# Riemannian Optimization with its Application to Blind Deconvolution Problem

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#### Experience

- Ph.D of Applied and Computational Mathematics from Florida State University (2014)
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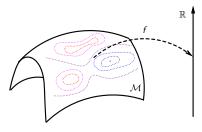
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# Riemannian Optimization

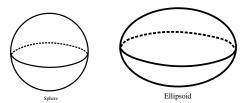
**Problem:** Given  $f(x): \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}$ , solve

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

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



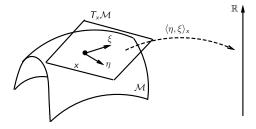
#### **Examples of Manifolds**



- Stiefel manifold:  $St(p, n) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} | X^T X = I_p\}$
- lacksquare Grassmann manifold: Set of all p-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Set of fixed rank *m*-by-*n* matrices
- And many more

#### Riemannian Manifolds

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



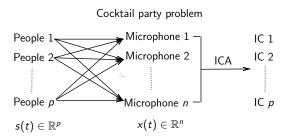
Problem Statement and Motivations

# **Applications**

Three applications are used to demonstrate the importance of the Riemannian optimization:

- Independent component analysis [CS93]
- Matrix completion problem [Van13, HAGH16]
- Elastic shape analysis of curves [SKJJ11, HGSA15]

### Application: Independent Component Analysis



- Observed signal is x(t) = As(t)
- One approach:
  - Assumption:  $E\{s(t)s(t+\tau)\}$  is diagonal for all  $\tau$
  - $C_{\tau}(x) := E\{x(t)x(x+\tau)^{T}\} = AE\{s(t)s(t+\tau)^{T}\}A^{T}$

# Application: Independent Component Analysis

 Minimize joint diagonalization cost function on the Stiefel manifold [TI06]:

$$f: \operatorname{St}(p, n) \to \mathbb{R}: V \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{N} \|V^{T} C_{i} V - \operatorname{diag}(V^{T} C_{i} V)\|_{F}^{2}.$$

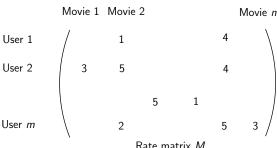
■  $C_1, ..., C_N$  are covariance matrices and  $\operatorname{St}(p, n) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} | X^T X = I_p \}.$ 

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# Application: Matrix Completion Problem

#### Matrix completion problem



Rate matrix M

- The matrix *M* is sparse
- The goal: complete the matrix M

### Application: Matrix Completion Problem

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$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & & a_{14} \\ & & & a_{24} \\ & & & a_{33} \\ a_{41} & & & \\ & & a_{52} & a_{53} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} \\ b_{51} & b_{52} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & c_{14} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} & c_{24} \end{pmatrix}$$

Minimize the cost function

$$f: \mathbb{R}_r^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}: X \mapsto f(X) = \|P_{\Omega}M - P_{\Omega}X\|_F^2.$$

 $\mathbb{R}_r^{m \times n}$  is the set of *m*-by-*n* matrices with rank *r*. It is known to be a Riemannian manifold.

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Summary

Problem Statement and Motivations

# Application: Elastic Shape Analysis of Curves



- Classification
   [LKS+12, HGSA15]
- Face recognition [DBS+13]







### Application: Elastic Shape Analysis of Curves

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

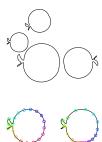
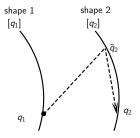


Figure: All are the same shape.

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### Application: Elastic Shape Analysis of Curves



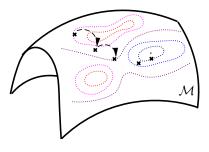
- Optimization problem  $\min_{q_2 \in [q_2]} \operatorname{dist}(q_1, q_2)$  is defined on a Riemannian manifold
- Computation of a geodesic between two shapes
- Computation of Karcher mean of a population of shapes

### More Applications

- Role model extraction [MHB<sup>+</sup>16]
- Computations on SPD matrices [YHAG17]
- Phase retrieval problem [HGZ17]
- Blind deconvolution [HH17]
- Synchronization of rotations [Hua13]
- Computations on low-rank tensor
- Low-rank approximate solution for Lyapunov equation

Summarv

- 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



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#### Iterations on the Manifold

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

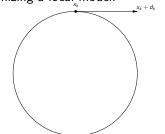
$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \Delta x_k = x_k + \alpha_k s_k$$
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This iteration is implemented in numerous ways, e.g.:

- 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  $T_xM$  satisfying  $\forall \eta \in T_xM$ , 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  $T_xM$  to  $T_xM$  defined as

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

where  $\nabla$  is the affine connection.

