$$v(x) = \underset{v \in \mathrm{T}_{x} \mathcal{M}}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), v \rangle + \frac{1}{2t} \|v\|_{F}^{2} + h(x+v);$$

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Above problem can be rewritten as

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

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  $T_x^{\perp} \mathcal{M}$ .

G-semismoothness of v(x)

The Lagrangian function:

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{v},\lambda) = \langle \xi_{\boldsymbol{x}}, \boldsymbol{v} \rangle + \frac{1}{2t} \langle \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{v} \rangle + h(\boldsymbol{X} + \boldsymbol{v}) - \langle \lambda, \boldsymbol{B}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{v} \rangle.$$

Therefore

$$\mathsf{KKT:} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_{v} \mathcal{L}(v,\lambda) = 0 \\ B_{x}^{\mathsf{T}} v = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v = \operatorname{Prox}_{th} \left( x - t(\xi_{x} - B_{x}\lambda) \right) - x \\ B_{x}^{\mathsf{T}} v = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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

#### Define

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

v(x) is the solution of the system  $\mathcal{F}(x, v(x), \lambda(x)) = 0$ ;

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- $\mathcal{F}$  is semismooth;
- v(x) is G-semismooth by the G-semismooth Implicit Function Theorem in [Gow04, PSS03];

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G-semismoothness of v(x)

#### 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  $\partial_{\mathrm{B}}F$  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  ${\cal K}$  is

$$\mathcal{K}: x \mapsto \{-(A_y)^{-1}A_x: [A_x A_y] \in \partial_{\mathrm{B}}F(x, f(x))\},\$$

where the map  $x \mapsto \mathcal{K}(x)$  is compact valued and upper semicontinuous.

G-semismoothness of v(x)

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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

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

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

#### Here, the semismooth implicit function theorem is used

#### G-semismoothness of v(x)

The generalized Jacobi of v at x is

$$\begin{split} \Big\{ \mathcal{J}_{x} \mid & \mathcal{J}_{x}[\omega] = - \left[ \mathrm{I}_{n} - \Lambda_{x} + t \Lambda_{x} (\nabla^{2} f(x) - \mathcal{L}_{x}) \right] \omega - M_{x} B_{x} H_{x} (\mathrm{D} B_{x}^{\mathrm{T}}[\omega]) v, \forall \omega \\ & M_{x} \in \partial_{\mathcal{C}} \mathrm{prox}_{th}(x) \Big\}, \end{split}$$

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 
$$J(x) = I_n - \Lambda_x + t\Lambda_x(\nabla^2 f(x) - \mathcal{L}_x);$$

- The Riemannian proximal Newton direction: J(x)u(x) = -v(x);
- Let  $u(x) = (\overline{u}(x); \hat{u}(x))$ , then

$$\hat{u}(x) = \hat{v}$$
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Suppose that  $x_*$  be a local optimal minimizer. Under the above Assumptions, assume that  $J(x_*)$  is nonsingular. Then there exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $x_*$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  such that for any  $x_0 \in \mathcal{U}$ , RPN Algorithm generates the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  converging superlinearly to  $x_*$ .

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If the intersection of manifold and sparsity constraints forms an embedded manifold around  $x_*$ , then  $\nabla^2 \overline{f}(x_*) - \overline{\mathcal{L}} \succeq 0$ . If  $\nabla^2 \overline{f}(x_*) - \overline{\mathcal{L}} \succ 0$ , then  $J(x_*)$  is nonsingular.

The proposed method for smooth problems

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

• KKT conditions:

$$abla f(x)+rac{1}{t}oldsymbol{v}+B_x\lambda=0, ext{ and } B_x^{ op}oldsymbol{v}=0;$$

• Closed form solutions:

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

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

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

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

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;

#### Sparse PCA problem

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

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<sup>-4</sup>, i.e., it reduces by a factor of 10<sup>3</sup>. The resulting x as the input of RPN;

#### Numerical Experiments

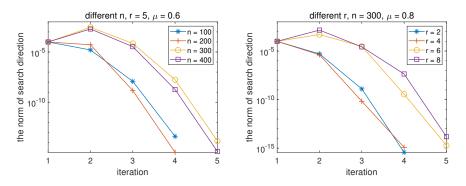


Figure: Random data. Left: different  $n = \{100, 200, 300, 400\}$  with r = 5 and  $\mu = 0.6$ ; Right: different  $r = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$  with n = 300 and  $\mu = 0.8$ 

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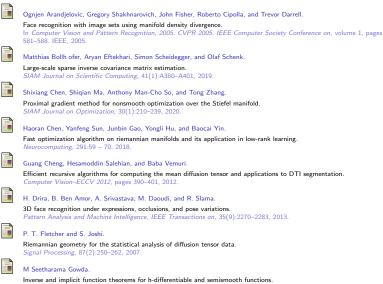
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# Summary

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