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#### Retractions

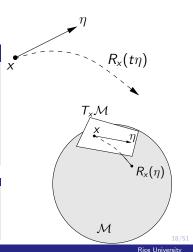
Euclidean	Riemannian
$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k$	$x_{k+1} = R_{x_k}(\alpha_k \eta_k)$

#### Definition

A retraction is a mapping R from TM to Msatisfying 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 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)

# Categories of Riemannian optimization methods

#### Retraction and transport-based: information from multiple tangent spaces

- Nonlinear conjugate gradient: multiple tangent vectors
- Quasi-Newton e.g. Riemannian BFGS: transport operators between tangent spaces

Additional element required for optimizing a cost function (M, g):

formulas for combining information from multiple tangent spaces.

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#### Vector Transports

#### 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  $\mathcal{T}$

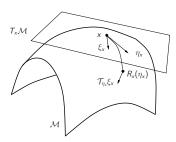


Figure: Vector transport.

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No

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

# Retraction/Transport-based Riemannian Optimization

#### Benefits

- Increased generality does not compromise the important theory
- Less expensive than or similar to previous approaches
- May provide theory to explain behavior of algorithms specifically developed for a particular application – or closely related ones

#### Possible Problems

 May be inefficient compared to algorithms that exploit application details

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# Some History of Optimization On Manifolds (I)

Luenberger (1973), Introduction to linear and nonlinear programming. Luenberger mentions the idea of performing line search along geodesics, "which we would use if it were computationally feasible (which it definitely is not)". Rosen (1961) essentially anticipated this but was not explicit in his Gradient Projection Algorithm.

Gabay (1982), Minimizing a differentiable function over a differential manifold. Steepest descent along geodesics; Newton's method along geodesics; Quasi-Newton methods along geodesics. On Riemannian submanifolds of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Smith (1993-94), Optimization techniques on Riemannian manifolds. Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ ; Riemannian exponential mapping; parallel translation.

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# Some History of Optimization On Manifolds (II)

The "pragmatic era" begins:

Manton (2002), Optimization algorithms exploiting unitary constraints "The present paper breaks with tradition by not moving along geodesics". The geodesic update  $\operatorname{Exp}_x \eta$  is replaced by a projective update  $\pi(x+\eta)$ , the projection of the point  $x+\eta$  onto the manifold.

Adler, Dedieu, Shub, et al. (2002), Newton's method on Riemannian manifolds and a geometric model for the human spine. The exponential update is relaxed to the general notion of retraction. The geodesic can be replaced by any (smoothly prescribed) curve tangent to the search direction.

Absil, Mahony, Sepulchre (2007) Nonlinear conjugate gradient using retractions.

# Some History of Optimization On Manifolds (III)

Theory, efficiency, and library design improve dramatically:

Absil, Baker, Gallivan (2004-07), Theory and implementations of Riemannian Trust Region method. Retraction-based approach. Matrix manifold problems, software repository

http://www.math.fsu.edu/~cbaker/GenRTR

Anasazi Eigenproblem package in Trilinos Library at Sandia National Laboratory

Absil, Gallivan, Qi (2007-10), Basic theory and implementations of Riemannian BFGS and Riemannian Adaptive Cubic Overestimation. Parallel translation and Exponential map theory, Retraction and vector transport empirical evidence.

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# Some History of Optimization On Manifolds (IV)

Ring and With (2012), combination of differentiated retraction and isometric vector transport for convergence analysis of RBFGS

Absil, Gallivan, Huang (2009-2017), Complete theory of Riemannian Quasi-Newton and related transport/retraction conditions, Riemannian SR1 with trust-region, RBFGS on partly smooth problems, A C++ library: http://www.math.fsu.edu/~whuang2/ROPTLIB

Sato, Iwai (2013-2015), Zhu (2017), Global convergence analysis for Riemannian conjugate gradient methods

Bonnabel (2011), Sato, Kasai, Mishra (2017) Riemannian stochastic gradient descent method.

Many people Application interests increase noticeably

### Methods by Our Group

- Riemannian Steepest Descent [AMS08]
- Riemannian conjugate gradient [AMS08]
- Riemannian Trust Region Newton [ABG07]: global, quadratic convergence
- Riemannian Broyden Family [HGA15, HAG18]: global (convex), superlinear convergence
- lacktriangle Riemannian Trust Region SR1 [HAG15]: global, (d+1)—superlinear convergence
- For large problems
  - Limited memory RTRSR1
  - Limited memory RBFGS

#### Library by Our Group

Riemannian manifold optimization library (ROPTLIB) is used to optimize a function on a manifold.

- Most state-of-the-art methods;
- Commonly-encountered manifolds;
- Written in C++;
- Interfaces with Matlab, Julia and R;
- BLAS and LAPACK;
- www.math.fsu.edu/~whuang2/Indices/index\_ROPTLIB.html

# Current/Future Work on Riemannian methods

- Manifold and inequality constraints
- Discretization of infinite dimensional manifolds and the convergence/accuracy of the approximate minimizers – specific to a problem and extracting general conclusions
- Partly smooth cost functions on Riemannian manifold
- Limited-memory quasi-Newton methods on manifolds

#### Blind deconvolution

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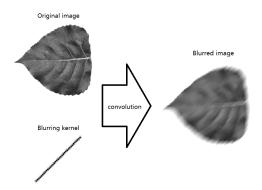




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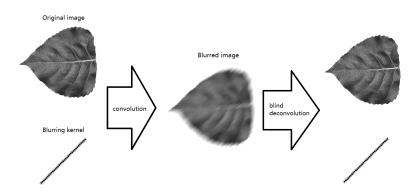
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#### **Problem Statement**

#### [Blind deconvolution (Discretized version)]

Blind deconvolution is to recover two unknown signals  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{C}^L$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^L$  from their convolution  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{w} * \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^L$ .

- We only consider circular convolution;
- Equivalent problem: Given y, find w and x such that  $y = w \otimes x$ ;
- Problem under the assumption: Given  $y \in \mathbb{C}^L$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{L \times K}$  and  $C \in \mathbb{C}^{L \times N}$ , find  $h \in \mathbb{C}^K$  and  $m \in \mathbb{C}^N$  such that

$$y = Bh \odot \overline{Cm} = \operatorname{diag}(Bhm^*C^*).$$

#### Related work

Find  $h, m, s. t. y = \operatorname{diag}(Bhm^*C^*);$ 

- Ahmed et al. [ARR14]¹
  - Convex problem:

$$\min_{X \in \mathbb{C}^{K \times N}} \|X\|_n, \text{ s. t. } y = \operatorname{diag}(BXC^*),$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_n$  denotes the nuclear norm, and  $X = hm^*$ ;

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- The convex problem is expensive to solve;

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- Li et al. [LLSW16]<sup>2</sup>
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- (Theoretical result):
  - A good initialization
  - (Wirtinger flow method + a good initialization) high probability the true solution;

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- Lower successful recovery probability than alternating minimization algorithm empirically.

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# Manifold Approach

Find 
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- A representative Riemannian method: Riemannian steepest descent method (RSD)
  - A good initialization
  - (RSD + the good initialization)  $\xrightarrow{\text{high probability}}$  the true solution;
  - The Riemannian Hessian at the true solution is well-conditioned;

#### Numerical Results

- Synthetic tests
  - Efficiency
  - Probability of successful recovery
- Image deblurring
  - Kernels with known supports
  - Motion kernel with unknown supports

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# Synthetic tests

- The matrix B is the first K column of the unitary DFT matrix;
- The matrix *C* is a Gaussian random matrix;
- The measurement  $y = \operatorname{diag}(Bh_{\sharp}m_{\sharp}^*C^*)$ , where entries in the true solution  $(h_{\sharp}, m_{\sharp})$  are drawn from Gaussian distribution;
- All tested algorithms use the same initial point;
- Stop when  $||y \operatorname{diag}(Bhm^*C^*)||_2/||y||_2 \le 10^{-8}$ ;

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$$\min \|y - \operatorname{diag}(Bhm^*C^*)\|_2^2$$

#### Table: Comparisons of efficiency

	L = 400, K = N = 50			L = 600, K = N = 50		
Algorithms	[LLSW16]	[LWB13]	R-SD	[LLSW16]	[LWB13]	R-SD
nBh/nCm	351	718	208	162	294	122
nFFT	870	1436	518	401	588	303
RMSE	$2.22_{-8}$	3.67 <sub>-8</sub>	$2.20_{-8}$	$1.48_{-8}$	2.34_8	1.42_8

- An average of 100 random runs
- nBh/nCm: the numbers of Bh and Cm multiplication operations respectively
- nFFT: the number of Fourier transform
- RMSE: the relative error  $\frac{\|hm^* h_{\sharp} m_{\sharp}^* \|_F}{\|h_{\sharp}\|_2 \|m_{\sharp}\|_2}$

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## Probability of successful recovery

■ Success if  $\frac{\|hm^* - h_{\sharp}m_{\sharp}^*\|_F}{\|h_{\sharp}\|_2 \|m_{\sharp}\|_2} \le 10^{-2}$ 

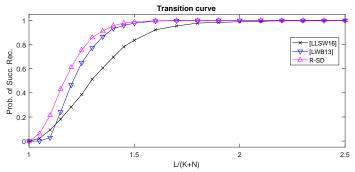
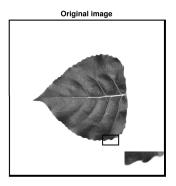


Figure: Empirical phase transition curves for 1000 random runs.

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# Image deblurring



■ Image [WBX+07]: 1024-by-1024 pixels

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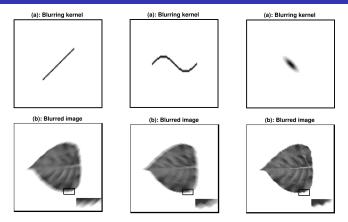


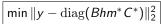
Figure: Left: Motion kernel by Matlab function "fspecial('motion', 50, 45)"; Middle: Kernel like function "sin"; Right: Gaussian kernel with covariance [1, 0.8; 0.8, 1];

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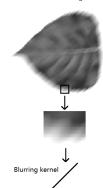
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Blurred image



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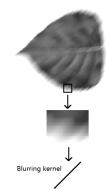
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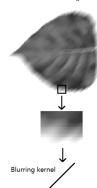
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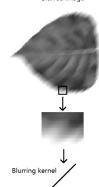
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■ L = 1048576, N = 20000,  $K_{motion} = 109$ ,  $K_{sin} = 153$ ,  $K_{Gaussian} = 181$ ;



Blurred image



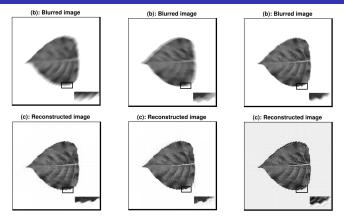


Figure: The number of iterations is 80; Computational times are about 48s; Relative errors  $\|\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{\|\mathbf{y}\|}{\|\mathbf{y}_f\|}\mathbf{y}_f\| / \|\hat{\mathbf{y}}\|$  are 0.038, 0.040, and 0.089 from left to right.

# Image deblurring with unknown supports

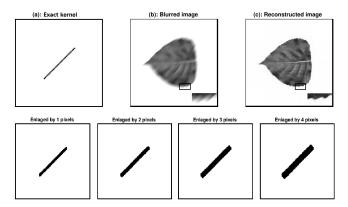


Figure: Top: reconstructed image using the exact support; Bottom: estimated supports with the numbers of nonzero entries:  $K_1 = 183$ ,  $K_2 = 265$ ,  $K_3 = 351$ , and  $K_4 = 441$ ;

### Image deblurring with unknown supports

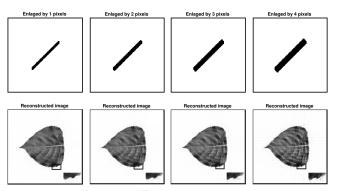


Figure: Relative errors  $\left\|\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{\|\mathbf{y}\|}{\|\mathbf{y}_f\|}\mathbf{y}_f\right\| / \|\hat{\mathbf{y}}\|$  are 0.044, 0.048, 0.052, and 0.067 from left to right.

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#### Summary

- Introduced the framework of Riemannian optimization
- Used applications to show the importance of Riemannian optimization
- Briefly reviewed the history of Riemannian optimization
- Introduced the blind deconvolution problem
- Reviewed related work
- Demonstrated the performance of the Riemannian steepest descent method

### Thank you

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